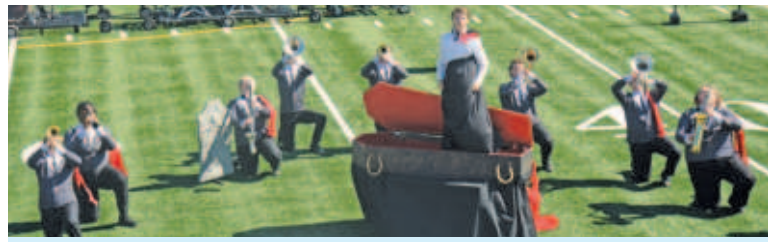




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County-wide consolidation coming

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Senator Brad Hutto and Representative Lonnie Hosey met with community members on Oct. 20 to discuss the upcoming consolidation of all Barnwell County schools into one district after two merged earlier this year.

"The next step that could possibly happen is there'd be a bill introduced to move forward

with consolidating the Barnwell County Consolidated School District (BCCSD) with Barnwell 45 (BSD45) into the Barnwell County School District," said Senator Hutto.

According to Senator Hutto, the earliest this process can start is December if he and Representative Hosey pre-file the bill for the upcoming legislative session.

"That is what's happened in all the surrounding counties the size of Barnwell, and it's expected that's what's gonna happen

here," said Senator Hutto.

Earlier this year, \$100 million of Savannah River Site (SRS) plutonium settlement funds were allocated to fund parts of the upcoming consolidation of the Barnwell School District 45 (BSD45) and the Barnwell County Consolidated School District (BCCSD).

Legislative bill S.956 detailing the appropriation of SRS settlement money states Barnwell County's funds are to be used for the "construction of consolidated



Rep. Lonnie Hosey and Sen. Brad Hutto address consolidation concerns at an Oct. 20 community meeting. Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

high school and career center and K-8 school for Williston and Blackville."

According to Senator Hutto,

it is envisioned that this money would go toward a county-wide

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Courtney Barwick (third from left) is in recovery thanks to the Axis I Center of Barnwell, including peer support specialists Michael Brown, Shannon Sheppard, and Roy Lockard. Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

Mother gains kids, life back after drug addiction

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For the past 19 months, Courtney Barwick has walked through the doors of the Axis I Center in Barnwell every Monday and Thursday by choice.

Before March 18, 2021, her visits to Axis I were mandated either by the Department of Social Services (DSS) or Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO). Now, she enters the facility to both receive and give support to others traveling the road of recovery.

"I feel like that's a part of my recovery, to help people," said Barwick.

Barwick started smoking marijuana at 13 in 2009. From there, she started using Percocet.

"After Percocet, I did that for a few years, then it was heroin," she said. "Then I went to crack to get off the heroin, and it worked, but I was just swapping drugs."

Swapping drugs grew into selling drugs, and the same substances Barwick was using were also earning money for her family.

One night in 2019, after roughly a month of doing meth, she crashed. When the effects of methamphetamines begin to fade, the user often experiences fatigue, paranoia, depression, and other symptoms commonly called a 'comedown' or 'crash.'

While she was asleep, Bar-



Courtney Barwick (second from left) with Axis I Center's prevention specialist team & Strengthening Families leaders members Cheryl Murdock, Pamela McKnight, and Susan Ingram.

wick's son, who was two years old at the time, got a hold of a torch and lit the bottom of the mattress where she was sleeping on fire.

"My daughter and I are sleeping in the bed, and I wake up to her screaming," said Barwick.

The fire was roaring about a foot from her face before she was able to put it out. DSS had been notified by an individual in Barwick's life.

"It was my fault. At the time I blamed everyone else except myself," she said. "You would think, 'Okay DSS got called, let me stop doing drugs.' But I didn't. I kept doing it."

Her children were in the care of her mother, and Barwick was removed from the home due in part because she could not pass a drug test at Axis I.

Barwick remembers sitting down across from Axis I Center Deputy Director Kathy Witherspoon, who was responsible

for administering the drug test.

Witherspoon informed Barwick she would be participating in a hair follicle test, and she still remembers the anger she felt toward Witherspoon—who is now a valued source of support, in that moment.

"You can't really cheat on those," said Barwick. "So, they took my kids."

Barwick had two young children and was pregnant with her third child when she went to rehab for four months per DSS order.

"When I got back from rehab, I used the next day," said Barwick. "I had that planned from the get-go."

Barwick describes the year following her getting out of rehab as a "bad stretch" from Feb. 2020 to March 2021.

Barwick describes how she "never did the drug, the drug always did me."

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2022 General Election A look at who's on the ballot

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South Carolina voters will head to the polls on Nov. 8, or earlier if voting under the state's new early voting law.

A slew of local, state, and federal offices will be decided. Here's a look at who's on the ballot:

GOVERNOR & LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: Incumbent Republican Gov. Henry McMaster (Lt. Gov. Pamela Evette) is being challenged by Democrat Joe Cunningham (Tally Parham Casey) and Libertarian Bruce Reeves (Jessica Ethridge).

SECRETARY OF STATE: Incumbent Republican Mark Hammond is being challenged by Democrat Rosemounda Peggy Butler.

S.C. TREASURER: Incumbent Republican Curtis Loftis is being challenged by Alliance candidate Sarah E. Work.

ATTORNEY GENERAL: Incumbent Republican Alan Wilson is running unopposed.

COMPTROLLER GENERAL: Incumbent Republican Comptroller General Richard Eckstrom is running unopposed.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION: The field of candidates includes Lisa Ellis (Democrat and Alliance parties), Ellen Weaver (Republican), and Patricia M. Mickel (Green). Current Republican Superintendent Molly Spearman is not running.

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE: Incumbent Republican Hugh Weathers is being challenged by Green Party candidate David Edmond and United Citizens candidate Chris Nelums.

U.S. SENATE 2: Incumbent Republican Sen. Tim Scott is being challenged by Democrat Krystle Matthews.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (District 2): Incumbent Republican Joe Wilson is being challenged by Democrat Judd Larkins for the seat that represents Barnwell, Aiken, Lexington, Orangeburg,

and Richland counties.

S.C. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (District 91): Incumbent Democrat Lonnie Hosey (a Barnwell resident) is facing no opposition for his seat that represents Barnwell, Allendale, and Orangeburg counties.

BARNWELL COUNTY PROBATE JUDGE: Incumbent Republican Myrna Still Dill is unopposed.

BARNWELL COUNTY AUDITOR: Incumbent Republican Gwen S. Kinard is unopposed.

BARNWELL COUNTY TREASURER: Incumbent Republican Sandy Cochran is unopposed.

BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL (District 2): Incumbent Democratic Councilman David Kenner is the only candidate on the ballot; however, Fonda Patrick is running a write-in campaign. Both are residents of Blackville. Candidate profiles are on page A5.

BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL (District 4): Incumbent Republican Councilman Daniel Alexander is running unopposed. He resides in Barnwell.

BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL (District 6): Incumbent Democratic Councilman Harold Buckmon is running unopposed. He resides in Barnwell.

BARNWELL COUNTY SOIL & WATER DISTRICT COMMISSION: Curtis L. Hogg Jr. and Fleming McMaster are running for the two non-partisan seats.

Residents living within the boundaries of the Barnwell County Consolidated School District will elect new board members in the first election since the merger of the former Blackville-Hilda District 19 and Williston-Elko District 29. Residents can only vote for the non-partisan seat representing their district.

School Trustee District 1: Teresa B. Hughes is unopposed.

School Trustee District 2: No one filed for this seat.

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Call to service: SRS firefighter helps others

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The 45 pounds of protective gear worn by firefighters isn't enough to protect them from a cancer diagnosis.

In the United States, firefighters are 14% more likely to die following a cancer diagnosis, and they are 9% more likely to get cancer than those with a different occupation. In 2016, cancer became the leading cause of death for firefighters, according to the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF).

Even with these risks being known, firefighters like Phillip Weathers still gear up and respond to emergencies.

"If they told me that a hundred percent, I was going to get cancer and die doing this job, I would still do it," said Weathers. "When you go to a call out there, you're going to everybody's very worst day, and we get to make it better in any shape or fashion, and you can always find a way to make it better, at least a little bit."

Weathers has been a career firefighter since 1997 and has worked with multiple fire departments before his current position as a firefighter with the Savannah River Site (SRS). He knew the first time he rode on a firetruck he found his calling.

In 2014, Weathers founded FireKFiveK, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing support to local firefighter families who are struggling with cancer and associated medical debt after seeing a great need amongst the nearly 3,000 volunteer and professional firefighters living in the CSRA.

Now, FireK hosted their annual 5K run on Saturday, October 1 at 8 a.m. at the Lady Antebellum Pavilion at Evans Town Center Park in Evans, Ga.

"We say this thing in the fire service, 'I'm not here for me, I'm here for we, and we are here for them,'" said Weathers. "If you can't be true to the second part of that, if you can't be here for the 'we,' you can't be here for them."

FireKFiveK has been a resource for up to six families a year, and continues to help both career and volunteer firefighters as well as their family members. In recent years, FireK has aided firefighters in Hilda and Allendale County.

Lieutenant Dean Griffin of the Hilda Fire Department was recovering from prostate surgery when



Phillip Weathers (left) and Fire K VP Tony Smiley (right) present a check to the LiveStrong campaign.

Hilda Fire Chief Thomas Sharpe handed him a check written by FireK.

"Two months after my prostate surgery and all, he came by and handed me a check," said Griffin. "I was still going through the process of getting over the surgery and learning how to function again, and it was just very emotional for me."

"I had tears in my eyes, it just touched me that people still look out for you," said Griffin, who explains he wouldn't have reached out for resources if it wasn't for Chief Sharpe's help.

Griffin had joined the fire department in 2004 after some of his family members experienced the 'worst days' Weathers referred to.

"If you were to try to define a firefighter's character, it's just the majority of these guys do not have the ability to see something bad happen and not intervene," said Weathers.

In Allendale County in 2019, the late David Cooke was a paramedic, a Highway Patrolman for 25 years, and a volunteer firefighter for over two decades.

Weathers explains Cooke was unable to finish his service with the Highway Patrol before his retirement which was two weeks away. He and his fiancé were looking for continued care.

FireK gave Cooke a check, which allowed him to buy his fiancé a ring before he passed away months later, said Weathers.

Weathers, who is based in Georgia, started the 'FiveK' aspect of FireK after attending a Hometown Heroes 5K run in support of a local firefighter.

FireKFiveK's first event was held in April 2014 in Hampton County and he raised nearly \$3,000 to be donated directly to three firefighters dealing with illness.

Weathers explains he and other FireK members like Vice President and fellow SRS firefighter Tony Smiley used vacation time to orga-

nize this event. The 5K was the first large-scale event Weathers had ever planned.

"We got \$982 and some change for each person, but I made those checks and took them to hand out and it felt like I had done something," said Weathers.

This feeling was also present at FireK's Blues and Barbecue themed Hero's Night when recipients joined with sponsors and organization members to celebrate and honor the sacrifice of local heroes.

"We had a couple past recipients who wanted to speak," said Weathers. One of those speakers was Mary Lockhart who served as a firefighter for ten years.

Before the event, Weathers expressed to Lockhart he felt he was "spinning his wheels" and not making enough impact.

Lockhart, who has stage four cervical cancer, reached into her purse and showed him medical bills paid for by the FireK donation. She explained to him that her children will have a Christmas because FireK took care of the medical expenses.

At Hero's Night, Lockhart explained all it takes to make a difference is people who want to make a difference.

FireK has also been working to bridge the gap in healthcare where firefighters commonly fall through.

FireK is currently working with Dr. Jorge Cortes, director of the Georgia Cancer Center at Augusta University, to form a study group to provide free testing for firefighters based on current health recommendations.

Some of the occupational health recommendations made for firefighters are things like changing the required age for firefighters to get a colonoscopy from 50-years-old to 40-years-old due their increased exposure to hazardous materials.

These recommendations are made by a board of oncologists working with the International Association of

Fire Fighters (IAFF), according to Weathers. However, some insurance companies base their age requirements for certain procedures on recommendations made by the American College of Surgeons, explained Weathers.

Therefore, insurance companies will not pay for procedures like a colonoscopy for patients under the age of 50.

"It puts firefighters in general in a very tight spot," said Weathers. "You're telling us that we're at more risk and we should get tested sooner, but then you're not giving us access to it."

IAFF also recognizes the use of PFAS, a category of man-made chemicals that have been linked to diseases like cancer, in firefighter gear.

"It's a long chain molecule that is harder to ignite and it can be found in a variety of different fabrics, and that gets absorbed into our system as well and it may be contributing to the overall cause," said Weathers of PFAS.

Although the gear is supposed to protect them from heat, smoke, toxins, burnt debris and much more, the IAFF recognizes it also poses a potential threat.

"We wear respiratory protection, the majority of the time that we're doing; however, you know, there are things you can't control,"

Weathers explains how 50 years ago buildings and structures were made of wood, now many synthetic materials are being used to furnish and build buildings, such as fast food restaurants.

When those items are melting, it creates toxic chemicals that their skin is not protected from.

"Our skin is not protected from that, we're protected from heat by the bulkiness of our gear, but smoke and stuff penetrates right through that," said Weathers.

Weathers explains once you start sweating, "your

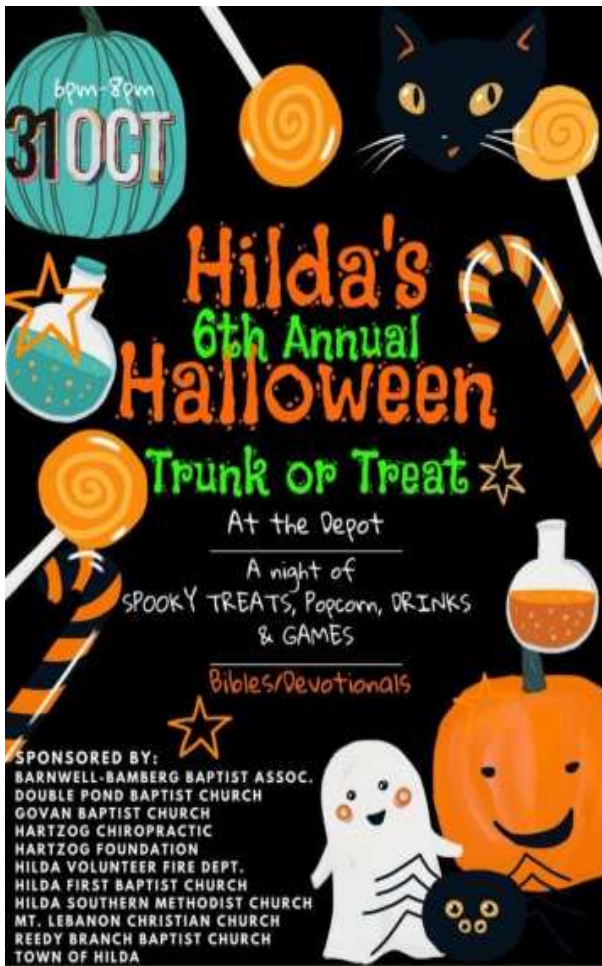
absorption rate is 400 times the rate" than it would normally be. This causes your body to more rapidly take in the toxins settling on the skin.

"Does it take one exposure? Does it take 50? Does it take 10? Or is it just wearing the gear around? We don't know," said Weathers, who hopes FireK can be a part of finding these

answers.

FireK also gives a thousand dollars or 10% of their sales, whatever is greater, to the LiveStrong Campaign which works in conjunction with the Wilson YMCA in Augusta to provide classes and memberships to cancer survivors.

Visit <https://www.firek-fivek.com/> for more information on FireKFiveK.



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Marching bands head to state finals

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Two Barnwell County marching bands are headed to the state championship.

The Barnwell High School Scarlet Knights Marching Band and the Williston-Elko High School Blue Devil Marching Band competed at the 1A Lower State marching band competition held Saturday, Oct. 22 at Blythwood High. Williston-Elko and Barnwell both qualified for state after placing fourth and fifth, respectively.

"They've been working hard and getting better every single week since July 26 (when band camp began). It paid off for them this weekend when they went out and had their best run of the season. They earned their place in state finals and I am so proud of them!" said Barnwell's band director, Dawn Vickery.

"I am really pleased with the effort, focus, and energy my students have brought to 'Under the Moonlight'. They have

taken our vision and ran with it!" said Jessica Pym, Williston-Elko's band director.

Both bands will put in more hours of practice this week in anticipation of this weekend's state finals.

"The thing I'm most looking forward to this week is watching them enjoy their final performance of the year knowing how much they have grown since we started this summer," said Vickery.

"We are looking forward to performing at night at State. It's always a different experience under the stadium lights and the darkness fits the mood of our show," said Pym.

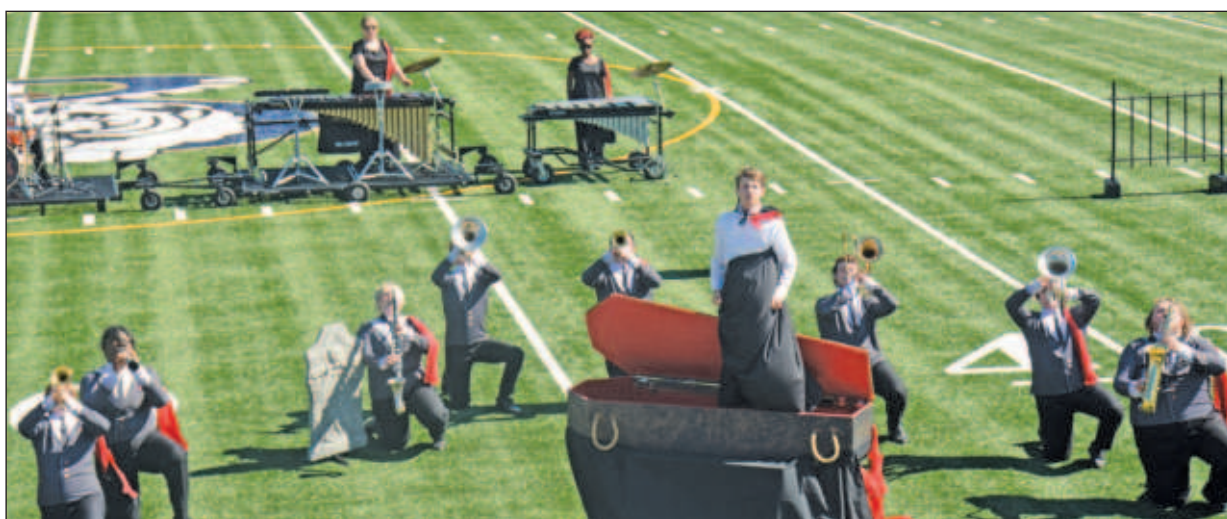
The 1A state finals will be held at Westwood High School (180 Turkey Farm Rd., Blythwood) this Saturday, October 29.

Barnwell performs their "Time After Time" clock-themed show at 6:45 p.m.

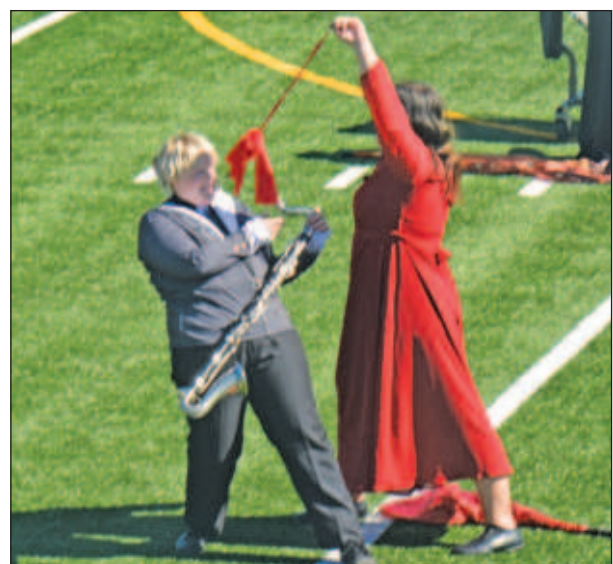
Williston-Elko performs their vampire-themed show titled "Under the Moonlight" at 7:15 p.m.



Drum major Holly Thomas (center) keeps the Barnwell Scarlet Knights in rhythm during the 1A Lower State competition at Blythwood High on Oct. 22.



Jason Edwards, the drum major for the Williston-Elko Blue Devil Marching Band, emerges as a vampire from a coffin at the end of the "Under the Moonlight" show.



AT LEFT: A member of the Williston-Elko color guard, in character as a vampire, removes a red sash from a band member, signifying them being turned into a vampire. The show is titled "Under the Moonlight".



AT RIGHT: Members of the Barnwell High Scarlet Knights move their heads in motion during their clock-themed show titled "Time After Time". That's the same title as Cindy Lauper's hit song, which was one of the band's three musical selections.

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Boomer Briefing

End of life planning: Q&A



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Q – My father died some months ago without a will. The daughter of his second wife is giving his personal items, like guns and tools, away without consulting me and my step-mother refuses to answer my calls. My Dad and I were very close, and it hurts to know I will have nothing passed down to me, even pictures of my childhood and my grandfather's pistol. I know some accounts and property were jointly owned and it was a long second marriage of 20 years, but Dad had a retirement plan and 401K that I guess are payable to her. What rights, if any, do I have as the only biological son still living?

A – When a parent dies without a will under South Carolina intestacy law biological children are entitled to 1/2 of the probate estate of a parent and the surviving spouse is entitled to the other 1/2. Those joint accounts and the 401K are likely not part of the probate estate, but the gun probably is. As 30 days have passed since your father's death you can file a petition with the probate court in the county where he resided or owned real property to be named the personal representative of your father's estate. You need to file a death certificate and pay the filing fees. However, his surviving spouse has priority for appointment under the law and she can also file and nominate someone to serve in her stead, even your stepsister. You may not ultimately be appointed, but by forcing the estate into probate administration you will be able to learn about the exact nature of your father's assets and possibly be able to retrieve items distributed without authority. You certainly want to alert the judge to this problem of Dad's tools

being given away and provide a list of the missing items. Hopefully, you can work out a private agreement on distribution of those items dear to your heart. The probate code favors in-kind distribution.

YOU NEED TO TALK WITH AND HIRE AN ATTORNEY because you mentioned a predeceased sibling who might have had children that would share an inheritance with you. These are court proceedings and the probate judge and her staff cannot give you legal advice or make appropriate motions for relief on your behalf.

Sadly, often individuals at odds with one another trace the root of the argument back to how things changed when Dad married again and how a stepparent favored their own child, disregarding the father's biological children.

Blended families in conflict following the death of a loved one are common. It may seem petty and foolish from a distance, but the hurt feelings are real and both law and custom honors the expectation of an inheritance from our parents no matter how modest. Things like Grandpa's gun passed down through the generations along with a story of valor in either providing for a family by hunting or serving his country during time of war symbolize courage and values proudly pass from one generation to another. A piece of jewelry once a birthday gift help adult children feel the kind of romance and marital love that last for time and all eternity. And Mother's china preserves precious memories of togetherness at the holidays. We respect the rule of law, but kindness matters in most probate situations.

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Natural Affections



Donna-Maria Conzalina
Columnist

*October your blue skies,
Your crisp morning air,
Bring thoughts of masquerading
And anticipating the fair,
The autumn leaves change colors,
As they costume the trees.
October enchantment is there to see,
Between childhood dreams and make-believe.
From the 1993 poem A Year of Hope by Donna-Maria Conzalina*

Blue Skies. Whenever I hear those words, I can't help but think of my youngest daughter and the parakeet she named, Blue Sky. Her clear simplicity of seeing the world has always been one of my greatest inspirations.

Today's insight reminds me of birds in the blue sky and a special moment I witnessed through the appearance of one of those graceful, winged creatures.

I'd been on my own for a couple of years at that time. Thankful for the mountains I managed to climb and a clear path that was alas before me; although still struggling to make ends meet as many a single person could testify.

I had a job that I truly loved back then, working as an activity director in an assisted living facility in the Lowcountry of South Carolina. Being used as an instrument to bring joy to the lives of those in their golden years is a blessing I highly recommend and will always treasure.

Making life even more pleas-

ant, each day as I traveled back and forth to work I'd drive past an old church that had a large, white cross sitting along the roadside. As I passed the cross daily I'd look over and say a quiet thank you in my heart to The Lord. This became a routine we shared for nearly two years.

Then as winds of time change and curve balls fly, managerial changes began happening at the facility. I was informed one day that, by the next month, for the foreseeable future, my full-time hours were going to be cut back by a few. Not news I really wanted to hear. But the Lord hadn't failed me yet with His Providence and I knew He never would, come what may. Yes, I was already on a tight budget and this meant I'd just have to tighten it up even a little more while I waited on Him to show me the next step.

The morning of that first scheduled day my hours were cut finally arrived. Of course, even the most faithful among us are merely human and we can't help but wonder: how He's going to work things out; while trusting and praying to not be trapped by strongholds of anxiety.

So, faithfully we put on our armor, go back out to fight the world's battle. Devoted soldiers in The Righteous Army know, He's our Commander and He does have

us covered. So, I got in my car and drove forward.

This morning was indeed different however, especially when I came upon that old familiar, large white cross along the way. This time instead of driving past it as the normal flow of traffic would usually take me, a delay was up ahead. I found myself stopped directly alongside that cross.

As I sat in backup traffic, my focus turned directly towards that symbol of faith. It was a clear morning and the skies were the loveliest shade of blue. And with perfect timing that only God could orchestrate, there, sailing out from the vastness, came a lovely bird perching itself atop that white cross.

Any trace of anxiety or concern that tried to take up residence in this human soul was suddenly blown away by the Holy Spirit. And in a way that only He can speak to us, I heard these words: "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" (Matthew 6:26).

To the surprise of my manager, I arrived at work with a smile on my face and oh, what an inspiring story I was able to share around the break table that morning! And here again now with you, dear reader, I'm thankful to be able to share, as well as blessings in joy and reminders to keep your focus upwards on those blue skies; and always keep the faith!

Letters to the Editor

Who's the lowest form of humanity?

Dear Editor,
It was strange picking up the paper last week and reading about the lady who had solar lights stolen from her husband's grave. I live in Blackville and had the same thing happen to me several weeks ago. I find it hard to believe that

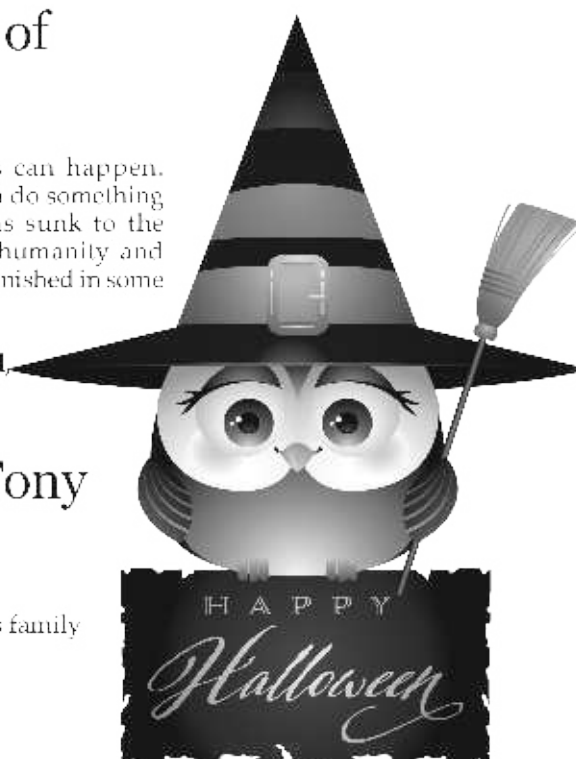
things like this can happen. Anyone who can do something this horrible has sunk to the lowest form of humanity and deserves to be punished in some way.

Sincerely,
Barbara J. Still,
Blackville

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Sincerely,
Tony D. Hair's family



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District 2 County Councilman challenged

David Kenner is seeking re-election to his District 2 seat on Barnwell County Council.

The life-long resident of Blackville and Barnwell County wants to keep making a difference in his community.

"I get joy when I am able to help and serve our citizens of Blackville and Barnwell. I ask for your vote and support to continue serving Barnwell County District #2. My motto is 'If everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot,'" he said.

Kenner has been employed at the Savannah River Site for over 33 years as an Electrician and Instrumentation Mechanic and now serves as a Quality Assurance Inspector. He is a Navy veteran, a Big 7 Association member, past Master of Barnwell Lodge #180 P.M.A., Lower Savannah Council of Governments board member, 2021/22 Hawk of the Year, Sigma Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Fraternity, Inc., 2020 Citizen of the Year, Blackville American Legion Post #253 member, former NAACP Youth Council advisor, member of Macedonia Baptist Church, and regular participant with roadside trash pickup with the Democratic Party.

He and his wife, Rosaland, have been married over 22 years. They have two children, Davida and Immanuel.

Learn more on Facebook at "Re-elect David Kenner".

Why are you seeking re-election?

I am running for re-election to continue to be effective in my society and family. I want to allow others to have an opportunity to live in a safe and healthy environment. I strive each day to be a positive light for men and little boys to see to allow them to know they can be great community leaders in their towns and stay proud to live in their hometowns. I have lived in Blackville all of my life and I am a strong fighter for my community and I want nothing



but the very best for myself, my family and all the citizens who live in my community and district. I will continue to work hard to solve issues and concerns of the citizens, expand broadband services, improve housing and industrial development.

What makes you the best candidate?

I have the experience of over 20 years in the political arena. I have the background knowledge and the leadership abilities to perform on day one of my re-election seat. I am trained and diverse in all tasks of the position and know how to implement any task that arise. I have strong relationships that I have built over the years with several stakeholders that would allow for faster and smoother transitions. I have served as the mayor of Blackville, served as Past Chairman of the Lower Savannah Council of Governments representing the six-county region, and serve as county council member for Barnwell County District 2. The background knowledge gained from the past experiences allows me to be the strongest candidate for this position. I am very familiar with the order of the business platform. I am capable, willing and determine to keep Blackville and Barnwell County thriving and growing.

How do you hope to make a difference?

I strive to be effective in the

lives of our citizens by hearing their concerns and finding achievable ways to address the varying issues. In other words, "Listening to my citizens and working for them."

Tell me about your accomplishments you are proud of from your time in office and what you want to work on.

During the time in office as I serve, I am honored to have been a part of the council to implement a stand-alone Emergency Room/ Urgent Care Facility located on Hwy. 70. Another task I was honored to be a part of was the Capital Projects Improvement Tax that passed in 2016 during the time I served as chairman of Barnwell County Council, allowing the municipalities and county to undertake several costly and needed projects such as the \$900,000 for water and sewage upgrades in Blackville and \$500,000 for clean-up of abandoned properties in Blackville. Several tasks that I worked on included serving with the Barnwell County Development Commission to place industry in District #2 and Barnwell County, working with transportation committee and SCDOT to pave, improve and repave several roads in Blackville (Hwy. 3 & 78, Sunshine Road, Apollo Circle, Oak Avenue, Jones Bridge Road, Clinton Road, and Blaze Lane). I also worked with SC Works to acquire a mobile employment van to make visits to Blackville to assist citizens with employment opportunities, assisted with City of Blackville to change floor plan of the Dollar General store for fresh fruit and vegetables to maintain healthier lifestyles for the citizens. Also, proud of the opportunity to help secure funding for the pickleball court at the Blackville-Hilda High School. These are a few of the things I have worked on and proud to serve the citizens as I am still working on various other task that will improve the growth and appearance of our city.

Fonda Ephriam Patrick hopes voters will write her name in on the ballot for Barnwell County Council District 2.

Originally from Blackville, she's the daughter of the late Hattie Ephriam Brown. She graduated from Blackville Public Schools in 1989 and went on to attend the University of South Carolina, Columbia, to receive a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and graduated from Webster University with a Masters in Human Resource Management.

With her love of helping others, Fonda began her career as a clinical counselor at the Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council and also worked with the Richland/Lexington Disabilities and Special Needs Board. Wanting a change in service fields, she moved to the world of business with Verizon Wireless and worked her way up from a top producer in sales to district manager in the Atlanta, Ga. market and after 15 years retired to move back to her hometown of Blackville in 2014.

Why are you running for county council? What makes you the best candidate?

I'm not a politician and I'm not running to represent a political affiliation. I'm running to be a voice for the people of Barnwell County. The people that don't get to voice their opinion about how entrepreneurship can be a driving force for economic growth in Small Town America and how building the infrastructure for broadband can open the doors of education development and the deciding factor on companies wanting to bring their businesses to Barnwell County. Getting answers to questions on the housing shortage and affordable housing resources for our area. We need someone that is involved, accountable, trusted and transparent to be a part of Barnwell County Council and represent District 2. I am already working to propel our communities forward and



I'm confident in my ability to do just that.

Patrick currently serves as secretary for the Barnwell County Consolidated School District Board #48, The Cumbee Center Board of Directors, S.C. Association for Community Economic Development, HOPE Collective Board of Directors, S.C. Community Health Workers Association - Blackville Community Focus Group, Nu Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., Ned Branch Baptist Church in Barnwell, and Town of Blackville Community Events Coordinator.

How do you hope to help your community, if elected?

We are in critical times and I want to make sure that I'm actively involved in preparing our communities for growth and development that secures our future. There are many resources that are available but how much of this information is being brought back to us...the people that are directly affected by decisions that are made on our behalf.

You need more than what you've have been getting for the past 16+ years from our current representative. You deserve a worker that will jump in the trenches with you to change the trajectory of District #2 and Barnwell County and that person is me.

I am asking for your Write-In vote on November 8th for Barnwell County Council District 2.

Two vye for BCCSD District 6 seat

Edward Rockwell is seeking to retain the District 6 seat he was appointed to on the Barnwell County Consolidated School Board.

He is the Past Commander of American Legion Post 91. Rockwell has spent more than 20 combined years as a firefighter/EMR with Blackville & Long Branch fire departments. He is a member of Barnwell County CERT and is involved in church events. He is the 1SG for headquarters of the State Guard at Olympia Armory in Columbia.

He and his wife, Norma, moved to Barnwell County 29 years ago for Norma's new position. He was hired as a police officer with Blackville PD; retiring as Blackville's



Public Works Director.

Norma worked as a public school teacher for 15 years. In that time, he helped her prepare lessons, grade papers, and attend conferences. He was a Community Member of the Carver Edisto Middle School's School Improvement Council for seven years. He coached Lego Robotics, Future City competitions and chaperoned. He also observed and graded middle school teachers as they introduced "life skills" to their students as a research curriculum.

Why are you running for school board?

I was appointed to the interim board and found

working together to consolidate the two school districts has been educational. The friendly and professional environment has allowed a smooth transition. I would like to continue the consolidation process in a non-biased manner; giving quality education to all scholars in Barnwell County.

What makes you the best candidate?

I have been serving on the Barnwell County Consolidated Board since December 2021. I feel I have established a good rapport with current board members and educators in the Williston and Blackville schools.

How do you hope to make a difference?

To better Barnwell County as a whole, I want to ensure that all educators, scholars, and ancillary staff members have equal and adequate learning environments in which to take pride. Everyone deserves access to quality materials and career/college readiness development.

Catrena Hughes-Parker, a resident of Blackville for 47 years, is seeking the District 6 seat on the Barnwell County Consolidated School District board.

The daughter of Rev. Floyd and Lillie Hughes, she's married to Anthony Parker and has three children (Jaylun attends Converse University in Spartanburg; Jamari is a senior at Blackville-Hilda High; and Jewel is in 3rd grade at Macedonia Elementary). The 1990 graduate of BHHS enlisted in the Army Reserves. After being deployed to the Persian Gulf and returning to the states, she enrolled at S.C. State Univ. and graduated in 1996. She earned the rank of Captain and served until 2005.

After graduation, she worked for the Dept. of Juvenile Justice as a corrections officer, a road deputy with the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office and a Canine Officer for Centerra at Savannah River Site until 2015.

Why are you running



for school board?

I'm running for school board to be an advocate for the children, teachers and parents, because I know it takes all three of these entities working together to be great. Not saying all three will agree on everything, but I believe I could be the voice to bring reasoning and the bridge that mends confusion, and bring understanding to make BCCSD strive.

What makes you the best candidate?

Because I'm a fighter. I will fight with everything in me for the right cause and education is the right cause. I value and support education. I'm not just get-

ting involved now because I'm running for school board, I'm that parent who will be there regardless of how the election turns out. I will fight for every child like they are mine.

How do you hope to make a difference?

By listening to the issues that parents and students are having and listening to the issues that faculty and staff are having. Knowing first you must listen not saying agree but at least listen, and then prayfully come up with a plan or solution that works. I am an advocate for education and I want each student to succeed and win, because when the students win, the school wins.

I don't consider myself to be a politician taking one side over the other side. I'm just a mother of three who values education and believe that I can make a difference in my school. No matter the outcome, I will still be working to keep our school great! Because you don't need a title to work.

Notice

Holly Hill Complex at Cribb Street, Holly Hill, SC

North Complex at Palmetto Ave., North, SC

Allendale Complex at Bluff Road, Allendale, SC

Blackville Complex at Hampton Ave., Blackville, SC

Branchville Villa complex at Branchville Lane, Branchville, SC

Denmark Gardens Complex at Mimosa Avenue, Denmark, SC

Fairfax Boundary Complex at Boundary Street, Fairfax, SC

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NOTICE OF UPDATED FACILITY EMERGENCY COORDINATORS CONTACT INFORMATION

2013 RCRA Permit Renewal Application, Volume XIII, Mixed Waste Storage Buildings, and Volume XIII, Transuranic Waste Pads Minor Modification

An editorial (Class 1) change has been made to the Savannah River Site's Mixed Waste Storage Buildings (MWSB) and Transuranic Waste Pads' Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit Application. The changes clarified the various numbers (e.g., cell, office, pager) and addresses listed for each emergency coordinator identified in the Section G. of Volume VIII and Volume XIII Permit Renewal Applications. These changes are necessary to ensure the list of RCRA emergency coordinators is current.

Written comments may be sent to SCDHEC. Please send your comments to Ms. Stacey L. French at the address below:

Stacey L. French, P.E., Director
Division of Waste Management,
Soth Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201-1708

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF ALLENDALE COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the Allendale Town Council on **Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 5:45 pm.**, in the Town Hall, Courtroom, 1296 Main Street South, Allendale, SC:

A public hearing will be held to consider to rezone the property located at:

- 541 Pearl Street as Residential Mobile Home (RMH) with the understanding that the property and the mobile home placed there meets all ordinance requirements. This is to include space dimensions, sewer, etc.
- 202 Water Street from single family residential (R51) to neighborhood commercial (NC).

BIRTH



Keaton Haze Creech was born on July 20, 2022.

Keaton Haze Creech

Cliff and Victoria Creech of Barnwell are proud to announce the birth of their son, Keaton Haze Creech.

He was born on July 20, 2022 at 7:55 a.m. at Aiken Regional Medical Center in Aiken. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Keaton was welcomed home by his big brothers, Caden, age 10, and Asher, age 4.

Maternal grandparents are Charles and Tabitha Zorn of Barnwell.

Paternal grandparents are Joey and Tammy Gunnells of Barnwell and Rodney Creech of Williston.

Maternal great-grandparents are Linda Zorn and the late Charles Zorn Sr. of Barnwell; Jimmy and Lisa Bodiford of Crosshill; and the late Doris Bodiford of Williston.

Paternal great-grandparents are Albert and Bettie Wade of Clemson; Don Creech Sr. of Barnwell; and Rick and Emma Walta of Barnwell.



Bobby Morris (center) with his family (from left to right): Michael Still, Heather Still, Neal Morris, Tyler Morris, Rebecca Morris, kids Harper Lee and Jason, Janet Creighton, and Snelling Mayor Paul Moore.

Robert O. "Bobby" Morris recognized for 43 years of service to Town of Snelling

Lisa Still
Town of Snelling

The Town of Snelling recently recognized a long-time community servant.

Robert O. "Bobby" Morris was recognized during the Sept. 12 Snelling Town Council meeting for his 43 years as a town council member and for his dedication to the community. He was presented with a commemorative plaque.

"Robert O. 'Bobby' Morris has been, and continues to be, a model citizen, always ready, willing and eager to help his neighbors whenever and wherever there is a need," according to a resolution honoring his service.

The lifelong Snelling resident served on the Election Commission Board when the town was reorganized in 1969. He was instrumental in establishing the Snelling Volunteer Fire Department, and has served as its chief since 1978. Morris was elected to Snelling Town Council in 1979 and continues to serve. The resolution also stated Morris "has for more than 40 years provided building and equipment maintenance services, trash disposal services, and landscaping services in an exemplary manner to the Town of Snelling."

"The Town of Snelling expresses its appreciation to Robert O. "Bobby" Morris for his many years of dedicated service to the Town of Snelling and for many jobs well done," stated the resolution.

A small reception followed the meeting.



Snelling Town Council recognized Bobby Morris. From left to right: Wiley Moore, Annette Moore, Bobby Morris, Brookie Anderson and Mayor Paul Moore.

BIRTHDAY

Betty Bell celebrates 85th birthday

Betty Bell celebrated her 85th birthday on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022.

She celebrated with more than 50 friends and family at her favorite restaurant, Meeting on Main in Williston, where she got her fried chicken fix. Many people stopped by to get one of her big hugs, too!

The former Williston resident, who now lives at Cumberland Village in Aiken, was born Oct. 18, 1937.



Barnwell City Businesses

For full details go to BarnwellIDA.com

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Billy Herman "Wess" Westmoreland

He is preceded in death by sisters, Sandra Noe, Jane Westmoreland, Ann Smith, Jackie Sox, and Toni Long.

Wess loved his family, especially his two granddaughters who called him "Grampsie." He loved his children and was proud of the paths they have chosen along with their spouses, Laurie and Mike. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and loved to tend his garden to share with his friends and neighbors.

Visitation was held Thursday, October 20th, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at Mole Funeral Home, with graveside services following at 11:30 a.m. at the Barnwell United Methodist Church Cemetery, with Rev. Ed Traxler officiating. Pallbearers were Lonnie Keele, Roy Martin, Ron-

nie Horton, Ralph Moore, Coley Creech, and Ronald Still.

The family wishes to extend a special thanks to his home health care team, Holly Tucker, Kellie Carroll, Alison Stevens, Josh Young, Judy Villalobos, Robin Boylston, and other Remain At Home staff.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to the Barnwell United Methodist Church Cemetery, P.O. Box 126, Barnwell, S.C. 29812, and the St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell was in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com.

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BARNWELL - Billy Herman "Wess" Westmoreland, 77, passed away October 16th, 2022. He was born March 1st, 1945, in Morristown, Tennessee to the late Jack and Thelma Westmoreland.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Judy K. Westmoreland of Barnwell; daughter, Dawn (Michael) Westmoreland Butts of North Augusta; son, J.J. (Laurie) Westmoreland of New Orleans, LA; granddaughters, Avery and Natalie Westmoreland; sisters, Nell (Sammy) Ducan and Mary Jo Katz, as well as his special fur-baby, Cali.



Frances Still Mills

S.C. 29853.

Frances passed away on Thursday, October 20, 2022.

Born in Orangeburg, she was a daughter of the late Albert "Tadpole" Still and Gwendolyn Porter Still and was married to the late Joseph Willard "Jake" Mills. She was a member of the Memorial Church of the Nazarene. Frances was a graduate of Orangeburg Technical College with a degree in Real Estate; she was realtor and a broker having owned and operated Mills Real Estate Company for a number of years.

Survivors include her son, Bennie Newsome of Rowesville; her daughter, Laina (Jerome) Teschen-

dorf of Patten, ME; stepdaughters, Faith (Trey) Atkinson of Orangeburg and Nica Jones of Branchville; grandchildren, Dakota Teschendorf, Jackson, Tyler and Sarah Jones, Preston and Aimee Atkinson; a sister, Annie Ruth (Bill) Giles of Columbia; and brothers, Conway Albert Still of Troy, N.C. and Joseph Allen Still of Branchville; and a number of nieces and nephews.

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

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BRANCHVILLE - A Celebration of Life Service for Frances Still Mills, 66, of Branchville, will be at 2 o'clock p.m., Wednesday, October 26, 2022 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Wednesday. Memorial contributions may be given to Folk Funeral Home, P.O. Box 367, Williston,



Jane B. Barnes

Monday, October 24, 2022.

Jane was a native of North Augusta; she was a daughter of the late Joseph A. Baynham and Florence Frey Baynham, and was married to the late Paul Dallas Barnes. She was a member of the Williston First Baptist Church and was a graduate of Newberry College. She worked for WSRC at the Savannah River Site for 30 years and also taught school in New Ellenton and Williston for a number of years before returning and retiring from the Savannah River Site.

Survivors include her sons, Dallas (Donna) Barnes Jr. of Williston and Allan (Amanda) Barnes of Aiken; three granddaughters, Rachael (Austin) Head and their children, Aubrey and Adalynn, all

of North Augusta, Pawley Cate Barnes and Lily Barnes, both of Aiken; two grandsons, Tyler (Brooke) Reedy of Clemson and Connor Reedy of Aiken; a sister, Jeanette (William E. "Bill") Eckard of Grayson, GA; a brother, James A. "Jimmy" (Martha) Baynham of Mechanicsville, VA; along with a number of nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend a thank you to Day-Break for their excellent care, love, and concern that was shown to Jane and her family.

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

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WILLISTON - A graveside funeral service for Jane Baynham Barnes, 83, of Williston, will be held at 10 o'clock a.m., Thursday, October 27, 2022 at the Williston Cemetery with the Reverend Bert Baynham officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home in Williston. Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692.

Jane passed away on



Julian B. Wall Jr.

faithful member of Crossroads Assembly of God, where he served on the Media team. Prior to this move, he attended and faithfully served at Eternal Life Harvest Center in Knoxville, TN, where he served as an Elder. He took this position very seriously and lived to tell other about Jesus.

He was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather who led his family in service and love to God, like Abraham.

He was preceded in death by his father, Julian Wall Sr., and sister, Brenda Kay Wall.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his mother Gladys Capers (Williston); his adoring wife of 37 years, Patsy Wall; son, Julian III

(Kari) Wall, and three precious grandchildren, Julian IV, Matthew Evan and Lorlai Wall; sisters, Janis (Al) Moore of Daphne, AL, Debra (Scott) McLaughlin of Milton, FL, and Rebecca (Matt) Fail (Williston), as well as nephews and nieces, whom he loved very much.

Visitation was held on Thursday, September 15 from 2-3 p.m. at Eternal Life Harvest Center (1801 Western Ave, Knoxville TN). Services began at 3 p.m.

A graveside service was held at Barnwell Memorial Gardens at 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 17.

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After relocating to Bulls Gap in 2020, he was a



Reverend Robert Frederick

the arrival of "the Bomb Plant." "Frog" served six years in the U.S. Army Reserves like so many of his classmates and friends. "Bobby" graduated from North Greenville Junior College (now North Greenville University) and was ordained into the ministry by Rosemary Baptist Church on March 25, 1962. "Preacher Bob" would pastor South Carolina Baptist churches for six decades including Adam's Run Baptist, Old St. George Baptist, Pleasant Ridge Baptist, Neeses Baptist, Healing Springs Baptist, Mt. Olivet Baptist, Allen's Chapel Baptist, Pleasant Hill Baptist, Gethsemane Baptist and Beulah Baptist.

On December 13, 1963, a Friday the 13th, he went on a blind date with Elaine Shieder from Grover, S.C. and on August 1, 1964 the two were married launching a 58-year marriage blessed by God.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings: Cecil Frederick, Raymond Frederick, Francis Hutto Frederick, Oneal Frederick, Janelle Frederick Klozer, Edna Frederick

Gibson and (cousin who was reared as a brother) Laurie F. "Mann" Frederick Jr, as well as several nieces, nephews and brothers in law and sisters in law.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Elaine Shieder Frederick: sons, Reverend Kenneth L. (Suzanne) Frederick and Robert Len (Tiffany) Frederick; grandchildren Kenneth David (Sara) Frederick, Lydia Holland Frederick, Joshua Monroe Frederick, Samuel Layton (Ashleigh) Frederick, Robert Len Frederick Jr., Olin Chase Wilson, and Aaron Patrick List; a brother-in-law, sister-in-law, cousins, and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family suggests that memorials can be made to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, IMB, 3806 Monument Avenue, Richmond, VA 23230.

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

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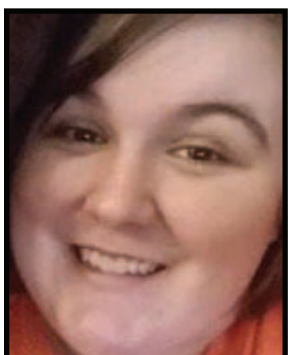
BLACKVILLE - Funeral services for Reverend Robert Kenneth Frederick, 84, of Blackville, were held Monday, October 24, at 3 o'clock p.m. at Blackville First Baptist Church, Blackville, with Reverend Ken Frederick officiating; burial was in the Williston Cemetery. The family received friends from 1:30 p.m. until the time of the service Monday afternoon at the church, and at all other times at the home of Ken and Suzanne Frederick in Blackville.

He passed away on October 19, 2022.

Robert was born in Williston on May 23, 1938, to William Layton and Pearl Lott Frederick. Known to many as "Frog" or "Bobby", he graduated from Williston-Elko High School in 1956. He grew up in those special years as small-town Williston and all of Barnwell County were changed by

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Jessica Lauren Gunnells

worked through with the support of her family and friends. She absolutely adored her sons, Dawson and Wyatt. She enjoyed spending time with her boys and making sure they knew exactly how much she loved them.

Survivors include her mother, Liz Smoak of Barnwell; her father and stepmother, Kenny and Heather DeMeza of Lexington; her sons, Dawson and Wyatt; sisters, Madison (Chris) Able of Aiken and Alexis DeMeza of Lexington; nieces and nephews, Emmalynn, Raylan, & Corey Able and Violet Smoak; grandparents, Mike and Joyce Gunnells of Georgia, Raleigh and Myrtle Smoak of Barnwell, and Dorothy DeMeza of Lexington; special aunt and uncle, Sandra and Jeff Holmes of Greenville; aunts, Cathy Mathis, Lisa Love, Debra (Rodney) Woodward; sister-in-law,

Isabella Spoon of Charleston; uncle, Timothy DeMeza; and numerous cousins.

Jessica was predeceased by her stepfather, Lee Smoak; brother, Richard Smoak; maternal grandparents, Dawson and Genevieve Gunnells; and uncle, Brian Smoak.

Funeral services were held on Friday, October 21, 2022 at 11 a.m. in Green Branch Pentecostal Holiness Church with Rev. Timmy Gunnells officiating. Burial followed in George's Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends at the church from 10 a.m. until time of service.

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

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GREENVILLE - Jessica Lauren Gunnells, 29, of Greenville, (formerly of Barnwell) passed away on October 16, 2022. Jessica was the daughter of Liz Smoak of Barnwell and Kenny DeMeza of Lexington. She was a loving daughter, mother, sister, aunt, and niece.

Jessica never met a stranger. Her easy-going manner helped her to make friends wherever she went. Throughout her life she enjoyed roller skating, hiking, fishing, writing poetry and her phone. Her smile and presence will be deeply missed by everyone. Jessica endured many trials and tribulations in life that she



Johnny "Country" Lyons Sr.

Baptist Church. Memorial contributions may be sent to Folk Funeral Home, P.O. Box 367, Denmark, S.C. 29042.

Country passed away on Sunday, October 23, 2022.

Born in Bamberg County, he was a son of Alice Bishop Lyons McMillian and the late Jimmy Howard Lyons. He attended Colston Branch Baptist Church and worked in the logging industry as a truck driver.

Survivors include his mother and step-father, Alice and Ben McMillan; daughters, April Lyons of Bamberg and Jessica Lyons (Richard Hill) of Orangeburg; a son, Johnny M. (Ashley) Lyons Jr.

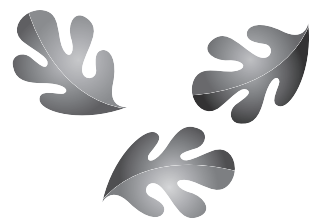
of Aiken; grandchildren, Shelby Hill, Ashton Florie, Kyra Hightower, Johnny Lyons III, Colin Lyons, and Autumn Lyons; a brother, Terry (Lynn) Lyons of Olar; a niece, Krystle Lyons (Jervey) Chitty; and a great niece, Braylen Chitty.

In addition to his father, Jimmy Lyons, he was preceded in death by grandchildren, Richard Hightower Jr., Marcus Smith, and Xander Hightower.

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

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Ernestine "Teeny" Givens

family, her church family and those who needed uplifting in prayer. She prayed daily and earnestly for those needing prayer. She was passionate about encouraging her family through birthday cards, celebrating anniversaries, and was appreciative of visits from her children and grandchildren. Teeny thoroughly enjoyed sitting on the "breezeway" of her home enjoying life and reminiscing with her family. She loved her children and grandchildren and always placed them above herself in every situation. Her children also loved her beyond measure. Teeny always demonstrated a fondness for many young people and was an encouraging role model. Teeny retired from the South Carolina Forestry Commission after 30 years of service. She loved flowers and planting a garden, and enjoyed antiquing with her sister, Margaret. They enjoyed a special bond as sisters over their lifetime. Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays were especially important to her, and her family and she cooked numerous dishes that everyone enjoyed. Teeny was considered an excellent cook.

ELKO - Ernestine "Teeny" Rountree Givens was born December 31, 1935 in Dunbarton to the late Benjamin Anderson Rountree and Dora Burckhalter Rountree. Teeny passed away peacefully on October 19, 2022 in the house in which she was born.

In 1953, Teeny was married to Billy Dunbar Givens whom she met in Dunbarton when she was a passenger in a 1941 Ford; he was riding his bicycle. They were both 13 years of age. Billy was the love of her life whom she adored. During one of many visits back to the community of Dunbarton where she grew up, Billy told Terry, one of their children, "This is the place where I first kissed your mother." Teeny was a dedicated member of Mount Calvary Baptist Church where for many years, she taught Sunday School, was a Mission Leader for Vacation Bible School and was a former Director of the Women's Missionary Union (WMU).

Teeny was a devout Christian and prayer warrior for her immediate

Margaret Hoover Rountree; sons, Terry Givens (Leanna) of Aiken, Randy Sanderlin (Tina) of Williston and Ronnie Rogers (Karen) of Montmorenci; grandchildren, Little Billy, Dale, Katie, Brandy Sue and Tyler; nieces, Mary Hutto Brammer (Charlie) Bennie Jean Hiott (Craig); a cousin, Billy Myer and other special nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her sons, Thomas Edward "Eddie" Givens, William James Ernest "Ernie" Givens; grandson, Brandon Benjamin Givens; sister, Ada Mae Hutto; brothers, Ben A. Rountree Jr. and Quincy J. Rountree; a niece, Carol Hutto Scurry.

A graveside service was held with the Rev. David Turner officiating on October 21, 2022 at 3 p.m. in the Joyce Branch Section of the Williston Cemetery. The family will receive friends at 2 p.m. until the time of service at the cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries, P.O. Box 1178 Greenwood, S.C. 29646.

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

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Lewis "Buddy" Cushman

Born in Aiken County, he was a son of the late Lewis Cushman and Dessie Inez Beck Cushman and was married to the late Lois Virginia Inabinet Cushman. He was a member of Mt. Beulah Baptist Church. Buddy retired from the U.S. Forestry Service after 37 years; he also worked 19 years for Aiken County Public Works and at the Recycling Center after his retirement.

Survivors include his daughters, Debra Annette Cushman of Windsor and Marie Cushman Stevens of Aiken; his son, Lewis Franklin "Frankie" Cushman of Windsor; a sister, Ann Crout of Wagener; brothers, Charles (Dixie) Cushman of Aiken, Tommy (Ginger) Cushman of Columbia, and Billy

Cushman of Eden, N.C.; 9 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife, Lois Cushman, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Becky Ann Cushman Raborn; a son, Terry O'Neal Cushman; his sisters, Judy Norris and Margaret Holley; a brother, Leon Hampton "Bubba" Cushman; brothers-in-law, Alton Norris, Joe Taylor and Bill Crout; sisters-in-law, Joan, Linda, Betty and PeeWee.

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

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WINDSOR - Funeral services for Lewis O'Neal "Buddy" Cushman, 85, of Windsor, were held at 3 o'clock p.m., Friday, October 21, 2022 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, with the Reverends Keith Ussery and Dan Fogle officiating; burial followed in the Mt. Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Friday.

Buddy passed away on Wednesday, October 19, 2022.



Mary F. Hutson

United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 367, Norway, S.C. 29113.

Mary passed away on Saturday, October 22, 2022.

Born in Norway, S.C., she was a daughter of the late Walter Dickson Fanning and Helen Lyles Fanning and was married to the late Lonnie Hutson for 62 years. She loved attending the Blackville United Methodist Church as long as her health enabled her to attend. She previously worked as a supervisor at the CSW Sewing Room in Blackville. Mary was all about family; she loved to cook and sew. Mary also enjoyed camping with her husband and family.

Survivors include her sons, Larry Dickson Hutson and William T. "Timmy" Hutson and his wife, Tammy, all of Blackville; her two granddaughters, Leslie H. (Jeff) Fulton and

their daughters, Vivian and Lillian, all of Greenville, and Kimberly H. (William) Blount of Marietta, S.C.; a sister, Virginia F. (Russell) Thomas of Norway, S.C.; a sister-in-law, Melrose Hutson; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Lonnie Hutson, she was preceded in death by a son, Lonnie Dean Hutson; sisters, Ruth Roberts and Margaret Fogle; brothers, Walter D. Fanning Jr., William L. Fanning and Clyde D. Fanning.

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

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Mark Roland Hiers

Mark was born in Bamberg on February 1, 1959, to the late Herman Roland Hiers and Ruby Pearl Collins Hiers. He was a lifelong member of Reedy Branch Baptist Church and loved serving his church and community. He owned Hiers Backhoe Service and was employed at Energy Solutions (formerly Chem-Nuclear Systems) since 1981. Mark was a hard worker and deeply valued the many friendships made serving clients of his business and throughout his forty-one-year tenure at Energy Solutions. He loved his family dearly and they were his first priority in all that he did and he will be deeply missed by all.

He is survived by his wife of twenty-eight years, Tammie Hiers; one daughter, Amanda Marie Pearl Hiers of Columbia; one sister, Audrey (Norman)

Sanders of Barnwell; one brother, Marty (Sam) Ballard of Pelion; uncle and aunt, Arthur and Annette Hiers of Blackville; first cousin, Doug (Melissa) Hiers of Blackville; first cousin, Chuck (Sonya) Hiers of Barnwell; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Gordon and Tammy Turner of Sandy Run; brother-in-law, Ken Turner of Sandy Run; mother-in-law, Bessie Hooker of Blackville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his nephew, Mclain Holcomb, and father-in-law, Billy Hooker.

The family entrusted Dyches Funeral Home and Crematory of Barnwell with arrangements.

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BLACKVILLE - Mark Roland Hiers (63), beloved husband, father, brother, uncle, nephew and friend, passed away surrounded by love on October 19, 2022. Funeral services were held at Reedy Branch Baptist Church with Rev. Harry Warren officiating on Saturday, October 22, 2022, at 11 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to service. Pall Bearers: Nicholas Holcomb, Alex Winkler, Brad Jumper, Rhett Glover, Ricky Fischer, Aaron Fischer. Honorary Pallbearers: Ken Turner, Gordon Turner and Doug Hiers.

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First responders hold candy walk in Snelling



Three generations of firefighters: Morris family from Snelling VFD (Bobby, Neal, and Tyler).



Daryn Johnson



The Link family: Grayland, Jennifer Rahn Link and Logan.

Lisa Still
Town of Snelling

Barnwell County first responders raced to the Snelling Town Park on Saturday, Oct. 15. There was no real emergency – just an opportunity to interact with the youngest residents of Snelling and its surrounding com-

munities during the 3rd Annual First Responder Candy Walk.

The event, held during the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week, had representation from several Barnwell County rural fire districts, the S.C. Highway Patrol, the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office and the Barnwell

County Detention Center. Barnwell County First Steps was also on site to pass out books.

"Events like this are a good chance to talk to the community – especially children – about fire safety," said Barnwell County Fire Coordinator Wesley Gatlin. "We want children to see who will be protect-

ing them during a fire, or any emergency."

Gatlin reminded homeowners they should check smoke alarm batteries monthly and practice a family fire escape plan.

S.C. Highway Patrol Trooper Logan Link offered a different perspective about his participation. "I think it's important

for the kids, and members of the community, to see us being friendly while in uniform and not just authoritative," Link said. "Plus, I really like seeing all the kids in their costumes."

Link serves with SCHP Troop 7 Post C which serves Aiken County. He attended the event with his wife and daughter,

Grayland.

While meeting first responders and gaining new knowledge about safety during emergencies was the main goal of the event, children also walked away with full treat bags.

"I got a lot of candy," said Daryn Johnson, 7, of Barnwell. "That's what made this thing so good!"



BCSO employees Faith Jackson and Shamario O'Neal cooked grilled hot dogs.



Emeline Crouch, Raegan Harrington, and Ali Crouch.



Dottie Still and Thad Croft sample the cotton candy.

Election: Guide to who's running and where/when to vote in Nov. 8 General Election

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Liana Orr is unopposed.

• **School Trustee District 4:** Tim Scott is unopposed.

• **School Trustee District 5:** Ronald J. Brown, who is currently on the board, is unopposed.

• **School Trustee District 6:** Edward F. Rockwell Jr., who currently serves on the board, is being challenged by Catrena Hughes-Parker. Candidate profiles are on page A5.

• **School Trustee District 7:** Ethel T. Faust, who

currently serves on the board, is unopposed.

There will be two State-wide Constitutional Questions on the ballot.

• **Amendment 1:** "Must Section 36(A), Article III of the Constitution of this State, relating to the General Reserve Fund, be amended so as to provide that the General Reserve Fund of five percent of general fund revenue of the latest completed fiscal year must be increased each year by one-half of

one percent of the general fund revenue of the latest completed fiscal year until it equals seven percent of such revenues?" **Explanation:** A 'Yes' vote will increase the amount of money state government must keep in the General Reserve Fund (its "rainy day" fund) from 5% of the previous year's revenue to 7% of the previous year's revenue.

• **Amendment 2:** "Must Section 36(B), Article III of the Constitution of this State be amended

so as to provide that the Capital Reserve Fund of two percent of the general fund revenue of the latest completed fiscal year be increased to three percent of the general fund revenue of the latest completed fiscal year and to provide that the first use of the Capital Reserve Fund must be to offset midyear budget reductions?" **Explanation:** A 'Yes' vote will increase the amount of money state government must appropriate to the

Capital Reserve Fund (the "reserve and capital improvements" fund) from 2% of the previous year's revenue to 3% of the previous year's revenue and require that the Capital Reserve Fund's first priority is to offset midyear budget cuts at state agencies.

When & where to vote
Polls across the county and state will be open on Tuesday, Nov. 8 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

However, South Carolinians can now vote early

during the two-week period before the election after early voting legislation was signed into law earlier this year. This allows any voter to visit an early voting location in their county and vote like they would at their polling place on Election Day.

"In-person absentee voting is no longer allowed by S.C. state law and has been replaced with a two-week early voting period. Absentee By-Mail balloting is available, but with significant changes to the application and balloting processes," said Naomi DeFrenn, director of the Barnwell County Voter Registration & Elections Office. "Voters planning to vote prior to Election Day must vote during the Early Voting period or apply for an Absentee By-Mail ballot."

Early voting for the 2022 General Election began Monday, Oct. 24 and ends Saturday, Nov. 5. A voter can vote at any one of the three early vote locations daily (excluding Sundays) from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.:

• **Barnwell County Voter Registration & Elections Office** – 367 Fuldner Rd., Barnwell

• **Blackville Community Center** – 19464 Solomon Blatt Ave., Blackville

• **Williston Town Hall** – 13112 Main St., Williston

"As of late this afternoon approximately 40,000 people had already voted early, nearly doubling the previous one-day record for early voting set on June 10, the last day of early voting in the Statewide Primaries," according to the S.C. Election Commission on Monday, Oct. 24.

If voting absentee, the completed absentee by-mail application must be returned to the voter registration office by 5 p.m. on Oct. 28. Online and email application requests are prohibited by law.

Please go to scvotes.gov and Get Your Sample Ballot before election day to see what will be on your ballot. You can also check your voter registration information.

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Red Ribbon Week

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What's the Big Deal with Vaping?

Hilary Hindman
Axis I Center of Barnwell

In October of each year, Red Ribbon Week, the nation's largest drug prevention awareness program is celebrated October 23-31. Red Ribbon Week is dedicated to raising awareness about underage drug misuse and abuse and the dangers drugs pose to students and adults. During Red Ribbon Week information on the dangers associated with tobacco, marijuana, alcohol, inhalants, opioids, and more will be shared with students, parents, and the community.

The current epidemic we are facing with our youth is the use of vapes. There has been an alarming rise in the use of vaping among youth over the last couple of years and recently 55.3% of teens reported using these vape products. Vaping devices are marketed as being safer than cigarettes and many people think they are harmless. The truth is, vapes have just as much nicotine in them as traditional tobacco products (cigarettes); however, many vapes have much more nicotine depending on the brand. In addition to the high levels of nicotine, they also have more than 900 chemicals including Acetaldehyde, Acetone, Formaldehyde, Acrolein, Butanol, Crotonaldehyde, Glyoxal, Methylglyoxal, Propanol, arsenic, lead, and nickel, according to the CDC. These toxic chemicals are responsible for many respiratory problems including asthma, bronchitis, lung cancer, and most recently popcorn lung and pneumothorax (collapsed lung).

These toxic products are advertised to children and youth through technology, flavors, and the ability to hide and use them discretely. Many of these vape products can be hidden in plain sight because they look like everyday products. Although the age of purchase is 21, many of our youth are obtaining them through stores that are not asking for id, older family and friends, and even from parents.

There have been efforts legally to try and combat tobacco and vape companies marketing to youth. In 2019, President Trump announced a ban on all flavored vape cartridges, however, this did not include the one-time use disposable vapes. Then, in 2022, President Biden placed a ban and fines on the Juul company for their marketing and advertising tactics which were geared towards our teens and youth.

Nicotine isn't the only issue we are now facing when it comes to vapes. Every gas station and vape store on every street corner is now selling synthetic THC vapes, in addition to nicotine vapes. THC is very harmful to our brains, lungs, hearts, and other organs. THC binds to the fat cells in our bodies and can last anywhere from 45 to 60 days after use.

THC use has been linked to increased anxiety, depression, psychotic episodes including schizophrenia and mental breakdowns, suicidal ideation, decreased memory, and IQ. Studies have shown that 1 in 6 people who begin using THC before the age of 18 become addicted according to SAMHSA. The legalization of marijuana in many states and the availability of synthetic THC in every gas station have lowered the perception of harm among youth and even adults, which has increased the use of these products.

It is imperative that we not only educate our youth on the immediate and long-term consequences of these products but call for action to be taken against those who are manufacturing and marketing these products to underage youth.

How Marijuana Can Impact a Teen's Life

Susan Ingram
Axis I Center of Barnwell

Know the Risks of Marijuana

Marijuana use comes with real risks that can impact a person's health and life.

Marijuana use has been linked to a range of mental health problems, such as depression and social anxiety. People who use marijuana are more likely to develop temporary psychosis (not knowing what is real, hallucinations, and paranoia) and long-lasting mental disorders, including schizophrenia (a type of mental illness where people might see or hear things that aren't there). The association between marijuana and schizophrenia is stronger in people who start using marijuana at an earlier age and use marijuana more frequently.

Marijuana Addiction

Contrary to popular belief, marijuana is addictive. Research shows that:

- 1-in-6 people who start using the drug before the age of 18 can become addicted.
- 1-in-10 adults who use the drug can become addicted.

Over the past few decades, the amount of THC in marijuana has steadily climbed; today's marijuana has three times the concentration of THC compared to 25 years ago. The higher the THC amount, the stronger the effects on the brain—likely contributing to increased rates of marijuana-related emergency room visits. While there is no research yet on how higher potency affects the long-term risks of marijuana use, the higher the % of THC the more likely it will lead to higher rates of dependency and addiction.

There is also a higher likelihood that marijuana can be laced with other drugs such as fentanyl. The Summerville, South Carolina Police Department recently seized marijuana that tested positive for amphetamines and fentanyl. It is possible the laced marijuana contributed

to two drug overdoses. Please be aware, that more and more drugs bought off the street are being laced with fentanyl or other drugs. This can lead to health risks, including overdose that were not anticipated by the user. Please be safe and aware of the consequences of drugs that do not have a prescription.

Marijuana Risks

Marijuana use can have negative and long-term effects:

Brain health: Marijuana can cause permanent IQ loss of as much as 8 points when people start using it at a young age. These IQ points do not come back, even after quitting marijuana.

Mental health: Studies link marijuana use to depression, anxiety, suicide planning, and psychotic episodes. It is not known, however, if marijuana use is the cause of these conditions.

Athletic Performance: Research shows that marijuana affects timing, movement, and coordination, which can harm athletic performance.

Driving: People who drive under the influence of marijuana can experience dangerous effects: slower reactions, lane weaving, decreased coordination, and difficulty reacting to signals and sounds on the road.

Baby's health and development: Marijuana use during pregnancy may cause fetal growth restriction, premature birth, stillbirth, and problems with brain development, resulting in hyperactivity and poor cognitive function. Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and other chemicals from marijuana can also be passed from a mother to her baby through breast milk, further impacting a child's healthy development.

Daily life: Using marijuana can affect performance and how well people do in life. Research shows that people who use marijuana are more likely to have relationship problems, worse educational outcomes, lower career achievement, and reduced life satisfaction.

For more information go to <https://www.samhsa.gov/marijuana>.

What are Edibles?

Hilary Hindman
Axis I Center of Barnwell

What are edibles, and what should you know? Edibles are food products that have been infused with THC from the marijuana plant or synthetic marijuana THC. They can be made in homes, purchased in stores such as convenience stores or vape shops, or ordered over the internet. They range in milligrams of THC and can have many servings per container.

Why is this important? Many THC-edible products are not regulated. The potency of the products is not exact, and the number of ingredients is many times unknown. Because of these unknowns, there is a high potential for an overdose of these products. In addition, these products have a delayed onset which causes youth to eat more than the suggested serving size, which can also increase the chance of overdose.

Although many do not see the potential for harm from these products, there are very serious adverse effects associated with consumption. The adverse side effects can present as confusion, vomiting, increased anxiety, panic attacks, hallucinations and paranoia, psychotic episodes respiratory distress, seizures, and irregular heartbeat which can lead to heart attacks, ac-

ording to the AAC.

These products are marketed to children and youth. They are flavored and packaged to look like everyday candy products. This packaging can lead to accidental ingestion by unsuspecting children. Also, if parents and teachers are not looking closely at the packaging, they may not know that teens are bringing these products into their homes and classrooms. There have been several instances where students have taken these products in to the school and shared them with friends and classmates which leads to emergent situations in our schools.

Another concern for these products is they can be laced with other drugs. There have been several instances, even in South Carolina, where THC edibles



have been laced with things such as PCP (also known as angel dust) and Fentanyl.

There is an age limit of 21 to purchase the products, however children and youth are getting them from family and friends, stores that are not ideating, and classmates. It is important for parents to take the time to educate their children and teens on the dangers associated with these products and to teach them not to take any candy from friends and classmates at school.

I Support Red Ribbon Week

I Pledge To Grow Up Safe, Healthy & Drug Free By:

- Understanding the dangers of drug use and abuse.
- Respecting myself and being drug free.
- Spreading the word to family and friends about the importance of being healthy and drug free.

Name _____ School _____

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I Support Red Ribbon Week

I Pledge To Help Kids Grow Up Safe, Healthy & Drug Free By:

- Talking to my kids about the dangers of drug use and abuse and setting clear rules about not using drugs.
- Working together with the parents of my children's friends to set common boundaries and monitor behavior so that our rules are respected and reinforced.
- Setting a good example for our children by not using illegal drugs or medicine without a prescription.
- Visiting www.redribbon.org to learn more and spread the message to family and friends.

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Consolidation: Lawmakers say county-wide school district, high school likely

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high school and career center, and one K-8 building in Williston or Blackville, but its actual allocation will be decided by an appointed transitional school board.

"Nobody knows yet what the facilities are going to look like, but we know what the needs are going to be," said Senator Hutto. The first need recognized is putting all students in the county in one state-of-the-art high school and career center equipped with audio and visual technologies. The second is creating a long-standing K-8 facility.

"The facilities in Barnwell are such that they can last for years to come, but

the facilities in Williston and Blackville need to be upgraded," said Senator Hutto, who explains this decision will be that of an appointed transitional board.

If legislation is passed, a county-wide, transitional board will be appointed in early 2023 to aid the process of consolidating BSD45 and BCCSD, according to Hutto—similarly to the interim board that was tasked with consolidating Williston-Elko School District 29 and Blackville-Hilda School District 19 earlier this year.

The transitional board will determine if current K-8 facilities in Williston

and Blackville will be upgraded or rebuilt, and if they will be joined together or remain in separate facilities. This transitional board will then be replaced by an elected school board presiding over the created Barnwell County School District, if legislation passes.

According to Sen. Hutto, the transitional board will be responsible for allocating the \$100 million in SRS funds. Many decisions around consolidation will be left to the transitional board; however, Senator Hutto assured community members the consolidation process would not be pushed into 2025.

Former Blackville-Hilda

School District 19 Superintendent David Corder, who is the interim director of operations for BCCSD, hopes legislation will be introduced quickly.

"Our school buildings in Blackville and Williston are in rough shape," said Corder, who explained the faster the districts consolidate the less taxpayers will have to pay to maintain deteriorating facilities that may not even be in use after the county becomes one district.

The pathway to consolidation is incentivized by the Department of Education (DOE) for districts that do not meet the minimum threshold of 1,500 students based on DOE metrics.

Williston District 29 and Blackville District 19 did not meet the threshold before consolidation, and the newly-established BCCSD does not meet the DOE threshold either.

"They still don't have enough students to meet the minimum threshold for a standalone district as far as the state is concerned," said Senator Hutto.

"The State Department of Education has started with a process to incentivize all the districts that fall below that minimum student threshold to consolidate so that the number of students will be at the level that ideally you can deliver services for on the most economically sustainable basis," said Senator Hutto, who explained around \$10 million was given to BCCSD from the state when Districts 19 and 29 merged earlier this year.

If BSD45 and BCCSD consolidate, it too will be incentivized from the state.

Barnwell County is the last of Senator Hutto's six districts to consolidate its school districts. In 2019, Senator Hutto pushed the consolidation of three school districts in Orangeburg County to one unified district.

"It's not just Barnwell. We just consolidated the two Bamberg and Denmark districts. We just consolidated the Hampton-Estill districts, Clarendon

County just consolidated their three school districts. Florence is in the process of consolidating districts," said Senator Hutto.

At the meeting, he explained Hampton County is going through the same consolidation process except it is being funded by taxpayers. Barnwell County is able to use SRS settlement money to fund the majority of this consolidation without costing its taxpayers.

With district consolidation comes a universal millage rate set by the district. A millage rate is the amount of tax payable per dollar of the assessed value of a property. With one school district, all of Barnwell County will be all paying the same millage rate.

A county-wide millage rate will aid in prospective industries and businesses moving anywhere in the county, not just within the district with the lowest millage rate.

Williston Town Councilman Eric Moody took to the podium at the community meeting to share his findings on the relationship between educational facilities and industry.

As a member of the Barnwell Economic Development Commission (Barnwell EDC), Councilman Moody explained how prospective industries view the county's educational facilities—some of which were built in the 1950's—to determine if they are going to establish in Barnwell County.

To better not only education but industry in the county, Councilman Moody feels consolidation is necessary.

Councilman Moody also said he understood the concerns regarding each school's legacy, but felt the educational needs of Barnwell County youth were more important.

Prior to Councilman Moody, Blackville native Ted Bellinger asked Senator Hutto and Representative Hosey what would become of each school's legacy seen through school

colors, sports, and mascots. Bellinger said he supports the consolidation 100 percent, but hopes the schools' individual legacies can be maintained throughout it.

Senator Hutto said the decisions on colors and a mascot would be up to the school board. Some matters of sports, like deciding a division, will be handled by the South Carolina High School League.


"Change is sometimes difficult," said Senator Hutto, who hopes the community can continue to "press on until Barnwell County is consolidated into one school district."

"We were disappointed to know that countywide consolidation was the topic of discussion at a recent town hall meeting advertised to discuss a new K-8 school in Williston and Blackville; however, we know the topic of consolidation has come up often," said BSD45 Board Chair Rosey Anderson on behalf of the board. "As the Board of Trustees of Barnwell School District 45, we do not feel a proposed countywide consolidation is in the best interest of our county's districts or our communities. We have expressed our concerns to Sen. Brad Hutto and Rep. Lonnie Hosey due to the many implications countywide consolidation may have within our county of which our representatives are not aware."

At the meeting, Senator Hutto explained how a school system once established by the late Sen. Edgar Brown and the late Rep. Solomon Blatt are being changed by Hutto and Hosey, all for the benefit of Barnwell County scholars and the county as a whole.


Once the bill is filed, the public will be able to view it online and submit their input to Senator Hutto and Representative Hosey. When posted, Senator Hutto plans to take input from Barnwell County educators, administrators, and the community on how to tailor this bill to best fit the community's needs.

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Recovery: Local woman shares story of overcoming drug addiction

FROM PAGE 1A

She remembers the mindset she had during active addiction, and how her reaction to traumatic events, like the overdoses of people in her life.



Kathy Witherspoon (left), the Axis I Center's deputy director & DOT Certified in drug screening, with Courtney Barwick.

"When I was in drug use, I'm not going to lie, when someone overdosed, it was like, 'Well let's go get what they're getting,'" said Barwick about how your brain works on drugs. "If someone overdosed on that, it must be really good."

"I've been around people who have had to go through that," she said of overdosing with subsequent NARCAN use. "Just seeing it traumatized me enough, but they'll get right back up and start using again."

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's largest drug abuse campaign that takes place each year from Oct. 23 to Oct. 31. The 2022 theme is "Celebrate Life. Live Drug Free", something Barwick does every day.

"It all boiled down to me trying to be something I wasn't," said Barwick of her addiction.

When she was arrested on March 18, 2021 for drug-related charges, she didn't know then that this date would signify triumph and recovery in the following years.

"If that didn't happen, I don't know where I'd be," said Barwick of her arrest.

When she heard the fists of law enforcement officers banging on the door and saw the reflections of blue lights through the windows, she breathed a sigh of relief.

"I was breaking the law and not caring," said Barwick. "I knew it was coming, so when I looked out the window I was like, 'about time.'"

Barwick spent four months at the Barnwell County Detention Center while pregnant with her fourth child. Here, she spent a lot of time thinking

about the steps that led her where she was.

"I had an eye opener in jail," said Barwick. "When I got out of jail, I knew I wanted to stay clean, but this time I knew I had to."

Barwick felt she needed to invest back into herself, because of all that drugs have taken from her.

"I had to find out who I was, so that's what I did," she said.

Barwick now has her children back, has her first job, and is working in classes at Axis I such as the Strengthening Families Class.

"My story changed me, but I also changed my story," said Barwick, a phrase she has created and continues to live by.

"I literally lost myself in addiction," she said. Barwick remembers letting the actions and opinions of those around her mold her into who she was, when she wasn't really that person at all.

"But I know now that I allowed that to happen," she said.

Barwick speaks with accountability and reflection of her life and the life she is making for her children.

"I never really was a mom until now," said Barwick, who spends

time taking her children to events and outings as often as she can.

Barwick first told her story at the Axis I Center's Overdose Awareness Walk in August, where the testimonies of others compelled her to share.

Both at this event and one-on-one, she thanked members of BCSO for arresting her 19 months ago.

"As time went on, I actually thanked Matt Davis. If it wasn't for them doing their job, my kids wouldn't have gotten their mom back," said Barwick. "I wouldn't have gotten the chance to live life and do what I am supposed to do."

Barwick has noticed telling her story helps others feel comfortable to do the same, and often shares experiences with other Axis I group participants.

"I love who I am now, I used to hate myself," she said. "I look back and it's a good feeling that I'm getting all this back and get a chance to show that I can be good to society and not just out there using drugs."

Barwick plans to continue being a dedicated member of the Axis I family, and hopes her story will resonate with others in the community.

Let Your Love Light Shine

Welcome to the Love Lights Christmas Program!

Christmas is a special time to remember the people we love, either living or deceased. The luminary bags around the tree on the "Circle" in Downtown Barnwell will shine brightly as a reminder of that special love.

You may decorate a luminary bag with your loved ones name. The bags will be filled with sand & a tea light and placed around the Christmas tree during the Christmas Downtown Program. A donation of \$10 or more per bag will benefit our local elders.

LIGHTING CEREMONY

You are invited to join us for the lighting ceremony on Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 4-7 p.m. on the circle.

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If you (or your business, organization or church) are interested in sponsoring a child for Secret Santa, please email BarnwellRotary@gmail.com, contact any Rotarian you may know, or call Lynn S. McEwen at 803-300-2083.

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

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Sara Rudd
Barnwell High School



Grade: 11
Sports: Varsity Cheer, Competition Cheer, Soccer
Favorites...

***Food:** Chicken Alfredo
***Movie/TV show:** Criminal Minds
***Snack:** Goldfish
***Coach:** Amy Williams
***Free time activity:** Hang out with friends

Goal for this season: "I just want to progressively get better, not only as a cheerleader but also as a person and make new friendships with great people."

Coach's quote: "Sara is one of those rare athletes that you know, without a doubt they will give 110 percent all the time. If you need a job done, she is the one you choose." - Amy Williams, BHS Cheer Coach

Derondray Abney

Barnwell High School



Grade: 12
Sports: Football, Basketball
Favorites...

***Food:** Pancakes
***Movie/TV show(s):** Friday
***Snack:** cinnamon pop tart
***Coach:** Dwayne Garrick
***Free time activity:** Exercise, working
***Musicians:** NBA YoungBoy, Lil Baby

Goal for this season: "That me and the guys are able to get a championship ring."



HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 28

- Williston-Elko at Denmark-Olar - 7:30 p.m.
- JDA at Holly Hill Academy - 7:30 p.m.
- Barnwell at Wade Hampton - 7:30 p.m.
- Blackville-Hilda (Bye)

CROSS COUNTRY

Wednesday, Oct. 26

- Barnwell at Wade Hampton (Region Meet) - 5:15 p.m.



Sports

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The People-Sentinel

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Barnwell wins battle of the unbeaten 34-28



Barnwell's Tyler Smith (center) rushed for 289 yards and three touchdowns vs. Woodland.

Photos Courtesy: Donna Miley

Jeff Miller
Sports Writer

The Barnwell Warhorses entered the Friday, October 21st game a perfect 8-0, but the visitors from Woodland were also a perfect 8-0. The winner would be in control of Region VI-AA, the loser would most likely end up second in the region, but would have to think about what could have been.

This matchup had been widely anticipated by players, coaches, fans, and anyone familiar with AA football. The High School Sports Report's Billy Baker picked this as "the Game of the Week". It did not disappoint.

Woodland got on the scoreboard first on a quarterback keep, but Barnwell's Maurice Odom blasted through the line and blocked the extra point attempt. Woodland had the early lead 6-0, but Warhorse quarterback Cam Austin found wide receiver Dewan Bates for a 63-yard touchdown pass. Lane Evans added the extra point to give Barnwell a 7-6 advantage at the end of the first quarter.

The Wolverines answered with a 6-yard touchdown run,



Maurice Odom led all BHS defenders with 14 tackles and blocked an extra point (above).

but the 2-point conversion was stopped when the Warhorses' Mandrell Simmons tackled the runner short of the end zone. Woodland regained the lead 12-7. Barnwell responded with another big play when Cam Austin connected with Clay Pender for a 45-yard touchdown. Evans added the extra point to give Barnwell a 14-12 advantage with 9:16 left before the half. Woodland re-

sponded by retaking the lead on another quarterback keep. This time the Wolverines converted the 2-point conversion to take a 20-14 score into halftime.

Barnwell has not been accustomed to being down at the half, but Dwayne Garrick and the Warhorse coaching staff made a few adjustments during the break. The Warhorses came out running and,

in particular, Tyler Smith was unleashed on the Wolverines. Smith scored his first touchdown of the night with 7:00 to go in the third quarter on a 1-yard dive into the end zone. Woodland blocked the extra point and the battle of the unbeaten was all tied at 20-20. The Warhorse defense made many good plays, but

See UNDEFEATED, 3B

Hawks defeat Blue Devils 30-13

David B. Corder
Sports Writer

A fierce battle waged between the Blackville-Hilda Hawks and the Williston-Elko Blue Devils this past Friday night, Oct. 21. It was a significant match, not only because it was between two long-term rivals, but because both schools are now part of the newly-formed Barnwell County Consolidated School District.

Blackville-Hilda Coach Kevin Jones knew that it was not going to be an easy game. "We knew Williston would be a dog fight," he said. "(WEHS) Coach Lipsey does a nice job of putting them in positions to be successful."

The Hawks had some good calls on defense. Joseph Simmons had two integral interceptions that stopped the drives of the Blue Devils. With such a solid defense, the Hawks started to pull ahead.

Omarion Kinard made big plays for the Hawks throughout the night. In the first half he excelled as quarterback and then picked up some big yards in the second half as running back. Samari Williams took over as quarterback in the second half after being on hiatus because of an injury.

In the meantime, the Blue Devils were unrelenting in their



Photo Courtesy: Felicia Kinard

The Blackville-Hilda Hawks celebrate their win over in-county rival Williston-Elko on Oct. 21.

push against the Hawks. They ran the ball for 200 yards with Chris Davis claiming a 33-yard touchdown and Jarrett Wootten gaining an interception.

"I thought we controlled the clock well in the first half," Willis-

ton-Elko Coach Kenneth Lipsey said. He also commended the offensive line of the Blue Devils for playing well. But as the game progressed, it was evident that the Hawks were dominating the Blue Devils at the lines of scrimmage.

The game ended with a Blackville victory of 30-13.

Coach Jones had nothing but praise for his Hawks. "I'm really proud of the kids on their win

See HAWKS, 3B



The Garrick, Lynn, Owens, and Delk families at the USC game.

Contributed Photos



Caroline Zissette and Matt Sanders.

Locals spotted Oct. 22 at Clemson, USC games



Gracy Wier (left) with her parents, Molly and Johnny Wier, and sister Abby Serpas. Gracy and Abby are the granddaughters of retired Barnwell High Coach Mac Wier and his wife Sara.



Lisa and Glen Wyndham with son Justin and his friend at USC.



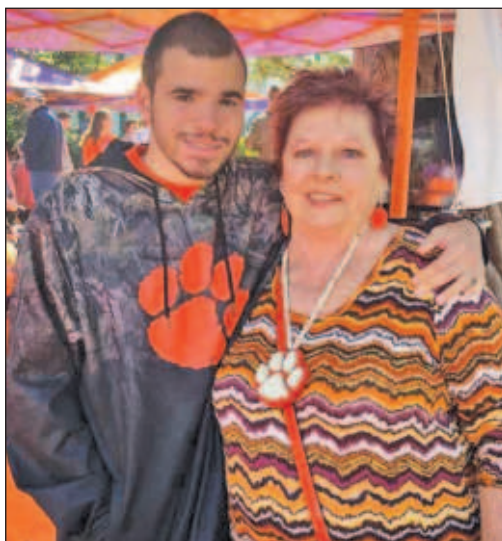
The grandchildren of Clem and Brannon Collins at Clemson.



Nolan Wyndham with Lee Richardson at USC's game.



Michael Beasley with loved ones at the USC game.



Valenda Black with her grandson, Nick Eichman.



Freddie Hartzog (left) and his son Ricky at USC.



Brandon and Megan Howard with their children at the Clemson game.



Left to right: Georgia Cox, Summer Shuler Cox, Missy Nolind, Edie Stapleton, and Julie and Joel Stapleton (formerly of Barnwell and Williston) at Clemson's game.



Trey & Beverly Anderson at USC's game.



Former Allendale-Fairfax Tiger and Clemson Tiger record breaker Raymond Priester at Clemson's game.



Dennis Knapp and Larry Strong at USC.



ABOVE: The O'Neal family in Clemson. AT LEFT: Steve and Diane Kerr in Clemson. AT RIGHT: The Alexander family (Garnette, Taylor, Daniel, Margaret and Mary Chilton) in Clemson.



Gamecocks enter top 25 with win over Texas A&M

Jeff Miller
Sports Writer

The University of South Carolina Gamecocks hosted the visiting Texas A&M Aggies at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia on a cool but beautiful night for football.

The stadium was sold out for this SEC matchup and the crowd seemed even more energized than usual. It could have been added excitement from the S.C. State Fair going on across the street, but more likely, it was from the always loud Gamecock faithful, hoping to see South Carolina win for the fourth time in a row.

South Carolina's fans were already in a frenzy, following the dramatic 2001 entrance and the student section's favorite, Sandstorm, before the opening kickoff. It only got louder from there. Gamecock return man, Xavier Legette, returned the opening kick 100 yards for a touchdown to join the likes of former Gamecock greats Deebo Samuel and Sterling Sharpe who have all had a return of at least 100 yards. The Gamecocks were up 7-0 in a matter of seconds.



Gamecock Coach, Shane Beamer thanked the crowd for such an "...awesome, awesome, awesome environment" after Carolina's 30-24 win over Texas A&M.

Before the crowd could settle down, defensive back Darius Rush made another huge play when he returned an Aggie interception inside the 10-yard line. Carolina added three more points on a Mitch Jeter field goal for an early 10-0 lead. The decibel level seemed to have hit an all-time high just a few minutes later. The crowd was so loud, the A&M center could not hear the quarterback as he was trying to audible and snapped the ball off his

unsuspecting quarterback. The ball bounced back across the line into the hands of defensive lineman Tonka Hemingway who returned the ball to the 19-yard line.

South Carolina would score from five yards out on a Christian Beal-Smith run with 9:51 left in the first quarter. The Gamecocks led 17-0 not even midway through the first quarter. The quarter did include a Texas A&M 51-yard field goal to close the opening period with a 17-3 score in favor of the



Photos By: Katie Hayes

South Carolina running back MarShawn Lloyd averaged over 5 yards per carry and scored two touchdowns in the Gamecocks win over the Aggies.

Gamecocks.

The Gamecocks were not able to score in the second quarter and Texas A&M closed the gap by scoring a touchdown and added a field goal to make the score 17-14 going into halftime.

The third quarter saw an exchange of punts from both teams before Carolina crossed the goal line on a MarShawn Lloyd 18-yard touchdown run. The Aggies answered with their own 15-yard rushing touch-

down by Devon Achane. Carolina held on to a small lead at 24-21.

MarShawn Lloyd had a big run down to the 29-yard line. Jalen Brooks took a reverse to the 12-yard line. Juju McDowell and Jaheim Bell each got the Gamecocks closer to the end zone before Lloyd scored again. The extra point was blocked bringing the score to 30-21, which is all Carolina would need to secure the win. A&M added another field goal, but Carolina claimed the 30-24 win. This was Carolina's

1st ever win over Texas A&M. With the win, South Carolina improves to 5-2 on the season and entered the top 25 for the first time since 2018. The four consecutive wins is the first time since the 2013 season.

On the noise of the crowd, defensive lineman Jordan Burch said, "That was probably the loudest I've heard the crowd since I've been here."

"It was for sure the loudest game I've been a part of. Every home game, we really do have that advantage," said quarterback Spencer Rattler.

Coach Shane Beamer said he told the team before the game, "Understand the crowd is going to be a great advantage for us, but we are not going to win the game because of the crowd. I may have screwed that up because the noise they created, the false starts they caused." He continued saying to the fans, "Thank you! That was awesome, an awesome environment. Fired up because we have a locker room full of kids who really, really care."

The Gamecocks will host Missouri this Saturday, October 29. Kickoff is set for 4 p.m.

Hawks: Blackville-Hilda Hawks soar over Williston-Elko Blue Devils

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Barnwell County Consolidated School District Superintendent Dr. Marcella Shaw and husband Warren wear clothes supporting both the Hawks and Blue Devils to the Oct. 21 game.

Friday night. They were able to stay the course during the game and execute even when we moved some folks around to try and put ourselves in the best position to win."

Despite the loss, Coach Lipsey continues to support his players, telling them to keep working hard and not to give up.

For Blackville, the game was an end to the regular season. They will play again on November 4th in the first round of the playoffs against the loser of the Christ Church vs. Southside Christian game. The game will take place in Greenville.

Williston will play the Vikings at Denmark-Olar this Friday, Oct. 28.

Undefeated: Warhorses improve to 9-0

FROM PAGE 1B

really came up big in the second half. Woodland lined up to go for a fourth down and 1-yard to go attempt, but was denied by Barnwell. This seemed to be a turning point in the game. It was a total defensive effort, but Maurice Odom, Jaden James, and Shea Whitfield all had double-digit tackles for the Horses.

Barnwell scored next when Tyler Smith found the end zone on a 7-yard run. Evans added the extra point and Barnwell took the lead 27-20. They would not give up the lead. Tyler Smith ran for 289 yards on the night (250 yards in the second half alone) and scored his third touchdown, making the score 34-20.

The Wolverines would not quit and managed to add another touchdown, but it was too little, too late and Barnwell defeated the previously undefeated Wolverines 34-28. With the win, Barnwell sits atop Region VI-AA.

"This was a great win! I am proud of our players and coaches," said Barnwell head coach Dwayne Garrick. "We have another tough one this week. We are banged up and will hopefully get



The Warhorse offense keeps rolling, scoring three rushing touchdowns and two passing touchdowns. Photo Courtesy: Donna Miley



Photo Courtesy: Jerry Holmes / J's Photography

Barnwell's Clay Pender scores on a 45-yard touchdown pass from Cam Austin.

some of our guys back this week. This game will decide first through third places in the region so the stakes are high. The atmosphere was great last week and we

are thankful for everyone's support! The key to this week's game against Wade Hampton will be starting fast and playing a complete game!"

Barnwell will travel

to Wade Hampton for a 7:30 p.m. game against a very good Red Devils team. Come support the Warhorses' bid to go undefeated on the regular season.



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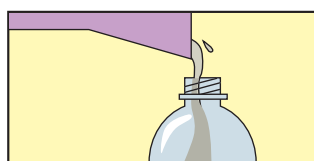
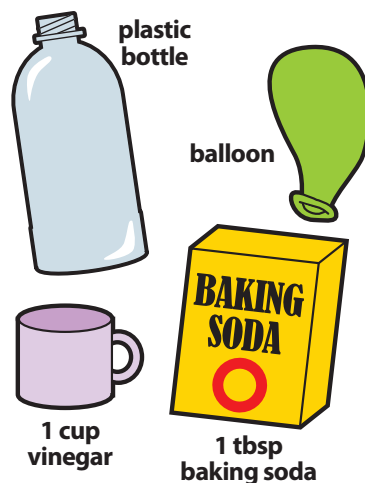
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THE BUBBLY, BAFFLING BALLOON EXPERIMENT

Can you inflate a balloon with liquid? What do you think?

Try this experiment with a lab assistant (a parent) and see what happens.

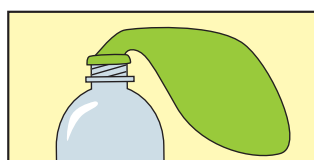
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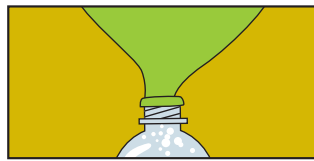
1. Pour the vinegar into the plastic bottle.



2. Carefully pour a tablespoon of baking soda into the balloon.



3. Stretch the neck of the balloon over the bottle opening.



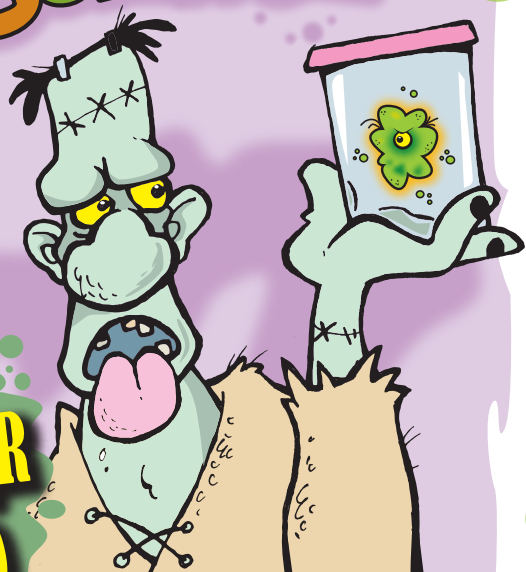
4. Slightly lift the balloon from the top so that the baking soda falls into the vinegar. Watch out!

Explanation: Baking soda added to vinegar creates a chemical reaction that makes carbon dioxide. This gas rises upwards into the balloon, inflating it.

Standards Link: Science Investigation: Conduct simple experiments.

STEMSational HALLOWEEN SCIENCE

Double, double, toil and trouble, Fire burn, and cauldron bubble. Come into the laboratory, Where we'll make science tell the story!



MONSTER MOLD

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



THE EXPERIMENT

1. Spray each piece of food with a little water.
2. Place each piece of food in a separate jar, screw on the lid and write the food type and date on the top.
3. Place the jars in different locations—in sunlight, a dark place (inside a paper bag would work), a cool place (in your refrigerator) and one in a warm place.

4. Examine the jars every day, observe the changes and record how quickly food gets moldy.

Mold on food is not good to eat but mold is one of nature's recyclers. Things that rot in this way will eventually become soil and supply nutrients to help plants grow.

Standards Link: Science Investigation: Conduct simple experiments.

The Science

Unlike plants, molds don't grow from seeds. They grow from spores that float in the air. These spores multiply on damp food and the chemical they produce will make the food rot.

Don't open your jars as more spores are forming and could be released into the air. Molds can make people sick.

SPOOKY GLOW-IN-THE-DARK BUBBLES

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



Have a parent help you open the highlighter pen. Pull out the felt and place it in a small amount of water. Let it soak for a few minutes and then discard the felt. Add a small amount of bubble solution to the bowl. Your mixture should be half highlighter water and half bubble solution.

Turn on your black light and blow bubbles. Describe what happens:

The phosphorescent chemicals in the highlighter ink are made visible by the ultraviolet in a black light.

Only two of the jack o' lanterns below are exactly the same. Can you find them? If you get stuck, do the math. The two even-numbered pumpkins are the matching pair.

2 + 3	9 + 2	6 + 4	4 + 3	9 - 2
5 + 4	6 - 3	4 + 9	13 - 6	11 - 2
1 + 2	14 - 7	6 + 6		
9 + 8	16 - 3	8 + 5		
3 + 8	19 - 4	3 + 2		

Extra! Extra!

Halloween Hunt

Look through the newspaper to find:

- a pumpkin
- a ghost
- a skeleton
- a costume
- a spider
- a black cat
- a spooky house

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

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How do you learn more about Dracula?

Use the code to solve this riddle.

A	B	C	F	G	H	I
J	L	M	N	O	S	U

Double Double Word Search

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

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

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: REACTION

One meaning of the noun **reaction** is a chemical change brought about by the action of one substance on another.

When I mixed oil and water, I did not get the **reaction** I expected.

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Science News

Look through the newspaper for science-related articles. Which science does the article relate to? For example, a weather story relates to the science of **meteorology**.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use reading skills and strategies to interpret informational text.

WHAT DID THE GHOST TEACHER SAY TO HER STUDENTS?

ANSWER: "Watch the board and I'll go through it again."

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