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## Cemetery changes cause county complaints

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personalize plots.

The amendment went into full enforcement nearly five months later on October 19, 2022, and with this came a slew of complaints brought to the county's attention both online and at county council meetings.

Barnwell County Ordinance 2022-05-389 relating to the Barnwell County Cemetery was amended to "enable groundskeepers to mow and weed-eat the cemetery more effectively and efficiently," states the update published in *The People-*

*Sentinel* by the county and on the county's Facebook page.

"All statues will be removed unless they are attached to the head stone or otherwise attached permanently to the plot; and all family mementoes will be removed," stated the post.

The removal of family mementoes is what most of the complaints online and at county meetings pertained to, with questions as to where these sentimental items are going and



Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

Some residents are upset with a new ordinance that allows the county to remove items from graves at Barnwell County Cemetery.

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Many Barnwell County residents have laid their loved ones to rest close to home in the Barnwell County Cemetery, and for decades have been able to decorate their gravesite in commemoration of a life once lived.

In May 2022, the Barnwell County Council approved to amend the cemetery ordinance which changed the ability to



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Albany Platts, Vikki Scott, John Simpson, and Missy Platts of The Animal Advocates cut the ribbon to the building housing dogs from Barnwell County at Big Dog Ranch, a dog rescue in Shorter, Alabama.

## New partnership will save hundreds of dogs

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Hundreds of dogs each year are going to be wagging goodbye to Barnwell County to head to a nationwide rescue in search of life-long and loving homes through a partnership secured by The Animal Advocates.

"If we're going to really help these animals in Barnwell County, we've got to be progressive and we've got to keep up with other states, other counties," said Vikki Scott, founder and chair of The Animal Advocates as well as director of the Friends for Life Center.

"We have to think outside of the box, and like in any Southern rural town, rescues are struggling," said Scott.

Counties in the rural south are facing an overpopulation epidemic. Vacant lots have become homes for colonies of feral cats and drivers are more cautious for dogs rather than deer on the road.

When animals are picked up by animal control officers for being a nuisance, they

are brought to an already exhausted county shelter for tax-payer funded care and a cage they may never leave to no fault of their own or the often dedicated shelter staff.

The root of the issue is a lack of spaying and neutering, and local laws that do not provide repercussions for individuals who perpetuate this issue.

"It's not fair to them. They're not asking to be born into an overpopulated community," said Missy Platts.

Missy Platts is the office manager at the Friends for Life Center, the Animal Advocates' adoption facility. She has been working with the rescue for six years and sees the overpopulation issue firsthand on a daily basis.

"When they're born, they're looked at as a problem," said Platts. "And they're born because of the problems that we have, which are no restrictions and people are not made to get their animals spayed and neutered."

To aid in their continued effort against overpopulation and serving the animals of Barnwell County, the Animal Advocates partnered with Big Dog Ranch (BDR) - a na-

tional rescue whose mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, and educate until every dog has a loving home.

BDR has saved over 50,000 dogs since 2008, and recently expanded their facilities from their base in West Palm Beach, Florida, to a newly built rescue in Shorter, Alabama.

The rescue in Alabama was formerly a greyhound training and racing facility and has been converted into a place where dogs can come for solace rather than be used as gambling pawns. This transition particularly impressed Laura Buice, Barnwell County Animal Shelter Foundation member who visited the Alabama facility alongside Scott, Platts, and others.

"It went from being such a negative place to such a positive place," said Buice.

The Animal Advocates have sponsored a building set to be used as an intake/quarantine/evaluation area where the needs of each dog will be assessed to best place them in the many areas of the facility.

"They will stay there at least 10 days, and that's where they evaluate if they need

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## Election held for vacant town council seats

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close at 7 p.m. at all locations.

The Town of Williston and the Town of Hilda are holding special elections on January 31 to fill the vacant seats on their respective town councils.

Voters will head to their respective polling places on January 31 to select the candidate they feel will best serve their town.

Williston residents can place their vote for one of three candidates at either the Williston Town Hall and the Elko Fire Department, depending on their precinct. Hilda residents can place their vote at the Hilda Town Hall.

The polls open at 7 a.m. and

Williston Town Council candidates are Alyson Collins, Judy Taylor, and Margo Huggins, and the Hilda Town Council candidate is Allie Beasley.

Collins is a lifelong Williston resident and educator at Barnwell Primary School. She is currently a member of the Recreation & Activities Committee and the zoning board in Williston, and plans to be "motivated and tenacious in building a great future for our town," if elected.

Taylor was raised in Williston and hopes to "be the change from within," if elected. A former USPS mail carrier, Taylor dedicates her time to

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## Gatlin seeks to grow county fire service

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Barnwell County's new fire coordinator wants to grow the local fire service.

Wesley Gatlin was hired in late 2022 to fill the position previously held by Timbo Williams, who retired in September 2022 after 18 years of service as the county's first fire coordinator. For the past 17 years, Gatlin has been a volunteer firefighter with the Barnwell Rural Fire Department, where he worked his way up from engineer to lieutenant to assistant chief.

"I love helping people in the community," said Gatlin of being in the fire service.

Gatlin spent 15 years working for Swiss Krono in Snelling, including 12 years in production and three years overseeing the flooring manufacturer's emergency response services. In April 2021, he joined the St. Paul Fire Department in Charleston County. After



Wesley Gatlin

Williams encouraged Gatlin to apply for the fire coordinator's position, he was hired.

"It got me back in the community I live in versus Charleston County," said Gatlin, who also worked part-time for Medshore Ambulance during his time with St. Paul.

His main goal is to help

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# Barnwell names inaugural citizen, business of year

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The City of Barnwell started a new tradition this year to recognize excellence. Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year were awarded to two residents who have gone above and beyond to serve the community.

At the annual December 3, 2022 Christmas parade and tree lighting, former Barnwell City Councilman Pickens Williams Sr. and Barry Creech of Creech Auto and Electric Services were awarded as the first Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year, respectively.

"Congratulations to both of these gentlemen for being the first City of Barnwell Citizen and Business of the Year," said Councilman Ron Still in a Facebook post about the accomplishments of both Williams and Creech.

Both were nominated by Rick Holcombe.

**Pickens Williams Sr.** Williams' service to his community began long before holding any elected offices.

He first started serving the community as a student bus driver and continued to serve his nation as a staff sergeant in the National Guard for nine years.



Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter  
**City of Barnwell's Mayor Rivera awards Pickens Williams Sr. with the 2022 Citizen of the Year award.**

In 1968, Williams was elected to the Barnwell School District 45 school board where he served for nearly a decade, with three of those years as chairman.

Ten years later in August 1978, Williams was appointed by the Barnwell County Council to serve on the Vocational School Board (now the Barnwell County Career Center) until 1988. Williams served as chairman of this board from 1986-88.

Williams was also an original member of the Barnwell County Transportation Committee where he served for two



Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter  
**Barry Creech and City Administrator Lynn McEwen share a laugh while Creech receives the 2022 City of Barnwell Business of the Year award.**

Aside from his service in office, Williams was one of the original owners of Still & Williams.

**Creech Auto and Electric Services**

Located on Main Street, Creech Auto and Electric Services and its owner, Barry Creech, have served the Barnwell community for many years.

Creech has served as a youth baseball coach in Barnwell County for over 25 years. During this time, he coached his son and grandchildren as well.

"You have worked hard for many years and have earned your key to the city. Proud of you and love you lots," said Creech's daughter, Stacey Epps.

The Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year awards are given to a person and place who have gone above and beyond to benefit the community. Each awardee received a commemorative license plate with the city's logo, a plaque of recognition, and a key to the city.

Nominations are made to the City of Barnwell via their website or a form available at City Hall in early December, and winners are announced at annual holiday festivities.



Contributed Photo  
**Pickens Williams Sr. (left) is the Citizen of the Year for the City of Barnwell while Barry Creech (right) of Creech Auto & Electric won Business of the Year.**

years.

"He has his name on more dedications than anyone in Barnwell with a total of six," said Councilman Still. "These include the science wing and the football stadium at Barnwell High School, Lemon Park, Barnwell City Hall, City of Barnwell Law Enforcement Center and one of the city fire trucks."

In 1996, he was elected to the Barnwell City Council where he served for 25 years until his resignation in June 2021. During his time as a city councilman he served as Mayor Pro-Tem when former Mayor Ed Lemon retired in 2018.

## Williston Town Council talk 2023 goals

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The Town of Williston has set forth goals for 2023 to better the life of its residents. These goals were detailed at the January 9 Williston Town Council meeting alongside other upcoming events and police updates.

### Goals

The first goal set by the town is addressing and/or maintaining infrastructure and facilities. The town hopes to continue providing attractive, safe, and reliable water and wastewater service to its residents.

Investing in safe sidewalks, roads, and walking trails are a priority this year alongside partnerships to "expedite broadband infrastructure deployment." Broadband services are growing on the state and county level, and town officials want to make sure Williston is a part of the coverage.

The second goal set is to ensure the safety of the community through "equitable policing practices," increasing transparency in police and fire operations, and recruiting and retaining qualified officers and firefighters.

Entering the new year, town officials encourage the community to provide feedback or concerns on services rendered by the town such as police and fire services as well as water or

garbage collection.

Administrator Michael Beasley hopes this communication could possibly manifest in future public forums or meetings.

The third goal relates to code enforcement and compliance in hopes Williston residents "may enjoy a cleaner, safer, and better place to live."

This involves educating citizens on municipal codes if they are unaware, approving a new zoning ordinance, and identifying and investigating any violations.

Every ten years, municipalities are required to update their zoning ordinances. The Town of Williston will be doing this throughout the year with the help of the Lower Savannah Council of Governments.

The fourth goal pertains to recreation and activities. The town plans to create opportunities for the public to share their ideas on potential programs, events, and personal experiences that would ultimately better recreation and activity initiatives for all ages.

With these ideas comes bringing them to fruition, which the town hopes to do through expanding partnerships and community collaboration.

Goal number five is about beautifying Williston by improving holiday displays, cleaning and maintaining overgrown sidewalks, creating welcome signage at entrances to the town, and establishing a beau-

tification committee.

According to Administrator Beasley, more information about the beautification committee and updates on new signage would be detailed in the quarterly town newsletter.

The sixth goal relates to the town officials and staff, and it has already been kickstarted within the first two weeks of the year.

At the Jan. 9 meeting, Administrator Beasley explained town employees had held their first staff meeting earlier that day where they were able to work out better methods of communicating with one another to ultimately better serve the town.

In these meetings, town employees are addressing deficiencies and formulating solutions regarding community priorities, internal procedure, customer service, and much more.

Another part of these staff meetings are working toward investing in town employee professional development.

The seventh goal of the town is performing an evaluation of all operations and systems to identify areas that need improvement and then implement a plan to fix them.

This also includes "establishing departmental reports that identify the state of the departments."

For more information on the status of the 2023 goals of the Town of Williston, call the town hall at (803) 266-7015 or visit

<https://www.williston-sc.com/>.

### Recreation Committee

It was brought to the attention of council that not all of the members of the Recreation and Activities Committee have been attending the required meetings.

Administrator Beasley explained for the council to remove a committee member, they must amend the current resolution to allow the chairman of said committee to add members.

The committee was originally formed last summer and current members were appointed by council members. The resolution must be amended to allow for the current chairman to accept people onto the committee based on council selection criteria.

### WPD Update

Administrator Beasley was proud to report that the Williston Police Department (WPD) is fully certified and fully staffed.

It was brought to the attention of council that not all of the members of the Recreation and Activities Committee have been attending the required meetings.

Last year, the WPD was asked to address speeding along Main Street by the council. From January to May of 2022, 37 speeding tickets were issued, and from June to December 177 speeding tickets were issued.

The WPD received a total of 1,775 reported incidents in 2022, responding the most to incidents of speeding, trespassing, performing welfare checks, and assisting other agencies.

### Circuit Public Defender Agreement

At the Jan. 9 meeting, the council approved the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) with the Second Circuit Public Defend-

er's Office required by state law.

This MOA is good for two years, and essentially provides anyone arrested in Williston who is unable to afford legal counsel a public defender.

Each case in need of a public defender will cost the town \$400, which will be remitted 15 days after.

The yearly cost in 2022 was a total of \$6,800. This cost is usually billed quarterly to the town per the MOA, but due to COVID complications on the public defender's office's end, it was billed to the town yearly in 2022.

Providing legal counsel to those who cannot afford to do so themselves used to be handled by the state, but it has since become the responsibility of municipalities thus requiring this MOA to be in place.

## Candidates: Find out who's running for Williston & Hilda town councils

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local volunteer efforts and is an active voice in promoting recreational activities for senior citizens.

Huggins moved to Williston nearly seven years ago and "absolutely LOVE(s) living in this small town." Huggins has a full time career in

the agricultural industry, owns and operates the floraculture farmette Rivendale Farms, and organizes many beautification efforts in the Town of Williston such as trash pickups, the scarecrow display, and the Christmas decorations along the rail trail.

Beasley is a local real estate agent who is hopeful that Hilda will continue to be the great small town she remembers growing up. Beasley is "eager to assist the citizens of Hilda," if elected.

To read a profile on each of the candidates, turn to pages A8-9.

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# Barnwell City Council remembers councilman

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Barnwell City Council began its Jan. 9 meeting by remembering one of their own.

Council approved a resolution in memory of Councilman Brad All, who died unexpectedly on Dec. 24, 2022. He was elected in November 2021.

"He was recognized by his fellow council members for his honesty and sense of duty to the city and his constituents... he was a kindhearted, devoted and loyal man with a true gift for service," stated part of the resolution.

After reading the resolution, Mayor Marcus Rivera presented a framed copy to All's widow, Jessica. Many of All's other loved ones were also in attendance.

"His service has not gone unnoticed," said Mayor Rivera to Jessica All.

Brad All is the fourth city councilman to die while in office since the summer of 2020.

A special election will be held on March 21 to fill All's seat.

## Business Development

Ethan Batchler spoke during public comment about his desire to open a tattoo shop in the city.

He last spoke before council two years ago as he tried to open a shop, but couldn't find a building that met the zoning requirements. However, he's now found one in the city limits.

"I think it will be a good thing for the community," said Batchler, who previously worked six years at a shop in Denmark.

He said having a li-

censed shop will help prevent people from tattooing out of their house, which can lead to diseases and blood-borne pathogens. He has all certifications required by DHEC, he said.

City Administrator Lynn McEwen said the property that Batchler is looking at is zoned highway commercial, which would meet zoning requirements. However, she said the council would need to approve the tattoo shop, according to state requirements. The topic will be on the February council meeting agenda.

Following his comments, the conversation on business development continued with a presentation and request from Retail Strategies. The real estate and economic development agency, which works with municipalities, has partnered with Southern Carolina Alliance, a regional economic development agency, to help spur retail growth in Barnwell County.

"An estimated \$171 million is leaving the city annually in retail," said Lacey Bacchus, senior business developer with Retail Strategies. "We want to look at how to claim some of those dollars and improve the quality of life."

Mayor Rivera, Administrator McEwen, and Bob Snead from Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber of Commerce attended a program in November 2022 through Retail Strategies.

"Once we all had gone through the program, we realized that there is a great deal of work to be done in retail recruit-



Mayor Marcus Rivera presents Jessica All a framed resolution in memory of her husband, the late Barnwell City Councilman Brad All. Jonathan Vickery / Publisher

*"He was a kindhearted, devoted, and loyal man with a true gift for service."*

**- Barnwell Mayor Marcus Rivera, reading a resolution in memory of Councilman Brad All**

ment," said McEwen.

That final piece is what Retail Strategies is offering to do by partnering with the City of Barnwell, Town of Blackville, Town of Williston, Barnwell County, SCA, and the Barnwell County Economic Development Corporation to help with retail recruitment.

"We want to attract new commercial retail which will attract and retain residents and a workforce," said Bacchus.

Retail Strategies is seeking a total of \$40,000 split among all parties - \$20,000 from Barnwell County EDC, \$10,000 from Barnwell County, \$5,000 from the City of Barnwell, and \$2,500 each from the towns of Blackville and Williston.

Barnwell City Council decided it was worth

spending \$5,000 to potentially attract new tax revenue and jobs. Since this was not in the approved budget, the city must take the money from savings, said McEwen, but can include it in the budget next year.

## Redistricting

With the completion of the 2020 U.S. Census, it's now time for the process of redistricting.

Council members were given a copy of the 2020 Census Benchmark Report as they prepare for redistricting, which is done every 10 years following the Census. The Census showed a 2.1 percent population decrease for the City of Barnwell - from 4,750 in 2010 to 4,652 in 2020.

"As a result, the ideal district changed from 791 to 775," according

to the report from the S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, which recommends council stays within a deviation range of 5 percent.

Currently, Ron Still's District 1 is well over the range with 994 residents - 28.2 percent over. District 3, which is represented Alicia Davis, is under the range by 28.68 percent with a population of 553. The other four districts are within the 5 percent range.

Council was presented one option to equalize the districts. They will meet January 23 at 4 p.m. to discuss the matter.

The city must approve the redistricting plan by May.

## In other news:

• Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Roberts reported that basketball practices started that

evening with 14 teams while a playground renovation is underway at Lemon Park. Upcoming events include the daddy/daughter dance on February 10 from 6-8 p.m. at Barnwell Elementary and the Easter egg hunt is April 1 at 10 a.m. at Lemon Park.

• Wi-fi and cameras are being installed at city parks and the downtown area.

• Orders are again being taken for veteran banners. This is for any Barnwell County citizen (alive or deceased) who has served in the military. Contact city hall for details.

• A blight elimination program through Southeastern Housing & Community Development is garnering "a good bit of interest already," said McEwen. Letters have been sent to owners of targeted properties regarding a meeting to discuss the program that would demolish dilapidated buildings.

• Council approved the second and final reading of four ordinances involving zoning changes. Changes included: lots between Main and Allen streets from R-12 to Neighborhood Commercial, a lot on Charles Street from R-15 to Industrial, a lot between Calhoun Street and Marlboro Avenue from R-15 to Highway Commercial, and a lot on Main Street from Highway Commercial to R-12.

• Following a closed session for pre-litigation negotiations involving Southern Realty, council unanimously voted to approve Administrator McEwen's recommendation on the claim.

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Shenika earned her graduate degree at Chamberlain College of Nursing in Illinois. She has over 15 years of experience in the medical field, that expands into primary care, medical surgical nursing, critical care, and long-term care experience.

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## Gatlin: New county fire coordinator wants to grow number of volunteers

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support the local fire departments while working to grow and improve services that ultimately benefit Barnwell County's residents. This includes creating county-wide training so the 10 county departments don't have to each do their own thing.

"One of the main things I want to work on is recruiting and retaining younger volunteers," said Gatlin. "There's been a big decline in volunteers the last several years."

There are simply not enough younger people stepping up to volunteer

as many of the long-time firefighters are getting older and having to stop or slow down on their services. It's an issue that is affecting departments across the country.

"We need to keep an active fire service for our community," said Gatlin, who grew up in Hilda but now lives in Barnwell. "With our 10 departments and having volunteers, we get quicker response. This also helps reduce taxes for our residents versus having paid fire staff."

He encourages anyone with an interest in helping protect their community

to consider becoming a volunteer firefighter. You must be 18 years old to be a full member, but there are cadet programs for teens ages 14 to 18. Various certifications must be obtained.

"It's a chance to help the community. It's rewarding whenever you help somebody," said Gatlin, whose interest in volunteering was sparked at age 18 after seeing his friends join.

To learn more about what it takes to become a volunteer firefighter, contact Gatlin or the chief of your local department.

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## Publisher's Note

### Hyperlocal news is a blessing to community



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Publisher

Some say newspapers are dying. That's not the case at *The People-Sentinel*.

Yes, things have certainly changed over the last 15 to 20 years. The internet and social media have impacted the economic outlook for many papers, leading to layoffs, other cutbacks, and even closures. The economic downturn from the late 2000s and the COVID pandemic in 2020 certainly didn't help. However, newspapers still play a vital role of informing the community while holding public officials accountable.

Roughly 2,000 newspapers have closed across the United States over the past 20 years. That void has left many news deserts – communities without a dedicated newspaper. A news desert can also be a community that has a news organization that isn't viable or does not cover local news.

Prior to July 2021, years of cutbacks from a series of corporate owners had left *The People-Sentinel* a shell of what it once was, with just three employees and a print product that was being limited to 8-10 pages a week. I knew something had to be done to save my hometown newspaper. That's why I decided to take a leap of faith and purchase the newspaper in July 2021. The newspaper was finally back in local hands for the first time in more than 30 years.

As the publisher and owner of *The People-Sentinel*, I'm proud to say that Barnwell County's hometown paper has not become another sad statistic.

In fact, 2022 was an exciting year that brought growth to our locally owned newspaper.

Some highlights of 2022 include:

• **Growing team.** We created new jobs to grow our team. We now employ seven people, up from three in June 2021.

• **Expanded coverage.** New reporter Alexandra Whitbeck joined and has helped us expand our coverage. We

now publish more local news than we have done in a long time. We also now publish an average of 18 to 20 pages every week.

• **More options.** In addition to our weekly print paper, we now have a new website for those who prefer their news digitally. Check it out at [www.thepoplesentinel.com](http://www.thepoplesentinel.com).

• **New features.** We continue to add new features to the paper, such as the coupon inserts that now appear two to three times per month.

That excitement continues into 2023 as we look forward to more growth, including:

• **Moving to our new office.** Work is underway to renovate the former Evelyn's Jewelry & Gifts on the Circle in downtown Barnwell. It will be our new home in a few months. This space will allow our growing team to better serve our community.

• **Expanding into Allendale County.** Though we've been publishing a regular Allendale County News page, a grant will allow us to do even more by helping fund an additional reporter. This won't take away from our Barnwell County coverage.

• **New podcast.** In conjunction with the Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber of Commerce, we will launch a podcast to tell stories about local people and issues in an audio format.

Why do we continue to invest in local news?

As our reporter Alex stated recently, "Hyperlocal news is a blessing to the community."

We are our community's only true source for news. We publish content you can't find anywhere else. From hard news stories covering local government, education, and crime to features on people's accomplishments or birth announcements, we publish news that matters.

On behalf of our team, I'd like to thank everyone who has supported us, especially our valued readers and advertisers who have helped us grow. Y'all are why we continue to do what we do.

We also will keep investing in our community, such as supporting fundraisers and sponsoring a hole at the Williston Disc Golf Course.

The future of local news looks bright.

## Homemaker's Column

### Making Comfort Foods Healthier



Christine Patrick  
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When the weather gets cooler and the leaves start turning beautiful colors, you may look forward to eating warm, rich, and hearty comfort foods. Unfortunately, they can wreck your diet and cause you to pack extra pounds unless you modify your recipes or limit your portions. Research shows that the average weight gain between November and January is at least a pound, which is usually permanent. You can hide an expanding waistline under layers of winter clothing, but the ugly truth will be revealed when you put on those spring fashions.

**What is a Comfort Food?** Comfort foods are any food or beverage that gives a comforting, satisfying feeling after you eat them. It provides temporary relief (e.g. stress relief) or a sense of emotional well being (e.g. happiness, security, or a reward). According to a Cornell University study, women find comfort in

candy, chocolates, and prepared snack foods, such as ice cream or potato chips. Men prefer hearty, home-cooked meals, like pasta, steak, or casseroles.

There are no "bad" foods, although some foods are worse for you than others. Many rich, creamy comfort foods are filled with artery-clogging fat, sugar, sodium (salt), and extra ingredients. You can splurge on an occasional small portion of decadent foods, but it's better to completely avoid the temptation.

To prevent cravings for comfort food that is unhealthy, eat a balanced diet of foods that make you feel full and satisfied longer. This includes protein foods to stabilize blood sugars and high-fiber foods, which send the message: "I'm full" to the brain.

#### The Most Popular Comfort Foods of the Season

Although most spring and summer dishes are light and full of healthy, colorful, leafy vegetables, the most popular fall and winter foods are warm, rich, and hearty dishes. The list includes macaroni & cheese, chili & stews, cream & cheese-based casseroles, cream-based soups, bisques & chowders, creamy pot pies with pastry on the top and bottom, fried side dishes (e.g. french fries, chili cheese fries,

and onion rings), mashed potatoes, and a variety of sweet treats (e.g. Halloween candy, chocolate, cookies, and pies topped with whipped cream or ice cream).

#### Ways to Avoid Winter Weight Gain

In addition to limiting the most fattening foods, follow these tips to avoid winter weight gain.

• **Drink plenty of water between meals and at mealtimes.**

• **Eat tomato-based and broth-based soups and stews that contain lots of vegetables and are low in sodium.** Broth based soup eaten as an appetizer can fill you up so that you eat fewer calories during the meal.

• **Eat plenty of lean protein to feel full and satisfied.**

• **Use only lean meats in soups, casseroles, and other dishes, and limit portion sizes.**

• **Replace high fat ingredients with spices and peppers to add pizzazz to your food.**

• **Use low-fat milk or fat-free half-and-half instead of cream in recipes.**

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## Better Business Bureau Column

### BBB Warns: Think twice before sharing online missing child alert



Kevin Collins  
Better Business Bureau

You're on Facebook and you see that a friend appears to be providing information about a missing child. Or you may be on a buy and sell page for your community where you see a posting for a missing pet. Instinctively you want to help, so you share the post on your own feed. Unfortunately, your good intentions could actually be putting family and friends at risk of identity theft or fraud.

Some of these posts are fake and designed to serve as a bait and switch in order to deceive individuals into handing over their money or personal information. If the post appears to be from a friend, it's likely their account was hacked or replicated. With the buy-and-sell pages, posts can come from individuals who appear to be from your local community but are actually in another state or another country.

You may be wondering how sharing a post can put your social media friends at risk. After you share the post, the impersonator can change their original post to any type of promotion that could draw people in, ranging from deceptive rental ads to links pointing to surveys that "guarantee" a cash prize. Because your friends believe you are recommending it, they are more likely to fall for the promotion.

While the scheme has many

variations, they all use stories that will invoke emotion or urgency that the message should be shared to help someone in need. Some are designed as a human interest story, such as one highlighted in a USA Today story where the publication reported on a fake post about an injured dog that resulted in 250 shares.

Local buy-and-sell Facebook groups seem to serve as popular breeding grounds for these posts, likely because there is already a sense of community and trust within these crowds, and people may not realize that scammers are targeting members. Scammers sometimes also turn comments off on the posts so other group members can't oust them.

BBB offers these tips to avoid being scammed by a bait-and-switch Facebook ad:

Do a bit of digging before resharing a post on your profile. Read the information carefully and look at the profile of the person who created and shared the original post. If the profile is from Texas but shared the post in a Georgia group, it may be a red flag of a bait-and-switch publication.

Find out when the poster created the Facebook profile. Scammers all ways create profiles when their old one gets banned. If you click on their profile, it will tell you how long they have been a member of the group. You can also find additional information on their public profile.

You should see it in the news. If a child goes missing or a tragedy occurs, you'll most likely

see it on different news outlets or shared by law enforcement, not on a random post.

Do a reverse image search on Google. That will allow you to find out if the pictures you saw were used on other ads or websites in different cities.

Find similar posts. Copy and paste the text from the post into Facebook's search tool to see if other posts with the same text and different pictures show up.

If you suspect a post is a scam, report it to Facebook.

If this scam has targeted you, help others by filing a scam report at [BBB.org/ScamTracker](http://BBB.org/ScamTracker).

*Kevin Collins is president & CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving the Fall Line Corridor, serving 77 counties in East Alabama, West Georgia, South-west Georgia, Central Georgia, East Georgia, and Western South Carolina. This tips column is provided through the local BBB and the International Association of Better Business Bureaus (IABBB). The Better Business Bureau sets standards for ethical business behavior, monitors compliance and helps consumers identify trustworthy businesses. Questions or complaints about a specific company or charity should be referred directly to the BBB at Phone: 1-800-763-4222, Web site: [BBB.org](http://BBB.org) or E-mail: [info@centralgeorgia.bbb.org](mailto:info@centralgeorgia.bbb.org).*

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## Barnwell County Arrest Reports

Arrest reports listed below are public record and have been provided by local law enforcement agencies. All persons named are presumed innocent until their cases are determined in a court of law.

**Draven McArthur Felder**, 23, of 1712 Cannon Bridge Road, Cordova, was arrested on January 13, 2023 by Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) for Trafficking Meth. Felder was booked

and released to Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).

**Fatina I. Knight-Hudson**, 20, of 7360 Bay Street, Williston, was arrested on January 9, 2023 by BCSO for Malicious Injury to Personal Property. Knight-Hudson was booked and released to BCDC.

**Pamela Yvonne Ray**, 41, of 546 Blease Creek Road, Barnwell, was arrested on January 12,

2023 by the BCSO for the Use of 911 Unlawfully. Ray was booked and released to BCDC.

**Preston Devonn Reed**, 45, of 17 Carel Drive Apartment 17, Barnwell, was arrested on January 13, 2023 by BCSO for Criminal Sexual Conduct and Kidnapping. Reed was booked and released to BCDC.

**Christina Richardson**, 42, of 30 Pineneedle Road, Barnwell, was ar-

rested on January 9, 2023 by BCSO for Disorderly Conduct. Richardson was booked and released to BCDC.

**Travis Logan Smith**, 23, of 271 Lebanon Road, Barnwell, was arrested on January 13, 2023 by BCSO for Criminal Domestic Violence. Smith was booked and released to BCDC.

**Bryce J. Tolliver, 18, of** 2688 Patterson Mill Road, Barnwell, was arrested on January 13, 2023 by

BCSO for Criminal Sexual Conduct and Kidnapping. Tolliver was booked and released to BCDC.

**Tyree L. Tolliver, 25, of** 2688 Patterson Mill Road, Barnwell, was arrested on January 13, 2023 by BCSO for Criminal Sexual Conduct and Kidnapping. Tolliver was booked and released to BCDC.

**Darius C. Walker, 42,** of 18 A Dale Apartments, Allendale, was arrested on January 9, 2023 by

BCSO for Failure to Pay Child Support. Walker was booked and released to BCDC.

**Roosevelt Kadee Workman**, 31, of 1554 Black River Road, Barnwell, was arrested on January 9, 2023 by BCSO for Pointing and Presenting a Firearm at a Person, Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime, and Burglary. Workman was booked and released to BCDC.

# Individual income tax season opens Jan. 23

Contributed  
S.C. Dept. of Revenue

The South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR) will begin accepting Individual Income Tax returns for tax year 2022 on January 23, 2023, consistent with the date announced by the IRS. The filing deadline for both state and federal 2022 income tax returns is Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

Last year, more than 93% of IIT returns were filed electronically. Approximately 87% of refunds were issued by direct deposit.

"We are pleased that so many South Carolinians have accepted online filing and direct deposit," said SCDOR Director Hartley Powell. "It's the safest, most accurate way to file and the fastest way to receive refunds."

**File online.** Filing online with a reputable provider is convenient, secure, and accurate. Many South Carolinians are eligible to file online for free with easy-to-use tax preparation software. Visit [dor.sc.gov/iit-filing](http://dor.sc.gov/iit-filing) to view all of your filing options.

Make sure you have all W-2s, 1099s, and other necessary documents before you file. Year-end pay stubs may not match what your employer reports to us, which can slow down processing.

**Choose direct deposit.** Direct deposit is the fastest and safest refund option. Your refund is

deposited directly into your bank account, so there's no need to worry about lost or stolen checks and no waiting on delayed or returned mail. Learn more about why direct deposit is the preferred refund option at [dor.sc.gov/refund](http://dor.sc.gov/refund).

**Allow time for processing and fraud prevention.**

We will begin processing returns February 6, 2023 to allow employers time to meet the January 31 W-2 submission deadline. Fighting fraud to protect taxpayer dollars is our priority.

Tax return and refund processing is expected to take 6-8 weeks from February 6 or the date you file, whichever is later, to allow the SCDOR to use all available tools to check for fraud and protect your refund.

**Track your refund.** Check your refund

status anytime using the Where's My Refund tool at [dor.sc.gov/refund](http://dor.sc.gov/refund). You can track which of the four stages your refund is in – fraud check, accuracy review, final verification, refund approval and preparation – and the estimated timeframe for each stage. Keep in mind that if you choose a paper check refund, your processing time may be longer.

**New for the 2023 IIT season:**

- **Military retirement pay exclusion.** Because of a new law enacted last year, all military retirement pay is excluded from South Carolina Individual Income Tax beginning in tax year 2022. Reduce the retirement deduction and the age 65 and older deduction by the amount of military retirement deduction taken. For

more information, refer to SC Revenue Ruling #22-11, available at [dor.sc.gov/policy](http://dor.sc.gov/policy).

- **Rebate recipients pay no state taxes on their payment.** Those who received a state tax rebate in 2022 may receive a 1099G, but they owe no state taxes on their rebate, since it is considered a refund.
- **An increase in the dependent exemption.** The exemption amount for tax year 2022 is \$4,430 and is allowed for each eligible dependent, including both qualifying children and qualifying relatives.
- **An increase in the Motor Fuel User Fee Credit.** The refundable credit increases from 9 cents per gallon to 11 cents per gallon for tax year

2022. Full or part-year resident taxpayers may claim the refundable credit for the lesser of the increase in South Carolina Motor Fuel User Fee they paid during 2022 or the preventative maintenance costs they incurred in South Carolina during the tax year.

- **An increase in the Earned Income Tax Credit.** Full-year residents may claim the South Carolina Earned Income Tax Credit if they are eligible for the federal credit. For tax year 2022, the non-refundable credit is equal to 104.17% of the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit allowed the taxpayer.

**Stay informed.** Find more resources for the tax season at [dor.sc.gov/iit](http://dor.sc.gov/iit).

**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

**Williston West Main Complex** at West Main Street, Williston, SC

**Barnwell Arms Complex** at Thomas Street, Barnwell, SC

**Bamberg Villa Complex** at Race Street, Bamberg, SC

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

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# U.S. Forest Service plans to begin prescribed burning on Savannah River Site this month

Contributed  
U.S. Forest Service

USDA Forest Service - Savannah River plans to initiate prescribed fire operations in January 2023 as weather patterns shift to cooler temperatures and fuel conditions on the ground allow for safe resumption of activities. To learn about benefits of prescribed fire on communities and the environment visit [https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-](https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/prescribed-fire)

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"The health and safety of the public and our firefighters is extremely important to us," said U.S. Forest Service-Savannah River Assistant Manager for Fire Brandon Hughes. "These fires are conducted only when fuel and weather conditions on the ground align with anticipated weather conditions allowing firefighters to conduct them in a safe manner."

Over the next several months, the public

may see or smell fire and smoke in various areas surrounding Savannah River Site from prescribed fire activities. Through careful planning and preparation, every effort is made to lessen the impact of smoke from prescribed fires. Smoke, however, is a natural byproduct of fire, and some amounts are unavoidable. Fire managers work with local air quality officials to ensure compliance with air quality regulations and required con-



ditions prior to initiating any prescribed fire. Real-time air quality information for areas surrounding the Savannah River Site is available at <https://fire.airnow.gov/>. Follow us or visit us

on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/Savannah-RiverFS> for real time prescribed fire information. Individuals or families with members that have health conditions aggravated by smoke and who live in communities adjacent to the site that wish to be notified about prescribed fire operations that may impact them, should contact USFS Savannah River Public Affairs Specialist Josef Orosz at [josef.orosz@usda.gov](mailto:josef.orosz@usda.gov) or (530) 440-9741.

## NOTICE OF ELECTION

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA      COUNTY OF BARNWELL

Notice is hereby given that the School Trustee Election will be held on April 11, 2023. Two seats will be filled in Barnwell School District #45. Any person wishing to register to vote in this election must do so no later than March 11, 2023. Districts #19 and #29 have been consolidated and will **not** be included in this election.

The early voting period for this election begins Monday, March 27, 2023 and ends on Friday, April 7, 2023. The following early voting center will be open during the early voting period from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed Saturday, Sunday, and any holiday).

**Barnwell County Voter Registration & Elections office**  
367 Fuldner Rd., Barnwell, SC

Citizens desiring to be a candidate for the above listed offices must file a Statement of Intention of Candidacy with the Barnwell School District, 770 Hagood Avenue. Books will open for filing Friday, January 20, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. and close Friday, February 3, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

The polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the locations designated below.

At 9:00 a.m. on April 11, 2023 the County Board of Canvassers will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes from the School Trustee Election at the Barnwell County Board of Voter Registration & Elections office located at 367 Fuldner Road, Barnwell, SC.

On Friday, April 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., the County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all ballots challenged in this election. The hearing will be held at the Barnwell County Board of Voter Registration & Elections office located at 367 Fuldner Road, Barnwell, SC.

The following precincts and polling places will be involved in this election:

Barnwell #1, #2, #3, and #4 will vote at the National Guard Armory, 10233 Marlboro Ave.  
Elko will vote at the Elko Fire Station, 10077 Hwy. 78  
Friendship will vote at the Friendship Fire Department, 3391 Green Branch Rd.  
Kline will vote at the Kline Town Hall, 1031 Kings Ave.  
Hilda will vote at Hilda Town Hall, 35 Railroad Ave.  
Snelling will vote at Snelling Town Hall, 30 Morris St.  
Williston #2 will vote at Williston Town Hall, 13112 Main St.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**SPECIAL ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that the Barnwell County Board of Voter Registration & Elections will conduct a Special Election for the City of Barnwell on **Tuesday, March 21, 2023** to fill an unexpired term of City Council District #5. This is a nonpartisan election and no party affiliation shall be placed on the ballot.

The early voting period for this election begins Monday, March 6, 2023 and ends on Friday, March 17, 2023. The following early voting center will be open during the early voting period from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (closed on Saturday, Sunday, and any holiday).

**Barnwell County Voter Registration & Elections office,**  
367 Fuldner Rd., Barnwell, SC

Precincts involved in this election are Barnwell #1, and Barnwell #2. Polling places for this Special Election will be held at the National Guard Armory, 10233 Marlboro Ave., Barnwell, SC.

Persons desiring to be candidates for the above listed office may **file with the Barnwell County Voter Registration & Elections Office** located at 367 Fuldner Rd., Barnwell, SC. Books will be open for filing on January 23, 2023 **at Noon** and remain open until February 3, 2023 **at Noon**. There will be a filing fee of \$25.00 for the office of City Council. Persons desiring to vote in this election must be duly registered on the County Books of Registration as an elector and a resident of the municipality, not less than 30 days prior to the date of election. The last day to register to vote for this municipal election will be **February 21, 2023**.

To register to vote in Barnwell County or update your address and/or other voter registration information, please visit the office of the Barnwell County Registration & Elections at 367 Fuldner Rd. Barnwell, SC. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Citizens with a current and valid S.C. Driver's License or DMV ID Card can register to vote and update their address online at [sevoters.gov](http://sevoters.gov).

The polls shall open at 7:00 a.m. on Election Day and close at 7:00 p.m. At 9:00 a.m. on Election Day, the Barnwell County Election Commission will begin examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes. This examination will be held at the Barnwell County Voter Registration & Elections office located at 367 Fuldner Rd., Barnwell, SC.

On Thursday, **March 23, 2023** at 10:00 a.m., the Barnwell County Election Commission will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all ballots challenged in this election at the Barnwell County Voter Registration & Elections office located at 367 Fuldner Rd., Barnwell, SC.

Any run-off will be held two weeks after the election on Tuesday, **April 4, 2023**.

## BIRTH



Harper Ray Webster was born on December 23, 2022.

### Harper Ray Webster

Matthew and Taylor Webster of Williston are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Harper Ray Webster. She was born at 1:29 a.m. on December 23, 2022 at Piedmont Augusta. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 18.5 inches long. She has one brother, Mackenzie Scott Webster II "Mack". Paternal grandparents are Kevin and Karen Webster of Williston. Maternal grandparents are Richard and Laura Shelley of Aiken. Great-grandparents are (paternal) Jo Crider of Williston and (maternal) Katherine McClellan Jones of North Charleston.

## BIRTH



The five generations are (from left) Rita Rhodus, Susan Rhodus Derrick, Heather Shealy Smith, Sheaffer McCormack and Jayla Rose.

### Rhodus family celebrates 5 generations

The Rhodus family, formerly of Williston, was blessed with the birth of Jayla Rose, making this the fifth generation for the Rhodus family.

The five generations are Rita Rhodus, Susan Rhodus Derrick, Heather Shealy Smith, Sheaffer McCormack and Jayla Rose.

Jayla Rose was born at Lexington Medical Center on December 23, 2022. She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

She is the daughter of Sheaffer McCormack and Jaywon Jones of Newberry.

She is the great-great-granddaughter of Rita Rhodus and the late Bill Rhodus, formerly of Williston, and the late Colie and Joye Shealy of Prosperity.

She is the great-granddaughter of Stan and Susan Rhodus Derrick of Irmo and Phil and Susan Shealy of Chapin.

She is the granddaughter of Clif and Heather Shealy Smith of Prosperity and Jason McCormack of Little Mountain.



Rita Rhodus, formerly of Williston, holds her great-great-granddaughter, Jayla Rose.



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## Harriet Wyatt Stone

and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, an organization that helps students from underprivileged countries receive education on sustainable agriculture to eliminate hunger in their countries.

After retiring from FAO in Rome, she moved back to the U.S. and into her mother's home in Allendale, South Carolina in 1987. She had a knack for accounting practices and handled the bookkeeping at Allendale Hardware, and later was a tax specialist at H&R Block.

During her years living in Allendale, she curated many passions: she was an avid reader of books, she took college courses in History, she participated in and led Bible Study groups, was a member of the Swallow Savannah Methodist Church, and participated in multiple Bridge clubs (and was considered a great bridge player!).

She was incredibly intelligent, deeply spiritual, and a true friend to many. Her delightful smile, laughter, sense of humor and her kindness touched many. Her light in our lives will be missed, and her daughters will miss their rock, best friend, and third musketeer. "Until we see you again, mom!"

She is survived by her daughters, Diana Liviero of Allendale, S.C. and Belinda Liviero of Portland, Oregon.

Memorial contributions may be made to Swallow Savannah Cemetery, C/O of Suzanne Goodson, 493 Concord Church Rd., Ulmer, S.C. 29849.

Keith Smith Funeral Service of Allendale was in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at [www.keithsmithfuneralservice.com](http://www.keithsmithfuneralservice.com).

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ALLENDALE - Harriet Wyatt Stone, 87, daughter of Maude Warren Wyatt and Joseph B. Wyatt, widow of Donald Stone, passed away on January 10, 2023.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 15, 2023 at Swallow Savannah Cemetery with Jeremy Phipps officiating.

Harriet was born and raised in New York City and earned her BA in English from Hollins College. She held administrative jobs in her early adulthood before moving to Milan and Rome, Italy, where she raised her two daughters and worked at the Food

## Robert Jay "Bob" Weatherby



WILLISTON - Robert Jay "Bob" Weatherby, 75, of Williston, passed away on January 15, 2023. Born in Wilmington, DE, he was a son of the late Charles Arthur Weatherby and Helen Rose Cahill Weatherby.

Survivors include his wife, Dr. Rebecca Simmons Weatherby, PhD; sons, Dr. Brian (Kim) Weatherby, MD, of Greenville, and Christopher Weatherby of Williston; grandsons, Holden and Reid Weatherby of Greenville; aunt, Gloria Weatherby of Wilmington, DE; sisters-in-law, Sue and Sara; and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins who he dearly loved.

Bob is preceded in death by a brother, Charles Weatherby; sister-in-law, Virginia S. Behrens and her husband, Harry Behrens; brother-in-law, Dr. Leo Benjamin Simmons Jr.; and father and mother-in-law, Leo and Iris Simmons.

Bob and his family were members of the Williston United Methodist Church.

He did security analysis, vulnerability assessment for nuclear facilities, was a lead pyrotechnician for fireworks on the 4th of July, a soldier in Vietnam, a radio DJ and news director in the 70's, a first

responder, and a life-long firefighter.

He loved life. He liked adventures. He was a scuba diver. He believed in exercise, an avid weightlifter and walker. He was always fascinated by space, went to see a shuttle launch. He went kayaking on the Edisto River and French Broad River with his sons.

He like sports a lot and right up until the end though maybe he should stop watching the TV game while receiving medical treatments. He helped start and coached the Williston soccer teams. He attended basketball, football, and baseball games with family and friends. Before Parkinson's took his spatial awareness and fine motor skills and cancer took his strength, he was so good at and enjoyed organization. Maybe it's something innate in a father or guy, but he seemed to take pride and joy in a well packed car, trailer, storage building.

He loved music. Not just his days as a DJ. It showed by the surround sound system at home. Or tunes he and his wife would listen to in the car. His sons grew up on oldies and Motown. And any popular classic rock from the 60's. He also had a love of movie scores beginning with Music Man in a high school production he was a part of. Also the works of Hans Zimmer. Very fitting, since Zimmer did the epic Backdraft soundtrack. A movie about firefighting, which Bob did most of his life. First with Talleyville Fire Department in

Wilmington, DE, then with Williston Volunteer Fire Department for a total of 48 years.

He owned a boat. Always wanted one. He and his brother-in-law agreed if you wanted the experience of owning a boat, just tear up \$100 bills in the shower.

He was a good man. Even tempered. They called him "the Professor" at work. He would walk away from a shouting match. Go be calm and composed. Waited for those who were upset to come to him.

He was a hard worker. A steadfast, dependable person to have by your side and in your life. He was a rescuer. He was a helper. He will be missed so much.

Funeral services for Bob will be held 2 o'clock p.m., Saturday, January 21, 2023 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston; burial will follow at the Williston Cemetery with full Firefighter Rites accorded. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m., Friday, January 20, 2023 at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Williston Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 367, Williston, S.C. 29853, Williston Fire Department, 13120 Main St., Williston, S.C. 29853 or a charity of your choice.

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

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## June Sweeney

Thursday, January 12, 2023.

Born in Bamberg County, she was a daughter of the late Irene Fail Gunnells and step-daughter of the late William Henry Gunnells and was married to the late Roy Sweeney. June took courses in business where she became a licensed Real Estate Agent and was of the Baptist faith. June loved to dance, cook, and read books. She enjoyed each moment that she could spend with her children and grandchildren. She loved planting flowers and making beautiful arrangements.

Survivors include her daughter, Susan Sweeney (Tony Edwards) of Barnwell; a son, Robert Sweeney of Mt. Pleasant, and a daughter-in-law, Emily Sweeney of Mt. Pleasant; grandchildren, Natalie

Sweeney, Blake Sweeney, Mike Sweeney, and Michael Edwards; great-grandchildren, Hudson and Ryder Sweeney, Stella June Schreiner, and Odin Sweeney; sister, Sandra (Jeff) Hellman of Barnwell; and a sister-in-law, Frances Elizabeth "Lib" Gunnells of Olar.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Cooper; and a brother, William Carl Gunnells.

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

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BARNWELL - Funeral services for June Catherine Sweeney, 85, of Barnwell, will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, January 21, 2023 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, with the Reverend Timmy Gunnells officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. in the Live Oak Memorial Gardens, 3093 Ashely River Rd., Charleston, with the Reverend Shawn Hanks officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Saturday. June passed away on

## Roy Andrew Metts

ALLENDALE - Roy Andrew Metts, age 100, husband of the late Wardell Oglesby Metts, died Saturday, January 14, 2023.

Mr. Metts was born in Newberry County and the son of the late Paul D. and Carrie Amick Metts. He was U.S. Air Force veteran having served in WWII and Korea. Roy retired from Westinghouse Micarta, member of Little Mountain Masonic Lodge

#281 and Mt. Arnon Baptist Church.

Graveside services were held 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at Swallow Savannah Cemetery with Reverend Gene Long officiating. The family received friends following the service at the cemetery.

Family members include one son, Ronnie Metts (Juli); one daughter, Mary M. Nix (Pat); one grandson, Patrick Nix (Malissa); one great-

grandson, Caleb Nix; one brother-in-law, Hubert Oglesby (Louise).

He was predeceased by two brothers, John Luie Metts and Cecil Wilbur Metts.

Keith Smith Funeral Service, 128 Water St., Allendale, was in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at [keithsmithfuneralservice.com](http://keithsmithfuneralservice.com).

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## Helen Jernigan Thompson



WILLISTON - Helen Jernigan Thompson, 97, of Williston, passed away on January 14, 2023.

Born in St. George, she was a daughter of the late Ed and Bell Jernigan and was married to the late Richard Cooper Thompson. Helen was a homemaker and a member of Edisto Baptist Church where she loved

to cook and help with many church dinners; she also worked at a florist, as teacher's aide, and as a substitute teacher.

Helen's desire was to be donated to Medical College of Georgia for anatomical research. No formal services are planned.

Survivors include a son-in-law, Joe Gunnells of Williston; granddaughter, Helen Kymberly "Kym" Odom (Phil) Gainey of Williston; granddaughter-in-law, Tiffany Brown Odom of Bamberg; great-granddaughters, Summer Gainey and Jenna (Kyle) Mitchell; great-great-grandchildren, Kaden Buckland, Xander Phil-

lip Gainey, and Canyon Mitchell; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sheryl Thompson Odom Gunnells; a grandson, Jimmie Anthony "Tony" Odom; great-grandson, Seth Phillip Gainey, and sisters, Tony (Bob) Hartzog and Margaret (Floyd) Rumph.

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

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## Mary Dukes Nix



LEXINGTON - Funeral services for Mary Claire Dukes Nix, 85, of Lexington, were held 11 o'clock a.m. Tuesday January 17, 2023 at the Broadacres Baptist Church, 2350 Taylor Rd., Cayce, S.C., 29033 with the Reverend Shane McDaniel officiating. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday. Burial was held 2 o'clock p.m. at the Williston Cemetery, 2600 Lake Dr., Williston, S.C. 29853.

Mary passed away Saturday, January 14, 2023 at Lexington Medical Center. Born in Orangeburg

County, she was the daughter of the late Dannie Victor Dukes and Emily Alpine Brickle Dukes. She was a 1955 graduate of Cope High School. Mary joined Broadacres Baptist Church of Cayce in 1969 and was involved in many capacities within the church. She enjoyed playing the organ and singing in the church choir. While living in Cayce she worked in the school system in Lexington District Two in various capacities such as an instructional assistant, substitute teacher and bookkeeper.

Mary was known for her skills as a gardener and wonderful cook and was devoted to her God and family. Survivors include her loving husband of 62 years, Ottie Clifford Nix Sr. of the home; daughter, Connie Nix Dorsey of Lexington; son, John Clifford (Dru

McPherson) Nix of Gilbert; grandchildren, Megan Claire Dorsey, Joseph McArthur Nix, and Philip John Nix; and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mary was preceded in death by her son, Ottie Clifford Nix Jr.; her brother, Reverend Dannie Floyd Dukes and his wife, Jane Love Dukes. Memorial contributions may be made to Broadacres Baptist Church, 2350 Taylor Rd., Cayce, S.C. 29033, Williston Cemetery, P.O. Box 367, Williston, S.C. 29853, or SEA Place Nonprofit, 220 Peach Place Ct., Gilbert, S.C. 29054.

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

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# Meet Your LOCAL CANDIDATES

## Three seek vacant Williston Town Council seat

Here is a glimpse into each of the candidates vying for one vacant seat on the Williston Town Council:



**Judy Taylor**

Judy Taylor was born as the youngest of 13 children in Williston and graduated from Williston-Elko High School in 1975. During her time at WEHS, she was a member of the student council. After graduating, Taylor joined the U.S. Air Force and was honorably discharged before becoming a USPS mail carrier in Williston in 1987. She also worked as a cashier, cook, and night manager at fast food restaurants as well as a pharmacy technician and receptionist/office assistant at Elkay Industries. Taylor was also a substitute teacher at WEHS.

She has been volunteering as a poll worker for over 18 years and works with 100 Suits for 100 Men. Taylor is a disciple of the Culbert Branch Missionary Baptist Church. She and her husband, Jimmy, have three children and seven grandchildren, two of which passed away.

**What makes you the best candidate for the position?**

I am a Wilsonian – home bred through and through. I know the Town of Williston and the people know me.

I have always been active in the community through my church, the schools, and family events. Participation in the church, in the school system, and in 100 Suits for 100 Men

puts me in a very good position and shows the support I have offered throughout the

last 40 years. Lending a helping hand to the senior citizens with business affairs and just

sitting and talking with them over the years, such wisdom and love shared. I was on the

committee for the 150th sesquicentennial celebration, under the leadership of Mayor

Tommy Rivers, and delivered mail in the Town of Williston. I cooked many hot dogs and nachos for the children, players, and parents during the games held at the town parks to

include our church league all night games on Labor Day. I was a substitute teacher at the

high school for many years. I tutored many students of all ages, helped the juniors and

seniors have prom nights and afterward take a trip out of Williston for several days.

Most recently, I helped organize food drives for citizens during Covid-19 and one of my

highlights was to help organize the toy drive to Barnwell County for a few years.

The delight parents showed when those toys were put in their trunks was priceless.

I could go on and on,

but truth speaking we will let the citizens of Williston speak to if I'm the best candidate for the position on January 31, 2023. I ask for your vote and that vote means let's do it together. There is much to be done, but you cannot just look at the council. The citizens must be willing participants also. Let us know your concerns and stand together with us as we start to make it happen. I will be counting on you as much as you are counting on us.

**Why should people vote for you?**

Citizens of Williston should vote for me because I will be a voice for them. I hear and listen very well and I believe that I will highlight what I hear and be an advocate for change.

Over the years, I have been helping where I could on the outside, but this election would give me the opportunity to help from a leadership role. I would like to be the change from within.

This change will bring attention and speak on the concerns of the citizens and with their help,

make it work. Start conversations that will be documented, researched, and voted upon,

and the citizens can see work in action as they attend the council meetings, for we will

be in this together, for I only have one vote. My teammates will be compelled to

continue a good working relationship, because they see how much the citizens are

taking an active part by attending and holding our feet to the fire. I will be an advocate

speaking up for Williston citizens as we work for the greater good of the town.

**What are your goals if elected? How do you hope to better Williston?**

Advocating for senior citizens, soliciting businesses to come to Williston, an electronic emergency system to warn the citizens if ever a threat is near with evacuation guidelines, revitalization of store front, support for those businesses that already exist, better water system for all, roads repaired along with drainage problems fixed on the streets, activities and events.

The goals listed above will all help to better Williston. To see our town beautified all over in our parks, playground, streets, and to have murals on the sides of businesses downtown would help to promote growth.

Our seniors, and I am one now to include myself, need help in and around their homes. Finding someone to work on a broken item in your home is hard and so very expensive when living on a fixed income. We can find ways to help.

**Why did you choose to run for this position?**

The decision to run for this position in part is to evoke change. To increase the Town of Williston and not decrease it, by letting the light shine in this council that our Father has put in us. The Town of Williston needs leaders who are advocating for jobs, speaking up for our senior citizens, and investing in revitalizing the town to attract small as well as large business owners to the area. This position calls for a leader who is willing to do the hard work so that

Williston can continue to thrive.

Keeping in mind that this position only came available because of the sudden and unexpected homegoing of Councilman William F. Toney Jr., remembering that he only had it for a short period, but he had great ideas of change that he wanted to see come about for Williston. I am inclined to help us remember those great ideas for the good of Williston. I am a hard worker who gives of myself expecting nothing in exchange. I am a problem solver and will not let anything get the best of me. There has to be a solution!

I am not afraid to get my hands dirty. I love Williston, the small town family feeling you get. I am hoping that new citizens feel the same when they first come to live here and make Williston their home.

**What does service mean to you?**

Service means giving of myself to benefit others. On the other hand, it is what I am commanded to do because of my faith. It is based on a leader that prioritizes serving the greater good. To serve the council and the Town of Williston first, and not to prioritize my own objectives. To let

the citizens know and feel their voices are heard. "Being a servant leader means valuing

the power of team work as a necessary part of strengthening an organization's growth and success." I asked my God to use me many years ago and this I believe He will say

well done when it's all done and said so.



**Alyson Collins**

Alyson Collins is a lifelong resident of Williston and 2001 graduate from Williston-Elko High School.

In 2005 she graduated from the University of South Carolina Aiken with a Bachelors in Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) in Art History/Art Studio, and in 2008 she received a Masters in Art Education from the University of South Carolina. Collins has worked in primary art education since 2013 at Kelly Edwards Elementary School and currently teaches at Barnwell Primary School.

"I love seeing my current and former students around town and seeing how they're doing," said Collins.

Collins is married to her best friend, Tripp, and the couple has three girls; Katie, Reese, and Hensley. Collins and her family attend the Williston Presbyterian Church where she teaches Sunday School and helps with the Children's Moment during services.

**What makes you the best candidate for the position?**

While I feel all the candidates running are wonderful, I'd like to offer the following about myself.

Whoever ends up successful in this election will need a deep love for Williston, and my heart has always belonged to our small town.

I know and work well with current council members and leaders in the community. I'm honest, if it's the truth, I can get behind it, if it's not, then there's no room for it. I'm balanced, I have always been great at viewing situations from every perspective and weighing the pros and cons to see what the best path forward is. I'm committed; once I'm committed to something, I won't let go until I see it through.

If I'm elected to this position, I'll be motivated and tenacious in building a great future for our town.

**Why should people vote for you?**

I'd hope that the people who know me would answer by saying that I care about Williston deeply and I'll do whatever I can to bring a positive influence and work hard for improvements in every area I can. In serving on the zoning board and the newly-accepted Recreation & Activities Committee I've come to understand some of the duties and responsibilities of public service. It takes time, patience, compassion, and understanding to work with the public. I know and work well with all of the current council members and I think that will be a needed advantage for whoever is elected. I care about each and every resident of our small town and I'd like the opportunity to guide us onward and upward.

**What are your goals if elected? How do you hope to better Williston?**

If elected, I plan to work with and learn from the current council members. While I've served on other committees and boards in town, council would be a new position for me. I'm a quick study and I work hard - I'd like to see where I'm best suited to help further current plans and bring new ideas where applicable. I know better than to make promises I can't keep, and I don't want to make broad statements about what I'll do before I know if they can happen. I would like to see us work towards beautification for our little town working with some local groups and I'd love to see new housing and businesses. We desperately need a daycare in town and I'd love for someone to make that a reality for us. I can only promise you that whatever I can do honestly and fairly, I'll give it 110 percent.

**Why did you choose to run for this position?**

I saw an opportunity to help Williston and jumped at it. I feel like I'm well-suited for the position and bring a fresh set of eyes and new ideas to the table. I'm a dedicated and hard worker who is always looking for areas of improvement.

I'd like to see Williston grow - I'd like to offer my talents and my time to develop plans and solutions to problems our town faces. If there's a way to be involved and make decisions for the betterment of our community, I'd like to be there to help it happen.

**What does service mean to you?**

A good friend of mine said it best, "Your purpose here on Earth is helping others." Service isn't about

yourself, but about helping others. Your connections with people are what root you to an area or a cause, and you enhance those connections by knowing and loving your neighbor. I'd like to think that people who know me would say that I'm here to help no matter the need.

Throughout my life, I've gotten to know many members of our community. I've seen service in action here in Williston my whole life - the calls and meals during a time of need, monetary donations towards various causes no matter the need, giving of time and talents in recreation, home improvements, and food banks. The service I see from our town's residents makes me proud.

I'd love the opportunity to formally serve our residents and give my all to a town I love and call home.



**Margo Huggins**

Margo Huggins moved to Williston six and a half years ago from Lexington.

In 2008, Huggins received a Bachelors of Science in Agriculture, Biological Science and Entomology from the University of Georgia and a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of South Carolina (USC) in 2018. Huggins is a full-time employee for Americot and sells NexGen cotton seed to large row crop farmers in the lower half of South Carolina. She also helps the owners of Humble Acres Organics in Blackville sell and market their organic compost, as well as running Rivendell Farms—a farmette she and her family operate on their property specializing in floraculture.

Huggins and her husband, Bradley, have two daughters, Evie and Louisa Mae, who are all active

members of the First Baptist Church in Barnwell. She is a devout Christian, and believes, "God has a perfect plan and purpose for each of us. I trust in His plan."

**What makes you the best candidate for the position?**

I feel that I am the best candidate for this position for four main reasons: my love for the Town of Williston, my many years of experience in corporate America, my experience on numerous boards, and my Masters of Business from the University of South Carolina.

My life in corporate America taught me many lessons, but my main takeaway was that you should never come to the table with complaints – only come to the table with solutions. If you plan on voicing a complaint you should have a solution or two in mind in order to solve the problem.

I am currently a member of several South Carolina based boards and town groups. I am an active member of the newly-created Keep Barnwell County Beautiful board. We are striving to solve the county's trash problem as well as create beautiful spaces for citizens. I am also a very active member in the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation. I am a part of the Barnwell County Farm Bureau board, I am the chair of the Barnwell County Women's Committee, I hold an appointed State Director position with Farm Bureau, and I am also a part of a Farm Bureau advisory committee. I am an active member of the Ivy Garden Club in Williston and for four years now, have been joyfully organizing and running the annual scarecrow contest that takes place each fall.

I believe that my MBA from USC will help me make the most thoughtful financial decisions for the town. During my time at USC, I worked on class projects alongside people from all walks of life. Given this experience, I know I can work and collaborate with any of the current board members, as well as any of our citizens.

**Why should people vote for you?**

The citizens of Williston See CANDIDATES, 9A

## Allie Beasley unopposed for Hilda Town Council



**Allie Beasley**

Allie Beasley grew up in Hilda and is a Barnwell High School graduate.

Beasley has three children, and six sheepadoodles, four of which are puppies.

She is a South Carolina Licensed Realtor.

**What makes you the best candidate for the position?**

I have experience working with different organizations that handle public

concerns. I'm dependable and trustworthy. I'm eager to assist the citizens of Hilda.

**Why should people vote for you?**

I grew up in Hilda. I would love the opportunity to show my support and loyalty to this wonderful town.

**What are your goals if elected? How do you hope to better Hilda?**

My goals are to continue to make Hilda a great place to live.

**Why did you choose to run for this position?**

I feel like I have the time to be an active member of the council. I love this town and have great memories growing up here.

**What does service mean to you?**

Service is a way to help others or carry out a task for the betterment of something. It's an avenue for me to become involved with the community.



# Williston's Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Walk



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Those on foot and those in vehicles joined together to celebrate the life and birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. at the annual walk in Williston.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Walk began at the Wil-

liston-Elko District Office and went until the Williston Community Service Club on Halford Street.

The Williston Police Department ensured the walkers would be safe from traffic down Main Street and onto Halford Street by blocking cars and directing traffic.

At the community center, Barnwell County Con-

solidated School District (BCCSD) Board Chairman and Community Service Club President Ronald Brown welcomed those in attendance to stay for a panel discussion, hot dogs, and fellowship.

Sheriff Steve Griffith spoke about the goals he has set for the Barnwell County Sheriff Office this upcoming year and some

of the accomplishments made in the past year. Williston Town Councilmembers Eric Moody and Kurt Odematt broke down some of the town's goals for the new year and plans to bring it to fruition.

Angela Youmans, Community Outreach Director at Lowcountry Health Care, spoke of the health-care services offered to all

ages across the county.

Tony Dunbar, manager of the IGA in Williston, stated the importance of respect and how the community should gather like this more often to further strengthen ties.

Kenyatta Brown and the brothers of Effingham Lodge #98 in Aiken attended the event as well and Brown thanked or-

ganizers on behalf of the group.

Judy Taylor spoke about her candidacy for the vacant Williston Town Council seat, and Generations Unlimited (GU) Director Ethel Faust detailed some of the events and happenings available to the community through GU.



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## Williston Town Council Seat

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should vote for me because I am the most qualified person for the job, and I am passionate about the betterment of our town. I will show up and do the job, and I will do it well. I have held many board positions in my life, including being the past president of two agricultural industry boards. I am comfortable with the board meeting process and I fully understand how to work with others and voice my opinion for the benefit of our town.

**What are your goals if elected? How do you hope to better Williston?**

Williston's water line replacement, town beautification, and an updated town park and playground encompass my main goals if elected. I

have attended many of the Williston Town Council meetings within the last year. The town, with the leadership of Town Administrator Michael Beasley, is well on its way to becoming a wonderful place to live, work, and play. If elected, I seek to aid in and expedite the plans that Mr. Beasley has laid out for our town.

**Why did you choose to run for this position?**

I chose to run for the open seat on the Williston Town Council because I absolutely LOVE living in this small town. We moved to Williston six and a half years ago to get out of the traffic of Lexington. We couldn't be happier with the small town country life. We are constantly trying to recruit

our friends and family to move to Williston. This town has a lot to offer and I hope to highlight those aspects while on the town council board.

**What does service mean to you?**

To me, service means showing up and motivating folks to work together for the greater good of the community. I have already shown my service to the Town of Williston through the past town trash pick-ups and the annual scarecrow contests that I have organized. Service also means imparting knowledge or expertise on a matter. I believe that I am capable of serving in this manner due to all of the past and present board positions that I have held.

  
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## 4 students awarded for "Service Above Self"

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Four Barnwell County high school seniors were recognized by the Rotary Club of Barnwell County at their Jan. 12 meeting for being stellar examples of the club's motto, 'Service Above Self.'

The Service Above Self award is given monthly to students from each high school and an opportunity to celebrate the selfless service of Barnwell County youth.

Recipients of the award are:

- **Reid Barker**, Barnwell High School (BHS). Barker is a senior on the varsity cheer team, pep squad, and was on the school's competition cheer team this past year. She is also a member of the Beta Club, the National Honor Society, and the National Technical Honor Society. BHS Principal Franklin McCormack described Barker as an extremely well-rounded student who is currently in the running for valedictorian. After graduation, she plans to attend the College of Charleston to study medicine and fulfill her dream of becoming a trauma surgeon. Barker is currently completing a senior service project where she visits local nursing homes and volunteers at hospice organizations to further her experience in



Barnwell County Consolidated School District administrators celebrate with Angel Smalls and Tamara Corley, recipients of the Service Above Self award. Pictured left to right: Blackville-Hilda High Assistant Principal Chelsea Calhoun, Superintendent Dr. Marcella Shaw, Smalls, Corley, and Williston-Elko High career facilitator Cathy Smith.

Middle School and BHHS Assistant Principal, Chelsea Calhoun.

- **Kaylee Livingston**, Jefferson Davis Academy (JDA). Livingston is a senior varsity softball player and cheerleader who is also a member of the Beta Club and National Honor Society. Livingston is taking both high school and college courses at JDA to receive dual credit. After graduation, she plans to attend a four-year college or



Kaylee Livingston and Head of Jefferson Davis Academy, Randy Martin at the Rotary Club of Barnwell County's Service Above Self awards luncheon.



Barnwell High School Principal Franklin McCormack and Superintendent Dr. Crissie Stapleton celebrate with senior Reid Barker, a Service Above Self award recipient.

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- **Tamara Corley**, Williston-Elko High School (WEHS). Corley is a senior class representative of the Student Government Association and a project coordinator in the Beta Club. During homecoming, she was nominated as 'Sassy Senior.' WEHS Career Facilitator Cathy

Smith was excited to share about the "kind-hearted person" Corley is, stating, "she naturally wants to help people." Smith explained Corley has the foresight and initiative to accomplish both big and small things that need to happen at WEHS and for herself. After graduation, Corley plans

to attend Claflin University and major in psychology to become a counselor.

- **Angel Smalls**, Blackville-Hilda High School (BHHS). Smalls is a senior on the varsity cheer team and a member of the Beta Club. She is currently enrolled in the Barnwell County Career Center's (BCCC)

cosmetology course to fulfill her aspirations of becoming a nail technician. At BCCC, Smalls will obtain a South Carolina State Cosmetology License and a Braiders Certification allowing her to begin serving clientele after graduation. Smalls was proudly introduced by Macedonia Elementary-

university to major in graphic design or graphic communications. On the way to the Rotary event, Livingston told JDA Head of School Randy Martin she spent her free time hunting and fishing – "for me means that she's very resourceful and that's what we see out of her at school."

### Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

## Kid Scoop Junior

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### My name:

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

### Look Closely!

Circle the goldfish bowl that is different.

### My Letters

G is for Golf  
g is for golf



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

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

### My Numbers

How many ?

GOLF BALLS

How many ?

GLOVES

How many ?

GOLF CLUBS



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

### My Rhyme Time

Gorillas think grapes are really great  
To munch a bunch, they just can't wait!  
They'll gobble them all, right off your plate  
If the zookeeper forgets to lock the gate.

### My Sentence

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



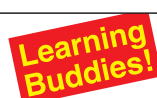
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<b>Letter Identification</b> With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that have the same sound as the letter G in golf.	<b>Math Play</b> Point to the number 3 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	<b>Green and More Green</b> Look through the newspaper and cut out pictures of things that are green. Glue them onto a piece of paper to make a green picture.	<b>Mystery Gifts</b> Secretly wrap different things in a sheet of newspaper. Have your child feel the package and see if he/she can guess what's inside.	<b>Gift Shopping</b> Look through the newspaper with your child and pick out ideas for gifts for friends and family. Ask your child to tell why he/she picked certain gifts.	<b>G if for Giggle</b> Look through the newspaper and cut out parts of different people and animal bodies. Make a new and silly creature with these parts. Make up a silly story about your silly creature and GIGGLE!	<b>Left and Right Toss</b> Crumple a sheet of newspaper into a small ball. Cover it with masking tape. Have your child toss the ball back and forth from left hand to right hand as you sing, "I can read left to right, left to right, left to right."

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## Dogs: Big Dog Ranch saving hundreds of Barnwell County dogs

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to be spayed, neutered, medically treated, need heartworm treatment or ready for adoption," said Scott.

BDR is partnering with the College of Veterinary Medicine at Tuskegee University and Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine as well as a New York based orthopedic surgeon who flies south once a month to ensure every dog at BDR receives prompt and necessary care.

In this partnership, the Animal Advocates is required to send a biography of each dog being sent to the ranch and is only required to perform the first set of vaccinations. BDR will then handle spaying/neutering and any needed procedures.

"It's going to have a huge difference in the number of dogs being sent [out of county] to be adopted," said Barnwell County Animal Shelter Foundation member Denise Elkins.

John Simpson has been involved with the Animal Advocates since 2015, and after visiting the BDR facility feels this is a much-needed partnership.

"It'll increase our abilities to rescue. There's so many dogs and cats in Barnwell County that

need help," said Simpson. "Right now we're just busting at the seams, we don't have space for anymore."

Scott finds only one negative in this partnership: BDR does not accept 'purebred' pitbulls. During the visit, Scott took note of some of the dogs who looked like pitbulls, but were mixed with another breed allowing them to reside at the ranch.

Although Scott finds this part of the partnership to be less than desired, she hopes it will allow more space and funds to be available for pitbulls here as other breeds clear the shelters.

Scott hopes this breed prejudice will not counteract the amount of dogs headed to BDR, even though pitbulls are historically the most common breed in the shelter through no fault of their own.

With this partnership, between 16 to 30 dogs will be transported via a souped-up Greyhound Bus to the Alabama rescue each month to receive any needed medical care and hopefully a permanent home they are unlikely to find in Barnwell County based on adoption statistics.

"We get very few adoptions from Barn-



The building sponsored by The Animal Advocates as part of their new partnership with Big Dog Ranch.

well County. Ours are from other cities in South Carolina, other states even," said Scott.

The Animal Advocates frequently pulls animals from the Barnwell County Animal Shelter to ei-

ther house at their facility, find a foster home, or send north to another partnering rescue.

However, their Friends for Life Center is only so big and the overpopulation issue is larger than

imaginable.

With this partnership, fewer dogs will be the responsibility of the shelter and therefore the county will ultimately save money.

"We'll be pulling from

the county shelter and this is going to save the county and us money," said Scott.

An asset of BDR that particularly impressed Scott and other advocates who visited the facility was their policy toward active duty servicemembers and veterans.

"I was very impressed with the fact that they train service dogs for veterans, and I was even more impressed that they board dogs for people that have been deployed while they're gone and they do it for free," said Scott. "That tells me a lot about their character and integrity."

BDR shares many of the same morals as The Animal Advocates, according to Scott who feels "their philosophies are very much like ours."

Scott hopes to not only aid the animal crisis in Barnwell County with this partnership, but also in Allendale County.

"We intend to not only help Barnwell County and our animal shelter, but we also want to help the Allendale shelter because they need help too," said Scott.

This partnership marks a new beginning for many dogs in Barnwell and surrounding counties.

## Newspaper welcomes new graphic designer

### Staff Reports

The People-Sentinel

The People-Sentinel recently had a change in personnel for our graphic designer position.

Jessie Howell has stepped away from her position at the newspaper to pursue a master's degree in therapy. She joined the newspaper in the fall of 2021 to help with graphics, laying out the pages of the newspaper, proofing, and updating the website; however, she previously worked with us for several years as a receptionist and later ad sales assistant.

"We thank Jessie for her hard work over the years, including step-



Jessie Howell left her position as the newspaper's graphic designer at the end of December 2022.



Debi Richardson is the new graphic designer for The People-Sentinel. She officially started in December 2022.

ping in to help us with graphic design after the newspaper returned to

local ownership in 2021. Her creativity brought a lot of positive changes to

the paper," said Publisher Jonathan Vickery. "We wish her the best in her new endeavors."

Though sad to see Jessie go, the newspaper is pleased to welcome Debi Richardson as the new graphic designer.

"We are excited to have Debi join our talented team. She brings more than 30 years of experience in graphic design after working at newspapers and magazines. In her first few weeks, she has already done great work. We look forward to her putting her own creative touch on the newspaper, including redesigning or updating certain components to make the paper more reader friendly," said Vickery.

## ADOPTABLE PET OF THE WEEK 'Sugar' is sweet as can be

Sugar is this week's Adoptable Pet of the Week from the Barnwell County Animal Shelter.

Sugar is a pocket bully breed. She is about three years old.

"She is as sweet as can be and great with children. She gets along with other dogs and cats. She is available for adoption," said shelter manager Marlena Ray.

Help her find her forever home today.

The shelter is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Mail donations to 57 Wall St., Barnwell, S.C. 29812. Contact the shelter at 803-259-1656 or animalshelter@barnwellsc.com.



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# Cemetery: Residents upset over removal of items from gravesites

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how to get them back.

"If a family would like to retrieve family mementoes we gathered up from grave sites, the family can call Mark Beasley and set up a meeting with Mark to retrieve the items," said Barnwell County Administrator Tim Bennett.

Mark Beasley is the building and grounds director. He and his team are responsible for routine upkeep in the cemetery, and now, removing these items from the plots.

Carol Wizorek of Williston expressed her discontent with the discarding of items dear to her family at a November 2022 County Council meeting.

"We were ambushed out there," said Wizorek at the council meeting.

Wizorek purchased the plots 35 years ago. Her husband and son are buried in the Barnwell County Cemetery, alongside two of her grandchildren.

Wizorek told the council about her six-year-old granddaughter, who will now have to break the tradition of making a memento for her late father every year on Father's Day to lay by his gravestone.

The only two children of Wizorek's daughter, Sandra, are buried in the cemetery each with a decorated gravesite reflecting their lives. Her daughter was laid to rest in February 2022, and her son passed away four years ago, making the removal of their items even harder to bear.

Sandra explained to *The People-Sentinel* she did not know these items were being removed prior to coming to the cemetery to see them gone. She visited the Barnwell County Courthouse to see where they went and she was directed to Beasley who then brought her to where they were discarded.

Once arriving at the area behind Guinyard-Butler Middle School and the Barnwell County Detention Center where the items were, Sandra sifted through piles of items looking for ones she recognized.

As she looked through the assorted items, she thought about the pain felt by the buildings and grounds crew as they removed them.

Sandra felt it had to be a mentally tolling task, and later confirmed that sentiment with a buildings and grounds employee who was pained in removing the items he knew meant so much.

According to Sandra and other accounts made on Facebook, the employees were instructed to throw the items away by county officials. However, they salvaged as much as possible to be returned to citizens.

A time to retrieve items can be coordinated by calling the county administrator's office at (803) 541-1000.

The Wizoreks were not aware of these changes before they were made,



Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

This file photo shows fallen flowers and other items at a grave at the Barnwell County Cemetery.

however, Barnwell County did post the amended ordinance in *The People-Sentinel*, which is required per state law. *The People-Sentinel* also published an article explaining these changes in more detail in the Sept. 14, 2022 edition.

A synopsis of the changes was also made on the Barnwell County, SC Facebook page to further inform the community.

When Wizorek spoke at the November meeting, she was aware of the process to retrieve items removed from plots, according to Bennett, whose office clarified the ordinance for her previously.

However, Wizorek's complaint is that the county should have taken it a step further to inform the community about the removal of these items due

to their sentimental value.

Wizorek explained she visits the cemetery more than she visits Facebook or the newspaper. To cover all their bases, it would have been beneficial to post a sign at the cemetery itself detailing the updates. This would allow for visitors to be informed and possibly remove their own items before they are removed by the county.

Now, this ordinance does not allow trees, shrubs, or plants to be planted outside of the county's approved landscaping plan. If a tree, shrub, or plant is planted on or near a plot, the county shall have the right to remove it.

The use of artificial flowers is allowed, but only at headstones or as

plot markers. If flowers are placed at a gravesite, they must be in a ceramic, concrete, metal, or hard plastic vase.

Cut flowers are allowed if changed regularly and well attended. They must be in one of the allowed vases and used only as a plot marker or attached to the headstone.

"No containers, artificial flowers, wreaths, statues, or other memorial items shall remain on any plot for more than 60 days, unless incorporated within the headstone. After 60 days, county employees will remove the items," states the county's post.

However, there are some exceptions when it comes to flag poles, benches, or plots with coping.

Coping is a type of burial style that has sealed stone, marble, or granite encasing the outside of the plot. Pebbles are commonly used to fill in the middle of the coping, and tend to be a more expensive option.

Plots with coping do not adhere to this ordinance; "Cemetery plots with coping and stone chips are exempt from the ordinance, because these plots, for the most part, do not require mowing or weed-eating. Dead or faded flowers and broken statues will be removed."

Flag poles, flags, and benches are also exempt from removal.

Many citizens are not happy with these changes.

Under the county's Facebook post detailing this ordinance there were over 60 comments expressing various issues with the amendment.

"When the cemetery wants to reimburse my family for chipping and breaking markers plus running over graves (which has led to near collapse of one) then I will abide by these ridiculous rules," stated one Facebook user with family buried in the cemetery.

"Those plots were paid for by me. If I want to decorate them then that's my prerogative," said a woman under the post.

"The county should not have the right to tell anyone what they can place on their loved one's graves," stated an Orangeburg resident.

"Does this mean that the county will actually take care of the cemetery?" asked another.

"How can you make an ordinance AFTER someone has bought a plot and was not told any of this before paying?" asked a Barnwell resident.

"My infant daughter is out there and in the 6 years she has been there we've had to have her stone touched up and polished several times due to careless employees hitting it with a weed eater!!" said a local mother.

To retrieve items placed on plots or to learn more about the ordinance, call the county administrator's office at (803) 541-1000.



Some of the volunteers who picked up trash in Williston on January 2.

## 83 bags of trash collected in Williston

A Jan. 2 trash pickup coordinated locally through Keep Barnwell County Beautiful was successful.

Williston resident Margo Huggins reported 19 tires and 83 bags of trash or other big items were collected from the streets.

"Thank you all so much for helping us keep Barnwell County beautiful," said Huggins.

She alongside Barnwell County litter control deputy Darlene Sanders, who has been a major help in facilitating these cleanup efforts, hope to hold three events this year equally as successful.

Tentative dates for these events are Saturday, April 15, Saturday, July 15, and Saturday, October 14. All are subject to change.

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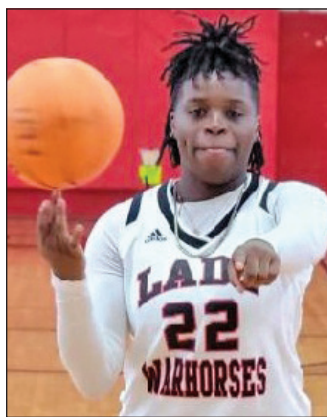
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# PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

**Ausheona Hammonds**

*Barnwell High School*



**Grade:** 12th  
**Sports:** Basketball and Soccer

**Favorites...**

**\*Food:** Steak and thick mashed potatoes

**\*Movie/TV shows:** Outer Banks, Stranger Things

**\*Snack:** Chicken wings and Armour drinks

**\*Coaches:** Coach Hammonds, April, & Alicia

**\*Free time activity:** Ride my 4-wheeler

**\*Musician:** Rod Wave

**Goal for this season:** Build chemistry with my team and have fun for my last season in high school.

## Emma Craig

*Jefferson Davis Academy*



**Grade:** 12th

**Sports:** basketball, softball, volleyball, cheer

**Favorites...**

**\*Food:** steak and crab legs

**\*Movie/TV shows:** Grey's Anatomy and Outer Banks

**\*Snack:** cheese puffs and candy

**\*Coaches:** Larry and Howze and Bart

**\*Free time activity:** go to the beach

**\*Musicians:** Kodak Black and Zach Bryan

**Goal for this season:** Win state championship or at least make it to the state championship.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE (Boys & Girls)

### Thursday, Jan. 19

- JDA @ Crown Leadership (Boys) 7:00

### Friday, Jan. 20

- Calhoun County at Williston-Elko - 6 p.m.
- Woodland at Barnwell - 6:30 p.m.
- Faith Christian at JDA - 6 p.m.
- Ridge Spring-Monetta at Blackville-Hilda - 6:30 p.m.

### Monday, Jan. 23

- Crown Leadership at JDA (Boys) - 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, Jan. 24

- Barnwell at Wade Hampton - 6:30 p.m.
- Williston-Elko at North - 6 p.m.
- JDA at Colleton Prep - 6 p.m.
- Blackville-Hilda at HKT - 6 p.m.

## HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING



### Wednesday, Jan. 18

- Barnwell at CA Johnson - 5:30 p.m.

# Sports

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Wednesday, January 18, 2023

## WEMS Lady Blue Devils undefeated with 8-0 record

David B. Corder  
Sports Writer

The sparks are flying over at Williston-Elko Middle School as the Lady Blue Devils lead the charge on the court with an undefeated record of 8-0. Coach Yama Washington is cultivating the talent that makes up the WEMS girls basketball team.

"This is my second year coaching the middle school girls basketball team," Coach Washington said. "This year I focused more on fundamentals and drills because I had girls come out that have never played basketball before."

Her team includes both young and more experienced players, all with something to offer.

"Some of my team key players include Shanya Mays who's only in the seventh grade and leads the team in scoring. She's not afraid to take the ball to the basket! Then we have Alyah Holmes, a six-foot center who dominates in the paint on offense and defense, and Ikeiah Tyler who plays an all-around game every match and keeps the team focused," said Coach Washington.

Other key players for the team include Kamryn Creech with her solid defense and Andrea Holmes for her excellent offensive and defensive skills. And fresh off the bench, seventh graders Peyton Milhouse and



Williston-Elko's Ikeiah Tyler (left) protects the ball from a Lady Viking. Pictured in the back is Lady Blue Devil Andrea Holmes.

See UNDEFEATED, 2B

Contributed Photo

## Barnwell girls win region basketball opener

Jeff Miller  
Sports Writer

The Barnwell High girls basketball team opened the 2022-2023 region schedule facing the visiting Cougars from Edisto on Tuesday, January 10 at home.

On paper it might seem that Barnwell would have little trouble with the Cougars, but the Edisto team came ready to battle. At the end of the first period, the visiting Cougars had a one-point lead. The second quarter was a lot like the first with both teams' defenses limiting the scoring and keeping it a close battle. Edisto took a 15-12 lead into the half.

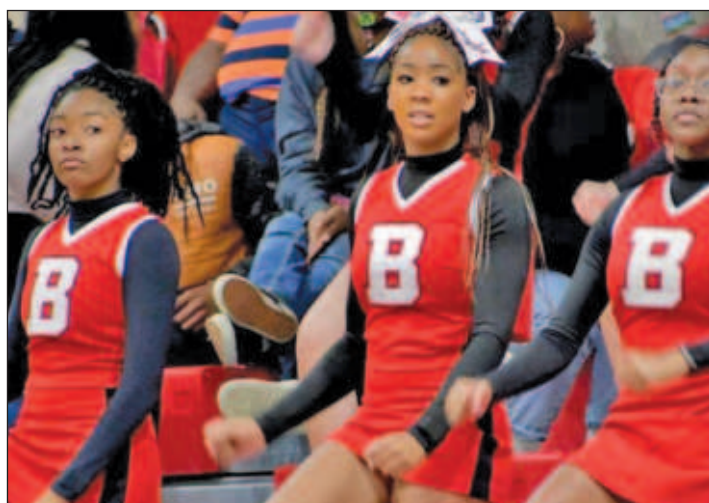
Barnwell coach William Hammonds made some half-time adjustments that paid off for the Warhorses in the third quarter and Barnwell was able to outscore the Cougars 12-6 to take the lead going into the final period. Barnwell played tough defense and held on for a 38-32 win. The win improves Barnwell's overall record to 10-4 and 1-0 in region play.

"It was good week. We started region play against Edisto. We struggled offensively, but managed to keep them bottled up and played great defense in the end to pull out a win. Ja'Niya Caree was the leading scorer with 20 points. When it comes to region wins, we will take an ugly win any day," said Coach Hammonds.

Barnwell will face two of the tougher Region VI-AA opponents in Woodland on Friday, January 20 at home, then hit the road, visiting a strong Wade Hampton team in Hampton on Tuesday, January 24. Come support the Barnwell Warhorses in these big region games.



Ja'Niya Caree led Barnwell with 20 points in Barnwell's Region win over Edisto. Photos By: Alisha Buxton



Barnwell cheerleaders kept the crowd going in the region opener.



Coach Hammonds gives instructions during the Warhorses win over Edisto.

# BHS wrestling competes at AC Flora

Jeff Miller  
Sports Writer

The Barnwell High School wrestling team competed in a four-team match with Swansea, Dreher, and host AC Flora high schools on Wednesday, January 11. Barnwell may be a young, inexperienced group, but they continue to improve with each match.

Against Swansea, Tagan Youngblood opened the night up with his first pin of the season on a takedown 1:12 into the first period of his heavyweight match. Lakota Scott (195 pounds) and Josh Carillo (152 pounds) both earned pins, too.

Against Dreher, Maurice Odom started the match off with a pin in the first period of his 220 pounds match. Josh Carillo recorded his second pin of the night in the 152 pounds division. Lakota Scott would win by decision 9-4 in a 195 pounds contest. Against AC Flora, LaKota would record



Josh Carillo recorded pins against Swansea and Dreher in the 152 lbs. weight class.

another pin in the third period.

"Similar to their first match against Flora in the tournament, LaKota was down on points late in the third period. He was down 9-4 with under

a minute in the third. Lakota chose top positioning to open the third where he was able to work to a pinning combination and earn the fall with 32 seconds left. Josh and Maurice had a good night



Barnwell's Tagan Youngblood pinned Swansea's heavyweight. Photos By: Brian Wilson

going 4-2 together. Kaleb Wilson in the 170 pounds spot is laying longer in his matches making it to the third period in two straight matches," said Coach William Barnes. "It was cool to see Tagan get his first ever pin and

start the night off hot and it was in the first period too, that makes it even sweeter. Maurice is coming on strong starting out with a 4-1 record since he returned from the Border Bowl. LaKota and Josh are definitely our two most

consistent wrestlers and a great last three meets." Barnwell will travel to CA Johnson High School for a match Wednesday, January 18.

Come out and support the young and improving Warhorse wrestling team.

## Undefeated: WEMS girls retain undefeated record at 8-0

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Coach Yama Washington huddles with her team at a recent game. Contributed Photos

Taraji Allen have also been key components to the team's success.

For Washington, the players' greatest strengths are their communication on the floor and their teamwork. "I'm very impressed with the team's defensive skills, rebounding, and getting the ball down the court and play calling. The girls play together as a team!"

For Washington, one of the best things about

being a coach are the relationships she gets to build with her players. "Coaching this year is far better than last year and it's going to continue getting better each year because I'm building a bond with the girls while I'm teaching them the game of basketball...The girls and I have a great bond."

Washington is determined to keep her players in love with the sport while also having them

succeed in the classroom. "WEMS girls basketball team is a scholar athlete team," she said, "which puts a smile on my face knowing the girls work hard in the classroom and on the court."

"Even though we are undefeated, we will still work hard each and every practice," Washington said. "We will never slack up because we're winning!"

If you'd like to catch



The WEMS Lady Blue Devils hold a "Hoop We Did It Again" sign to promote being 8-0.

the Lady Blue Devils in action, they will have a game against Blackville at

home on January 18 at 5:45 p.m., followed by games at Allendale-Fairfax and

Denmark-Olar on January 23 and January 25, respectively, both at 5:45 p.m.



JDA's Gyllian Gooze takes a shot from down low in JDA's 39-16 win over Holly Hill Academy. Photos By: Kathy Gooze

## JDA girls beat Holly Hill 39-16



Jefferson Davis Academy's student section cheered on both the boys and girls teams to victory over Holly Hill Academy.

## JDA boys defeat Holly Hill Academy 46-36



The JDA boys basketball team defeated Holly Hill Academy in the battle of the Raiders.

Jeff Miller  
Sports Writer

In a battle of the Raiders, the Jefferson Davis Academy Raiders hosted the visiting Holly Hill Academy Raiders on Friday, January 13.

Some say Friday the 13th is an unlucky day, but not for the JDA boys basketball team. They defeated Holly Hill Academy 46-36 on an unlucky night for Holly Hill.

JDA was led by Connor Loadholt who had 17 points and 6 rebounds and Nasir Void who added 12 points and 9 rebounds.

"We had a rough start back to the season after the holiday break, coming in and losing three games the first week back. But as these guys have done since football, they didn't hang their heads and give up, but got right back on track to pick up two wins this second week back," said JDA Coach Anthony Reit-



Photos By: Kathy Gooze

JDA played tough defense down the stretch to secure the 46-36 win over Holly Hill.

enour. "It was great to pick up the region win against Holly Hill and bring the team to an 8-5 record. We have to keep continuing to perfect what we do and work hard but the progression of many players is becoming more evident. Sophomores Cam Gleaton and Payton Payne have especially been stepping up

lately with sound defense and a lot of hustle plays and junior Connor Loadholt had a breakout offensive performance for us leading all scorers Friday as well."

The JDA Raiders are back at home versus Wardlaw Academy, then on the road at Crown Leadership, then home Friday against Faith Christian.

# JANUARY

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- Feb. 15-17 & 20**  
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Registration for the Town of Williston's recreation department will take place at Coach Hewitt's office at Williston Town Hall. Cost is \$35. Birth certificate required. Ages: T-Ball, ages 4-6 (cannot turn 7 before May 1); Coaches Pitch, ages 7-9 (cannot turn 10 before May 1); Williston

- Meetings**
- Majors (baseball), ages 10-12 (cannot be 13 before May 1)  
4-6pm
- Tues., Jan. 24**  
**Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health Center Board of Directors Meeting**  
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5:30pm via Teams
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Allendale County Courthouse, J.W. Wall Jr. Council Chambers  
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**Black Panther Trivia Night**  
**Thurs., Feb. 23**  
Bring a friend or a cool parent and show how much you know about Black Panther and the kingdom he rules. The top two teams will win a prize. Play as a group of two or on your own. Register between Feb. 1st and Feb. 20th at the front desk.  
5pm-6pm
- CHILDREN**  
**Ages 3 and Up**  
**Valentine Light Craft**  
**Wed., Feb. 8**
- Paint a wooden light up table decoration for your favorite valentine.  
4pm-5pm
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**African Inspired Pasta Jewelry**  
**Wed., Feb. 15**  
Paint and make your own pasta jewelry with African inspired colors and designs.  
4:30pm-5:30pm
- VIRTUAL STORY TIME**  
**Thurs., Feb. 9 & 23**  
Videos will be posted on Facebook at 11am
- STORY TIME at the Library**  
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11am

# Corder's Creative Corner: Some Old Poems

David B. Corder  
Tribune writer

I only consider myself a poet in the most basic sense. I am a poet the same way someone who cooks a grilled cheese sandwich is a cook: they created the object of that particular art, so inadvertently, they are

**Drink**

*I want to drink! Oh, I want to drink.  
Passion and love from your mouth.  
Pour me a cup of this drug  
That numbs the senses and makes me feel  
As I did when I was foolish and young.  
You being near me awakens something  
That has been slumbering in the lonely Winter.  
The fox, the bear, sunlight and warmth are calling them.  
Awaken, awaken, come to the trees  
Stripped of their white cloaks of snow  
And now displaying the Ever Green.  
We are too young for love,  
But take this poem and hide it in your desk  
Or in your book next to the pressed daffodil  
That you stole from the lake.  
I want to drink, oh please let me drink.  
Passion and love from your mouth.*

a practitioner of that art. I have a difficult relationship with poetry; it is the old friend that I love but I seldom call to check on. Poetry isn't my strong suit.

However, being in a particular mood, I revisited some poems that I wrote a few years ago and thought my readers would like to give them a glance. They are all about love. After all, that's what poetry is supposed to entail. Or so I've heard.

**Dancing**

*The windows howl with a chill that is December Black  
But in the room is a bright candle glow  
Where the embers of eyes linger on one another  
And warm fingers mingle and twist.  
Black shoes and heels clack  
On the honey-colored floor  
And music, old and exciting, permeates the air.  
It burrows into our ears.  
Dancing, there is so much dancing  
So many flurries of skirts and flashes of pale limbs.  
And I see you from across the room...  
I see you smiling  
I see you dancing  
I see the dark curls of your hair prancing  
And I see the glowing shimmer of your eyes  
Burst with joy and life.  
And it makes me think that maybe  
Romance  
Is not a fool's errand  
After all.*

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**Cream**


*Perhaps I want a girl, who twists her finger  
In the ponytail of her hair.  
Biting her lip, thinking  
Staring at the yellow pages of a book.*

*The scent trapped within her perfume is of old coffee.  
Her lips sweet with cream.  
Her eyes lost in worlds architected by words and phrases.*

*Her leaning shoulder on a shelf of tomes.  
Too oblivious to acknowledge bland reality.  
And when she's not reading, she enjoys an artistic mood  
Of paints and music.*

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**SERVICES**

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

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

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

**Boiling Springs Chapel**  
5475 Boiling Springs Rd., Barnwell  
Sunday Worship 5pm

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

**Christ Presbyterian Church**  
848 Hagood Ave., Barnwell  
Sunday School 9:30am  
Sunday Worship 10:30am  
Bible Study Wednesday 6pm  
803-259-3653

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

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

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

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

**Life Tabernacle Church**  
1189 Clinton St., Barnwell  
Sunday School 10am  
Sunday worship 6pm  
Wednesday service 7pm  
Monday night prayer 7pm

**Long Branch Baptist Church**  
3223 Highway 37, Williston  
SUNDAY  
9:15am - Sunday school  
10:30am - Morning worship service  
5pm - Bible study  
6pm - Evening worship service

WEDNESDAY  
6pm - Prayer service

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

**Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church**  
10620 Dunbarlon Blvd., Barnwell  
Inside Services: Sunday school at 9am and services at 10am. Bible study is held Tuesdays at 6:15pm. Please wear a mask.  
CDC guidelines will be used.  
Pastor Sarah Perkins

**Rosemary Baptist Church**  
151 Emerald Lane, Barnwell  
In-House service on second and fourth Sundays at 12:15pm.  
Pastor Sarah Perkins

**Second Baptist Church of Barnwell**  
181 Church St., Barnwell  
In person worship service. Masks and social distancing is encouraged. Temp. checks upon entrance.  
Sundays 10am

For more info: Pastor Elder Lamonte Boyd (803) 259-1385  
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**Seven Pines Baptist Church**  
Snelling, Small community church welcomes visitors  
Sunday School: 9:50am  
Service: 11am, 6pm  
Pastor Mark Watford

**Springfield Missionary Baptist Church**  
13225 Hwy. 278, Barnwell  
Sundays, in-person worship services, masks are encouraged.  
Pastor is Freddie Wright  
11am

**St. James Anglican**  
150 Pascallus St., Blackville  
Sunday Worship service with Holy Communion: 10:30am  
Thursday Evening: 6:30pm  
Wednesday Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th of the month: 6:30pm  
[stjamesanglicanblackville@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesanglicanblackville@gmail.com)  
803-671-0676 (mobile)

**St. Mary Baptist Church**  
474 Hwy. 125, Martin  
Mask and social distancing required.  
Pastor is Rev. Fredrick Quattlebaum.  
2nd & 4th Sundays - 10am

**St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church**  
Snelling  
Park & Praise Service  
2nd & 4th Sundays - 10am  
Face masks should be worn at all times.

**St. Peter Baptist Church**  
7110 Bay St., Elko  
Mask and social distancing required.  
Pastor is Rev. Anthony F. Gadson  
Sunday Worship: 11am

**Unity Baptist Church**  
Pastor Brian Howard  
5504 Hilda Rd., Blackville  
Sunday School: 9:45am  
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Mid week service: Thursdays  
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Estate: Idella Davis Aiken  
Date of Death: December 3, 2022  
Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00005  
Personal Representative: Jackie L. Davis  
Address: 9/8 Oak Avenue, Blackville, S.C. 29817  
2023-07 3tp 2-01-23

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Estate: Mildred Rast Thomas  
Date of Death: November 17, 2022  
Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00004  
Personal Representative: Donald C. Thomas  
Address: 370 Livingston Landing Road, Cordova, S.C. 29039  
2023-08 3tp 2-01-23

Notice of Groundwater Withdrawal Permit Application  
CONNFILLY FARMS, 10195 Bufords Bridge Hwy., Fairfax, S.C. 29827, has applied to the South Carolina Department of Health

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and Environmental Control for a Groundwater Withdrawal Permit, under the Groundwater Use and Reporting Act for one (1) proposed agricultural irrigation well located at approximately N 32 98175 W 81.22246 in Allendale County, S.C. A proposed maximum groundwater withdrawal of 70 million gallons per year from the Crouch Branch aquifer has been developed from calculated water use requirements for (1) total agricultural irrigation well on approximately 121.65 acres. Additional information concerning this application may be obtained from Lacie Pichler (803) 898-3575 or e-mail at pichlcl@dhcc.sc.gov. SCDHEC invites and will receive comments on the application until February 17, 2023, close of business day, 5:00pm EST. Please submit comments to SCDHEC/Bureau of Water, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201, attention: Lacie Pichler. Interested parties wishing to be notified of the final permit decision must make comment on the application and/or make a request to receive notice of the final decision and must provide SCDHEC with a correct name and mailing address  
2023-09 1tp 2-01-23

**MASTER IN EQUITY'S SALE**  
2021-CP-03-00236  
BY VALUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-3 against Henrietta O'Berry a/k/a Henrietta Priestner, et al., the undersigned Master in Equity for Allendale County, will sell on February 8, 2023 at 1:00 PM, Allendale County Courthouse, 292 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, SC, 29810, to the highest bidder: All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being near Cave, Allendale County, State of South Carolina as shown and designated by a Plat made by J.J. Foy, RLS. for Clarence Doe on February 4, 1972, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Allendale County in Platbook 12 at page 151. Said lot is bounded now or formerly as follows, to-wit: on the Northeast by U.S. Highway #278 measuring thereon 120 feet; on the Southeast by lands of Conway Doe measuring thereon 200 feet; on the Southwest by land of Walter Jenkins measuring thereon 218.91 feet, and on the Northwest by other lands of Walter Jenkins measuring thereon 200 feet. This being the same property conveyed to Henry F. Priestner from United States of America, E.W. Brook, State Director of FHA by deed dated July 11, 1975 and recorded July 31, 1975 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Allendale County in Book 50 at Page 124. Subsequently, Henry F. Priestner conveyed the property to Henrietta O'Berry and Wallace Priestner by deed dated February

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11, 2013 and recorded November 11, 2018 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Allendale County in Book 278 at Page 112. Property Address: 3479 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, SC 29810 Parcel No. 086-00-00 002 Pursuant to South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2022-02-17-02, protective masks are no longer required in county courthouses, however, any person who is at risk or concerned about the dangers of COVID-19 may continue to wear a mask inside any courthouse, subject to a request from judges, courthouse staff, or law enforcement to briefly remove that mask during the presentation of a case or when necessary for security or identification purposes. TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at risk of the said highest bidder). A personal or deficiency judgment being waived by Plaintiff, the sale shall close on the Sales Day. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Master in Equity's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 7.20% per annum. SAVE AND EXCEPT ANY RELIANCE, DEFENSE OF RELIANCE OR PRIOR CONVEYANCES OF RECORD SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, ALLENDALE COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. In the event an agent of Plaintiff does not appear at the time of sale, the within property shall be withdrawn from sale and sold at the next available sales date upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or such terms as may be set forth in a supplemental order. The Honorable Walter H. Sanders, Jr. Master in Equity for Allendale County  
Dell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201  
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Attorney for Plaintiff 4902  
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  15. "\_\_\_\_\_ came a spider..."
  16. \*Univision's \_\_\_\_\_ Grammy Awards
  17. Barley bristle
  18. Turning token takor
  19. \*President with a Grammy
  21. Diabolical
  23. Sold at the pump
  24. Russian monarch
  25. Back of a boat
  28. \*\*Shallow, 2018 recipient from "A \_\_\_\_\_ Is Born" movie
  30. \*Camila Cabello and Ed Sheeran's nominated song
  35. Colloge dwelling
  37. Footnote note
  39. Shade of violet
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  48. Eye cover
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  52. Four quarters
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  57. "\_\_\_\_\_.com Arena
  60. \*\*Vogas" and "Woman" nominee (2 words)
  64. Unit of electrical energy
  65. Hoover's agency, acr.
  67. Discompose
  68. Shade of yellow
  69. I in T.G.I.F.
  70. Small, olive-gray bird
  71. "Cheers" regular
  72. Inquire
  73. Open up
- DOWN**
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  2. Iranian coin
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ Spumante
  4. Be neody
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  6. Arabian Poninsula country
  7. Column's counterpart
  8. Holiday surprise for employee
  9. Palo \_\_\_\_\_, CA
  10. Agitate
  11. Inwardly
  12. \*1970 two-time winner "The \_\_\_\_\_ of Aquarius"
  15. Hindu retreat
  20. Ancient Romo's neighbor
  22. Nail a criminal
  24. Popular newspaper name
  25. \*\*30" performer
  26. Pillage
  27. Boof \_\_\_\_\_, dim sum choico
  29. \*Don't Shut Me Down" group
  31. Alan Alda's classic TV show
  32. Type of hawk
  33. Typo of flu
  34. Multi-colored dog coat
  36. One of three square onos
  38. Shower with affection
  42. Human trunk
  45. Sliding fastener
  49. Part of "I"
  51. Past-life experience? (2 words)
  54. Capital of Bulgaria
  56. Airbnb option
  57. Chanel of fashion
  58. Gorman industrial valley
  59. Big Bang's original matter
  60. Disc, alt. sp.
  61. Popular dieler's foe
  62. Between ports
  63. Chris Hemsworth's superhoro
  64. \*Award-winning Bon Jovi's lead singer
  66. \*Coldplay's collaborators

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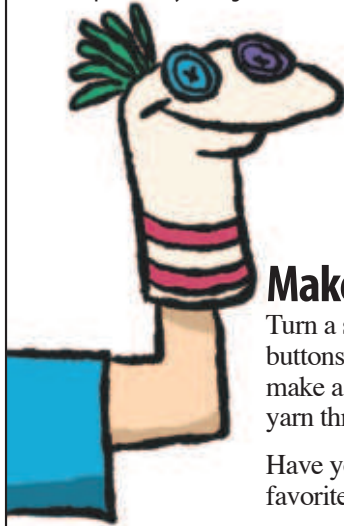
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# Free Fun!

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### Make a Sock Puppet!

Turn a sock into a puppet. Sew on buttons for eyes. Use markers to make a mouth. Thread string or yarn through the sock to make hair.

Have your puppet read one of your favorite books aloud!



### Grow a Little Garden

Next time you eat a carrot, cut off the top and use it to start a plant. Use several carrot tops and you can start a garden.

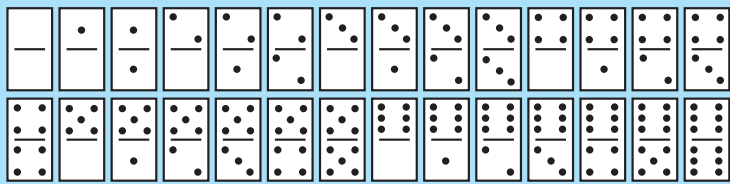
1. Cut the carrot tops off so they are about one inch long. It works best if there is a little bit of growth at the end of the carrot.
2. Eat the rest of the carrots!
3. Plant the carrot tops in a container filled with dirt. Be sure a little of each orange top peeks above the dirt. Keep the soil moist, but not soggy. Be sure your container has a hole for drainage. Place the container by a sunny window.
4. Watch your carrot plants grow! When you plant carrots this way, your plants won't make new carrots. But they will have pretty leaves to decorate your home.

Number the pictures in order.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Make Your Own Dominoes

Start by taking a walk around your neighborhood. Collect 28 flat light gray stones that are about the same size. Use a black marker or paint to draw dots and lines so that the stones look like the set of dominoes at right.



### Put on some music and DANCE, DANCE, DANCE!

Look carefully: Can you find the two identical dancers?



### Go to the Library

Imagine a room with all kinds of **free** books that you can take home! That's a library! Visit your local library and check out fun books to read. Ask the librarian to help you find books that interest you.

### Reading Riddle

Gabriella loves nothing more than listening to the rain at night as it patters against the window panes. She has never read this book. And she will never finish it. Use the code to find out why!

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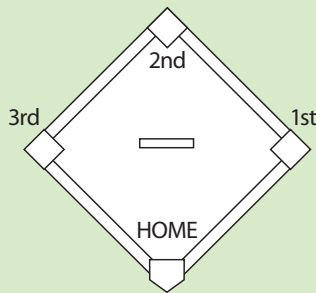
### Extra! Extra! Fun Search

Look through your local newspaper for information about festivals, museum exhibits and other free fun. Share what you find with your family and see if you can attend together.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use the newspaper to locate information.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Ben, Bobbie and Brendan can't remember who will play which base today. Use the coach's clue to help them out. Draw a line from each player to the base they will play.



### COACH'S CLUE:

The third baseman's number is twice the first baseman's number plus 2.

Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Use strategies in the problem-solving process.

### Double Double Word Search

- BOOKS
- CARROT
- DANCE
- DRAW
- FREE
- FUN
- INCH
- LIBRARY
- MONEY
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- SUNNY
- YARN

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

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V Q M O N E Y S O S  
E F R E E F R E A D

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

### Nature Walk Bingo

Go for a nature walk with some friends. Each of you select one of the bingo cards below. When you see one of the things shown on the card, cross out that space. The first person to black out their card wins!



Standards Links: Physical Education: Understand the benefits associated with participation in physical activities.

### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **ARTICLE**

The noun **article** is a piece of writing that appears in a newspaper, magazine, or book.

Today's newspaper has an interesting **article** about a new park for kids.

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

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Percentages

Find 10 numbers in the newspaper that are written as percentages. Clip and glue them on a sheet of paper. Next to each percentage, write its equivalent decimal form AND equivalent fractional form.

Standards Link: Math: Express numbers in percent, decimal, and fraction equivalent forms.



What is red and smells like green paint?

ANSWER: Red paint.

### Write On!

### A Penny Saved

There's a famous saying that says a penny saved is a penny earned. Write about what that means to you.

Teens look to their parents for setting limits...



Have you discussed alcohol, tobacco, vape & drug use with your teen?