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3 plead guilty in burglary turned murder

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Families on both sides of the courthouse gallery shed tears on April 25 when the three remaining defendants in a 2021 murder case pleaded guilty.

BURGLARY GONE WRONG
"He was a great man, and I don't think since the day he left, any of our lives have been the same," said Jeremiah Jenkins

of his cousin, the late Alfonzo Green.

Leading up to Green's death, he had been talking via a dating app with Terrionna Marie Hartwell, who was 18 years old at the time. The pair were talking through a dating app and she encouraged him to come to Ball Park Road in Snelling on June 27, 2021 to have sex in exchange for \$200.

While Green was making the trip from Hephzibah, Georgia to Barnwell County in his 2014 Cadillac Escalade, Hartwell and

three other defendants were planning to pistol whip Green upon arrival, steal the cash, and split it four ways.

However, things escalated when D'Angelo Moffite pulled the trigger, shooting Green in the left side of his head. Moffite was 17 years old when he murdered Green.

Present for the murder and conspiracists to the planned burglary were Moffite, Hartwell's at-the-time boyfriend, Joseph Freeman, and Christopher Hezzy

Croney. Once Moffite shot Green, Freeman and Hartwell fled—leaving Moffite and Croney on the scene.

"As bad as the situation was that day, probably what was more difficult on the family was what happened after that," said deputy solicitor for the second circuit, David Miller.

A call was then made to Aubra Maurice "AJ" Dunbar Jr., who left his girlfriend's Aiken residence to meet Moffite and Croney in Snelling. Dunbar later told law

enforcement he was meeting them under the belief they were showing him a new dog, not a dead body.

Once Dunbar arrived, the trio traveled to Ellis Road in Allendale County in two vehicles; one being the car Dunbar arrived in, and the other being Green's Escalade driven by Moffite.

The Escalade was parked in a remote spot when Moffite began pouring the gasoline.

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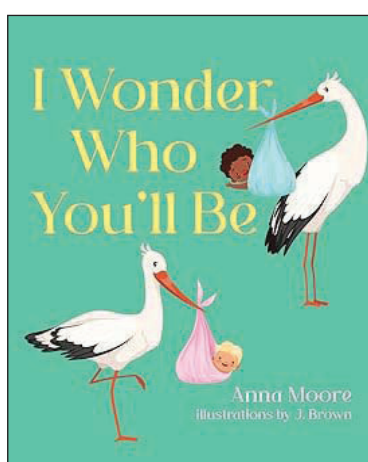
Kitt and Anna Moore hold their son Henry after he was born in 2022. Photo By: Roxanne Still of Still Co. Photography

A mother's faithful journey through infertility leads to a unique, tangible form of love

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Mother's Day is a special day for many women across the globe. It's a day for mothers to pause and reflect on the fact that, although motherhood is a challenging and all-consuming role, it is ultimately a blessing. However, it's important to remember that there are many women in the world yearning to one day be a mother – hopeful that one day they too will be able to hold their own bundle of joy in their arms.

Anna Moore was that woman. She and her husband, Kitt Moore, got married in December 2018. Both Anna and Kitt were raised in South Carolina and graduated



as agriculture majors from Clemson University where they met. In 2019, they decided to start the journey of having a baby. Anna was aware that the miracle of childbirth would take time, but the longer it took them to conceive, the more concerned she and her husband

became about their fertility.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, infertility is defined as not being able to conceive after one year or longer of unprotected intercourse. Anna found herself in the trenches of infertility. Her yearning to become a mother led her and her husband to reach out to fertility professionals to find other options.

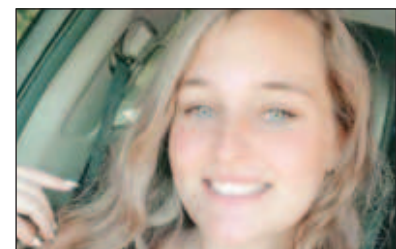
Anna and Kitt sought reproductive and fertility assistance from 2019 to 2021. It was a difficult physical, emotional, and spiritual journey for the couple that involved an immense amount of faith and medication, as well as nearly 200 shots to help improve their chances with fertility.

"As women, we try to guard

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Arrest made in death of young mother of 3

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Megan Bodiford

Jarrett Haskell Davis, 28, of Bamberg was charged in the death of 25-year-old Megan Faith Bodiford on May 3, 2024.

Davis was charged with murder, possession of a weapon during a violent crime, unlawful possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony offense, third degree arson, and desecration of human remains by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED).

An affidavit released by SLED states Davis, "was in possession of a firearm and did kill the victim with malice aforethought," "shot

and murdered the victim," and "set the victim's vehicle on fire with the victim inside," on April 25 – a day after Bodiford went missing.

These charges were brought through the investigation including witness statements and digital data.

While investigating the

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Fishing with dad



Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

Justin Lott fishes with his daughter, Lydia, at the Fishing Rodeo on May 4 held at the Williston Town Park by the S.C. Department of Natural Resources. More photos will be published in the May 15 edition.

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7 Barnwell County band students perform at Solo & Ensemble



From left: Dahlia Najera (percussion), Leandra Byler (alto sax), Ja'Niya Bing (trombone), and Natalee Bruner (percussion) represented Williston-Elko Middle School at Solo & Ensemble.



James Hiers (left) and sisters Madison and Bailey Doughtie (right photo) represented Barnwell High School at Solo & Ensemble on April 19 at Aiken High School.



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School. It is an opportunity for student musicians to perform a solo, duet, and/or a small ensemble piece and get feedback from a judge.

Dahlia Najera (percussion), Leandra Byler (alto saxophone), Ja'Niya Bing (trombone), and Natalee Bruner (percussion) represented Williston-Elko

Middle School.

"These students received three superior ratings. All four of them are a joy and a delight to teach and we are so glad that they are part of our band," said band director Dawn Vickery, who is the wife of *People-Sentinel* publisher Jonathan Vickery. James Hiers, a freshman

from Barnwell High School (BHS), performed the trumpet solo "Premier Solo de Concours" and scored a superior with a score of 29/30.

Also representing BHS were sisters Madison Doughtie, a senior, and Bailey Doughtie, a sophomore. The Doughties along with Hiers had their music theory skills tested and

all passed their tests.

"Even though I've known these three students for a short period of time, they've shown me since the beginning how important music is to them and wanting to go as far as they can go with it. I know whatever they choose to do after high school, music will always be with them!

I'm extremely proud of them and hope they can influence other members within the band to expand their music experience as much as they have," said first-year band director Jasmine Brown. She is an alumna of BHS and previously performed with the Scarlet Knights Marching Band.

Schumpert's Market holds successful BBQ cookoff, awards winners



Schumpert's Market in Williston held a BBQ cookoff on Saturday, April 13, 2024. Members of the public entered and used meats purchased from the store. Local mayors, including Barnwell Mayor Ron Still and Williston Mayor Brett Williams, helped judge the contest. "It was a great success! We will be doing the event again," said Bryane Washburn, co-owner of the grocery store. The first place winner was Kenneth Odom who received a trophy and a \$300 gift card. Second place winner was Bryce Williams and he received a trophy and a \$200 gift card. Third place winner Donald Platt received a trophy and a \$100 gift card. George Bayer won fourth place.





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Barnwell native plays piano during vacation in Japan

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Barnwell native and pianist Edmond Brown played the piano at the Tocho Omoide piano at the Tokyo Government Building on a recent vacation.

A Barnwell pianist hopped on his first ever airplane and traveled to Tokyo, Japan, where he showcased his talent on a larger scale.

25-year-old Edmond Brown recently returned from a two-week trip to Tokyo – the city with the highest population in the world with 37 million people.

While on vacation, he searched for a piano to play and ended up behind the keys of the Tocho Omoide piano on the South Tower observation deck at the Tokyo Government Building.

This bright yellow piano with black polka dots was designed by famous Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama, according to an article by Johannes Schonherr. Kusama transformed the vintage piano with the intention to provide its visitors with a good memory, or 'omoide' in Japanese.

And a special memory for Brown it was. A stranger

offered to record Brown because tripods were prohibited, and the entire performance can be found on YouTube.

Brown began playing the keys when he was nine years old with the encouragement of his father, Edgar Brown. He recalls telling his father that he could play, even if he had never done so before.

He remembers his father was skeptical about his son's initial confidence, but soon was giving him instructional books and DVDs to hone his craft.

Brown comes from a musical family with many of his cousins and aunts singing and playing instruments. He remembers his first performances being

in church.

When in eighth grade, he won first place in the talent show for playing *I Love You Just the Way You Are* by Billy Joel.

As he grew, so did his skill at the piano. Brown was outgrowing lessons and began turning to online tutorials to learn new tunes. He often takes songs he hears

on the radio and recreates them by ear on the piano or keyboard.

"After a while, it got boring. So I started playing my favorite songs on the radio, like pop songs, R&B songs, and it became my favorite thing," said Brown.

One of his favorite songs to play is *Trip* by Ella Mai.

His love for the instrument and music keeps evolving, and so does how he presents it to the fanbase he is trying to grow. Brown began posting covers on YouTube at age 16, and has maintained his online presence ever since. His most viewed video has 144,000 views.

Brown began receiving feedback online to keep posting. He learned from other creators and developed new ways to share his craft.

Brown has found a niche fanbase in anime fans, as he often plays music from beloved shows on the piano. This blending of media has aided in developing his fan base.

"It's one thing to hear your favorite song on piano...but

it's another thing to hear a song you grew up listening to from a cartoon or a TV show on piano," said Brown.

To fund his trip to Japan, Brown picked up extra shifts at his job. While there he made sure to see as many sights as possible such as Tokyo Tower and attempted to see Mt. Fuji through the clouds. Brown finds his first time on a plane was well worth it.

Although he now lives in Orangeburg, Brown still loves his hometown. One of his favorite spots is the more wooded path along Lake Edgar Brown – the City of Barnwell lake that his father coincidentally shares a name with.

Brown is now focused on establishing himself on YouTube and developing a fanbase, with the ultimate dream of becoming a famous musician. He hopes to soon offer musical services for events such as weddings.

Watch Brown's performance on YouTube by searching for "Edmond Brown plays piano at the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building".

ARREST: Bamberg man arrested for murder

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disappearance of Bodiford, the Bamberg County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) and SLED found a burnt vehicle that appeared to contain human remains on Turn Ray Road in Bamberg County on Tuesday April, 30th while searching for the mother of three.

Family and friends, alongside community members, conducted searches in the region since her disappearance. Word spread quickly on social media of searches spanning both Barnwell and Bamberg counties.

SLED confirmed today it was that of Bodiford's.

Davis is currently in custody at the Bamberg County Detention Center.

Other charges

Davis was charged in Barnwell County for domestic violence, second degree, on May 27, 2022. A \$5,000 surety bond was granted by Barnwell magistrate Judge Susan Anderson and posted the same day of his arrest.

The last action taken on the charge was when Davis failed to comply on April 27– three days after Bodiford disappeared.

Davis has charges pending an initial appearance in Aiken County from September and December 2022 including possession of tools in a crime, distribution of methamphetamine, transportation or possession of stolen nonferrous metals, and larceny.

Bond was granted and posted for these charges.

Gable sworn in to Snelling Town Council



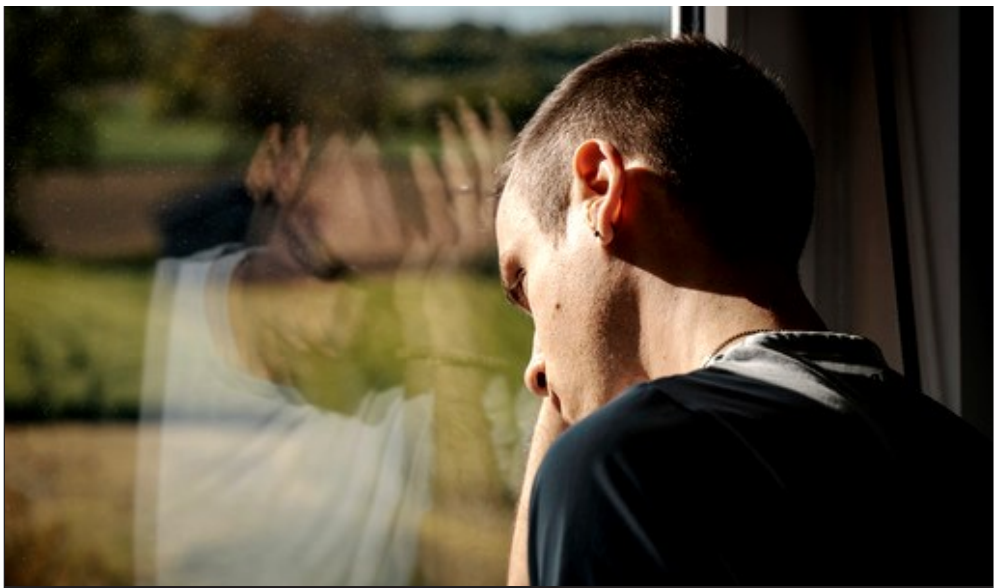
Tim Gable takes the oath of office at the beginning of the April 8 Snelling Town Council meeting. He was elected in April as the town's newest council member, filling the vacancy left by the death of long-time councilman Bobby Morris. Pictured holding the Bible is Gable's wife Dale.

Correction to Allendale County Council story

The May 1st edition included an error in the story about Allendale County Council's 1 percent capital project sales tax list. The story incorrectly stated that the St. Mark Community Center and the Brandt Building Parking lot were both finalized as projects. The story has been updated on the website.

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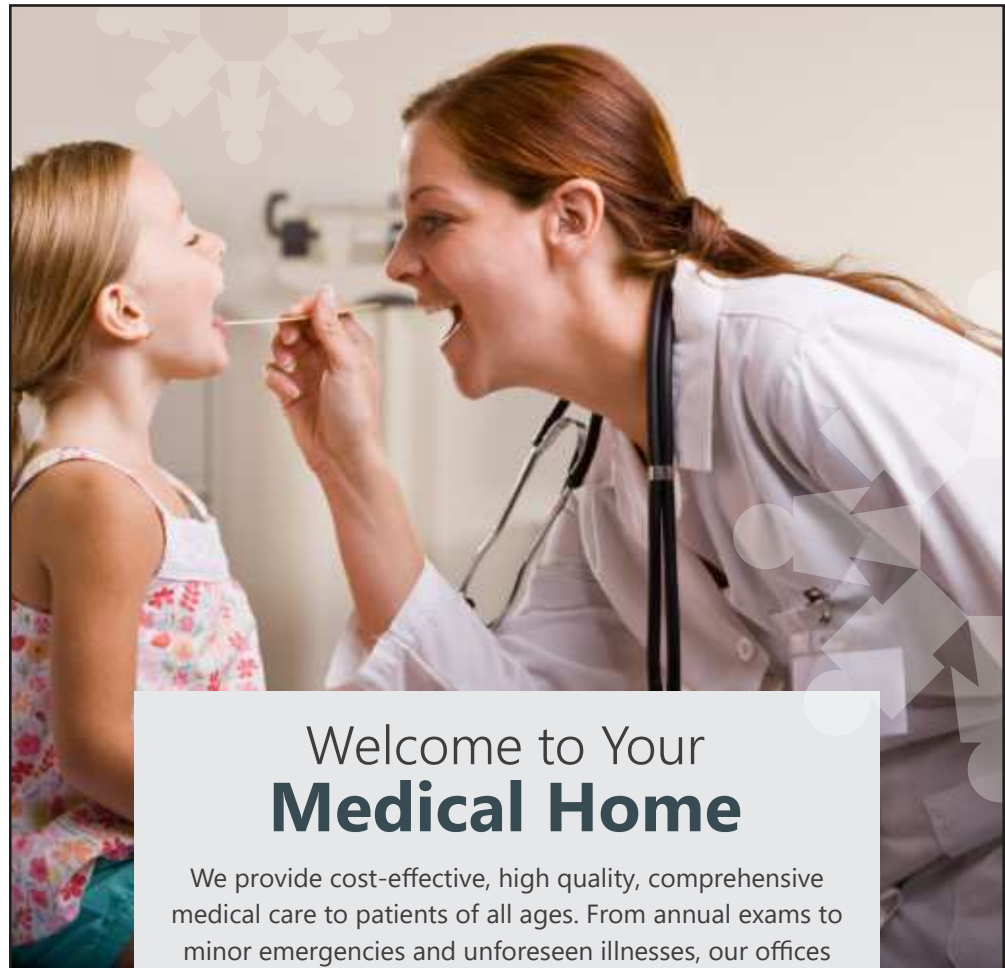
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Allendale community gathers to pray after recent violence

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"I pray that we stand firm, stand together, arm-in-arm, wherever we have to go, whatever we have to do to see that this ends," said Fairfax Mayor Butch Sauls. "Enough is enough in burying our children."

Sauls was one of multiple community leaders who gathered in prayer on Friday, May 3, at the Allendale County Courthouse one week after a string of community gun violence resulted in the death of a 14-year-old girl and injuries to two other young people and a police officer. Yet, the event was also about addressing the community's long standing struggle with gun violence and the associated causes.

"I realize, Lord God, it takes a village," said Pastor Michael O'Neal. "So make each and everyone from city council to county council work together, Lord God, to make this community a [safer] community."

As recently reported by *The People-Sentinel*, Allendale's community leaders say that there are multiple ways to address violence within Allendale, both by local, state and national lawmakers as well as within community relationships. Supporting young people through increasing recreational opportunities outside of school hours, leaders say, is an important way to help address the issue on a local level. But Friday was about overcoming the despair and



Members of the Allendale community gathered at the Allendale County Courthouse on Friday, May 3 to pray one week after a spate of violence killed a 14-year-old girl and left multiple others injured.



Fairfax Town Council member Phyllis Smart blesses Allendale Town Council member Marlon Creech, who frequently organizes with young people in Allendale.



Photos By: Elijah de Castro / Report for America

Members of the Allendale community pray together for a safer community and for the resources to address gun violence.

unresolved pain that the community has carried after years of violence.

"God, we invite you into our souls and our minds

here today to be mindful that we're all brothers and sisters," Fairfax Sauls said.

Moving the community forward, Pastor O'Neal

said, must first begin with organizing people in Allendale around the community's collective pain,

and then seeking common understanding.

"We all want a safe neighborhood," O'Neal said.

"When we come together, it allows us to feel what each other is feeling and bear the burdens of those who have been impacted by different tragedies."

At a local level, leaders say, interpersonal changes can be made, like bridging Allendale's generational divide and uniting around young people. Fairfax Town Council member Phyllis Smart and several other attendees blessed Allendale Town Council member Marlon Creech, the youngest council member in Allendale. Creech frequently organizes with young people and has been outspoken in his support for free recreation and community spaces, such as his project to restore the Allendale Community Center.

"It's going to take wisdom and strength," Fairfax Town Council member Phyllis Smart told Creech.

Although many of the solutions for the community must come from elected leaders outside the county, the community must unite itself first to make those demands.

"There's so many people that have ideas but don't have funding to bring that idea alive," said O'Neal. "State and leaders [need to] come together and refocus on reallocation of funds and resources."

Helping the community's young people, Pastor Patricia Jenkins said, must start with adults helping each other.

"When the adults unify, then we can work together to unify our kids, our children," Jenkins said. "Let's listen to what kids are saying and what they're dealing with."

Public invited to concert in Blackville with Christian recording artist LouAnn Lee

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Be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, May 19 at 6 p.m. as award-winning Christian recording artist LouAnn Lee will perform a special free concert hosted by Blackville First Baptist Church (19449 Solomon Blatt Ave., Blackville).

As stated on the event's Facebook post, Lee is an artist who "constantly renews her dedication to music and captivates listeners with her deeply moving songs."

Her timeless hits have consistently debuted at #1 on the CRC radio charts, underscoring her talent for creating melodies that resonate with her audience. This pastor's wife, mother, worship leader and youth pastor's commitment to service extends far beyond her music, influencing her local community and the church at large.

Luanne's compelling journey from a starry-eyed girl moved by Ella Fitzgerald singing *The National Anthem* to a highly respected figure in Christian music is a testament to her faith, resilience and extraordinary talent. It's a story that underscores the power of music and faith, transforming lives one melody at a time.

But her story goes much deeper than that so you'll not want to miss her testimony, praise and worship as it will certainly inspire, ignite and rejuvenate each concertgoer's heart.

A glimpse into her testimony brings focus on a girl who grew up in Arlington, Texas, led to



Christian recording artist LouAnn Lee will perform in Blackville on May 19.

The Lord by her mother at three years old after being awoken by a nightmare that Satan wanted to kill her. By second grade she began playing a piano gifted from her grandmother in the living room for their family of seven children, to singing in church youth groups and camps as a young girl. She faced and overcame adversities, including being sexually abused as a teenager and now travels and ministers across the USA to the Philippines; with organizations such as the "Set Free Ministry" for ladies who are overcoming drugs and alcohol, sex trafficking and things like that.

"It's one of the greatest ways that people have come to know Christ; knowing what The Holy Spirit did, the miracle that happened when The Holy Spirit healed me of negative manifestations from me not knowing how to process what happened to me. I didn't want to live. I asked The Lord to heal me through The Holy Spirit just like He healed people in the Bible. Then I got

asked to sing at a Gary Smalley concert. He was touched by some songs I had written and took an offering, like \$10,000 for me to start recording my music! But you can't give what you don't have. So, I cried out to The Lord to heal and deliver me so I could minister," said Lee.

As she continued searching for the healing she needed, she was led to a group of musicians - a band to play for her first recording. She learned all the members had been delivered from drug addiction and wanted to know how that happened for them.

"I was really seeking and The Lord placed me on their doorstep in Austin, Texas. Cedric Lee, who is now my husband, opened the door. I felt the presence of God like I never did before. I started crying. I sat in the living room and told Cedric everything that had happened to me. He got his Bible and shared scriptures about God's love and The Holy Spirit. When his friends got home, they prayed for me, laying hands on me. From there I was baptized in The Holy Spirit and healed of my eating disorder. It saved my life. I began to write worship music and the rest is history! Cedric and I have had Celebration Church for over 25 years now," said Lee.

To learn more about LouAnn Lee's award-winning worship music and her inspiring testimony, make sure you have a seat at Blackville First Baptist Church on May 19 at 6 p.m. The concert is free with donations taken to support her extensive ministry.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints welcomes new Barnwell leadership



Brian Symons (center) is the new president of the Barnwell Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Keith Nannie (left) and Dennis Knapp (right) are assistant ministers.

Contributed
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Brian Symons replaced Daryl Davies as the Branch President of the Barnwell Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Sunday, April 12, 2024. President Symons' assistant ministers are Dennis C. Knapp and Keith Nannie, both of Barnwell. President Symons and

his wife Susan have been members of the Barnwell Branch for about a year. Symons' most recent Church service was as a counselor in the Barnwell Elders Quorum and Susan worked with the Young Women, but now serves with the Primary children. The Symons have two adult children, Jessica and Nathaniel. Barnwell Branch Church services are Sunday at 10 a.m. followed by Sunday School or the women's Relief

Society and men's Elders Quorum meetings. Twice a year in April and October the congregation attends a world-wide General Conference online or on BYU TV and twice a year stake conference is held in their Aiken and Lexington buildings.

The Barnwell Branch is located at 3617 Highway 70, Barnwell.

The Aiken Stake is composed of 10 congregations.

Rev. & Mrs. Hughes celebrated for 44 years of faithful ministry



A couple who has been at one church 44 years deserves to be celebrated. That's exactly what Macedonia Baptist Church in Blackville did in celebration of their pastor's anniversary. Rev. Dr. Floyd Hughes Sr. and First Lady Lillie Hughes have led the ministry at Macedonia for 44 years and they were celebrated for a full week. In addition to a banquet celebration April 13, the church celebrated the couple during church service and 32 members went to eat at Longhorn Steakhouse.

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Weekly on Tuesdays
Free Food Distribution
 Long Branch MBC, 922 Hopewell Rd., Gifford. Food products will be available while supplies last. 3:30-5:30pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays
Senior Dance Lessons
 Blackville Community Center. For all Barnwell County Seniors 60 and over. Call 803-259-4592. 3-4pm

Every Thursday
Allendale Line Dance Classes
 Allendale National Guard Armory (368 Court House Square, Allendale) These free line dance exercise/fitness classes are open to anyone 18 years and up. Sponsored by Allendale County Office on Aging and led by instructor Angela Doe Youmans. 6-7pm

Fridays
The Gateway Church Food Pantry
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Mon., Thurs., Sat.
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Thurs., May 9
Barnwell County Job and Resource Fair
 Williston First Baptist Church, 13030 Main St., Williston (gym) SC Works. 10am-1pm

Fri., May 10
The Rivers Bridge Confederate Memorial Association 148th Annual Commemoration of Confederate Memorial Day
 Memorial Grounds on the Battle of Rivers Bridge State Historic Site, near Ehrhardt, SC. 10am program begins with mid-19th Century music, followed at 11am by commemorative activities and oratory dedicated to the memory of the Confederate soldiers who fought and died at the battle of Rivers Bridge in February 1865. BBQ dinner on the grounds will be available for purchase, along with complimentary lemonade. For additional information, contact Jerry Morris, President of the Rivers Bridge Confederate

Memorial Association at yenome4@gmail.com.

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May 10, 11, 12
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Ivy Garden Club's Mother's Day Plant Sale
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Tues., May 14
Hilda Town Council Meeting
 Hilda Town Hall Conference Room **7pm**

Thurs., May 16
Barnwell County First Steps "Money Management"
 The public is invited to join Barnwell County First Steps at 110 Franklin Street, Barnwell for a seminar on money management. This is free. **Dinner will be served at 5pm Meeting 5:30pm**

Fri., May 17
The Allendale-Barnwell Relay for Life event
 Tiger Stadium in Allendale. Anyone interested in participating or forming a team may contact Artheen Fitts at 803-584-3368. **6pm**

Fri.-Sun., May 17-19
CERT Basic Course
 20.5 hour standard basic CERT curriculum for disaster preparedness. Prerequisites: IS-317 (Online CERT Course) FEMA IS Course 317; https://training.fema.gov/is/. FEMA IS 100, 200, and 700 are recommended for participants. Barnwell Public Library, 40 Burr St, Barnwell. To register: https://www.scemdlms.org/TRS/courseDesc.do **Fri. 5:30-9:30pm Sat. 8am-4:30pm Sun. 8am-4:30pm**

Sun., May 19
Concert / Blackville First Baptist invites the community to a music concert by LouAnn Lee! Reception to follow. www.louannlee.com. Check out Blackville First Baptist's Facebook page for more info! **6pm**

Tues., May 21
Cancer Screenings
 Clemson Rural Health's mobile units will provide breast and cervical cancer screenings for

qualifying women ages 21-64 regardless of insurance status. Walk-ups welcome! Barnwell County Health Dept., 11016 Ellenton St., Barnwell Learn more: clemsonruralhealth.org. 803-516-9992 **9am-3pm**

Thurs., May 23
Generations Unlimited Council Meeting
 T.E. Richardson Building Conference Room, Barnwell **5:30pm**

Sat., May 25
Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church Male Chorus Anniversary
 Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church, 10620 Dunbarton Blvd., Barnwell. **3pm**

Community Fishing Tournament
 Locations: Edisto and Savannah rivers. Sponsored by the Barnwell First Baptist Church Men's Ministry. Minimum team size is two adults. Prizes will be awarded. This is a fundraiser to support missions in Los Angeles. Teams should meet back at the church parking lot by 4:30 p.m. for weigh-in. Sign up at the FBC office or at fbcbarnwell.org/upcomingevents. **7am to 3pm**

Mon., May 27
Barnwell County Republican Party Meeting (Rescheduled due to holiday.) 2269 Ashleigh Rd., Blackville. **6:30pm social time 7-8pm meeting**

June 4, 11, 18, 25
Barnwell County Sheriff's Office GRITS Program presents **Story Time** Come out for story time and an activity at the Barnwell McDonalds. **9-10am**

Sat., June 8
Hampton County's 82nd Watermelon Festival Pageant
 Hampton Co. Recreational Center. Deadline to enter is May 25, for applications or more details call Melissa Goliver 803-300-8299 or visit the festival website hcmelonfest.org.

Sat., June 8
Swiss Krono Cean Scarbeary Jr. Golf Tournament 2024
 Sweetwater Country Club, 571 Johnny George Lane, Barnwell. Ticket \$120. Prizes for Longest Drive & Closest to Pin. **8am**

To promote your event, email the information to drichardson@thepeoplesentinel.com or fax it to (803) 259-2703.

Barnwell Library Events

CHILDREN/FAMILY
Thurs., May 9
Crafter-Noon for Kids
 Mother's Day Craft. Paint a wooden pendant for a necklace, keychain or earrings for mom. **4-5pm**

Wed., May 22nd
Crafter-Noon for Kids
 Pokémon Trainer Hats. Decorate your own Pokémon Trainer Hat. Registration is required call 803-259-3612 or stop by the front desk to register. **4-5pm**

Wed., May 29th
STEM for Kids
 Pokéball Levitating Contraption. Make your own Pokéball levitating contraption out of paper and a straw. **4-5pm**

Fri., May 31
Summer Reading Kickoff: Tee off for Summer Reading
 Bring the whole family and hang out at the library after hours for mini golf. In partnership with Friends of the Libraries of Barnwell County. Registration requested call 803-259-3612 or stop by the front desk to register. **5:30-7pm**

STORY TIME
Thurs., May 23rd
Story Time: Read Rattle & Roll
 Enjoy themed songs and stories followed by free developmental

Mon., June 10-July 1
Faith @ the Fountain
 15 minute kids' praise & devotion on the Circle in Barnwell **10am**

Tues., June 11
Cancer Screenings
 Clemson Rural Health's mobile units will provide breast and cervical cancer screenings for qualifying women ages 21-64 regardless of insurance status. Walk-ups welcome! Bamberg County Health Dept., 50 Dickinson St., Extension, Bamberg. Learn more: clemsonruralhealth.org. 803-516-9992. **9am-3:40pm**

screenings. To discover a child's strengths and identify areas where extra support may be needed, parents and caregivers will engage with their children through fun and interactive play focused on learning behavior and development. *Sponsored by Help Me Grow S.C. **11am**

Allendale County Library Events

Thurs., May 9
Mother's Day Paint & Sip
3-4pm

Wed., May 15
Seniors' Fun Day
3-4pm

Wed., May 14, 22
Five & Under Storytime!
9:30-10:30am

Fri., May 24
Get a Leg(o) Up!
 Youth ages 2-17. **4:30-5:30pm**

Blackville Library Events

Tues., May 21
Story Time
10:30am

Williston Library Events

Wed., May 8, 22
Story Time

Thurs., May 23
Adult Book Club
6pm

Sat., July 13
Wrestling with Weston Fundraiser for Weston Hutson
 12889 Main St., Williston. Come shop vendors, touch a truck, silent auction, raffles, good food and live music with special guest WARREN PEAY. For vendor info, please contact Dawn Nix, 803-709-1467, or Jo Ward, 803-300-0404, or Monica Maxwell, 865-803-2785. **10am-5pm**

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PADDLE WITH A RANGER



When: Saturday, May 11th at 9:00am

Where: Barnwell State Park, Meet at the office

Price: \$15.00 per adult (\$10 if bringing own kayak)

Come out and kayak around the lower pond with Ranger Ashley. Learn about some local flora and fauna.

Kayaks, paddles, and life jackets will be provided.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!
 Limited spaces available. Register by phone at 803-284-2212 or by email at barnwellsp@scprt.com

* Bring water, sunscreen, bug spray, and shoes that can get wet.



Local Directory

Allendale Library

297 Main St., Allendale (803) 584-2371
 Hours of Operation
 Mon.-Fri. 9am-5pm
 Sat. 10am-2pm

Barnwell Library

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

Blackville Library

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

Williston Library

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

MUSEUMS

BARNWELL CO. MUSEUM

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

BLACKVILLE MUSEUM

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

BARNWELL SENIOR CENTER

Mondays-Fridays
 Gail Reyes Senior Center/
 Generations Unlimited (11403 Ellenton St., Barnwell) 803-259-4599

BLACKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

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



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LOCAL

SWISS KRONO
 DEAN SCARBEARY JR.
GOLF TOURNAMENT 2024
June 8th
 Sweetwater Country Club
 571 Johnny George Lane
 Barnwell, SC 29812

Prizes:
 -Longest Drive
 -Closest to pin

SAVE THE DATE

AT 8AM TICKET \$120
 REGISTRATION: [arrow]



Crossword Puzzle Solution

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Sudoku Puzzle Solution

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Sundial Festival extended to two days with free Warren Peay concert

Barnwell Sundial Festival Inc. is thrilled to announce the expansion of its annual one-day festival into a two-day event for the highly anticipated 2024 Sundial Festival. The festival, located on 'The Circle' in Downtown Barnwell, promises an unforgettable experience for attendees of all ages with diverse entertainment, activities, and community engagement opportunities.

"We're thrilled to welcome attendees to the 2024 Barnwell Sundial Festival," said festival founder Ashley Culp. "This year's event promises to be our biggest and best yet, with something for everyone to enjoy. We can't wait to celebrate with our community and create unforgettable memories together."

Festival schedule:

Friday, May 10: Concert series

6:30 pm: *American Idol* star Warren Peay will take the stage as the headliner. Following Peay, 2023 *The Voice* contestant Dylan Carter will perform followed by Barnwell native Gage Cagle making his second annual appearance at the Sundial Festival. Warren Peay will hold a meet and greet immediately following the concert.

The concert is FREE.

All weekend: Artisan marketplace

Explore an exclusive section of vendors offering a diverse section of handmade crafts, unique artwork, and specialty goods. Visit vendors from 11am-5pm on



both festival days.

All weekend: Food & beverage offerings

Indulge your taste buds with an assortment of culinary delights from around the world. From gourmet street food to delectable desserts, there's no shortage of delicious treats to savor. Visit the numerous food trucks and treat vendors on Friday, May 10 from 11am - 10pm & Saturday, May 11 from 11am - 4pm.

All weekend: Family friendly activities

Create lasting memories with the whole family at the festival's dedicated family zone. Enjoy interactive games, face painting, and other fun activities designed to entertain and delight festival-goers of all ages.

All weekend: Community

Engagement Initiatives

Connect with fellow community members and learn about important local initiatives at the festival's community engagement booths. From environmental awareness campaigns to social justice advocacy, discover ways to make a positive impact in your community.

About Barnwell Sundial Festival Inc.: Barnwell Sundial Festival Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to celebrating community, culture, and creativity through its annual Sundial Festival. Since its inception, the festival has become a beloved tradition, bringing together people from all walks of life to enjoy music, art, food, and fun.

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.

Nigel Djimon Abner Jr., 26, of 16 Coker Street, Williston, S.C. was arrested on April 26, 2024 by the Williston Police Department (WPD) for Simple Assault. Abner was booked and released to the Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).

Daniel Matthew Bodiford, 52, of 179 Candy Lane, Williston, S.C. was arrested on May 3, 2024 by Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) for Distribution of Meth. Bodiford was booked

and released to BCDC.

David Anthony Bodiford, 52, of 194 Long Cane Road, Williston, S.C. was arrested on May 2, 2024 by BCSO for 2 counts of Distribution of Meth. Bodiford was booked and released to BCDC.

Travis Ryan Downs, 39, of 1408 Sensation Road, Rock Hill, S.C. was arrested on April 29, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Downs was booked and released to BCDC.

Christopher Fuller, 29, of 11922 Highway 64 Lot B, Barnwell S.C. was arrested on April 19, 2024 by WPD for Murder. Fuller was booked and released to BCDC.

Channel Annamay Garrett, 40, of 104 Hampton Avenue NE, Aiken, S.C. was

arrested on April 23, 2024 by WPD for Driving Under Suspension, Habitual Offender. Garrett was booked and released to BCDC.

Ziquail Malik Glover, 22, of 825 Stilton Road, Orangeburg, S.C. was arrested on May 3, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Glover was booked and released to BCDC.

Napoleon Johnson III, 52, of 56 Winton Circle, Williston, S.C. was arrested on May 2, 2024 by BCSO for Illegal Possession of Prescription Drugs. Johnson was booked and released to BCDC.

Ky'Darien Savion McCray, 21, of 306 Litchfield Street, Barnwell, S.C. was

arrested on May 3, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. McCray was booked and released to BCDC.

Christopher Allen Miller, 28, of 291 Dicks Street, Williston, S.C. was arrested on April 22, 2024 by WPD for Criminal Domestic Violence, Third Degree. Miller was booked and released to BCDC.

Latorya Sherelle Morris, 39, of 149 Myranda Avenue, Saluda, S.C., was arrested on April 29, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Morris was booked and released to BCDC.

Jeremy Wayne Nelson, 40, of 76 Meadowlark Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on May 3, 2024 by BCSO for Criminal Domestic Violence

and Unlawful Communications. Nelson was booked and released to BCDC.

Benjamin Franklin Padgett, 52, of 1041 Galilee Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on May 3, 2024 by BCSO for Distribution of Meth and Failure to Appear. Padgett was booked and released to BCDC.

William Arnette Tripp, 55, of Ball Park Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on April 17, 2024 by WPD for Driving Under Suspension. Tripp was booked and released to BCDC.

Jayquan Quatterris White, 19, of 152 Rapp Lane, Springfield, S.C. was arrested on April 26, 2024 by WPD for Robbery. White

was booked and released to BCDC.

Jayquan Quatterris White, 19, of 152 Rapp Lane, Springfield, S.C. was arrested on April 25, 2024 by WPD for Theft from a vehicle. White was booked and released to BCDC.

Barney Keith Williams, 49, of 6545 Highway 278 Lot #11, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on May 1, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Williams was booked and released to BCDC.

Travis McGee Zissette, 49, of 7042 Shady Grove Road, Conway, S.C. was arrested on May 3, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Zissette was booked and released to BCDC.

SHOOTING: Defendants pleaded guilty to a 2021 murder in Snelling

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Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) investigators later recovered the charred vehicle with Green's remains still inside.

GUILTY PLEAS

A Barnwell magistrate judge was presented with the evidence and investigators were able to issue warrants for the arrest of Moffite, Dunbar, and Croney on July 9, 2021. Warrants for Hartwell and Freeman were obtained on July 13, 2021.

In April 2023, Moffite pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to 40 years at the State Department of Corrections (SCDC). Moffite still has pending charges of third degree arson and desecration of human remains in Allendale County.

A year later on April 25, 2024, Hartwell, Croney, and Dunbar appeared in the Barnwell County Courthouse to accept guilty pleas for their part in Green's murder.

Hartwell: 25 years

Before presiding Judge Courtney Clyburn Pope decided on Terrionna Hartwell's sentencing, she heard statements from the solicitor, the defense attorney, Green's family, and Hartwell's family.

"None of this happens without Ms. Hartwell," said Miller.

A similar sentiment was shared by Green's family.

"Through everything that transpired, this young lady put it all in play," said Jim Marshall, Green's brother. "I don't care how the law plays out, I want them to understand what they took from everyone... and I want them all to pay the price."

Jenkins, Green's cousin, felt Hartwell was just as guilty as her co-defendant who pulled the trigger; "Not only did she ruin his life and our families are behind it, other deaths are behind it... so it's not just Alfonso Greene's life," said Jenkins.

Defense attorney Erin Conroy explained Hartwell's circumstances leading up to Green's murder; in an emotionally and physically abusive relationship with her now ex-boyfriend, Joseph Freeman. The defense explained Freeman allegedly coerced and manipulated Hartwell into luring Green to Barnwell County.

"As unfortunate as these facts are your honor, it is our position that Ms. Hartwell here was very vulnerable because of her age and the relationship that she had with Mr. Freeman, he was a known gang member...he abused her physically and emotionally," said Conroy.

Hartwell's mother corroborated these claims. However, they were denied by the prosecution who stated the investigation showed no evidence of Hartwell being persuaded by Freeman.

"Everything that we have heard [from the defense] about Joseph Freeman controlling Ms. Hartwell, this is the first time anybody has heard of it," said Miller. "Obviously there can be things that happen that we don't realize or we don't know about, but there is nothing consistent with 'she is this battered person who was completely at the will of Joseph Freeman.'"

Judge Pope heard from other members of Hartwell's family, including her fiancé and soon-to-be mother-in-law. She also heard from Hartwell herself.

"I would like to say a big apology to Mr. Green's family, I never knew all of this was going to happen," said Hartwell through tears. "I never meant for none of this...I'm so sorry."

Hartwell has three children with a fourth due in June. Conroy explained her pregnancy is high risk, and asked the judge to consider this in relation to her sentence.

"I understand Ms. Hartwell's position and Ms. Hartwell's circumstances. The court cannot neglect the fact that a life was lost, a life that meant a lot and cannot be replaced, there's a void in his family members' hearts," said Judge Pope. "I also have taken into consideration but for the actions of Ms. Hartwell, the series of events would not have been set into motion."

While initially charged with murder, conspiracy to commit a crime, and attempted armed robbery, Hartwell, who is now 21, accepted a negotiated plea to voluntary manslaughter and attempted armed robbery. She was sentenced to 20 years in SCDC for the armed robbery charge to run concurrent to 25 years for the voluntary manslaughter charge.

However, the 25-year

sentence for voluntary manslaughter will be suspended upon the active service of 20 years for the armed robbery charge. Once released from SCDC, Hartwell is required to be on probation for five years with random drug and alcohol testing. She will receive credit for 30 days time served.

Croney: 12 years

Before Croney pleaded guilty to attempted robbery and voluntary manslaughter, he made a motion to change counsel.

Croney was represented in Barnwell County by public defender Ola Johnson. He felt Johnson was not representing him properly or gone over the case enough. Although Johnson was fine with this decision, Judge Pope denied the motion for a change in counsel and continued onto the plea.

"This is a difficult case because everyone has a different level of culpability," said Miller, who explained Croney, "was aware of what was going to happen as far as the attempted robbery, he was aware and there for the attempted robbery, and then after the murder he did leave and he was there for the whole thing."

Miller explained Croney was cooperative with law enforcement and his statements helped advance the investigation. Both law enforcement and the prosecution believed that Croney was not masterminding the incident from the start, but that he was a "willing participant throughout the whole situation," said Miller.

Judge Pope allowed both Croney and his sister, Marsha Harrington, to address the court.

"I know anything I say is not going to make them feel any better... but I just want to let them know that I apologize from the bottom of my heart and I wouldn't wish this on anyone," said Croney. "I truly apologize, I know how it feels to lose a loved one, so for me to even be a part of something like this... it will not change anything, but I just want them to know I am truly sorry."

Harrington also apologized to the Green family; "I can't take away your pain, I am disturbed at what I heard happened to your loved one. There is

nothing I can ever say."

"I'm not going to pretend like it's not supposed to hurt, like life just goes on, you just learn to accept things and try to move on with your life, but it is never the same," she said.

Harrington expressed through tears how upset she was with her brother for the role he played in Green's death stating, "I am here to support my brother, but he knows how I feel about those same involved people."

She asked the judge to consider a gracious sentence for her brother, who has little criminal record.

Croney, who is 30 years old, was initially charged with murder, conspiracy, and armed robbery. He pleaded guilty to lesser, negotiated charges of voluntary manslaughter and attempted armed robbery.

"I hope that you have an understanding that your actions caused a tremendous amount of pain to the Green family and also to your family," said Judge Pope.

Judge Pope sentenced Croney to 12 years in SCDC for the attempted armed robbery charge which will run concurrent to a 25 year sentence for voluntary manslaughter.

However, the 25 years for the voluntary manslaughter charge will be suspended upon the completion of 12 years. After serving time in SCDC, he is required to serve five years probation. Croney will receive credit for 1,022 days already served.

Croney was also charged with desecration of human remains and third degree arson in Allendale County. He pleaded guilty on March 19 and was sentenced to three years at SCDC for the desecration charge with a credit of 972 days time served.

Dunbar: 6 years
Dunbar pleaded guilty to accessory after the fact for his role in Green's murder.

"Mr. Dunbar was involved in the disposal of Mr. Green's vehicle and the burning of his body," said Miller. "When they arrested Mr. Dunbar, he was initially charged with murder. We were very comfortable by the end of the investigation that he was not present for the murder."

Dunbar was able to prove he was in Aiken

County at the time the murder occurred, leading investigators to this conclusion.

He apologized to the Green family, and explained he had no idea what he was driving up to when initially turning onto Ball Park Road. He said he was scared to defy assisting Moffite and Croney because a gun was still present, and had obviously been recently used.

Dunbar was sentenced to six years at SCDC, which will be suspended upon the service of four active years followed by two years probation. He will receive credit for 57 days.

Dunbar currently has two pending charges in Allendale County relating to Green's murder: third degree arson and desecration of human remains.

A FAMILY'S ONGOING AGONY

"We're still hurting... we're not going to heal," said the victim's daughter, Nikeshia Green. "I'm angry, I'm mad, I'm sad... I'm tired."

Nikeshia sat amongst her family, many of which were stifling tears and holding onto one another throughout the court process. She told Judge Pope how the loss of her father has left her children without a grandfather, and removed an important male

figure from their life.

"Alfonzo was the oldest male figure of our family," said Jenkins, who explained he would often look to his older cousin for advice and guidance. Jenkins spoke when each defendant took to the stand, emphasizing the loss his family is suffering.

"It has forever changed the foundation of our family," said Moshieka Mosley, Green's cousin. "It's been tough, Alfonso Greene was a cousin, he was a son, he was a father, he was a grandfather...He has grandchildren he will never meet, and children he will never see fully grown."

Nikeshia told Judge Pope she felt "it just didn't make sense" that her father lost his life over \$200 - \$50 a piece split between the defendants.

"He didn't deserve it behind \$50," said Nikeshia.

Throughout the court proceedings, Judge Pope continually expressed her condolences for the family; "I know you hear me expressing my condolences, but that is sincere," said the judge.

The fifth defendant in this case, Joseph Freeman, still has pending criminal conspiracy and murder charges in Barnwell County. Freeman is currently out on a \$50,000 surety bond for both charges.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that Thomas M. Boulware has been appointed Special Personal Representative of the Estate of E.T. Moore for the purposes of closing his law practice. This is to advise that his office files that are six years (6) old or less will be retained. Files that are more than six years (6) old may be destroyed.

If you were a client more than six years (6) ago and desire your file please contact Sylvia Quattlebaum on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday at 803-259-2021 to schedule an appointment to retrieve your file.

If a real estate transaction occurred more than six years (6) ago and you were represented by Mr. Moore and you desire your file, please call Sylvia Quattlebaum at 803-259-2021 to schedule an appointment to retrieve your file.

If any action by a former client is to be taken, please plan to do so before July 1, 2024.

Robert "Bobby" "Bob" Carson Sr.



the Charlie Norwood VA Hospital on Thursday, May 2, 2024.

Born in Calhoun County, SC, he was a son of the late David and Kitty O'Cain Carson and was married to the late Gloria Sikes Carson. Bob was a member of Pine Grove Lutheran Church in Lone Star, SC. He worked for Dupont in Document Control until his retirement in 1989. Bob was a farmer and loved gardening; he enjoyed planting okra and selling it to the local stores. He served as a Mason and Shriner and was previously a member of the Williston American Legion and was currently a member of the Blackville American Legion. Bob was a U.S. Army veteran having served during WWII and the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his children, Phyllis Carson (Johnny) Martin of Barnwell, SC, Robert Henry Carson Jr. of Lone Star, SC, Michael Anthony Carson and fiancée Dana Lawson of Williston, SC and Mark Kenneth Carson of St. Matthews, SC; his

grandchildren, Wesley (Lea) Martin, Crystal Martin (Patrick) Byrum, Brad Carson, Brett Carson, Adam (Paige) Carson; great-grandchildren, Jameson Martin, Lilly Martin, Garrett Byrum, Kelsey Byrum, Micah Byrum and expecting Asher Carson, due May 18; a sister, Rosetta Staley of North, S.C.; and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Godwin; and two brothers, Marvin and Gene Carson.

The family would like to give a special thank you to their sisters in Christ, Emma Brown, Niurka Donaldson, Lilly Prince, Donna Ray, Ellen Sanders and Emmy Lou Brown for the concern, love and care they provided for Mr. Carson.

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

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WILLISTON - Funeral services for Robert "Bob" "Bobby" Henry Carson Sr., 97, of Williston, S.C. will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, 2024 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel with George Carroll officiating. Burial will be held in the Williston Cemetery with U.S. Army honors accorded. The family will receive friends from 12 noon until the time of service at the funeral home on Wednesday. The family has asked that memorials be made to the Williston Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 367, Williston, S.C. 29853 or to the Shriners Children's Hospital, 950 West Farris Road, Greenville, SC 29605. Bob passed away at



Lorine Manuel Speck

Stephanie Bond (Chuck) of Lexington; one grandson, Nicko Matutina, and two granddaughters, Rebecca and Anna Matutina, all of Charleston; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sara and Elbert Windham and June and Bobby Thomas, all of Fairfax. She also leaves behind a brother-in-law, Lt. Colonel Peter H. Roe of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Also left are many cousins, nieces, nephews, dear friends and devoted church family.

FAIRFAX - Lorine Manuel Speck, 81, peacefully passed to be with her Lord and Savior Wednesday, May 2, 2024.

She was born to the late Fred Wilson "Pete" Manuel Jr. and Ravenelle Rebecca "Nell" Brant on July 17, 1942 in Fairfax, South Carolina. She was a mother, a grandmother, a sister, a cousin, an aunt, a sister-in-law, a mother-in-law and friend to many. Her most important role in life was a devoted Christian and she served her faith well. She was known to many as Lorine, Momma, Nanny, Aunt Lorine, Mama Speck and Snuggles, she was loved by many and she loved them back.

She was predeceased in death by her parents; a sister, Mary Alice Sturm; and sister-in-law, Marilyn Susie Roe. She leaves behind to cherish her memory and miss her greatly, two daughters, Lise Matutina (Nic) of Charleston and

Lorine was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ and served him well and called First Baptist of Fairfax and most recently First Baptist of Lexington her church home.

She was a graduate of Allendale-Fairfax High School in 1960. She then attended Newberry College where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education in 1964. Later in her career, she returned to school and earned her Master's in Education in 1986 from the University of South Carolina. She taught elementary education in Virginia, Texas and South Carolina. Most of her career was spent as a first-grade teacher at Fairfax Elementary where she retired in June of 2004. She will be remembered

by her kind, sweet spirit and her love of all her friends and family. The family would like to extend their deepest appreciation to all the staff at NHC Lexington with special thanks to the Jasmine Unit. We thank you for taking such good care of her and loving her. We could not have done this without them.

Visitation was from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, May 5, 2024 at Keith Smith Funeral Service (128 Water St., Allendale, SC).

Funeral services took place 11 a.m. Monday, May 6, 2024 at First Baptist Church of Fairfax (725 7th St. W., Fairfax, SC). Following the service, burial took place at Bethel Cemetery, Confederate Hwy., Fairfax, SC.

Services were officiated by Reverend James Davis of First Baptist of Fairfax and Reverend Ralph Schneck of First Baptist of Lexington.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bethel Baptist Cemetery Fund, 6486 Confederate Hwy., Fairfax, SC 29827.

Keith Smith Funeral Service was in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at keithsmithfuneralservice.com.

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Yvonne Stokes

DENMARK - Funeral services for Yvonne Jones Stokes, 84, of Denmark, S.C., were held at 3 o'clock p.m., Sunday, May 5, 2024 at Bethel Park United Methodist Church with the Reverend Rudy Gwantly officiating; burial was in the Denmark Cemetery. The family received friends from 2 p.m. until the time of the service on Sunday in the church fellowship hall. Memorial contributions may be given to Bethel Park United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 205, Denmark, SC 29042.

Yvonne passed away at home on Thursday, May 2, 2024.

Born in Galivants Ferry, SC, she was a daughter of the late Jacob Rowell Jones and Bessie Marie Jordan Jones and was married to James Fleetwood Stokes Sr. for 58½ years before his passing in November

of 2018. Yvonne met Fleetwood on a blind date and they united in marriage within a year. She went to work for First National Bank in 1963 and retired in December of 2001 as Loan Officer and Branch Manager. She was a member of Bethel Park United Methodist Church where she served as a children's Sunday school teacher for 25 years, and was church treasurer for 18 years. She also served as United Methodist Women's secretary and treasurer and was president for three terms. She received the United Woman of the year from Bethel Park for working and coordinating outreach with Nancy Brunson including Grace, foster children and Salk lunches. She enjoyed cooking for the Wednesday night Bible study and was a delegate to the annual conference member finance committee. Mrs. Stokes was a member of the Bamberg County Easter Seals and the Bamberg County Heart Association where she served as treasurer for both. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren, enjoyed playing bridge, reading, sewing, gardening and

helping people by driving them to their doctor's appointments.

She is survived by her children, J. Fleetwood (Dana) Stokes Jr. of Denmark, SC, Lisa S. (Keith) Scott of Morganton, N.C. and Holly S. (Mike) Hutto of Williston, SC; her grandchildren, Fleetwood (Brittany) Stokes, Bethany (Dillon) Sandifer, Taylor Stokes; Michael (Lucy) Scott, Virginia Scott, James Ross Scott and Katie Hutto; a sister, Della Jones Kirkland of Batesburg; and a number of in-laws, nieces and nephews that she loved dearly.

In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by six sisters, Marie Thompkins, Bethany James, Trudy Case Shockly, Elnita Smith, Ruth Daniel and Nancy Roberts; 4 brothers, James Thomas Jones, Jacob Rowell Jones Jr., William Stephen Jones and baby Emerson Ford Jones.

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

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STEM DIGS deep in Williston

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The ninth annual DIG STEM Festival came to Main Street in Williston on Saturday, May 4.

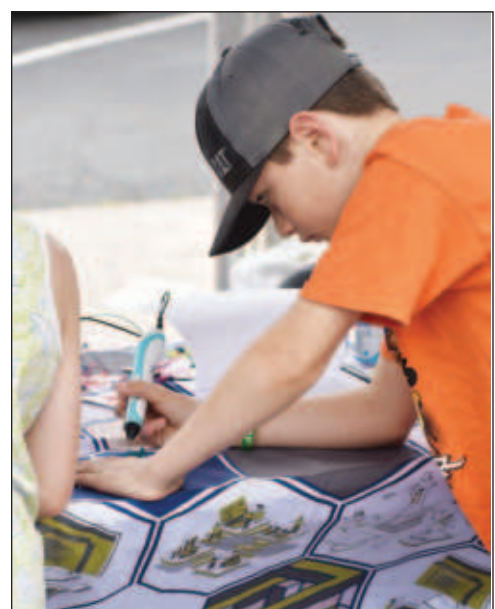
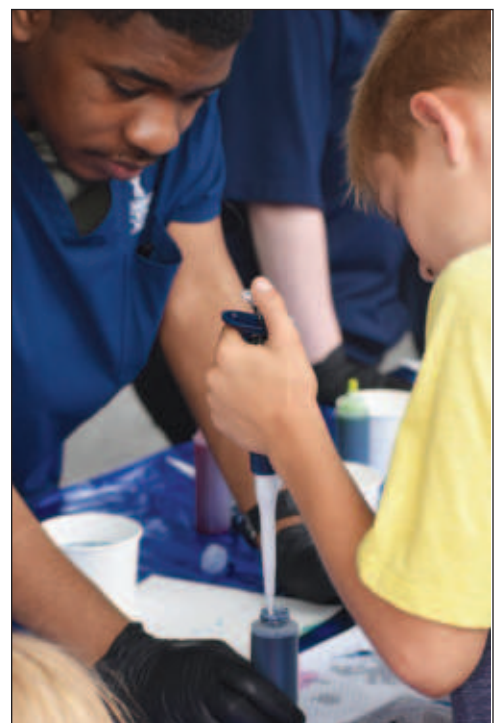
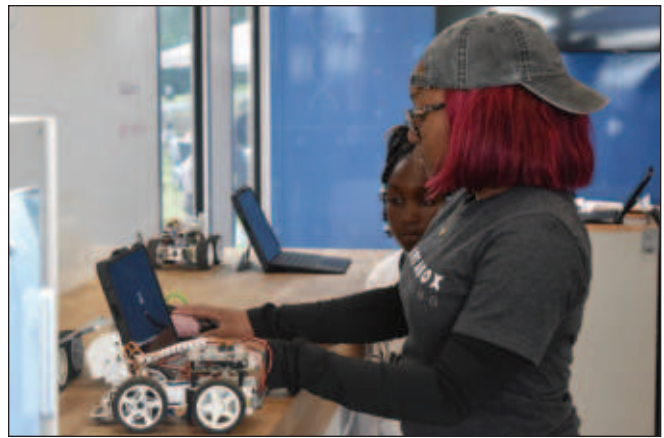
Each year, the Dreams, Imaginations, and Gifts (DIG) program hosts a day where STEM professionals showcase their field to minds of all ages. The main goal of the festival is to increase awareness about the vast options in science, technology, engineering, and math-based careers in rural regions where they may not be as prevalent.

The festival included drones, robotics, flight simulators, virtual reality games, in addition to performances by many talented artists such as the

System Inc. Line Dancers. Exhibitors included Barnwell High School, FIRST South Carolina, Summit Academy, Palmetto Innovation Center, Betabox, and many more. Each brought an interactive STEM activity for kids and adults to learn about. Multiple booths had gatherings of excited participants waiting to participate in the booth's activity.

Sponsors of the event include SRP Federal Credit Union, Barnwell County S.C., Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, BEFESA, Town of Williston, CPI, S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce, Savannah River Site, Breezeline, BSRA, Savannah River Mission Completion, CNTA, Energy Solutions, and Swiss Krono.

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Rotary Club recognizes 4 students for 'service above self'

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During their April 11 meeting, the Rotary Club of Barnwell County honored four students for displaying service above self.

The club bestows "Service Above Self" awards each month to one student from each of the county's three public high schools and Jefferson Davis Academy for exemplifying the club's motto.

"We are so appreciative of all that you all do. It is so wonderful when we see our students across the county making a difference in the lives of others, not only locally but beyond that," said Rotarian Dr. Crissie Stapleton. "I hope you truly know the difference you make."

Madison Doughtie
Madison Doughtie is a senior at Barnwell High School.



Madison Doughtie, Cody Padgett, Kaitlyn Redd and Hunter Zorn are the April recipients of the Service Above Self awards from the Rotary Club of Barnwell County.

Photo By: Jonathan Vickery / Publisher

She has been in the Scarlet Knights Marching Band for the past four years playing clarinet. She is a member of Trinity Baptist Church where she spends a lot of time volunteering and playing the piano.

She plans to attend USC Aiken to major in com-

puter science and minor in music.

Cody Padgett
Cody Padgett is a senior at Blackville-Hilda High School.

He is on the student council and volunteers for fundraisers for that organization. He takes

mechanical engineering courses at the Barnwell County Career Center.

After high school, he plans to attend USC Columbia to major in aerospace engineering. He hopes to have a career working for a company like Boeing or Delta.

Kaitlyn Redd
Kaitlyn Redd is a senior at Williston-Elko High School where she is a very busy student. At WEHS, she plays softball and volleyball, and is also on the National Technical Honor Society and Beta Club. She also spends a good bit of

time out at the Barnwell County Career Center where she is secretary of the FFA.

She also volunteers at a kindergarten class at Oakwood Windsor Elementary School in Aiken County as part of work-based learning. She is a S.C. Teaching Fellow.

Outside of school, she is active at Mt. Hill Baptist Church.

She plans to attend USC Aiken to major in early childhood education.

Hunter Zorn
Hunter Zorn is a senior at Jefferson Davis Academy where he's an "extraordinary student, athlete, state champion, and all-around great human being," said JDA Athletic Director Anthony Reitenour.

Hunter is in the National Honor Society and Beta Club. He also plays football, basketball and baseball.

He plans to attend The Citadel to major in criminal justice while continuing to play football.

DIG's March Teacher of the Month and Lead Dreamers



Teacher of the Month, Ms. Robin Brown of Guinyard Butler Middle School. She is dependable, loyal, and caring. She rarely misses a day and is always the first one to show up. She helps our DIG program run smoothly and is always ready to help when students and staff need her. She goes above and beyond her duties every day!

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Top middle: Guinyard Butler Middle School Lead Dreamers - 7th grade Ivory Davis, 8th grade Johnathan Laplant. Top right: Barnwell Primary School - 1st grade Gionvanni Mendoza, 2nd grade Knox Bolen, 3rd grade Emme Bodiford. Bottom right: Allendale Elementary School - 1st grade Washington Langston, 2nd grade Carter Chess, 3rd grade Violet Fowler, 4th grade Gauge Ayer, 5th grade Timothy Gibbs

WEHS student wins statewide art competition



WEHS student Laila Chavous places second in art contest.

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Congratulations to Williston-Elko High School student Laila Chavous for winning second place in the SCEA Art Competition High School Division. She competed against students from other school districts in South Carolina.

Laila says that when her

dad would see her draw he would tell her she was doing a good job but adding shading to this area. He too is an artist. She says she loves to draw cartoon art style the most.

She is so excited and was surprised that she placed second. What an awesome achievement!

WEHS junior wins statewide writing contest

Madison Wright, a junior at Williston-Elko High School, is one of the winners of the 2024 S.C. Department of Education and Dominion Energy Strong Men and Women in S.C. History Student Writing Contest.

This particular writing contest caught her attention because it would give



WEHS junior Madison Wright is a winner in writing contest.

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her the opportunity to write about someone who had great influence on her life from childhood. She wrote about how Williston native Steven Brown's program, Dreams, Imaginations & Gifts (DIG) Development Program, influenced her decision to become a nuclear engineer.



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 - ◆ Orthopedic Impairment
- ◆ Other Health Impairment
 - ◆ Autism
 - ◆ Multiple Disabilities

Should you be aware of any such children who are in need of services, please contact: **Kim A. Rhoad at 803-541-1300 on weekdays between 8:00AM to 4:00PM.**

All names of referred persons will remain confidential.

COLLEGE NOTES: Locals earn academic excellence in colleges, universities

College of Charleston announces President's List & Dean's List for fall 2023

CHARLESTON – College of Charleston congratulates more than 3,500 students who were named to the President's List and the Dean's List for Fall 2023.

Reid Barker of Barnwell was named to the President's List (Highly Distinguished). Barker is majoring in Biochemistry.

Cadence Brown of Williston was named to the President's List (Highly Distinguished). Brown is majoring in Theatre.

Jireh Baines of Barnwell was named to the President's List (Highly Distinguished). Baines is majoring in Middle Grades Education.

Hayden Horton of Barnwell was named to the Dean's List (Distinguished). Horton is majoring in Dance and Business Administration.

To qualify for the President's List (Highly Distinguished), students must earn a GPA of 3.800 or higher and complete a minimum of 12 semester hours.

To qualify for Dean's List (Distinguished), students must earn a GPA of 3.500 or higher and complete a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Kimberly Shahan Inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, LA – **Kimberly Shahan** of Barnwell, South Carolina, was recently initiated into The

Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Shahan was initiated at Augusta University.

Shahan is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

ADOPTABLE PET OF THE WEEK

'Thanos' is a sweetheart who loves attention



Thanos is this week's Adoptable Pet of the Week from the Barnwell County Animal Shelter. He is a male pitbull-Great Dane mix.

"Thanos is just so handsome! He is tall, nearly small horse sized, but every inch of him is just full of love. He is such a sweetheart who really needs a place where he can be by someone's side for the long haul. He loves children, has a great personality, is good with other dogs, and loves attention," said Marlana Ray, shelter manager.

The shelter is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mail donations to 57 Wall St., Barnwell, S.C. 29812. Contact 803-259-1656 or animalshelter@barnwells.c.com.

Blackville, Williston schools receive over \$27,000 through SRPFCU affinity card program



SRPFCU representatives presented checks to leaders of the Barnwell County Consolidated School District for their earnings through the High School Affinity Debit Card Program. Pictured left to right: Stephanie Hutto (SRP Williston branch manager), Anthony Flowers (principal of Williston-Elko High School), Christina Snider (principal of Blackville-Hilda High School), David Corder (BCCSD interim superintendent), Angela Cotton (SRP Barnwell branch manager), and SRPFCU CEO Eric Jenkins.

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A partnership with a local credit union has paid off for the Barnwell County Consolidated School District (BCCSD).

The BCCSD, along with other local school districts, participate in the SRP Federal Credit Union's (SRPFCU) High School Affinity Debit Card Program.

"The SRP High School Affinity Debit Card Program was designed to help provide funding to our local high schools. If you choose a high school that is part of the program and use that High School Affinity Debit Card, every time you make a purchase using it, SRP donates money to that particular school. Schools can then use these funds to purchase books, equipment, materials, fund school programs, or whatever the school may need. The school decides where the funds are used," said Patti McGrath,

a marketing specialist with SRPFCU.

In March, SRPFCU CEO Eric Jenkins presented checks for the 2023 Affinity Debit Card Program earnings for Blackville-Hilda High School (BHHS), Williston-Elko High School (WEHS), and the district as a whole. The BCCSD received \$27,444.45, including \$11,933.45 to BHHS and \$15,511 to WEHS.

"The SRPFCU affinity card partnership has been very beneficial for our school. The funds from the partnership have been used for various student and teacher incentives, and to pay for other wants and needs that may fall outside of the regular funding paid from local, state, and federal sources," said WEHS Principal Tony Flowers.

BHHS Principal Christina Snider said the program has also been beneficial for her school by allowing them the funds to purchase needed supplies and equipment for students and teachers. This includes incentives. "We are very grateful

that our school community has supported the SRPFCU Affinity Card Program and we are a beneficiary of these funds," said Snider.

Flowers and Snider, along with BCCSD interim superintendent David Corder, thank SRPFCU for the continued partnership, as well as the support of the community members who use their Affinity cards.

Barnwell High School, the Barnwell County Career Center, Jefferson Davis Academy, and Allendale-Fairfax High School also participate in the program. Their funds will be presented separately since they are not part of the BCCSD.

Affinity cards are only available to members of SRPFCU. Switch your current card by sending a secure message through SRP Online, calling 803-278-4851, or visiting your local branch, including the ones in Barnwell and Williston.

Learn more about the affinity cards at srpfcu.org/bank/visa-debit-cards/high-school-affinity-debit-cards.

MOM: Barnwell teacher shares journey to motherhood in new children's book

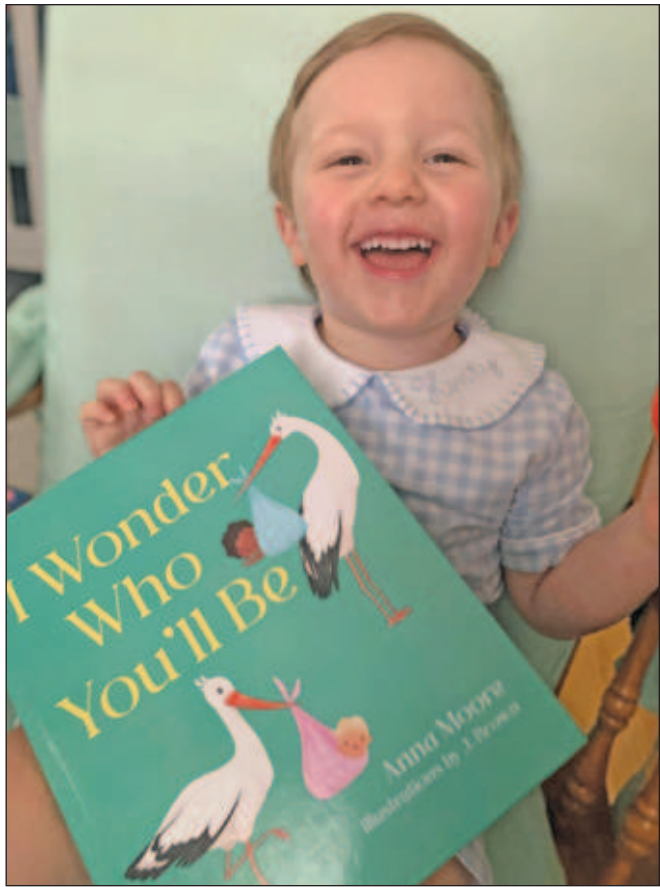
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our hearts as we remain hopeful for things we don't yet have. This was a very challenging waiting period," said Anna.

Fortunately, on July 5, 2021, a successful embryo transfer by in vitro fertilization took place, and by March 4, 2022, Anna and Kitt welcomed into the world their healthy baby boy, Henry Moore, named after Kitt's late grandfather, Henry "Pappy" Delk. Anna and Kitt humbly express, "We can't thank Dr. Brakta and everyone at Augusta University Reproductive and Infertility Associates enough for helping us have Henry."

Through Anna's incredible journey of waiting for her unborn baby to arrive, she poured out her hopeful heart onto the pages of her first-ever book, "I Wonder Who You'll Be". She and her husband waited to find out the gender of their baby until his birth, and Anna, like most mothers, wondered what her baby would be like. But she knew she wanted Henry to have a tangible form of love from his mother to carry with him. Anna shared, "Although this book was originally intended only for Henry, I felt this book would touch the hearts of other women in their journey of having children."

Anna's heart remains sensitive to the women who are still yearning to have children. According to the World Health Organization, roughly one in six women will, or have, experienced infertility.



Henry Moore holds the children's book, "I Wonder Who You'll Be", which was written by his mother, Anna Moore, about her journey to motherhood.

There's no doubt in Anna's mind that Henry is a miracle from God, but she understands the heartache that takes place in the waiting. "It's easier for me to say these things now, but in the storm it is hard," she said.

Anna encourages women who are desperately hoping to bear children to not give up, and for those that choose to do so, keep praying. A Bible verse that kept Anna's faith anchored during this chapter in her life was Psalm 139:16 (NIV), "Your eyes saw

my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

Today, the Moores reside in Barnwell County, along with their cat, Shadow. Anna has taught science at Barnwell High School for six years and Kitt works as a Regional Shed Manager for Melon 1/FH Dicks.

If you'd like to purchase a copy of Anna's book "I Wonder Who You'll Be", you can purchase it online at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Target.

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Blackville-Hilda Hawks fly to the podium

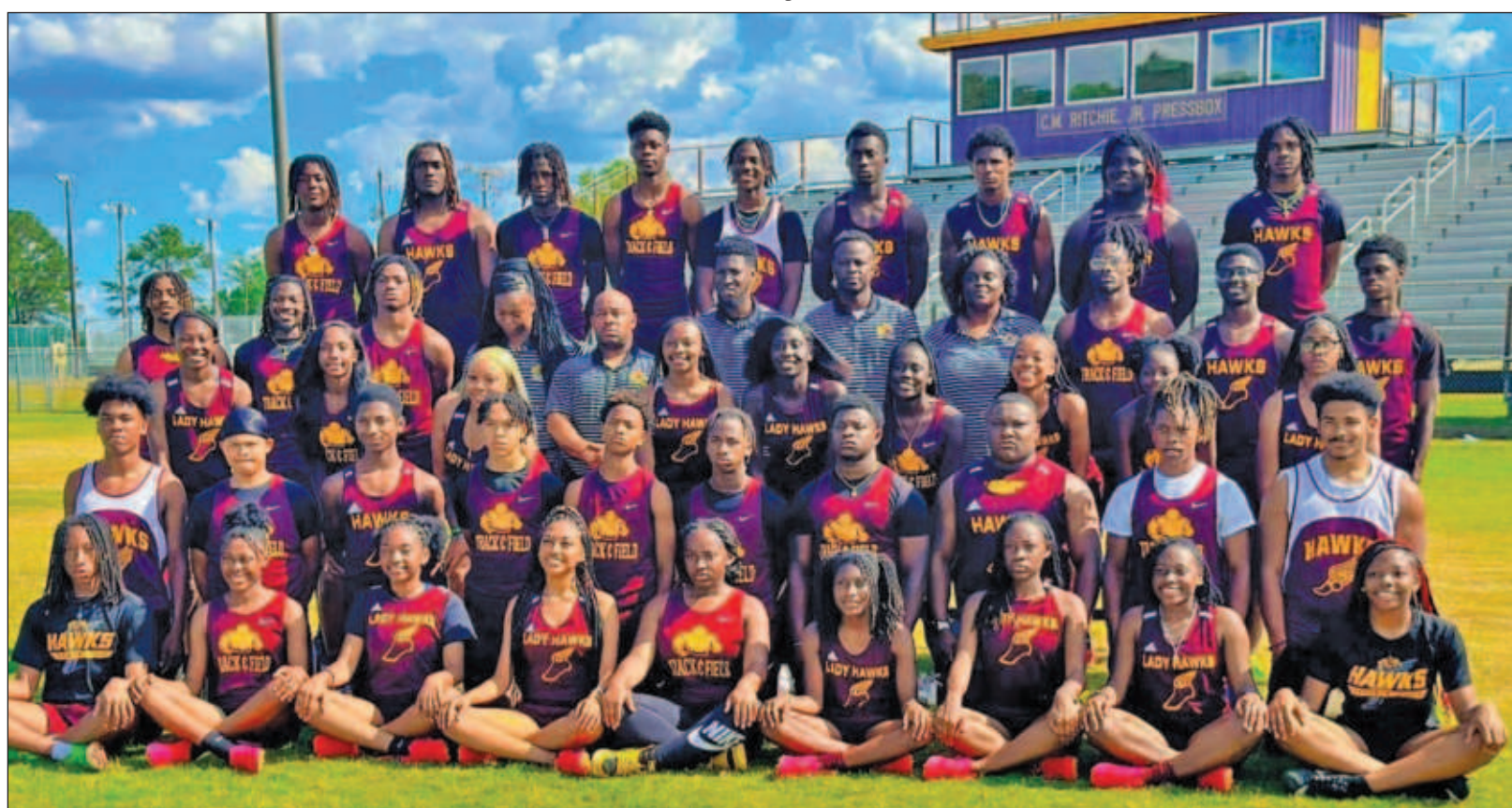
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The Blackville-Hilda Hawks Track and Field teams traveled to Calhoun County for the Region 4-A region meet and Upper State qualifiers. The boys and girls teams competed in team competitions and individuals competed to earn a trip to the Upper State Track and Field Championships to be held Saturday, May 11 at Lower Richland High School.

Both the Boys and Girls teams had outstanding individual and team performances, with the Blackville-Hilda Girls Track and Field team earning the title of Region Champions and the Boys team finished as Region runners-up. In addition to the outstanding team finishes, a very large group of Hawks have earned the right to advance to the Upper State Championships.

Hawks head coach Rushani Burke was very pleased with his team's efforts and results. Coach Burke wanted to thank several people.

"Foremost, I wish to express gratitude to the Lord for guiding me on this journey, as well as to my committed assistant coaches: Cedrick Collins, Faith



The Blackville-Hilda Hawks Track and Field team had a very successful day at the Region Championships.

Photo By: Miracle Jones

athletes' labor. Their relentless dedication since the onset of the season has culminated in a resounding victory. Fielding a team of 18 talented young women, we witnessed an outstanding performance as they clinched the 2024 Girls Region 4-A Championship with an impressive 194 points.

Blackville-Hilda will be very well represented at Upper State this year.

"Noteworthy performances abound, with both our male and female 4x100m relay teams breaking their own records set this year. Outstanding performances on the girls' side include

REGION CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

- Girls 4x100m Relay** - 1st Place - (Sa'riyah Vinson, Tahlia Kinard, Anastasia Beaver, Breyanna Williams)
- Girls 4x800m Relay** - 2nd Place - (Zaria Thomas, Lashane Bracy, Tamaya James, Zaria Thomas)
- Girls 100m Hurdles** - 1st Place - Breyanna Williams
- 2nd Place - Sa'riyah Vinson
- Girls 100m** - 1st Place - Breyanna Williams
- Girls 1600m** - 1st Place - Zaria Smalls
- 2nd Place - Zariah Thomas - 4th Place - Torrianna James
- Girls 400m** - 1st Place - Anastasia Beaver
- Girls 400m Hurdles** - 1st Place - Breyanna Williams
- 2nd Place - Amonya Smalls - 3rd Place - Haylie Sapp
- Girls 800m** - 1st Place - Haylie Sapp - 3rd Place - Zaria Smalls
- Girls 3200m** - 1st Place - Zaria Smalls - 2nd Place - Tamaya James - 3rd Place - Lashane Bracy - 4th Place - Zariah Thomas
- Girls 4x400m Relay** - 1st Place - (Anastasia Beaver, Haylie Sapp, Talia Kinard, Amoya Smalls)
- Long Jump** - 1st Place - Amonya Smalls
- Boys 4x100m Relay** - 1st Place - (Jamarien Priester, Jaquel Holman, Tamari Daniels, Namair Anderson)
- Boys 4x800m Relay** - 2nd Place - (Cooper Mulbah, Eric Mulbah, Diandra Risi, Bryce Collins)
- Boys 100m Hurdles** - 1st Place - Jamarien Priester - 4th Place - Demeria Woodley
- Boys 100m** - 1st Place - Jaquel Holman
- 2nd Place - Tamari Daniels - 3rd Place - Namair Anderson
- Boys 1600m** - 3rd - Bryce Collins
- Boys 400m** - 2nd Place - Jamarien Kirkland
- 4th Place - Jaden Berry
- Boys 400mh** - 1st Place - Jamarien Priester
- 4th Place - Demeria Woodley
- Boys 800m** - 2nd Place - Robert McCreary - 3rd Place - Bryce Collins - 4th Place - Eric Mulbah
- Boys 200m** - 1st Place - Jaquel Holman
- 2nd Place - Namair Anderson - 4th Place - Samari Williams
- Boys 3200m** - 1st Place - Diandra Risi
- 4th Place - Robert McCreary
- Boys 4x400m Relay** - 2nd Place - (Jamarien Kirkland, Samari Williams, Jamarien Priester, Jaden Berry)
- Long Jump** - 3rd Place - Jamarien Kirkland
- Triple Jump** - 2nd place - Jamarien Kirkland
- 3rd Place - Darius Jenkins - 4th Place - Demeria Woodley



The Hawks brought home a lot of medals from the Region Championships.

Photo By: Miracle Jones

Vice, Tonya Coleman, and Paris Mason (AD), whose unwavering support has been instrumental in the success of our program. I also extend my sincere appreciation to the administrations of both Blackville-Hilda High School and Macedonia Elementary-Middle for their unwavering support throughout this journey, as well as to all the parents whose presence and encouragement at the Region Championship fueled our athletes' spirits."

Burke went on to say, "I am proud to see the fruits of our

This triumph holds special significance for Blackville-Hilda High School, marking our first Region Championship victory since 2002."

Coach Burke continued, saying, "Our team of 26 young men showcased exceptional grit and tenacity, narrowly missing the mark against Calhoun County by a mere 14 points. With Blackville securing 223 points against Calhoun County's 237, it was evident that victory would require near-perfection in execution. Nevertheless, our boys fought valiantly, demonstrating their resilience and commitment to the sport."

Athletes who finished in the top four of an event along with anyone who finishes in the next best eight performances across the Upper State, qualify for the Upper State Championships.

Breyanna Williams, who won all three of her individual events: 100m, 110m hurdles, and 400m hurdles. Breyanna Williams is the only female in the history of Blackville-Hilda Track and Field to break below the 13:00-second barrier, clocking a new personal best of 12.84 seconds. She also contributed to helping the girls' 4x100m relay team secure first place. Anastasia Beaver also excelled, placing first in the girls' 400m and contributing to both the 4x100m and 4x400m relay teams securing first place. On the boys' side, Jaquel Holman stood out by winning first place in both of his individual events: 100m and 200m, and aiding the boys' 4x100m relay team in securing first place, achieving a new personal best of 10.93 with his teammates Tamari Daniels clock-

ing 10.99 and Namair Anderson clocking 11.32 to finish second and third, respectively."

Good luck to the Blackville-Hilda Hawks as they compete at

Upper State this weekend. Come on out to Lower Richland High School and cheer on your Hawks!

VARSITY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

Wednesday, May 8

AA Playoffs

- Andrew Jackson @ Barnwell (if necessary)

Thursday, May 9

SCISA Playoffs

- JDA @Richard Winn (if necessary)

AA Playoffs

- District 5 winner @ District 6 winner (TBD)

SOFTBALL

Wednesday, May 8

A Playoffs

- Williston-Elko @ Whitmire 5:00 PM

AA Playoffs

- Barnwell/Andrews winner @ North Central (TBD)

Friday, May 10

AA Playoffs

- District 5 winner @ District 6 winner (TBD)

TRACK

Saturday, May 11

- AA Lower State (Barnwell) @ Woodland 11:00 AM

- A Upper State (Blackville-Hilda) @ Lower Richland 9:00 AM

GOLF

Mon. and Tues., May 13-14

AA State Tournament

- (Nick Jones, Barnwell) @ Cheraw State Park 10:00 AM

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The Blackville-Hilda Girls Track and Field team won the Region 4-A Championship.

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Barnwell golf wins Region Tournament

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The Barnwell Warhorse golf team competed in the Region 6-AA golf tournament held last Tuesday, April 23 at Sweetwater Country Club in Barnwell. Barnwell came away with the victory and earned the Region 6-AA Region Championship at the par 71, 18-hole course.

The Warhorse golf team is made up of Hudson Harvey, James Hiers, Mustafa Khan, Rebecca Richardson, and Landon Williams. The Horses are coached by Brian Smith and Jay Harvey. If the name Rebecca Richardson sounds familiar, she is the team's sole girl, and she recorded a hole-in-one last year. Many life-long golfers never accomplish that feat.

Barnwell's number one ranked golfer, Nicholas

Jones, had a good day for the Horses and was the lowest scorer for the team, and for the tournament. The lowest score at the tournaments earns the golfer the Medalist title. As the Medalist for the Region Tournament, Nick also earns an invitation to the South Carolina AA State Golf Championship Tournament. The tournament will be held May 13-14 at Cheraw State Park course, with tee-time set for 10 a.m.

Nick was asked about his reactions to earning an entry into the AA State Golf Championship Tournament and said, "It's an honor to be able to represent Barnwell at the state level. I understand that it has been a few years since we had someone go and it feels good to pick it back up."

He was also asked about earning the Medalist title and said, "It felt great. I counted before teeing off on the 18th hole and realized I



The Barnwell Warhorse golf team (left to right) Coach Brian Smith, Mustafa Khan, Hudson Harvey, James Hiers, Nick Jones, Rebecca Richardson, Landon Williams, and coach Jay Harvey.



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Barnwell #1 golfer Nick Jones was the region Medalist and has qualified to play in the AA State Golf Tournament May 13-14 at Cheraw State Park.

had it in the bag and that all the practice had paid off. It took a large weight off my shoulders."

Barnwell golf coach Brian Smith said that "Nick has steadily improved all year

and played a great round to have a low score and become the region Medalist. I am very excited to see him play next week at the State Tournament."

Jones was asked about his

golf game and stated, "The best part of my game is 100 percent my long game. It sets me up in positions that takes the pressure off my short game allowing it to come into its own as well."

Congratulations to the Barnwell Warhorse golf team on winning the Region Championship and to Nicholas Jones for earning an invitation to the State Tournament. Good luck, Nick!

Barnwell Track and Field teams competed at Region Championships

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The Barnwell Warhorse Track and Field teams competed at the Region 6-AA Region Championships last Wednesday, May 1. Woodland High School served as the host school for the Region meet, that is a competition for both team titles and for individuals. Individual athletes could qualify for the Lower State Championships that will also be held at Woodland High School this Saturday, May 11.

The Warhorses had seven athletes qualify for Lower State. Madeline Brown qualified for Lower State in the 400-meter dash. Kalieh Caldwell qualified in the long jump. Logan Foskey and Alexis Youmans both qualified for Lower State in the discus. Demajah Devoe and Kahzeer Wesley each qualified for Lower State in the long jump.

The most impressive results for the Warhorses

came from T'avian Johnson who qualified in not just one or two events, but qualified in three events for Lower State. Johnson will represent the Horses in the 100m, 200m, and long jump events.

Barnwell head coach Thomas Davis was asked about the Warhorses' performance and said, "It was great to see the athletes compete and receive their desired results this past week at the Region Championships. The motto holds true that you get out what you put into your work. Each one of them have done a great job of maximizing their time, energy, and effort in order to reach this great milestone during this shortened season."

The Lower State Championships will start at 11 a.m. at Woodland High School. Come out this Saturday, May 11 and cheer on your favorite Warhorse track and field athletes as they try to earn a spot at the State Championships. Good luck, Warhorses!



T'avian Johnson qualified to compete at the Lower State Championships in the long jump, 100-meter dash, and 200-meter dash, based on his Region Championships finishes.

Photos By: Kelley Wood



Logan Foskey did well at the Region Championships and has earned her way to the Lower State Championships in the discus.



Kahzeer Wesley's long jump performance at the Region Championships has gotten him an entry into the Lower State Championships this weekend.

Snapshots of Warhorse athletes from the May 1st Region 6-AA Region Championships held at Woodland High School.

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Blue Devils end run in playoffs

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The Williston-Elko High Blue Devils baseball team finished their playoff run on Saturday, May 4 after traveling to Greenville to play Brashier Middle College.

"Tough close to the season. The Blue Devils fought back down 6-1 in the 5th and came up a bit short in the bottom of the 9th, 7-6," said head coach Dalton Mundy. "I am beyond proud of all the players for their fight! Thank you to everyone who has supported us this season and

we will be back and ready next year!"

Prior to the playoffs, the Blue Devils baseball team finished the 2024 regular baseball season with a perfect 8-0 region record and the title of Region 4-A Champions.



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Hunter Zorn signs to play Citadel football

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On Wednesday May 1, Jefferson Davis Academy standout athlete, Hunter Zorn, signed to play football for The Citadel.

Hunter is expected to play defensive line for the Bulldogs. Zorn helped lead the JDA Raiders to another great year, culminating in a SCISA 8-Man Football State Championship.

JDA head football coach Anthony Reitenour was asked about Hunter's signing with The Citadel and said, "Hunter has continuously worked harder and harder to improve his abilities since the day I came in the doors here and met him. He has also excelled in the classroom and has been a model young man outside of it. He has worked hard to earn the opportunity



Hunter Zorn dons the hat of his new team, The Citadel, as mom, Brandy Zorn, happily watches the signing ceremonies.

Photo By: Donna Miley

to suit up as a Bulldog and I couldn't be more proud of him. He has been a pleasure to coach and will truly be missed by his JDA football family, but we

are genuinely excited to see what the future holds for this exceptional young man."

Hunter was asked about his thoughts on the signing

and replied, "It feels great to have the opportunity to play at the college level. It has always been a dream of mine and I couldn't have done it without God, my

mom, family, coaches and teammates."

Zorn knows that the Citadel will be hard work. He plans to major in criminal justice and envisions a career in the field of law upon graduation. He is looking forward to playing on the defensive line for the Bulldogs.

When asked about his playing days at Jefferson Davis Academy, he said, "My favorite memory at JDA would have to be winning the State Championship in football with my teammates who will be my brothers forever. I'll be sticking around so I can't wait to see those boys get after it this year. My advice for younger athletes wanting to play at a higher level would be to always push yourself to do more in school and sports and don't take your time for granted because it goes by way faster than you think."

Hunter's mother, Brandy Zorn, was asked about her thoughts on her son's signing. Brandy responded, saying, "I'm so proud of Hunter! Hunter set high goals for himself at a young age. Hunter has chased his dreams from a small boy playing local rec league football to now college level football. Hunter said at a young age he would have a State Championship ring on his finger one day! That happened his senior year. Hunter also made a statement that he would play D football somewhere. That's all determination and hard work ethic! I'm proud as his mother to stand beside him as he continues with his goals and dreams at The Citadel. Go Bulldogs!"

Good luck to you, Hunter, as your Bulldog football and Citadel days await!

Bre'Anna Buckmon selected for North-South softball game

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Barnwell Warhorse senior catcher Bre'Anna Buckmon has been chosen to participate in the 2024 South Carolina Coaches Association of Women's Sports annual All-Star softball event, often referred to as the North-South softball game. The event will take place over two days, Wednesday, May 29 and Thursday, May 30 at Lexington High School, in Lexington.

The SCCAW North-South game features some of the state's best senior softball players from all levels. Bre'Anna Buckmon will join Barnwell and Team South coach Mike Beasley representing the Warhorses in this prestigious All-Star classic.

"When I found out I was selected, I didn't believe it! I am grateful and excited for the game," said Bre'Anna.

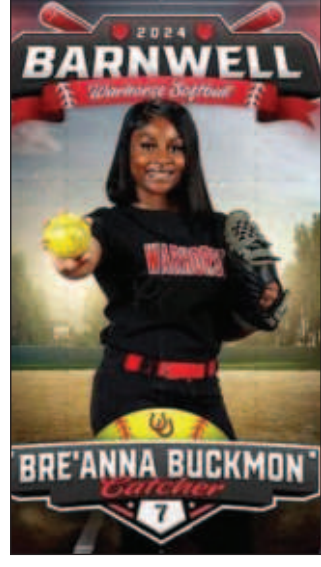
Bre'Anna has been playing softball for nine years and was asked about her journey and favorite memories. She said, "My favorite memories have been winning Region Champion-



Bre'Anna Buckmon will represent Barnwell in the SCCAWS North-South All-Star game.

Photo By: Kelley Wood

ships back-to-back years. Being a catcher for the past two years has been an amazing experience for me. I would like to thank my parents and other family members. I also want to thank Coach Mike Beasley, Coach Jenny Raines, Coach Willis Devore, Mrs. Felicia Devore, Coach Rick Arnold and Mrs. Rose Arnold for being my coaches and believing in me throughout my entire softball career. I thank my softball teammates for being uplifting



Bre'Anna Buckmon's .994 fielding percentage from the catcher position helped earn her North-South invitation.

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and bringing life to this sport, because of this I will always love softball."

Barnwell head coach and head coach of Team South in the North-South game, Mike Beasley, said he's happy Bre'Anna was selected to play in the North-South All-Star softball game. "She is the second consecutive player chosen from Barnwell High School to participate in the North-South game. Last year, Cailyn Morris represented Barnwell High School in the North-South classic. Bre'Anna has worked hard and is very deserving of this opportunity. I know she will do her best as she represents Barnwell High School and the Lady Warhorse softball team. Please plan to attend to support Bre'Anna May 29 and 30 at Lexington High School."

Bre'Anna will be traveling and working as a member of the United States Air Force after graduation. She was sworn in February 20 and will be leaving for basic training July 9.

We wish Ms. Buckmon the best of luck at the North-South All-Star softball game and with her future Air Force career!

Raiders sail past Patriots 9-2



Seniors Reagan Still and Gylan Googe are honored on Senior Night, where JDA defeated Patrick Henry Academy 9-2.

Photo By: Hillery Still

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The Patrick Henry Academy Patriots traveled to Blackville on Monday, May 6 to face the Jefferson Davis Academy Raiders in JDA's final home game.

The last home game is traditionally the game where the senior players are recognized before the home crowd one last time. It is often an emotional time, and can sometimes lead to unexpected results on the playing field. This was not the case as the Raiders easily defeated the visiting Patriots 9-2.

As the school year and regular season come to a close, teams either look to wrap up their season or get ready for the playoffs. JDA is playing some of their best softball of the year, just in time for the post-season to begin. Raiders head coach Bart Owens thinks so, saying, "We have played well last two weeks and are ready for the State Tournament."

JDA is graduating two of their best players after the 2024 season. Reagan Still

and Gylan Googe were both honored at Monday night's final home game. It was a great time to celebrate these two young ladies and to say "thank you" for all they have contributed to the JDA softball program over the years. Coach Owens called it a night with "lots of emotions."

"We played an amazing game tonight! Reagan pitched 7 innings with 2 hits and 1 earned run. We played well behind her on defense and hit the ball well but also played small ball to perfection," said Coach Owens.

JDA seems to be playing like a team that is not ready to end this season quite yet. Playoffs are about to start, and every coach will tell you just how important it is to be peaking at the right time. That sounds just like the ticket to give Gylan and Reagan a few more magical memories to take with them.

Good luck JDA Raiders in the State Tournament and great job Reagan Still and Gylan Googe for all your hard work and dedication to the JDA softball program. You will be missed.

Blue Devils advance to District Championship game

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The Williston-Elko Blue Devils hosted the Bengals from Brashier Middle College Charter School in Simpsonville on Monday, May 6.

At stake was a trip to the District Championship game. Williston-Elko played a clutch game to secure the 15-5 victory and earn a trip to face the Wolverines from Whitmire High School.

"Our win over Brashier Middle College sends us to the District Championship game for a second straight year. I'vana Robinson shined for us in the circle pitching 6 innings, recording 4 strikeouts, and getting the win. Key hitters were Gracyn Williams who went 2-3 with 3 RBIs, Hailey O'Neal was 2-3 with 3 RBIs, and Tatum Miller who was 2-4 with 3 RBIs, including the walk off game winner in the bottom of the 6th," said Williston-Elko head

coach Jamie Wootten.

Coach Wootten went on to say, "I thought our girls played one of their all-around best games of the season. We gave up some hits and runs early but then I'vana settled in and took control of the game. Our defense played well behind her, especially shortstop Tra'Niya Josey who turned a big double play in the second inning to limit some potential early damage.



I'vana Robinson pitched well, struck out 4, and earned the win.

Photo By: Vickie Benjamin



Reese Yelton scored for the Devils in their 15-5 win over Brashier Middle College.

Photo By: Vickie Benjamin

Offensively, we just kept attacking and adding runs

each inning. I am really proud of the girls for putting the game away late."

As they prepare for the District Championship, Wootten said, "We've got a tall task in front of us Wednesday. We've got to win two from Whitmire in front of what will be the largest crowd we've ever played in front of, but it should be a fun night and our girls are looking forward to the rematch."

We wish Coach Wootten and the Williston-Elko Blue Devil softball team the best of luck at the District Championship! Go Devils!



Coach Wootten and the Lady Blue Devils are headed to the District Championship game at Whitmire on Wednesday, May 8.

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