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## City focuses on blighted homes, fire dept.

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A blighted property is a space or structure that is no longer in acceptable condition. Many of these buildings can be found throughout the city causing not only an eyesore but also potentially hazardous areas.

Beth Overton, the Executive Director of the Southeastern Housing & Community Devel-

opment Corporation (Southeastern HDC), presented a proposal to the council that would remove these blighted properties in the City of Barnwell.

Although it was not a unanimous decision, the council approved the Blight Elimination Program and partnership with Southeastern HDC.

Overton detailed Southeastern HDC's Blight Elimination Program and explained she had already identified and reached out to the owners of 16 blighted homes.

Implementation of the Blight Elimination Program requires a \$100,000 investment by the city out of the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding received earlier this year.

The funding from the city would come to Southeastern HDC in two installments: \$50,000 at the execution of the agreement and \$50,000 after the first disbursement has been expended.

If property owners apply and are accepted, they will be reimbursed for qualifiable services

rendered to remove the blighted property up to \$6,000. Homeowners will be responsible for hiring and progressing demolition on their properties.

If no property owners are interested once the program begins, the city will receive their money back in full.

When the issue of asbestos was brought up, City Administrator Lynn McEwen explained residential properties do not require asbestos abatement to be conducted according to DHEC.

This program applies to residential property owners only and is not intended for commercial properties.

The Blight Elimination Program would allow property owners to keep their properties, remove any unsightly buildings in the city in exchange for reimbursement, and help property values increase over time, according to Overton.

The agenda included Overton's presentation as an item,

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The group of local citizen scientists collect samples from the river.

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## Watching Our Waters: Citizen scientists test Salkehatchie

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Without five dedicated citizen scientists, bacteria and macroinvertebrate essential to waterways in the Lowcountry may run unchecked.

Through the Department of Health and Environmental Control's (DHEC) Adopt-a-Stream program, Liana Maule, George Reeves, Sally McCreery, Ray Still, and Calvin Zippler became certified as citizen scientists to test the water quality of local waterways.

On September 21, the group visited one of their three sites at the boat launch at Rays Crossing on the Salkehatchie River in Barnwell County.

"We're testing this waterway for bacteria and macroinvertebrates to check the quality of the water," said Maule. "Upstream is Barnwell City's water treatment plant, and anytime you have a situation that alters the bacteria or amount of bugs in the water there is a cause for concern."

This group of citizen scientists has been working together for over two years, and tests three sites; Rays Crossing in Barnwell County, Brabham's Landing in Bamberg County, and a site in Aiken County as



Sally McCreery and Ray Still test the Salkehatchie River water for oxygen.

well.

This is fairly unusual for an Adopt-a-Stream group, as the groups commonly only test one site. However, this group's passion for South Carolina waterways spread to two more.

Each site's water is tested once a month to check for the presence of bacteria like E-Coli, monitor oxygen levels, check pH levels, and electrical currents.

"The oxygen has to be at a certain level for the bugs and the fish to survive," said Maule. "If you do not have enough oxygen, then fish are dying."

Maule explains historically the site at Rays Crossing usually tests within the desired bracket for each test; this rang true after

the test showed zero E-Coli in the water.

In addition to oxygen and bacteria, the group's September 21 test at Rays Crossing also tested for macroinvertebrates. Macroinvertebrate testing is conducted twice a year.

A macroinvertebrate is an animal lacking a backbone but can still be seen without a microscope, such as a sow bug, a water penny, a riffle beetle, and dragonfly larvae.

"Some macros are more tolerant to pollution, some are less tolerant, some are extremely sensitive," said Maule. "When you get the sensitive bugs then you know your waters are really good."

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## City's trick-or-treat times not a treat for everyone

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Some residents feel tricked by the City of Barnwell's official trick-or-treat times while others look at it as a treat.

The towns of Blackville and Williston will observe trick-or-treating on Halloween night, Monday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. However, Barnwell City Council voted to observe trick-or-treating in the City of Barnwell on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m.

"I've been getting a lot of messages from concerned citizens," said Barnwell Mayor Marcus Rivera during the Sept. 12 city council meeting.

The mayor, Councilman Ron Still, and Councilman Jimbo Moody said they heard from a lot of teachers and parents who felt it would be better to celebrate Halloween early. Reasons included Saturdays being less busy for most parents and children due to no homework, no games, and many parents being off work. Plus, children would not have a sugar rush during school the next day from all the candy they ate, according to the conversation at the meeting.

Mayor Rivera proposed the city celebrate Halloween from here on out on the last Saturday of October. Council then unanimously approved the motion.

The change was welcomed by some residents and left others upset, according to comments on Facebook.

"As a parent with young kids, I love the idea of having Halloween on the last Saturday of October. It makes it so much easier. We don't have to rush to get them ready, and don't have to stop giving out candy, which our family enjoys also, early to try to get them settled down, bathed, and down for bed only to be up early for school the next day. It's a fun evening we can enjoy with the kids without feeling rushed now," said Dave Anastasia.

As a teacher, Shelbey White Jeffers said the change helps her "with kids not being cranky the next day from being up too



### Official trick-or-treat times

- **CITY OF BARNWELL:** Saturday, Oct. 29, 6-8 p.m. However, some residents still plan to hand out candy on Oct. 31.
- **TOWN OF BLACKVILLE:** Monday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.
- **TOWN OF WILLISTON:** Monday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.

late or being crazy because of too much sugar." She also likes the idea of trick-or-treating on Saturday because it gives her more time with her children.

However, not everyone likes the change.

"Trick-or-treating has always been on Halloween. If parents don't want to take their kids out, so be it. If people don't want to give out candy on a Monday night, they don't have to," said Shelly Padgett. She also asked if the council considered that trunk-or-treats, festivals and other events are happening on Saturday.

Despite the council's vote, several residents said they would still have candy to hand out on Halloween night, Oct. 31.

"As for me and my house, we will celebrate on October 31!" said Jodi Grubbs.

Jeri Lyn Ridgeway said her family will be on their porch with candy Oct. 31 to celebrate Halloween.

In addition to trick-or-treating, plenty of other Halloween events are happening in the coming weeks. Find details on the Community Calendar (page B5) of this edition.

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# Rotary Club recognizes members for awards, honors



Crissie Stapleton (right) was recognized for serving as President of the Rotary Club of Barnwell County in the 2020-2021 Rotary Year. She's pictured with Lynn McEwen.



Terri Smith (left) was recognized as a Paul Harris Plus One Fellow. Rotarian Jason Stapleton presented the award.



Lynn McEwen (left) was recognized as a Paul Harris Plus Eight Fellow. Jason Stapleton presented the award.

Contributed  
Rotary Club

At the August 11th meeting, the Rotary Club of Barnwell County recognized several Rotarians for honors and awards within the organization.

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Rotary established the recognition in 1957 to encourage and show appreciation for substantial contributions. Paul Harris Fellows receive a certificate and pin. Rotarian Jason Stapleton presented the awards.

• **Caroline Randall**

was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow.

• **Crissie Stapleton** was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow.

The Multiple Paul Harris Fellow recognition is given in subsequent \$1,000 levels. The "Paul Harris Fellow Plus" awards consist of a pin with stones corresponding to the recognition amount. Rotarian Jason Stapleton presented the awards.

• **Terri Smith** was recognized as a Paul Harris Plus One Fellow.

• **Lynn McEwen** was recognized as a Paul Harris Plus Eight Fellow.

Also recognized at the event was Crissie Stapleton for serving as President of the Rotary Club of Barnwell



Caroline Randall (left) was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. Rotarian Jason Stapleton presented the award.



Crissie Stapleton (right) was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. She's pictured with Lynn McEwen.

County in the 2020-2021 Rotary Year. Rotary Secretary Lynn McEwen presented Stapleton with a gavel and plaque for her leadership within the organization.

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munity leaders. Rotarians believe that together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

To learn more about the Rotary Club, visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). Please contact Rotary Club Secretary Lynn McEwen if you are interested in membership in the local Rotary Club.

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# Water: Citizen scientists collect important data from local rivers

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The sensitivity of each macroinvertebrate, or 'macro' as Maule said, determines the quality of the water.

If a waterway is riddled with only aquatic worms, black fly larvae, leeches, lunged snails, and midge flies, it may be an indicator that this waterway is flowing with bacteria and other unwanted materials. All of these bugs are fairly tolerant to a low oxygen level or potential toxins, and will continue to reside in the water even if the quality is diminished.

However, if a stream is rampant with aquatic snipe flies, caddisflies, gilled snails, mayfly nymphs, riddle beetles, stonefly nymphs, or water penny larvae, the water quality is better as these macros are highly sensitive to imbalances.

The presence of certain bugs at Rays Crossing indicates to these citizen scientists if the City of Barnwell is maintaining the water treatment facility upstream.

It also indicates the impact of local agriculture, and the amount of pesticide runoff and animal debris being released into the water.

The group found a variety of macros including crayfish, damselflies, dragonflies, shrimp, a sowbug, and more. All are indicators of healthy water.

When testing 14 sqft margins of leafy packs, vegetated areas, or other sections of waterways, Reeves steers his kayak upstream to take samples that are less clouded by stirred up dirt.

Reeves scoops up a pile of leaves, vegetation, and sticks and then passes it to Still and McCreery



Taking water samples to test for oxygen.

Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter



Ray Still and Liana Maule waiting for a reading on oxygen.



Dragonfly larvae found at the collection.

who bucket it and bring the samples to the set up tables to be dissected for macros.

Maule and Zippler are armed with a plastic spoon with homemade holes and a pipette to sift through the water, leaves, and sticks now in a shallow tray, looking for any sign of movement.

Zippler explains it can be a waiting game, and sometimes a chasing game when a macro is rushing away from his looming pipette.

However, the group is firm on not harming any of the macros they are testing for and return them to where they came from once identified and recorded.

When a macro is found, it is promptly identified using one of the laminated charts kept on hand and sorted into the corresponding ice cube tray filled with river water.

Maule expresses how talented and dedicated her fellow citizen scientists are, and notes McCreery's



Jerry Bell picking up trash.

metal can potentially be caused by chemicals from the sewage treatment plant, but this is not always the case as both rocks and soils can contain metal.

While the group takes samples, Jerry Bell comes along to pick up trash. At Rays Crossing, he bagged 15 pounds of litter left at the boat launch.

Although Bell is not a citizen scientist, he frequently joins the group to work toward the same goal- to better S.C. waterways.

"We all had to take class for a certain amount of hours and we all had to take a test," said Maule on becoming a citizen scientist with DHEC's Adopt-a-Stream program.

Citizen scientists strive to educate the community about local waterways and advocate for their wellbeing, and it is fairly easy to get involved.

Anyone interested can do this for a waterway not currently being monitored by visiting [www.scadoptastream.org](http://www.scadoptastream.org) to sign up for a workshop.

This group of citizen scientists were on the water before becoming a part of the program.

"This whole group paddles on the Edisto, and one day one of the gals from DHEC's South Carolina Adopt-a-Stream was paddling with us, and all she had to do was say, 'I'm interested in the wellbeing of the waters in South Carolina,' and we jumped into it," said Maule.

Maule encourages high school students to get involved as this program will cultivate any budding interest in a career in biology.

For more information about DHEC's Adopt-a-Stream program, visit [www.scadoptastream.org](http://www.scadoptastream.org).

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## Homemaker's Column

### FOOD EXPIRATION DATES: *What do they mean?*



Christine Patrick  
Clemson Extension

**Expiration Date** — The last day the product should be used or eaten. You may find this date after the statement, "Do not use after (date)." Yeast and baking powder have expiration dates.

**Pack Date** — The date that food was processed. Canned or packaged foods often have pack dates. This does not tell you how long the food will be good.

When referencing manufacturing dates it is important to take into consideration that quality and safety are two different things. Safe food is simply food that will not cause illness when consumed. More specifically, food that is free of pathogens (illness-causing microorganisms); toxic chemicals, and dangerous foreign physical objects. Quality describes the taste and appearance of food, including size, color, consistency, and texture. Food may have poor quality but still be safe and food that is unsafe to eat can appear to have good quality. Ultimately, safely handling food from the time of purchase through storage plays the biggest role in how long food can be stored. Always remember that these are guidelines, if a food is not properly handled, its storage life will be shortened. And keep in mind that the golden rule of food storage safety is "When in doubt, throw it out" For more information about food expiration dates, visit the Home & Garden Information Center website at <http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/>.

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One of the most common food safety questions asked is "How long can food be stored before it becomes unsafe to eat?" There are different recommendations for most foods and HGIC is a great place to call or visit online when you are unsure.

Food manufacturers often label their products with dates that have been determined to be ideal for the quality and safety of their specific products. Manufacturing food dates are not mandatory for most foods but are a good guideline. There are several common types of product dates and understanding the difference between them can help you make a good decision when deciding whether a food is safe to eat. For example, there is a big difference between a "best used by date" and an "expiration date".

The most commonly used open dates are:

**Sell-by Date** — The last recommended day of sale. It allows for home storage and use. You will find the date after the statement "sell by (a date)." Bread and baked goods may have "sell-by" dates.

**Best if Used By (or Before)** — A recommendation for the best flavor or quality. It does not describe safety.

**Use-by Date** — Tells how long the product will retain top quality after you buy it. You will find this date after the statement "Use by." Some packaged goods have "use-by" dates.

## BBB Tips



Kelvin Collins  
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### What to know before buying long-term care insurance

Planning ahead for yourself or a loved one is a big job. Living in a nursing home is expensive and Medicare or Medicaid usually only covers a portion of the costs involved. To offset the costs, you may consider purchasing long-term care insurance. Here's what to consider before purchasing long-term care (LTC) insurance.

BBB recommends the following tips to help you choose an insurance plan with confidence.

Start planning early. Even if you don't think you'll buy a policy right away, get an idea of how much you'll need to be insured for when you do take the leap. Look into private and semi-private care, consider what you need, and compare the costs.

Know when to buy LTC insurance. According to the

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), if you are still in good health, it's best to start shopping for LTC insurance between 60 and 65 years old. Of course, the earlier you purchase a policy, the lower your premiums will be, and the better your chances of them accepting your application. For these reasons, the American Association for Long-Term Care Insurance says the best age to purchase LTC insurance is your mid-50s.

Invest in a shared policy. If you are married, you may be able to save a considerable amount on your premiums with a shared policy.

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## Natural Affections



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Columnist

As my third Autumn gathers here at The Gypsy Ranch, I've been considering the harvest this year's labor has produced.

Three Autumn's ago, I focused on furnishings for the house and its necessary structural repairs. That following spring my dream of planting a natural healing garden began. A dozen or so standard, medicinal herbs I carefully chose and planted around the yard. The following year, my second here; I continued adding more healing herbs along with a couple of fruit and nut trees. This past spring, a visiting friend and I had just planted two chestnut trees ("Chester and Chelsea" we playfully named them) when, that evening, I received an invitation to spend a few months in California with my eldest daughter and granddaughter. Naturally I was excited to go. So, with the blessing of family, friends and neighbors offering to look after the place, away I went.

I returned in the middle of summer. It was a wonderful visit and I was delighted to have spent time with my loved ones. You know that feeling when you wish you could be in two places at once? Live here and there. Twitch your nose and visit whenever you like? Yes, that's how I felt. But, as most of us agree, it's always a good feeling to likewise be home again. And somehow I believe this old house was trying to tell me she missed me too. Like a child acting up, hungry for attention, The Gypsy Ranch welcomed me home in her own form of crying out. So happened, she was in dire need of a new air

conditioning system and I arrived just in time. The old gal, made of bricks and timber, had been struggling to cool the place down and my electric bill was proof of her woes.

The next few weeks were quite steamy to say the least as I waited on the special order unit to be installed. South Carolina's high humidity level radiated the house and felt amplified between my ears by the experience of climate change from coast to coast. A dreadful sinus infection developed. As might be expected, with my ears blocked and equilibrium off, I didn't once consider going outside and working on said dream garden.

For almost two months, I attempted natural healing to no avail. Maybe that's why The Bible illustrates that a physician, Luke, was one of Jesus' disciples. To impress that sometimes, even we herbalists need to recognize there's a need for specialists. I'm a hard headed woman, but even I knew when enough was enough.

And so it was, I wound up at the doctor's office prescribed with what normally should have been an ample decongestant. Although somewhat helpful, overall, it too proved to be unsuccessful. So upon the next doctor's visit, this time with an elevated blood pressure, I was placed on an antibiotic and BP monitor. Now, let me add here, the reason I first attempted to heal myself naturally was: my body notoriously rejects medications, especially antibiotics. And sure enough, following suit, the first, and then second, antibiotic I was given each left me with allergic reactions. Even more concerning was an increasingly high blood pressure reading that wouldn't regulate. Yeh, I've had better summers.

For the remainder of that week, one thing led to another. To make a long story short, through much anxiety and discomfort, I wound up on BP meds and Flonase after spend-

September announces Summer's refrain.  
Children at bus stops in the early morning again.

Football stadiums echo of supporting cheer.

The band plays on, the fans are all here!  
September befriend us as Autumn gathers.

Be well inclined as we climb life's ladders.

From the 1993 poem *A year of Hope*  
by Donna-Maria Conzalina

ing the majority of the weekend at two different emergency rooms, extensively tested on separate days, with my dear neighbor/friend by my side.

By the grace of God I'm finally on the mend now. And in the midst of that mess, one beautiful key factor can't be ignored: A dear neighbor/friend (was) by my side.

Just as I needed help when I left for California, it was the same when I needed someone to take me approximately 40 miles, each way, to the emergency rooms. (the first didn't have a cardiologist) Two days in a row, for hours unend, my friend was there. Not a typical friend by any means. A sister kind of friend, she is. One who didn't think twice about helping me. I don't know how many times I apologized for interrupting her weekend, but she just hugged me and said it was a blessing because it took her mind off of things she was going through. I think it's more than that though. I'm convinced she really has the wings tucked under her long hair.

And if it's so, she is indeed my appointed earth angel; The Lord has been kind enough, for her relief and my sake, to plant a backup hedge of angels in close proximity. For it's not just this dear lady and her equally kind husband; but neighbors whose heart's like these are the norm in this area.

I don't know what I ever did for God to think I deserved this homestead and community. But I sure am grateful and do my best to care for it. And although I wasn't able to gather an edible harvest this year, I sure wouldn't trade this spiritual bounty for anything. I only pray I can be just as good a neighbor/friend to them.

But the Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23.

Amen

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**Earl Robert Mingo III**, 23, of, 709 Jones Road, Blackville, was arrested Oct. 4 by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) for Breach of Trust. Mingo was booked and released to the Barn-

well County Detention Center (BCDC).

**Toni Alicia Nazon**, 33, of 1104 Lebanon Road, Barnwell, was arrested Oct. 4 by the BCSO for Trafficking Cocaine. Nazon was booked and re-

leased to the BCDC.

**Jose Luis Salas Pena**, 43, of 1300 Sycamore Road, Barnwell, was arrested Oct. 4 by the BCSO for Trafficking Cocaine. Pena was booked and released to BCDC.

**Haley Sherale Sanders**, 29, of, 2444 Galilee Road, Barnwell, was arrested Oct. 9 by the BCSO for Pointing and Presenting Firearm at a Person and Petit Larceny. Sanders was booked and released to the

BCDC.

**Steven Bart Weeks**, 34, of, 3444 Galilee Road, Barnwell, was arrested Oct. 9 by the BCSO for Assault & Battery. Weeks was booked and released to the BCDC.

## U. S. Department of Energy Conducts Phased Submittals of the Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review at Savannah River Site

### Fifth Phase: Savannah River Site Operable Units with Operating Equipment

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is conducting the Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review for some remedial actions implemented at the Savannah River Site (SRS). The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) requires that remedial actions that result in hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remaining at an operable unit (OU) at levels unsuitable for unrestricted exposure be subject to a five-year remedy review. The purpose of this review is to determine whether the remedies remain protective of human health and the environment and to evaluate the implementation and performance of the selected remedies. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) will review and approve whether the five-year remedy review adequately addresses the protectiveness of each remedy. The methods, findings, and conclusions of the five-year remedy review will be documented in a report that will be made available to the public.

SRS occupies approximately 310 square miles of land adjacent to the Savannah River, principally in Aiken, Allendale and Barnwell counties of South Carolina. SRS is located approximately 25 miles southeast of Augusta, Georgia, and 20 miles south of Aiken, South Carolina. During the early 1950s, SRS began to produce materials used in nuclear weapons. Chemical and radioactive wastes are by-products of nuclear material production processes. These wastes have been treated, sorted, and in some cases disposed of at SRS. Hazardous substances, as defined by CERCLA, are currently present in the environment at SRS, with past disposal practices resulting in soil and groundwater contamination.

Each SRS OU is unique in size, location, environmental factors, and contaminant type. Contaminants may include chemicals (e.g., trichloroethylene, tetrachloroethylene, etc.), metals, pesticides, polychlorinated biphenyls, and radionuclides (e.g., tritium, cesium-137, etc.). Contaminants may be found in surface soils, subsurface soils, and/or groundwater. OU-specific remedial actions are designed to address the contaminants for the protection of human health and the environment. In general, contaminated media are either covered, stabilized in place, treated, removed, or managed with land use controls (LUCs). Common remedies implemented at SRS include LUCs, cover systems (i.e., soil covers, geosynthetic covers), excavation and disposal actions, removal systems (i.e., soil vapor extraction, electrical resistance heating, dynamic underground stripping), treatment systems (i.e., enhanced bioremediation, chemical oxidation), stabilization (i.e., in situ grouting), mixing zones, and monitored natural attenuation.

DOE, EPA, and SCDHEC previously agreed to conduct phased remedy reviews for OU groupings based on remedy similarity rather than combining all OU reviews in a single report. The OUs are grouped by the following remedy types: (1) native soil cover and/or LUCs, (2) groundwater, (3) engineered cover system, (4) geosynthetic or stabilization/solidification cover system, and (5) operating equipment. These groupings were selected to provide the opportunity to implement optimization initiatives for similar projects.

The five-year remedy review will address three major questions:

- Are the remedies functioning as intended by the decision document?
- Are the exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and remedial action objectives used at the time of remedy selection still valid?
- Has any other information emerged that could call into question the protectiveness of the remedy?

The fifth phased submittal of the Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report will focus on SRS OUs with operating equipment (i.e., ongoing active remediation). A range of active remediation systems are used at SRS to address contaminants in soil and groundwater. Soil vapor extraction systems are used to remove volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from vadose zone source areas before the contaminants can migrate to the water table. The M-1 Air Stripper is employed to remove VOCs from groundwater in the source zone. Recirculation well systems remove VOCs from groundwater plumes. These pump and treat systems remove contaminant mass and exert hydraulic control over contaminated groundwater plumes. Thermal technologies (e.g., dynamic underground stripping and electrical resistance heating) have been employed in several areas to mobilize and remove dense non-aqueous phase liquid VOCs in the vadose zone and groundwater.

The Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for SRS OUs with Operating Equipment includes a review of the following OUs:

- A/M Area Groundwater
- A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A/1A) and Rubble Pit (731-2A), Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) and Metals Burning Pit (731-5A)
- A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A)
- C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN)
- D-Area Operable Unit
- F-Area Groundwater
- H-Area Groundwater
- M-Area Operable Unit
- M-Area Inactive Process Sewer Line (081-M)
- P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-P)
- TNX Area

DOE will notify the public when the Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for Savannah River Site Operable Units with Operating Equipment is complete and is available to the public. The report is currently planned to be available to the public in February 2024.

For additional information about the five-year remedy review process at SRS, please contact Ms. Barbara Smoak at the address listed below:

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## Sheriff's office apologizes for error

The Barnwell County Sheriff's Office has issued a public apology for an error they made with an arrest report.

Daniel Mishoe was listed on the arrest reports issued to local media for the week of Sept. 12-25. The BCSO stated he was arrested on Sept. 12 for Distribution of Meth, but he was actually arrested for a Liquor Law Violation.

"Our sincerest apologies to the Mishoe family for this error," said the sheriff's office on Oct. 11.

## Blight: City allocates funding

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followed by the approval of ARPA funds to be allocated to this project and then the approval of the contract between the city and Southeastern HDC.

Both agenda items requiring approval were approved. When votes were cast by council members, the only vote contrary to the group was that of Mayor Rivera.

Mayor Rivera expressed that removing blighted properties now will not prevent properties from going disarray again, and felt there should be some reimbursement for the city.

However, when the council went to vote, all council members approved the contract with Southeastern HDC and the implementation of the Blight Elimination Program.

### ARPA Funding

The \$1.2 million of the City of Barnwell's uncommitted ARPA funding was approved to renovate the fire station.

"It will all be done on the site of the current fire station/and property we own that used to be the police station," said Administrator McEwen.

Before the fate of the funding was decided, Councilman Brad All posed the question of allocating some of it to the Barnwell Police Dept. (BPD).

Councilman All explained he and fellow Councilman Jimbo Moody are both on the city's police committee, and have been recently participating in ride-alongs where they were privy to the antiquity of police vehicles.

BPD Chief Lamaz Robinson explained officers do not have computers in their vehicles meaning they handwrite tickets and log the information into the system back at the station.

Councilman All suggested funding computers in the upcoming four new BPD vehicles rather

than the entire fleet. Chief Robinson was asked to calculate the cost of installing these computers as well as the ongoing cost of an internet service in these vehicles.

"I'd like to see us take these dollars and commit it to the fire department," said Mayor Rivera, who feels the fire station should be a priority.

This funding will be alongside \$350,000 through funding from Representative Lonnie Hoseney, according to Administrator McEwen.

City officials plan to meet with the project's contract manager in the coming weeks to better understand how to move forward with this project.

### Fall Festivals

Members of the Barnwell Development Association (BDA) have been working relentlessly for years to bring seasonal festivities to Barnwell County.

This year, the small group of dedicated volunteers are exhausted with a lack of people, time, and availability. As a result, there will be no Sundial Festival or Fall Festival held by BDA this year.

BDA members Ashley Kearse Culp, Amy Davis, and Teresa Bowers expressed this to the council.

Mayor Rivera asked the trio what the city could do to help and bring these events to fruition again.

They explained the timeline for a festival before winter is too narrow. Coordination would be needed with not only vendors, food trucks, music, and other activities, but also the weeks needed by DHEC and Dept. of Transportation to approve the events.

In addition to a lack of volunteers and time, there are too many events being held in the coming week-ends to find a time with less turnout competition.

Culp, Davis, and Bowers hope to continue bringing family-friendly events to the community through the BDA in the future provided there are more volunteers to help make it happen.

### Employee Insurance

The City of Barnwell is considering adopting the PEBA health insurance plan for the 45 city employees.

The S.C. Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA) is through the S.C. Retirement Systems and State Health Plan.

Adopting this program would allow both the employee and the city to pay less yearly based on rates from their current plan.

Council members discussed figures for medical, dental, vision, and life insurance and how this program would potentially increase the take-home pay for some employees.

Treasurer Kim Vargo and Administrator McEwen suggested holding a finance/salary committee meeting to further discuss this plan to council.

If the city decides to accept this insurance plan by November, it will begin on April 1, 2023.

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## BIRTH



Lynnlee Vivian Price was born July 20, 2022.

### Lynnlee Vivian Price

Jacob and Amanda Price of Barnwell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Lynnlee Vivian Price.

She was born on July 20, 2022 at 11:30 p.m. at University Hospital in Augusta, Ga. She weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 and a half inches long. Lynnlee was welcomed home by her big brother, Landon, age 10.

Maternal grandparents are Nancy Boyle of Bradenton, Florida and the late Ronnie T. Boyle of Aiken, S.C.

Paternal grandparents are the late Lynn Price of Barnwell and Belva and Stacey Owens (Pops) of Blackville, S.C.

Maternal great-grandparents are the late John Thomas and Vivian Boyle of Union, S.C. and John Esposito of Englewood, Florida and the late Carol Woody of Aiken, S.C.

Paternal great-grandparents are Betty Still and the late John Rice Still of Barnwell, S.C. and the late Jerry Price and Ursula Price of Bamberg, S.C.

## BIRTH



Layla Brooks Wieser was born August 23, 2022.

### Layla Brooks Wieser

Sara (Gibson) Wieser and William Wieser of Oviedo, Fla. are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Layla Brooks Wieser.

She was born at 11:21 a.m. on August 23, 2022 at Winnie Palmer Hospital in Orlando, Fla. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 19.5 inches long.

She has one sister, Savannah.

Paternal grandparents are Sharon Ekem of Merritt Island, Fla.

Maternal grandparents are Wendy and Mary Beth Gibson of Barnwell, S.C.



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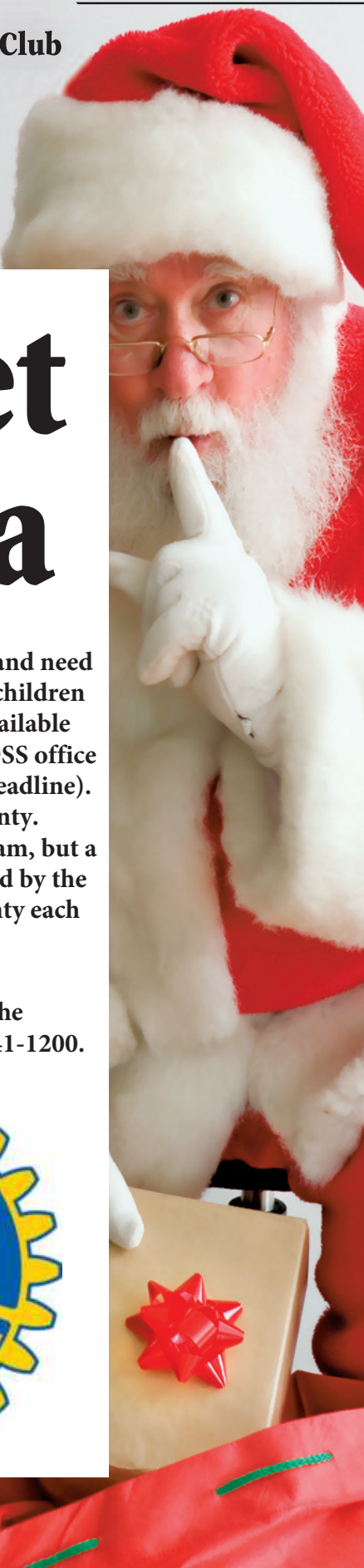
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If you have questions, contact the Barnwell County DSS at 803-541-1200.



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## Damon Lamont Corley

burg. He was the son of Hariel and Retha Corley. Damon attended Blackville-Hilda High School and graduated in May 1990. Damon was a proud member of the Carolina Cavaliers Marching Band. After Graduation, Damon entered into the United States Navy where he served his country for a few years and was honorably discharged.

Damon accepted Christ at an early age at the Mount Zion Baptist Church. Because of his love for music, he joined the A. C. Settles Gospel Choir.

Damon enjoyed traveling. He didn't mind driving home from Tampa,

Atlanta or wherever he was and then returning home the same day.

Damon was an avid fan of the Blackville-Hilda Hawks, University of South Carolina Gamecocks, and the Atlanta Falcons. There was not a game he didn't watch and his family knew not to call him while he was watching his teams play.

He was a loving, caring, and selfless person who will be missed by all.

Sacred arrangements were entrusted to Dash's Funeral Home of Blackville. Online condolences may be submitted to [www.dashsfh.com](http://www.dashsfh.com).

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## Robert Howell Mattox

proud Georgia Bulldog and enjoyed visiting there and attending numerous football games.

After college, he was a communications instructor at Camp Gordon before starting what would be a lifetime career with theRalston Purina Company. First son Larry was born in 1951, followed by son Donald in 1953 and daughter Carol in 1957. In December 1957, the family settled in Barnwell, S.C., where Bob lived until October of 2016 when he moved to the Victory House.

He was a fantastic, caring husband and father who was always so supportive of Margie and the family.

He loved playing golf and was always proud of being a Masters ticket holder since 1962. The Masters was always an annual family outing with many stories of the experiences they shared at the world's most famous sporting event. Amazingly, he was also able to play the Augusta National 15 times with his sons and a member.

After Bob retired from Purina, he truly embraced getting to know the many farmers in the area and became best known for his contacts, and produce "bartering", with many produce specialists in South Carolina and Georgia. Annual pecan and onion "runs" to Bellville and Vidalia were major calendar events for Bob and his friends. In addition, he

had many friends in the peach, watermelon, corn, strawberry, peanut, and tomato worlds. This all led to a lot of produce being distributed among his many friends. Whenever he visited someone, or they visited him, the trip was not completed until he had given them some gift of the latest product from the local fields. It was very important for him to share them with his friends.

He lived a great life and giving life and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Bob was predeceased by his wife, Margie, and two children, Carol and Donald. He leaves behind his son, Larry (Kathy) and loving grandchildren, Daniel Mattox (Lillie), Mary Hughley (Trey), Caleb Mattox (Molly), and Whitley Mattox as well as his great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation services will be held Thursday, October 13, 2022 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the Mole Funeral Home Chapel, with funeral services beginning at 12 p.m. Graveside services will follow at Barnwell County Memory Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Trinity Church of the Nazarene, P.O. Box 521, Claxton, GA 30417.

Sign the online guestbook at [molefh.com](http://molefh.com).

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## Kitty S. McCormick

Grubbs Sandifer and was the widow of Charlie Edward McCormick. She was a member of Elko Baptist Church and the Fedilis-Clara Hitt Sunday School Class. She was a member of the Auxiliary of the American Legion Post #91 and the Barnwell Gideon Auxiliary. She retired from DuPont Savannah River Plant. Her hobby was flower gardening, and she could be seen tending her yard on a regular basis. She also loved to read, sew, and crochet. Her main priority was taking care of her large McCormick and Sandifer families.

Survivors include her daughter, Patty Ann (George) Frost; sons, Timothy Leroy (Katie) McCormick, and Charles Edward "Ed" (Deborah) McCormick; her grandchildren, Charles Edward "Chuck" McCormick III, Heather (Michael) Peters, Kevin Lloyd (Jill) McCormick, Katelyn (Ryan) Delk, Tori (B) Huggins, Wesley Frost, and Kristin Frost (Thomas) Sellers; great-grandchildren, Kayla and Geoffrey Peters, Madalyn and Alexis McCormick, Hunter and Kinsley Kate Delk, Houston (Bethany) Towne, Jared, Lily Kate, and Luke Towne, and C.J. and Hagin Stancil;

sisters, June Sandifer Atterholt, Linda Sandifer Collins, and Patty Sandifer (Kendall) McCormack; brothers, Jack (Jeanette) Sandifer and Phil Sandifer; sisters-in-law, Faye Sandifer, Betty Lee Sandifer, Jenny Sandifer and Polly McCormick Barfield.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Sandifer Wetzel; her brothers, W. A. "Billy" Sandifer, Otis L. Sandifer Jr., Hammond Sandifer, Frank Sandifer, and Rhett Sandifer; sisters-in-law, Jackie Sandifer, Annie Margaret Sandifer, and LaVonda Sandifer; brothers-in-law, Joe Collins and Larry Atterholt.

The McCormick family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the caretakers who have so lovingly taken care of Mrs. Kitty, Janice Hartzog, Jackie Smith, Simone Jenkins, Deborah Sanders, Kimberly Reid, Diana Bryant, and Gail Gray; Day Break nurses, Heidi Sklizovic and Helen Cooper and Regency Hospice nurse, Amy Inman.

Folk Funeral Home, Inc. and Crematory assisted the family with arrangements. Visit the online registry at [www.folkfuneralhome.com](http://www.folkfuneralhome.com).

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## Sammie Lee White

WILLISTON - Sammie Lee "Duncan" White, 63, of Williston, passed away on Monday, October 3, 2022. A visitation was held Sunday, October 9, 2022 from 2 to 4 o'clock p.m. at the home of Herman and Janie Mae White.

Born in Barnwell County, he was a son of the late Prince White and Carrie Hallingquest White. He worked at the Villa Motel in maintenance and as a

cable installer. Duncan enjoyed life and also enjoyed visiting with his family and friends.

Survivors include his daughter, Ycedra (Joseph Wrighton) Williams of Williston; granddaughter, Dasa Wrighton; a sister, Elaine White; brothers, Herman "Red" (Janie Mae) White, Barry "Goat" White, Willie Leon White, Bobby (Tina) White, and Edgar Charles White;

aunts, Janie Barfield, Ethel Mitchell; and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Dasa Williams; and several brothers and sisters.

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## Thomas "Tommy" Hooper Burton

was a familiar face at Folk Funeral Home, where he worked part time, assisting with various duties for over 30 years. He was better known as "Foots" to his close friends at Waller Auto where he helped as a driver. After his retirement, he enjoyed traveling with the Young at Heart Group and attending the Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group in Williston. Throughout his life he enjoyed working in his yard, hunting with his buddies, and fishing.

As a father, he supported his children by attending countless beauty pageants, football and baseball games. Being a devoted grandfather, Tommy's most prestigious role was "Papa" to his grandsons. He was proudly at every event, school program and ball game that Bryce and Chandler participated in. "Papa" could always be found track side at the local mud bogs cheering on the "Black Sheep" and "Honey Bunn" mud trucks, driven by his grandson Chandler and fiancé, Kinsley. His greatest gift to his family and friends was his strong Christian values and the love he had for everyone.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 59 years, Mary Katherine Givens Burton of the home; a daughter, Angela Burton Cotton of Barnwell; a son, Stuart Allen (Shannon) Burton of Evans, GA; two grandsons, Bryceson Lott Burton of Mt. Pleasant; and Chandler Burton Smyly (Kinsley Kinard) of Fairfax; a special cousin, Billie Hooper Briggs of Yanceyville, N.C.; five nieces; four nephews, and their families.

Tommy was preceded in death by his parents; a

brother and sister-in-law, William Donald (Judy) Burton; mother and father-in-law, Otis Allen (Coree) Givens Sr.; sister and brother in-law, Beatrice Givens (Robert) Wells; brother and sister-in-law, Otis Allen (Betty Alice) Givens Jr., and a niece, Martha Boyce Bonds.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, October 11th at the Williston Presbyterian Church, 207 Elko Street, Williston. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock p.m., Wednesday, October 12th at the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, 170 Elko Street of Williston, with burial at the Williston Cemetery with Masonic Rites accorded; Reverend Dr. Beth Yarborough and Reverend Dr. Fred Orr will be officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Williston Presbyterian Church Landscaping, P.O. Box 391, Williston, S.C. 29853 or the Williston Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 367, Williston, S.C. 29853.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to friends, Billy and Alice Waller and James and Ruthie Hewitt, for their support and friendship. Thank you to caregiver Cindy Drawdy and nurse Chasity Boleman with Trinity Home Health and also the staff of Trinity Hospice Home Care Program for the loving care they extended to Mr. Burton and the family during his illness.

Folk Funeral Home, Inc. and Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements. Visit the online registry at [www.folkfuneralhome.com](http://www.folkfuneralhome.com).

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## Allendale School Board recognizes students, staff, parents for excellence

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Allendale County School District ignited the enthusiasm of faculty, educators, and students at their September 26 school board/community meeting.

Beginning with The Pledge of Allegiance recited by sixth grader Lucy Krebs and a greeting from District Teacher of the Year Willie Johnson, the meeting covered a variety of topics essential to the growth and development of the district.

Audrey Patterson, Director of Federal, State Testing & Accountability Programs, explained Allendale-Fairfax students are "definitely on the move," in the realm of state assessment results.

Patterson broke down SC Pass, SC Ready, End of Course Examination Program (EOCEP), and WorkKeys results as well as graduation rates.

"Grades third through eighth increased in English Language Arts (ELA) and math on SC Ready, apart from fifth grade who maintained their percentage from the previous year in ELA and slightly regressed in math," stated Patterson's PowerPoint on the topic.

Also, almost half of the students who were tested received certificates in WorkKeys in either silver, gold, or platinum levels.

"We have to celebrate where there is room to celebrate," said Patterson. "We're excited about the growth."

Overall, the graduation rate from Allendale-Fairfax High School (AFHS) increased from 76.3% in 2021 to 78.3% graduation rate in 2022.

During the Superintendent's Report, Superintendent Dr. Margaret Gilmore unveiled Allendale County School District's purchase of an online, 24/7 chat-based, program tutoring system called Paper Education.

The Paper Education tutoring system costs the district \$37,000 for 500 licenses to be distributed amongst students to start. Superintendent Dr. Gilmore explained the district will purchase more licenses if interest in the program grows.

Dr. Gilmore also detailed facility renovations like a new kitchen and men's restroom both in the district office, as well as the upcoming \$1,000 retention bonus for returning educators on October 25.



An Allendale-Fairfax School District student is all smiles after receiving an incentive for Fall iReady scores.



Superintendent Dr. Margaret Gilmore hands an excelling student a reward for hard work.



ABOVE & BELOW: Allendale-Fairfax School District students receive incentives for Fall iReady scores.

"Retention is important in this district because our students need consistency," said Dr. Gilmore.

During the technology report, technology director Darren Cook explained the growing threat of ransomware, a software designed to block access to a computer system until a ransom is paid by the owner to the hacker.

Cook explained the threat of ransomware is only worsening in both frequency and complexity especially when targeting school districts, and Allendale County Schools are taking all necessary precautions to prevent their networks from being compromised.

Thomas Varghese from the IT Department explained 250 Chromebooks were issued to students, the CATE Lab at AFHS got 20 desktop computers, and set up devices for students in the AP Statistics class at AFHS.

"We want to give them the resources to be successful in and out of the classroom," said Varghese.

The fine arts report was given by Ferdinand Cooper who detailed the CARE Project, a \$2.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to widen access to arts in Allendale County. "This grant allows us



Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

to give our students that bridge to what some larger schools have," said Cooper, who is an administrative assistant at Allendale County Schools and a Program Manager at Winthrop University.

This grant is hoped to provide, "equitable education through the lens of fine arts," according to Cooper.

Cooper also explained the visual arts program has been reinstated and is being developed alongside a music technology class at AFHS. Both were possible due to the CARE Project.

### Awards

Allendale-Fairfax Elementary School (AFES) third grade teacher Tameika Tinsley was awarded the Golden Apple Award for exemplary teaching. School

board member Katrina Youmans said Tinsley is an "extraordinary teacher."

Students and educators of the month each received a certificate and a \$25 gift card at the meeting and were honored by the board members.

In AFES, Christain Housey was awarded as Student of the Month, and Brenda Pringle was awarded as Teacher of the Month.

In Allendale-Fairfax Middle School (AFMS), Xavier Thomas was named Student of the Month and Shernette Morgan was awarded as Teacher of the Month.

In AFHS, Bryce Loadholt was awarded Student of the Month and Vanessa Robinson was named Teacher of the Month.

The district also recognized Sedalia Sanders (Outstanding Support Staff of the Month), Thomas Varghese (Outstanding District Office Employee of the Month), Kendra Moore (Outstanding Bus Driver of the Month), Charlie Elmore (Outstanding Custodian of the Month), and Erica Jones (Outstanding Food Service

Employee of the Month). Once the monthly awards were through, the principal of each school took to the podium to award students who met and/or exceeded fall iReady diagnostic criteria. Each student was awarded \$10 for this accomplishment. iReady assessments are given three times per year.

Each student who came up to receive their award was told by Superintendent Dr. Gilmore that she was proud of them, and how smart they were.

Employee of the Month).

Each principal provided updates on what is happening in their respective schools.

In AFES, Principal Sheila Leath explained the \$10,000 Savannah River Mission Completion grant to maintain STEAM programs in the school.

Elementary students are participating in Positive Behaviors, Interventions, and Supports (PBIS). This allows them to accumulate points for good actions throughout the month in exchange for a reward like a pizza or ice cream sundae party.

Principal Leath has also implemented the Good News Call of the Month, where she calls a student's guardian to tell them what a good job their student is doing.

This year, the AFMS is a leadership school and Principal Dr. Willie Robinson is dedicated to preparing his students for high school.

Although Principal Dr. Robinson wants his students to be ready to tackle high school, he also wants them to remember their time in AFMS. To do this, the school has reinstated publishing a middle school yearbook.

AFHS Principal Darlene Hall explained students are in an 'early college high school,' meaning they have the opportunity to graduate high school with college credit, an associates degree, or a certification in a career path of their choosing.

"They get the true rigor of college," said Principal Hall.

This is possible through partnerships with USC Salkehatchie, Denmark Technical College, AP Classes, and Career Technical Education (CTE) programs in automotive technology, business education, construction technology, cosmetology, HVAC, health science, and welding.



Christina Parker is awarded Grandparent of the Month for her readiness to volunteer.



Delores Wright was awarded Grandparent of the Month for her continued care of AFES students.



Teacher of the Month at Allendale-Fairfax High School Vanessa Robinson.



Allendale-Fairfax Elementary School Teacher of the Month Brenda Pringle.



Allendale-Fairfax Elementary School teacher Tameika Tinsley is awarded the Golden Apple Award.



## BHS students awarded College Board National Recognition academic honors

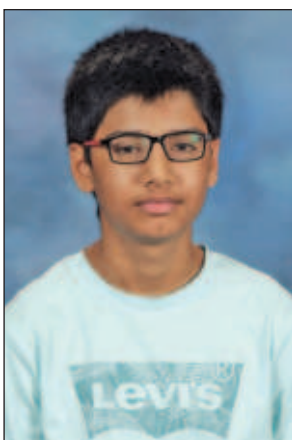
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Amiya Johnson

Barnwell High School students have earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs.

These National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them meaningfully connect to colleges and stand out during the admissions process. Colleges and scholarship programs identify students awarded National African American, Hispanic, Indigenous and/or Rural/Small Town Recognition through College Board's Student Search Service.

The following students have been awarded recognition:

- Amiya Johnson
- Emma Creech
- Hayden Horton
- Hussain Godhrawala
- Karoline Bolen

"We're thrilled that our students have earned this recognition. We are very proud of them for their achievements in their

classrooms and on College Board assessments," said Franklin McCormack, principal of Barnwell High School. "These programs help students from underrepresented backgrounds stand out to colleges during admissions."

Students who may be eligible have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have

excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are African-American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town.

Eligible students will be invited to apply during their sophomore or

junior year and will be awarded at the beginning of the next school year. Students will receive their awards in time to include them on their college and scholarship applications.

"We want to honor the hard work of these students through the College Board National Recognition Programs. This program creates a way

for colleges and scholarship programs to connect directly with underrepresented students who they are hoping to reach," said Tarlin Ray, College Board senior vice president of BigFuture. "We hope the award winners and their families celebrate this prestigious honor and it helps them plan for their big future."

## Blackville teacher wins PSTA mini-grant

Barnwell County Consolidated School District teacher **Barbara Glover** has been selected as a recipient of the 2022 Palmetto State Teachers Association Mini-Grant.

This is the inaugural year of PSTA Mini-Grants which were created as part of the Re-investing in Our Members program. The grants will be awarded annually to encourage and support PSTA members as they serve students

across the state.

Ms. Glover currently teaches math at Macedonia Elementary and Middle School in Blackville. Her grant funds will purchase an area rug and chair balls which will enhance the learning environment for her students during direct instruction, group work, independent student work, and independent reading.

PSTA Director of Teacher Leadership

Craig King surprised Ms. Glover at her school on September 14, 2022 with the exciting news that her grant was chosen as a winner!

Palmetto State Teachers Association is the largest professional education association for teachers in South Carolina. PSTA provides professional benefits to support its members throughout their careers in education. More information can be found at [www.palmettoteachers.org](http://www.palmettoteachers.org).



PSTA Director of Teacher Leadership Craig King (back row, right) visited Macedonia Elementary-Middle School on Sept. 14 to surprise teacher Barbara Glover with a mini-grant. Also pictured is Principal Eryl Smalls and Glover's students.

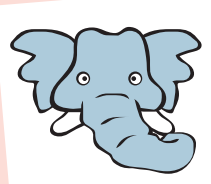
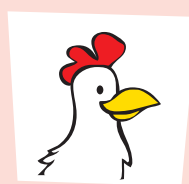
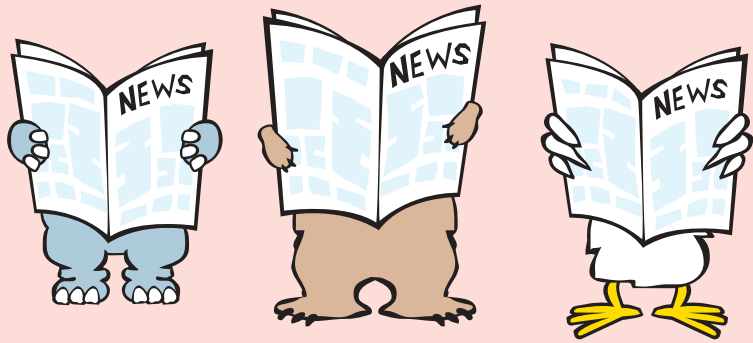
### Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!



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### Foot Finder

Draw a line from each animal's feet to its face.



### My Rhyme Time

There was a little rabbit sprig  
Which, being little, was not big;  
He always walked upon his feet,  
And when he would eat was always neat.

### My name:

\_\_\_\_\_

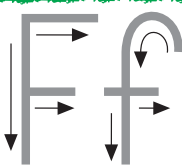
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**Learning Buddies:** Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or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

### My Letters

F is for Feet  
f is for feet



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

How many pictures can you find on this page that start with the sound that the letter F makes in the word feet?

### My Numbers

How many ?

How many ?

How many ?



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

### My Sentence

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



My feet are \_\_\_\_\_



### Sunday

**Letter Identification**  
With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter F in feet.

### Monday

**Math Play**  
Point to the number 2 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

### Tuesday

**What can you do with your feet?**  
Look at pictures of people in the newspaper and ask what each person is doing with his feet. Pictures in the sports section work well. Is the person standing? Walking? Running? Jumping? Dancing?

### Wednesday

**Find the Feet**  
Find and count the number of feet you find in pictures in today's newspaper.

### Thursday

**Two Feet or More**  
Look at the pictures of each animal and person in today's newspaper. Ask your child how many feet each one has.

### Friday

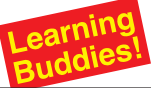
**Sets of Two**  
Look at pictures in the newspaper and point out sets of two, such as people with two eyes, two arms, two legs, two feet, etc. Say, "Look, this person has two eyes. Count them: one, two."

### Saturday

**Newspaper Feet**  
Promote fitness and reading with this little game. First, look at newspaper pictures of people in the sports section. Then ask your child to show you what one person is using their feet to do. Repeat with pictures of other people.

**Learning Buddy Sign Here**  
I have completed \_\_\_\_\_ activities with my Learning Buddy.

Learning Buddy's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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

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

# WEHS School Spirit PARADES THROUGH WILLISTON



Blue Devil volleyball players and cheerleaders.

Photos By: Jonathan Vickery / Publisher



Williston recreation cheerleaders.



WEHS marching band.



Members of the WEHS Class of 2021 wear shirts stating, "COVID can't mask our Blue Devil pride."



Representatives of the Town of Williston.



2023 S.C. Superintendent of the Year Dr. Marcella Shaw, who is superintendent of the Barnwell County Consolidated School District, throws candy as she's chauffeured by her husband, Warren.



Alumni of Kelly Edwards High School.



Members of the WEHS Class of 1989.



Left: Baxley's Tire & Towing drives the WEHS football team on its flatbed truck.



Williston-Elko Middle School Principal Dr. Austrai Bradley, a Williston native, was the grand marshal for the Williston-Elko High School homecoming parade on Friday, Oct. 7. Also pictured is WEHS Principal Tony Flowers.

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## Corder's Creative Corner: The wagon

David B. Corder  
Contributing Writer

I grew up in a lonely wood. There, darkness always arrived early, as the trees blocked out much of the sun. The shadows lengthened and grasped for me like greedy fingers, and the owls and other noises of the gloom would keep me inside my room, cowering, my candle flickering while I pored over books.

I was a timid child. I always found solace in my books.

One night, the moon blazed silver, and while I read by candlelight I heard a noise that I was not familiar with. It was steady and rhythmic, like rain against a window pane.

*Click, clop, clack, clop. Rattle. Rattle. Creak. Rattle. Rattle. Creak.*

*Click, clop, clack, clop. Rattle. Rattle. Creak. Rattle. Rattle. Creak.*

Then the sound stopped.

I went to the window and peered out past the gossamer curtain. In the misty haze of the night, I saw the shadowy form of a rider on his wagon,

looming in the dark. A horse stood in front of the wagon. I could not see the rider's face, but I wondered why they were there, and out so late at night. I waited for a long moment, but the figure did not stir. I gathered my coat and headed for the door. Perhaps it was a lost traveler who needed directions, or perhaps they were sick and in need of some kind of relief.

I took with me a lantern and crept out the door. The moon casted a silver chill on me as I walked towards the man on the wagon.

"Hello," I said. "Are you in trouble? Perhaps I can be of assistance?"

The darkness melted away at the approach of my light and I gasped as I beheld the sight before me. The horse was nothing but a skeleton, somehow mended together so that it could move. Its skull turned towards me and its hollow eyes watched me, a perpetual grin leering at me from its stark-white face. Now I knew what the clicking noise had been.

Then I beheld the driver. First I looked at his hands, black and reptilian

like the flesh of a snake, curved into large, sharp claws. I followed his arms up to his face where staring at me was a pumpkin carved with a cackling face. His eyes glowed green as envious flames.

What was this ghastly thing?

He spoke no words, but beckoned with his clawed hand. Against my will, as if enchanted by some spell, I climbed the ladder of the wagon and sat next to him. He cocked his jack-o-lantern head at me, as if he were a dog looking at some peculiar sight. I stared at him in fear, and awe, and wonder.

He reached for my lantern, taking it from my hand, and opened up the glass where the candle flickered pitifully before his horrid face. There was something like a whisper from his carved mouth, and the flame of the candle died.

The only light was the moon. We started to move, into the forest. Into the dark.

*Click, clop, clack, clop. Rattle. Rattle. Creak. Rattle. Rattle. Creak.*

*Click, clop, clack, clop. Rattle. Rattle. Creak. Rattle. Rattle. Creak.*



Contributed Photo

## Scarlet Knights marching band earns second place at competition

The Barnwell High Scarlet Knights marching band placed second in their division at their competition on Saturday, Oct. 8 at North Augusta High School. Scarlet Knights Band Director Dawn Vickery said she is "super proud" of the students. "They have been working hard and it is paying off for them," she said. Pictured from left to right is the student leadership team: Kamryn Cave, Kristen Cave, Nick Jones, Jonathan Roberts, Holly Thomas, Shanese Samuels, and Farin Still. This was the band's second competition of the 2022 season. They will compete at River Bluff High School in Lexington County on Saturday, Oct. 15.

## LSCOG applies for 15 infrastructure grants

The Lower Savannah Council of Governments submitted 15 S.C. Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP) grant applications for municipalities and utility systems across the six-county region.

The program is a "major one-time initiative to improve water, wastewater and stormwater systems throughout the state using federal funds (\$900m) allocated by the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)," Lower Savannah COG Chairman James Haigler stated that he was "grateful for the hard work performed by staff to assist so many communities with these important grants applications that will hopefully be transformative for rural communities in the Lower Savannah Region."

The Council was tasked by the Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) to assist communities and systems under 10,000 people, to apply for and administer successful applicant projects. The LSCOG submitted 12 Community Impact grants: five in Aiken County - Beech Island, Burnetown, New Ellenton, Salley and the Valley Public Services Authority; one in Al-

lendale for the Town of Allendale; one for the Bamberg Board of Public Works; two in Barnwell County for the towns of Williston and Elko; one for the Town of St. Matthews in Calhoun County; and two in Orangeburg County for the towns of Bowman and Springfield.

In addition, the Council submitted two planning grants for the Town of Burnetown and the Town of Norway (Or-

angeburg County) and one Regional Solutions grant for the Bamberg Board of Water. The total amount of SCIIP funds requested was \$58m and with local and other matches, the total request was \$70m for the region.

Successful grant applicants will be announced at the beginning of 2023 and Council staff will work with regional SCIIP grant recipients to administer the grants over the next three years.

## Medical interpreter earns certification

Iris "Alex" Villa Hernandez received her Medical Interpreter's Certificate on May 30, 2022.

She is the Certified Medical Interpreter for Low Country Health Care System, Inc. (LCHCS), and is the only Certified Medical Interpreter in Allendale, Barnwell, Bamberg, Colleton and Hampton counties. She is fluent in both English and Spanish.

"Her ability to relay information from and to our Spanish-speaking patients

enables a better understanding for the medical team, building of stronger patient-Clinical Provider relationships, and enables us to build trust between the patients and our staff. She has been instrumental in strengthening our business relations with the local farms and camps for agricultural workers and has even identified some outlying areas never before reached," according to a press release. "We are proud to have Alex as part of the team and expect con-



tinued growth with identifying, reaching, and caring for patients in all counties we serve.

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**Zykeria Lewis**  
Blackville-Hilda High



**Grade:** 9th  
**Sports:** Volleyball and Cheer  
**Favorites...**  
\*Food: Spaghetti  
\*Movie/TV show: The Bernie Mac Show  
\*Snack: Goldfish  
\*Coaches: Tonya Coleman (volleyball) and Chelsea Calhoun (cheer)  
\*Free time activity: Watching and making TikTok videos  
\*Musician(s): Rod Wave and GloKilla  
**Goal for this season:** Never give up and to keep improving.  
**Coach's quote:** "She is a bright light that shines and makes the team better with her uplifting spirit. She loves being a Lady Hawk."  
- Blackville volleyball coach Tonya Coleman

**Hayden Rowell**  
Barnwell High School



**Grade:** 11th  
**Sport:** Tennis  
**Favorites...**  
\*Food: Mexican and Japanese  
\*Movie/TV show: Fried Green Tomatoes  
\*Snack: Twix and Slim Jims  
\*Coach: Tiffany Zorn  
\*Free time activity: Sleeping  
\*Musicians: Rod Wave and YoungBoy  
**Goal for this season:** To get better each day and to learn new skills.  
**Coach's quote:** "Hayden's commitment and improvement throughout the season have been impressive. I am excited to see what she brings to the team next year!"  
- Barnwell tennis coach Tiffany Zorn

**SPORTS SCHEDULE**

**FOOTBALL**

**Friday, Oct. 14**

- Whitmire @ Williston-Elko - 7:30 p.m.
- Calhoun County @ Blackville-Hilda - 7:30 p.m.
- Charleston Collegiate @ JDA - 7:00 p.m.
- Barnwell @ Ridgeland-Hardeeville - 7:30 p.m.

**TENNIS**

**Thursday, Oct. 13**  
Williston-Elko @ Fox Creek - 5:00 p.m.

**VOLLEYBALL**

**Wednesday, Oct. 12**

- Colleton County @ Barnwell - 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 13**

- Wade Hampton @ Barnwell - 7:00 p.m.

**Monday, Oct. 17**

- JDA @ Andrew Jackson - 6:00 p.m.

# Sports

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## Barnwell's Tyler Smith named to top 10 list



Tyler Smith finished last season with 2,300 yards rushing.

Jeff Miller  
Sports Writer

Tyler Smith is becoming an extremely well-known name throughout the State of South Carolina, and will no doubt be getting more well-deserved attention from colleges across the country soon.

This past week, the High School Sports Report named Tyler to its list of Top 10 Senior Prospects. If you are not familiar with the High School Sports Report, they have been covering high school sports and recruiting in South Carolina for more than 35 years.

According to the High School Sports Report, Tyler is currently the top running back in the state with 1,390 rushing yards. The next closest back is more than 100 yards behind Tyler. Smith is also leading the State with 25 touchdowns scored through seven games. Barnwell has some tough teams ahead, but those seem to be the games Tyler has his best performances.

Last year, in the playoffs against a very strong Philip Simmons defense, Tyler had an incredible 360 yards rushing on 42 carries and scored three touchdowns to help Barnwell defeat the heavily favored Philip Simmons team. Tyler was named to a pre-season "Mr. Football" watch list for SC with good reason.

Smith has good speed, but his strength really stands out. Last spring, Tyler was the SC AA State high jump champion recording a jump of 6 feet, 4



Tyler Smith breaks a tackle vs. Orangeburg.

Photo Courtesy: Todd Teems

inches. He has a 375-pound bench press and his leg squat is almost 600 pounds. His leg strength and tough attitude helps Smith break many would be tackles. He can run past defenders, jump over them, or get behind his pads and just run through them.

Smith is averaging more than three touchdowns per game. He is averaging almost 200 rushing yards per game. If he continues at this pace, Tyler should be getting a lot of attention from high school post-season bowls and from colleges throughout the country. Tyler has taken visits to the University of South Carolina, SC State, NC Central, and UNC-Charlotte.

Barnwell head coach Dwayne Garrick describes Tyler as a "... legit power five running back with all the tools a team is looking for in a running back. I am beside myself trying to understand why he does not have a power five offer midway through his senior season."

The offers should start to come as he continues having such an amazing season.



Tyler Smith is leading the state with 24 rushing touchdowns and 25 total touchdowns through 7 games.

Photo Courtesy: Mindy Sandifer

The HSSR's main writer and the publisher, Billy Baker, said of Tyler, "A running back college recruiter not impressed with his play, after seeing film on him, or in person, should strongly

consider another line of work." Good luck Tyler Smith and to the undefeated Barnwell Warhorses as the regular season starts to wind down and playoffs are just around the corner.



WEHS Homecoming Court: Superintendent Dr. Marcella Shaw, 2021 Queen Chara Wootten, 2022 2nd Runner-up Alexis James, 2022 Homecoming Queen Gabby Hosey, 2022 1st Runner-up Kaitlyn Simmons, and WEHS Principal Tony Flowers. Photos By: Vickie Benjamin

## Williston-Elko High crowns homecoming court



Fancy Freshman TraNiya Josey, Snazzy Sophomore Jelisea Ruth-Hudson, Jazzy Junior Na'kiya Mercado and Sassy Senior Tamara Corley.



2022 Mr. Blue Devil Jamarion Kirkland and 2022 WEHS Homecoming King Chris Davis.

# WEHS homecoming ties community together

David B. Corder  
Sports Writer



Markel Sanders, #5 of the Blue Devils, tries to avoid a tackle by an HKT player.



Chris Davis, #12, makes a run with the ball for the Blue Devils.  
Photos By: Vickie Benjamin

The grounds of Williston-Elko High School were abuzz with activity this past Friday night, Oct. 7. It was the school's homecoming, and the school was celebrating the event with a football fair, a homecoming court, and of course, an exciting football game.

The school put on their Second Annual Blue Devil Football Fair, which allowed families to connect with the school as well as local community organizations. Games, photo booths, and give-away tables were hosted by many different organizations such as churches, stores, and the school itself. The school district raffled off a \$100 Walmart gift card for attendees, which was won by Margarita Castellanos. All in all, the event was a success, with 135 people attending. Nancy Brady-Wood, who was a lead influencer in the functioning of the festival, was thankful for all of the adult and student volunteers who made the event a reality.

Then it was time for the big game as the Blue Devils faced off against Hunter-Kinard-Tyler's Trojans. The Blue Devils attempted

to put up a solid defense during the first half of the game, but failed as the Trojans pulled ahead with a score of 20 points by the end of the first half. By the end of the game, the Blue Devils secured 21 points for the scoreboard, but unfortunately the Trojans won with a score of 42.

As it was the night of Williston's homecoming, however, spirits were still high despite the loss.

Coach Lipsey stated that he was "...very impressed by the way we

ran the football..." For him, the key to the team's success was the return of Chris Davis in the backfield, as well as running back mate Jeremiah Bing. Though the team had a rough going the first half, Lipsey found that the line blocked a lot better during the second half. "After the first half we got in a wishbone and started pounding the ball right at them. We just dug ourselves too big of a hole to get out," he said.

Despite the loss, it was

not a night for discouragement. "I told the kids after the game to keep working hard, and keep having their Blue Devil pride," Lipsey said.

And indeed, it was a night for Blue Devil pride, and this was showcased in the homecoming court where young lady Blue Devils were escorted onto the field in their best attire. The Homecoming Court consisted of Ms. Adrianna Houston, Ms. Janiya Washington, and Ms. Jamia Jamison. Sec-

ond Runner-Up was Ms. Alexis James, escorted by her father, Craig James. First Runner-Up was Ms. Kaitlyn Simmons, escorted by her father, Joey Simmons. Finally, Homecoming Queen was Ms. Gabriel Hosey who was escorted by her mother, Annie Dicks, as well as her siblings. Homecoming King was Mr. Chris Davis.

Other homecoming awards included:

- 2022 Fancy Freshman, Ms. Tra'Niya Josey

- 2022 Snazzy Sophomore, Ms. Jelisea Ruth-Hudson
- 2022 Jazzy Junior, Ms. Na'Kiya Mercado
- 2022 Sassy Senior, Ms. Tamara Corley
- 2022 Mr. Blue Devil, Jamarion Kirkland

Friday night was a historical one for the Blue Devils. Be sure to catch them at their next game as they face off against Whitmire this Friday, Oct. 14 at home. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.

# JDA defeats Wardlaw Academy 36-14

Jeff Miller  
Sports Writer

The Jefferson Davis Academy Raiders hosted the Wardlaw Academy Patriots Friday, October 7 in what looked like might be a really close game. The visitors came to Blackville with a 4-2 record to face the 5-2 Raiders, but this game was all JDA.

JDA's offense was hitting on all cylinders, led by Raiders quarterback Paxton Wall. Wall was 6-8 passing for 116 yards and 3 touchdowns. His primary target was wide receiver Colson Loadholt who had 108 yards on 4 catches and scored 3 touchdowns.

The Raiders' ground game was successful all night, which helped open the passing game.

Paxton Wall averaged more than 9 yards per carry, collecting 85 yards on 9 runs and had a rushing touchdown. Running backs Hunter Zorn and Nasir Void each averaged more than 5 yards per carry for the Raiders. Zorn had 57 yards on 10 carries and Void added 55 yards on 9 attempts.

JDA Coach Anthony Reitenour gives the offensive line a lot of the credit



The JDA defense was strong all night, only allowing 158 total yards against Wardlaw Academy.  
Photos By: Jeff Miller



Coach Reitenour talking to Connor Loadholt during the Raiders win.

for the offense's success. "Hunter Laird returned to the lineup at center and the front line of Laird, Kaleb Lee, and Landon Williams was once again a key factor to a successful night," he said.

Coach Reitenour continued, saying, "Defensively, we once again remained solid the whole night. Coach Lightsey has done a great job managing the defense and held Wardlaw to only 158 total yards on the night." Kole Lawson led the defense with 10 tackles and had 3 pass deflections. Ben Pena added 6 tackles, had 2 tackles for loss, and a forced fumble. Colson Loadholt collected 4 tack-

les, had 2 fumble recoveries and 1 interception.

"The real unsung heroes for Friday was our special teams unit who were able to produce three turnovers on onside kicks in the first half. I saw a much more confident team upfront. This allowed us to dig into the playbook a little and really connect on multiple play action plays throughout the night and keep the opposing defense guessing. Once again, I am very proud of the way these guys are playing and the effort and heart they are putting into the game. The next three weeks are the most important of the regular season and hope to build on the success and



The Raiders cheerleaders had a lot to cheer about during the 36-14 win over Wardlaw Academy.

continue to work hard," said Reitenour.

JDA will host the 0-8

Charleston Collegiate Sundevils Friday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. Come out and

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Eleanor's Corner



# Williston tennis wins 4-2 over Barnwell

Jeff Miller  
Sports Writer

On Wednesday, October 5, the Williston-Elko girls tennis team traveled to Barnwell for a rematch with their local rivals.

Barnwell was able to win the first meeting back in September by a score of 5-2. The rematch, however, was won by the visiting Blue Devils from Williston-Elko 4-2.

In the battle of number one players, Barnwell's Katilyn Elmore won a hard fought contest 7-5, 6-2 over Na'Kiya Mercado. This would be Barnwell's only singles win. Williston won the numbers two, three, four, and five singles matchups. Williston's Faith Irons and Barnwell's Briana Don-



Another fun match between the #2 doubles teams, featuring Williston's Adrianna Houston and Samelea Baxley against Barnwell's Emma Creech and Elora Lee. Photos By: Jeff Miller

aldson went to a third set tiebreaker before Irons won 7-6, 6-3, 11-9 to secure the number two victory. The third seeds also went

to a third set tiebreaker before the Blue Devils' Kayleigh Heath defeated the Warhorses' Calle Chesser 7-5, 5-7, 10-8 in the

closest match of the night. Madison Wright earned the Williston victory in the battle of the fourth seeds 6-2, 7-6 over Delay-

sia Perry. The battle of the fifth seeds saw Williston's Jelisea Ruth Hudson outlast Barnwell's Hayden Rowell 6-3, 7-5.

Barnwell's number two doubles team of Emma Creech and Elora Lee defeated Williston's duo of Adrianna Houston and Samelea Baxley 1-6, 6-3, 6-10 in another third set tiebreaker, but it was not enough as the Blue Devils won the overall match 4-2.

After the victory, Williston Coach Bernard Walters said, "You cannot look away or you will miss something! You have to love the sport!"

"Although we had a setback this game, the team's dedication and sportsmanship through multiple tiebreakers has displayed just how committed the girls are to the sport as well as to one another. I am excited for our next match," Barnwell's Coach Tiffany Zorn said.



Williston's Faith Irons serves up a win in the battle of the 2's vs. Barnwell.



The #1 players from Williston (Na'Kiya Mercado) and Barnwell (Katilyn Elmore) always have a great time and a competitive match.



Barnwell's #1 player Katilyn Elmore won 7-5, 6-2 over Williston.

# Barnwell volleyball wins two region matches

Jeff Miller  
Sports Writer

The Barnwell Warhorse volleyball team won two region matches last week defeating Edisto and Ridgeland-Hardeeville. With the wins, Barnwell improves to 9-5 overall and 4-2 in the region as the season is winding down.

On Wednesday, October 5, the Warhorses traveled to Edisto and were victorious, winning a close match 25-16, 18-25, 20-25, 25-16, and 15-11. Barnwell Coach Ashleigh Anderson said, "Wednesday we traveled to Edisto for a makeup region match. We won 3-2 after losing the second and third sets. We had to dig



BHS seniors (from left to right) Tameriah Hutto, Scarlett Rudd, Jayla Neal, Alaina Brant, Mattie Ray, Baylee Hooper, Cailyn Morris, Madison Ray, Karrie Bolen, and Kayla Peters. Photos By: Donna Miley

deep and work together to come out on top!"

She continued saying, "Thursday, we played region opponent Ridgeland for Senior Night. We won 25-12, 25-18, and 25-5." Barnwell won this match with ease. The Warhorses held the lead

throughout each set, winning all three sets convincingly.

Some of the stats for last week include Mattie Ray having 23 Aces, 4 Kills, 6 Digs, and 13 Assists, while Karrie Bolen contributed 7 Aces, 11 Kills, 1 Block, 8 Digs,

and 2 Assists. Jayla Neal served 5 Aces, had 10 Kills, 1 Block, and 1 Dig. Cailyn Morris delivered 21 Aces, 4 Kills, 5 Digs, and 8 Assists while Baylee Hooper added 3 Aces, 8 Kills, 1 Dig, and 1 Assist for the Horses. Alaina Brant collected 4 Aces, 1

Kill, and had 11 Digs. Rebecca Richardson served 1 Ace, and had 4 Digs. Brooklyn Gordon added 1 Ace, 1 Kill, and 2 Digs, while Scarlet Rudd had 2 Aces, and 1 Kill. Jaidyn Devore recorded 4 Kills, and 1 Dig. Ashley Barrett hit 1 Ace, and had 3

Assists while teammate Tameriah Hutto had 1 Kill, and Madison Ray accounted for 2 Digs.

"We have three regular season matches left this week. We travel to region opponent Woodland on Tuesday, host non-region Colleton County Wednesday, and host region opponent Wade Hampton Thursday, which will also be our Pink Out game. Every night is JV and Varsity matches starting with JV at 5:30. We would love to see our gym packed for the last two home games of the regular season!" said Coach Anderson.

Come out and support the Warhorse volleyball team and don't forget to wear your pink Thursday, October 13.



Alaina Brant returns the ball for Warhorses.



Jaidyn Devore with a play on the ball.

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| Solid Waste Management Services-Total Cost Report                  |   |                 |
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| Name of Local or Government Reporting: <b>TOWN OF BLACKVILLE</b>   |   |                 |
| County (if Local Government): <b>BARNWELL</b>                      |   |                 |
| Fiscal Year Beginning: <b>07/01/2021</b> Ending: <b>06/30/2022</b> |   |                 |
| Population (based on most recent U.S. Census Data): <b>2,037</b>   |   |                 |
|  | NET ANNUAL COST<br>(from #23 on Page 2) | COST PER CAPITA |
| Solid Waste Collection   |   |                 |
| Solid Disposal   | 166,488.04                              | 81.73           |
| Recycling/Composting   |   |                 |
| Other Solid Waste Activities                                       |   |                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$166,488.04</b>                     | <b>\$81.73</b>  |

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# B-H Hawks lose 21-4 to Ridge Spring-Monetta



The Blackville-Hilda Hawks lost their away game on Friday, Oct. 7 to Ridge Spring-Monetta by a score of 21-6. They play at home this Friday, Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m. against Calhoun County.

Photos By: Jeff Miller



## JDA volleyball wins again

ABOVE: Jefferson Davis Academy's volleyball team celebrates another win.

AT RIGHT: Carrie Lynn Loadholt with a nice dig for the Raiders.

Photos By: Donna Miley



## BHS cross country team competes at Williston meet



Crissie Stapleton / Contributed

The Barnwell High School cross country team competed in a six-team meet at Williston-Elko on Wednesday, October 5. Barnwell's Rashaun Buckman had a great day, finishing in the top 12. Pictured from left to right: (back row) Jake Sanders, Reshaun Buckman, Coach Luke Catoe, Peyton Wood, Hudson Harvey, Donasia Smoak, Antwan Williams, and Josh Carrillo. Not pictured: Kaydrian Poplin.

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| October 2022  |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 9   | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16  | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23  | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30  | 31 | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| Holidays<br>10th - Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples' Day<br>31st - Halloween |    |    |    |    |    |    |

## Barnwell County HOCUS-POCUS Halloween Fun Guide

**Oct 15**  
**Who you gonna call Candy-walk?**  
Hosted by the real heroes, our first responders Snelling Town Park  
**4-6pm**

Questions: contact Crystal Chi'mere Washington-Crip on facebook  
**6-8pm**

**Oct 29**  
**Town of Williston Trunk or Treat**  
Academy Street baseball practice fields.  
**6-8pm**

**Oct 22**  
**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](http://Momsleagueofaiken.org)  
**4pm**

**Oct 28**  
YMCA Haunted Trail  
Pre-registration open at [thefamilyy.org](http://thefamilyy.org), first 200 kids to pre-register will receive a bag of goodies.  
**5-7pm Trick or Treat trail for younger kids (come in costume)**  
**7:30-9:30pm Haunted trail for older kids**

**Oct 31**  
**Hilda's 6th Annual Trunk or Treat**  
At the Depot  
Join us for a night of spooky treats, popcorn, drinks, games, and Bibles/devotionals  
**6-8pm**

### Trick or Treat Dates



**CITY OF BARNWELL**  
Saturday, Oct. 29, 6-8pm.  
However, some residents still plan to hand out candy on Oct. 31.

**TOWN OF BLACKVILLE**  
Monday, Oct. 31, 6-8pm  
**TOWN OF WILLISTON**  
Monday, Oct. 31, 6-8pm

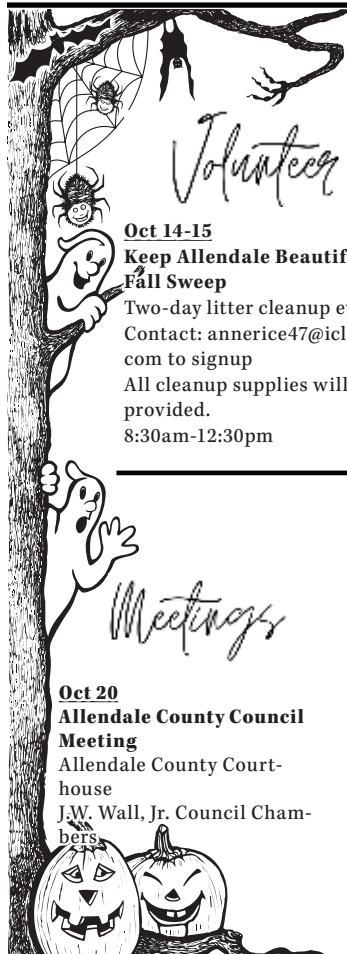
**Oct 25**  
**Trunk or Treat**  
Hosted by Walka Mile in My Shoes  
Honoring Kidney Disease and Alopecia Awareness  
Free admission  
At the Farmer's Home  
Furnishing parking lot in Barnwell

### Free Resources

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

SC, and need assistance with Christmas for children ages 2-10, applications are available through the Barnwell County DSS office. If you have questions, you may contact the BC DSS at 803-541-1200.

**Every Wed in Oct**  
**Free Introductory Computer Class**  
Allendale County Library in the conference room upstairs. Class is for adults to learn more about computers.  
**3pm**



### Volunteer

**Oct 14-15**  
**Keep Allendale Beautiful's Fall Sweep**  
Two-day litter cleanup event  
Contact: [annerice47@icloud.com](mailto:annerice47@icloud.com) to sign up  
All cleanup supplies will be provided.  
8:30am-12:30pm

### Fundraisers

**Oct 14 & 15**  
**Inside Yard Sale**  
15126 Dunbarton Blvd., Barnwell  
Proceeds to benefit Seven Pines Baptist Church VBS fund  
**8am-2pm**

**Oct 15**  
**Yard Sale & Fall Festival**  
**New Harvest Outreach Ministry** (96 Lemon Road, Barnwell)  
Join for fun, fellowship, good food, crafts, and games for all ages.  
**Yard Sale - 8am**  
**Fall Festival - 10am-2pm**

### Meetings

**Oct 20**  
**Allendale County Council Meeting**  
Allendale County Courthouse  
J.W. Wall, Jr. Council Chambers

292 Barnwell HWY, Allendale, SC 29810  
**6pm**

**Oct 25**  
**The Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health Center Board of Directors**  
will meet virtually. For more information call 803-508-7809.  
**5:30pm**

**1st Tuesdays**  
**Barnwell Development Association:**  
For small business owners & representatives with a passion to SHOP LOCAL. Would

love to hear your ideas for promoting small businesses in Barnwell County.  
20 Wall St, Barnwell  
**8:00am**

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



### EVENTS

**Oct 12**  
Fall Revival  
Friendship Baptist Church, Barnwell, SC  
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.  
**7pm**

**Oct 16**  
Harvest Day  
Hilda Southern Methodist Church  
242 Old Salem Rd. Hilda  
Service begins at 11am with guest speaker Rev. John Hucks followed by a covered dish dinner  
**Oct 24-25**  
Revival Services  
Hilda Southern Methodist Church  
242 Old Salem Rd. Hilda  
Rev. John Hucks will be presenting the evening messages.  
**7pm**

**Oct 23**  
Homecoming Celebration  
Kline Baptist Church  
Guest speaker will be Bobby Graves.  
BBQ dinner and fellowship to follow at noon. Meet the new pastor, Rev. Dr. Fred Orr.  
**11am**

**Oct 30**  
Homecoming: Friendship Baptist Church, Barnwell, SC  
Guest speaker will be Rev. Jeffrey Ray.  
A dinner will be served immediately following the service. The fall festival will be that evening at 6:00 pm with food, trunk or treat and other activities. All are welcome.  
**11am & 6pm**

### SERVICES

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

**Barnwell United Methodist Church**  
236 Main Street  
803-259-3331  
Sun Services & activities: 9:15 Coffee Fellowship in Crenshaw Hall  
10:00 Adult Sunday School in Crenshaw Hall  
10:15 Youth Sunday School  
11:00 Traditional worship service and Children's Sunday School  
Monthly activities: United Methodist Women - date announced each month

Barnwell Soup Kitchen - 10:45 every 3rd Monday at First Baptist  
Crochet Comforters - 10:00 on 4th Saturday

**Bells Chapel Pentecostal Holiness**  
83 Week Ave. Olar  
Sundays - 10:30am  
Pastor Thomas Caldwell - [calth02@yahoo.com](mailto:calth02@yahoo.com)  
(803) 335-9121, (803) 671-6369

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

**Center of Hope Community Fellowship**  
(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 Ave., Barnwell  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Bible Study Wednesday 6 p.m.  
803-259-5653

**First Baptist Church of Barnwell**  
161 Allen St, Barnwell, SC 29812  
Contemporary Service Sundays 9:00am  
Traditional Service Sundays 11:00am  
Sunday School at 10:10am  
Watch on facebook or listen in the parking lot over 90.5

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### Barnwell Library

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

### Blackville Library

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

### Williston Library

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

### Museums

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

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

### BLACKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

Mondays-Fridays  
Golden Retreat Activity Center  
(59 Callahan Circle, Blackville)  
803-219-7056

"Let's Talk "Veterans Supporting Veterans Platform will be Held on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 6pm  
In the Barnwell County Agricultural Building (Clemson Extension) on 34 Pechman St. Barnwell, SC  
Topic: "Insurance"  
Guest will be Mrs. Demetras Douglas, Mrs. Jolanda Hill, and Mrs. Josephine Kemp