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# **Blackville residents voice police concerns**

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Before celebrating the birthday of Blackville Town Council member Ann Pernell with the community, the Blackville Town Council held their monthly meeting to inform and hear from the

community.

Police Presence on 'The Hill' Blackville Police Chief Ray Crawford's smile, or lack thereof, was discussed extensively during public comment.

Multiple citizens expressed their discontent with Chief Crawford's form of public relations coupled with the increased police activity in an area on

Highway 3 known to residents legedly accused him of selling drugs: another expressed his

At the meeting, Mayor Ronnie Pernell explained it was a request of business owners on Highway 3 to the council that this area be actively patrolled and "cleaned up."

One citizen expressed to the council that a Blackville Police Department (BPD) officer al-

drugs; another expressed his feelings on Chief Crawford's public relation skills when dealing with citizens and felt it could be better.

Another citizen spoke in response stating, "it's nowhere on the chief's application that he has to smile as long as he gets the job done."

A different citizen explained to the council a situation where a BPD officer allegedly opened a car door to converse with individuals inside. She explained the car was parked on The Hill where police presence has increased.

When Mayor Pernell ran for

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Football players help distribute boxes of food during a Sept. 23 drive-thru food giveaway at Williston-Elko High School as part of the United Way's Project Care. Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

# **Project Care** unites community through service

# Allendale County exploring consolidation of law enforcement

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Allendale County leaders are exploring the possibility of consolidating law enforcement agencies.

The idea is currently in its infancy as the county explores whether it would be beneficial to the state's least populated county. The county is looking to form a committee of representatives from county council, the towns, the sheriff's office, and two police departments.

"Law enforcement has a tremendous task right now. They are understaffed and overtasked," said Darren Norris, a former law enforcement officer who now serves as president of MUR Strategic, a consulting and security firm. "They need to be able to operate efficiently and effectively."

The topic of consolidation came after the S.C. Department of Commerce authorized SouthernCarolina Alliance review. This was not com-(SCA) to conduct studies of 14 counties that face "challenges above and beyond some of the more prosperous counties," said Danny Black, president and CEO of SCA, a 7-county regional economic development organization. Allendale, Barnwell, and Bamberg counties were among the 14. After talking with business and community leaders in Allendale about how to attract more high-paying jobs, public safety was identified as a key challenge. Leaders

cited high crime rates, a lack of investigative officers, and issues scheduling 24/7 patrols as key reasons for their safety concerns. SCA hired MUR Strategic to do the study.

Some of the key deliverables from the study include:

Conducting staffing analysis and providing a recommendation for optimizing the Allendale County Sheriff's Office's organizational structure. MUR completed this by developing an organizational flow chart.

Determining the best staff scheduling to meet the mission of the agency and maximize the effective use of personnel. MUR completed this by recommending 12-hour shifts.

Evaluating current training standards for officers and making recommendations that meet and exceed the state and national standard. This was not completed due to data not being provided.

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The United Way of Allendale, Barnwell, & Bamberg Counties' Project Care 2022 brought over 2,000 boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables, two wheelchair ramps, and 139 smoke detectors in the three-county region on Friday, September 23.

This is the first year Project Care has served all three counties, and comes after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Project Care 2022 is a day of service as a part of The United Way's mission to serve these counties in healthcare, financial, and educational realms. It serves as a blitz effort to cover a variety of needs in one consolidated effort.

"One day in our area was so impactful because everyone did it together," said Ferlecia Cuthbertson, Chief Philanthropy Officer for The United Way.

Project Care 2022 resulted in a fiscal impact of over \$30,000 not including the cost of lithium smoke detectors. This means over \$30,000 of supplies like food were provided to three counties for free, all in



Blackville-Hilda High School football players help load boxes containing food into cars at a Sept. 23 drive-thru food giveaway at Blackville-Hilda High School. Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

300 volunteers.

This is Cuthbertson's first year in this position, and she attributes the success of the day to the partnerships and participants that brought this event to fruition.

"I couldn't ask for better partners at the table and the

one day with the help of over youth were so impactful in making it happen," said Cuthbertson.

> Cheryl Long from The United Way of Allendale, Barnwell, & Bamberg Counties funded 1,640 boxes and Golden Harvest Food Bank funded 800

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Conducting a budget pleted due to date not being provided.

Making recommendations for salary structures with performance and longevity increases, cost of living adjustments, and other associated benefits packages to aid in recruiting and retention of officers. MUR completed this by preparing a three-year proforma budget.

Reviewing current sheriff's office policy and pro-

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Darren Norris (left) of MUR Strategic speaks with Allendale County residents on Sept. 7 about the results of a law enforcement consolidation study. Jonathan Vickery / Publisher

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# Williston council accepts check, gives awards

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Mayor Brett Williams welcomed guests to the Williston Town Council's regular meeting on September 12 saying, "We have a nice list of things to talk about."

### DISC GOLF

Since Hal Mundy and his son Dalton Mundy first established The Williston Disc Golf Club, their goal was to give back to the town's youth through the recreation program.

At the September council meeting, the club did just that.

Mundy handed Mayor Williams a \$1,000 check for the Recreation & Activities Committee on behalf of The Williston Disc Golf Club.

"That's our main thing we want to give back to,' said Mundy of Williston's recreation program.

This check is a percentage of all proceeds made by the club from tournaments, sponsorships, and other events. The club hopes to continue to make a sizable donation to the Recreation & Activities Committee every year if the sport continues to grow in Williston.

In addition to this donation, Mundy proposed some ideas to council that would better the disc golf course such as replacing and moving tee pads, a main course map, installing a fence to prohibit cars from blocking holes on the course, and building a walkway between holes 14 and 15 which goes underwater when it rains.

All of these propositions would be paid for and completed by the club, according to Mundy.

The club is also looking into ordering custom stamped Williston discs and merchandise to hold a kids disc golf clinic. Each child in attendance would learn about the sport, and leave with the needed supplies to play.

The Williston Disc Golf Club plans to host three tournaments a year, and projects the next tournament to be held between late November and early December. Details are to their website. be determined.

**COUNCIL RECOGNI-**



Addison Fail accepts a plaque of recognition from Williston Town Council members.



Williston Police Department Captain Roger Kaney is honored at the Williston Town Council meeting for 44 years of service.

for service to the town from the Rural Infrastrucwas Junior Teen All-Star United States 2023, Addison Fail. Mayor Williams proudly introduced Fail and welcomed her family who sat in the crowd.

Fail not only represents her hometown on a national level, but continually gives back to the community and has raised over \$10,000 for local charities. She is also responsible for stocking Blessing Boxes in Williston, Elko, and also in Aiken.

Fail received a plaque in recognition of the work she does for Williston.

GRANT

Justin Ouzts of Turnipseed Engineers has been representing the Town of Williston to try and secure a town-changing grant.

Turnipseed Engineers is a private engineering practice "specializing in water and wastewater treatment systems for small and medium size municipalities, counties, and authorities throughout Georgia and South Carolina," according to

Ouzts explained there is \$900 million planned to ture Authority (RIA) and one from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

"Those grants were received around the time when COVID was hitting and before market inflation, so naturally prices have gone up," said Ouzts of the RIA and CDBG grants.

"In order to supplement those grants to be able to do the whole scope of work, they're asking SCIIP to supplement the funding on those projects," said Ouzts.

Set to be accomplished POTENTIAL \$12M if this grant is awarded are new water lines, sewer rehabilitation, well upgrades, installing generators at the wells, and new equipment at the wastewater plant.

Turnipseed Engineers currently has a bid place on their website on behalf of the Town of Williston to construct new water lines from West Street to Springfield Road.

Mayor Williams expressed how if acquired, he believes this may be the largest grant Williston



Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

Hal Mundy hands a check to Mayor Brett Williams on behalf of the Williston Disc Golf Club to help fund youth recreation programs.

has ever received.

If awarded this grant, Williston has until December 2026 to use the funds. Ouzts feels this timeline of roughly three and a half years to complete these projects may be difficult due to recent supply shortages and lack of available contractors

RIA is responsible for reviewing and distributing SCIIP funds.

https://ria.sc.gov/sciip/.

Walkup took to the po-

dium to advocate for the

sport during public com-

previous conversations

with both town and coun-

ty councils about grow-

ing pickleball in Williston

and how he would like to

see courts come to Willis-

Shortly after Walkup

spoke, Administrator Mi-

chael Beasley updated

the council and crowd on

item 13 on the agenda-

Walkup explained his

**PICKLEBĂLL** 

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pickleball.

estimated to cost \$27,000 based on prior estimates. For more information about SCIIP funding, visit

The council agreed to carry on with placing bids to find a contractor to build the pickleball courts Pickleball player and Williston resident Greg in the town park.

Administrator Beasley

explained he has found

two funding sources for the courts- Parks and Recreation Development

(PARD) Fund, or already

secured American Rescue

state-funded grant pro-

gram to build or upgrade

The project is roughly

recreation facilities.

The PARD Fund is a

Plan Act (ARPA) money.

# HALLOWEEN

The Town of Williston plans to host a trunk-ortreat event at the Academy Street Park on Saturday, October 29 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Anyone who is interested in handing out candy, can come with a trunk full from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. to set up prior to the event. More information will be available at the Williston Town Hall.

Williston has also set trick-or-treat times for October 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Also announced was the Craft & Vendor Event on October 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Winfield Heights Gym on the corner of Chester Street and Williston Way in Williston.

The event plans to have slow cooked barbecue food trucks, and the Williston Fire Department will have a truck stationed for kids to explore.

For more information on this event, email willistoncraftandvendor@ gmail.com.

### HONORING COUN-**CILMAN TONEY**

During Mayor Williams' report, he expressed his thanks to his fellow council members for their support of late Councilman William Toney's family after his recent passing.

Mayor Williams also read a letter sent to the town by SC Senator Tim Scott, who gave his condolences to the community and council. Mayor Williams plans to give this letter to Councilman Toney's sister, Althia.

TOWN CLERK RE-**SPONSIBILITIES** 

Kayla Jerkins, the town clerk for Williston, recently took on more responsibility which will ultimately save the town money.

Jerkins is now responsible for the accounts payable, meaning handling the payments made to companies by the town for various services.

Administrator Beasley commended Jerkins for taking on this additional responsibility as it saves the town from having to outsource this work.

# **ZONING ORDINANCE**

Every decade, the Town of Williston is required to update the zoning handbook. The handbook is due to be updated in 2023 and costs \$35,000 to complete.

Administrator Beasley explained to the council that there is half of the total amount, \$17,500, in this year's budget, and plans to allocate the other half in next year's budget to complete this project.

This allocation of funds was approved by the council.

#### TION

The dedication of Captain Roger Kaney of the Williston Police Department (WPD) was recognized by the council during this meeting.

Captain Kaney has served Williston for 44 years in both the police and fire departments.

"You stand out a little more than everyone else," said Mayor Williams about Kaney's long-term dedication to the town and exemplary service.

Mayor Williams described Captain Kaney as a great leader, and presented him with a plaque marking this recognition.

Also being recognized

be distributed by the state for water infrastructure projects, and feels Williston is in a good position to secure some of this funding. The town is asking for \$12 million.

This grant is available through the South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP), a one-time initiative to improve water infrastructure using federal funds from the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

The Town of Williston is applying for the SCIIP grant in order to complete projects funded by two grants previously received by the town- one



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# **Corbitt raises most in DIG dance-a-thon**

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Dreams, Imagination & Gift Development Program (DIG) scholar Deriana Corbitt, 10, raised the most money at DIG's back to school dance-athon fundraiser held on August 6 at the Williston-Elko High School gym.

In total, the dance-athon raised nearly \$3,000 for DIG Dreamers.

Corbitt is currently a fifth grader at Barnwell Elementary School, and has attended the DIG program in her school since fourth grade.

Her favorite part about



DIG's Dance-a-thon fundraiser gets Dreamers moving.

Photos Courtesy: DIG





# SALKEHATCHIE WATERSHED **OPEN HOUSE**

m Wednesday, October 5, 2022 4:00-7:00pm



# **Barnwell County Public Library** 40 Burr Street | Barnwell, SC











"This is an opportunity for the public to view flood maps and to talk with experts so that property owners can make well informed decisions about their property, said Jessica Artz, mapping specialist with the Department of Natural Resources.



DIG Dreamer Deriana Corbitt raised the most money at DIG's Dance-a-thon fundraiser. Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

the DIG program is learning new things and reinforcing the skills she has been taught. She also enjoys spending time with her fourth grade teachers from whose classroom she graduated from.

"It means learning for me, and getting new friends, seeing new people, learning new things, and going over what I already learned," said Corbitt, on what DIG means to her.

Corbitt raised money for DIG with help from her mother, Samantha Williams, and her boyfriend, her nana, and her sister, Dayla Williams.

From 10 a.m. to noon, DIG scholars danced to hip-hop, Zumba, and also did some line dancing to support their program in both Barnwell and Allendale counties.

Corbitt described the dance component of this fundraiser as "great," and explained they did both group and individual dances.

So far, Corbitt has had a great school year after the back-to-school dancea-thon in August, and has big goals for the future.

an aquarium, and after working in an aquarium, I hope to be a singer when I grow up," said Corbitt.

When she is not in school or learning with DIG, Corbitt enjoys singing both new and old songs as well as learning about axolotl, one of her favorite animals.

Axolotl are amphibious salamanders that come in all different colors. According to Corbitt, their varying color is one of the many reasons why she likes them.

"They're just super cute and they're pink," said Corbitt. "They come in all different colors, and I love almost every single color."

Corbitt also likes cats and dogs in addition to axolotls, and her favorite colors are purple, orange, black, and white.

Program Director Shelby Broomfield hopes to continue hosting fundraisers like these in the future.

For more information on the Dreams, Imagination & Gift Development Program (DIG), visit their Facebook page or visit I hope to work in https://digdp.org/.

# Leadership Salkehatchie class announced

The University of South Carolina Salkehatchie Leadership Institute has announced the 19 participants of its 2022-23 Leadership Salkehatchie class. This prestigious, regional leadership program is offered by USC Salkehatchie and sponsored by the SouthernCarolina Alliance. Alumni of the program serve as leaders in business, healthcare, education, government, and nonprofits across the Salkehatchie region. "I'm thrilled with this year's Leadership Salkehatchie cohort. This year's class includes emerging leaders from Allendale, Barnwell, Bamberg, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper counties, who are stepping up to the plate to grow their skills to continue their public service and address tough issues facing the region," said Jackson Alexander, director of USC Salkehatchie Leadership Institute. The year-long program will include workshops designed to empower participants with the economic development knowledge and the skills needed to cultivate progress within our region. The program highlights the strengths of the Salkehatchie region and explores the ob-stacles facing small-town America. Program topics include economic development, education, the judicial system, local government, legislative advocacy, leadership skills, and diversity. Alexander is grateful for the continued partnership with SCA because they understand that developing strong leaders is paramount to the future of economic development in the Salkehatchie region. SCA has sponsored the regional leadership program in partnership with USC Salkehatchie

for more than 20 years. "We need leaders who understand the importance of economic development, education and training in fostering great communities for both families and busidevelopment nesses. The leadership program brings together our brightest and most promising leaders to share ideas about the future of our region, collaborate, and learn more about the impact of health care, education, training, taxation, infrastructure, and our environment to create a shared vision for the future," said SCA Vice President of Marketing Kay Maxwell. "We are pleased many of our past leadership participants are now today's leaders in industry, business, nonprofits, and local and county government. They are making decisions every day that will create stronger communities for our future, and SouthernCarolina Alliance is proud to be a part of that."

DNR is attending the Open House to inform the citizens of Barnwell, Allendale, Bamberg and Hampton Counties about changes to the watershed's flood maps. The watershed covers 1,889.5 square miles and also includes portions of Beaufort and Colleton counties.

"Flood maps are created using best available data to identify the risk of flooding," Artz said. "South Carolina has seen flooding in many parts of the state over the past few years. It's important that citizens are made aware of their risk so they can take steps needed to protect themselves and their property."

At the Open House, citizens will sign in, fill out a short form, and proceed to a property look-up station where someone will look up the citizen's property information on SCFloodImpact.com and provide the current and proposed flood zone information.

Following this, the citizen will be able to meet with experts to discuss flood insurance, engineering, map appeals or comments, grants or local permits/flood ordinance depending on the citizen's particular concerns and questions.

For more information, contact **Barnwell County Administrator Tim Bennett** at (803) 541-1000.

### Allendale County

-Lawanda Patterson, Project Manager, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions

-Lawrence Wiggins, Chief of Police, Allendale Police Dept.

### **Barnwell County**

-Sunil Kumar Tadamatla Christopher, Owner and General Manager, Eat Street Multi-Cuisine Restaurant

-Bob Snead, Program Coordinator, Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber Innovation Center

-Jessica Brabham-James, Assistant Principal, Barnwell High School

-James W. "Will" Kearse, Sub-Contractor to Department of Energy, Savannah **River Nuclear Solutions** 

### Bamberg County

-April Wolfe, Nursing Academic Program Manager, USC Salkehatchie

-Kathy Rhoad, Director of Strategic Initiatives, SCA

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# The People-Sentinel

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# Homemaker's Column

<u>Consider nutrition when dining alone</u>



Clemson Extension

If you're eating alone regularly, you are part of an increasing trend.

Each evening, one in ten Americans is dining alone. Whether it's an adult heating up a cup of soup or a child microwaving a TV dinner, dining alone can have its downfalls.

Several research studies indicate that the diets of people who regularly eat alone are often deficient in important nutrients. In one study of persons over age 55, the diets of men who lived alone were low in calcium, magnesium, and Vitamins A, B6, and C. Women who ate alone had diets low in thiamin, riboflavin, vitamin B6, calcium, and manganese. Interestingly, those who ate alone did not eat less nutritious foods than those who ate with others. Rather, they tended to skip meals or eat very little to shorten the time required for meal preparation. In another study of seniors, researchers found a direct correlation between loneliness and lowered intake of calories, calcium, and Vitamin A. In a study involving children, it was noted that children who lacked companionship at mealtime ate poorer quality meals than children who ate with parents or brothers and sisters. Specifically, they ate fewer servings of fruits and vegetables and consumed less than the recommended levels of iron and Vitamin C.

But here's some good news - several manufacturers now cater to the single diner. From frozen dinners to geared for kids to gourmet meals for dieting adults to single-serving cans of soup, one can usually find it in

the supermarket. The prepackaged individual serving foods offer convenience, some variety, along with measured portions. However, these "single serv-

ing" items usually cost up to twice as much per serving. Also, the variety and nutritional value may be limited.

Additionally, the packaging is often environmentally unfriendly - that is, it generates more garbage than the packages that contain several servings.

Let's now look at some suggestions for making the most of these solitary meals.

First, avoid skipping breakfast, even if you're in a rush or don't feel hungry. Breakfast can be anything from a fruit milkshake to last night's leftover pizza.

Also, create a pleasant dining atmosphere for yourself at home. An attractive placemat, flowers, and candles can help make a meal more special, even if your only company is the evening news on television.

If you dine out alone, seek out restaurants that serve familystyle with large groups of customers seated at the same table. In this setting, you may end up

not eating alone after all. NOTICE: Cleanson Unowardy Conservative Extension Service offers its programs to people of all ages, regardless of race, color, gender, religion, nutional origin, disability, political beings, sexual orientation, or marifal or fimily classes and a conservation and and the fimily status, and is an equal opportunity employer.





My wife and I left Vaisonla-Romaine that morning and cycled about twenty miles, climbing fourteen hundred feet through the verdant, grapevine studded hills of Provence, the smells of the early harvest season assailing our nostrils as our legs and lungs burned in the warming French air. Our destination that day was the town of Bedóin, one of the three places that served as launching sites for thousands of cyclists who came to assault the perfect cone of Mont Ventoux, the "Giant of Provence". Although we did not climb it ourselves, we would get to know its comforting shadow throughout the next ten days, as it was visible to us on almost every single day of our trek through the countryside. We arrived at the town square tired, hungry, thirsty and ready to be done with riding for the day. It was only after we had finished a nice lunch that we realized that we had at least another couple of kilometers and another four hundred and fifty meters of climb before we would arrive at our final place of rest for that evening. Dutifully, we got back on the bikes and made the approach.

The Hotel la Garance, named for a Eurasian herb in the madder family with whorled leaves and small yellowish flowers, was a perfectly charming place at the foot of Mont Ventoux. It had earned two Michelin stars for the comfort and service that we would soon experience. We arrived hot, sweaty and hungry again (cycling does that to you somehow) and were greeted by Johanna, a Dutch born lady who spoke multiple languages

# **Mind Matters**

# Altruism in heartbreak

Dr, Greg Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health

and had a soft smile and comforting manner that immediately put us at ease. She insisted that we relax, have a drink or two in the twenty four hour lobby and await the arrival of our luggage, which would be delivered by taxi shortly after a slight mixup in transit. We accepted the offer gladly, found some Orangina and water and sat down with audible groans and grateful backsides. We had not known that we would be almost two miles from the town, so we were brainstorming our dinner plans when the gracious hostess, who had been in this business in France for at least twenty years, overheard our plight. "I will prepare dinner for you," she said, more a statement than an offer. We protested. She insisted. We made excuses. She countered with sublime creativeness. We demurred. We said that we would clean up (our luggage had arrived) and be back down to avail ourselves of her gracious offer within the hour.

Later, much refreshed, clean and ready to enjoy dinner, we came back down to the lobby to be escorted out to the glassed in dining area mostly used for morning breakfasts for guests, and beheld a wonderfully set table for two. There was cantaloupe, ham, three kinds of cheese, a fresh green salad, fresh bread and butter, a carafe of local rosé wine, and fresh figs and plums for dessert. Johanna herself checked on us to make sure that all was perfect, and chatted with us as we got comfortable and tucked into this most wonderful, lovingly prepared meal. As we learned more about her, we heard the concern in her voice as she relayed that her beloved retriever, who had been by her side at work since he was a puppy when she had started managing Hotel la Garance ten years before, was ill and at the vet in town. She had not heard yet about his prognosis,

and was anxious to speak with the vet the next day to see how he was doing. In spite of this, she showed us such hospitality and caring and attention that we were simply floored and full of gratitude. She took her leave, we finished our dinner, cleared the table and headed to our much needed rest ahead of the next day's ride.

When we returned from our twenty three mile loop ride the next afternoon, we learned from another employee that Johanna's beloved pet, Gaston, had died. We were saddened and wondered immediately how she could have shown us such compassion and care just the night before, when she surely had an inkling that she might be losing her best friend. We immediately began work on a card for her, complete with our sentiments in French, that might somehow convey our own sadness at her loss. We did see her back at work the next day, looking a bit distracted and not really herself, but caring for her guests in her own way. As we prepared to check out of la Garance the next morning, heading towards Gordes, Johanna told us that she was not even going to charge us for the lovely dinner she had so kindly prepared for us our first night there. Of course, we tipped her generously, through her mild protestations, and told her how very sorry we were for her loss of Gaston but how very much we had enjoyed staying at her fine hotel for these two nights. We marveled as we rode out that day how a person like Johanna could express the highest form of altruism caring for others in such a heartfelt way, even when her own heart was breaking. It was a lesson worth learning in any language, and one that we will never forget. Au-revoir, Johanna. Au-revoir, Gaston!

Dear Editor,

# Thank you shelter board



To members of the Barnwell County Animal Shelter board,

I would like to let you know that from county staff's point of view it is a pleasure and an honor to work with you and others in doing our best to take care of our animal shelter residents.

We no longer have the destructive relationship that once existed between county staff and the board. This is due to the leadership of Toni Hutchins, Laura Buice, Barbara Christian, Beth Zorn, Shelter Director Marlena Ray and others who have stepped forward with constructive approaches to enable us to work through problems and to work toward a better future for

the shelter.

We are a team 100 percent more than what we were a year ago.

We face a difficult road every day due to several factors which are inherent in the business. But our goal is always what's best for the dogs and cats who call our shelter a temporary home, a waystation, enroute to hopefully a forever home.

Thank you again for giving of your time and spirit to the Barnwell County Animal Shelter.

Tim Bennett **County Administrator Barnwell** County

learn from a friend of the passing of Jane Owens Bradley. I remember for years her working at the courthouse - always a joyous and vivacious character. She had a constant cheerfulness - often with an underlying subtle sarcasm.

I was greatly saddened to

I remember her once telling me when she was a little girl, how (the drunken?) probate judge John K. Snelling ran over her bicycle and then replaced it and many other such tales. Once, when Bill Gripp was County Administrator, Miss Jane told him, "Mr. Gripp, Jennings Rountree said ..." Somehow, I think he was rather annoved, and Miss Jane was her usual cheerful self-enjoying his

annoyance. When she told me, I had to laugh, and it brought a smile to my face. I think there were not too many days that dear Miss Jane did not bring a smile to many people's faces.

Miss Jane: a priceless piece of Barnwell

Miss Jane was a priceless piece of Barnwell and will be missed by all who knew her. She was a true ray of sunshine in our lives.

Jennings Rountree



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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.

Stephanie Williamson Gunnells, 38, of 3504 Highway 304, Blackville, was arrested on September 24, 2022 by Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) for Failure to Pay Child Support. Gunnells was booked and released to Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).

Robert Holmes, 62, of 188 Holmes Ln., Pineland, was arrested on September 15, 2022 by BCSO for Breach of Trust.

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Holmes was booked and released to BCDC.

Marcus Jacobs, 33, of 80 Brown St., Barnwell, was arrested on September 20, 2022 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Jacobs was booked and released to BCDC.

Stevie Jenkins, 59, of 8112 Millstone Dr., North Charleston, was arrested on September 14, 2022 by BCSO for Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute and Possession of Crack Cocaine with Intent to Distribute. Jenkins was booked and released to BCDC.

Tuqurana Bathshea Jones, 41, of 6890 Ashton Rd., Islandton, was ar-

2022 by BCSO for Failure by BCSO for Distribution to Pay Court Fines. Jones was booked and released to BCDC.

Kevin Andrew Mc-Ouire, 34, of 751 Garden Rd., Barnwell, was arrested on September 21, 2022 by BCSO for Malicious Injury to Property. McQuire was booked and released to BCDC.

Daniel Brandero Mishoe, 41, 544 Orchid Rd., Barnwell, was arrested on September 12, 2022 by BCSO for Distribution of Meth. Smith was booked and released to BCDC.

Rubert Steven Dakota Padgett, 30, of 99 Canary Rd., Barnwell, was arrestrested on September 21, ed on September 12, 2022

of Meth, Possession of Heroin, Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute and Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute. Padgett was booked and released to BCDC.

John Randolph Priester Jr., 29, of 98 Grant St., Barnwell, was arrested on September 21, 2022 by BCSO for Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute. Priester was booked and released to BCDC

Edward Aaron Queen, 65, of 831 Old Whiskev Rd., Barnwell, was arrested on September 19, 2022 by BCSO for Driving Under Suspension and

Failure to Stop for Police. Queen was booked and released to BCDC.

> Gracie Samarco, 18, of 119 Dyson Dr., Williston, was cited on September 17, 2022 by BCSO for Open Container, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Alcohol Underage. Samarco was issued Uniform Traffic Tickets and released to appear in Court.

> Jeremiah Jeffery Satterfield, 40, of 56 Wildwood Rd., Barnwell, was arrested on Septmber 18, 2022 by BCSO for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender Violation. Satterfield was booked and released to BCDC. Brianna Weimortz, 23,

of 306 Elko St., Williston, was cited on September 17, 2022 by BCSO for Open Container. Weimortz was issued a Uniform Traffic Ticket and released to appear in Court.

Phillip Tymanie Williams, 38, of 1184 Byron Rd., Charleston, was arrested on September 14, 2022 by BCSO for Driving Under Suspension. Williams was booked and released to BCDC.

**Terrance Lamont Wil**liams, 46, of 2686 Highway 279, Barnwell, was arrested on September 19, 2022 for Failure to Appear. Williams was booked and released to BCDC.

# CONSOLIDATION: Allendale Co. looks at law enforcement

recommendations for policy implementation SOUTHEASTERN and enhancements. MUR completed this by recommending the implementation of a revised policy/ procedure manual and appropriate technology to become state compliant.

Conducting a review of county law enforcement sensitive assets, such as weapons, communications equipment, and equipment provided by the Defense Logistics Program LESO/1033 program. MUR completed this.

Sheriff's Office Analysis MUR conducted a SWOT analysis of the Allendale County Sheriff's Office's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. The study did not look at the Allendale and Fairfax police departments.

At the Sept. 7 meeting, Norris gave the county leaders along with residents in attendance a look at the state of public safety in Allendale County and

cedures and providing law enforcement services.

"The Allendale County Sheriff's Office is presently experiencing critical staffing shortages for Class 1 certified law enforcement officers. The lack of law enforcement staffing has led to a significant increase in both violent crimes and property crimes. State agencies have augmented patrol duties and responded to calls for service," said Norris.

The chance of becoming the victim of a violent crime in Allendale County is 1 in 46, compared to 1 in 185 statewide. Regarding property crimes, the chance of becoming a victim is 1 in 26, compared to 1 in 36 statewide, according to 2020 data provided by Norris.

"That's a very high call volume," said Norris.

Despite the challenges, Norris said each one is fixable.

"Where it gets hard is where we're going to get the money," said Norris. The ACSO currently

around \$750,000 a year, but Norris presented a proposal to help the agency better serve the community. Ideally, the agency should have 18 people with four teams rotating every 12 hours, he said. The three-year pro-forma budget would add more deputies and increase pay to help with recruitment and retention of deputies. The three-year budget

would cost approximately \$2,962,731 - \$1,304,532 the first year, \$823,345 the second year, and \$834,853 the third year. These numbers do not include the current personnel and operational cost, he said.

"One thing that eats agencies' budgets up is overtime. Retention is going to keep those numbers in check," said Norris, who believes the ACSO would eventually see a financial savings.

**Options to Consolidate** Allendale County currently has the ACSO, Allendale Police Department, and Fairfax Police Department to keep residents safe. However, Nor-

could better serve the community.

"Change brings opportunities," he said.

The current model has the ACSO led by an elected sheriff. The agency serves the unincorporated parts of the county through crime investigation, serving warrants, civil process, and court security. Meanwhile, the two police departments serve their towns.

One option Norris presented includes consolidation under the sheriff's office. The towns would contract services through the ACSO, which would manage and lead law enforcement within county and municipalities. An analysis of personnel and equipment would need to be conducted to determine how much the towns pay the ACSO for services.

The second option is to form a county police model, which would be an entirely new agency. However, the ACSO would still exist to do civil process, court security, and manage the detention ris said there are other center. Norris said this is

referendum.

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### **Moving Forward**

After his presentation, Norris said his work is done. It's now up to county leaders to decide whether to implement any of the ideas from the study.

"We'd like to see you continue it. We want them (county leaders) to get together internally, investigate it and talk about it, and come up with a plan," said Black. "Hopefully it will drive down the cost eventually."

One resident in attendance said, "It's going to be painful, but in the long run it will be better."

At their Sept. 15 meeting, Allendale County Council discussed the study and forming a committee. Council appeared unanimous in moving forward with a committee and said they would further discuss who will serve at a later meeting.

"We will see if the municipalities are in favor of moving forward with it," said Councilman Matthew Connelly, who chairs the public safety committee.



**Barnwell County Cemetery** 11907 Hwy. 278, Barnwell, SC 29812

**Barnwell County Ordinance 2022-05-389** 

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operates on a budget of models to consider that not cheap and requires a

was approved by Barnwell County Council on May 10, 2022. Full enforcement of the ordinance will begin Oct. 19, 2022.

A main purpose of the ordinance is to enable grounds-keepers to mow and weed-eat the cemetery more effectively and efficiently.

The ordinance includes the following: (For a copy of the ordinance, call (803) 541-1000.

- $\Rightarrow$  No plants, trees or shrubs may be planted on any plot, except by the county as part of an approved landscaping plan. The county shall have the right to remove any and all plants, trees and shrubs planted on any plots in violation of these rules.
- $\Rightarrow$  Artificial flowers may be used on plots at head stones or plot markers only. No other use of artificial flowers is permitted. Ceramic, concrete, metal, hard plastic or other similar material vases may be used for cut flowers or artificial flowers, if the flowers are changed regularly and well attended. The use of other vases or containers, such as jars, glass vases, tin cans, paper or cardboard, is not permitted. No containers, artificial flowers, wreaths, statues, or other memorial type items shall remain on any plot for more than 60 days, unless incorporated within the headstone. After 60 days, county employees will remove the items.
- The county shall have the right to remove any items constructed on a plot or left on a plot in violation of this ordinance.
- $\Rightarrow$  Notes regarding enforcement of the ordinance:
  - Cemetery plots with coping and stone chips are exempt from the ordinance, because these plots, for the most part, do not require mowing or weed-eating. Dead or faded flowers and broken statues will be removed.
  - Any plants, trees or shrubs impacting a neighboring plot will be removed.
  - Flag poles, American flags, and benches can remain in the cemetery regardless of where they are located.
  - Regarding plots without coping and stone chips:
    - (1) All statues will be removed unless they are attached to the head stone or otherwise attached permanently to the plot; and
    - (2) All family mementoes will be removed.



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

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# Birth



Addilee Marie Bokman was born September 17, 2022.

# Addilee Marie Bokman

A mber Grubbs and Jacob Bokman of Barnwell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Addilee Marie Bokman. She was born at 2:24 p.m. on September 17, 2022 at Aiken Regional Medical Hospital. She weighed 5 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 19 inches long. She has one sister, Olivia Bokman. Paternal grandparents are Theresa Snider and John Bokman.

Maternal grandparents are Betty and Lee Grubbs.

# BIRTHDAY Addie Moody celebrates 102nd birthday





Thomas Layne Kinsey was born on June 29, 2022.

# Thomas Layne Kinsey

John Thomas Kinsey Jr. and Kendyl Baxley Kinsey of Barnwell are proud to announce the birth of their son, Thomas Layne Kinsey.

He was born on June 29, 2022 at 6:07 p.m. at Piedmont Augusta. He weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 20 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are John & Teresa Kinsey of Bamberg.

Maternal grandparents are Wayne Baxley of Barnwell, Bill and Vanessa Mitchell of Hardeeville.

Paternal great-grandparents are the late Elizabeth "Bonnie" Gray, the late Howard Kinsey, and the late Leroy and Carolyn Stewart.

Maternal great-grandparents are Herbert and Judy Lee of Barnwell.

# Collins win Yard of the Month award

PruittHealth Barnwell celebrated the 102nd birthday of Mrs. Addie Evelyn "Abbo" Moody on Friday, September 23, 2022, one day before her actual birthday on Saturday, Sept. 24. Born on Sept. 24, 1920, she is the daughter of the late Anion Joe and Addie Grubbs Bonds. She grew up in Hilda with her seven siblings, but moved to the Kline area after marrying Ralph W. Moody, a U.S. Navy veteran who served in World War II. She moved to PruittHealth Barnwell after Ralph's death. She is the oldest living member of Reedy Branch Baptist Church.





Congratulations to Jim and Karen Collins on winning Ivy Garden Club "Yard of the Month" for September 2022. Located at 5396 Springfield Road, Williston.



# **Obituaries**

# Wednesday, September 28, 2022

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BAMBERG - Anthony Leslie Steedly "Tony" passed away on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at his residence in the Hunters Chapel Community. Tony was born on October 17, 1950 in Bamberg County and was the son of Homer R. Steedly and Betty G. Steedly.

He was self-employed providing home repairs, carpentry, and plumbing. His skills allowed him to do just about anything. Tony was a member of Hunters Chapel Baptist Church. On June 14, 1971, Tony entered the Army serving in Company B, 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry until honorably discharged on June 7, 1974. SP4 Anthony Steedly was awarded the following military decorations; National De-

# Anthony L. "Tony" Steedly

Occupational Medal Berlin, Expert Infantry Badge, Expert M-16.

He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his brother, Homer R. Steedly Jr. (Elizabeth-Tibby) of Brevard, N.C., and two sisters, Nancy J. Parker (Tony) of Statesboro, GA, Linda C. Thomas (Kirk) of Silva, N.C.; nephews, Richard E. Martin (Darlene) of Metter, GA, Christopher M. Martin (Vanessa) of Kennesaw, GA; nieces, Melanie V. Ridenhour (Jason) of Mount Pleasant, S.C., Jennifer Sinclair (James) of St. Louis, MO; five great nieces, Macy N. Criswell of Twin City, GA, Anna and Emma Ridenhour of Mount Pleasant, S.C., Caroline and Margaret Sinclair of St. Louis, MO; six great nephews, Austin E. Martin of Metter, GA, Evan Ridenhour of Mount Pleasant, S.C., Drew C. Martin and Jack L. Martin of Kennesaw, GA, John and Matthew Sinclair of

# fense Service Medal, Army St. Louis, MO and a great grandniece Marlie Grace Criswell of Twin City, GA.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1 o'clock p.m., Thursday, September 29, 2022 at Hunters Chapel Baptist Church with the Reverend Alvin Jeffcoat officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday. A private family interment will be held at Bamberg County Memory Gardens at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests any memorial donations be made to Hunters Chapel Baptist Church, 9423 Hunters Chapel Road, Bamberg, S.C. 29003 or Hunters Chapel Fire Department, 6313 Farrells Road, Branchville, S.C. 29432.

Folk Funeral Home, Inc., Denmark, is assisting the family with arrangements. Visit the online obituary at www.folkfuneralhome.com.

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WILLISTON - Funeral services for Connie Long Holder, 63, of Williston, were held at 11 o'clock a.m., Friday, September 23, 2022 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, with the Reverend Timothy Gunnells officiating. Burial was in the Green Branch Pentecostal Holiness Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, September 24 at the funeral home.

Connie passed away

# Connie Holder

on Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

Born in Hampton County, she was the daughter of the late Johnson Long and Ida Mae Donahue Long. She earned an associate degree in Accounting from Beaufort Tech and was a member of Green Branch Pentecostal Holiness Church. She enjoyed working with young people and loved to cook, as well as spend time with her family, children, and grandchildren.

Survivors include her loving husband of 30 years, Gaylon Anthony Holder Sr.; her daughters, Nikki (Daniel) Ray and Emily (Luke) Dobson, all of Barnwell; sons, Gaylon Anthony (Tána) Holder

Jr. of Santa Fe, NM, Chris (Courtney) Priester of North Augusta, Cooper (Elissa) Holder of Los Álamos, NM; grandchildren, Kole Ray, Kirstin Dobson, Trinity Dobson, Lucas Dobson, Mason Holder, Maya Holder, Gracie Priester, and Havley Holder; a brother, Wilbur (Ann) Long of Hampton; and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Asher Ray.

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

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# **Great 60s Reunion seemed more tranquil**



Rigdon, Ted (Mertz) Mayo, Bill Smith and Jim (Squeaky) Barnette kept their annual Ann Richardson Griffith during the annual reunion in Barnwell. tee time at the Sweetwater Country Club during the August 60s reunion.



This photo of friends and classmates was snapped in 2002. From left to right: Harold In this 2004 snapshot, Donnie and Sandy Pender welcome a warm embrace from

Weesie Fickling History Correspondent

p.m. to 11 p.m. Somehow there was no rush for the evening "to be



mater. A few eyes glis- his sister Nadia, Mike tened. In short order, Tongour presented the he dance floor was covreunion mmittee with

or quite a number of reasons, the gathering of Barnwell High School grads from 1960 to 1969 seemed somewhat subdued this year.

There was no way that Father Time had arrived prematurely; most members of the Class of '60 have just reached their eighth decade. We are thankful for it!

The time frame for

called to order". Ole friends were delighted to have a chance to mingle all about the room. COVID-19 had kept many of us apart and, with our world being seemingly upside down and wrong side out, everyone needed an evening of comfortable, relaxed joy.

This festive affair began, as usual, with a prayer followed by the this long-awaited occa- after which Sonny Ter-

Pledge of Allegiance This Warhorse poster has been used frequently to welcome returning Barnwell High School students to sion would be from 7 rapin pitched our alma the reunions held over the past 18 years.

ered while Gary Brant- a monetary gift in Naley accommodated the dia Tongour's memory, folks with their personal requests.

Our departed classmates' names were listed per class which was quite sobering. It seemed as if the attendees spent more time than usual remarking about those who have gone on before us. Thankfully, the memories were uplifting.

Reflecting on how very much our annual reunions had meant to BHS Class of 1964. This gesture was appreciated and most meaningful.

Having revisited ole friends and birthed new memories, departure time was at hand while smiling and saying with much assuring gusto, "See ya' next year!"

# Barnwell High Class of '60 gathers again

Weesie Fickling History Correspondent

Fourteen class members were delighted to enjoy one another's company when meeting at Miller's Bread Basket in Blackville recently.

Sonny Terrapin arrived early enough to give Weesie Fickling a lift on his bike in memory of their classmate, Alice Jo Mole who, in years past, would always take a spin on the back of his machine. To be truthful, it was necessary for Weesie to grab the bottom of her breeches and mechanically lift her right leg over her



Front row: Jay Harrelson Scott, Kay Harrelson Parish, Phyllis Baxley Templeton, Nell Hair Nix, Bobbi Langley Creech, Weesie Holland Fickling, Ruth Queen Seigler. Second row: J.C. Helton, Larry McCall, Wayne Jordan, Robert Still, David Creech, Davy Plexico, Sonny Terrapin.

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Our next group picture is set for early March 2023.

# Barnwell native pinned colonel in U.S. Army

# Alexandra Whitbeck Reporter reporter@thepeoplesentinel.com

Rodney D. McCutcheon was pinned with the rank of Colonel in the United States Army roughly two miles away from the Red Oak Rd. home he grew up in.

Surrounded by his family, friends, and the community who has known him since his youth, Colonel McCutcheon accepted his promotion at the El BAB Shrine Club in Barnwell.

His mother, Pearl Mc-Cutcheon, was proudly in attendance and her presence meant a lot to Colonel McCutcheon, especially in his hometown.

"Pinning on that new rank back home with family and friends around was a lot more impactful than any of the other promotions for me, for my family, for her," said Colonel McCutcheon. "The people there knew me from a child, they knew her from a child. They get a chance to see all the hard work that she's put into me."

Narrating the ceremony was Colonel McCutcheon's childhood friend, Sergeant Major Cindy Lisbon, who grew up directly across the street from him.

Promoting Colonel Mc-Cutcheon was another friend, Colonel Travis Sept, who was recently pinned at Blackville-Hilda High School in July.

McCutcheon Colonel and Colonel Sept served together, and remain close friends.

"No matter how old you are, you always remember who was sitting next to you to go take care of the mission," said Colonel Mc-Cutcheon. "Once you come out of those types of environments, it builds a bond that you never ever forget."

"When Colonel Sept was telling all the different stories of deployments and just growing up, I didn't notice it, but my little boy, it was kind of overwhelming to him and he was just shedding tears of joy," said Colonel McCutcheon.

Colonel McCutcheon's children and wife, Laki-



Colonel Rodney McCutcheon stands with his family at the pinning ceremony promoting him to Colonel of the U.S. Army. From left to right: mother Pearl McCutcheon, Colonel Rodney McCutcheon, wife Lakisha McCutcheon, sons Logan McCutcheon, TJ McCutcheon, and Derrick McCutcheon. Contributed Photos

on a new rank, he was just kind of balling," said Colonel McCutcheon, who felt his son's emotion was one of the best parts of the ceremony.

Every moment in Colonel McCutcheon's career had trained him to enter this new role, and he couldn't imagine being in any other career path.

"I couldn't have picked a better future and career path for myself, it just was perfect for me. It fits my personality," said Colonel McCutcheon.

"It's a great career to go into from just the sentiment from the citizens of the United States, and making your mom proud and happy that you chose something that's very noble, something that you can tell your grandchildren about one day," he said.

The comradery and athleticism in the Reserve Officers Training Corp (ROTC) program at South Carolina State University is what began Colonel McCutcheon's passion for the military and a servicebased career.

He explained how conversations with those who have served would ensure he was on the right path entering his military career.

"Those who had served in the past came back and had conversations with us and mentored us from a young age," said Colonel McCutcheon. "It just started at South Carolina State and has actually continued throughout my time in the military."

Colonel McCutcheon at-



Colonel McCutcheon (right) is pinned as Colonel by friend Colonel Travis Sept (left).

nel, and he's a retired two combat engineer where he star now, his name is Major General Abe Turner. He would come back to South Carolina State and talk to us often," said Colonel McCutcheon.

McCutcheon Colonel describes Major General Turner as a "dynamic character" who influenced many budding military careers.

Colonel McCutcheon was also mentored by McKinley Neal and the late Harris Barker, who provided him with guidance since his early childhood.

'Going into my first duty station in Fort Stewart, Georgia, one individual that really influenced me was, at the time, Major Michael Johnson," said Colonel McCutcheon.

"He was a big influence on my career, going into Operation Iraqi Freedom back in 2003," he said. Johnson was a leader over Colonel McCutcheon dursha, were integral parts of tributes many individuals ing this deployment, and this ceremony. His seven- with being key mentors Colonel McCutcheon de-

drilled in Barnwell, and was on active duty from 2000 to 2002.

He received his Army commission into the Chemical Corps in May 2000 from SC State University through the Reserve Officer Training Corps, where he also holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

Colonel McCutcheon also received a Master of Science in Environmental Management from Webster University.

Included in his military education is Chemical Officer Basic Course, Captains Career Course, Basic Airborne Course, Air Assault Course, Command and General Staff College.

Currently, he is a student at the U.S. Army War College located at Carlisle Barracks in Pennsylvania.

In 2008 he was assigned to the Human Resources Command in the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations Division in the National Capital Region.

fore transitioning to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, to serve as the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade Chemical Cell officer-incharge.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with V Device), Army Achievement Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, and an Iraqi Campaign medal (with four combat stars).

Colonel McCutcheon was also decorated with the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Combat Action Badge.

In addition to an array of accolades, Colonel Mc-Cutcheon also has served in a number of command and staff positions including, Heavy Decontamination platoon leader in the 92nd Chemical Company, chemical officer for the 3-69th Armor Battalion, chemical officer for the 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, and the 18th Airborne Corps Chemical Cells.

He then assumed duties as the 18th Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Battery Commander at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Colonel McCutcheon also served at the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Combined Joint Interagency Coordination Group - Korea. From Korea, he then became the training and

From July 2018 to July 2020, he served as Commander of the Blue Grass Chemical Activity in Richmond, Kentucky and then transitioned to Fort Bragg, N.C. as the XVIII Airborne Corps Protection & CBRNE Chief serving from July 2020 to July 2022. Colonel McCutcheon

has served in many more capacities, and finds each one has contributed to who he is and how he serves today.

"I look back at being a brand new lieutenant and then think about what was important or what was hard for me back then, compared to who I am now," said Colonel McCutcheon. "As a brand new Lieutenant at Fort Stewart, Georgia versus what's different to me now as a Colonel in the United States Army at the United States Army War College, each time there's just so many different, smaller, but incredible things that just continue on that path."

In his position now as Colonel, he finds himself being the mentor he had as he began his career. Whether it be a personal or professional issue or ambition, Colonel Mc-Cutcheon makes sure he is a source of support for any soldier who needs it.

"There shouldn't be any time in any soldier's life that they don't have someone they could look up to," said Colonel McCutcheon, who finds mentorship is a large percentage of his career at this point.

His value of mentorship stems back to Barnwell County, where he was sculpted by key figures into who he was meant to be.

"The time and love that they put into me as a person and the personality that they influenced is what made it there, but that's all a product from home," said Colonel Mc-Cutcheon, who attributes parts of his success to "all the people that were there from way before I was a Colonel.'

Colonel McCutcheon has been selected to attend a two-year brigade command in Colorado to serve as a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Army officer in a Chemical Depo, and will begin his service

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ployed again in 2005.

From 1996 to 2000, Colonel McCutcheon served in the National Guard as a

He completed a oneand Human Services be-

Doctrine Command year fellowship with the Chemical Surety Division Department of Health chief in Fort Eustis, Virginia.

once graduating from the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks in Pennsylvania.

# Blackville: Residents express concerns about police

his current position, his campaign ran heavily on a strong police presence which he feels is essential to the town's growth.

Mayor Pernell expressed the activities continually taking place on The Hill such as smoking marijuana and drinking, were hindering the town from growing as this highway welcomes travelers and potential businesses into Blackville.

"We will continue to enforce those laws to do what's right for the community," said Mayor Pernell. "I do not want the citizens to miss the most important part, that we keep discipline in Blackville."

Citizens who expressed their concerns to council regarding law enforcement were asked by Mayor Pernell to speak directly and privately with council members after the meeting if their concern was regarding an unlawful act by a BPD officer.

During council comments at the end of the meeting, Councilman Allen Harrison stated, "Work with us, don't be discouraged and we can all make this a better town," and thanked volunteers and attendees.

Along similar lines,

Mayor Pro-Tem Frenchie Smalls said, "We hope you come out every third Monday, because it takes all of us.

#### Bids for Shamrock Hotel

### Bids for demolition of the Shamrock Hotel will open on September 28.

Mayor Pernell explained he has been in conversation with residents who have ideas of what to do with the remnants of the historic building.

### Upcoming Upgrades

The Dollar General on Solomon Blatt Ave. in Blackville is undergoing upgrades and was closed briefly to install more coolers and space to allow for fresh produce and a variety of meats.

Upon its reopening, it will be a Dollar General Market carrying a wider variety of food items to better serve Blackville.

A contractor has been secured to upgrade the Blackville Library, and plans have been made to upgrade the Blackville Community Center. At the Blackville Community Center, the floors will be replaced and walls repainted.

Barnwell County Councilman David Kenner explained at the meeting that the SC Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is planning to fix main roadways in Blackville between now and Thanksgiving.

Sections of roadways set to be repaired are between Subway and Martin's Paint and Body on Highway 78 and before Dollar General on Highway 3.

### \$10M Grant

The Town of Blackville applied for a \$10 million grant through the South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP) through the Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA).

SCIIP is a one-time program to renovate and improve water infrastructure using federally allocated 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding

"We feel strong about it," said Mayor Pernell of the SCIIP grant.

The RIA is currently in a 'quiet period,' while reviewing applications and has not yet informed applicants of who will be awarded this money.

The Town of Williston, the City of Barnwell, and Barnwell County have also applied for SCIIP grants. If all are approved, significantly over \$20 million will be allocated to fix water infrastructure in the county. In the conversation of

grants, Councilmember Kelvin Isaac is currently trying to form a grant writing team in Blackville to spearhead applying for grants such as SCIIP.

**TIVA Building Products** Presentation

Welcomed by Mayor Pernell, TIVA Building Products representatives spoke about their upcoming facility in Blackville's industrial park.

Representatives brought PVC and composite decking samples created by the company to give the community insight on what the company is manufacturing in their backyards. These samples were given to the council to keep and discuss with interested citizens.

Based in Canada, TIVA Building Products plans to create 125 jobs in five years in Blackville.

"It's been a long time since we've had a manufacturing plant want to be in Blackville," said Mayor Pernell.

"Thanks to TIVA, it's time to bring us some jobs we really need," said Council member Pernell.

#### **Upcoming Activities**

Activities Coordinator and District Two County Council write-in candidate, Fonda Patrick, informed the community about upcoming events and activities in Blackville.

On October 1, Blackville volunteers will be decorating downtown for the fall season. If businesses are interested in participating by decorating their store front, Patrick encourages them to reach out to her soon.

Blackville town officials will represent Blackville at the Town of Hilda 125th Birthday Celebration parade on October 8.

The Fall Fling will be held on October 29, and include a trunk-or-treat event for Halloween participants, vendors, music, food, and other fun activities.

More information about these events will be available in the coming weeks.

Also, bids for pickleball courts are going to be placed in the coming weeks.

### **Planning Commission** Appointment

Alicia Still was approved by the council to join the town's Planning Commission Board. Still serves on this board as a volunteer, and was commended for her initiative to help Blackville by the mayor and council members.

## Auxiliary Recognition

Renee Chupp and other members of the Blackville

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Fire Department Auxiliary were recognized by council for their integral role in the town's 9/11 memorial ceremonies.

"We had an awesome 9/11 event," said Mayor Pernell, who profusely thanked Blackville emergency service personnel for their volunteer efforts.

The Blackville Fire Department Auxiliary was started to "make sure our firefighters are taken care of," said Chupp, who also serves as an EMT in Blackville.

The purpose of the auxiliary is to assist firefighters however they can, from ensuring needed supplies are readily available and providing assistance when necessary

"Hopefully we can keep a good thing going," said Chupp of the 9/11 ceremony. This year was the first year the auxiliary participated due to their recent establishment.

There are ten total auxiliary members, six of which were at the meeting including Chupp. Present were James and Diane Haskins, Chante Washington, Pastor Ken Frederick, and Council member Pernell.

'I enjoyed working with this group of people," said Council member Pernell.

# Blackville police chief reflects on first year

Donna-Maria Conzalina and Mayor Pernell regard-**Contributing Writer** 

When Ray Crawford accepted the position as Blackville's Chief of Police on August 26, 2021, he did an initial assessment of department and community needs.

This led to three goals: 1) To have a better relationship with nearby law enforcement. 2) To create a partnership with the school district. 3) Build a close relationship with the community.

"It feels amazing to be part of this community," Crawford said. "I think those three goals have been met and I'm working continuously to maintain them. Time really flies when you've got a lot of work to do, and I definitely had a lot of work to do when I first got here."

First and foremost, as with any game plan; Crawford, a former School Resource Officer (SRO) with a love for sports, knows it's mandatory to first build a strong, trusting relationship amongst your team. In his first year here, Crawford has already accomplished that by laying groundwork to better partnership with nearby law enforcement agencies including the sheriff's office, Barnwell and Williston.

He's created new mutual aid agreements with these agencies which is vital. Meaning, if one agency or another needs help; they're all readily willing to assist each other.

"I'd like to thank Sheriff Griffith for working with me anytime I needed something, or any kind of multi-jurisdiction operations that I've had. Barnwell Sheriff's Dept. was there. Chief Robinson from the city; he's always been there, too. Able to make my events and lend me officers when need be. They have been great partners. Whenever I need extra manpower, all I have to do is make a phone call and all the department heads step up and are more than willing to assist. I think working together, building those relationships is something amazing that I've accomplished."

As for his department, Crawford got new vests badly needed new vehiing his concerns about his officers being the lowest paid department in the district.

"We're looking into upgrading their pay," he said. "When I first got here, I only had three officers to work with. I can proudly say I've developed a fully staffed department. The department is slated for, I believe, six full-time officers and I have all those slots full and also three part-time officers. I want to keep those officers. That's the most officers the Blackville Police Department's had in a long time."

Crawford described the biggest hurdle he's faced since arriving in Blackville was not having the resources to do the things that needed to get done. He said, "I spoke with the mayor and the council about the continuous problem this department faced far before I even got here. I wrote some memos to them, collected some data on the pay (scale) in the local area."

After doing this research, Crawford learned the region's jurisdiction most similar to Blackville's population comparatively starts their officers off at \$33,000 and he said, "We're starting ours at \$27,000. The mayor and council members are working hard with us trying to get all the resources that we need. We're in the process now of trying to up that pay. It's necessary to retain officers; and difficult to do unless the pay is appropriate. In order for us to retain officers and get quality officers, we're going to have to raise our pay if we want to be competitive with not only the agencies in the area, but nationally."

"I think this town deserves the best. Customer service is what I call police work. Customer service because it's all about the people in the community. To maintain that level of consistency, efficiency and making this community a safe place to live, work and play at; I think you've got people that have families they have to provide for. And it just makes it so difficult to compete with other agencies in the area, because all we are doing is getting them certified. for his officers which were Then they go off to other agencies to make more money. We call it a revolving door. It's made my job extremely difficult to hire and retain quality officers." Another priority Crawford takes seriously is to create a great working environment with his officers. "I do believe my officers enjoy working for the Town of Blackville and working with me. They don't work for me, they work with me," he said. "We work for the people and I think that they love



Chief Ray Crawford standing alongside painting that artistically represents his past, present and future.

coming to work. I don't have officers calling out and missing work often because they love this community. And these officers understand they are underpaid, but they do it for the love of the town. I think our bond here is: we are family here, we are a small, tight knit department with a transparent, open-door policy. Anything we can do for each other, we do that."

Second on Crawford's list of goals was establishing a strong partnership with the school district. "Working with the new superintendent, Dr. Shaw has been absolutely amazing," the chief said. "Anything we could do to partner with the school district we've done."

One of the highlights he is honored to be involved with is a mentorship group he created along with Captain Huggins and the police department called, Real Talk.

He described Real Talk "realistic conversations used in elementary schools. We talk about leadership, bullying, consequences of choices about drug and alcohol use and vaping. We give it to them really, really uncut so they can understand."

For example, Crawford said, "Principal Smalls at Macedonia Elementary is one of the first schools who jumped on board with the program. They allowed is to come in and speak with the young men and women and talk about real life experiences and the importance of choices and consequences." Real Talk works on a 'completely volunteer basis," Crawford said. "We do it on our off time. I make sure that I go, to show that, 'if the chief can go, anyone can go'. What we do is make contact with the principals and ask them what's a good time for us to come by and share the information with

the kids. It's outstanding," he said. "We just want to build that partnership." Anytime the school district has something, Dr. Shaw reaches out to me inviting us to events. And we have accepted every invitation. We want to let the school district and the community know we are behind them 100 percent.'

Crawford has a Bachelor of Science from South Carolina State University in Criminal Justice and a Master of Science in Management and Leadership from Strayer University. He realizes the value, benefit and need of education and mentorship for today's youth.

"I want to make a strong point that if you invite the Blackville Police Department to any school event, we will try our best to make those events," he said.

It's evident everyone in the school system, just like all the community, matters to Crawford. Each school has a School Resource Officer, however, he's aware they presently don't have enough manpower to oversee the number of students. "The BPD assists, helps patrol and adjust the speeding in the school zones. Anytime they need help, we're here to help the SRO anyway we can. We are always one phone call away from assisting teachers, students and staff over there as well," he said.

Building a partnership and relations nin with the community rounds off his top three goals of this past year. A goal which, according to Crawford, "was much needed." He started an activity called Community Police Forum right off the bat. "It allows people to come and give us some feedback on what they think," he said. "How we can improve the police department and how we can improve our relationships with the community." Community Police Forum offers the public an opportunity to give feed- We just have to have faith back to any crime areas BPD may not be aware of, ask questions, share ideas on how police and community can do more to work together, how to help improve the community or support the police department.

"It's a way of having dialogue and transparency. It's one way to help us do our job better for the community by having these forums," Crawford said. "It lets the community know they can talk with law enforcement. Together we are a team. A lot of agencies don't do that, but I want to make transparency a priority here in Blackville. I'm confident the public will be satisfied with the results. I encourage people to come to these forums and come to the town hall meetings. My door is always open. I want to address the issues and concerns the community has. Blackville has been a great place I can call home. They have been so supportive. And if it wasn't for the community and the players involved, crime wouldn't have decreased this past year."

BPD is actively decreasing crime these days with concentrated patrols. A routine where they gather all data from calls citizens put into dispatchers (calls per service). Dispatch faxes over that information during the night shift. Crawford gathers it in the morning, then each month he and his command staff sort through the information, get the data together and send extra officers to patrol any specified crime areas.

The chief wants citizens to know they also have the benefit of requesting a Special Patrol Request. "If you're going out of town for a couple of days, you come by or call BPD and let us know. We'll put your house or business on SPR. That means we'll check your house throughout the day and night, and we leave property check cards on your door. I like to think that because of the increased patrols, a fullystaffed department and the relationship that we have with the community and businesses; Blackville is a great, safe place," he said. I want to continue to build

on that momentum that we've created and continue to make this a great place to live, play and work. And with the help of the mayor and town council, I think we can get where we need to be."

and continue to do what's right."

A couple of especially right community events Crawford and the BPD did this past year was, partnering with the First Baptist Church of Blackville in the inaugural Midnight Basketball. "Over 63 kids showed up for that event and had a great time. The support of Pastor Ken Frederick and the church was outstanding."

Another great event Crawford recalls was the Trunk or Treat which Fonda Patrick was instrumental in with other organizations. "We have a lot of great sponsors and partners. We cannot do this alone, without the sponsorship and partnerships that we've created since I've been here. We could not have this continued success without those guys."

With genuine sincerity he said, "I am the department head, but I'm just working alongside great people in this community. It's not just the police department, it takes business owners, it takes schools and other outside agencies to make this a great place to live. I couldn't do it without the people that I just mentioned and I want to continue to build on those relationships. I always told people anything you have that can better this town, I'm all for it. I want to listen to it. They've done that. A lot of people have stepped up in this community and that's the reason why we are one of the better communities in this area."

Moving forward, Chief Crawford said, "We're going to continue to do our job, build on this partnership, host events and do things for the town as effectively and efficiently as we can. My SRO background always comes to the front," he said. "I want to use sports as a tool to galvanize young people."

He likes to "do a lot with sports and do a lot of things for young people." He likes to see "adults rally behind young folks and together do positive things." he said.

Crawford hopes to have a soccer league and other sports happening with the police dept sponsoring those "Preferably in the events. summertime so it doesn't conflict with school events,' he said, "to give kids something to look forward to in the summer. Cause there's not much to do here in the summer that I've noticed being here this year." He also wants to continue to do bigger community events which will include other communities such as Barnwell, Hilda and Williston. "I want to build a camaraderie with those neighboring towns," he said.

cles, and he's also in process of developing a special BPD page. "It's time for us to get more involved and tech savvy with the police department's own web page. We've also upgraded to all new computers. They were outdated and needed to be replaced. I upgraded the whole system, including better firewalls for data protection."

Further looking out for his team, Crawford is also in discussion with the town's new administration

He added, "I want to thank (former) Mayor Beasley for giving me the opportunity to come to this town and I want to thank Mayor Pernell for now giving me the opportunity to continue to build on this town. We're not where we used to be but we're going to get where we need to be.

# Corder's Book Corner: 3 of my favorite myths

David B. Corder Contributing Writer

I love mythology. Stretching the spans of centuries, these legends birthed from dozens of cultures have shaped our world in numerous and fantastic ways. A connection of the human psyche, myths entrance us, as well as compel us to look at the world with new eyes. Therefore, I wanted to share here three of my favorite myths and how they inspire me. I hope you enjoy.

### 1. Blodeuwedd

The wind stirred with an arcane aura. Petals of oak, broom, and meadowsweet flowers whirled about like the flakes of a winter storm. The two men gazed in awe as a beautiful young woman emerged from the flurry of flowers, her hair red like the skin of a strawberry, me to write a short story

breath of spring.

Their spell was complete. The Celtic goddess, Ari-

anrhod established that her son, Lleu, would not marry a mortal woman. Therefore, two men, Math and Gwydion, conjured for him a bride from blossoms. Her name was Blodeuwedd (BLO-DAY-WETH). However, the marriage turned sour, because soon Blodeuwedd took on another lover and tried to kill her husband. Yet she failed, and as punishment she was turned into an owl for her betrayal.

I find this Welsh myth to be interesting, as it parallels strongly with the myth of Aphrodite and the myth of Galatea in Greek Mythology. I have found such inspiration in this flower woman that it prompted

her eyes as green as the first about her. Though the story has been rejected (twice, I think) I still hope it will get published somewhere.

2. Orpheus and Eurydice He stood on the edge of the black river. The screams of the souls eternally drowning underneath its chilled waters clawed at the fabric of his mind, but for her he had to stay strong. A cloaked figure approached in his boat, skeletal hands gripping the staff that pushed it across the water.

"Payment to cross," a voice hissed from beneath the dark cowl.

Orpheus said nothing. Instead he took his lyre and began to play.

The musician Orpheus's true love, Eurydice, died. Rather than live without her, he traveled to the Underworld to retrieve her. There he persuaded the

boatman Charon and subdued the three-headed guard dog Cerberus with the enchanting notes of his lyre. So great was his skill with music that even the lord of the dead, Hades himself, was moved to heed Orpheus's request to bring his true love back to life. However, there was a catch: Orpheus had to leave the Underworld with Eurydice following, but he could not turn around to see if she was behind him. Unfortunately, Orpheus failed in this task, so great was his doubt, and Eurydice was once again cast back into the abyss forever, until Orpheus himself died and went to join her. A story displaying a love so powerful that an individual would journey into hell itself for it...well, if that's not a compelling story, I'm not sure what is.

3. Medusa

She peered with yellow eyes from the deep shadows of the cavern. There was no sound but the cold, hollow howl of the wind through the deep tunnels. Stone visages stared back at her, eyes empty, their faces contorted with fear. The hissing of vipers filled her ears. She could feel them writhing in anticipation. She grinned. They sensed another victim approaching.

Medusa reflects the cruelty of the gods in Greek Mythology. Once a loyal, beautiful, and chaste priestess of the goddess Athena, she was assaulted by the god Poseidon in her patron's temple. Instead of punishing the licentious sea god, Athena placed a curse on Medusa. Her dark hair fell in tatters from her scalp and was replaced by hissing snakes, and her lovely eyes were replaced with deep, flaring pits that turned all who gazed upon them into stone. Innocent of any wrongdoing, Medusa was forced into exile until the day she was slain by the demigod, Perseus. One cannot help but burn with rage at the injustice that was thrust upon Medusa, but alas many myths do not have happy endings.

These three myths are only a few of the many that I love and enjoy. Without myths, I find that many aspects of my life would be quite boring and dull, like a pencil that has been worn down to a nub. I hope you will take time to seek out myths and the truths they convey so you can sharpen your imagination and broaden your view of the world.

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# **Allendale County News**

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# **Savannah River Mission Completion donates** \$10,000 to Allendale-Fairfax Elementary

Contributed SRMC

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avannah River Mission Completion (SRMC), the liquid waste contractor at Savannah River Site (SRS), recently presented a \$10,000 donation to Allendale-Fairfax Elementary School. The \$10,000 grant will

support the elementary school's science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) curriculum.

SRMC President and Program Manager Dave Olson presented the donation to Allendale County Superintendent Dr. Margaret Gilmore and Allendale-Fairfax Elementary School Principal Sheila Leath, saying SRMC is proud to support Allendale County schools.

"This donation to Allendale-Fairfax Elementary is an investment in the fu-



Savannah River Mission Completion (SRMC) donated \$10,000 technology, engineering, and math education efforts. From Olson, Allendale County Schools Superintendent Dr. Margaret Gilmore, Allendale-Fairfax Elementary School Principal Sheila Leath, and SRMC Chief Administrative Officer Mark Barth.

Elementary to support science, it and Program Manager Dave

ture," Olson said. "STEM teaching starts in elementary school, so we want to be a part of reaching these students at an early age."

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Gilmore stated that the donation will provide important STEM resources for Allendale-Fairfax Elementary classrooms.

"Our mission is to create an environment that ensures every student reaches a high level of academic achievement," Gilmore said. "This donation is going directly to the students who need it most."

SRMC comprises parent company BWX Technologies, Inc. with partners Amentum and Fluor. Its team brings the capabilities necessary to accelerate cleanup at the U.S. Department of Energy's Savannah River Site through safe nuclear operations, optimized and integrated mission execution, and strong corporate governance.

# Attempted murder suspect surrenders to police

**Jonathan Vickery** Publisher jvickery@thepeoplesentinel.com

Allendale An attempted murder suspect turned himself in over the weekend.

In the early evening hours of Friday, Sept. 23,

the Allendale County Carolina Department of gation revealed that Ra- ited Person, the Allen-Communication Center (ACCC) received a 911 call about a shooting that occurred at the Morris Holmes Park in lice Department (APD) Allendale. The Allendale County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), South

Natural Resources (SCD-NR), South Carolina Highway Patrol (SCHP), and the Allendale Poresponded to the scene and found a 44-year-old male suffering from a gunshot wound. "Preliminary investi-

mon Baynard Williams, aka "Bam Bam", was the shooter," said Allendale Police Chief Lawrence Wiggins.

After obtaining warrants on Williams for Attempted Murder and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Prohib-

dale Police Department posted his information on their Facebook page to seek the public's help. Williams turned him-

self in on Saturday, Sept. 24. He was booked and released to the Allendale County Detention Center.



Ramon Baynard Williams

# AFES celebrates National Read a Book Day



SRNS donates \$37,500 to Allendale Historical Society



Guest reader Angel Brabham from Connelly Farms read to a few classes at Allendale-Fairfax Elementary School on Sept. 6 in recognition of National Read a Book Day.

## NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING PRIOR TO FINAL ACTION BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ALLENDALE COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN ORDINANCE.

Notice is hereby given by the County Council of Allendale County (the "County Council") that a public hearing for the below-referenced Ordinance will be held at the Council Chambers of the County Council, J.W. Wall, Jr. Council Chambers, 292 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, SC 29810, at 6:00 p.m. on October 20, 2022 in conjunction with a regularly scheduled meeting of the County Council. Such Ordinance is titled as follows: "ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ALLEN-DALE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND ATKORE HDPE, LLC PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES; PROVIDING FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE FEE TERM OF THAT CERTAIN FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALLENDALE COUNTY AND FOUR STAR INDUSTRIES LLC DATED JANU-ARY 21, 2010, AS ASSIGNED TO ATKORE HDPE, LLC (THE "2010 FEE AGREE-MENT"); AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Subject to the normal rules of County Council regarding appearances, members of the public are invited to attend and make comment concerning the proposed Ordinance.

If special accommodations are needed to participate in the public hearing, contact the Allendale County Council office at 803-584-3438 x2205 at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date.

By order of the County Council of Allendale County, South Carolina.

Stuart MacVean, president and CEO of Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, presented a check for \$37,500 to the Allendale County Historical Society. The funds will help the historical society establish the Allendale County Museum in the Edenfield House, which previously housed the old Salkehatchie Art Center, by providing necessary repairs.



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# Man journeys 3,000 miles to Lucy Lu's

# Alexandra Whitbeck Reporter reporter@thepeoplesentinel.com

William Galloway traveled nearly 3,000 miles on an orange recumbent tricycle to eat at Lucy Lu's Cafe on Main Street in Barnwell.

Galloway has been riding around the country for many years to raise awareness about the impact of a brain injury on all aspects of an individual's life after having a traumatic accident 17 years ago leaving him with a sizable scar on his head.

Galloway was 43 at the time, and was riding his bicycle when he was hit by a drunk driver on their third offense. After dealing with housing and family obstacles, he decided to hit the road.

"My goal was to get better help," said Galloway.

Due to seizures, he had to exchange his twowheeled bicycle for a three-wheeled tricycle that has carried him across many U.S. roadways.

In his tour of the states, Galloway ended up in a bicycle shop in Aiken four years ago where he met Clint Ray, who connected



William Galloway travels across the country on this bike to raise awareness about brain injuries. He recently stopped in keep in touch with Gallo-Barnwell where he dined at Lucy Lu's Cafe. Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

him with his wife, Melinda Ray, owner of Lucy Lu's Cafe in Barnwell.

"They ended up giving me a ride," said Galloway, who explained the Rays gave him support and money to purchase tricycle gear needed to continue his trip.

Years later, Galloway was in Oregon and decided it was time to pay the Rays a visit.

"I started this in Oregon, in the middle of the state, to come here, just to eat at her restaurant," said Galloway.

When Galloway arrived in Barnwell, he began posting on local Facebook pages looking to contact the Rays. Eventually, Melinda got word he was in town and she and her husband welcomed him to stay in their pool house during his brief stay in town.

"I came from Oregon down into Texas, then I worked my way up into Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, part of New York, back over to Ohio, and then down from Ohio, I made Channel Seven news out of Dayton. And then from Dayton, I worked my way down this way," said Galloway.

Galloway has been making news across the country. His story has been told by news outlets from Arizona to Columbia, S.C.

After seeing them all, Galloway decided his favorite state is Maine.

"I picked Maine," said Galloway, who described the people in Maine as patriots. "The communities you go through, they all have flags down the

streets and those older style houses, they look like mansions."

His love for cycling began when he was young in Northeast Ohio, and has only grown since.

"I have always been a bicycler, since I was a kid," said Galloway. "My apartment that I once had had all the old Schwinn bicycles, apple crates, and so forth. I was always a collector of stuff. I've never been married. I don't have kids. So it was just a part of me that never grew up."

Galloway Although

has seen the entire continental U.S. while on three wheels, he doesn't plan to stop pedaling anytime soon.

"One day, when I can't do it, I know I've seen America," said Galloway. "I've seen it in the good, and I've seen it in the bad. I've seen it in the elements, and the unexpected kindness in many ways."

Melinda Ray describes Galloway as a smart man with a good heart, and plans to welcome him back to Barnwell whenever he cycles back this way.

The Rays continue to way through social media when he is touring across the country as apart of his healing process.

Galloway's next stop is Florida, where he plans to meet with veterans and discuss living with a brain injury.

His trip to Florida will be made much easier with the purchase of new tires and parts for his bicycle by First Baptist Church in Barnwell.

Galloway plans to continue spreading awareness about brain injury, and showing those in a similar position what they are capable of.

# UNITED: Project Care returns after two-year COVID hiatus

boxes from FoodShare Bamberg.

Southeastern Housing & Community Development matched contributions in each county for donations received resulting in 1,600 boxes made to be distributed between the three counties.

In under five hours, FoodShare Bamberg volunteers packed over 2,000 boxes of produce funded by multiple community organizations and individuals. FoodShare Bamberg is an organization providing access to fresh and affordable food regardless of location or income level.

Food drive-thrus were held at Williston-Elko High School (WEHS), Blackville-Hilda High School (BHHS), Allendale-Fairfax Elementary School (AFES), School (AFHS), Bam-School (BEHS), and Den- ers and band members mark-Olar High School worked together to load (DOHS). Each school each car with produce had roughly 300 boxes to distribute to their community. at the school who were excited because they might have needed food in their household, or they could call a family member and let them know that there is food there," said Cuthbertson of her experience when speaking to the students involved. At BEHS, JROTC students helped hand out boxes, and at BHHS and



Williston Fire Department and the Williston-Elko Middle School football team installed 139 smoke detectors in 32 Allendale-Fairfax High homes on Sept. 23 during Project Care. Photo Courtesy: Williston Fire Department

berg-Ehrhardt High WEHS, football play- together with the Barnboxes. homes of those in need.

This portion of Project Safe SC, The SC Office well-Bamberg Baptist Care 2022 was a continu- of State Fire Marshall for next year we want to Association's Men's min- ation of a previous effort Community Risk Reduc- take it and magnify what istry to build ramps at the made by the WFD, Fire- tion Team, American Red those projects are.'

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Cross of South Carolina, and Williston-Elko Middle School Blue Devil Football team.

Not only did these households receive smoke detectors, but also fire safety information.

"We want to definitely expand the smoke detector installation," said Cuthbertson, who envisions smoke detector programs being created for each town in Barnwell, Allendale, and Bamberg counties.

Not only does Cuthberson have hopes of expanding the smoke detector program, but she plans to widen the scope of Project Care in the future with the help of her dedicated community partners.

"We had so many other partners on standby," said Cuthbertson. "Denmark Tech, Voorhees, and the Career Center were all ready to participate, so as we plan

At DOHS, the JROTC and athletic department "There were students lent a hand in providing produce to community members.

Another part of Project Care 2022 was mobility ramp installation at the homes of a Barnwell County resident and a Bamberg County resident.

Volunteers from Savannah River Mission Completion (SRMC) and Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) worked

The Williston Fire Department (WFD) and the Williston-Elko Middle School football team installed smoke detectors. In total, 139 alarms were installed in 32 homes in Williston.

"One of their biggest excitements is that they learned to use a drill, that they let them learn from experience," said Cuthbertson of the Blue Devils players who lent a hand to WFD volunteers.





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Volunteers from Savannah River Mission Completion and Savannah River Nuclear Solutions worked together with the Barnwell-Bamberg Baptist Association's men's ministry to build ramps at the homes of those in need, including at this home in Blackville, on September 23.

# PLAYER SPOTLIGHT Katilyn Elmore Barnwell High School



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She is a senior who plays Tennis, Basketball, and Track. **Favorites...** 

\*Food: wings & sushi

\*Movie/TV show: Grey's Anatomy/ The Twilight Series \*Snack: snow cones & fruit

\*Free time activity: read or try new food places

\*Musician(s): no favorite, I love many genres & artists

**Goal for this season:** To help prepare my teammates for the seasons ahead without me.

**Coach's quote:** "Katilyn has truly stepped up this season, leading the newcomers, and earning her captain C. I am beyond proud of her!" - Barnwell tennis coach Tiffany Zorn

> Karrie Bolen Barnwell High School



She is a senior who participates in Volleyball, Softball, and Baton.

Favorites...

\*Food: Potatoes

\*TV show: One Tree Hill

\*Snack: Popcorn

\*Free time activity: Watching TV

\*Musician: Thomas Rhett Goal for this season: To play hard and end my senior year with no regrets.

**Coach's quote:** "Karrie is one of our captains this season. Her work ethic and attitude are what every coach wants their players to have. She tries her best to keep everyone up during the matches and keep a positive attitude each day." - Ashleigh Anderson

SPORTS SCHEDULE CROSS COUNTRY



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The Blackville-Hilda Hawks try to hold off the War Eagles of Wagener-Salley on Friday, September 23.

Jonathan Vickery / Publisher

# War Eagles soar over Hawks 27-7 at Blackville homecoming

## **Jeff Miller** Sports Writer

The Blackville-Hilda Hawks suffered a homecoming loss Friday, Sept. 23 as they were outsoared by the Wagener-Salley War Eagles.

Blackville had moments when they looked good, but could not keep pace with the War Eagles who earned the 27-7 victory.

"We didn't play our best football Friday night. Give Wagener-Salley credit for sticking to their game plan and wearing us down in the fourth quarter. We did some decent things offensively but still far too many penalties and turnovers. Defensively, we did create some turnovers but struggled to get off the field and they were able to just keep churning up yards in their run game and eating the clock. The biggest concern was our starting QB Samari Williams went down with an injury in the fourth quarter. We should know more this week on his prognosis. He is vital to what we do on offense," said Blackville-Hilda Coach Kevin Jones. When asked about the next opponent, Hunter-Kinard-Tyler, Jones said, "We play HKT this week and they are much improved from last season. They have a solid passing game and on defense, their front four really get after you. We need to focus on fixing our own issues right now. If we can get past the turnovers and penalties, there is enough talent on our roster to be successful going forward. We continue to preach to our players that everything starts with discipline and focus on the small things."



Homecoming Queen: 1st runner-up Zykeria Dowling, Queen Faith Glover, and 2nd runner-up Jeronda Mack.

# Wednesday, Sept. 28

- Barnwell @ Pelion 5:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1
- Williston-Elko @ Batesburg - 9 a.m.

# FOOTBALL Wednesday, Sept. 28

- Edisto @ Barnwell 6:30 p.m.
- Wagener-Salley @ Williston-Elko - 6:30 p.m.
- Blackville-Hilda @ HKT - 7:30 p.m.
- JDA @ Holy Trinity -7:30 p.m.

# *TENNIS* Wednesday, Sept. 28

- Whitmire @ Williston-Elko - 5 p.m. **Thursday, Sept. 29**
- Fox Creek @ Williston-Elko - 5 p.m.
- Ridgeland @ Barnwell -5 p.m.

# Tuesday, Oct. 4

- Woodland @ Barnwell -5 p.m.
- Whale Branch @ Williston-Elko - 5 p.m.

# VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Sept. 29

- Barnwell @ Edisto 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3
- JDA @ Community Christian - 5 p.m.
- Bamberg @ Barnwell 7 p.m.

## Tuesday, Oct. 4

- Calhoun @ Williston-Elko - 5 p.m.
- HKT @ Blackville-Hilda - 5:30 p.m.
- Faith Christian @ JDA 6 p.m.

The HKT game originally scheduled for Friday has been



The Homecoming King was crowned before the game. Pictured from left to right: 2nd runner-up Omarion Kinard, 1st runner-up Enrique Fredrick, King Keondre Davis, and Honorable Mention Omari Jenkins

lly rescheduled to Wednesday, weather concerns. Kickoff is Come out and support the en September 28 due to possible set for 7:30 p.m. at HKT. Hawks.



Blackville-Hilda Hawks standoff against the Wagener-Salley War Eagles.



Members of the Blackville-Hilda High School Class of 1994.

Photos By: Jonathan Vickery / Publisher



Rhonda Gloster, Jordan Elmore, and Shandal Isaac don their finest Hawk attire.



As their shirts state, the BHHS Class of 2008 believe "There is no place like homecoming."



Blackville alumni are pulled on a trailer by an RV.







Members of the Macedonia High School Class of 1960.

The Blackville-Hilda High School Class of 1972 is proud to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Eva Reed Collins, a member of the Macedonia High School Class of 1955, waves to the crowd.



Members of the BHHS Class of 1986.



Children check out their new candy.



Barnwell County Consolidated School District Superintendent Dr. Marcella Shaw was the cogrand marshal for the parade. Also pictured is her husband Warren.

Below, Left & Middle: The homecoming parade drew a large crowd to downtown Blackville on Friday, Sept. 23.







# Warhorses trample Bulldogs 42-19

## Jeff Miller Sports Writer

Throughout the years, the Barnwell Warhorses and Silver Bluff Bulldogs have been two of the AA Lower-State's most dominate teams. Whenever these two teams met, you were in for a knock-downdrag-out contest.

Many times, the winner of these contests would eventually represent the Lower-State in the State Championship. This year, however, it was a onesided game, with Barnwell running all over the Bulldogs for the 42-19 victory.

Silver Bluff did get on the scoreboard first, but Barnwell's Klayton "Peanut" Zissette blocked the Silver Bluff extra point to make the score 6-0 in favor of the Bulldogs. The Warhorses answered by scoring on a 63-yard touchdown run from Barnwell's Tyler Smith. Lane Evans added the extra point to make the score 7-6 in favor of the visiting Warhorses. Silver Bluff did manage to briefly take the lead for one last time, when they made a field goal late in the first quarter, giving them a 9-7 lead. Shortly after, Tyler Smith had his second carry of the night and scored his second touchdown. Smith ran through the Bulldog defense for a 45-yard touchdown. Evans added the extra point for the 14-9 Barnwell lead.

Silver Bluff was stopped on the next series when the Barnwell defense forced a fumble. Barnwell quickly found the end zone when



Jordan Peeples averaged 7 yards per carry against Silver Bluff.

first quarter touchdown. Evans extra point pushed the Barnwell lead to 21-9 as the first quarter ended.

Barnwell's defense came up with another big play when Shea Whitfield scooped up a lateral and returned it 50 yards for Barnwell. Jordan Peeples ran behind the strong Barnwell offensive line to score a 6-yard touchdown. With the Evans extra point, Barnwell extended their lead to 28-9.

The Warhorse running game was not done. Tyler Smith scored on the next drive when he bolted through the Bulldogs defense for a 24-yard touchdown and Evans stayed perfect on the night, hitting the extra point for an impressive 35-9 halftime lead.

Tyler Smith added an-



Barnwell's Tyler Smith rushed for 224 yards and 5 touchdowns vs. Silver Bluff.

down in the third quarter carries. Tyler has a super on a strong push from impressive 1,335 rushing his offensive line, allowing him the find the end zone from 10 yards out. Smith finished the night with 5 touchdowns and Smith ran for his third other Warhorse touch- 224 yards rushing on 19

yards and 21 touchdowns 6 games into the season.

Barnwell coach Dwayne Garrick said "It was a great win over a good opponent. I thought we from Mandrell Simmons. played well after the first two series. We rushed the ball well. This week starts region play so what we've done in the past doesn't matter. Now is when we need to be clicking on both sides of the ball. We look forward to the challenges ahead and I am proud of our players and their accomplishments so far."

Silver Bluff did add a late field goal and scored a late touchdown, but the game had been decided long before that, with Barnwell winning 42-19. With the victory, the Horses remain undefeated at 6-0.

Barnwell's next opponent Edisto is coming to town for this week's Homecoming at W.W. Carter Field.



Photos By: Michael Beasley Silver Bluff's talented QB can't escape the pursuit

# JDA Raiders crush Crusaders 42-20

Jeff Miller Sports Writer

The Jefferson Davis Academy Raiders invaded Laurens on Friday, September 23 for an 8-man football battle against the Laurens Crusaders.

The Crusaders put up a good battle, but were no match for the visiting Raiders who won 42-20. With the victory, IDA



James Grubbs led all rushers with eight carries for 100 yards and one touchdown. Payton Payne added eight carries for 68 yards. Nasir Void recorded four carries for 40 yards and a touchdown, and Hunter Zorn had six carries for 38 yards, scored two touchdowns, and converted a twopoint conversion.

Defensively, Connor Loadholt led the raiders with 12 tackles and one interception. Garrison Hiers was solid in coverage with 11 tackles, three interceptions, and three pass deflections. Kole Lawson also accounted for 11 tackles on the night. JDA's next opponent is Holy Trinity in Beaufort, but the date is to be determined due to possible bad weather from the hurricane.

has improved to 4-2 on the season.

According to Raiders coach Anthony Reitenour, "The game plan was to establish the running game, something we've struggled with this year, and to keep our heads on a swivel in coverage all night. The guys came out and executed both perfectly to give us a 42-

JDA captains Cole Lawson (13), Colson Loadholt (2), and Hunter Zorn (28) before the game. JDA defeated Laurens Academy 42-20. Photo By: Brandy Zorn

offensive line of Landon job getting a strong push blocking at fullback to defense had another great Williams, Kaleb Lee and all night long and Hunter rack up 269 yards team night of forcing turnovers 20 win on the road. Our Kole Lawson did a great Zorn led the way lead rushing on the night. The and standing strong."





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# Barnwell defeats Williston 5-2 in tennis



Barnwell's #1 player, Katilyn Elmore hitting another forehand winner. Katilyn won her Williston's Madison Wright won the winning the 3rd seeds match-up 6-1, Williston's #1 Na"Kiya Mercado hits a match 6-1, 6-4. Jeff Miller / Sports Writer battle of the 2 seeds 6-4, 6-1.

Jeff Miller Sports Writer

The Barnwell Warhorses traveled to Williston on a bright, sunny local rivals, the Willston-Elko Blue Devils. The Callee Chesser won the each other in many close 6-1, 6-4 over Adrianna battles over the years, but this one was won by the fourth seeded pair-

Barnwell, 5-2.

In number one singles, Katilyn Elmore of Barnwell outdueled Williston's Na'Kiyah Mercado won the battle of the fifth back for a 6-2 second set matters but you can see 6-1, 6-4. The number two singles was won by Wil-Saturday morning for a liston's Madison Wright Barnwell's number two tennis match-up against 6-4, 6-1 over Briana doubles team of Emma Donaldson. Barnwell's two teams have faced battle of the third seeds Houston. Williston won

ing when Jelisa Ruth-Hudson beat Barnwell's Delaysia Perry 7-6, 6-0. Warhorse Hayden Rowell seeds 6-1, 6-1 over Williston's Samelea Baxley. Creech and Elora Lee received a forfeit win because Williston had missing players.

The number one doubles teams from Barn-



Jeff Miller / Sports Writer Warhorse Callee Chesser played well, 6-4.

the first two sets. Barnwell won the first set 6-1, while Williston bounced win. With the score tied at one set each, the Barnwell team of Katilyn Elmore and Callee Chesser won a tie-breaker over Williston's number one doubles team 10-6.

Barnwell won the over- ny Zorn, said, "The girls all match 5-2.

Williston's coach made

Courtesy: Tabitha Zorn return for a winner. well and Williston split no excuses, but Bernard be more proud of them! Both Katilyn and Callee Walters did say, "When you are in a competitive match, the outcome

pulled through in their singles matches, and then again playing together as the number one doubles team. Hayden came back from a twogame absence and showcased her skills with a 6-1 win in both sets. I love Barnwell's coach, Tiffa- coaching this team, and I am excited for our Senior Night against Pelion on Monday, September 26."

Jeff Miller / Sports Writer

# JDA varsity, jv volleyball teams keep winning



Coach Owens and the JV volleyball team are playing really good volleyball with only one loss on the season. Courtesy: Carla Deering

Jeff Miller Sports Writer

The Jefferson Davis Academy volleyball teams are playing really ing really well. They are good volleyball these

a 23-3 record as their seasons are starting to wind down. Both teams are coached by Bart Owens.

"Our JV girls are playdays. The varsity and JV municating on the court 25-10 and 25-5.

teams have combined for and they are serving at a very high level," said Owens.

JV's last game shows just how strong they have played lately, totally outmatching Charlesdoing a great job of com- ton Collegiate, winning



the beauty of students progressing." Coach Wal-

ters' girls continue to

improve and he can see

efforts his young ladies

pulled a 5-2 win over

Williston, and I cannot

are making.

JDA Varsity Volleyball is 11-2 on the season.

obstacles, the varsity team has also been doing very well. Coach day over Holly Hill to remaining, JDA sits at Owens said "Our varsity girls are winning but we have played through lots of girls being sick and are trying to get Collegiate, varsity won volleyball.

level. We did have a really big win on Thursremain number one in the region," said Coach Owens.

Courtesy: Kathy Googe

Despite a few more back to playing at a high 25-15, 8-25, 27-25, and 25-10.

With only six games the top of their region. If they continue to play well, this could be a very Against Charleston special season for JDA

# Barnwell volleyball wins 2 of 3 matches



Photos Courtesy: Mindy Sandifer

Karrie Bolen serves another winner in Barnwell's win over Ridgeland.

### Jeff Miller Sports Writer

The Barnwell Warhorse volleyball team played three matches last week.

The Horses defeated local rival Blackville-Hilda 25-9, 25-18, and 25-21 on Monday. On Tuesday, Barnwell beat region foe Ridgeland 25-4, 25-10, and 25-11. The Warhorses fell a little short on Thursday, losing to Woodland 24-26, 14-25, and 23-25.

"Even though we came up short on Thursday, that is the best we have played so far this season," said Coach Ashleigh Anderson.

Barnwell has won seven of the last eight contests they have played to improve their overall record to 7-3 overall and 2-1 in region play. Coach Anderson has gotten contributions from most evervone.

Statistics for the three recent games include Mattie Ray's 11 aces, 3 kills, 2 digs, and 14 assists. Karrie Bolen contributed 19 aces, 9 kills, 1 block, 5 digs, and 1 assist. Jayla Neal had 1 ace, 4 kills, 2 blocks, 1 dig, and 1 assist, while Cailyn Morris produced 7 aces, 11 kills, 2 blocks, 4 digs, and 9 assists. Baylee Hooper had 5 aces, 3 kills, and 2 digs. Madison Ray added



Barnwell's Baylee Hooper goes for the kill against Ridgeland.

1 ace and 3 digs. Alaina Brant served 3 aces, had 1 kill, 8 digs, and 1 assist. Kayla Peters accounted for 5 aces, 2 kills, 1 dig, and 3 assists while Rebecca Richardson had 2 aces, 2 kills, and 2 digs. Brooklyn Gordon had 1 kill and

Jaidyn Devore added 1 ace and 3 kills. Ashley Barrett collected 6 aces, 1 kill, 1 dig, and 5 assists. Tameriah Hutto served 1 ace. Barnwell faced Wade

Hampton on Tuesday, September 27 after press

Scarlet Rudd tallied 4 kills. time and is scheduled to play Edisto this Thursday, September 29. Both are away matches, but come out and support the Warhorse volleyball team as they make the final push for the playoffs.

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# Wednesday, September 28, 2022

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SEPTEMBER

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# **Cornhole Tournament**

Sunday, October 2

# 2:00 pm

# **Multipurpose Field at Lemon Park**

# For youth~ 7th grade and up

FREE- sign your team up to play or just come watch Deadline to enter your team is Wednesday, September 28th



# Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams Door Prizes, snacks, and drinks

Sponsored by: Warhorse FCA, Hagood Avenue Baptist Church, & Barnwell



Free Resources

Nov. 11 Deadline Secret Santa Program Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Barnwell County If you live in Barnwell County,

Oct 14-15 Keep Allendale Beautiful's Fall Sweep Two-day litter cleanup event Contact: annerice47@icloud. com to signup All cleanup supplies will be provided. 8:30am-12:30pm

<u>Sep 29</u> Allendale Barnwell Counties **Disabilities & Special Needs** Roard meeting via telephone conference 12pm

1st Tuesdays Barnwell Development



3pm Oct 1 Rummage Safe

<u>Class</u>

Sponsored by Barnwell High School Scarlet Knights Donations accepted. BHS Band Field (at the back of the school). Contact band director Dawn Vickery at dvickery@bsd45.net to donate. 7am-11am

Oct 1 Holy Apostles Annual Rummage and Bake Sale (Bain or Shine) 9457 Patterson St., Barnwell Supporting the Women of Holy Apostles and the Jeremiah 18 Mission 8am-Noon

Oct 1 "Fall Time on Main Street" Community Contest Decoration Event Register by Oct 1st, no fee

necessary. Removal will be Nov 12 Fonda Patrick at 803-634-3922. Entry forms can be submit-

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Oct 8

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10am-10:30am

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Fire Safety Event

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Fire Departments Veteran's Memorial Park, Domestic Violence Aware-Barnwell, SC ness Walk 10am-2pm Walking trail in the Town of <u>0ct 8</u> Sponsored by Ned Branch Bamberg County Canoe/ Kayak Paddle Trip Baptist Church Elder Bobhy L. Dukes, Pastor

Locally sponsored by FBC & Evangelist Patricia Dunhar Denmark's South Fork Paddlers. This is a 10 mile paddle on the North Fork & Edisto River (5 to 6 hours) To register, contact Jerry Bell

> Email: lgbell@mindspring. com or Text: (803)300-1972 (leave the names and hometowns for all paddlers you are registering)

Oct 8 Town of Hilda 125th Birthday Celebration

Vendors, games, parades, bake sale, bingo, street dancing, etc. With a special concert by Cody Webb (gates opening at 5pm for concert). 10am-9pm

### <u>0ct 22</u>

Spooky Forest Tours Meet spooky forest residents, learn about the forest, play games, and have fun! **RSVP REQUIRED**, Admission is Free SREL Conference Center, Aiken, SC Momsleagueofaiken.org 4pm

# <u>1st Friday</u>

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



STORY TIME at the Library All Ages Thursday, October 6th and 20th 11:00am We will have a fun story and



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# Williston Library

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

# Museums

<u>Barnwell Museum</u> 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.

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small businesses in Barnwell County. 20 Wall St. Barnwell 8:00am

### <u>3rd Wednesdavs</u> The Barnwell Non-Profit Roundtable

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



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#### Association:

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a craft.





EVENTS

#### <u>Oct 2</u>

142nd Church Anniversary: Rosemary Baptist Church (151 Emerald Lane, Barnwell) Guest speaker will be Rev. Milton Gaines, interim pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church in Snelling, CDC guidelines will be followed. Pastor is Sarah C. Perkins. 12:15pm

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Installation Service Of Rev. Phillip B. Thomas Zion Fair Missionary Baptist Church 97 Dry Branch Road, Aiken, SC. "Be there at the church where everybody is somebody and Christ is all." 1pm

#### Oct 9-12

Fall Revival Guest speaker will be Rev. Bert Petty. A meal will be served Wednesday night at 6:00 pm prior to the service. All are welcome. Oct 9 at 11am &7pm Oct 10 12 6pm

### Oct 9 250th Anniversary: Healing Springs Baptist Church (17 Springs Court, Blackville) Rev. Gary Anderson, Director of Missions for Edisto Association. Special music by Loose Stone. All are invited. BBQ lunch to follow.

# llam <u>Oct 16</u>

Harvest Day Hilda Southern Methodist Church 242 Old Salern Rd. Hilda Service begins at 11am with guest speaker Rev. John Hucks followed by a covered dish dinner <u>Oct 17-18</u> **Revival Services** Hilda Southern Methodist Church 242 Old Salem Rd. Hilda Rev. John Hucks will be presenting the evening messages. 7pm 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 <u>Church</u>

236 Main Street 803-259-3331 Sun Services & activities: 9:15 Coffee Fellowship in Crenshaw Hall 10:00 Adult Sunday School in Crenshaw Hall 10:15 Youth Sunday School 11:00 Traditional worship

service and Children's Sunday School Monthly activities: United Methodist Women date announced each month Barnwell Soup Kitchen -10:45 every 3rd Monday at First Baptist Crochet Comforters - 10:00 on 4th Saturday

#### **Bells Chapel Pentecostal** <u>Holiness</u>

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

### Boiling Springs Chapel

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

# Center of Hope Community

Fellowship (542 Main Street, Barnwell; beside IGA) Sunday School 11:30am-12:15pm Sunday Worship 12:30pm Wednesday Bible Study 7pm Pastor/Founder Bishop Charlie D. Gillison

#### Christ Presbyterian Church

848 Hagood Áve., Barnwell Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Wednesday 6 p.m. 803-259-5653

#### First Baptist Church of Barnwell

161 Allen St, Barnwell, SC 29812Contemporary Service Sundays 9:00am Traditional Service Sundays 11:00am Sunday School at 10:10am

#### Watch on facebook or listen in the parking lot over 90.5

#### Friendship Baptist Church <u>Sunday School</u>

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

# Hope Community Church of God. 785 Main St., Barnwell.

Sunday School 10:00am Sunday Worship 11:00am Wednesday Service 7pm

### Jordan Missionary Baptist

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

#### Life Tabernacle Church

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

### Long Branch Baptist

<u>church</u> 3223 Highway 37 Williston, SC SUNDAY 9:15am - Sunday school 10:30am - Morning worship service 5:30pm - Bible study 6:45pm - Evening worship service WEDNESDAY. 7:00pm - Prayer service

# <u>Mt Lebauon Christian</u>

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

# Ned Branch Missionary

Baptist Church 10620 Danbarton 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 he used. Pastor Sarah Perkins

#### Second Baptist Church of <u>Barnwell</u>

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

### Seven Pines Baptist Church

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

### St. Paul Missionary Raptist

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 29817Sunday School: 9:45am Sunday Worship: 11am and 6pm Mid week service: Thursdays JAM kids (supper provided) 6pm and Adult service 7pm

#### Victory Baptist Church

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

#### Word Of Life Full Gospel <u>Ministries</u>

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Estate: Sara Jane Bodiford Date of Death: May 18, 2022 Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00154 Personal Representative: Melessia Bodiford Address: 2040 Healing Springs

Road, Blackville, S.C. 29817 2022-191 3tp 10-05-22

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claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate: Rebecca Butts Date of Death: August 23, 2022 Case Number: 2022 ES 03 000/0 Personal Representative: Joyce Myons.

Address: 306 Unity Drive, Allendale, S.C. 29810

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Estate: Otis Allen Givens Jr. Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00118 Personal Representative: O. Allen Givens III and Renee C. McHenry Address: 10048 S.C. Highway 39, Williston, S.C. 29853. Attorney: J. Martin Harvey. Address: P.O. Box 705, Barnwell, S.C. 29812 2022-193 3tc 10-12-22

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Estate: David F. Black Jr. Date of Death: August 10, 2022 Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00147 Personal Representative: Patricia W. Black Address: 229 McDonald Drive,

Barnwell, S.C. 29812 2022-187 3tp 09-28-22

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Estate: Annie Mae Butterfield Date of Death: November 9, 2021 Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00148 Personal Representative: Michelle B. Young

Address: 4272 Holly Hill Boulevard, Ellenwood, CA 30294 2022-188 3tp 09-28-22

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Estate Hoyd G. Gilbertson Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00101 Personal Representative Lisa Johnson.

Address 3407 Poplar Road, Barnwell, S.C. 29812 Attorney J. Martin Harvey Address: P.O. Box 705. Barnwell. Addres

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Estate Billy O. Sharpe Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00159 Personal Representative Bryan O. Sharpe

Barnwell, S.C. 29812 Attorney J. Martin Harvey

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County Courthouse, Probate Court Room 108, Barnwell, SC 29812, within eight (8) months after the Address 1035 Friendship Road, date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever Address: P.O. Box 705. Barnwell. is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever 2022-195 3tc 10-12-22 barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in writ-ten statements on the prescribed

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# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

For Grounds-Keeping of Barnwell County Cemetery

Proposals due: October 19, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Submit Proposals to: Tim Bennett, County Administrator Barnwell County 57 Wall Street Barnwell, SC 29812 Attn: Cemetery

Barnwell County, South Carolina seeks proposals from companies to provide grounds-keeping of the Barnwell County Cemetery located at 11907 U.S. Highway 278, Barnwell, SC and of the small courtyard located at the Barnwell County Courthouse at 141 Main Street, Barnwell.

Questions regarding this Request for Proposals (RFP) are to be directed to County Administrator Tim Bennett at (803) 541-1000 or mthompson@barnwellsc.com.

> For a complete copy of the Request for Proposals, email mthompson@barnwellsc.com.

Please note the contract does not include grounds-keeping of the center portion of the cemetery where the pine trees are located.

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