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Mass transit returns Feb. 1 with higher fares

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- Ethel Faust, executive director of Generations Unlimited

Local Motion mass transit services are set to resume on February 1 under a new fare schedule. Generations Unlimited (GU) is Barnwell County's office on aging and operating agency of the mass transit service, Local Motion. In November 2023, trips for non-Medicaid members were

stopped and Medicaid trips were prioritized, leaving many Barnwell County residents without rides to work, medical appointments, or grocery stores. The new fare schedule is based on miles traveled. Every ten miles is \$5, with a 50 cent increase per mile added. For example, traveling six miles would be \$5 one way,

traveling 11 miles would be \$5.50 one way, and 12 miles would be \$6 one way. A rider traveling 46 miles total would be \$23. Mass transit services will be offered from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday - a schedule that begins after many Local Motion riders start their work day. Before mass transit was

deprioritized by GU, rides would begin around 3 a.m. According to GU executive director Ethel Faust, transit beginning at 3 a.m. is only for Medicaid passengers under the new structure. Numerous mass transit riders have been boarding a bus before the sun rises for years prior. The GU board approved a mile-

based fare schedule on January 17 in an effort to "better accommodate and serve the transportation needs of our community," states a press release by Faust. The previous schedule priced rides from one location to another. For example, it would cost \$1.25 each way for transit within the city limits of Barnwell, \$3.25 each way from Barnwell to Aiken, and \$4.75 each way from Barnwell to Orangeburg or Augusta. See TRANSIT, 3A



While speaking at the Allendale Democratic Party's headquarters, California Gov. Newsom emphasized the reshoring of manufacturing jobs that has occurred during the Biden administration. Elijah de Castro / Report for America

California governor visits Allendale amid frustration among local Democrats

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Ahead of the Democratic Primary on February 3, The People-Sentinel interviewed voters about the current state of the presidential election and the issues important to them. Common frustrations were observed surrounding the lack of debates between the candidates, the small number of candidates on the ballot, and the two-party system. There are three candidates on the ballot in the Democratic Primary: Incumbent President Joe Biden, author Marianne Williamson and Congressional Representative Dean Phillips of Minnesota. Early voting began on January 22. On January 24, California Governor Gavin Newsom visited the Allendale County Democratic Party, as part of a trip across South Carolina that involved stops at Hilton Head Island and Bamberg. Voter frustrations Voter Arnetta Hulén, who attended Newsom's event in Allendale, said she is frustrated with the current tone of the presidential race and the lack of a wider pool of candidates. In the 2020 Democratic primary, 29 major candidates competed for the nomination. "I'm feeling sad because there's so much confusion," said Hulén. "Why aren't there any debates? If they think that Biden and Harris are who we need to deal with, then so be it. I would like to see someone else maybe get into the race." Although several voters voiced support for the economic legislation passed by the Biden

administration, concerns were raised about the Democratic Party's messaging. "I think the Democratic Party really needs to do a better job with their messaging," said Nate Hartley. "They're talking way over the average person's head. ... Nobody is really talking about how we reach that person that feels like [the Democrats are] just looking out for the big guy." During Newsom's visit, a voter asked Newsom about Biden's age and if he has the cognitive abilities to continue holding the office of the presidency. Biden is currently the oldest president in American history and if re-elected, Biden would be 86 by the end of his second term (former president Donald Trump would also be 82 years old if he were to be re-elected). Newsom said his personal experiences with Biden differ from the media coverage of Biden's age. "I've been with the president more than most governors for all the right and wrong reasons," Newsom told the crowd. "I do not understand that narrative. This guy is next level energy in private. I'll take him at 100 years old versus anyone else at whatever age." Democratic voters interviewed also expressed distress with the lack of larger economic and social changes that they believe are needed in their communities. Lottie Lewis, a community leader in Allendale County, attributed this to the lack of needed leadership from elected officials. "I'm talking about elected officials who don't care enough about us to come and say 'I care what you need,'" said Lewis,

"Just because we don't have the businesses that other folks have, just because we might not have the jobs that other folks have we want those things we need those things." Money in Democratic primary The political isolation of small, rural communities is widely attributed by political scientists to the influence of money in politics. Behind both the Democratic and Republican primary are SuperPACs, which are political action committees that raise unlimited amounts of money from wealthy donors. These SuperPACs fund advertisements that are put out through media outlets and social media. Sarah Bryner is the Director of Research and Strategy at OpenSecrets, a non-profit organization that tracks how money moves through politics and elections. Bryner said that although different parties may take money from donors from different industries, they have the same influence over political decision making. "Transparency around who's funding these advertisements is critically important," Bryner said. "There is evidence that once elected, elected officials are more likely to hold meetings with donors than their constituents; That speaks directly to this problem where the wealthy can buy access." Bryner said that since Biden is the incumbent president and has a higher chance of being reelected, the Biden campaign has not spent as much money on the primary than the Republican primary race, which is more competitive. New campaign finance information on the primaries will be published on

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Blackville man among two charged in Neeses murder

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A Blackville man is among two suspects charged in an Orangeburg County murder. Brandon Oneal Youmans, 38, of Blackville, and Dwayne D. Singleton, 47, of Norway, are charged in connection to a January 6 fatal shooting in Neeses. Both are charged with one count each of murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime, according to arrest warrants. "I was advised before arriving on the scene by OCSO dispatch that someone shot another individual and the shooter was still on the scene and he was in the yard. I then arrived on the scene where multiple people were in the yard screaming, stating their cousin was shot," stated the first responding deputy in the incident report.

Orangeburg County sheriff's deputies responded to Majesty Street in Neeses shortly before 10 p.m. on Jan. 6. Upon arrival, the first responding deputy observed a handgun on the ground. A Black male lying on his back, face up, beside a parked vehicle with gunshot wounds and a large amount of blood around him, according to the report. "I then applied my tourniquet on his right arm, to try and control his bleeding due to him losing a large

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First Citizens Bank in Williston closing its doors March 13

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After offering solely drive-thru services for over a year, the First Citizens Bank on Main Street in Williston will officially close on March 13, 2024 at 2 p.m. Although the location will be closing, the ATM will remain, according to Frank Smith, Senior Marketing and Communications Project Consultant / Vice President at First Citizens Bank. The decision to close was made in fall 2023. "The closing of First Citizens is terrible. It affects a lot of the town's people, both businesses and individuals alike," said Williston Mayor Brett Williams. "We've noticed First Citizens closing a few of the small branches over the last few years, but I certainly figured they had enough interest in the town not to close ours." According to Smith, numerous factors such as overall branch traffic, number of transactions, and more clients switching to

mobile banking go into the decision to close a branch. Three associates are currently employed at the Williston location. Other locations of this bank include Barnwell on Dunbarton Boulevard, Columbia Road in Orangeburg, and two Aiken locations. "The decision to close a bank is a difficult decision," said Smith. "We hope that customers will continue to bank with us." With Walgreens shutting its doors in May 2023, this is the second large business to close in Williston in the past year. "Both First Citizens and Walgreens have been in the process of closing smaller locations and unfortunately we have been hit with these two closures," said Mayor Williams. "We reached out to

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Mennonite school children sing to their "Tree Friend"

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"...I'm becoming what the Lord of trees has meant me to be, a strong, young tree..." was a lyric from the chorus of "The Tree" song, sung by Sheryl Kanagy's students at The Blackville Garden Club's (BGC) Herbal Serenity Garden on South Carolina's Arbor Day last month.

National Arbor Day is always recognized on the last Friday in April, but, because it's the ideal time to plant trees in this region, South Carolina Arbor Day is observed on the first Friday of December.

To commemorate the occasion at the Herbal Serenity Garden's Main Street location, BGC member Joan McDonald recited a reading about Arbor Day's history and BGC president Lil Stoltzfus invited the first and second grade students from the Healing Springs Mennonite School to join in the celebration.

The children, well-rehearsed, sang out from their hearts knowing they were partaking in a part of Blackville's history as they sang, facing the garden's new addition.

Garden club members spoke with the children about how they'd be able to watch the young tree grow, as they themselves do with the town. Each child



Left to right: 2nd Grade Teacher: Sheryl Kanagy, Students: Brandon Miller, Kate Yoder, Keturah Yoder, Adrian Yoder, Jensen Troyer, and Chloe Weaver.

Photo By: Donna-Maria Conzalina / Contributing Writer

smelled and touched the tree while learning about its beneficial healing, aromatic and visual properties. Teaching children and the community about herbal plants is one of the main goals BGC hopes this garden will bring as a gift to the town.

"This is the second time our students have sung for the garden club and we are happy to be part of it!" Kanagy said.

Following the song, participating BGC members planted the specially-shaped rosemary bush purchased from Kinard's Nursery in Barnwell.

"Mr. Kinard never fails to help us find the perfect herbal plants for this community garden we're so excited to be developing as a gift for the town," said BGC member and project designer Donna-Maria Conzalina.

Wanting to keep with tradition by planting a tree on Arbor Day, yet keeping the herbal continuity for the garden, members agreed on choosing a rosemary bush they could prune and raise into a tree shape.

"This selection balances out a triad shape in the garden with the previously planted eucalyptus trees which are flourishing alongside the bench. We're very appreciative to Mr.

Kinard for once again finding us the perfect plant and to the mayor for his support of this project!" said Conzalina.

Before any other additions are made to the Herbal Serenity Garden, considerations for its springtime relocation are being discussed with Mayor Ronnie Pernell as he works with contractors, officials and the community with plans for more additions to

The Tree Song

1. I saw a tree by the riverside one day as I walked along. Straight as an arrow and pointing to the sky, growing tall and strong. "How do you grow so tall and strong?" I said to the riverside tree, This is the song that my tree friend sang to me:

*** Chorus:

"I've got roots growing down to the water, I've got leaves growing up to the sunshine, And the fruit that I bear is a sign of life in me,

I am shade from the hot summer sundown, I am nests for the birds of the heavens,

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2. I saw a tree in the city streets where buildings blocked the sun. Green and lovely I could see it gave joy to everyone. "How do you grow in the city streets?" I said to the downtown tree, This is the song that my tree friend sang to me:

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The \$5 per trip rate for a no show and late cancellation or schedule remains. Fares are non-refundable.

Appointments for pickup must be made three days in advance to be put on the schedule and forms are available from drivers or at the GU office, located at 10915 Ellenton Street in Barnwell. Call (803) 541-1197 to make an appointment.

GU has recently been undergoing a restructuring with focus on the transportation department.

According to Faust, Local Motion has undergone an update to the software system for non-emergency medical transportation "to become more efficient and cost effective" in regard to scheduling, dispatching, billing, reporting, and operation.

"The total community's continued support is needed and requested to ensure we continue our progress, aiming to deliver a transportation service that is most beneficial to our ridership in the most

cost effective manner," said Faust. "Our goal is the ensure that every citizen can utilize our services to meet their needs for medical services, work, social and recreational activities."

For questions or concerns, contact executive director Ethel Faust at (803) 963-4720 or transportation manager Shala Sanders at (803) 541-1249. The GU office can be reached at (803) 541-1197.

The People-Sentinel will continue to cover future updates and changes at GU.

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Williston-Elko's Dreams Imagination and Gift's Academy illuminated and electrified this year's Future City Regional competition

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The Williston-Elko based DIG Afterschool Program took on stiff competition at this year's Future City Regional hosted in Atlanta, Georgia. The team of Rodney Holmes, Lyanna Wilson, Reginald Odom, and Riquasia Mack exemplified excellence winning the Student's Choice award and second place overall in the competition.

The team was escorted into the competition by educators Charlette Epps and William Shipes, and several supportive parents and grandparents. In the room of over 33 teams of competitors that spanned both Georgia and South Carolina, the Future City Model named ASTEROPE drew bewildered eyes from students, teachers, and industry experts alike. The aptly named city ASTEROPE, standing for A Space Terra Energy Renewable Optimized People's Electrology, never stood vacant from onlookers and inquisitors for the duration of the competition, over eight and a half hours.

During this time the team took on hardline questions concerning their model and research of futuristic technologies. Their goal, to have a city of the future that only ran on electricity. Their solution, a century of innovation stemmed from a hydroelectric dam, evolving



The Williston-Elko based DIG Afterschool Program placed second overall and won the Student's Choice award at this year's Future City Regional competition in Atlanta, Georgia.

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into transitionary solar and piezoelectric technologies, culminating in a microwaved based space energy system. Exhibits of each technology were meticulously hand built and assembled by the team into their physical model. The most eye-catching features being a working hydroelectric dam with pump-back potential energy storage, an electric car that moved autonomously throughout the roadways of the model, and a concept build of a quantum teleportation center. Everyone was captivated by the intricacy and functionality of each modeled aspect. Several fellow competitors had to be physically pulled away from studying the ASTEROPE model by their parents and teachers to return to and present their own.

When it came time for the seven-minute presentation of their model

and project, sixth grader Reginald Odom led the introduction, filling in as an alternate for the team's original leader seventh grader Riquasia Mack who unfortunately had to miss the competition due to sickness. Reginald didn't miss a beat and stood tall, taking command of his opportunity to lead, introducing the team, model, and concept. Lyanna, seventh grader, followed his lead taking judges and listeners alike on an imaginative walk-through town, explaining building by building, street by street how each and every aspect of community life and transportation worked. Finally, the city engineer and technical genius Rodney Holmes, seventh grader, took his turn, explaining the design and functionality of each mechanical, electrical, and technological aspect of the city. As he delved into the storage of

potential energy, satellites in geostationary orbit, and the abundance of excess energy required to move atoms and molecules through the quantum teleportation device, you would have thought he was a student presenting his thesis for his PH.D., not a seventh grader from a small public middle school in South Carolina with less than 170 students.

Upon finishing their presentation, the judges proceeded to ask the team, question after question, challenging their true understanding of the concepts they were presenting, making sure that they weren't just reciting memorized material. Rodney continued to amaze, never once faltering with his responses. Exuding confidence and intelligence so gracefully it brought his mentor and family in the audience to tears. Not to be outdone, Lyanna used

the poise and grace of an artist to meticulously lead the judges through the entire design and layout process of the model when asked. She also resolutely displayed the challenges and creative solutions that came with working with a team in such a limited capacity of just a few hours twice a week in the afterschool program. As a final sendoff to the presentation, Reginald led the team in reciting a key verse of the DIG mission statement, "If they can do it, why not I." impressing on all who were in attendance that nothing is impossible. If our group of sixth and seventh grade students from a small school in South Carolina can come and compete with the best sixth grade through eighth grade public schools, private schools, and home-schools in the states of South Carolina and Georgia, placing second over-

all, then anyone who puts their mind and determination in can do it as well.

The team now looks forward to being an alternate to the national competition and is ready to show up and compete if called upon. Rodney has competed in the competition since the 2021-2022 competition, being allowed to compete as a fifth grader due to low participation during the COVID years. He and his team have finished third place overall in both the 2022 and 2023 competition, so finishing second place in 2024 is a step towards the improvement he was hoping to achieve. There is no doubt in his or his fellow teammates' minds that next year will be the year they claim the first place prize and get to travel to Washington, D.C. to present in the global competition.

Denmark Technical College honors 11 with Nursing Pinning Ceremony



Quotasia Mingo Rowe receives her pin.

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Denmark Technical College held their annual Nursing Pinning Ceremony on August 12, celebrating the 11 nursing graduates who are about to enter the workforce, surrounded by hundreds of family members, friends, educators, staff and administrators in an overwhelming show of support.

The pinning ceremony, a time-honored tradition in the nursing profession symbolizing the transition from student to professional nurse, has roots dating back to the 1860's, when Florence Nightingale was awarded the Red Cross of Saint George in recognition for her service during the Crimean War.

"The 2023 Denmark Tech nursing class deserves to be commended for their exemplary achievements.

They have shown tremendous dedication to their studies and to the nursing field while facing personal challenges and taking on clinicals during a global pandemic," said Dr. Willie L. Todd Jr., Denmark Technical College president and CEO. "Through their rigorous courseload and grueling clinical schedules they have shown that they not only have what it takes to survive, but to thrive as healthcare professionals."

"These nursing students have come to us from all walks of life and entrusted us to provide them with the skills they need to make it in the nursing profession. They have put in countless hours of studying and supported each other like a family. I'm so proud of all they have accomplished and am honored to be a part of their journey," added Karen Myers, dean of nursing at Denmark Tech.



DTC Nursing graduates participate in the lighting of the Nightingale Lamps and prepare to take the Nightingale Pledge.

Three students were recognized with special awards during the ceremony. Zandra Cross was honored with the Academic Excellence Award, Quotasia Mingo Rowe received the Outstanding Clinical Performance Award and Natalie Wright Mixon was named Best All-Around Student.

The centerpiece of the evening was the presentation of pins and ceremonial capping followed by the lighting of the Nightingale Lamps and the Florence Nightingale Pledge. The pledge is a modified version of the Hippocratic Oath where the newly pinned nurses commit themselves to ethical and principled work throughout their careers.

This year's nursing class includes Rachel Craven, Zandra Cross, Betsy Jennings, Natalie Wright Mixon, Patience Pace, Quotasia Mingo Rowe, Dessie Savage, Alexis Smith, Roberta Smoak, Dimani Tatum and Zakiyah Folks Washington.

"I can't wait to see what the future holds for our newest Panther Nursing

Alumni. I have no doubt that they are going to do amazing things," said Todd. "Our School of Nursing is growing by leaps and bounds and I encourage anyone looking for a phenomenal college

with a family environment to come check out Denmark Tech."

About Denmark Technical College

Denmark Technical College is a two-year HBCU in Bamberg County, South Carolina.

Denmark Tech serves over 1000 students with a focus on technical career training, associate degrees and a four-year college transfer program. Additional information about Denmark Tech can be found at www.denmarktech.edu.

JDA Beta Club donates socks to nursing home residents



As a community service project, the Jefferson Davis Academy Beta Club donated Christmas socks to all the residents of the PruittHealth Nursing Home in Barnwell. Pictured are members Kallie Abbott, Reece Brown and Stacey Newsome.

Randy Creech wins special election for Allendale City Council

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Randy Creech has won the special election for Allendale City Council. Creech received 109 votes while his opponent, Shavontay Elmore received 89 votes.

The election was held to fill the empty seat of former council member Earl Morell Jr., who was suspended in Oct. 2022 by Governor Henry McMaster. In Oct. 2023, Morell Jr. pleaded guilty to third-degree criminal sexual conduct with a minor. Creech will serve the remainder of the term on the council until November, when Allendale voters will choose a council member for a full term.

Creech, who has lived in Allendale for 52 years, ran on a platform of increasing opportunities for the Allendale's young people, reducing violence and bringing local businesses into the community. Creech also criticized the

status quo of the local government and said that the town of Allendale's current leadership is not moving fast enough to meet the urgency of issues facing the town.

"It is very sad that some of our citizens here have to drive 15 miles south, 17 miles north, 35 miles east to receive some form of goods," Creech said. "In today's economy where things are just skyrocketing [in price], this is not okay. Something has to change."

Creech said he wants to change common perceptions that people who are not from Allendale have of the community. Frustrations surrounding this perception, Creech said, was common when he asked residents of the town of Allendale for their vote.

"In my view, Allendale is left behind," Creech said. "In my view, as far as the state is concerned, [we're] not valid. In my view, they feel that we're insignificant and we're not irrelevant. We're here



Randy Creech will be new Allendale City councilman.
Photo Courtesy of Randy Creech

for relevancy, significance back and validation back to Allendale."

Despite losing the election, Elmore said on Face-

book that he will continue to be an "advocate for Allendale to be all that we know it can be - a place of love. We as citizens have

work to do. We're in this together."

While campaigning, Elmore frequently spoke about getting young people and people in the Allendale community who don't pay attention to local government involved in local decision making. Elmore, who is a recent graduate of Allendale-Fairfax High School, said that early on in the race, both he and Creech agreed to not attack each other and instead aim to keep the tone of the race positive.

"We both came to a mutual agreement that we had the same passions, the same desires, the same missions, the same motives," Elmore said. "It just so happened [that] we just got caught up in the same special election. With that in mind, our concept, our perspective was not to put one another down."

During the election, the Allendale County Voter Registration and Elections Office encountered several issues, and official results were not available until

Wednesday morning.

On the afternoon of January 23, Collin Gaff, an information technology employee at the South Carolina Election Commission, was sent to the Allendale County Voter Registration and Elections Office to give help. According to Gaff, the office encountered an issue with city precincts in their poll books, which was resolved that day. The second issue, according to Gaff, was that the thumb drive with voting information was not being read properly by the computer the voting office was using.

"It's pretty simple, there was an issue with the poll books where they didn't have all the precincts set up for that election," Gaff said. "That's what I was initially fixing and then there was an issue with the thumb drive. It just ended up becoming a late up-loading of results."

Creech will take the oath of office during a special meeting on Jan. 31.

Flashback 50 years: Allendale-Fairfax High School Class of 1973 seeks help planning milestone recognition

Contributed by
Mae Helen Stoney-Hartley

Half a century has sailed by since the bell last rang for the Allendale-Fairfax High School Class of 1973. Back then, bell-bottoms flared, disco reigned, laughter spilled from crowded lunch tables, and Watergate swirled in the headlines. The Class of 1973, a motley crew of dreamers, rebels, and scholars, etched their memories onto the very fabric of the school. Now, with the sun reflecting off a half-century of life experiences, the golden tigers pause to recognize the vibrant energy of youth and embark on a new adventure: their fiftieth graduation year.

From wide-eyed freshmen navigating awkward lockers to seniors dreaming of futures beyond Allendale County, the Class of '73 formed a unique tap-

estry. The hallways echoed with Tiger spirit on game day pep rally, the drum beat of the band under Mr. Randy Martin's leadership, dissecting frogs in Mr. John Taylor's Biology class, reciting Shakespeare in Ms. Florence Bryan's English Literature class, Ms. Gussie Hutto's unwavering guidance conjugating verbs during English class, Coach Chip Atkin's fierce spirit urging us to victory on the basketball court and Coach Richard Phillips on the gridiron, Mrs. Peggy Riley's numbers game with Geometry and Algebra classes, Mrs. Barbara Harney and Ms. Edith Hopkinson teaching the values of Home Economics and Family Living, and the passionate debates in Ms. Margaret Tuten's U.S. History, Economic, and World History classes, and Mr. James Bradley's booming voice radiating during Chemistry class.

But Allendale-Fairfax wasn't just about academics and athletics. It was about friendships forged in the cafeteria, riding the school bus as far away as Martin, Sycamore, Ulmer,

Treasure each golden memory from the days within your halls. May the tigers ever bring fame and honor to your name. Raise the banner high and let the colors fly for Allendale-Fairfax High.

Saint Mark, Appleton and other parts of the county, secrets whispered during study halls, a few skipped classes, a trip or two to the cornfield, and the shared anxieties of college applications. It was about the class trip to Carowinds, exposure to other cultures while transcending to France in Mademoiselle Hildegarde Robert's

French and Latin class and to Spain in Señorita Joyce Topper's Spanish class, cruising Main Street in muscle cars, the winning touchdown at homecoming, and the anticipation

of senior prom under the glittering disco ball. Those memories, vibrant and enduring, have all come alive again as classmates reminisce of laughter, faces, time, familiar smiles, hearts won, nostalgia, pranks pulled, stories, and old rivalries. We were the generation that danced to Donna Summer, protested the Vietnam War,

and witnessed the dawn of personal computers. Our lockers held not just textbooks, but the secrets of teenage hearts, fun connections, triumphs, and challenges to overcome.

The fiftieth year is a recognition of the indelible mark Allendale-Fairfax High School has left on them, shaping who they became - doctors, artists, teachers, entrepreneurs, dreamers, and doers. The golden years, like they say, hold their own promise, and our reunion is a testament to that. We'll share tales of grandchildren's laughter, bucket-list adventures conquered, and new dreams taking flight.

For the Class of '73, the story is far from over" said classmate Paul "Flash" Wilson.

Come spring 2024, the A-F class will raise the banner and toast families built, careers carved, and dreams chased down in

honor of this fiftieth year celebration, on a date to be announced later. So, Golden Tigers, let the reunion roar! Let's celebrate the past, savor the present, and charge into the future, forever bound by the memories that first brought us together as we ... *treasure each golden memory from the days within your halls. May the tigers ever bring fame and honor to your name. Raise the banner high and let the colors fly for Allendale-Fairfax High.*

If you are interested in being a part of the planning for a successful Class of 1973's fiftieth year spring celebration, please reach out to class members Mae Helen Stoney-Hartley at m.hartley@gmx.com (301) 938-0419 or Paul Wilson, (803) 206-6005 paulflashwil@comcast.net or paulflashwilson@gmail.com Reunion Committee Co-Chairs as soon as possible.

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Holly Hill Complex at Cribb Street, Holly Hill, SC
North Complex at Palmetto Ave., North, SC
Allendale Complex at Bluff Road, Allendale, SC
Blackville Complex at Hampton Ave., Blackville, SC
Branchville Villa complex at Branchville Lane, Branchville, SC
Denmark Gardens Complex at Mimosa Avenue, Denmark, SC
Fairfax Boundary Complex at Boundary Street, Fairfax, SC
Williston West Main Complex at West Main Street, Williston, SC
Barnwell Arms Complex at Thomas Street, Barnwell, SC
Bamberg Villa Complex at Race Street, Bamberg, SC
Hampton Gardens Complex at W. Holly Street, Hampton, SC

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Organization increases food access in Allendale

Laura McKenzie
Contributing Writer

Representatives of Rarea organizations supporting food resources came together Monday, January 24 at Emma's House in Allendale.

The participants are part of the Allendale chapter of Wholespire, formerly Eat Smart, Move More. Wholespire is an organization which provides "communities with proven and sustainable approaches that lead to increased access to healthy choices for all people."

"We want informed influencers and empowered communities who work together to ensure an eq-



uitable South Carolina, where everyone has access to healthy choices," states their website.

Those attending included Chairwoman Lottie M. Lewis of Allendale Enterprise, Shelley Thomas of Healthy Learners, Angela Rainwater of Growers for

Grace, Madie Orage-Green of S.C. Dept. of Health and Environmental Control, Genita Green of Wholespire (Community Engagement Coordinator), Jessica Morrison of Clemson Rural Health (Orangeburg), Courtney Watson of SC Office of Rural Health,

Yokina K. Williams of S.C. Dept. of Mental Health, Phil Dickinson of Allendale Enterprise, Erica Robinson of Clemson University Extension, Dawn Snead of Barnwell Farmers Market, and Bob Snead of Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"Let's welcome 2024 by embracing and celebrating the whole person," said

Lewis. The group discussed plans for the Allendale Farmers Market, nutrition and cooking classes for youth, support for local food resources. They also discussed efforts to coordinate with Allendale County Schools, area farmers and the Town of Allendale.

Correction:
An article titled "Fairfax Town Council terminates magistrate judge" had a misleading headline. Although Branch is the magistrate judge for Allendale County, he is also the municipal judge for the Town of Fairfax. His position as municipal judge for Fairfax was terminated, not his position as magistrate judge for Allendale County.

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.

Tyler Clifton, 36, of 123 East Bowmore Drive, Blythewood, S.C. was arrested on January 24, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Child Sup-

port. Clifton was booked and released to BCDC. Clifton was booked and released to BCDC.

Nina Olivia Delk, 31, of 256 Redwood Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on January 26, 2024 by BCSO for Possession of Meth and Illegal Possession of Prescription Drugs. Delk was booked and released to

BCDC.

Linnie Arch Holder Jr., 44, of 859 Reedy Branch Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on January 26, 2024 by BCSO for Possession of Meth and Driving Under Suspension. Holder was booked and released to BCDC.

Kadara Robert Ingram, 36, of 56 Cherry Street, Barn-

well, S.C. was arrested on January 26, 2024 by BCSO for four counts of Failure to Appear. Ingram was booked and released to BCDC.

Joseph Lyons, 44, of 10401 Charleston Highway, Bowman, S.C. was arrested on January 27, 2024 by BCSO for Driving Under Suspension. Lyons was booked and released to BCDC.

Richard Sargent III, 32, of 130 Stone Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on January 22, 2024 by BCSO for Possession of Marijuana, Damaged Property, and Resisting Arrest. Sargent was booked and released to BCDC.

Ralph Edwards Simmons, 38, of 132 Trailwood Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on January 27, 2024

by BCSO for Criminal Domestic Violence. Simmons was booked and released to BCDC.

Angus Douglas Williams III, 54, of 666 Duncannon Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on January 24, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Court Fines. Williams was booked and released to BCDC.

Sheriff's office recognized for foster care support

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Barnwell County
Sheriff's Office

The Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) is proud to work alongside the South Carolina Foster Parent Association in supporting the Foster Care Community initiative.

We know the importance of mental health first hand. We also know from our Cultivating Darkness to Light conference held in July 2023 at Main Street Church of Christ in Williston, that many factors affect one's mental health.

Regarding children in foster care, we know that being removed from their home, although sometimes

necessary, is traumatic in and of itself. Then, if they are placed in an unfamiliar town, unfamiliar school, and without a familiar face or friend in sight, this affects their overall wellbeing. Their education suffers. They often become angry and withdrawn. And, if they are placed a good distance away, and without siblings, it compounds the problem on every level.

Often, when these children return home, they are not the same children they were before. They are angry and sullen and usually lash out often. Then, they are labeled as 'problem children' when all of this could have been avoided if they had been able to remain in their home community, go to their same school, and

be with familiar faces and friends.

BCSO is committed to helping keep children in their home communities when they go into foster care. We further commit to helping reduce the stigma often associated with being 'in foster care' by working to educate those within the communities in Barnwell County about the importance of making the mental health of children a priority.

It is for this reason that we challenge every school, first responder organization, community organization, church, and business to join us in this endeavor.

We believe every child deserves a chance to grow up and become a contributing member of his or her community.



Lt. Eric Kirkland and Sheriff Steve Griffith with the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office hold a banner in support of foster care.

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CORDER'S CREATIVE CORNER

The best fantasy authors

I was at a Christmas party last month when I got into a conversation with a friend about books (one of my favorite conversations to have). We were talking mostly about young adult books and fantasy when she asked me who I thought the best fantasy authors were. I gave a quick rundown, but now that I have had a chance to think about it, I have a more solid list I'd like to present.

J.K. Rowling—No one can contend with the popularity of the Harry Potter series. Nearing thirty years since its publication, the story of a young wizard boy is still celebrated around the world as perhaps the best-selling children's series of all time. Rowling weaved together intense worldbuilding, deep characterization, and timeless themes to create something that the world may never see again. Indeed, her series can be called nothing less than "magical" and "fantastical."

J.R.R. Tolkien—The granddaddy of the fantasy genre, Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* is the blueprint for nearly every fantasy author that



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has come after. Tolkien created an entire world with lore and history upon history, creating a narrative of good and evil that has resonated with thousands of hearts over the past seventy years. Without Tolkien, the modern fantasy genre would very likely not exist.

C.S. Lewis—Known for his Christian writings such as *Mere Christianity*, Lewis was also a devout lover of myths and fairy tales. So it is no surprise that he produced *The Chronicles of Narnia*, a series that has impacted many children (and adults) for many years. He is also renowned for his *Space Trilogy* and his retelling of the myth of Cupid and Psyche, *Till We Have Faces*, which happens to be in my top ten books of all time.

Neil Gaiman—Though his writing is usually hit or miss for me, it's difficult to deny the

great mark that Gaiman has left on the world of fantasy. Writing everything from comics to children's books to adult novels, Gaiman has woven together creative tales of a child being raised in a graveyard (*The Graveyard Book*), a young man hunting down a fallen star (*Stardust*), and his reimagining of Norse Myths (*Norse Mythology*).

Brandon Sanderson—Though I haven't read a complete book by him, my fiancé, and many others, swear by Sanderson as being a great storyteller. His world-building is impeccable, and the numbers don't lie when you look at how many books he has sold. *Mistborn*, *Elantris*, and *Nightblood* are just some of the books he's written that he's known for, and he's also respected for finishing Robert Jordan's lengthy *Wheel of Time* series. Hopefully one day I can find the time to finish one of his books and see what all of the hype is about.

Did your favorite fantasy author make it onto this list? Do you have one that you would add? Send me an email and let me know at dbcorderwriter@gmail.com.

Palmetto Care Connections and Family Solutions empower mothers with digital literacy training



Nine women participated in digital literacy training at Family Solutions as part of the organization's commitment to train 200 mothers in multiple counties.

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Palmetto Care Connections (PCC), a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving access to quality healthcare in rural and underserved communities in South Carolina, successfully concluded its first Digital Literacy training program in collaboration with Family Solutions. This initiative, generously funded by Absolute Total Care, aims to empower and equip 200 mothers with essential digital skills while providing them with a device at no cost.

A total of nine enthusiastic and motivated women participated in the training at Orangeburg County Library, eager to enhance their digital literacy skills and embrace the countless opportunities presented by the digital world. The program covered various aspects of digital literacy, including basic

computer skills, internet navigation, online safety, and the effective use of digital tools and resources.

"We are thrilled to have successfully completed the first Digital Literacy training program in partnership with Family Solutions," said Kathy Schwarting, Chief Executive Officer, Palmetto Care Connections. "In today's digital age, digital literacy has become a fundamental skill in education, employment, and daily life. This program aims to empower these women by providing them with the necessary skills and tools to navigate the digital landscape confidently."

In addition to the comprehensive training, each participant received a device, ensuring they have the necessary technology to continue their digital learning journey. The initiative by Absolute Total Care removes

the financial barrier, enabling these mothers to actively participate in the digital world and access valuable resources for personal and professional growth.

The success of this first Digital Literacy Training program for these mothers marks a significant milestone for Palmetto Care Connections, Family Solutions, and Absolute Total Care. With the commitment to train 200 mothers in Orangeburg, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, and Hampton counties, this collaboration is making a lasting impact on the lives of women in South Carolina and empowering them to thrive in today's digital society.

For more information about PCC and its initiatives, please visit <https://www.palmettocareconnections.org/>.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the Barnwell County Board of Voter Registration & Elections will conduct a Special Election for the City of Barnwell on **Tuesday, April 2, 2024** to fill an unexpired term of City Council District #1. This is a nonpartisan election and no party affiliation shall be placed on the ballot.

The early voting period for this election begins Monday, March 18, 2024 and ends on Thursday, March 28, 2024. The following early voting center will be open during the early voting period from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (closed on Saturday, Sunday, and any holiday).

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

Precincts involved in this election are Barnwell #2 and Barnwell #3. Polling places for this Special Election will be held at the National Guard Armory, 10233 Marlboro Ave., Barnwell, SC.

Persons desiring to be candidates for the above listed office may file with the **Barnwell County Voter Registration & Elections Office** located at 367 Fuldner Rd., Barnwell, SC. Books will be open for filing on February 5, 2024 at **Noon** and remain open until February 16, 2024 at **Noon**. There will be a filing fee of \$25.00 for the office of City Council District 1. Persons desiring to vote in this election must be duly registered on the County Books of Registration as an elector and a resident of the municipality, not less than 30 days prior to the date of election. The last day to register to vote for this municipal election will be **March 1, 2024**.

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

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

On Thursday, **April 4, 2024** at 10:00 a.m., the Barnwell County Board of Elections will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all ballots challenged in this election at the Barnwell County Voter Registration & Elections office located at 367 Fuldner Rd., Barnwell, SC.

Any run-off will be held two weeks after the election on Tuesday, **April 16, 2024**.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF SNELLING, SOUTH CAROLINA SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the Barnwell County Board of Voter Registration & Elections will conduct a Special Election for the Town of Snelling on **Tuesday, April 2, 2024** to fill an unexpired term of Town Council. This is a nonpartisan election and no party affiliation shall be placed on the ballot.

The early voting period for this election begins Monday, March 18, 2024 and ends on Thursday, March 28, 2024. The following early voting center will be open during the early voting period from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (closed on Saturday, Sunday, and any holiday).

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

Precinct involved in this election is Snelling. Polling place for this Special Election will be held at the Snelling Town Hall, 71 Morris St., Snelling, SC.

Persons desiring to be candidates for the above listed office may file with the **Barnwell County Voter Registration & Elections Office** located at 367 Fuldner Rd., Barnwell, SC. Books will be open for filing on February 5, 2024 at **Noon** and remain open until February 16, 2024 at **Noon**. There will be no filing fee for the office of Town Council. Persons desiring to vote in this election must be duly registered on the County Books of Registration as an elector and a resident of the municipality, not less than 30 days prior to the date of election. The last day to register to vote for this municipal election will be **March 1, 2024**.

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Ricky Collins

tained in an automobile accident.

Pallbearers will be Mickey Richardson, Danny Richardson, Tony Carter, Trevor Stokes, Conner Gunnells, Jayden Williamson and Noah Gunnells.

Honorary pallbearer will be Oliver Lang.

Born in Barnwell County, he was the son of Florence Richardson Collins Still and the late Lawrence Beckward "L.B." Collins. Ricky started his career at Milliken out of high school, then worked at Fenn Automotive and later worked as a heavy equipment mechanic and maintenance supervisor with the City of North Augusta. He was a member of the Blackville Church of God and enjoyed building model airplanes, drag racing and playing video games.

Survivors include his

mother and step-father, Florence and DuyLee Still of Blackville; his sister, Debbie Collins; step-sisters, Rose Miller and Mandy Still (George Wannamaker); a step-brother, Timmy Joe Still; his nephews, Stephen (Annette) Gunnells, Jeremy (Cindy) Gunnells and Brandon Williamson (Emily); he had numerous great nieces and nephews, step nieces and nephews and cousins whom he loved dearly.

He was preceded in death by his step-sister, Tammy Still; step-brothers, Billy Still, Tommy Still and Hubert Still.

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

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BLACKVILLE - Funeral services for Ricky Vernon Collins, 59, of Blackville, were held 3 o'clock p.m., Sunday, January 28, 2024 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, with the Reverends Colas Capps and Stephen Gunnells officiating; burial followed in the Williston Cemetery. The family received friends from 2 p.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home on Sunday.

Ricky passed away on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 from injuries sus-



Virgie Sanders Ray

AIKEN - Virgie Sanders Ray, 82, entered into eternal rest on Monday, January 22, 2024 at the Carlyle Senior Care Center in Aiken.

She was born on November 16, 1941 in Barnwell County, and was the daughter of the late Toby Joe (TJ) and Ethel Mae Sanders. She was married to the late James B. Ray and they had one daughter, the late Virginia Ann Williamson. She was a faithful member of the Green Branch Pentecostal Holiness Church for many years. She was a woman with a sweet spirit who loved her family wholeheartedly. She enjoyed cooking home cooked meals, rides to town with her daughter, attending church functions, and help-

ing others. She and her husband, James, enjoyed trips to Maggie Valley. She was an avid homemaker and was often found working with her family on the farm or in the garden harvesting crops. She will truly be missed by all who knew her. The family would like to thank the nursing staff at the Carlyle Senior Care Center and Enhabit Hospice for the care they so greatly provided during her extended illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 28th, 2024 at the Green Branch Pentecostal Holiness Church at 3 p.m. with Rev. Timmy Gunnells and Rev. Jeffrey Ray officiating. Visitation was held an hour prior to service from 2-3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to be made in memory of Virgie S. Ray to the Green Branch Pentecostal Holiness Church in Barnwell or to the Carlisle Senior Care Center on Dupont Dr. in Aiken.

Survivors include her granddaughter, Stephanie Gunnells of Barnwell;

great-granddaughters, Kimberly Gunnells, Lindsey Gunnells, and Summer Gunnells of Olar; special nieces, Gwen (Bryan) Kinard of Barnwell, Lynn (Daniel) Godwin and Tonya (Anthony) Tran of Aiken; nephew, Mcgee "Mac" Sanders Jr. (Tabitha); great nieces, Ella Blume, Sara Blume, and Leah Blume of Aiken; great nephews, Ross Kinard, Kyle Kinard, Dre Sanders, John Luke Sanders, and Charlie Still of Barnwell, and Duffy Willing, Gibson Willing, and Miles Willing of Aiken; great-great niece, Rylee Grace Kinard.

She was predeceased by her mother, father, husband, daughter, and two brothers, Mcgee Sanders Sr. and Billy Gross Sanders. Serving as pall bearers are Ross Kinard, Kyle Kinard, Charlie Still, Duffy Willing, Gibson Willing, and Miles Willing.

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

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Colonel Carl Locklin Brunson Sr., USAF Retired



Phon Thong Vietnam. After 110 missions in Vietnam, Carl's next assignment was as a Wing Commander back stateside for a Flying Training Wing with three squadrons of 25-plus IPs (instructor pilots) each with equal number of students flying over 150 sorties daily. Carl continued his flying career in several more Wing Commander roles throughout Texas before retiring as a full Colonel from Randolph Air Force Base in Texas. Carl was qualified in several other aircraft over his years of flying including C-45s, C-47s, T-33s and T-38s. Carl received numerous commendations and recognitions throughout his military flying career including but not limited to two Legion Merit awards, Distinguished Flying Cross award, eight Air Medal awards, and two Air Force Commendation Medals. Serving 36 years in the military, Carl was instrumental in developing and commanding several training schools throughout his career.

After his illustrious military service, Carl joined Lockheed Missiles and Space Corporation helping to structure and train pilots in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Carl finally retired (again) and moved back to Allendale County with his wife Phyllis to enjoy the peace and quiet of the country outside of Barton. He personally built a new home on the old homestead where he and Phyllis enjoyed friends, children, and grandchildren for many years. Carl did not sit still however and started a couple of businesses to keep busy. He and his son Gregory, who worked in the construction business with him, were well known throughout Allendale and the surrounding counties for their work. Additionally, Carl taught mathematics at the University of South Carolina Salkehatchie Allendale campus (including countless semesters at the local prison) for close to 20 years and was a well-known adjunct. One of Carl's other endeavors was as a regional asbestos inspector for the surrounding school districts wherein he conducted asbestos inspections twice a year to ensure the safety of the faculty and students. Carl finally

reluctantly fully retired at the tender age of 91 but still advised his previous employees in several endeavors.

He never stopped learning and encouraged everyone around him to do the same. Known for sharing stories about space exploration and space trivia, he like many others, had a yearning for the mysteries of the universe. Finally, Carl had a love of nature, especially trees. He loved to recite for anyone who would listen the first few lines to one of his favorite poems he learned in grade school by George Pope Morris "WOODMAN, spare that tree!"

WOODMAN, spare that tree!
Touch not a single bough!
In youth it sheltered me,
And I'll protect it now.

Carl is survived by his son, Carl L. Brunson Jr.; his daughter, Carolyn Phyllis Brunson Loeffler; his son, David Lee Brunson and wife Leigh Ann Brunson; and 9 grandchildren: Cory and Chad Brunson, Kathryn and Jennifer Loeffler, Jessica Brunson and Rebecca Brunson Bebo, Ashley Hackworth Mayfield, and Ryan and Brittany Brunson, and nine great-grandchildren; his sister, Mae Brunson Keating and husband Don Keating.

He was predeceased by his wife, Phyllis Lee Lowry Brunson; his son, Richard Brunson; his son, Gregory Brunson; and his daughter, Cynthia Brunson Hackworth; his brother, Joseph Ryan Brunson Jr., and his sister, Norma Brunson Coker.

Carl was laid to rest in the family cemetery, Smithfield Cemetery, on January 14, 2024, at 1 p.m.

Carl was well known for always having a whimsical story or joke at the ready. Many of them from 60 years ago were recanted like it was yesterday. He made friends with everyone and was known for his kindhearted ways. He will be greatly missed by all his friends and family and everyone he regaled with one of his stories.

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

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ALLENDALE - Colonel (Retired) Carl Locklin Brunson Sr. died on January 7th, 2024, peacefully in his home.

Carl was born on January 11, 1927, outside of Barton, South Carolina and was raised in Allendale County. The son of Joseph Ryan Brunson Sr. and Maude Gray Brunson, he graduated from Allendale High School and then studied for a year at Clemson before being drafted into the Army.

He spent a year in Germany during WWII before accepting an appointment to the West Point Military Academy. While attending West Point, Carl was a three-time All-American with the Black Knights earning two certificates on the parallel bars and one certificate on the high bar and was recognized as one of the premier gymnasts in the East capturing the Eastern College Athletic Conference championships in 1950. This is also where he met his wife, Phyllis Lee Lowry Brunson. They were married for 64+ years before Phyllis' passing. Graduating with an Engineering degree from West Point in 1950, Carl had the option to join the Air Force (newly converted from the Army Air Corp) and chose to become a fighter pilot. A few years later in his career, Carl was able to attend the University of Michigan and earned a master's degree in Aeronautical Engineering.

Carl began his flying career in F-80s at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, gunnery school in route to Korea where he flew 100 missions in F-84s. Following Korea, Carl flew F-86Ds and F-86Fs in Europe. Carl moved to flying the F-100 as the Squadron Commander of the 86 Statue of Liberty Wing in Europe. He then flew the F-100 in the Tactical Fighter Wing at Tuy Hoa Vietnam and the Tactical Fighter Wing at



Rhonda G. Still

BLACKVILLE - Rhonda G. Still, 68, of Blackville, passed away Thursday, January 25, 2024 at MUSC, Orangeburg with her husband Jim by her side.

A service celebrating Rhonda's life will be held at a later date.

Born in Bamberg County, she was the daughter of the late Warren Faust Still Sr. and Joan Zorn Still and was married to James Ronnie

"Jim" Bullock. Rhonda retired from Savannah River Site as an E. & I. Mechanic and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Denmark. She loved her church family and loved helping others.

Survivors include her loving husband, Jim of the home; her brother Warren and his wife Donna Still Jr. of Columbia, and her niece, Lauren Still of Fort Mill.

Memorial contributions may be given to First Baptist Church Denmark Youth, P.O. Box 325, Denmark, S.C. 29042.

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

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Martha Del Bello

WILLISTON - Martha Del Bello of Williston passed away on January 24, 2024.

She was the loving mother of Ann Marie (Victoria) Del Bello and Dr. David

(Annie Wong) Del Bello and the cherished grandmother of Charlotte and Liam. She is also survived by sisters (Carolyn, Linda, Donna, Mona and Karen), brother (Don Albert), and nieces and nephews.

She was born on September 2, 1944. Martha was an alumnus of Williston-Elko High School. She graduated from Winthrop College with a BA in mathematics. She was a respected former teacher in the Buffalo public school system, an enthusiastic traveler

(she visited all 48 intercontinental United States, as well as several foreign countries) and a talented gardener (she won "Yard of the Month" on numerous occasions).

There will be a private family ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial gifts be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at <https://www.stjude.org/donate>.

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James Thurmond Moody

BARNWELL - James Thurmond Moody, 77, passed away peacefully on January 26, 2024. He was born in Augusta, Ga. on October 31, 1946 to the late James Luther and Amelia "MeMe" Zorn Moody.

He attended Barnwell High School and worked as an Air Balance Engineer at the Savannah River Plant. He previously served as a deacon for Seven Pines Baptist Church. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing golf, and Clemson football.

He is survived by his

wife, Esther Cooper Moody; children Jimbo (Dana) Moody, Jody Moody, and John Moody; grandchildren Austin (Katelyn) Moody, Josh Moody, Blake (Mindy) Moody, Kristin Moody, Morgan (Emily) Moody, Daisy Moody, Nathan Moody, Savannah (Timmy) Burdette, and Luke Moody; great-grandchildren Bailey Moody, JR Moody, Kaylee Moody, Logan Buxton, Haisley Moody, Lexie Caruso, Belle Bruns, Ava Moody, and Ritchie Moody; brothers and sisters Sam (Sharon) Moody, Sharen May, and Tricia (Sammy) Collins. Also dear to his heart was his dog, Maggie.

The family would like to express a special thank you to Amber Polk for her years of love, support, and caring

for Pops.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James L. and Amelia "MeMe" Moody; brother, Herbert Wayne Moody, and granddaughter, Hannah J. Moody.

The family received friends and family Monday, January 29, 2024 from 6-8 p.m. at Mole Funeral Home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 11 a.m. at Seven Pines Baptist Church with Pastor Mark Watford officiating. Graveside was held at Barnwell County Memorial Gardens (Airport) Cemetery.

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

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BIRTH



Taytum River Bryant was born on January 1, 2024.

Taytum River Bryant

Kristyn Grubbs & Will Bryant are proud to announce the birth of their son, Taytum River Bryant. He was born on January 1, 2024 at 10:10 a.m. at MUSC in Charleston. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 20.47 inches long. He was welcomed home by his two older brothers, Blayden Bryant, age 6, and Cohen Bryant, age 4. Grandparents are Candice Morgan & Dennis Grubbs of Barnwell, Ginger Bryant of Blackville, and Gene Bryant of Bamberg. Great-grandparents are Harry Joyner of Barnwell, Debbie Fail of Blackville, Margret and the late James "Jake" Grubbs of Barnwell, Marvin Morgan Sr. and Marian Morgan. His aunt is Morgan Grubbs.

RETIREMENT



Karen Uldrick is recognized by colleagues for her retirement after nearly 35 years of service. From left to right: Kenn Jameson (FSA State Administrative Officer), Laurie Funderburk (FSA State Executive Director), Karen Uldrick (County Executive Director, Calhoun/Richland), and Jody Carter (District Director).

Karen Uldrick retires from Farm Service Agency

Karen Uldrick retired from the Farm Service Agency on Dec. 31, 2023, following 34 and a half years of service to farmers. She started her career in Barnwell County, before moving to Lexington County, and then finishing in Calhoun/Richland counties. "I'm going to miss all of my amazing farmers, work family, and friends I've made along the way. I've enjoyed serving our farming community. Without them, we wouldn't eat. They are our bread and butter," said Uldrick. She celebrated her retirement with a party organized by her family and co-workers. It is "bittersweet" to retire, but "I'm looking forward to see what God has in store for me in this next chapter," she said. That includes more time with family, including her 14 grandchildren (number 15 due in May), and traveling.

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Kevin Wayne Herman



BARNWELL - Kevin Wayne Herman, 53, passed away on January 23rd, 2024 in Aiken. He was born in Columbia on March 10th, 1970 to William Kenneth

Herman Jr. and the late Peggy Earline Morris Herman. He is survived by his wife, Ellen M. Herman of Barnwell; sons, Nathan (Elizabeth) of Ulmer and Logan of Aiken; brothers, William Herman of Blackville and Michael (Toni) Herman of Charleston; sister, Tina (Bucky) Smith of Kernersville, N.C.; and granddaughter, Miriam. A memorial service was held Saturday, January 27th, 2024 at 11 a.m. at

the Church of the Holy Apostles with Pastor Bill Clarkson officiating. A reception was held in the church's social hall after the service. Memorials may be made to the Church of the Holy Apostles, P.O. Box 207, Barnwell, S.C. 29812. Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell was in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com.

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Kenneth Earl Sloan



BARNWELL - Kenneth Earl Sloan, 77, passed away at home surrounded by his family on January 28th, 2024. He was born on August 4th, 1946 in Woodruff to the late Earl and Mina Sloan. He was retired from Colleton County Recreation. He served in the U.S. Army in 1967 and 1968, and was a Vietnam veteran. He was a crew chief on the helicopters during the Vietnam War. He was a loving

father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He enjoyed spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife, Dianne Creech Sloan of Barnwell; children, Kim Parkins of Union, Daphne (Travis) Hooper of Barnwell, and Michelle (Joe) Handberry of Barnwell; grandchildren, Jonathan Parkins of Union, Shelby (Jerred) Burdette of Charleston, Mattison (Clay Hankins) Hooper of Barnwell, Taylor (Daniel) Alexander of Barnwell, Ashton Handberry of Barnwell, and Caden Handberry of Barnwell; great-grandchildren, Carleigh Sumner, Mary Chilton Alexander, Margaret Alexander, and Eleanor Burdette; brothers, Johnny (Sandra) Sloan

of Woodruff and Ricky (Toni) Sloan of Woodruff; sister, Rita (Ed) Mobley of Woodruff; and sister-in-law, Amy Sloan; as well as many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his brothers, Erskine Sloan and Gerald Sloan, as well as his sister, Patsy Wood. A visitation will be held Wednesday, January 31st, 2024 from 6-8 p.m. at Mole Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held Thursday, February 1st, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Ft. Jackson National Cemetery in Columbia with Dr. Bart Kelley officiating. Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com.

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Douglas Arnold Krogh



BARNWELL - Douglas Arnold Krogh, 69, of Barnwell, passed away on January 24, 2024. He was born in Marshall, MI, on Feb 3, 1954. He lived in California and Tennessee before settling down in Barnwell in 1983. He was predeceased by his parents, David Krogh and Phyllis Brindley Krogh; a sister, Mary; and a brother, David ("Dee"). He is survived by four siblings, Marla, Mike, Nancy, and Vicki; and his three children, Tara Lanning (Jeff) of Waukee, IA; Josh Krogh (Kaitlin) of Davidson, N.C.; and Jordan McDonald of Windsor, S.C. He also had three grandchildren, Will and Lia Lanning, and Calum Krogh. He ended so many phone calls by saying, "Tell those grandbabies I love them." He loved his land in Snelling, and before his health began to decline, he was

always puttering around with various projects on his property. He built furniture, created a small fruit orchard and vegetable garden, cared for cows, horses, pigs, and chickens, built treehouses for his kids, and created a swimming pond in his back pasture that was a highlight of his older kids' childhoods in the early 90s. He was a jack of all trades, adept at teaching himself car repairs, homebuilding, and anything else that sparked his interest. He was interesting to talk to because he was conversational on so many different topics. He enjoyed learning and teaching as well. He was always up for helping with school science projects, and he taught his son to play guitar, sparking a lifelong love of music. He had an entrepreneurial streak; after leaving employment with Carolina Metals, he owned his own gas station in Elko for a time. He had a soft heart for those in need of a hand up or who were down on their luck. He was moved by late-night infomercials to sponsor children living in poverty in Africa, and his kids remember him taking turkeys and Christmas gifts to some of his coworkers' families during the holidays. He was frugal to a fault, but he couldn't stand to see kids going without. More kids called him "Papa Doug" than were related to him by blood; he loved them all. Special thanks are due to Ashley and Harrison Fickling for helping to care for him at home in his final months. Towards the end, he was bedridden and his greatest desire was to pass in his own home rather than a nursing facility or hospital. We are so grateful that he got his wish. Cremation services will be provided by Folk Funeral Home, and the family will mourn privately. If anyone wishes to share stories, memories, or condolences, the family will gratefully receive and share them with each other. His daughter Tara can be reached at tara_lanning@hotmail.com. He will be missed and remembered in love, always. Folk Funeral Home, Inc. and Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements. Visit the online registry at www.folkfuneralhome.com.

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Lloyd Chavis Sr.



BLACKVILLE - Graveside services for Lloyd Chavis Sr., 60, of Blackville, were held at 1 p.m. Monday, January 29, 2024 at the Blackville Cemetery with the Reverend Russ Reed officiating. Lloyd passed away at home on Thursday, January 25, 2024. Born in Barnwell County he was a son of the late

Vastine Chavis and Desalee and Kason, Laya, Wyatt Mizzell Chavis and was married to Deborah Sue Chavis for 40 years. Lloyd spent most of his life logging, running the cutter, skidder and most everything else until he became disabled. He was a quiet simple man who had a love for the outdoors. Survivors include his loving wife, Deborah Chavis of the home; his children, Crystal Chavis (Jack Peebles) of Williston, Laura (Carl) Thompson of Columbia, Lloyd (Jasmine) Chavis of Beaufort and Melanie (Nicholas) Mosier of Blackville; grandchildren, Johnny, Athena, Jordan and Aubree, Trinity

and Amelia Ryn; a great-grandson, Colton; a sister, Mary Hutto; three brothers, Bobby (Paula) Chavis, Randy Chavis and LeRoy Chavis; and a number of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Martha Lee Dyches; brothers, Clyde Chavis and Abraham Chavis; and a dear aunt, Emma Glover. Folk Funeral Home, Inc. and Crematory assisted the family with arrangements. Visit the online registry at www.folkfuneralhome.com.

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Family trying to recover after fire

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This home in Blackville was destroyed by fire, leaving a family of 8 homeless.

four, two, and one. "He is a disabled adult taking care of five grandchildren, and currently his daughter is there with him," said Sadie. The family just relocated to Blackville after living in Springfield and are hoping to reestablish themselves back in the community. "He just relocated there," said Sadie. "We're trying to get it to where he can go back to Blackville. He likes

Blackville." The family is currently welcoming donations of clothing and other items. Here are the list of sizes:
 • 8-year-old boy: size 6-7 in children's shoes, size 16 children's pants, size 14-16 children's shirts, and a coat.
 • 5-year-old girl: size 2 children's shoes, size 7-8 children's clothes, and a coat.
 • 4-year-old girl: size 12

or 1 children's shoes, size 5-6 children's clothes, and a coat.
 • 2-year-old girl: size 7 toddler shoes, and 2-3T clothes.
 • 1-year-old boy: size 6 toddler shoes and 18-24 mo. clothes.
 • Adult, man: size 12 shoes, 42 pants, and 2X shirts.
 • Adult, woman: 10 shoe, 18 pants, XL shirts.
 • Adult, woman: size 7 shoes, medium pants, medium shirts.
 The family would also appreciate diapers size 5-6, wipes, laundry supplies, household items, and food.
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 To contact the family with donations, call (803) 653-5849.

Blackville man killed in Ashleigh Road wreck

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A Blackville man was killed Wednesday night, Jan. 24, in a traffic accident. Ricky Collins, 59, of Blackville, died on January 24 from "severe head trauma" he sustained in a wreck, said Barnwell County Coroner Denise Gibson. The wreck occurred around 7 p.m. on Ashleigh Road near Reedy Branch Road, approximately

five miles east of the City of Barnwell. Collins was driving a 1997 Jeep Cherokee "southbound on Ashleigh Road when the vehicle "traveled off the right side of the roadway and overturned," said Lance Corporal Lena Butler with the S.C. Highway Patrol. Collins, who was the only occupant, succumbed to his injuries on the scene. To read more about his life, read his obituary on page A7. This is the second traffic fatality in Barnwell County for 2024.

PRIMARY: Allendale County Democrats gather ahead of primary

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January 31, which will offer a larger look into money being spent on the primary election. "On the Democratic side, you're going to look at big unions, tech companies [like] Google and Meta, and then a lot of money from small donors," Bryner said. "He gets support from sort of traditional

donors, [like] unions, tech [and] Wall Street. Biden has never taken any kind of anti-corporate pledge." **Visit from Gavin Newsom** Newsom began his visit by discussing the tone of the 2024 presidential election and the role of social media algorithms in elevating divisive politics. "I hope we all pause

and reflect upon that," Newsom said. "If you're feeling a little uneasy, it makes sense because of all you've gone through. ... Right now, it's just a doom loop of negativity coming our way." While talking with the crowd, Newsom praised the Biden administration's policy accomplishments,

which he said have been lost in media coverage and as a result aren't in the minds of average voters. "[During] the first three years of the administration 14.3 million jobs — literally 10 times more than the last three Republican administrations combined — [is] the record of job creation in the Biden-Harris administration," Newsom said. "They just came out with the latest numbers: 800,000 net new manufacturing jobs have already come back to the United States of America."



California Governor Gavin Newsom speaks with Democratic voters in Allendale on January 24.

Although policies like the CHIPS Act, the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law have created new jobs and manufacturing jobs, Newsom's claim lacked context; Much of the 14.3 million new jobs that entered the market since Biden took office in January 2021 came from the reopening of the economy following the pandemic, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Newsom also stressed the achievements of the IRA, which contains billions in subsidies for renewable energy technology. These subsidies are manifesting themselves locally, with a new solar manufacturing plant opening in Orangeburg County, and solar farms popping up throughout Barnwell and Allendale counties, as previously reported by *The People-Sentinel*. "Look at what they've done on climate," Newsom said. "There's no president in

American history that's done more to change the way we produce and consume energy to transition to a low carbon, green growth agenda. No president in history has done more on renewables." However, the IRA also mandates the leasing of land for oil and gas projects. Additionally, since taking office, the Biden administration has approved new fossil fuel leases at a pace faster than the Trump administration. These leases, according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, will put the global economy and earth's habitability in jeopardy by accelerating global heating. When *The People-Sentinel* asked Newsom about this contradiction, Newsom called it "an interesting dichotomy." "At the same time, we have more renewables [than] at any time in our history," Newsom said. "I also understand the tension, and I think the president's balanced it well because if you look directionally, renewables are going to dominate and overtake and we're already in that transition." In a statement, Democratic Congressman Jim Clyburn, who serves as the national co-chair of the Biden campaign, praised the Biden administration's industrial policies and the administration's expansion of broadband access. "Thanks to Joe Biden, seniors in Allendale are already benefiting from the \$35/month cap on insulin; roads, and bridges all over Allendale County are being repaired; and water systems in Allendale are being updated," Clyburn wrote. "I have talked to people from Allendale who have had their student loan debt forgiven." Despite frustrations, nearly all of the voters *The People-Sentinel* spoke with expressed the importance of voting in the primary: "I'm gonna do everything I possibly can to get as many people out to vote as possible for the primaries," said Hulen.

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American Heritage Girls, Trail Life troops pack Christmas shoeboxes for overseas children



ABOVE: Front row (from left): Braden Murray, Alice Wunder, Ainsley Kanagy, Robbie Wunder, Brynlee Kanagy, Jaxon Grey, Carrie Grey, Dash Kanagy, Kara Wunder; Back row (from left): Colton Murray, Asher Perella, Rosannah Kanagy.

Contributer Photos



On Monday, November 6, the American Heritage Girl and Trail Life Troops SC-5061 of Blackville packed 10 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

The troops prepared by learning the paths the shoeboxes take to get from their hands to the children receiving them and learned how this act of kindness is used to spread the word of Christ all over the world. After praying for the boxes and contents, they worked together to pack and load



the boxes to be taken to a local distribution center where they were then shipped to their final destination.

American Heritage Girls and Trail Life Troops SC-5061 meet every other Monday night at Jefferson Davis Academy and is open to any child ages 5-18. You can locate the troop by using the "Find a Troop" feature on <https://americanheritagegirls.org/> and <https://www.trailifeusa.com/>.

CHARGED: 2 in custody

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quantity of blood rapidly," stated the deputy.

While waiting for EMS to arrive on the scene, several people from the crowd on scene stated the Singleton boys were responsible for the shooting.

"I attempted to get a story of what had happened, and everyone was yelling, stating they did not see anything and that I needed to get EMS on scene," stated the deputy in his report.

EMS arrived and started performing CPR before transporting the victim to the hospital. The victim, 31-year-old Jamar Tyler of Orangeburg, was pronounced dead at the hospital, according to the report.

Charges against Youmans and Singleton were brought after witnesses identified the two men in a photo lineup and provided written statements, states the arrest warrants.

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CLOSING: First Citizens Bank closing Williston branch in March

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both companies to see if we as a town could help them in any way to prevent them from closing and both assured us this was a corporate decision, and nothing could be done."

When businesses close their doors in a small town, it has a far-reaching impact. People coming to these locations often will spend money at surrounding restaurants or gas stations while there, which brings in further income for the town and its businesses.

Also, another building with shuttered windows

and a closed sign harms the overall appearance and marketability of the town for either residents or businesses.

Residents have expressed concern about this corporation closing on social media, not only for convenience in banking locally but also for their town.

Williston resident Denise Bolen Elkins asked others to support the town stating, "Please fellow Williston citizens, think twice before you shop in Aiken or another town. I love this

town so much and I want it to thrive. Shop local."

"We do have two other great banks in town, and we all hope they stay," said Mayor Williams. In Williston, Enterprise Bank of South Carolina is located on Main Street and SRP Federal Credit Union is nearby on West Street.

In addition to these banks, Mayor Williams finds the town to be fortunate to have multiple local businesses that can fill in the gap of services these corporations have left.

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Williston-Elko girls basketball wins 5 straight



The Williston-Elko girls basketball team is proving that they are one of the best teams in the area and in their region.

Photo By: Malaysia Youmans

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The Williston-Elko girls basketball team has been playing some great basketball over the last few weeks, winning five straight games over that stretch.

The Blue Devils are one of the toughest teams in a very strong girls basketball Region 4-A. Williston is taking their place near the top of a region that contains Denmark-Olar, Hunter-Kinard-Tyler, and Calhoun County, all known for having very good girls basketball programs.

On January 19th, the Blue Devils crushed Wagener-Salley 40-14. The next night, Williston beat their local rivals from Barnwell 45-39. The Devils' next two opponents were the same team, the North Eagles. Two different games, but they had the same outcome with Williston easily winning 40-24 and then 51-36. The last contest saw the Devils collect their fifth straight win when they beat Ridge Spring-Monetta 57-37.

Williston-Elko head coach Mae Reed was asked about her team's five-game win streak and responded, "Our win streak goes to one of the hardest working teams I've coached. We have the captain Madison Wright telling the

younger girls to play hard when they're out on the court. Coach Stroman is always telling them to work hard and myself pushing them to no ends. We've worked so hard. I really didn't know that we had won five in a row."

Speaking about her players, Coach Reed said, "Jada Wilson continues to lead the team in scoring followed by Madison Wright and Ashauna Hosey. Ky'Reona Brabham, Malayjia Youmans, and Alyah Holmes are coming off the bench helping out with defense. Shanya Mays, Kamryn Creech, and Ikeyiah Tyler are young players that are going to be tough in the coming years. We have two seniors, Citira Bell and Na'kiya

Mercado, that help rebound and get steals."

This coming week, Coach Reed said her team has some tough games with in-county rivals Blackville-Hilda on Tuesday and then Denmark.

"We continue to struggle on the free throw line but work hard every day and it's getting better. Madison Wright leads the team in assists, Jada Wilson leads the team in rebounds, and we all lead the team in 'let's get out there and work,'" she said.

Good luck to the Williston-Elko Blue Devils as their regular season winds down and the playoffs begin!

Gracyn Carter
Barnwell High School



Grade: 9th
Sports: Basketball and twirling
Favorites...

- **Pro team:** Las Vegas Aces
- **Athlete:** A'ja Wilson
- **Food:** Wings
- **Movie/TV shows:** 5 Feet Apart and All American
- **Snack:** Goldfish
- **Free time activity:** Going places with friends
- **Musician:** Rod Wave
- **Goal for this season:** "My goal for this season is to improve more every game."

Tagan Youngblood
Barnwell High School



Grade: 10th
Sports: Football and wrestling
Favorites...

- **College team:** Clemson
- **Athletes:** John Cena and Rob Gronkowski
- **Food:** Club sandwiches
- **Movie/TV shows:** Star Wars and Seinfeld
- **Snack:** Cheese sticks
- **Free time activities:** Reading, gaming, and writing
- **Musicians:** Queen, The Beatles, System Of A Down
- **Goal for this season:** "To become better and go out with a bang."

Warhorses win 2 in a row

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The Barnwell Warhorses boys basketball team honored their three seniors (Cedric Hart, Kristopher Bennet, and Jonovan Minor) last Friday, January 26.

That was not the only highlight for the Warhorse fans, as Barnwell came away with an exciting 46-45 win over their Region 6-AA foes from Edisto. To add even more excitement to the Horses weekend, Barnwell was able to win on back to back nights, posting a strong 56-47 win over their in-county rivals from Blackville-Hilda.

In Friday night's Senior Night game against Edisto, the Horses saw scoring from eight different players. Vashahd Schofield led the way with 15 points and Jayden Pinkney and Cedric Hart each added eight points for the hometown Horses.

Barnwell head coach Mike Beasley was asked about his seniors and responded by saying, "Our seniors, Cedric, Kristopher and Jonavan, bring experience, leadership, and maturity. They serve as our role models for our younger players, providing guidance both on and off the court. They contribute not only through their skills but also by fostering our team's cohesion and helping navigate the challenges of the game. Their experience is valuable in crucial moments, and their leadership is integral to the team's overall success."

Winning on Senior Night is always special, but the Warhorses could not celebrate for very long, knowing they had to face their in-county rivals, the Blackville-Hilda Hawks, the very next night. The Barnwell versus Blackville-



Coach Mike Beasley and his three seniors (left to right) Cedric Hart, Kristopher Bennet, and Jonovan Minor on Senior Night.

Photo By: Renea Foust



Vashahd Schofield led Barnwell in scoring vs. Edisto with 15 points, then added 27 more the next night against Blackville-Hilda.

Photo By: Kelley Wood

Hilda games are always big, but since both teams could claim a win over the other this season, this game would be the tie-breaker and earn the winner the bragging rights for the season. Barnwell was able to come away with an impressive 56-47 victory

to earn the bragging rights for another year.

Coach Beasley was asked about the wins and the team's season and said, "Our players continue to grow and are still committed to our goals. We have been gaining confidence as we move

forward. Peaking at the right time is very important. This team has not peaked yet, but continues to improve with each practice and game. As long as they continue to believe in each other and understand how important it is to learn the game as it should be played, then success is going to happen."

Winning their last two games has put the Warhorses in a position to make the post season. "The wins are a testament to the team's collective effort, hard work, and commitment to each other to improve daily," said Coach Beasley.

The Warhorses will face three tough opponents to complete the regular season. On Friday, February 2, the Horses travel to Ridgeland-Hardeeville. On Monday, February 5, they will host Woodland. The regular season finale will be Wednesday, February 7 when they travel to Hampton County.

Good luck to the Warhorses as they close out the regular season and prepare for post-season play!

VARSITY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE



BASKETBALL

Wednesday, January 31
• Denmark-Olar @ Williston-Elko G 6:30, B 8:00

Thursday, February 1
• Sandhills @ JDA
G 5:15, B 6:30

Friday, February 2
• Barnwell @ Ridgeland-Hardeeville G 46:3, B 8:00
• Calhoun County @ Blackville-Hilda G 6:30, B 8:00
• Williston-Elko @ Denmark-Olar G6:30, B 8:00

Monday, February 5
• Woodland @ Barnwell
G 6:30, B 8:00

Tuesday, February 6
• Denmark-Olar @ Blackville-Hilda G 6:30, B 8:00

Barnwell JV basketball gets big 60-33 win over Blackville

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The Barnwell junior varsity basketball team led by head coach Andrew “Diesel” Smith played a school that Coach Smith is very familiar with when the Warhorses hosted Blackville-Hilda last Saturday, January 27th.

Coach Smith may be a Warhorse now, but Andrew Smith played his high school basketball for Blackville-Hilda many years ago. As a matter of fact, Coach Smith played for current Barnwell head coach Mike Beasley when Coach Beasley coached the Hawks back in Smith’s senior year of 2011.

Fast forward to 2024 and Smith and Beasley are now coaching basketball at Barnwell High School. Blackville-Hilda’s JV team came to town to face the Warhorses and head coach



The Barnwell JV basketball team defeated Blackville-Hilda 60-33 last Saturday, January 27th in Barnwell.

Photo By: Mike Beasley

(and former Hawk) Andrew Smith. When all was

said and done, the Warhorses claimed a 60-33

victory over Coach Smith’s former team, the Black-

ville-Hilda Hawks. Leading the way for the

Horses was Tavion Pressley who had 24 points, 6 rebounds, and 4 steals. Carl Hines added 11 points, 10 rebounds, and 2 blocked shots.

Emony Myrick scored 6 points, had 7 steals, and 2 blocked shots. “Emony is one of the best defensive players on the team. I always tell him that I don’t always look at the points scored, but I always look at what a player does on defense and Emony always goes hard every time,” said Coach Smith.

Coach Smith continued, saying “The defensive effort we had and the good day from the free throw line, where we scored 11 more points, helped us get the win.”

Good luck to the Barnwell JV basketball team as they finish their season this week with games against Ridgeland-Hardeeville, Woodland, and Hampton County.

Senior Lady Warhorse basketball players recognized



Barnwell High’s senior girl basketball players, #15 J’Niyia Caree, #13 Kardaiza Washington, and #32 LaKayla Glover were honored during Senior Night, last Friday, January 26th.

Photo By: Kelley Wood

Barnwell High has football awards night

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The Barnwell Warhorses had a very good first season under new head coach Brian Smith. The Warhorses finished second in Region 6-AA and advanced to the third round of the AA State Playoffs. The Warhorses even knocked off a #1 seeded Marion team along the way. The Warhorses ended up with a lot better than most people expected year, after losing the state’s leading rusher, a coaching icon, and several key defensive players.

With such a good year comes several awards. The Barnwell High football team celebrated those awards this past Thursday, January 25.

Barnwell recognized all players earning a varsity letter and gave several other awards for outstanding play. The varsity award winners included: Offensive Coach’s Award - Kahzeer Wesley, Defensive Coach’s Award - William Robinson, Warhorse Award - Jackson Bedingfield, Most Valuable Offensive Player - Cam Austin, and Most Valuable Defensive Player - Jeremiah Eady. Region 6-AA awarded

All-Region awards and a few Player of the Year awards. Barnwell’s Jordan Peeples, William Robinson, Jayden Pinkney, Jeremiah Eady, Logan Sturkie, Kahzeer Wesley, Lamar Buxton, and Tony Cheery were selected as All-Region players for Region 6-AA. JaQuan Peeples was selected as the WR Player of the Year. Lane Evans was chosen as the Special Teams Player of the Year. The Offensive Player of Year was Cam Austin.

Several Warhorses were selected to the SCACA All-State Honorable Mention team. Those players included Logan Sturkie,



Brothers Jordan Peeples, Jayden Peeples, and JaQuan Peeples were All-Award winners for Barnwell football.

Photo By: Meredith Wilson

JaQuan Peeples, Lex Thomas, Slaton Ragsdale, Lamar Buxton, Tony

Cherry, Jordan Peeples, Henri Creech, Klayton Zissett, and Jeremiah Eady. Warhorse quarterback Cam Austin was named to the SCACA All-State AA team.

The JV football team recognized three outstanding players by awarding them with a Coach’s Award. The three recipients were Joe

Huggins, Jayden Peeples, and Adrian Saxon.

Look for the Warhorses to have another good season next year, as most of these award winners will return for the 2024 Warhorse football season. Congratulations to all the award winners!



All-Region players (left-right) Lane Evans, Jeremiah Eady, Cam Austin, Kahzeer Wesley, Tony Cherry, Lamar Buxton, JaQuan Peeples, Jordan Peeples, Jayden Pinkney, William Robinson, and Logan Sturkie.

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All-State players (left-right) Klayten Zissett, Lex Thomas, Logan Sturkie, Tony Cherry, Kahzeer Wesley, Cam Austin, Lamar Buxton, JaQuan Peeples, Jordan Peeples, and Jeremiah Eady. Not pictured are Slaton Ragsdale and Henri Creech.

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Barnwell wrestling competes in tournament at Bamberg-Ehrhardt



Kaleb McCormack collected two wins beating wrestlers from Blackville and Orangeburg. Photo By: Kelley Wood



Archie White defeated the Blackville 144-pound competitor. Photo By: Kelley Wood



Head coach Isaac Cooper and assistant coach William Barnes watch Barnwell compete at the Bamberg tournament. Photo By: Kelley Wood

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The Barnwell Warhorse wrestling team competed in a huge 12-team tournament hosted by Bamberg-Ehrhardt on Saturday, January 20.

With twelve teams present, the tournament was divided into groups, with Barnwell grouped with Academic Magnet, Blackville-Hilda, and Orangeburg-Wilkinson. For those that have never been to a wrestling match, each team will enter a wrestler to face another in the same weight class. Sometimes a team

may not have every weight class represented.

Against Academic Magnet, Barnwell's Braxson Beasley won the 190-pound contest and Peyton Wood was victorious in the 113-pound match.

The Barnwell squad had a great day against Blackville-Hilda, coming out on top in nine different weight classes. Kaleb McCormack won his 138-pound match. Archie White collected a win in the 144-pound pairing. Josh Carillo defeated his 150-pound competitor. Josh Still got a win over Blackville's 157-pound challenger. Kaleb Wilson was the winner of the 165-pound contest. Braxson



Kaleb Wilson added another win in the 165-pound division. Photo By: Kelley Wood

Beasley got his second win of the day in the 190-pound division. Zanarie Garrett claimed victory in the 215-pound match. Tagan Youngblood and Dustin Jones both recorded wins for the Warhorses.

The Horses had three wrestlers that were able to claim wins over their counterparts from Orangeburg-Wilkinson. Kaleb McCormack wrestled up a class and won the battles of the 144 pounders, collecting his second win on the day. Josh Carillo also got his second win by beating Orangeburg's 150-pound opponent. Josh still got his second win beating the Bruins 157-pound combatant.

Barnwell head coach Isaac Cooper was asked about the meet and said, "I thought the guys wrestled hard. They have come a long way since the beginning of the season."

The team's next event will be AA Lower State on Feb. 16 & 17 at North Central High School. Wrestlers compete at the Lower State to try to advance to the Wrestling State Championships.

Good luck to Coach Cooper and the Barnwell Warhorse wrestling team as they compete in the AA Lower State Tournament!

JDA football team receives State Championship rings



(Above) The 2023 Jefferson Davis Academy Raiders State Champions roster includes (not in order) Connor Loadholt, Carter Loadholt, Paxton Wall, Hunter Zorn, Tollie Fickling, Tucker Fields, James Grubbs, Payton Payne, Nasir Void, Colson Loadholt, Keaton Crouch, Landon Williams, Bryan Montejano, Nolan Craig, Dalton Nix, Landon Williams, Tristan Whittle, Chaz Breeland, Reece Still, Fisher Robinson, Judson Bowers, and Jake Harrington. Head coach is Anthony Reitenor and assistant coaches are Matt Lightsey and Mitchell Webster. Dan Robinson is the JDA statistician. Photo By: Katie Williams



(Right) The JDA football team had a State Championship ring celebration Monday, January 29th in the JDA gym. Photo By: Brandy Zorn



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Now is a good time to check in and make sure your entire family is protected from infectious diseases.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), vaccines help create protective antibodies that fight off infections. Timely routine vaccinations, such as MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) and Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), are known to prevent around 4 million deaths annually, yet only 1 in 5 adults are up to date on their vaccines.

Convenience, accessibility and lack of trust all play fundamental parts in why vaccination numbers are low across some demographic groups and geographic regions. Community pharmacies and clinics, such as the Kroger Family of Companies' Pharmacies and The Little Clinic, have emerged as accessible and convenient options for people seeking needed healthcare services outside of traditional settings. These facilities offer a range of high-quality services, including medication counseling, health screenings and immunizations.

Routine preventive care, including vaccine administration, can take place at various points throughout the year and is not limited to a single season. Certain populations, such as people who are 60 years of age and older, those with chronic diseases and some minority populations, are more at risk for contracting certain infections and are encouraged to maintain updated vaccinations and boosters throughout the year. (For children younger than 5 years of age, check with your local pharmacist or clinician for vaccine guidelines.)

The CDC recommends everyone 6 months old and older get an annual flu vaccine. Influenza, more commonly known as the flu, is a highly contagious respiratory virus that infects the nose, throat and lungs, and could lead to serious illness, hospitalization or death. Dominant flu strains are constantly shifting and protection from a single flu vaccine declines

over time. To reduce the risk of getting or spreading the flu, it's important to get a yearly flu vaccination.

Retail pharmacies and clinics hold a unique position in the local communities they serve and are deeply committed to vaccine education and outreach. In addition to providing protection against illnesses such as influenza, vaccines also offer protection against hepatitis A, hepatitis B, varicella (chicken pox), measles, RSV, pertussis (whooping cough), COVID-19 and more. By equipping people with consistent, factual information, retail pharmacies and clinics empower them to make informed decisions about their health and the health of their loved ones.

Research shows schools and colleges have the potential to cultivate a higher disease transmission rate that affects all ages, from students to staff and teachers, due to the proximity of people within buildings. When students are protected against vaccine-preventable illnesses, they experience fewer absences due to illness, allowing them to fully participate in classroom activities and maximize their learning potential.

Ensuring children are current on their vaccines also creates opportunities for parents and caregivers to check their own preventive health statuses. The National Institutes of Health notes vaccine-preventable diseases cost the country approximately \$27 billion annually in lost wages and increased healthcare costs. Missing routine immunizations could result in missed work and medical bills that could prevent people from being able to provide and care for their families.

Unlike some traditional healthcare settings, retail pharmacies and clinics are easily accessible. They are often located within local communities and have extended hours that cater to busy schedules, allowing flexibility for people getting their families vaccinated. In fact, 90% of the U.S. population lives within 5 miles of a pharmacy. Options like the Kroger Family of Companies' Pharmacies and other retail pharmacies have established vaccine clinics within their pharmacy and

clinic locations, making vaccinations a seamless and convenient part of the healthcare experience they provide.

Annual Gallup Polls consistently show pharmacists and nurse practitioners are among the most trusted people in the medical field. Healthcare professionals at retail pharmacies and clinics undergo rigorous training and possess in-depth knowledge about vaccines, proper storage and handling as well as administration techniques. These professionals contribute to the

confidence of their patients and the health of the community at large.

Retail providers disseminate accurate information about vaccines and address vaccine hesitancy and misinformation within their local communities. By prioritizing proactive vaccinations, retail pharmacies create an environment that supports the overall well-being of students, teachers, staff and families alike, helping communities live healthier lives.

To learn more about annual vaccination needs, visit [kroger.com/vaccinations](https://www.kroger.com/vaccinations) or plan a visit to a local pharmacy or clinic.



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Protecting Americans' access to high-quality health care

(StatePoint) Accepting Medicare is becoming increasingly unsustainable for physicians, which has resulted in many practices refusing to take new Medicare patients, or even to shutter their doors. At the same time, millions of additional Americans are projected to rely on Medicare in the coming years. With a 3.37% reduction to Medicare imposed at the start of this year, the American Medical Association (AMA) says that reforms are needed to protect millions of Americans' access to their physicians.

"After three consecutive years of Medicare cuts, phy-

sicians and patients are at a crossroads. Physicians have faced reductions in Medicare payments each of the past four years on top of steeply rising practice costs and the burdens of nearly four years of COVID-19. Continuing down this road is unsustainable for many physicians, particularly those in smaller private practices," says Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, MD, MPH, president of the AMA.

An AMA analysis of Medicare Trustees data finds that Medicare physician payments increased by just 0.4% a year between 2001 and 2023. Meanwhile, the cost of running a medical

practice—including office rent, employee wages and insurance premiums—went up by 47% during that same period. Today, physicians are the only Medicare providers who do not receive an annual inflationary update, hindering their ability to adequately pay staff, purchase new equipment and invest in their practices.

Struggling physician practices nationwide have already been forced to make such tough choices as refusing to accept Medicare, absorbing their practices into larger companies, and even shutting down operations entirely. As a result, some

Medicare patients—like Dr. Ehrenfeld's own parents, who recently struggled to find a new physician—will increasingly be left without access to high-quality care, with the largest burden on rural and underserved areas. New cuts will erode this access even further.

"Congress has the power to prevent these cuts and save patients' access to their physicians," says Dr. Ehrenfeld. "The Preserving Seniors' Access to Physicians Act of 2023 is a bipartisan legislative fix that will completely eliminate the cuts. I urge everyone to visit [FixMedicareNow.org](https://www.FixMedicareNow.org)



and contact their member of Congress. Tell them to pass H.R.6683, and protect Medicare patients."

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Through reform, advocates say that the Medicare system will better meet the needs of patients and physicians, and safeguard access to high-quality care.

Protein to Fuel Everyday Adventures in the Kitchen and Beyond

FAMILY FEATURES

Achieving your goals each day starts with your own health and well-being, both physically and mentally. To ensure you've got the energy needed to take on that to-do list and enjoy your favorite activities, turn to familiar ingredients and recipes that pack the protein your body craves.

To help reach nutrition goals and fuel your everyday adventures, Chicken of the Sea Tuna and Salmon Packets can follow you anywhere you go and make healthy eating a delicious endeavor. Everything you love about your favorite tuna and salmon products now fits into your busy lifestyle and unique dietary needs – keto, paleo or Mediterranean.

They're flavorful, convenient and fit seamlessly into your daily routine, making them a perfect solution no matter your mood, cravings or occasion. Whether you're bringing tuna along as an afternoon snack or incorporating salmon into a tasty meal, the responsibly sourced protein allows you to eat healthy and live happy without compromise.

For example, you can rethink lunchtime routines with a colorful twist on the viral social media salmon rice bowl. Bring together the lively flavors of Everything Bagel-seasoned pink salmon with your favorite toppings like carrots, radishes, Sriracha mayo and more for a simple yet flavorful afternoon protein-packed pick-me-up.

Long days away from home can lead to meal complacency when you walk through the door. However, keeping high-quality, responsibly sourced protein options on hand can help you avoid takeout cravings and a desire to leave the cooking to someone else. It doesn't get much easier than these Lemon Garlic Tuna-Stuffed Roasted Mini Sweet Peppers for an appetizer or low-carb snack that takes just 20 minutes to prepare a handful of everyday ingredients.

When you find the right solutions for you, it's time to stock the pantry. Try all the flavors Chicken of the Sea Wild Caught Tuna and Alaskan Pink Salmon Packets offers, from creamy or citrus to spicy and beyond.

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Lemon Garlic Tuna-Stuffed Roasted Mini Sweet Peppers

Total time: 20 minutes
Servings: 2-3

- 1 packet (2 1/2 ounces) Chicken of the Sea Wild Caught Light Tuna Lightly Seasoned by McCormick, Lemon Garlic
- 3 mini sweet peppers, halved, seeds removed
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup sliced green onions
- fresh cracked black pepper, to taste

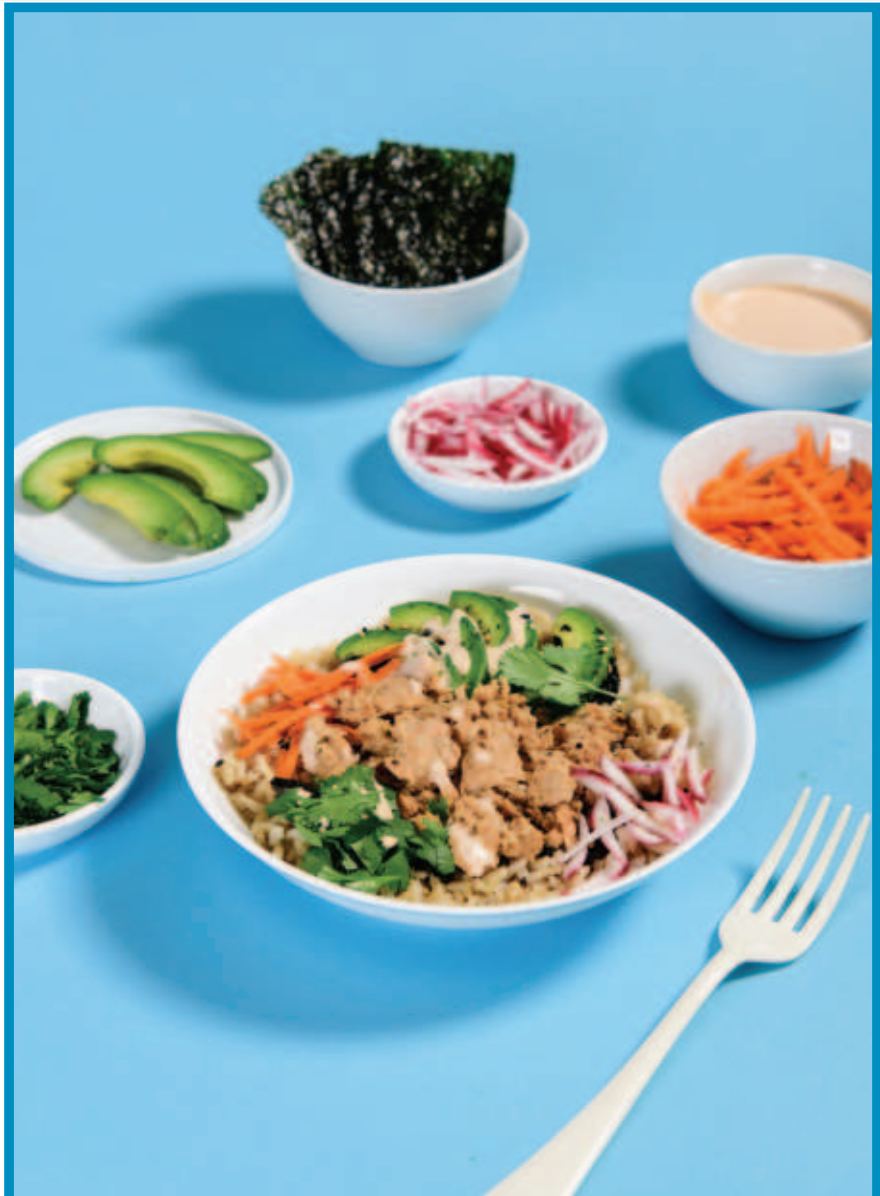
Preheat oven to 400 F. Lay parchment or foil over baking pan.

Place halved mini sweet peppers on prepared baking pan and lightly brush both sides of peppers with oil.

Divide lemon garlic tuna evenly between six mini pepper halves.

Top with cheese and bake 8-10 minutes, or until peppers are tender and cheese is melted.

Allow to cool and top with sliced green onions and fresh cracked black pepper, to taste.



Everything Bagel Salmon Brown Rice Bowl

Total time: 10 minutes
Servings: 1

- 1 packet (2 1/2 ounces) Chicken of the Sea Wild Caught Alaskan Pink Salmon with Everything Bagel Seasoning
- 1 cup cooked brown rice
- 1 small avocado, sliced

- 2 tablespoons shredded carrots
- 2 tablespoons shredded radishes
- 2 tablespoons minced cilantro
- 2 teaspoons furikaki seasoning (Japanese rice seasoning)
- 2 tablespoons Sriracha mayo

In bowl, top cooked brown rice with crushed seaweed sheets.

Add sliced avocado and top with salmon.

Add carrots, radishes and cilantro.

Sprinkle with furikaki seasoning and drizzle with Sriracha mayo.

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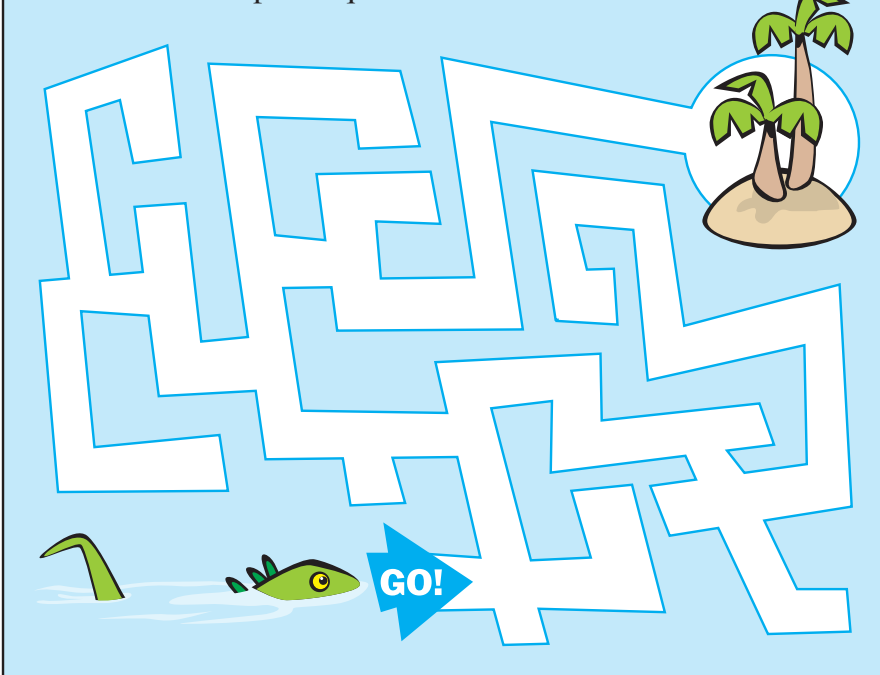
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My name:

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

Island Maze

Help the iquana swim to the island.



My Rhyme Time

This land is your land,
This land is my land
From California
To the New York Island.

My Letters

I is for Island


i is for island



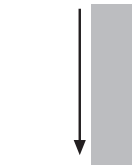
Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter I. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the sound the letter I makes in the word island?

My Numbers

How many  ?
idols

How many  ?
islands



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

My Sentence

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

Islands are _____



Sunday

Letter Identification

With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that begin with the same sound as the letter **I** in island.

Monday

Math Play

Point to the number **1** in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

Land or water?

Look at pictures of animals in the newspaper. Ask your child if each animal lives on land or in water?

Wednesday

Picture Puzzle

Cut a large picture out of the newspaper and glue it onto heavy paper. Cut the picture into puzzle pieces and give your child the chance to put the puzzle together! Everyday you can create a new puzzle!

Thursday

Island Arrival

Explain to your child that an island is completely surrounded by water. Look through the newspaper for the kinds of transportation you can use to get to an island. Can you drive a car? Walk? Take a boat or a plane?

Friday

Big I, Little i

On one page of the newspaper find and circle an uppercase letter **I**. Then find and circle a lowercase letter **i**. Have your child draw a line to connect the two. How many more **big I, little i** pairs can you find?

Saturday

Large and Small

Show your child a page of the newspaper with two pictures. Have your child circle the larger picture. Underline the small picture.

Learning Buddy Sign Here

I have completed _____ activities with my Learning Buddy.

Learning Buddy's signature _____

Date _____



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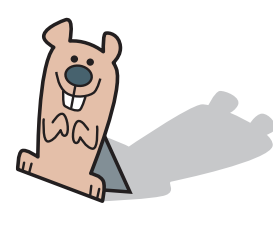
For hundreds of years, people have thought that the groundhog can predict the weather. It's believed that if the groundhog sees its shadow when it leaves its burrow on the second day of February, the winter will last another six weeks.

But, if the sun isn't shining, then there are no shadows to be seen. People say when this happens, spring will arrive soon.



Make a Groundhog Weather Detector

Color and cut out this little groundhog. Glue it onto some heavier paper and cut out the groundhog again. Stand your little groundhog outside and see if it casts a shadow.



The Most Famous Groundhog

In the town of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, there is a special groundhog called **Punxsutawney Phil**.



Each year on the morning of February 2nd, people in the town wait patiently for Punxsutawney Phil to come out of his burrow. News shows and newspapers around the country will tell everyone whether or not he sees his shadow.

Do Not Disturb!

Each August the groundhog starts eating a lot. It eats and eats. A layer of fat forms under its skin.

As the weather gets colder in the fall, the fat groundhog goes to its little underground bedroom with its cushion of grass to curl up and sleep.



It falls into such a deep sleep that it appears dead. This is called **hibernation**.

Is Phil correct?

Punxsutawney Phil is not right about the weather every year. Circle every other letter to see how often Phil is right about the end of winter weather.

A W B G O J U R T N F
L O M R F T H Y J P K
E P R Y C B E L N F T
V O Z F O T W H V E
Y T A I L M R E T

A B

USE THE SECRET CODE: What is another name for a groundhog?

C =
 D =
 H =
 K =

N =
 O =
 U =
 W =



How do animals know when to hibernate?

Scientists have found a special chemical in the blood of hibernating animals. The chemical is called **HIT** or **Hibernation Inducement Trigger**. Although scientists do not know what this chemical is, they do know that it appears when one of three things happen:

The days become shorter and there is less light.

There is a big drop in temperature.

Food is scarce.

One summer day, blood with HIT taken from a hibernating groundhog was injected into a lively one. Result: **Hibernation!**

If you were the scientist—what would be your conclusion about this experiment?

Standards Link: Life Science: Understand that humans and animals have structures that aid in survival.

Extra! Extra!

Weather Words

Look outside. What is your weather like today? Look through the newspaper for five words that describe your weather. Circle each word.

Standards Link: Science: Identify different kinds of weather.

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This week's word: **HIBERNATE**

The verb **hibernate** means to sleep through the winter in a den or burrow to save energy.

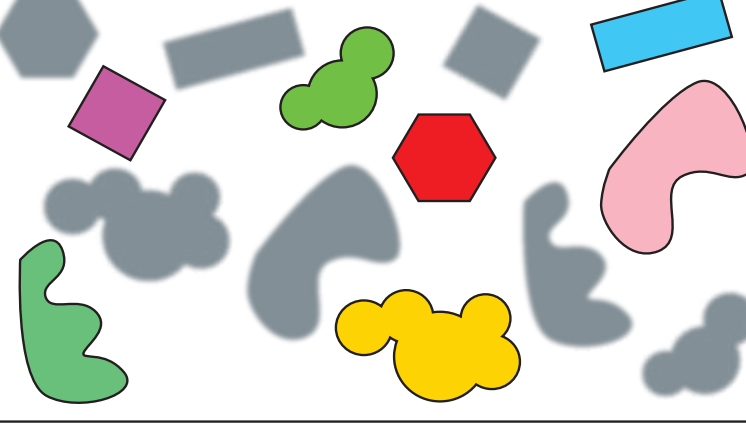
The groundhog **hibernates** about six months a year.

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

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Light travels in a straight line from its source. When light reaches an opaque (solid) object, the light is prevented from moving through the object, leaving an area of darkness on the other side (a shadow).

Find the shadow for each of these shapes.



Standards Link: Science: Understand physical properties of light.

Double Double Word Search

AUGUST
 BURROW
 CASTS
 CURL
 EATS
 END
 FOOD
 GROUNDHOG
 LIGHT
 PHIL
 SHADOW
 SLEEP
 SUN
 TOWN
 WINTER

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



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

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

News Photo Pose

Find a newspaper photo with one or more people in it. Mimic the pose of a person. Can you hold it for 10 seconds? Find another photo and repeat.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Apply syllabication rules.



What's round, covered in cheese and tomato sauce, and is very sleepy?

ANSWER: A P!ZZZZZZZZ!

Write On!

Hello, Spring!

What does spring look like where you live? Write a description of some of the signs of spring in your area.

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