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Mass transit returns Feb. 1 with higher fares

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services are set to resume on February 1 under a new fare

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 their needs for medical services, work, social and recreational activities." - Ethel Faust, executive director of Generations Unlimited

Local Motion mass transit stopped and Medicaid trips were traveling 11 miles would be \$5.50 deprioritized by GU, rides would

work, medical appointments, or total would be \$23. on miles traveled. Every ten miles

six miles would be \$5 one way,

prioritized, leaving many Barnwell one way, and 12 miles would be \$6 County residents without rides to one way. A rider traveling 46 miles

Mass transit services will be The new fare schedule is based offered from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday – a is \$5, with a 50 cent increase per schedule that begins after many mile added. For example, traveling Local Motion riders start their work day. Before mass transit was

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-

"Our goal is the ensure that every citizen can utilize our services to meet based fare schedule on January 17 in an affort to "bottor accommodate" 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.

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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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.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

Voter frustrations

Voter Arnetta Hulen, 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 Hulen. "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 about us to come and say 'I care legislation passed by the Biden what you need,'" said Lewis,.

Party's messaging.

really needs to do a better head of the Democratic job with their messaging," Primary on February 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

"I'm talking about elected officials who don't care enough

administration, concerns were "Just because we don't have raised about the Democratic the businesses that other folks have, just because we might not "I think the Democratic Party 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."

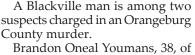
Bryner said that since Biden is the incumbent president and has a higher chance of being reelected, the Biden campaign has not spent as much money on the primary than the Republican primary race, which is more competitive. New campaign finance information on the primaries will be published on

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Blackville man among two charged in Neeses murder

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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

"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 not," 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

"I then applied my tourniquet on multiple people were in the yard his right arm, to try and control his screaming, stating their cousin was 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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fter offering solely drive-Athru services for over a year, the First Citizens Bank on Main Street in Williston will officially close on March 13, 2024

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



decision to close a branch.

Three associates are currently employed at the Williston

Other locations of this bank include Barnwell on Dunbarton Boulevard, Columbia Road in Orangeburg, and two Aiken

'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, wellrehearsed, 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 our students have sung for watch the young tree grow, as they themselves do with the town. Each child Kanagy said.



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 to the town.

the garden club and we are happy to be part of it!"

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

"Mr. Kinard never fails to help us find the perfect garden will bring as a gift herbal plants for this community garden we're "This is the second time 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

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 the town. Keep your eyes Ronnie Pernell as he works open! Come to the town with contractors, officials and the community with very appreciative to Mr. plans for more additions to happening in Blackville!

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,

I'm becoming what the Lord of trees has meant me to be, A STRONG YOUNG TREE."

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:

*** Chorus:

Songwriter: Ken Medema

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TRANSIT: Mass transit returns Feb. 1 FROM PAGE 1A

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GU has recently been undergoing a restructuring with focus on the

show and late cancellation or Motion has undergone Faust. "Our goal is the ensure schedule remains. Fares are an update to the software that every citizen can utilize system for non-emergency medical transportation "to needs for medical services, become more efficient and cost effective" in regard to scheduling, dispatching, billing, reporting, and

"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 continue to cover future transportation department. to our ridership in the most updates and changes at GU.

According to Faust, Local cost effective manner," said our services to meet their work, social and recreational activities." For questions or concerns,

> 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

> contact executive director

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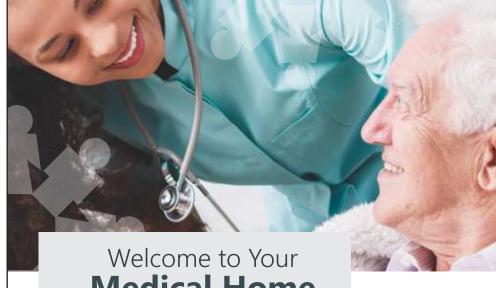
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Williston-Elko's Dreams Imagination and Gift's Academy illuminated and electrified this year's Future City Regional competition

Contributed by DIG

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

During this time the team took on hardline concerning questions 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 Region competition in Atlanta, Georgia. Photo Contributed

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 homeschools in the states of South Carolina and Geor-

gia, placing second over-

all, then anyone who puts their mind and determina-

tion 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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Contributed by Denmark Technical College

enmark 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 ceremonious 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 Dessie Savage, Rowe, Smith, Roberta Alexis Smoak, Dimani Tatum 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

Elijah de Castro Report for America elijah@thepeoplesentinel.com

Randy Creech has won the special election for Allendale City Council. Creech received received 89 votes.

The election was held to fill the empty seat of former council memwas suspended in Oct. 2022 by Governor Henry McMaster. In Oct. 2023, Morell Jr. pleaded guilty to third-degree criminal sexcouncil until November, when Allendale voters will for a full term.

Creech, who has lived in lendale for their vote. Allendale for 52 years, ran

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 109 votes while his oppo- of our citizens here have nent, Shavontay Elmore to drive 15 miles south, 17 miles north, 35 miles east to receive some form of goods," Creech said. "In today's economy where ber Earl Morell Jr., who things are just skyrocketing [in price], this is not okay. Something has to change."

Creech said he wants to change common percepual conduct with a minor. tions that people who are Creech will serve the re- not from Allendale have of mainder of the term on the the community. Frustrations surrounding this perception, Creech said, was choose a council member common when he asked residents of the town of Al-

"In my view, Allendale on a platform of increas- is left behind," Creech ing opportunities for the said. "In my view, as far Allendale's young people, as the state is concerned, bringing local business- view, they feel that we're to Allendale." es into the community. insignificant and we're



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

for relevancy, significance book that he will continue reducing violence and [we're] not valid. In my back and validation back to be an "advocate for Al-Creech also criticized the not irrelevant. We're here tion, Elmore said on Face- love. We as citizens have were not available until

together."

tone of the race positive.

had the same passions, was using. the same desires, the same one another down."

Allendale County Voter loading of results." Registration and Elections lendale to be all that we Office encountered several of office during a special Despite losing the elec- know it can be - a place of issues, and official results meeting on Jan. 31.

work to do. We're in this Wednesday morning.

On the afternoon of While campaigning, El- January 23, Collin Gaff, more frequently spoke an information technolabout getting young peo- ogy employee at the South ple and people in the Al- Carolina Election Comlendale community who mission, was sent to the don't pay attention to local Allendale County Voter government involved in Registration and Elections local decision making. El- Office to give help. Acmore, who is a recent grad- cording to Gaff, the office uate of Allendale-Fairfax encountered an issue with High School, said that city precincts in their poll early on in the race, both books, which was resolved he and Creech agreed to that day. The second issue, not attack each other and according to Gaff, was that instead aim to keep the the thumb drive with voting information was not "We both came to a mu- being read properly by the tual agreement that we computer the voting office

"It's pretty simple, there missions, the same mo- was an issue with the poll tives," Elmore said. "It just books where they didn't so happened [that] we just have all the precincts set got caught up in the same up for that election," Gaff special election. With that said. "That's what I was in mind, our concept, our initially fixing and then perspective was not to put there was an issue with the thumb drive. It just ended During the election, the up becoming a late up-

Creech will take the oath

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

Contributed by Mae Helen Stoney-Hartley

Talf a century has **⊥**sailed by since Allendale-Fairfax ers, rebels, and scholars, etched their memories sun reflecting off a halfcentury of life experiences, recognize the vibrant enon a new adventure: their fiftieth graduation year.

men navigating awkward U.S. History, Economic, lockers to seniors dreamof '73 formed a unique tap- during Chemistry class.

estry. The hallways echoed High Mr. John Taylor's Biology Martin, Sycamore, Ulmer, ing, and the anticipation challenges to overcome. School Class of 1973. Back class, reciting Shakespear then, bell-bottoms flared, in Ms. Florence Bryan's disco reigned, laughter English Literature class, spilled from crowded Ms. Gussie Hutto's unwavlunch tables, and Water- ering guidance conjugatgate swirled in the head- ing verbs during English lines. The Class of 1973, class, Coach Chip Atkin's a motley crew of dream- fierce spirit urging us to victory on the basketball court and Coach Richard onto the very fabric of Phillips on the gridiron, the school. Now, with the Mrs. Peggy Riley's numbers game with Geometry and Algebra classes, Mrs. the golden tigers pause to Barbara Harney and Ms. Edith Hopkinson teaching ergy of youth and embark the values of Home Economics and Family Living, and the passionate debates From wide-eyed fresh- in Ms. Margaret Tuten's and World History classes,

But

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 of senior prom under the 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 cullendale County, the Class booming voice radiating to France in Mademoi- to Donna Summer, pro- built, careers carved, and

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,

Allendale-Fairfax French and Latin class and and witnessed the dawn honor of this fiftieth year

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 being a part of the planning 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"

Come spring 2024, the and old rivalries. We were A-F class will raise the ing of futures beyond Al- and Mr. James Bradley's tures while transcending the generation that danced banner and toast families selle Hildegarde Robert's tested the Vietnam War, dreams chased down in

with Tiger spirit on game wasn't just about academ- to Spain in Señorita Joyce of personal computers. celebration, on a date to day pep rally, the drum ics and athletics. It was Topper's Spanish class, Our lockers held not just be announced later. So, beat of the band under about friendships forged cruising Main Street in textbooks, but the secrets Golden Tigers, let the re-Mr. Randy Martin's lead- in the cafeteria, riding the muscle cars, the winning of teenage hearts, fun con- union roar! Let's celebrate the bell last rang for the ership, dissecting frogs in school bus as far away as touchdown at homecom- nections, triumphs, and the past, savor the present, and charge into the The fiftieth year is a rec-future, forever bound by ognition of the indelible the memories that first Allendale-Fairfax brought us together as we High School has left on 3 treasure each golden them, shaping who they 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 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.



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

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

AVailable. Rent is based on in-come. Applicants will be screened prior to Leasing. Contact the Barnwell, SC Office to submit an application on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at 1-800-922-5504 Or 803-259-3588

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

Affordable and effective units Available. Rent is based on in-

Organization increases food access in Allendale Laura McKenzie

wholespire

Contributing Writer

) epresentatives Narea 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 Rainwater of Growers for SC Office of Rural Health, together to ensure an eq-

to healthy choices," states Those attending includ-

their website. ed Chairwoman Lottie M. Lewis of Allendale Enterprise, Shelley Thomas of

uitable South Carolina, Grace, Madie Orage-Green where everyone has access of S.C. Dept. of Health and Environmental Control, Genita Green of Wholespire (Community Engagement Coordinator), Jessica Morrison of Clemson Rural Health (Orange-Healthy Learners, Angela burg), Courtney Watson of

Yokina K. Williams of S.C. Lewis. Dept. of Mental Health, Phil Dickinson of Allendale Enterprise, Erica Farmers Market, nutri-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

The group discussed plans for the Allendale tion 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

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

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-booked and released to 36, of 56 Cherry Street, Barn-

Arrest reports listed below 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

to BCDC. Kadara Robert Ingram,

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 Un-

der Suspension. Holder

was booked and released

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 by BCSO for Criminal Do-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

mestic 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

Contributed Barnwell County Sheriff's Office

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

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 to their same school, and

necessary, is traumatic in be with familiar faces and 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 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



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

CORDER'S CREATIVE CORNER

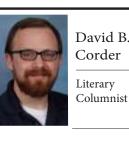
The best fantasy authors

I was at a comment when I got into conversation with 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 more solid list I'd like to J.K. Rowling-No one

can contend with the popularity of the Harry Potter series. Nearing thirty years since its publication, the story of best-selling series of all time. Rowling weaved together intense worldbuilding, characterization, timeless themes to create something that the world may never see can be called nothing less than "magical" and

J.R.R. granddaddy fantasy genre, Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings is his writing is usually the blueprint for nearly hit or miss for me, it's every fantasy author that difficult to deny the

"fantastical."



David B. Corder Literary

has come after. Tolkien created an entire world with lore and history that I have had a chance upon history, creating to think about it, I have a 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

a young wizard boy is his Christian writings you look at how many still celebrated around such as Mere Christianity, the world as perhaps the Lewis was also a devout Elantris, and Nightblood are children's lover of myths and fairy tales. So it is no surprise that he produced *The* deep Chronicles of Narnia, a and series that has impacted (and many children adults) for many years. He is also renowned for again. Indeed, her series his Space Trilogy and his retelling of the myth of Cupid and Psyche, Till We Have Faces, which Tolkien-The happens to be in my top

of the ten books of all time. Neil Gaiman—Though great mark that Gaiman left on the world 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. world-building is impeccable, C.S. Lewis-Known for numbers don't lie when books he has sold. Mistborn, just some of the books he's written that he's known for, and he's also respected finishing 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

> favorite Did your 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.

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.

Palmetto Connections a nonprofit organization improving access to quality healthcare in rural and underserved communities South successfully Carolina, 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 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 including basic

Care 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 concluded its first Digital with Family Solutions," said program Literacy training program Kathy Schwarting, Chief marks Executive Officer, Palmetto milestone 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 landscape confidently."

addition 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 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 tools to navigate the digital lasting impact on the lives of women in South Carolina and empowering them to thrive in today's digital

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

society.

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. 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

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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-

Ricky Collins

tained in an automobile mother and step-father,

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Pallbearers will be Mickev 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

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.

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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-

Virgie Sanders Ray

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. The People-Sentinel

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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 gradu- including but not limited to Touch not a single bough! ated from Allendale High two Legion Merit awards, In youth it sheltered me, School and then studied Distinguished Flying Cross for a year at Clemson be- award, eight Air Medal fore being drafted into the awards, and two Air Force 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

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 and students. Carl finally

Aeronautical Engineering.

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 Commendation Medals. Serving 36 years in the military, Carl was instrumental in developing and commanding several training schools throughout his

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 wellknown 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

Phon Thong Vietnam. After 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! 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 greatgrandchildren; 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

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.

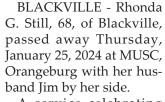
Keith Smith Funeral Services of Allendale was in charge of the arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at keithsmithfuneralser-

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In Loving **Memor**





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

late Warren Faust Still Sr. and Joan Zorn Still and was married to James Ronnie Lauren Still of Fort Mill.

"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 Born in Bamberg County, loving husband, Jim of the she was the daughter of the home; her brother Warren and his wife Donna Still Jr. of Columbia, and her niece,

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.

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

She was the loving moth-Del Bello and Dr. David an enthusiastic traveler

Martha Del Bello

(Annie Wong) Del Bello (she visited all 48 interand 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 Bufer of Ann Marie (Victoria) falo public school system,

continental United States, as well as several foreign countries) and a talented gardener (she won "Yard of the Month" on numerous

There will be a private family ceremony.

occasions).

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

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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 for Pops. Moody; children Jimbo

Moody, Blake (Mindy) ter, Hannah J. Moody. Moody, Kristin Moody, 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

James Thurmond Moody

He is preceded in death (Dana) Moody, Jody by his parents, James L. and Moody, and John Moody; Amelia "MeMe" Moody; grandchildren Austin brother, Herbert Wayne (Katelyn) Moody, Josh Moody, and granddaugh-

The family received Morgan (Emily) Moody, friends and family Mon-Daisy Moody, Nathan day, 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.

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Birth



Taytum River Bryant was born on January 1, 2024.

Taytum River Bryant

ristyn Grubbs & Will Bryant are proud to announce the birth of their son, Kaytum 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.

Obituaries

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

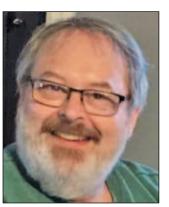
raren Uldrick retired from the Farm Service Agency on Dec. 31, 2023, following 34 and a half years of service to farmers. She started her career in Barnwell County, before moving to Lexington County,

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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Wayne Herman, 53, passed of Kernersville, N.C.; and line guestbook at molefh. away on January 23rd, 2024 granddaughter, Miriam. in Aiken. He was born in Columbia on March 10th, held Saturday, January

Kevin Wayne Herman

Herman Jr. and the late the Church of the Holy

wife, Ellen M. Herman of church's social hall after the Barnwell; sons, Nathan service. Memorials may be (Elizabeth) of Ulmer and made to the Church of the Logan of Aiken; brothers, Holy Apostles, P.O. Box William Herman of Black- 207, Barnwell, S.C. 29812. ville and Michael (Toni) Herman of Charleston; Barnwell was in charge of BARNWELL - Kevin sister, Tina (Bucky) Smith arrangements. Sign the on-

A memorial service was 1970 to William Kenneth 27th, 2024 at 11 a.m. at

Peggy Earline Morris Her- Apostles with Pastor Bill Clarkson officiating. A re-He is survived by his ception was held in the

Mole Funeral Home of

The People-Sentinel 1/31/2024

BARNWELL - Kenneth Earl Sloan, 77, passed away 2024. He was born on Auto the late Earl and Mina

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

side services for Lloyd

Chavis Sr., 60, of Blackville,

were held at 1 p.m. Mon-

day, January 29, 2024 at the

Blackville Cemetery with

the Reverend Russ Reed

officiating. Lloyd passed

away at home on Thursday,

January 25, 2024.

Kenneth Earl Sloan

father, grandfather, and of Woodruff and Ricky great-grandfather. He enjoyed spending time with his family.

of Barnwell; children, Kim (Travis) Hooper of Barnwell, and Michelle (Joe) Handberry of Barnwell; Parkins of Union, Felicia Charleston, Mattison (Clay gust 4th, 1946 in Woodruff 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

(Toni) Sloan of Woodruff; sister, Rita (Ed) Mobley of Woodruff; and sister-in-He is survived by his law, Amy Sloan; as well as wife, Dianne Creech Sloan many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by Parkins of Union, Daphne his brothers, Erskine Sloan and Gerald Sloan, as well as his sister, Patsy Wood.

A visitation will be held grandchildren, Jonathan Wednesday, January 31st, 2024 from 6-8 p.m. at Mole at home surrounded by his Parkins of Union, Shel- Funeral Home. A graveside family on January 28th, by (Jerred) Burdette of 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.

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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 Callum 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 ing turkeys and Christmas began to decline, he was gifts to some of his cowork-

Douglas Arnold Krogh

treehouses for his kids, them all. and created a swimming homebuilding, and anything else that sparked his interest. He was interesting to talk to because he was conversational on so many a lifelong love of music. He had an entrepreneurial streak; after leaving employment with Carolina Metals, he owned his own time. He had a soft heart in love, always. for those in need of a hand up or who were down on and Crematory is assisting their luck. He was moved

his kids remember him tak-

always puttering around ers' families during the with various projects on holidays. He was frugal to a his property. He built fur- fault, but he couldn't stand niture, created a small fruit to see kids going without. orchard and vegetable gar- More kids called him "Papa den, cared for cows, horses, Doug" than were related pigs, and chickens, built to him by blood; he loved

Special thanks are due pond in his back pasture to Ashley and Harrison that was a highlight of his Fickling for helping to care older kids' childhoods in for him at home in his final the early 90s. He was a jack months. Towards the end, of all trades, adept at teach- he was bedridden and his ing himself car repairs, 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 different topics. He enjoyed be provided by Folk Fulearning and teaching as neral Home, and the famwell. He was always up for ily will mourn privately. helping with school science If anyone wishes to share projects, and he taught his stories, memories, or conson to play guitar, sparking dolences, 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 gas station in Elko for a missed and remembered

Folk Funeral Home, Inc. the family with arrangeby late-night infomercials ments. Visit the online regto sponsor children living istry at www.folkfuneral in poverty in Africa, and home.com.

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Lloyd Chavis Sr.

Vastine Chavis and Desalee and Kason, Laya, Wyatt Mizzell Chavis and was and Amelia Ryn; a greatmarried 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 nieces and nephews. disabled. He was a quiet simple man who had a love death by a sister, Marfor the outdoors. BLACKVILLE - Grave-

Survivors include his loving wife, Deborah Chavis of the home; his children, Crystal Chavis (Jack (Carl) Thompson of Columbia, Lloyd (Jasmine) Chavis of Beaufort and Melanie (Nicholas) Mosier of Blackville; grandchil-Born in Barnwell County dren, Johnny, Athena, Jorhe was a son of the late den and Aubree, Trinity

grandson, Colton; a sister, Mary Hutto; three brothers, Bobby (Paula) Chavis, Randy Chavis and LeRoy Chavis; and a number of

He was preceded in tha Lee Dyches; brothers, Clyde Chavis and Abraham Chavis; and a dear aunt, Emma Glover.

Folk Funeral Home, Inc. Peeples) of Williston, Laura and Crematory assisted the family with arrangements. Visit the online registry at www.folkfuneralhome.

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Family trying to recover after fire

Alexandra Whitbeck Reporter

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A family of eight lived on the corner of Pascallas and Lartigue streets for only three months before a fire broke out, rendering their Blackville home a total loss.

At the time of the fire, Sadie Dixon, the children's grandmother, was home watching one of the youngest children. Her first thought when the fire broke out was to "get my baby out of the house."

The family has been staying in Órangeburg through efforts from the Red Cross and local contributors and are "just trying to get through," said Sadie.

Living in the home was Corey Dixon, Sadie Dixon, their daughter, and grandchildren ages eight, five,



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

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
- 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.

To donate via Cashapp: \$skullheadgb4070. To donate via Chime, Apple Pay, or Zelle, use the number (803) 747-0782.

To contact the family with donations, call (803) 653-

Blackville man killed in Ashleigh Road wreck

Jonathan Vickery Publisher

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was killed Wednesday night, Jan. 24, in a traffic roadway and overturned,"

of Blackville, died on Highway Patrol. 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, approximately County for 2024.

five miles east of the City of Barnwell. Collins was driving a 1997 Jeep Cherokee "southbound on Ashleigh Road when A Blackville man the vehicle "traveled off the right side of the said Lance Corporal Ricky Collins, 59, Lena Butler with the S.C.

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 Road near Reedy Branch traffic fatality in Barnwell

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PRIMARY: Allendale County Democrats gather ahead of primary

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

[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 elevating divisive politics.

"I hope we all pause policy accomplishments,

donors, [like] unions, tech 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 social media algorithms in crowd, Newsom praised the Biden administration's

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."

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, People-Sentinel.

said. "There's no president in well because if you look said Hulen.



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

American history that's done directionally, renewables 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."

and solar farms popping "At the same time, we *People-Sentinel* spoke with up throughout Barnwell have more renewables expressed the importance and Allendale counties, as [than] at any time in our of voting in the primary: previously reported by *The* history," Newsom said. "I also understand the I possibly can to get as "Look at what they've tension, and I think the many people out to vote as done on climate," Newsom president's balanced it possible for the primaries,"

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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* "I'm gonna do everything







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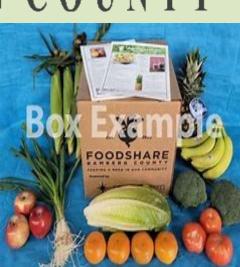
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American Heritage Girls, Trail Life troops pack Christmas shoeboxes for overseas children



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 https://www.traillifeusa. together to pack and load com/.

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

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

CHARGED: 2 in custody FROM PAGE 1A

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

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CLOSING: First Citizens Bank closing Williston branch in March

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 another town. I love this left.

we as a town could help the overall appearance and marketability of the town for either residents or businesses.

> expressed concern about Williston, Enterprise Bank this corporation closing of South Carolina is located on social media, not only for convenience in banking Federal Credit Union is locally but also for their nearby on West Street.

> Bolen Elkins asked others finds the town to be to support the town stating, fortunate to have multiple "Please fellow Williston local businesses that can citizens, think twice before fill in the gap of services

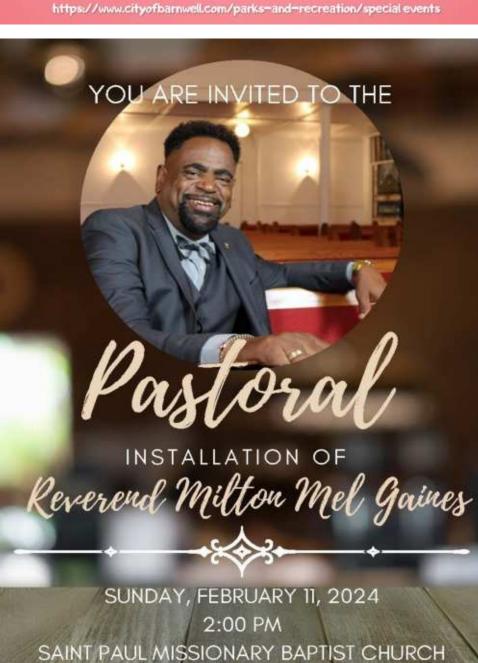
both companies to see if and a closed sign harms town so much and I want it to thrive. Shop local."

> "We do have two other great banks in town, and we all hope they stay," Residents have said Mayor Williams. In on Main Street and SRP

In addition to these Williston resident Denise banks, Mayor Williams you shop in Aiken or these corporations have

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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

Favorites...

Sports: Football and wrestling

- College team: Clemson
- Athletes: John Cena and Rob Gronkowski
 - Food: Club sandwiches • Movie/TV shows: Star Wars
- and Seinfield
 - •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

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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

Sports

The People-Sentinel 1B Wednesday, January 31, 2024

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, that stretch.

toughest teams in a very strong girls basketball Region 4-A. Wilthe top of a region that contains Denmark-Olar, Hunter-Kinard-Tyler, and Calhoun County, all basketball programs.

the North Eagles. Two different had won five in a row." games, but they had the same out-The Blue Devils are one of the their fifth straight win when they beat Ridge Spring-Monetta 57-37.

> Williston-Elko head coach Mae tain Madison Wright telling the seniors, Citira Bell and Na'kiya

> Devils crushed Wagener-Salley they're out on the court. Coach 40-14. The next night, Williston Stroman is always telling them beat their local rivals from Barn- to work hard and myself pushing well 45-39. The Devils' next two them to no ends. We've worked so opponents were the same team, hard. I really didn't know that we

Speaking about her players, come with Williston easily win- Coach Reed said, "Jada Wilson winning five straight games over ning 40-24 and then 51-36. The continues to lead the team in scorlast contest saw the Devils collect ing followed by Madison Wright and Ashauna Hosey. Ky'Reona Brabham, Malayjia Youmans, and Alyah Holmes are coming off the liston is taking their place near Reed was asked about her team's bench helping out with defense. five-game win streak and re- Shanya Mays, Kamryn Creech, sponded; "Our win streak goes to and Ikeyiah Tyler are young playone of the hardest working teams ers that are going to be tough in known for having very good girls I've coached. We have the cap- the coming years. We have two

On January 19th, the Blue younger girls to play hard when 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!

Warhorses win 2 in a row

Jeff Miller orts Writer sports@thepeoplesentinel.com

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 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.

win over the other this season,

since both teams could claim a another year.

Coach Beasley was asked about this game would be the tie- the wins and the team's season breaker and earn the winner the and said, "Our players continue bragging rights for the season. to grow and are still commit-Barnwell was able to come away ted to our goals. We have been with an impressive 56-47 victory 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 Photo By: Kelley Wood Monday, February 5, they will Hilda games are always big, but to earn the bragging rights for 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!

Barnwell JV basketball gets big 60-33 win over Blackville

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¬he 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 at Barnwell High School. Blackville-Hilda's JV team came to town to face the Warhorses and head coach



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

Photo By: Mike Beasley

(and former Hawk) An- said and done, the War- victory over Coach Smith's ville-Hilda Hawks. drew Smith. When all was horses claimed a 60-33 former team, the Black-

Leading the way for the

Hines added 11 points, 10 rebounds, and 2 blocked

Horses was Tavion Press-

ley who had 24 points, 6

rebounds, and 4 steals. Carl

Emonye Myrick scored 6 points, had 7 steals, and 2 blocked shots. "Emonye 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 Emonye 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

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

Jeff Miller Sports Writer sports@thepeoplesentinel.com

The Barnwell Warhorses had a very good first season to the third round of the AA State Playoffs. The Warhorses even knocked off a #1 seeded Marion team along the way. The Horses 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.

The Barnwell High foot-January 25.

under new head coach all players earning a var- Buxton, and Tony Cheery Brian Smith. The Warhors- sity letter and gave sev- were selected as All-Region es finished second in Re- eral other awards for out- players for Region 6-AA. gion 6-AA and advanced standing play. The varsity JaQuan Peeples was seaward winners included: lected as the WR Player 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 Defen-

With such a good year All-Region awards and comes several awards. a few Player of the Year awards. Barnwell's Jordan ball team celebrated those Peeples, William Robinawards this past Thursday, son, Jayden Pinkney, Jeremiah Eady, Logan Sturkie, Barnwell recognized Kahzeer Wesley, Lamar 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 sive Player - Jeremiah Eady. team. Those players Region 6-AA awarded 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

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

Cherry, Jordan Peeples, 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!

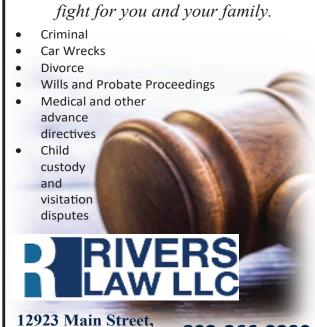


All-Region players (left-right) Lane Evans, Jeremiah Eady, Cam Austin, Kahzeer Wesley, Tony Cherry, Lamar Buxton, JaQuan Peeples, Jordan Peeples, Jayden Pinkney, William Robinson, and Logan Sturkie.

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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. Photo By: Meredith Wilson



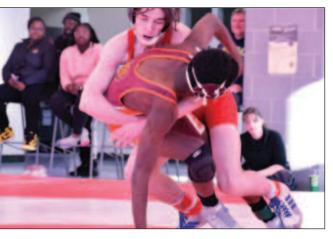
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Barnwell wrestling competes in tournament at Bamberg-Ehrhardt



from Blackville and Orangeburg.

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

ville-Hilda, coming out on top in nine different weight ent, the tournament was classes. Kaleb McCormack divided into groups, with won his 138-pound match. Barnwell grouped with Archie White collected Academic Magnet, Black- a win in the 144-pound ville-Hilda, and Orange- pairing. Josh Carillo deburg-Wilkinson. For those feated his 150-pound comthat have never been to a petitor. Josh Still got a win wrestling match, each team over Blackville's 157-pound will enter a wrestler to face challenger. Kaleb Wilson another in the same weight was the winner of the



Kaleb McCormack collected two wins beating wrestlers Archie White defeated the Blackville 144-pound Photo By: Kelley Wood **competitor.** Photo By: Kelley Wood



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

Beasley got his second win Jones both recorded wins ning of the season." for the Warhorses.

and won the battles of the ships. 144 pounders, collecting his second win on the day. Josh Cooper and the Barnwell Carillo also got his second Warhorse wrestling team win by beating Orange- as they compete in the AA burg's 150-pound oppo- Lower State Tournament! nent. Josh still got his second win beating the Bruins Photo By: Kelley Wood 157-pound combatant.

Barnwell head coach of the day in the 190-pound Isaac Cooper was asked division. Zanarie Garrett about the meet and said, "I claimed victory in the thought the guys wrestled 215-pound match. Tagan hard. They have come a Youngblood and Dustin long way since the begin-

The team's next event The Horses had three will be AA Lower State on wrestlers that were able to Feb. 16 & 17 at North Cenclaim wins over their coun- tral High School. Wrestlers terparts from Orangeburg- compete at the Lower State Wilkinson. Kaleb McCor- to try to advance to the mack wrestled up a class Wrestling State Champion-

Good luck to Coach

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Elearnor's Corner

Barnwell, SC 29812



The Barnwell Warhorse wrestling team competed in a huge 12-team tournament hosted by Bamberg-Ehrhardt on Saturday, Jan- a great day against Blackuary 20.

With twelve teams presclass. Sometimes a team 165-pound contest. Braxson division.



Kaleb Wilson added another win in the 165-pound

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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Pride in America is falling for some; would front-porch sitting help?



Hudgins

Columnist

ust before the recent Republican caucuses, TV journalist Tony Dokoupil was in Iowa asking voters two questions: What do you love about America? And why do you think love of America is fading for some people, mainly those of younger generations?

Several people were stumped for answers, but one woman did not hesitate to answer the second question. It's a change in families.

"I don't think people sit on the porch enough, ... and they don't know the American way," she said, then added: "The internet took over and built a bunch of idiots.'

"Idiots" is a strong word, but the woman has a point. Too often, it seems, younger people depend on email and texting and social media to communicate. Perhaps they don't talk enough face to face. They don't sit on the porch with their parents and grandparents and siblings and kinfolks and talk about things in general. And without actually saying it, the porch sitters appreciated being in a family that loved them.

I've always been partial to porches. Which probably tells you something about my boyhood years: back when the best time of the day was swinging on the front porch, taking a break from hide and seek and chasing June bugs and lightning bugs and sometimes the problem?

girl who lived behind us.

Ten miles down a blacktop road was my grandparents' farm, where the porch swing was active nearly every Sunday afternoon. That's where most of the Hudgins clan gathered to enjoy their misery after devouring too much of Mama's chicken and dressing and apple pie.

Nobody ever talked about love at Mama and Papa's. It was always present, but nobody talked about it. The only time I saw Mama kiss Papa was when he was lying in a casket in the front bedroom.

It was on the back porch, where the dog resided, that we grandkids took our baths when we stayed over. There was no bathroom, no water heater. Just a dug well with the coldest water east of Colorado and a potful of stove-heated water to dull the pain when we eased into that elongated tin tub.

Call me a romantic, but I sometimes yearn for those front-porch Sundays in the swing, if not for those back-porch Saturdays in the tub. There was something wholesome and cleansing about it all. We kids hadn't been exposed to anything racier than the Song of Solomon. Only our naiveté exceeded

Did we kids back then love America? I guess we did. I don't remember the subject coming up.

Did we appreciate what we had? Well, one of my uncles sitting on Mama and Papa's front porch served on a bomber during World War II, although he never talked about it, and I'm sure we were thankful for his service. At least we were free to enjoy life in a free country.

Maybe that's the answer. Gratitude. Maybe we need more thankfulness and less complaining. But could it be that selfish politicians are a big part of the

Better Business Bureau

BBB warns: Stay ahead of tax ID thieves



Kelvin Collins

Better Business Bureau

he week of January 29th through February 2nd has been designated as National ID Theft Awareness Week, and with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) also officially opening up tax season this week, this is the perfect time to focus on tax related ID theft scams.

Tax scams reappear often, each time with a slightly different spin. But overall, the two primary types of tax related ID theft schemes to watch out for involve IRS impersonators and false tax return filings.

IRS Impersonation Scams: These scams most often start with a phone call and take two basic forms. In the first version, the person claiming to be an "IRS agent" says you owe back taxes and pressures you into paying by prepaid debit card or wire transfer. If you don't comply, the scammer threatens you with arrest and fines.

In the other version, impostors falsely claim they are issuing you a tax refund and ask for your personal information, indicating it's needed to allow them to send your refund. This information can later be used for identity theft. Scammers also use this approach to target college students by claiming a "federal student tax" has not been paid.

These imposters often go to great lengths to appear real. The scammer may give a fake badge number and name. Your Caller ID may look like the call is coming from Washington, D.C. or even say that the call is from the IRS, thanks to spoofing software. Con artists sometimes follow up scam calls with an email, falsely using the IRS logo, colors, and official-sounding language. In you file your return. This is a six-digit many instances, these scams start with a serious and official sounding 'robocall" recording.

Like many scams, these are designed to pressure you to act quickly. Here's some significant differences ing a tax return in your name. between an experience with the IRS and how scammers will try to ap- cannot opt-out once you get an II

proach you with a tax scam:

- The IRS will give you the chance to ask questions or appeal what you owe, while scammers try to push you into action before you have time to
- first contact with you by mail. Scammers will typically call, text, or
- Scammers will push for payments through wire transfer, a prepaid debit card, or other non-traditional payment methods that are largely untraceable and non-reversible. The IRS will never demand immediate payment, require a specific form of payment, or ask for credit card or debit card numbers over the phone.

The IRS may call you about outstanding debts after first attempting to reach you by mail. See BBB's tips on IRS calls to tell if the IRS is really calling or if you are talking to a scammer.

Tax Identity Theft Scams: Another tax scam to look out for is tax identity theft. This occurs when a scammer uses your Social Security number to file a tax return in your name and collect your refund. It can also be someone using your information to get a job. Consumers don't usually realize they have been victims of tax identity theft until they get a written notice from the IRS saying that more than one tax return was filed, or they were paid by an employer they don't know. Learn more about tax ID theft scams.

Tips to Avoid Tax Scams

 The best way to avoid tax identity theft is to file your taxes as early as possible. File before a scammer has the chance to use your information to file a fake return. (However, should you be the victim of tax ID theft, don't panic. The IRS will work with you to resolve the concerns impacting your valid tax return).

• Apply for an Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) from the IRS before number, which, in addition to your Social Security number, confirms your identity when filing your tax return. This is a great proactive tool that can keep others from falsely fil-

It is important to note that you

PIN. So, once you apply, you must provide the IP Pin each year when you file your federal tax returns. The IRS will provide your IP PIN online and then send you a new IP PIN each December by postal mail. Visit the • The IRS will always make their IRS for more information about the program. Read BBB's tips about the IRS PIN.

> • Remember that the IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text message or social media to request personal or financial information. This includes requests for PIN numbers, passwords or similar access information for credit cards, banks or other financial accounts. If these methods are used, don't respond and don't click on any links.

> · Check out websites carefully and make sure you are accessing the real IRS when filing your taxes electronically or inquiring for additional information.

> · If you get tax information delivered electronically from your employer or other entity, treat that information carefully. Download it onto a password-protected computer.

> If you are the victim of tax identity theft in the U.S., contact the IRS at 1-800-908-4490. You should also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at ftc.gov/ complaint or by calling 1-877-FTC-HELP. The FTC also offers a personalized identity theft recovery plan at identitytheft.gov.

> Help make others aware by also sharing your experience on BBB Scam Tracker. For more information on tax related topics, please visit BBB's Tax tips and resources page.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor.

I am inclined to vent some problems with local utilities and/or the postal

Last month (November) I got no water bill and a water employee told my maid they were going to cut my water off if I did not pay it that day. I was shocked because I had not received a bill, and naturally paid it that day. The next month I did not receive a bill early in the month, so I had the maid go by and pay \$175 with a Visa gift card I needed to use. I got a receipt for \$180.25 or \$181.25. Apparently, I was charged \$5.25 or \$6.25 for using a credit card. If I had known that I would have paid cash or with a check to get the full value of the gift card at Walmart. I did not know that policy and cannot blame the staff for not letting me know as I had someone else take it by for me. The receipt I was sent was for the amount charged to the card but did not show the balance (which would have been a credit). I knew the \$175 covered the bill and covered the next month, but did not know if it covered the month after that. I emailed the town administrator and got a very pleasant email informing me of the balance. While I think all receipts should show a balance, I can overlook that as it had been paid with a gift/credit card, and that is not the regular payment

What did concern me was the advent of a new policy of cutting off a utility six days after the due date.

occupied by the actual error.

Last month I had received no bill at all, and this month I received it on the 11th. The eleventh to the twenty-third seems like a short window for paying a utility bill but the six days between the due date and cutoff date seems obscene. Six days could easily pass when a person is out of town, and that would even be possible if someone received a bill on the eleventh, as I did

The previous system had the bills printed with two amounts - the amount by the due date and the amount after the due date. The difference was nominal (probably based on a percentage of the bill), and I admit that I would occasionally wait until the next month if the difference were less than the price of a stamp. That just made sense. I would pay less, and a one-month water bill would hardly make a difference to the Town of Williston.

The only problem I can fathom is that a large number of people are more than one month late. Of course, that would never have been a problem if the town has been handling the problem properly to start with. It seems the town wants to suddenly take a tough-guy stance ("We're not going to put up with these bums not paying their bills!") when it seems that the town has not been enforcing a 30-day late cutoff date. I do not have access to town water account information, so I do not know that for sure, but I do know human nature. Overreaction without consideration is

not uncommon.

The solution to this dilemma is very easy with two options.

The first would be to change the cutoff date to 30 days after the due date. This would eliminate the problem of the resident not receiving a bill (as did not last month) if he received a bill the following month (which I did on the 11th of this month).

The second option would be to mail the bills when printed rather than waiting until the first of the month. This month the bill was dated the 23rd. Why wait until the 1st to mail it? The 23rd to the 17th would be plenty of time for most people, even if the mail was late. Just who came up with this solution? I can bet whoever did was not a Rhodes scholar and can probably be voted out of office.

A similar thing happened with Dominion Energy. I have not received a bill since October. Of course, I became concerned thinking, "They are going to cut off my electricity if I don't pay soon!" That was probably true, but I was not about to send in a check without a payment stub, and I doubt they would allow that at Walmart. I did not want to pay the extra \$3.50

to pay by phone, so I decided to run by the Barnwell office. The problem was the Barnwell office was not open, although it said it was online. (Editor's Note: The Barnwell Dominion Energy office closed in October 2018). There was even a sign in the window saying, "Payments not accepted at this location." It seems the days of an office in every small town and little old ladies having no checking accounts are over. After about three irate calls and throwing out a few cuss words, I was able to set up a paperless account with drafts from my checking account with no charge. Dominion may be a large out-of-state company, but it does present options such as paperless bank draft without a fee or paying at Walmart. The bank draft option would be available to anyone with internet and a checking account, and the Walmart option would work for anyone with access to a Walmart. Neither would be the way one is used to paying, but neither is difficult, and both are certainly better than having one's power disconnected. As for issues with the postal system,

I am sure it is not what it was when everybody's good buddy Gene Nix ran the post office in Elko. When I was a boy, someone could mail a letter, and it would get anywhere in the state the next day. When in Charleston,

I moved from downtown to West Ashley. It took longer for a package to get from downtown to West Ashlev than it had taken to get from British Columbia on the other coast of the continent to Charleston. I have never had any problems with the Williston Post Office other than two pieces of outgoing mail not being collected, but I have certainly had problems with the post offices in Beaufort, Charleston, and Jasper counties. I cannot say whether it is the fault of the Town of Williston, the Williston Post Office, or the post office in general. I do know that local mail is not kept locally but is sent out of town for sorting. I think that Kavla was the woman to whom I spoke on the telephone, and I would tend to believe her when she said the bills were mailed on the first.

Things need to be fixed. Of the problems mentioned, Dominion was the only one who took proper steps to fix. I probably paid some kind of nominal late fee, but my electricity was not disconnected. As for the Town of Williston, I think some sort of system like Dominion's would be overkill for water bills, and I certainly would not trust them with an autodraft.

Sincerely, Jennings Rountree

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Ongoing Mondays AA Meetings Free. Open to the public. The Axis I Center, 179 Fuldner Rd., Barnwell. 803-541-1245. www.axisl.org. 10:30-11:30am

Barnwell Development Association Inc. (aka BDA) 20 Wall St,. Barnwell, SC 29812 BarnwellDA.com BDAinc029.com **Ist Tuesday each Month**

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

Ongoing Golden Harvest Food Pantry 2nd & 4th Fridays Gateway Church, 8678 Marlboro Ave., Barnwell

Ongoing Generations Unlimited Board Meeting Schedule Update as of I/4/24 Every month at on the Third

Wednesday until Jun 24, 2024. Administration Office, 10915 Ellenton Street, Barnwell. Feb. 21, 10am

Ongoing

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

Ongoing Williston Disc Golf Club **Glow Golf League** Thursday Nights Meet at the Picnic Shelter. Sign-In: 5:45-6pm Tee Time: 6:15pm \$2 to Play, \$3 ACE Pot

<u>Thru Jan. 31</u> **Barnwell Baseball Softball** Association registration Barnwell County Library Ages 3-14 for boys, 3-15 for girls Tues. & Thurs., 5-7pm Feb. 3

Bar-B-Que Fundraiser Proceeds to benefit Ann Hutson and Kim Still medical expenses. Purchase tickets at Williams Farm & Garden. \$15/ plate includes bar-b-que, hash & rice, slaw, and hush puppies. Pick up at Trinity Baptist Church, 4721 Galilee Rd., Barnwell. 12-3pm

Feb. 9 **Daddy Daughter Dance** "Bow & Bowties" Barnwell Elementary School \$30 per couple/\$10 each additional chiild. Includes meal. Pre-registration is required. Space is limited. Register by Feb. 5 online or in person at City Hall between 9am-6pm. https://www.cityofbarnwell. com/parks-and-recreation/ special events. 6-8pm

<u>Feb. 9</u> Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser & Raffle Press Church, 12927 Main St.,

Williston. A building renovation fundraiser. \$25 per person. VIP table for 2/\$75, includes private seating by the window. First served for dinner and a box of Valentine macarons at table (only 4 available). 6-8pm

<u> Sat., Feb. 10</u> **Ducks Unlimited Annual Banquet** National Guard Armory, 10233 Marlboro Ave.., Barnwell For information, 803-645-0506, SalkahatchieDU@gmail.com

Wed., Feb. 13 Allendale County Planning Commission meeting James Brandt Building small conference room. 6pm

Let's Talk Veterans Supporting Veterans "Caregivers" 34 Pechman Street, Barnwell. Guest speaker Ms. Cristina Roberson, Dorn VA, Columbia. 6pm

Feb. 15

Wed., Feb. 20 Town of Hilda Town Council Meeting. Hilda Town Hall conference room. **7pm**

<u>Feb. 22</u> Redefined Women's **Empowerment Inc. College** Financial Aid Info Session Barnwell County Library. Free and open to the public. Registration is required. Open to all high school seniors and their guardians. Registration link: https://form.jotform. com/240133731118142. 6pm

<u>Feb. 24</u> Big 7 Association 30th Annual Scholarship **Banquet Gala** Barnwell Elementary School, 10524 Marlboro Ave., Barnwell www.big7association.org David Kenner, 803-383-1337. 6pm

<u>Sat., Feb. 24</u> **The Lower Counties Ministers Against Violence** Organization, invite you to attend our First Annual Black History Program. Macedonia Baptist Church, Blackville. Theme: "See what

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The Lord Has Done."

Feb. 23-25, Mar. I-3 "Savannah Sipping Society" play at Circle Theatre (325 Academy St., Barnwell) Performance: Feb. 23 & 24 at 7pm, Feb. 25 at 3pm, March I & 2 at 7pm, March 3 at 3pm Ticket info available soon.

Feb. 27 Macedonia Elementary-Middle Black History **Program** Macedonia Elementary-Middle

School in Blackville 9am Feb. 28

Kelly Edwards Elementary Black History Program Kelly Edwards Elementary School in Williston lpm

<u>Sat., Mar. 2</u> **Community Music Festival** C.A.M. Ministries featuring

Warren Peay and The Rowe Sisters. Copper Oak Plantatio, 6380 Charleston Augusta Rd., Bamberg. Food trucks on site. 803-383-4112. **Doors Open 3pm**

Sat., Mar. 23 Easter Egg Hunt Lemon Park, Barnwell Free entry. 10-11am

Sat., Mar. 23 Miss Blue Fire Pageant Williston-Elko Auditorium (12233 Main St., Williston) Presented by the Williston-Elko Blue Fire Drumline. Deadline to Enter: Friday, March 15. Registration starts at 10am. Competition begins at IIam. Admission is \$5. Age 5 & under free. Age Divisions: Little Baby Miss (0-12 months), Baby Miss (13-23 months), Toddler Miss (2-3 year olds), Tiny Miss (4-5 year olds), Petite Miss (6-7 year olds), Junior Miss (8-9 year olds), Preteen Miss (10-12 year olds), Teenage Miss (13-15 year olds), Miss (16-19 year olds), Ms. (20 and up). For more information, email jbruner@bccsd.net or jpym@

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ADULTS Thurs., Feb. I Adult Craft Night Stomp on in and decorate doormats with us. 5-6:30pm

Tues., Feb. 27 **Adult Book Club** 3pm

CHILDREN/FAMILY Wed., Feb. 7 Hand to Heart Window Art Use contact paper and colorful tissue to decorate a hand, heart, or both. 4-5pm

Wed., Feb. 14 Crafter-Noon for Kids Heart Dish Shape and decorate a heart dish for your favorite Valentine. We will use air dry clay for this craft. 4-5pm

Feb. 20-23 **Scavenger Hunt:** Celebrating Black History Drop in during library hours to find and match up African American icons and heroes.

Wed., Feb. 28 **STEM** for Kids SLIME!!! Add fun ingredients to make it your own. 4-5pm

STORY TIME Thurs., Feb. 8 Valentine Story Time Enjoy themed songs, stories,

<u> Mar. 31</u> **Blackville Public Schools** Alumni Association's 8th Annual Hall of Fame **Induction** application is available upon request until March 31. For more info, please email bvillepublicalumniassoc@ gmail.com.

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and sensory play for toddlers and preschoolers Ham

Thurs., Feb. 22 Space Story Time Enjoy themed songs, stories, and sensory play for toddlers and preschoolers Ham

VIRTUAL STORY TIME Thurs., Feb. I & 29 Videos will be posted on Facebook at Ilam

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The House on Blueberry Lane by: Brenda Jackson 5 Stars Betsy, BCPL Clerk

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Allendale County Library Events

Wed., Feb. 14 **Five and Under Story Time** Children ages 0-5 are welcome for Valentine's (Feb. 14) stories. songs, rhymes, movement, and more. 3pm Wed., Feb. 21

After School Fun Calling all school-age kids for afternoon fun and snacks.

Wed., Feb. 28 Seniors' Fun Day Calling all Seniors! Join us for an hour of Bingo fun. 3pm

Williston Library Events

Thurs., Feb. 22 **After Hours Book Club** Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt 6pm

<u> Sat., April 27</u> 2nd Annual Women's Conference

Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church, 10620 Dunbarton Blvd., Barnwell."I've Cried My Last

Tear" Genesis 16:13. Lunch will to schedule a visit. be served. Dress attire: shades of green. 803-300-7835 or **BARNWELL** 803-571-6179. I0am-2pm SENIOR CENTER Mondays-Fridays **Sudoku Puzzle Solution**

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Your Community

<u>Anglican Church of the Holy</u> <u>Apostles</u> 228 Hagood Ave., Barnwell Sun - Holy Eucharist service 10:30am

Sun School at 9:30am Wed Morning prayer/ breakfast 8am Vicar Bill Clarkson

Barnwell United Methodist Church 236 Main Street, Barnwell

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

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

Bells Chapel Pentecostal Holiness 83 Week Ave., Olar Sundays - 10:30am Pastor Thomas Caldwell

calth02@vahoo.com

(803) 335-9121, (803) 671-6369

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

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

Christ Presbyterian Church 848 Hagood Ave., Barnwell Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Worship 10:30am Bible Study Wednesday 6pm 803-259-5653

Barnwell 161 Allen St, Barnwell Contemporary Service Sundays 9am **Traditional Service** Sundays 11am Sunday School at 10:10am Watch on Facebook or listen in the parking lot

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Sunday School 5801 Friendship Rd., Barnwell Sundays - Assembly 9:45am Sunday School at 10am Worship at 11am

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Friendship Baptist Church

Discipleship Training Sundays - 6pm

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

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

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

<u>Long Branch Baptist Church</u>

3223 Highway 37, Williston SUNDAY 9:45am - Sunday school 11am - Morning worship service 5pm - Bible study 6pm - Evening worship service WEDNESDAY 6pm - Prayer service

Mt. Lebanon Christian Church 420 Christian Rd., Barnwell (803) 259-1438 mtlebanoncc@gmail.com Sunday School at 10am Sunday am worship 11am (blended music) Sunday PM Bible Study 6pm (mid July-April) www.mtlebanonchristianchurch.com

Minister Ron Franklin

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Seven Pines Baptist Church

Snelling

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<u>Silver Spring Missionary Baptist</u> **Church** 347 Woodrow Doby Road

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Baptist Church 132225 Hwy. 278, Barnwell

Springfield Missionary

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stjamesanglicanblackville@ gmail.com 803-671-0676 (mobile) St. Mary Baptist Church

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St.PaulMissionaryBaptistChurch Snelling

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St. Peter Baptist Church 7110 Bay St., Elko Mask and social distancing

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Pastor Brian Howard 5504 Hilda Rd., Blackville Sunday School: 9:45am

Sunday Worship: 11am & 6pm Mid week service: Thursdays JAM kids (supper provided) 6pm and Adult service 7pm

207 Elko Street, Williston Pastor: Doug Blaikie Services - 11am Sundays Adult Sunday School - 10am Wednesday Bible Study - 11am

Williston Presbyterian Church

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All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371ES with the Probate Court of Allendale County, the address of which is 292 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, S.C. 29810, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Martha C. McElveen Date of Death: December 12, 2023 Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00001 Personal Representative: Jay Thomas Loadholt III

Address: 875 Grimes Bridge Road, Roswell, GA 30075 2024-9 3tp 1-31-24

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All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371ES with the Probate Court of Barnwell County, the address of which is 141 Main Street #108, Barnwell, S.C. 29812, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Myrtle Lancaster Quattlebaum Date of Death: December 21, 2023 Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00003 Personal Representative: Hugh W. Quattlebaum Jr.

Address: 21275 S.C. Highway 3, Blackville, S.C. 29817 2024-10 3tp 1-31-24

Notice of Sale C/A No: 2023-CP-06-00283

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Barnwell County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee, as successor-in-interest to U. S. Bank National Association as trustee, Successor in Interest to Wachovia Bank National Association, as trustee for Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-4 vs. Brian Smith; Richard Freeman I the undersigned as Special Referee for Barnwell County, will sell on February 5, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Barnwell County Court House, Barnwell, South Carolina to the highest bidder:

Legal Description and Property

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with improvements thereon, situate lying and being in Hilda School District, County of Barnwell, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated on a plat prepared for Brian K Smith by Richard L. All, RLS, dated February 9, 2005, and recorded in Plat Cabinet B Slide 31, at Page 3-B in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County, and according to said plat, being bounded and measuring as follows: On the North by property now or formerly of Willie Lee Ashley and measuring thereon a total of 209.72 feet; On the East by property now or formerly of Walter M. Creech and measuring thereon 171.58 feet and 37.01 feet; On the South by S. C. Route 70 and measuring thereon 209.99 feet; and On the West by property now or formerly of Richard Freeman and measuring thereon 209.51 feet.

This being the same property conveyed to Brian Smith by Deed of Richard Freeman dated July 6, 2005 and recorded December 22, 2005 in Book 715 at Page 128, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Barnwell County, South Carolina. 8171 Highway 70

Blackville, SC 29817 TMS# 126-00-00-105

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of 12.13% to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Special Referee for Barnwell County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Thirty (30) days, the Special Referee for Barnwell County shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with

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the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of

James Martin Harvey, Jr. Special Referee for Barnwell County Barnwell, South Carolina

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NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2023-CP-06-00025

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture v. Brenda D. Johnson, and Orangeburg County HOME Consortium a/k/a Lower Savannah Regional Housing Consortium, I, the undersigned Special Referee for Barnwell County, will sell on February 5, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the Barnwell County Courthouse, 141 Main Street, Barnwell, South Carolina to the highest bidder: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with any improvements thereon situate, lying and being in Williston School District, County of Barnwell, State of South Carolina, containing 0.75 acre and designated as Lot K, Smithfield Subdivision, on a plat prepared by P. M. Hankinson, Jr., R.L.S., dated July 12, 1994, and revised September 26, 1994 and December 19, 1994, and recorded in Plat Book 2-E at Page 343 of the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County, which plat is incorporated into this legal description by reference thereto as if set forth fully herein, and according to said plat, said Lot K generally bounds and measures as follows: On the Northwest by other lands of Smithfield Subdivision and measuring thereon 155.51 feet, on the Northeast by other lands of Smithfield Subdivision and measuring thereon 210.02 feet; on the Southeast by Road S-6-65 and measuring thereon 155.57 feet; and on the Southwest by Lot J, Smithfield Subdivision, and measuring thereon 210.11 feet. This being the same property conveyed to Brenda D. Johnson by deed of John W. Boyd, dated November 22, 1995 and recorded on November 27, 1995 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Barnwell County in Book 304 at Page 201. TMS No.: 047-15-00-016 Property Address: 4236 Willis Pond Road, Williston, South Carolina 29853

SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, BARNWELL COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee for Barnwell County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to cost and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Special Referee for Barnwell County may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). For complete terms of sale, attention is drawn to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Order for Sale on file with the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County. A personal deficiency judgment being waived, bidding will not remain open. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 7.500% per annum. Should the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent fail to appear on sales day, the property shall not be sold, but shall be readvertised and sold at some convenient sales day thereafter when the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent is present. Plaintiff does not warrant its title search to purchasers at foreclosure sale or other third parties, who should have their own title search performed on the subject property. Purchaser is responsible for the preparation and filing of their deed.

J Martin Harvey Special Referee for Barnwell County October 23, 2023

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 2022-CP-06-00243 BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture v. Lacole Jones, Nicole Jones, Samuel Louis Jones, Jr., and SLM Private Credit Student Loan Trust 2006-A, I, the undersigned Special Referee for Barnwell County, will sell on February 5, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the Barnwell County Courthouse, 141 Main Street, Barnwell, South Carolina to the highest bidder: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying, and being in the Ashleigh School District of the County of Barnwell, State of South Carolina. This lot is a portion of Lot Eighteen (18) of the Mrs. D.I. Ross Subdivision and contains One (1) acre, more or less. It is shown and delineated on a plat made for Mary Jones by R.J. Parler, RLS, dated March 18, 1994 and recorded September 28, 1994 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County in Plat Cabinet "A", Slide 201, Page 1. This plat is incorporated by reference herein and made a part of this description. This lot is bounded according to the plat as follows: One the North by Seventeen (17) for a distance of 283.92 feet, more or less; On the East by the right of way of a Fifty (50') foot access road, for a distance of Fifty (50') feet, more or less; On the South by Lot Nineteen (19) for a distance of 350.78 feet, more or less; and on the West by the remaining of portion of Lot Eighteen (18) owned by Mary L. Jones, for a distance of 256.75 feet, more or less. This being a portion of the property conveyed to Mary R. Jones by Deed of D.I. Ross, Jr. dated and recorded October 31, 1990 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County in Book 148 at Page 278. Thereafter, Mary R. Jones died intestate on September 7, 2011 and her interest in the property transferred to Nicole Jones, Lacole Jones, and Samuel Louis Jones, Jr. as evidenced by Deed of Distribution dated June 9, 2016 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Barnwell County on July 7, 2016 in Book 1135 at Page 75. TMS No.: 088-00-00-058 Property Address: 55 Levy Lane, Blackville, South Carolina 29817 SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, BARNWELL COUNTY AD VALOREM

the Special Referee for Barnwell County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to cost and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Special Referee for Barnwell County may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). For complete terms of sale. attention is drawn to the Judgment of 2024-15 3tp 1-31-24 Foreclosure and Order for Sale on file with the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County. A personal deficiency judgment being waived, bidding will not remain open. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 8.000% per annum. Should the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent fail to appear on sales day, the property shall not be sold, but shall be readvertised and sold at some convenient sales day thereafter when the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent is present. Plaintiff does not warrant its title search to purchasers at foreclosure sale or other third parties, who should have their own title search performed on the subject property. Purchaser is responsible for the preparation and filing of their deed. J Martin Harvey

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Special Referee for Barnwell County October 23, 2023. Barnwell County, South Carolina

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SUMMONS

(Jury Trial Demanded) STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF LEXINGTON COURT OF COMMON PLEAS **ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT** Docket No: 2023-CP-32-02381 Cesar Melky Ramos Ventura,

Hanson Tyler Schmid,

Blackville, S.C. 29817

2024-14 3tp 1-31-24

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DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint on the attorney for the aforesaid Plaintiff, William J. Jones, Esquire of the Smith and Jones Law, LLC, 949 East Main Street, Suite B, Lexington, South Carolina 29072, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. s/William J. Jones

William J. Jones, Esquire SMITH & JONES LAW, LLC 949 East Main St., Suite B Post Office Box 2145 Lexington, South Carolina 29072 (803) 996-3333 - Office (803) 746-7780 - Facsimile bjones@smithandjoneslaw.com S.C. Bar No. 16630 Attorney for the Plaintiff January 17, January 24 & January 31,

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Address: 368 McNabb Road,

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Date of Death: December 29, 2023 Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00007 Personal Representative: Connie L. Kizer aka Connie Jane Lambert Address: 234 Fairway Lane, Williston, S.C. 29853 2024-17 3tp 2-7-24

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Estate: Barbara Holmes Harrell Date of Death: December 29, 2023 Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00008 Personal Representative: William G. Harrell

Address: 107 Colonial Drive, Barnwell, S.C. 29812

2024-18 3tp 2-7-24

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Estate: Nathaniel Odom Sr. Date of Death: January 7, 2024 Case Number: 2024 FS 06 00009 Personal Representative: Marilyn Odom Address: 6332 S.C. Hwy. 37, Williston, S.C. 29853

2024-19 3tp 2-7-24

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NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES To the owner of the 2003 DODGE RAM abandoned at 13885 Church St., Williston, S.C., 29853, please contact Jennifer by February 6, 2024 to claim the automobile. VIN is 1D7HA18DX3J632389. Our phone

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number is 803-266-7265. To the owner of the 2015 TOYOTA COROLLA abandoned at 13885 Church St., Williston, S.C., 29853, please contact Jennifer by February 6, 2024 to claim the automobile. VIN is 1BURHE6FC281186.

Our phone number is 803-266-7265. To the owner of the 2003 TOYOTA CAMRY abandoned at 13885 Church St., Williston, S.C., 29853, please contact Jennifer by February 6, 2024 to claim the automobile. VIN is 4T1BF32K23U042251. Our phone number is 803-266-7265. 2024-20 2tc 1-31-24

PUBLIC NOTICE OF GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWAL PERMIT

Urwick Farms LLC, 2227 Friendship Road, Barnwell, S.C. 29812, has applied to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for a Groundwater Withdrawal Permit, under the Groundwater Use and Reporting Act for one (1) proposed agricultural irrigation well located at approximately N 33.29269° W 81.31498° in Barnwell County, S.C. A proposed increase of 36 million gallons per year from the Gordon aguifer has been developed from calculated water use requirements for one (1) total agricultural irrigation well on approximately 45 acres. Additional information concerning this application may be obtained from Lacie Pichler by calling (803) 898-3575 or e-mail at pichlele@dhec.sc.gov. SCDHEC invites and will receive comments on the application until March 1, 2024, close of business day, 5 p.m. EST. Please submit comments using DHEC's ePermitting webpage (https://epermweb.dhec.sc.gov/ ncore/external/publicnotice/search) by navigating to the project and using the "Add Comment" tab at the top of the page. Comments may also be sent to: SCDHEC/Bureau of Water; Attention: Lacie Pichler, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, S.C. 29201. Interested parties wishing to be notified of the final permit decision must make comment on the application and/or make request to receive notice of the final decision and must provide the SCDHEC with a correct name and mailing address.

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Date of Death: December 19, 2023 Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00010 Personal Representative: Rita Sellers Address: 106 Baybrook Court, Cary, N.C. 27518

2024-23 3tp 2-14-24

Part-Time Town Clerk/Treasurer

The Town of Ulmer is seeking a candidate for the posi-

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-The successful candidate will need to possess strong

communication skills, handle monetary transactions,

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Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00012 Personal Representative: Jana Wood Address: 604 Pratt Road, Red Oak, TX 75154

2024-24 3tp 2-14-24

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Dolgencorp, LLC intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license and/ or permit that will allow the sale and off premises consumption of beer and wine at Dollar General Store #25578, 224 Maude Street, Allendale, S.C. 29810. To object to the issuance of this license and/ or permit, you must submit Form ABL-20, be postmarked no later than February 16, 2024.

For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing and should include the following information:

1. the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing the protest; 2. the specific reasons why the application should be denied;

3. that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant); 4. that the person protesting resides in the

same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,

5. the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed. Protests must be submitted online at MyDORWAY.dor.sc.gov or emailed to ABL@dor.sc.gov.

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Date of Death: November 28, 2023 Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00172 Personal Representative: James E. Folk Jr.

Address: 123 Evergreen Lane, Blackville, S.C. 29817

Attorney: Mosteller Law Firm, LLC Address: P.O. Box 1832. Barnwell 29812

2024-26 3tp 2-14-24

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE

To the owner the 2007 Chevrolet Uplander (VIN: 1GNDV33147D112576) located at Carolina Collision and Towing, 1307 Hampton Avenue, Blackville, S.C. 29817. (803) 219-7020

2024-27 2tp 2-7-24

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Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00065 Personal Representative: Arthur State Bank; Attn: Nadia Torres Address: 5051 Sunset Boulevard, Lexington, S.C. 29072 2024-28 3tp 2-14-24

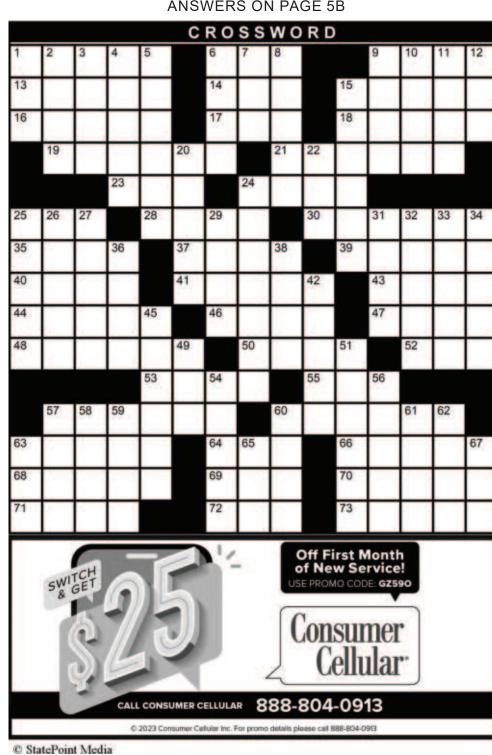
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ANSWERS ON PAGE 5B



ACROSS

Desert bloomers

Request for tailor Paul Bunyan's companion

13. Delivered by plane 14. Boiling emotion

15. Match play result?

16. Like the North vs. the

South war 17. Bag, à Paris

18. Nymph of lakes and springs

19. *Team that never made it to Super Bowl

21. *Last year's Super Bowl

winner 23. *Safety value

24. Disfigure

25. *Birthplace of NFL 28. Roofed colonnade

30. Dr. Seuss' Yertle

35. Auctioneer's final word 37. Sea eagles

Popular winter boot brand

40. Largest ethnic group in Rwanda

41. User's destination

43. Like Twiggy's skirt 44. Former anesthetic

46. Not all

47. Death notice

48. Like r in American English

50. Luau souvenirs 52. Opposite of WSW

53. Vatican's head

55. Cattle prod 57. *AFC's top seed

60. *Host state of this year's Super Bowl

63. Like allergy spray

64. Second person of be 66. Pleasant odor

68. Fervent

69. Grazing ground 70. "When pigs fly!"

71. Modeling material 72. *NFL Honors' announcement

73. Trento's Council of

DOWN

Chlorofluorocarbon, abbr. Alight, past tense

3. Boat mooring spot, e.g. 4. Short for betwixt

5. Wife's parents

6. Serpentarium noise

Time period

8. Hajj destination

9. Hillside, in Scotland 10. "Dream on!" (2 words)

11. Constricting snakes

12. * zone 15. Bad blood

27. In spite of the fact, arch. 29. Loads from lodes

25. *Half-time show entertainer

20. Post-it user

24. Street opening

26. Compass point

22. Not miss

31. *CBS announcer and former QB

32. Native American group

33. Famous Bolshevik

34. *Like the Super Bowl players

36. Sonny & Cher, e.g.

38. Ditto 42. Neutral shade

45. With mature appearance 49. Bamboozle

51. Learned one

54. Religious song

56. Defier

57. Not top-shelf 58. On the ocean

59. Deviate

60. Type of tide

61. Peace symbol

62. End of grace 63. *49ers' conference

65. Short for one time around

67. Short for Arthur

ANSWERS ON PAGE 5B

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00011 Personal Representative: Jackie W. Address: P.O. Box 20, Hilda, S.C. 29813

Managing Your Family's Year-Round Health



ow 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 rubeola) 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 vaccinepreventable 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

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.

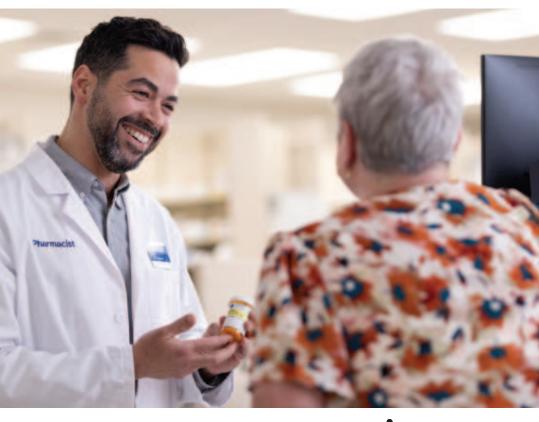
Annual Gallup Polls consistently show pharmacists and nurse practitioners are among the most trusted people in the medical field. Healthcare professionals at retail pharmacies and clinics undergo rigorous training and possess in-depth knowledge about vaccines, proper storage and handling as well as administration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

To learn more about annual vaccination needs, visit kroger.com/vaccinations or plan a visit to a local pharmacy or clinic.

helping communities live healthier lives.





Protecting Americans' access to high-quality health care

Accepting Medicare is becoming infor 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.

years of Medicare cuts, phy-

sicians and patients are at a practice—including crossroads. Physicians have faced reductions in Medicare insurance premiums—went 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 in their practices. M. Ehrenfeld, MD, MPH, president of the AMA.

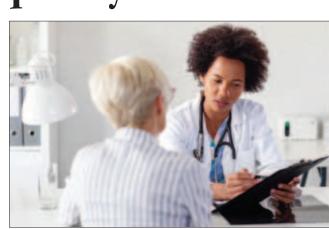
An AMA analysis of already been forced to make Medicare Trustees data finds such tough choices as refusthat Medicare physician ing to accept Medicare, abpayments increased by just 0.4% a year between 2001 "After three consecutive and 2023. Meanwhile, the shutting down operations

rent, employee wages and 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

physician Struggling practices nationwide have sorbing their practices into larger companies, and even cost of running a medical 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



and contact their member of Congress. Tell them to pass H.R.6683, and protect Medi-

care patients.' To learn more, visit Fix-MedicareNow.org.

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

chieving 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

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.

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

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

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.

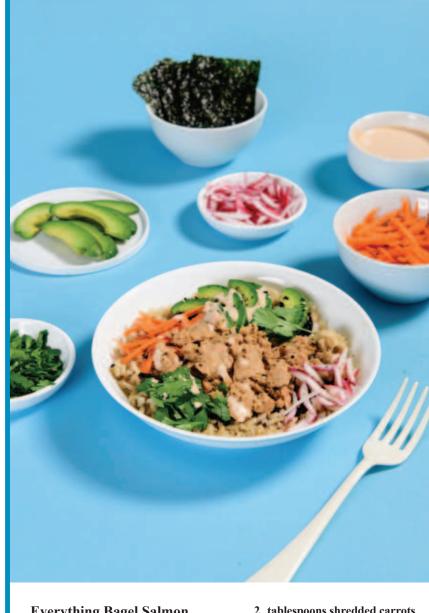
For example, you can rethink lunchtime routines with a colorful twist on the viral social media salmon rice bowl. Bring together the lively flavors of Everything Bagel-seasoned pink salmon with your favorite toppings like carrots, radishes, Sriracha mayo and more for a simple yet flavorful afternoon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

Visit chickenofthesea.com to find more nutritious recipe inspiration.





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** cup cooked brown rice

- roasted nori seaweed sheets or pieces, crushed 1 small avocado, sliced
- 2 tablespoons shredded carrots
- 2 tablespoons shredded radishes 2 tablespoons minced cilantro
- 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.

Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

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Island Maze

Help the iquana swim to the island.

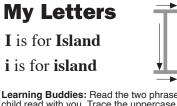


My Rhyme Time

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

My 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,



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



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.





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.

Learning Buddy Sign Here

I have completed activities with my Learning Buddy.

Learning Buddy's signature

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?

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.



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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 it's 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.

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.



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.

AWBG O JURTN F LOMR FTHYJP K EPRYCBELNFT **VOZFOTWHVE** YTAILMRET



DoNot Disturb!

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

Astheweathergets colderin the fall, the fat groundhog goestoits little underground bedroomwithits cushion of grass to curlupand sleep.

ltfallsintosucha deepsleepthatitappears dead. This is called hibernation.



What is another name for a groundhog?

U = ••

Kid Scoop Together

How to Draw a

Groundhog

1.

4.

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?

C= 🔼 D =

 $H = \boxed{\bigstar}$



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.

Double **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.

BURROW CASTS CURL EATS END FOOD GROUNDHOG LIGHT **PHIL SHADOW SLEEP**

AUGUST

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

WINTERFSVE DAUGUSTOWL LNWOTAMCOI ICPEELSAJD GBUHNOHSQL HYKRIDATUA TNRSLLDSAN GOHDNUORGB TBURROWFJO

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

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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.

FROM THE

Standards Link: Science: Understand physical properties of light.

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.



SUN

TOWN

WINTER

ANSWER: A pizzzzzzza⁶

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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