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Missing pregnant Barnwell teen found dead

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The 17-year-old last seen nearly two weeks ago was found dead behind Fuller Park in Barnwell. According to Barnwell Police Department (BPD) interim Chief Robert Miller, officers found Maylasha Hogg deceased around 3:45 p.m. on Sunday, February 18. Her body was found along the woods line at the corner of Perry Street and Main Street. BPD officers had been

instructed by Chief Miller to patrol the city carefully in search of Hogg. Hogg was last seen by her family at their Washington Street home, two blocks away from where her body was later found. Chief Miller personally notified the family of her death. She was nine months pregnant at the time of her disappearance and later, death. Concern grew when she missed her Feb. 13 appointment to be induced. BPD requested the S.C. Law Enforcement Division (SLED) Special Victims Unit to aid in investigating alongside the

Barnwell County Coroner's Office. Crews remained on scene until after dark on Feb. 18. The body has been transported to Newberry for an autopsy scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, according to Barnwell County Coroner Denise Gibson. Anyone with information regarding this active investigation should email SLED at tips@sled.sc.gov.
AT RIGHT: Loved ones of Maylasha Hogg (inset) have started a memorial of balloons and flowers around a cross at the site where her body was found on Feb. 18.



Former South Carolina governor and presidential candidate Nikki Haley shakes hands with voters at rally in Veterans Park in Bamberg. Elijah de Castro / Report for America

Local Republicans feel frustration with political system ahead of primary

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Amidst South Carolina's presidential primaries, *The People-Sentinel* has been interviewing local voters in both the Democratic and Republican parties. Across party lines, *The People-Sentinel* observed a shared frustration among local voters: that their respective party does not listen to their voice and their communities. The Republican primary, which will be held on Saturday, February 24, has two remaining candidates: former South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley and former president Donald Trump. On February 13, Haley made a campaign stop to

Veterans Park in her hometown of Bamberg. Among local Republicans interviewed, top issues were the cost of living crisis, opportunities in rural communities, national security and the fentanyl crisis. **Unheard and frustrated** Like local Democrats, local Republicans expressed frustration with the tone and direction of the presidential race. Alan Kennedy, a local Republican voter who plans to vote for Trump in the primary, said he is frustrated with major media outlets' coverage of the presidential race, as well as the lack of focus on kitchen table issues. Kennedy also feels that the political system no longer pays attention to rural communities like Barnwell, his hometown.

"[I] absolutely feel that [way] just because we're so small and we're not as populated," Kennedy said. "I feel like our voices would be heard better like they were under the previous administration." This feeling of rural political isolation was shared by Owen Maxwell, a local Republican who attended Haley's Bamberg rally. "Votes come from large, populated areas, so where there are no votes there's no interest," Maxwell said. "We're behind, we're overlooked." For David Peachey, a Republican voter who said he prioritizes policy when choosing who to vote for, the lack of emphasis on economic policy

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Investigators search for missing man

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The Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) and Barnwell Police Department (BPD) are currently investigating the whereabouts of Michael Gene Still. Still was last seen at his residence at Colony West Apartments on Colony West Street in Barnwell on February 6. The 47-year-old is six feet, two inches tall and weighs 275 pounds. Still has brown hair,



Michael Gene Still

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Attorney Tim Moore dies in fatal collision

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A fatal vehicle accident at the intersection of Poplar Road and S.C. Highway 3 occurred on February 20 around 11:29 a.m., according to S.C Highway Patrol Lance Corporal Brittany Glover. Barnwell attorney and beloved former Blackville-Hilda football head coach, Tim Moore, 78, of Snelling, died on scene, according to Barnwell County Coroner Denise Gibson. Moore succumbed to his injuries and was the only occupant of the



Tim Moore

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Students make new 'lunch buddies'



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Special guests were welcomed to lunchtime on Friday, February 16 at Macedonia Elementary-Middle School (MEMS). Organized and led by MEMS school resource officer (SRO) Shawn Howze of the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), Lunch Buddies allowed students to get to know local law enforcement officials in their own environment.

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One dead in Green Branch Rd. house fire

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Information is limited after human remains were recovered from a Feb. 19 house fire on Green Branch Road. Around 2 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 19, law enforcement and fire officials were dispatched to a fire on Green Branch Road between the intersection of Govan Highway and the intersection of

Indigo Road. According to Hilda Fire Department Chief Thomas Sharpe, the fire had been burning for a while before they were notified. A neighbor was alerted to the flames by their dogs barking, prompting them to call for help. Crews from HFD had to use alternate routes to access the residence as the surrounding roads were unable to support the fire trucks.

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Out-of-state billionaires fund local advertising ahead of primaries

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“SFA Fund, Inc. is responsible for the content of this advertisement,” says a baritone-voiced narrator in the final three seconds of a pro-Nikki Haley video ad, his voice drowned out by the sound effect of an audience cheering while Haley waves to a crowd.

SFA Fund, Inc.’s advertisement, which argues that Haley is the best candidate to beat incumbent President Joe Biden, was paid for by some of the richest people in America. These types of political advertisements, which are often negative in tone and played in succession, are being played repeatedly on televisions and computer screens in Barnwell, Allendale and other communities across South Carolina.

The advertisements are financed by SuperPACs like SFA Fund, Inc. SuperPACs are a type of political action committee that raises unlimited sums of money from individual contributors, often centi-millionaires and billionaires, and then advertises on behalf of candidates. All three major candidates for president — Haley, Biden and former president Donald Trump — benefit from these donors’ SuperPACs that run ads in Barnwell and Allendale.

“Once elected, elected officials are more likely to hold meetings with [these] donors than their constituents,” said Sarah Brynner, the Director of Research and Strategy at OpenSecrets, a non-profit organization that tracks how money moves through politics and elections. “That speaks directly to this problem where the wealthy can buy access.”

The People-Sentinel reviewed campaign finance disclosures to follow the money behind local political advertising amidst the presidential primaries. **Nikki Haley**

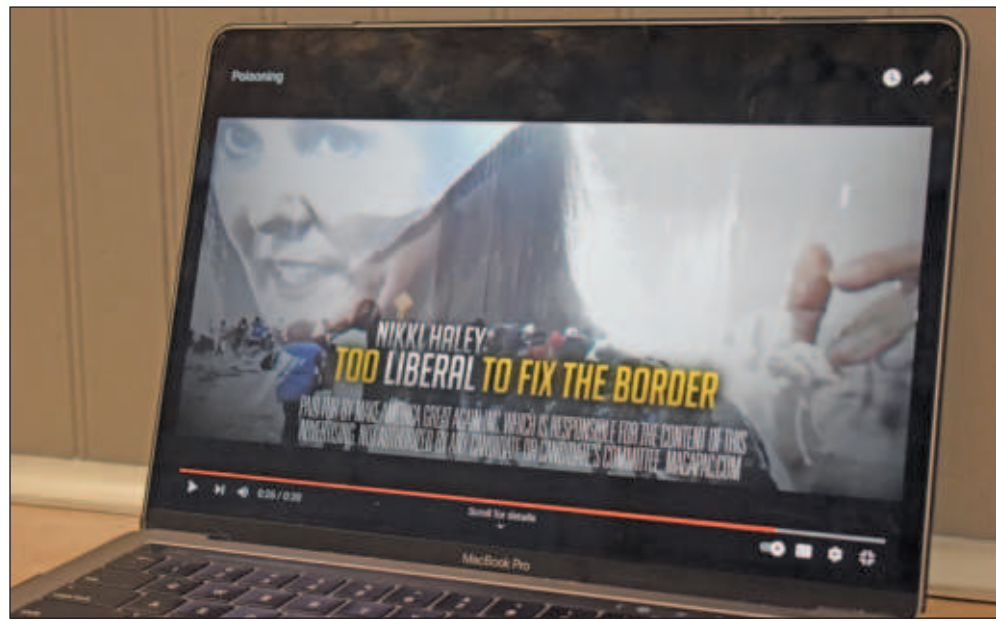
Of the remaining presidential candidates, SuperPAC spending in South Carolina has been most active in Haley’s campaign.

Billionaires like Paul Singer, Jan Koum and Kenneth Griffin, have made high-dollar contributions to SFA Fund, Inc. in support of Haley. According to campaign finance disclosures, on February 16, 2023 and June 22, Koum — the founder of WhatsApp — made two separate \$2.5 million contributions to SFA Fund, Inc. and on August 31, contributed \$5 million. Singer made a \$5 million contribution to SFA Fund, Inc. on December 18, and Griffin made a \$3 million contribution on December 28, 2023. Both Singer and Griffin are Wall Street hedge fund managers. In total, SFA Fund, Inc. raised over \$60 million in corporate cash to advertise on behalf of Haley.

SFA Fund, Inc. is one of several SuperPACs supporting Haley. Other SuperPACs supporting Haley are called PrimaryPivot, Independents Moving the Needle and Stand for America, which are also financed by wealthy donors.

Haley has also traveled to Manhattan during her campaign to meet with top Wall Street donors. On Jan. 30, Wall Street billionaires Stanley Druckenmiller, Henry Kravis, Ken Langone and Cliff Asness hosted a fundraiser for Haley, and in November, Haley had a meet-and-greet with several Wall Street billionaires.

At a rally in Bamberg, Haley said: “We want to open up the middle class: we’re watching the rich get richer, and the poor get poorer.” In an email, a spokesperson for Haley’s campaign did not respond directly to a question The People-Sentinel asked about the contradiction between this statement and Haley’s campaign being propped up by billionaire-funded



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A political advertisement paid for by pro-Trump superPAC Make America Great Again, Inc.

SuperPACs.

“We can’t comment on the SuperPACs or their activities,” the spokesperson said. “However, Nikki Haley tells donors what she’s for, not the other way around. The fact that Donald Trump is hitting her on this is because he’s upset that they aren’t supporting him and paying his \$50 million legal bills. Trump also has a SuperPAC that has way more money.”

Donald Trump

Trump, who once criticized the influence of SuperPACs over politicians, has multiple SuperPACs supporting his campaign. A pro-Trump SuperPAC, titled Make America Great Again Inc., has raised over \$47 million in outside cash in support of Trump.

Throughout 2023, billionaires like Timothy Mellon, Diane Hendricks and Timothy Dunn have all dropped contributions of \$5 million dollars each into Make America Great Again Inc. These contributions were several among many million-dollar contributions put into Make America Great Again, Inc.

One advertisement, titled “Biden’s Border Crisis” criticizes the Biden administration’s response to the crisis at the United States-Mexico border by using dark imagery as well as unverified and out of

context claims.

“If you see a lot of scary advertisements or uplifting advertisements that might make or break your decision to get out to the polls there’s a reason for that,” said Brynner.

Trump’s campaign did not respond to a request for comment by press time.

Joe Biden

Biden, who once criticized the influence of SuperPACs over politicians, has multiple SuperPACs supporting his campaign.

Since the South Carolina Democratic primary was less competitive than the Republican primary, Biden’s campaign spent less money on advertising, according to Brynner; Biden won the primary in South Carolina with 96.2% of the vote.

A pro-Biden SuperPAC called Future Forward received a \$2.5 million contribution from billionaire hedge fund manager James Simon on December 14, 2023. Another pro-Biden SuperPAC, titled Unite the Country, has raised over \$2 million in funds from wealthy individuals and unions during the 2024 election cycle and has played ads in South Carolina.

An advertisement from Unite the Country titled “Remind the

political advertising, and the intentions of the advertisements and their funders. Knowing who is funding advertising, Brynner said, can help communities stay informed and combat misinformation.

“The wealthy can buy access, and that affects the conversation,” Brynner said. “That is key, because we need to know who is affecting the conversation in order to understand the outcomes.”

While reporting recent stories regarding how local voters feel amidst the Democratic and Republican primaries, The People-Sentinel observed frustration when voters were asked about their thoughts on SuperPACs and the influence of billionaire money in politics.

“They have an agenda,” said David Peachey, a local Republican voter. “I don’t know what the agenda is, but why would they be pumping exorbitant amounts of money into states and communities that they’re not part of unless they have an agenda?”

To view a full list of campaign contributions to federal political candidates, visit [fec.gov](https://www.fec.gov) or [OpenSecrets.org](https://www.OpenSecrets.org).

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"Savannah Sipping Society" brings laughs, important message to Circle Theatre stage

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What do a laid-off architect, a divorcee, a retired widow, and a self-made life coach have in common?

No, that's not the start of a joke. It's the premise of Circle Theatre of Barnwell's new play, "Savannah Sipping Society", which opens this weekend.

"I've been involved with a Circle Theatre for more than 20 years – acting and directing. This is by far the funniest play I've ever been involved with," said director Mike Holbert.

The play stars three Circle Theatre veterans – Renee Owens, Virginia Nettles, and Caroline Randall – along with newcomer Dawn Snead.

"In this delightful, laugh-a-minute comedy, four unique Southern women, all needing to escape the sameness of their day-to-day routines, are drawn together by fate—and an impromptu happy hour—and decide it's high time to reclaim the enthusiasm for life they've lost through the years," according to a synopsis of the play.

Audiences may remember Circle Theatre's 2020 production of "Dixie Swim Club" that was written by the same writers as "Savannah Sipping Society". Holbert said the new play promises even more laughs.

The main setting for the play is on Randa Covington's veranda in Savannah, Ga. Owens plays Covington, a 49-year-old, career-focused architect who has lost her job.

"This play is about realizing your life doesn't have to be over just because you are older and have gone through a major, life-altering event. It is funny and touching all at the same



The cast of "The Savannah Sipping Society" (above and below) have been working hard for months to prepare for opening night on Feb. 23. Pictured above (from left to right): Virginia Nettles, Renee Owens, Carolina Randall, and Dawn Snead.



time," said Owens.

Randall portrays Marlafaye Mosley, a 57-year-old, recently divorced woman with a big personality that's boisterous and comical.

"She has decided to move from Tyler, Texas to Savannah, Ga. to jumpstart a new life and there she meets three other middle-aged women that are going through difficult times in their lives as well. They come together to help each other through it and in the process become the best of friends," Randall said.

Playing the role of Jinx Jenkins, a self-made life coach, is Nettles.

"My character is energetic, self-confident and

gregarious. I think everyone can probably relate to someone or something in this play. You'll laugh and you may even wipe a tear. And you'll laugh!" said Nettles.

Making her Circle Theatre stage debut is Snead, who plays Dot Haigler, a recent retiree to Savannah reeling from her husband's recent death and the loss of their plans for an idyllic retirement.

"She faces the unsettling prospect of starting a new life all alone in her late sixties. Sassy, witty and resilient, she is grateful for her new old friends, who help each other through difficult times and celebrate their successes,"

said Snead.

Holbert said each cast member fits their part perfectly. "They all have taken these characters and seem to have made them part of themselves," said Holbert.

"We have had so much fun working together on this production, it has been non-stop laughs," said Snead.

One of Randall's favorite quotes is "Always find a reason to laugh. It may not add years to your life, but it will surely add life to your years."

"Savannah Sipping Society" promises audiences many laughs. However, it will also impart an important message of friendship.

"Even though it's a

comedy, it's also about serious real-life situations that happen to so many of us and that we can overcome them by changing our mindset. The play shows us that there is hope and you don't have to go through those struggles alone," said Randall.

"Life is full of ups and downs. Sometimes the best medicine is friends, some may be old friends and as in this play it could be new friends!" said Nettles.

"As Randa says, 'It is never too late to make new old friends!'" said Owens.

The cast and crew invite the community to enjoy two hours of fun and laughter during one of the six performances over the

IF YOU GO

What: "The Savannah Sipping Society" play
 When: Feb. 23 & 24 and March 1 & 2 at 7 p.m.; Feb. 25 & March 3 at 3 p.m.
 Where: Circle Theatre (325 Academy St., Barnwell)
 Tickets: \$20 (buy at *The People-Sentinel's* office or at barnwellct.weebly.com; or use the QR code below)

next two weekends – Feb. 23 & 24 and March 1 & 2 at 7 p.m. with Sunday matinees on Feb. 25 and March 3 at 3 p.m.

"I hope audiences take away from this play that life is better when you have someone to talk to, laugh with and share a glass with every now and then!" said Snead.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online at barnwellct.weebly.com by clicking on the "Ticket Information" tab. Tickets can also be purchased at *The People-Sentinel's* office (222 Main Street, Barnwell). Season ticket holders can call (803) 471-8929 to reserve their seat.

Doors to the theatre (325 Academy Street, Barnwell) open 30 minutes before the show. If seats are available, they will be sold at the door.

Come prepared to laugh and maybe make a new friend or two.

MISSING: Michael Gene Still has not been seen in nearly two weeks

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wears glasses, and has some facial hair.

Still's sister, Melissa Still Chavis, last saw her brother on February 3 around 3:30 p.m. when he left her Williston home for his Barnwell apartment. Melissa told BCSO her brother's cellphone was out of data and minutes.

BPD conducted a welfare check at Still's apartment on February 9. Officers arrived to an unlocked door with no one inside. Many of his personal items such as medication, glasses, and jacket were in the apartment.

Still's car was parked in front of the building, leading those involved to

believe his disappearance may be on foot.

"This is very sickening to us and we are just wanting some answers. The authorities are doing everything they can and I am very grateful. This is such a mystery that doesn't make sense. He bothered no one, he may have been

different but he wouldn't bother you," said Melissa on Facebook.

According to BCSO, the agency has used multiple resources from other agencies in the search for Still.

Numerous statements have been made on social media allegedly connecting the disappearance of Still

and the disappearance of 17-year-old Maylasha Hogg, who was later found dead. However, BCSO has not made a connection between the two cases.

"Though there is no concrete evidence that Still's disappearance is related to Malaysia Hogg, we continue to work closely

with Barnwell Police Dept. to share information and follow all leads," said BCSO in a statement.

BCSO is offering a \$300 reward for any information leading to the location of Michael Still. Contact BCSO at (803) 541-1078 or BPD at 803-259-1838 with any information.



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Kansas Googe, Joseph Bodiford to wed in November 2024

Thomas and Kathy Googe of Barnwell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kansas Googe, to Joseph Bodiford, son of Jody and Redeena Bodiford of Barnwell.

The bride-elect is a 2019 graduate of Barnwell High School and earned her associate's degree in nursing from Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College in 2022. She is a registered nurse at the MUSC Orangeburg emergency room.

The groom-elect is a 2017 graduate of Barnwell High School and received his electrical instrumentation certificate from Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College in 2020. He is a CDL driver for Crabbe Aviation/Helena.

The wedding is planned for November 2, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in Allendale. Formal invitations will be sent.

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BIRTHDAY

Ruth Zissett Williams celebrates 90th birthday



Ruth Zissett Williams of Allendale celebrated her 90th birthday on February 19, 2024 during a surprise party hosted by her family. She was born on February 19, 1934. The celebration united five generations of her family, including from left to right: great-grandson Cody Peebles, great-great-grandson Lane Peebles of Barnwell, Ruth Williams, grandson Robbie Peebles of Barnwell, and daughter Jackie Williams Bowers of Hilda.

AWARD

Sandra Mock recognized as 'Best Lead Secretary'

Sandra Mock is the friendly face that greets clients at the Allendale County Farm Bureau office. She was recognized as one of only four best lead secretaries in the state.

"Sandra received the award for outstanding contributions to membership outreach and engagement," according to a press release.

Along with the award, Sandra received a Farm Bureau Bank gift card and was eligible for a three-night stay for the SCFB annual meeting and awards banquet.



Sandra Mock recently received her award from Farm Bureau as one of four best lead secretaries in the state.

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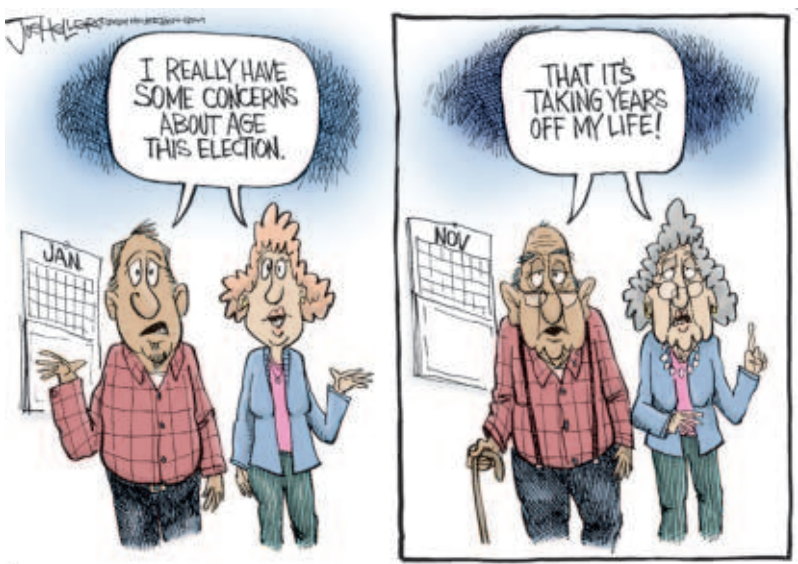
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Editorial

Our community needs facts and prayers, not Facebook detectives



Jonathan Vickery

Publisher

People-Sentinel values facts over emotions. We love being first to report a story, but we'd much rather be right. That's why we will only post information once we've confirmed it as the truth – and nothing but the truth.

On Sunday evening, we heard about the discovery of a body on Perry Street. We heard it was likely the missing teen. Even as some family members and other residents posted on Facebook that the body was that of Maylashia, we waited to post anything. We waited for official confirmation from either the coroner or police department, both of which came Monday morning.

It's our policy to wait for official confirmation in a case involving a death, regardless of the circumstances. It would be unprofessional and unethical to do otherwise. That's a basic tenant of being not only a good journalist, but also a caring human.

We know social media has led to a "post before you think" mentality. However, we encourage everyone to think before you post.

There's enough heartache and negativity in this world without more being unnecessarily created by one's unproven social media comments.

In times of darkness, the truth is a candlelight that acts as the first step in guiding us through grief. However, the truth is precious and fragile and can easily be extinguished by paranoia, impatience and sensationalism.

Maylashia Hogg's life mattered, and the world will never know the type of person she could have become. We must honor her not by speaking our minds, but trusting each other, keeping our hearts open and practicing patience.

Maylashia Hogg's life mattered, and the world will never know the type of person she could have become. We must honor her not by speaking our minds, but trusting each other, keeping our hearts open and practicing patience.

We trust the truth will be revealed in due time through the investigative efforts of law enforcement and the coroner's office.

Until then, let's pray for our community, especially the families who are hurting and simply want the facts.

These questions are understandable and normal.

Although most people have reacted with open hearts, we've seen many other questions, accusations, and downright conspiracy theories posted to Facebook in recent days from members of the community. Some even said it would be a big coincidence if the two missing persons cases were not connected.

These questions are disrespectful and distasteful. They help no one and only cause more stress and heartache for the loved ones. That's evident by posts made from some of the family members.

Yes, everyone is entitled to their own theory and opinion. However, please be mindful of what you say or post. Instead of theories and negative comments, use your time and energy to offer prayers and positive comments.

Law enforcement officials are working to find answers. They don't need the assistance of people acting as Facebook detectives.

With that being said, anyone with information in these cases should contact the appropriate law enforcement agency. Even the smallest detail could help in the investigations.

As journalists, our team at *The*

Better Business Bureau Choosing a mortgage lender



Kelvin Collins

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This year's housing market is competitive. Prices are up, and houses are selling fast, though rising interest rates may slow the market down.

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That means many prospective home buyers are shopping for a mortgage lender before finding the right home. To get the best deal, be sure to compare all the costs and understand how mortgages work. Fortunately, shopping around, comparing prices, and negotiating deals can save you thousands of dollars.

Whether you are buying a home, refinancing your home, or taking out a home equity loan, follow these tips to help make your search for a mortgage lender a success.

How to shop for a mortgage lender

- **Know how much you can spend upfront.** Before you ask for information from a lender, it's a good idea to know how much you can spend on a loan and the maximum monthly payment you can afford. This information will be crucial to your negotiations, so review your budget beforehand.

- **Get to know your loan options.**

Loan options include loan terms, interest rate, and the loan type. The loan term refers to the length of the loan, which may be 15 or 30 years. Shorter loans usually have higher monthly payments with lower interest rates. Interest rate types may be fixed or adjustable. Fixed rate loans are lower risk but carry higher interest rates. Adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) have lower interest rates, but the rates can change over time. Loan types may be conventional or part of a government program. Understanding the options will help you choose the best loan for your situation.

- **Understand the difference between a broker and a lender.**

According to ConsumerFinance.gov, a lender is a bank or other financial institution that loans money directly to you. A broker acts as a middleman, comparing loan options on your behalf. The Federal Trade Commission adds, "Whether you are dealing with a lender or a broker may not always be clear. Some financial institutions operate as both lenders and brokers. And most brokers' advertisements do not use the word 'broker.' Therefore, be sure to ask whether a broker is involved." You'll want to know, since brokers usually pay a service fee separate from the lender's fees.

- **Get information from multiple lenders and brokers before making a decision.**

Get as much information from each lender as you can. Keep your options open since different lenders may offer different rates, advises the FTC. Ask about interest rates, loan types, annual percentage rates, points, down payments, mortgage insurance, and all other fees. This will help you get a clear view of the actual cost of the mortgage.

- **Working with a broker? Make sure**

they find you the best deal. If you prefer to hire a broker to do the shopping for you, know that while brokers can access several lenders, they aren't obligated to find the best deal for you unless they sign a contract to act as your agent.

- **Be prepared to negotiate the best deal.**

Loan officers and brokers can keep some or all of the overages (the difference between the lowest available price and any higher price you agree to) of a loan as extra compensation. This means you can negotiate a price lower than what they initially offer. The best way to negotiate is to have the broker or lender give you a written list of all the costs and fees included in the loan. Then, ask if they will reduce or waive completely one or more of the fees. You can also show them a competitor's offer to see if they will give you a better deal.

- **Watch out for scams.** Shopping around for a mortgage lender will help you get a general idea of how much a loan costs, which will help you spot and avoid any offers that seem too good to be true. Be wary of unsolicited calls and emails offering you great rates on a mortgage or "no-cost" loans. Never give in to high pressure sales tactics. ConsumerFinance.gov warns about a phishing scam where con artists attempt to divert your closing costs and down payment by suggesting, right before your loan closes, that you wire the money into a fraudulent account.

To find a BBB Accredited Business or for further research, see BBB's Home HQ at BBB.org for information on buying, selling, building and where to find help for improving the inside and outside of your home. You can also visit the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau's mortgage page to learn more about how mortgages work.

Column Looking into 2024



Congressman Joe Wilson

US House of Representatives serving South Carolina's 2nd District

February 8, 2024

Under the policies of Biden and Democrats, Americans have suffered. As a result, our country has experienced unprecedented adversity. Families continue to struggle with crippling inflation of consumer products and services, including inflation reaching a 40-year high; the ongoing invasion of illegal aliens at our Southern Border is allowing terrorists, drug smugglers, and human traffickers to enter our country; energy independence has been replaced by foreign energy dependence, increasing the price of gasoline; and our children are being affected by the undermining of parental rights in schools.

I am grateful to have begun 2024 by touring the Second District – with stops in North Augusta, Aiken, Midlands, and Barnwell - promoting my legislative focus areas looking forward, while also reviewing key accomplishments of the House Republican majority in 2023.

Among those successes my Republican colleagues and I achieved last year, on behalf of American families, include:

- Passing the Fiscal Responsibility Act, the largest deficit reduction package in American history.
- Passing the Secure the Border Act to reinforce border security.
- Passing the Parents' Bill of Rights Act to ensure a parent's right to make decisions about their child's education.
- Passing the Lower Energy Costs Act to unleash American energy, lowering prices and strengthen our national security.
- Defunding Biden's army of 87,000

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Passing into law the National Defense Authorization Act, which represents the commitment of Congress to our service members, their families, and our national security, and contains funding authorizations for the missions of the Savannah River Site, including for the Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility and modernization of our nuclear triad.

As we enter the new year, the following is just a sampling of specific issues and legislation in my 2024 Agenda that I will continue to fight for:

- Promote fiscal responsibility by reducing government spending and cutting frivolous programs.

- Boost domestic manufacturing to help small and family-owned businesses grow and create jobs.

- Advocate for current and future missions at the Savannah River Site.

- Protect TRICARE benefits and improve the quality of life for military families and retirees.

- Deter military threats from war criminal Putin, the Chinese Communist Party, the Iranian regime, Hamas, and other aggressors.

- Another issue of immediate focus is addressing the continued insecurity at the border, where we are being invaded by illegals and terrorists.

Just a few weeks ago, I was grateful to join my Republican colleagues and

Speaker Mike Johnson in visiting the Southern Border at Eagle Pass, Texas. What I witnessed and heard there was madness.

Every month Border Patrol agents, county sheriffs, and Public Safety personnel are overwhelmed with unaccompanied children and tens of thousands of aliens crossing illegally. Since Biden took office in January 2021, there have been over seven million illegal crossings at the Southern Border, including more than 300 persons on the terrorist watchlist, that we know of, and nearly two million illegal aliens who were not caught.

Among the dangers to American families, Biden's continued failure to secure the border allows for imminent terrorist attacks anywhere in the country, as warned by the FBI.

The Republican-led House passed the Secure the Border Act to stop destabilization. Now, Senate Democrats need to work with us to address this critical issue. We must maintain the border for the security of our nation and citizens.

Much remains to be done, not only at the border, and I am committed to the people of South Carolina's Second District and will continue to work hard to keep us all safe, promote jobs, and help make our lives and communities stronger.

Joe Wilson is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives serving South Carolina's 2nd District.

Letter to the Editor

Transit concerns continue

Dear Editor,

I had previously written as a Barnwell resident as well as an AARP Executive Council member for the state South Carolina to express my concern over the discontinuation of Generations Unlimited (GU) transportation services, known as Local Motion, to all those except Medicaid recipients. I was beyond pleased to hear that GU has reopened its transportation services to the general public this month. That move will help provide much needed access for Barnwell County's older population to vital transportation to work, medical appointments, and the grocery store.

As previously stated, affordable and accessible transportation/transit options are critical lifelines for the health and wellbeing of Barnwell residents. Lack of access to transportation options has the potential to cause real harm to our older residents who no longer drive, to our workforce and businesses, as well as our healthcare system. Being able to get to work on time is basic requirement for almost every job. And yet, that's very difficult to do without reliable transportation. That's why it is often the essential missing element in the poverty cycle, especially in rural communities that puts the financial stability, job security, health and safety of residents in rural communities at risk. As inflation has skyrocketed, many older South Carolinians living in rural communities

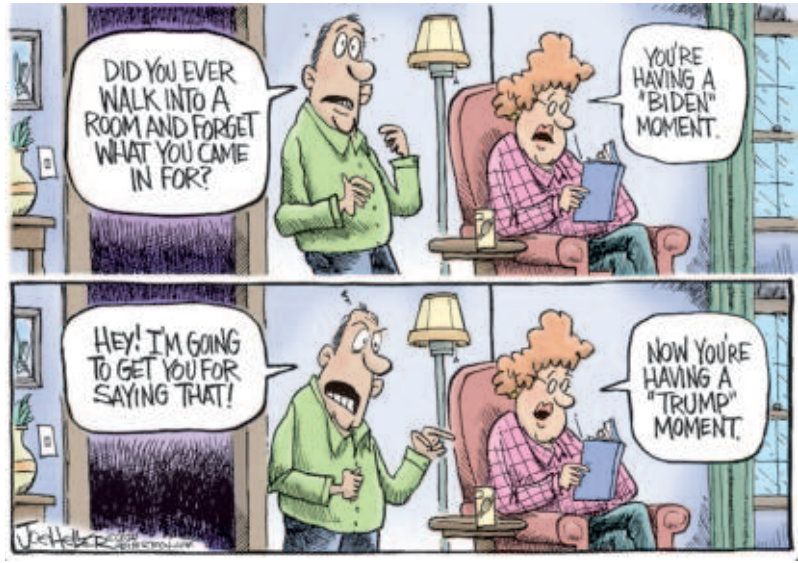
like ours are having to choose whether to pay for transportation, medicine, and food. An impossible choice.

With that in mind, I wish to commend the new GU board on their hard work under difficult circumstances to quickly take meaningful action toward reopening access to transportation for all in our rural community. This was truly a success for many in our community who rely on these essential services.

However, I hope we can continue to work towards greater affordability and expanding the current accessibility a little beyond the hours of 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. A need still exists and so I continue to ask county officials to address current and future transportation needs. I also urge county officials to support funding increases for transportation and for local leaders to connect with other transportation experts and service providers to look at innovative solutions to meet local transportation needs. Finally, I urge local employers whose employees might rely on means other than a personal vehicle to get to work to get involved in supporting efforts to help close gaps in our transit system.

As a member of the AARP South Carolina Executive Council, I will do all I can to help in that effort.

**Karen Patterson,
Barnwell resident/AARP
Executive Council member**



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PRIMARY: Republicans prepare to vote in presidential primary

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issues is disappointing.

"You've got Haley talking about Trump, you've got Trump talking bad about Haley," Peachey said. "It's just drama. I don't care about that. I care about policies."

Inflation
Like local Democrats, local Republicans described the cost of living crisis as a top issue for them that they feel is not being taken seriously by either political party.

For Kennedy, who faces an hour round trip with his wife to Savannah River Site every day, the fluctuating price of diesel has been a source of economic stress. Each time the price of gas fluctuates, Kennedy feels it in his wallet. Although Kennedy plans to vote for Trump in the primary, he is frustrated with the candidates' lack of focus on policy-related issues this election cycle.

"It feels like those [issues] aren't being addressed at all," Kennedy said. "They know we're struggling, so I don't know why they don't address that. That is frustrating."

In June 2022, the inflation rate in the southeast peaked at 9.8 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index. It has since fallen to 3.4 percent in the region, a change that the Biden administration has taken credit for. However, the Consumer Price Index — considered the go-to for inflation data — does not consider interest rates part of inflation, which have been raised significantly. For farmers and ranchers in agricultural communities like Barnwell and Allendale counties, credit is the lifeblood of their economy.

Peachey is a cattle farmer who plans to vote for Trump,



Nikki Haley speaks to a crowd gathered in her hometown of Bamberg.

as he remembers more manageable costs during Trump's term. However, Peachey said he is open to crossing party lines and voting for Democrats if he felt their policies could help him get by.

"For me and my family, we own a cattle farm," said Peachey. "It costs money to keep animals alive. When I have to buy hay, when I have to buy feed, when I have to buy minerals, when I have to buy medicine, everything is up."

In addition to higher interest rates, farmers in the region like Peachey are facing higher prices on the equipment and commodities they need every day. Inflation on many of these commodities can be attributed to shocks to the global supply chain, the war in Ukraine, and Wall Street speculation, according to

consumer rights advocacy group Public Citizen.

Other forms of inflation, like rising food prices, were frequently mentioned by Republican voters.

"Your wages don't increase, but everything else is up," said Kennedy, who described prices at the grocery store as "insane." "Money feels like it's being wasted. We have three kids, so for us our bills went up significantly."

In the years to come, food inflation is expected to worsen. As the continued burning of fossil fuels pushes average global temperatures higher and higher, crop failures are expected to double current food inflation rates by 2030, according to research by the European Central Bank. Crop failures caused by the global climate crisis — which has been denied by

Trump, minimized by Haley and worsened by President Biden's expansion of oil and gas drilling — were one of the contributing factors to the 2022 inflation surge.

Education and rural opportunities

Aside from inflation and transportation, Maxwell said education and job training for rural communities are top issues for him.

"We've got to get rural America educated," Maxwell said. "We need to focus on tech schools, job training. People need to know how to work and do specialized jobs."

After years of industrial decline, new industry is beginning to return to South Carolina, particularly renewable energy spurred by the Inflation Reduction Act, which Biden signed into law in 2022. Additionally, local schools and the state

of South Carolina have been increasing workforce development programs in rural communities.

At the Bamberg rally, Haley criticized Trump for focusing on his court cases and not policy-related issues, particularly education.

"At no point did [Trump] talk about that only 31 percent of eighth graders in our country are proficient in reading," Haley said. "[We need] a mandate to get our kids reading again and going back to the basics in education."

Allie P., a local Republican voter who wants to be an English teacher, said she identified with Haley's discussions of failures within the education system, particularly illiteracy rates among young people. This issue, she feels, has gone unaddressed by the other candidates.

"Like she was mentioning, after school programs and [having] teachers who are willing to really ... go one-on-one to really help [students] improve in that category," Allie said. "The other candidates, they don't mention it."

Other issues

Other issues local Republicans interviewed by *The People-Sentinel* raised were the fentanyl crisis, national security, and foreign policy.

In Barnwell, Allendale and other South Carolina communities, the fentanyl crisis has been linked to numerous overdose deaths, as previously reported by *The People-Sentinel*. In 2023, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recorded 112,000 overdose deaths, a record high. Under the leadership of Haley,

Trump and Biden, the overdose crisis worsened in South Carolina, according to overdose data.

Foreign policy was also a top issue for local Republicans. As the Biden administration escalates tensions in the Middle East and Eastern Europe, several local Republicans voiced frustration with the lack of an attempt to pursue peace.

"We had three Americans [soldiers] killed in Iraq last week, all of which were from Georgia," Peachey said. "So that kind of hits close to home. At the end of the day, I care about what is going to make our community, our nation, and us better."

Voting Underway

The State Election Commission is urging eligible voters who did not participate in the Democratic Presidential Primary to exercise their right to vote by taking advantage of early voting.

"There's no need to wait until Election Day, February 24, to cast your ballot. You can vote at any early voting center in your county," states a press release.

Early voting ends Thursday, February 22. Early voting centers are open 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the early voting period. Voters will be asked to present Photo ID when checking in to vote.

Absentee voting is also underway, though the application period has ended. Absentee ballots must be received by the county election office by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Feb. 24.

Visit scVOTES.gov or contact your county elections office to check your voter information.

Barnwell man charged for child porn

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A Barnwell man pleaded guilty to a charge of sexual exploitation of a minor, third degree.

Gregory W. Trout, 39, of Barnwell was sentenced on January 29, 2024 in

the Barnwell County Courthouse to November 2023 charges.

Sexual exploitation of a minor, third degree, carries up to 10 years in prison and requires those convicted to register on the state sex offender registry.

An investigation into Trout began in August 2023 when the National Center for Missing and Exploited

Children forwarded a cyber tip from Verizon reporting files of child pornography had been placed on their servers.

A search warrant was then obtained to search Trout's home where electronic devices were seized and forensically examined. A total of eleven files of child pornography were located on Trout's devices.

"For the context of the court, comparing this case to other cases, 10 files is on the lower end of the spectrum," said the assistant attorney general, who prosecuted the case.

Trout has no prior criminal history.

Presiding Judge Daniel Coble sentenced Trout to five years in the state department of corrections suspended to two years

probation— meaning Trout will only be serving two years on probation. He is also required to register on the S.C. sex offender registry.

If he violates terms of probation, he will serve the total five years.

He already served 89 days in Barnwell County Detention Center which will be deducted from his total probation time.

Barnwell County Arrest Reports

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

Albert Lamaunt Brooker, 30, of 965 Flat Street, Allendale, S.C. was arrested on January 26, 2024 by the Allendale County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) for Domestic Violence, Third Degree. Brooker was booked and released to the Allendale County Department of Corrections (ACDC).

Roger Edward Broughton, 59, of 82 Wilton Drive, Williston, S.C. was arrested on February 17, 2024 by the Williston Police Department (WPD) for Trespass of Real Property. Broughton was

booked and released to the Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).

Larry Clemons, 31, of 654 Pernel Place, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on February 17, 2024 by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) for Failure to Pay Child Support. Clemons was booked and released to BCDC.

Trenton Lamar Dukes, 18, of 168 Cannon Street, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on January 26, 2024 by ACSO for Unlawful Carrying of a Pistol. Dukes was booked and released to ACDC.

Justin Scott Edwards, 36, of 1872 Calhoun Street, Branchville, S.C. was arrested on February 14, 2024 by BCSO for Possession of Marijuana, Illegal Possession of Prescription Narcot-

ics with Intent to Distribute, and Illegal Possession of Prescription Narcotics. Edwards was booked and released to BCDC.

Reid Calvin Elmore, 57, of 167 Elmore Lane, Allendale, S.C. was arrested on January 17, 2024 by ACSO for Failure to Pay Child Support. Elmore was booked and released to ACDC.

Donte Zaydron Harvey, 18, of 332 Christianity Estates, Allendale, S.C. was arrested on January 26, 2024 by ACSO for Unlawful Carry of a Pistol. Harvey was booked and released to ACDC.

Jheel Kanye Hoover, 20, of 647 College Park Circle, Bluffton, S.C. was arrested on February 4, 2024 by ACSO for Unlawful Car-

rying of a Pistol. Hoover was booked and released to ACDC.

Steven Wayne Loftin, 35, of 715 Palm Drive, Aiken, S.C. was arrested on February 16, 2024 by BCSO for Harassment and Possession of Meth. Loftin was booked and released to BCDC.

Terrell Keith McMillian, 36, of 209 Creech Road, Hilda, S.C. was arrested on February 16, 2024 by BCSO for Possession of Stolen Property. McMillian was booked and released to BCDC.

Shaquill Shakevia Phoenix, 25, of 218 Oswald Drive, Allendale, S.C. was arrested on January 29, 2024 by ACSO for Malicious Injury to Personal Property and Assault & Battery Third De-

gree. Phoenix was booked and released to ACDC.

Kelvin Pryor, 53, of 1017 Carl Drive, Fairfax, S.C. was arrested on January 20, 2023 by ACSO for Failure to Pay Child Support. Pryor was booked and released to ACDC.

Tyler Shiggs, 38, of 2745 Seven Pines Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on February 14, 2024 by BCSO for Criminal Domestic Violence. Shiggs was booked and released to BCDC.

Pricalla Denise Walker, 43, of 634 Elko Street, Williston, S.C. was arrested on February 15, 2024 by WPD for Trespass of Real Property. Walker was booked and released to BCDC.

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William Andrew Brown Jr.



BARNWELL - William Andrew Brown Jr. (Pappy Bill), 92, husband of Pauline Hankins Brown, passed away peacefully Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at his home surrounded by family.

Born on August 13, 1931, he was the son of the late William Andrew Brown Sr. (Velma) and Ethel Horne Brown.

He was a native of Allendale County, member of

the order of the Eastern Star, lifetime member of the Allendale Masonic Lodge 109, founding member of the Allendale County Rescue Squad, retired from the SCDOT, and a member and deacon of Mount Arnon Baptist Church. Mr. Brown enjoyed woodworking, camping, and spending time with his family.

Mr. Brown is survived by his wife of 66 years, Pauline Hankins Brown; sons, Tony Andrew Brown Sr. and his wife Robin and Malcolm Allen Brown and his wife Farmer; one brother, Bruce Brown (Marilyn); seven grandchildren, Bridgett Brown (Josh), Heather Brown (Cody), Josey Harper (Collins), TJ Brown (Lacey), Arbrey Brown (Lindsey), Taylor Young (Clay) and Ben Brown (Caitlan); 15 great-

grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

Mr. Brown was predeceased by his parents, a sister, Bessie Riley; three brothers, Ray Lloyd, Mac Brown, and Wayne Brown; and one great-granddaughter, Nancy Claire Young.

A visitation will be held Friday, February 16, 2024, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Keith Smith Funeral Service, 128 Water Street, Allendale, South Carolina 29810.

A graveside service was held 11 a.m. Saturday, February 17, 2024, at Mount Arnon Baptist Church Cemetery with Masonic Rites accorded.

Sign the online guestbook at keithsmithfuneralservice.com.

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Kenneth "Kenny" Lavern Black



HILDA - Kenneth Lavern Black, 56, of Hilda, South Carolina, entered into heavenly rest on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at his home.

Kenny was a walking testimony of his faith in Jesus Christ who had, by far, been the biggest influencer in his life.

Kenny was an avid deer hunter in his day. He enjoyed spending time with family - whether at his home or visiting with them over weekend trips. He spent a lot of his time in the Word of God where

he would study to show himself approved. Journaling would also encompass his Bible studies. He wore a cherished necklace that meant more to him because it represented Christ in his heart. He would wear it proudly so that others would know the special place Jesus had taken in his life. Over the past 10 years, he was a faithful employee to Collum Lumber in Allendale, S.C.

Services were held at Folk Funeral Home in Williston, S.C. at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, February 17, 2024. Family received friends and family in the chapel at Folk Funeral Home two hours prior to the service on Saturday. Interment followed at Memorial Baptist Church in Olar, S.C.

Memorial contributions may be given in Kenny's memory to Gideon International, P.O. Box 86, Williston,

S.C. 29853.

Kenny is preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Gerail Dean Black; and a cousin, Melissa Black.

Kenny is survived by his son, Gregory (Michelle) Black of Graniteville, S.C.; a sister, Sondra (Robert) Hogan of Grovetown, GA; a niece, Jessica (Chris) Carswell; nieces and nephews: Wyatt, Caydence, Pyper, and Mikayla Reid, and Waylon Carswell; a special uncle, Bernice Black of Denmark, S.C.; and special cousins, Stanley (Christine) Creech, Dianne Brant, Linda Fowler, Brenda Malphrus, Linda (Chris) Evans, Buddy (Patti) Black, Maude (Clay) Hinely, Teresa (Brian) Searfoss.

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

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Elspye Lee Byars Johnson



MONTMORENCI - Elspye Lee Byars Johnson, 83, died Monday, February 12, 2024, at home. She was born December 6, 1940, in Wagener, S.C., the second child of seven to the late John Bernell Byars and Elsie Inez Youngblood Byars.

She was predeceased by her husband of almost 53 years, her childhood sweetheart Cyril Cullen Johnson. She was a member of Millbrook Baptist Church, and previously a member of First Baptist Church of Montmorenci, South

Aiken Baptist Church, and Windsor Baptist Church. She graduated from Aiken High School and followed that with an associate degree from Southern Methodist College. She worked as a bookkeeper at Satcher Motor Company before being appointed the postmaster at Montmorenci, a post she held for 34 years. She enjoyed family history, collecting community history, teaching Sunday school, crocheting, and reading. She and Cyril were charter members of the Aiken-Barnwell Genealogy Society.

She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia "Cindy" J. George (Jerry A.); son, Cyril Kevin Johnson (Donna Ivey); five grandchildren, Emalie Johnson Howle (Adam T.), Cullen Kevin Johnson (Stephanie Klarman), Ryan Perry George, Aaron Samuel George, and Marjorie Elspye George; siblings

Myra B. Ridgeway (Brooke) and John Edward Byars (Karen); three great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family received friends on Thursday, February 15, 2024, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Folk Funeral Home in Williston, S.C. A graveside service was held at 11 a.m., Friday, February 16, 2024, at Mt. Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery, Windsor, S.C. with the Reverends Bill Howard and Keith Ussery officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to Mt. Beulah Baptist Cemetery, 857 Mt. Beulah Rd., Windsor, S.C. 29856 or Windsor Baptist Cemetery, P.O. Box 238, Windsor, S.C. 29856.

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

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Joyce Williams Brewer

ALLENDALE - Mrs. Joyce Brewer, a resident of Allendale, peacefully entered eternal rest on February 7th, 2024, at the age of 94. She resided with her son, Ross, and his wife, Rebecca, in Orlando, Florida, but cherished time with her extended family in Lands End, S.C.

Joyce, affectionately known as Mammy, is survived by her son Ross, his wife Rebecca, their son Will and his wife Jordan, along with their son Banks; their daughter Leslie Burton in Charleston, S.C., and her son Liam.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband, Charles (Big Boy) Brewer and her late son, Charles (Chuck) Brewer. She is survived by Chuck's wife, Jane, and his daughter Alice Kiser, along with her husband Bland Kiser and their children Tres, Clara Jane, and Bradbury Drue Williams Kiser of Hilton Head Island, S.C. Joyce leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews whom she treated as her own.

Born Joyce Williams on June 24th, 1929, she was

the youngest of five sisters in Allendale County. The last surviving sister, she joined her sisters Drue Williams, Margaret Reece, Helen Knopf, and Norma Lee Smith. Raised by their eldest sister, Drue, after losing their parents early on, Mammy often recounted stories of all five sisters sharing a bed during the Great Depression. She humorously claimed her lack of a middle name was due to her parents running out of girl names. Mammy's life was filled with vibrant tales.

Attending a one-room schoolhouse with her sisters, Mammy shared classes with the world-renowned artist Jasper Johns. After graduating from Allendale High School, she worked at Carolina Commercial Bank. In 1949, she married Charles (Big Boy) Brewer, who tragically passed away from a heart attack in 1969. Undaunted, she took charge of the family lumber mill, overseeing operations until her sons graduated college. Active at the mill until the early '90s, she retired with a fearless spirit,

exemplifying grace under pressure throughout life's trials.

A passionate Clemson fan and avid Braves baseball enthusiast, Mammy kept herself informed on the latest headlines, maintaining her sharp wit until the end. Devoted to her Christian faith, she was a lifelong member and treasurer for 25 years at Swallow Savannah Methodist Church. Joyce Brewer's legacy is one of leadership, resilience, and unwavering love for her family.

The celebration of Joyce's life was held at Swallow Savannah Methodist Church in Allendale on Sunday, February the 18th at 2 p.m. with burial following at the Swallow Savannah Cemetery. Following that, there was a BBQ meal back at the church. There was visitation with the family on Saturday the 17th at Keith Smith Funeral Service in Allendale from 2-4 p.m.

Sign the online guestbook at keithsmithfuneralservice.com.

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Dennis Barker



BARNWELL - Dennis Olive Barker, 83, passed away peacefully at Aiken Regional Medical Center.

He was born in Barnwell County on November 6, 1940. He was the son of the late Harry Walton and Susanah Morris Barker.

He was a retired Insurance Salesman. He was a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend.

A private intimate family service will be held.

Survivors include his children Beverly (Chuck) Hallman of Barnwell, S.C., Mike (Dana) Barker of Barnwell, S.C., and Mark (Julie) Barker of Cary, N.C.; grandchildren Andrew (Holly) Hallman of Lexington, S.C., Gregory Barker of Augusta, GA, Wade Barker and Ava Barker of Cary, N.C.; great-grandchildren Asher Hallman, Camer-

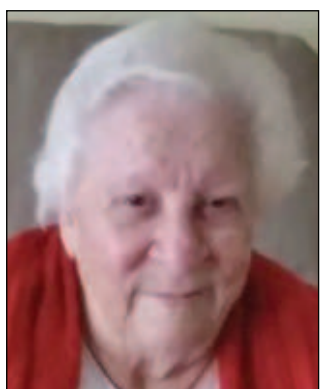
on Hallman and Drayton Barker; and special friend, Brenda Sox. He was predeceased by three sisters, Mae Frances Freeman, Bertha Panchula and Audrey Halford.

Memorials in memory of Mr. Barker can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., 17th Floor, Chicago, IL 60601-7633.

Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell is assisting the family. Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com.

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Annie Shinn



BARNWELL - Annie Elizabeth Wall Shinn, born October 18th, 1934, passed away on February 13th, 2024.

She was a beloved wife,

mother and grandmother. She will be missed but not forgotten. She is now in the presence of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

She is survived by her children, Steven R. Shinn (Wanda), Richard A. Shinn (Robin) and Mary Ann Shinn Yates (Jimmy); grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death are her husband, Kenneth R. Shinn; son, Kenneth E. Shinn; and great-grandson,

Steven Adam Shinn Jr. (AJ), along with her siblings Emily Wall Goins, Robert Wall, Aubry Eugene (Gene) Wall, Julian Wall and Jackie Wall Goins.

Graveside service was held at the Easterling Cemetery in Barnwell, S.C. on Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 3 p.m.

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

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BARNWELL - Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Turnbull Edwards, 92 of Barnwell, S.C. passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at home surrounded by her family.

The family received friends at 2 o'clock p.m., Sunday, February 18th at Calvary Baptist Church, Barnwell, S.C. Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock p.m. in the church on Sunday with the Reverend Dean Deer officiating; burial followed at the Olar First Baptist Church Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Calvary Baptist Church, 8744 Marlboro Ave., Barnwell, S.C. 29812. The family would like to thank all of

the nurses, staff, and caretakers at Trinity Hospice for the excellent care and concern that they have shown to Mrs. Betty.

Born in Liberty, MO, she was the daughter of the late Andy Turnbull and Mable Dotson Turnbull. She was married to the late Donald R. Edwards Sr. Mrs. Betty was a devout Christian who loved the Lord; she was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Barnwell. She was a devoted military wife to her beloved husband, Donald, for 72 years. She was also a wonderful mother and grandmother who loved taking care of her family. She enjoyed gardening, taking care of her plants, reading, and sewing. She was a friend to all and will be missed by all who loved her. She loved her beloved companions, Lily and Phoebe.

Survivors include her daughter, Carol Edwards Summey of Barnwell, S.C.; her son and daughter-in-

law, Don (Cindy) Edwards of Reevesville, S.C.; brothers, Ralph (Betty) Turnbull of Strongsville, Ohio and Gary (Karin) Turnbull of Argyle, Texas; daughter-in-law, Lisa Edwards of Barnwell, S.C.; sons-in-law, William Reynolds of Barnwell, S.C. and James Williams of Aiken, S.C.; sister-in-law, Jackie (Allen) More of Canada; her dear friend Thoi Smoak of Barnwell; 15 grandchildren, numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughters, Trina Reynolds and Barbara Williams; a son, Timothy Edwards.

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

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A child, called and confirmed to preach

Donna-Maria Conzalina
Faith Correspondent

"My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be."

Psalm 139:15-16 NIV

Desmond Antley's mother was two months pregnant with him when the late Pastor Julia Lincoln prophesied that she was going to birth a son who would grow up to be a preacher.

"Since I've been able to talk, all I've been known to do is to sing God's praises and talk about God. So, it's a natural thing that I was born to do. But, I got here by God's design. I had no intentions to pastor," Antley said.

Before he'd even turn 30, however, Pastor Lincoln's prophetic words rang true. And recently, just as it's been each Sunday since last July; Antley's congregation, with barely an empty seat to be found, praised Jesus; then thanked this young pastor for his message as they departed Allendale's own Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church (SMMBC). On this particular Sunday, once the sanctuary emptied, the 27-year-old preacher sat in his office, excited to testify his remarkable story.

By the time he was six, Antley said his "mother and grandparents recognized God's gift and encouraged me to preach. They pushed it. I also have a great mentor in the ministry, who nurtured the gift and helped bring it to where it is, Bishop Hayes Gainey. He's been my pastor most of my life."

Antley, an Orangeburg native and current resident, first came to SMMBC the third Sunday in July 2023 as a fill-in. "They were already in a candidacy process of choosing a pastor between two individuals. And it happened that neither one of the candidates could come to church that Sunday. One of them

reached out to me that morning. Asked if I could fill in. I came, preached and the power of God literally fell. And honestly, the rest is history."

It was just a month later, the fourth Saturday in August, when Antley was officially elected as SMMBC's pastor with 95% of the congregation's vote. A young man suddenly leading this church family God set before him.

His own family likewise "has been very supportive," Antley said. "Since that first Sunday, every Sunday a family member has been here. Pushing, being a source of support. They have been very supportive. I love them. They are my world."

Antley said it was very personal, through The Holy Spirit, that he "knew The Lord was training me up even as a little boy." And now, given his position, he's comfortable, publicly disclosing, "I don't share this with everybody, but I'm glad to share it now." Leaning forward, he revealed the moment he knew God was indeed calling him to serve. "I was sitting in the congregation at Edisto Fork UMC, my home church. Bishop Gainey was preaching that particular Sunday and this was the very first time I heard the audible voice of Jesus, of God in my ear. While Pastor Gainey was preaching, walking down the aisle, I literally looked at him, a light glared on him and the voice of God told me, 'You're going to be doing what he's doing.' At the age of six! It was an experience I could never forget to the point where, because I heard His voice, I went straight to him and asked, 'Ya know, Bishop Gainey, when are you gonna let me preach?' He was looking at this six-year-old boy like, 'What are you talking about?'"

With such conviction at an early age, he said, "Even though I didn't understand the depths of it. I knew that this is what God wanted me to do."

Further signs of confirmation were to become evident. Antley began to realize his call to pastor SMMBC the very first Sunday he preached



Once a month at the end of the service is a raffle tradition to acknowledge members and reward them for their faithfulness. Antley told this little boy, who recently won, Jason Ellis Jr., "The favor of God is on his life."

Photo Courtesy: Brother Michael



Pastor Antley, pictured here as a child, speaks at a service at his home church.

Photo Courtesy: Pastor Antley

there.

"There was a little fella, I remember his name was Jermaine. He could be all of 10; 10 or 11. He did something that I used to do when I was a little boy. After church I'd have to go to the preacher and shake his hand. Jermaine did the same, and said, 'You really inspire me.' It touched me," he recalled. "Then I was in a service in Barnwell about two to three weeks later, contemplating taking this position as pastor and I asked God to give me a sign. I was feeling my lowest because of some things I was going through. After the service was over, I was getting ready to leave early and I clearly heard the Lord tell me, 'Wait until the end.' So I stayed till the end of the service and when I was walking out of the front door, it was

pouring down raining, and walks up this same little boy! He said, 'Hey, you remember me?' Surprised, I was like, 'yeah.' And as soon as I got in my car, I broke down in tears because God was so faithful to show a sign through a child."

As a child, Pastor Desmond Antley was called; and through a child, God set his path of commitment in stone.

"While the Lord has me here, we're going to do great things for the community of Allendale, the state of South Carolina, for the USA and the world. I believe while God has me planted here, it's to do what the Bible says, 'Go out into the world and make disciples for Jesus Christ' and that is my obligation, my duty as pastor; to bring disciples to Jesus Christ,"

Antley said.

"I want to be a pastor for the community, too. Like with our 'Gas on God Outreach'. We give people \$20 worth of gas. We reached about 110 people the last time we did it in November. We're working on a major food drive in the community too. There's a lot of new things that we're doing."

Yet the message God's placed most strongly on his heart these days is, Transformation. "The Bible says in Romans 12:2, 'Be not conformed to the patterns of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.' In order to be the light that Christ wants us to be in the world, we have to first be transformed in our mind. We cannot think like everybody else. And when you don't think like the world, you don't treat

people like the world. You have the love of God in your heart, actions, your walk and your talk. I don't care what you have done in your life. You're still valuable enough to God for Him to put His hands on you and transform you. That is my message to the earth," Pastor Antley said.

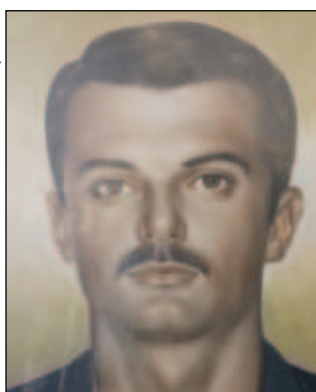
The community is invited to join SMMBC every Sunday at 11 a.m.

"Saint Mark is a place of healing and transformation," he said. "The congregation has grown. What's rewarding is, a lot of young people are joining which is probably my motivation for being here."

Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church is located at 557 St. Mark Road, Allendale. Contact the church at 803-584-4988.

Obituary

Wayne Jowers



Funeral Home, P.O. Box 367, Williston, S.C. 29853.

Born in Barnwell, he was a son of the late Joe Albert Jowers and Sarah Knox Zorn Jowers and was married to Linda Jowers. He was a graduate of Barnwell High School and was a veteran having served in the U.S. Marines. Wayne spent most of his life hunting and working alongside his dad at Big Daddy's Deer Processing.

Survivors include his daughter, Dezeray Deshawn Jowers-Wright (John David Curtis); a sister, Laura Ellen Jowers; his grandson, Joshua David Curtis; niece, Megan L Rattliff (Alec); nephew, Austin Rattliff and the extended Zorn and Jowers families.

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

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Barnwell County Lenten services explore last words of Jesus

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The Barnwell County Lenten luncheon services are exploring the last statements of Jesus from the cross.

The services, which are hosted by the Barnwell County Ministerial Coalition, are held during the seven weeks leading up to Easter. Services are held every Wednesday, beginning on Ash Wednesday, at a different Barnwell church.

"We're a body of Christ of one," said Rev. Bart Kelley, pastor of Barnwell First Baptist Church (FBC), during the Feb. 14 service.

Rev. Bobby Dukes of Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church delivered the message during the service, which was held at

FBC. His message focused on Jesus' words from Luke 23:32-34 as He hung on a cross between two criminals, also sentenced to be crucified: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Just as Jesus was positioned between two criminals, Dukes said it is important for Jesus to live the on inside of people's hearts.

"Too often we've been trying to live this Christian life through our flesh, through how we feel. The Bible says we need to seek God first and let him direct our path," said Dukes. "At one time I was a wretch, but now Jesus lives on the inside. If you have been trying to live this Christian life and not doing it through the man on the inside, you will not win."

Another lesson to be learned from these words



Rev. Bobby Dukes of Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church in Barnwell was the speaker at the Feb. 14 Lenten service held at Barnwell First Baptist.

Photo By: Jonathan Vickery / Publisher

is about forgiveness. Just as Jesus asked God to forgive those who mocked and persecuted Him, Dukes said it's important to forgive other people who hurt us.

"Father forgive them. That 'them' could be me, that 'them' could be you, that 'them' could be anybody. If someone does you wrong, sometimes it's out of ignorance," said Dukes.

At the end of the service, a love offering was collect-

ed on behalf of the ministerial coalition.

"100 percent of it goes back to the community, to help this community and people in need," said Rev. Kelley.

Lenten services continue every Wednesday through March 27 at a different church. A free lunch is served from noon to 12:30 p.m. with the service following from 12:30 to 1 p.m. Check the Community Calendar on page B5 for a schedule.



The congregation of Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church raise their hands in praise during a service.

Photo Courtesy: Brother Michael

New restaurant and gas station coming to Ulmer

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A new restaurant and truck stop is under construction along Route 301 in Ulmer.

On February 2, Joe Mole, Allendale County's zoning administrator, presented the approved building permit to Randy Rentz, who owns the property.

"We felt that this would be an inject[ion] of excitement into the community," Mole said. "We didn't want to miss the opportunity."

On the day that they received the permit, the construction crew had already begun assembling the building's beams.

Rentz said he wants it to be a gas stop, a convenience store,

a restaurant and a beer cave, noting that Route 301 is a road frequently traveled by truckers.

"It's everything that everybody's been wanting around here," Rentz said. "I'm hoping to fill the need of everybody around. People back here want somewhere to eat."

Ulmer Mayor Ervin Mathias said he hopes the restaurant will help bring new people to Ulmer, since the construction of I-95 has reduced traffic through Allendale County.

"We're extremely pleased and happy about the reopening of a store again, a gas station or restaurant in Ulmer," said Mathias. "We've had nowhere in town to go buy gas, get a loaf of bread or a jug of milk, or something to eat other than fixing it at home."

Rentz said he aims for the restaurant to open by May 1.



Allendale County zoning administrator Joe Mole (left) and property owner Randy Rentz (right) hold the building permit for Rentz's soon-to-be restaurant in Ulmer. Elijah de Castro / Report for America

Williston public works department grows in certifications, projects

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The Town of Williston's February 12 meeting provided numerous updates on the efforts of the public works department.

"For a couple years we were down public works employees," said Mayor Brett Williams. "Over the last year, we've tried to build back up."

The town's public works department has a total of six members led by director Dennis Williams. Williams joined the department late last year and has been making efforts alongside the council to increase the certifications of employees.

"We want to keep the town going and invest in the town, and one way to do it is to keep educating the new employees so that they can eventually have the licenses they need to handle day to day operations," said Mayor Williams.

Public works employees Zach Neville and Dantroy

Cuthbertson both recently received their asbestos license and are now certified to handle tasks around town with potential asbestos exposure.

Neville has been with the department for roughly four months.

"Ever since he has been here, he has been dedicated to the job and building himself up in the industry," said Williams.

Cuthbertson was not present at the meeting, but was commended by the council and Williams for his dedication to the town.

"Congratulations to our public works department for being 100 percent certified now in asbestos," said Administrator Michael Beasley.

"We always like to recognize town employees, especially when something good is going on. We appreciate all y'all do," said Mayor Williams.

The Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) sets the standard for municipalities dealing with asbestos and certifies employees to properly



Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

Zach Neville (left) is recognized for becoming certified to work with asbestos. Neville joined the Town of Williston public works department late last year and is pictured with the department's director, Dennis Williams (right). Dantroy Cuthbertson was also commended for becoming certified in asbestos, but was not present at the meeting.

handle the fibrous mineral.

"Every contractor, supervisor, worker, air sampler, project designer, building inspector, or management planner who engages in any asbestos project shall have a current and valid license specific to the duties performed under the license," states DHEC Regulation 61-86.1,

Standards of Performance for Asbestos Projects.

Efforts aside from certifications are underway at the public works department, including upgrading fire hydrants.

According to Beasley, five fire hydrants around the town are being replaced. Each hydrant costs around \$6,000 and takes eight to ten

weeks to be delivered to the town.

Another upgrade to the town is completing an ADA compliant bathroom at the town's public library. An architect will be brought in to design the handicap accessible bathroom.

Beasley provided an update on the projects funded by the S.C. Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP) - a one-time initiative using federal funds allocated by the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to transform water and wastewater infrastructure across the state.

The Town of Williston was awarded \$5,066,228 of SCIIP funding to upgrade their water and wastewater systems.

Work is 50 percent complete at the wastewater treatment plant and will be done this summer. This project includes updating pond liners, generator replacement, and more.

Improvements to the water system are 10 percent complete. This project includes upgrading wells across

the town, such as the one on Elko Street.

The town also received contracts to upgrade the filtration system for the water system—a project that should be completed within a year.

In a similar vein of upgrading the town's water and wastewater system, residents are now able to pay their water and garbage bill online through the town's website: www.williston-sc.com.

Auto pay options are also available, but there is a 3 percent processing fee when using a credit or debit card online.

"A lot of credit card companies, when you go through those systems, they charge you a fee," said Beasley. "Unfortunately, these are just the times we are in right now...sometimes for convenience, they charge you."

Beasley said the town would look into a way to work around this fee if residents still want to pay online. There is no fee to drop off payment to town hall.

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BUDDIES: Law enforcement have lunch with students at Macedonia Elementary-Middle School

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Lance Corporal Brittany Glover with the S.C. Highway Patrol ties a student's shoelace.



Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter



"I've been wanting to do something different to show the community a different aspect of law enforcement, to show the unity of law enforcement," said SRO Howze, who joined the MEMS team in November 2023 after many years serving in law enforcement.

SRO Howze, Sheriff Steve Griffith, and the team at BCSO joined with officers from the S.C. Highway Patrol, the Second Circuit Solicitor's Office, the S.C. Law Enforcement Division (SLED), and the Blackville Police Department (BPD) to hold this unifying event for students.

"Officers provided positive social interactions with Macedonia's students," said BCSO in a statement. "The goal of this event is to strengthen relationships, to facilitate more positive contacts, and to provide relaxed, informal interventions in a friendly environment."

SRO Howze hopes to bring Lunch Buddies annually to all MEMS students from Head Start to eighth grade.

FIRE: SLED investigating fatal house fire

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When HFD firefighters arrived, the whole structure had succumbed to the fire. The home was in char and ashes, and the human remains were found right inside an entryway.

The Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) and Thorne Ambulance Service responded alongside HFD. The SLED Arson team and the State Fire Marshall were

contacted to investigate. Crews remained on scene for roughly three hours.

Barnwell County Coroner Denise Gibson identified the victim as Randy Campbell. An autopsy will be conducted Friday in Newberry.

Anyone with information regarding this active investigation should email SLED at tips@sled.sc.gov.

MOORE: Barnwell attorney killed in wreck

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vehicle.

According to LCpl. Glover, Moore was driving a 2020 Honda Ridgeline traveling east on Poplar Road and attempting to cross over Highway 3 when his vehicle collided with a 2005 International box truck.

The box truck was traveling north toward

the City of Barnwell. The intersection is located roughly five miles outside the city limits.

Moore also served as the executive director of the Tri County Community Foundation and was a military veteran.

According to the coroner, Moore sustained multi-trauma.

ADOPTABLE PET OF THE WEEK

'Scottie' has loving, unique personality

Scottie is this week's Adoptable Pet of the Week from the Animal Advocates of Barnwell County. Scottie has been resident at Animal Advocates since 2014 when she was found as a small kitten. She is also special needs, she was born blind.

"We are not sure if she may be able to see shadows, but it does not slow her down. She also spent some time at our Meow/Mutts program and was one of the favorites. Scottie has a very unique personality, she is loving when she wants to be and she has some days that she would rather be left alone and let her nap. She has a really cute way that she likes to drink her water. She will dip her paw in her water bowl and drink water off it. She gets along with other cats and is vaccinated and spayed!" said Vikki Scott with the Friends for Life Center.

The Friends for Life Center is open Tues.- Sat. from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 1924, Barnwell S.C. 29812, or made online at theanimaladvocates.org.

For more information, call (803) 259-5483, or visit the Friends for Life Center at 10975 Marlboro Avenue in Barnwell.





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Two sporting clays teams finish strong at tournament

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Two Barnwell County sporting clays teams had strong finishes on Saturday, February 17 at the Backwoods Quail Club in Georgetown where more than 700 shooters gathered.

One of Barnwell High School's teams placed first while a Jefferson Davis Academy team placed fourth out of the 35 teams competing in the JV advanced division. The tournament is part of the S.C. Youth Shooting Foundation (SCYSF).

"Our focus is to provide a safe environment in which youth may participate in the sport of sporting clays. In addition, it is our desire to instill life skills such as commitment, focus, respect, sportsmanship, teamwork and a positive work ethic so that our youth will become productive, contributing members of



The JDA sporting clays team includes (left to right): Fischer Robinson, Trevor Nobles, Kinlee Ray, Gylan Googe, Dalton Nix, Jillian Johnson, Bryson Livingston, Aiden Rutland and Tristan Whittle.

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society," according to SCYSF's website, www.scysf.org.

The SCYSF event involves each shooter attempting to hit 100 targets spread out over 15 shooting stations. The total number of hits is recorded for each team member, then the three shooters' totals are combined for the team score.

The Warhorse sporting clays team brought six shooters, divided into two three-man teams.

The team of Joe Huggins, Jax Mead, and Noah Smith finished in first place in the JV advanced division for the tournament. Joe shot a 92/100, Jax scored 90/100, and Noah tallied an 85/100, giving the trio a combined score of

267/300 for the first-place finish.

"The competition consisted of two hours of non-stop shooting for these athletes. The physical conditioning that this sport requires is overshadowed only by the mental aspects of the game. A first-place finish in a highly competitive group of shooters is a reflection of the quality of young athletes that represent Barnwell middle and high schools," said Scotty Sturkie, who coaches the team along with Jody Huggins.

The team of Hudson Harvey, John Huggins, and Hunter Delk also competed and had a good day shooting, but did not place for the tournament.

The Warhorse teams have had continued success and look to continue that success as they get even more experience.

The Jefferson Davis Academy sporting clays team brought nine members representing four divisions.

The team of Bryson Livingston, Dalton Nix, and Trevor Nobles placed fourth in the JV advanced division. Trevor shot 92/100, Dalton tallied 88/100, and Bryson scored 77/100, which gave the trio a combined score of 257 out of 300.

"If they keep shooting like they're shooting, they're gonna do really well when they are

seniors," said Leigh Wilson, one of the JDA coaches. "It's a great sport. You can get a full ride on a shooting scholarship."

Wilson said the rest of the JDA teams shot well but didn't place. The other JDA competitors were Fischer Robinson, Kinlee Ray, Gylan Googe, Jillian Johnson, Aiden Rutland and Tristan Whittle.

The Barnwell High and JDA teams still have more competitions scheduled through April.

Congratulations to both teams on their successful showing at the tournament. Good luck to all sporting clays teams as they enter future events.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Peyton Wood

Barnwell High School



Grade: 11th

Sports: Wrestling, soccer, cross country

Favorites...

• College teams: Tennessee Volunteers and Clemson Tigers

• Food: Pancakes

• Movie/TV show: Ridiculousness

• Snack: Pretzels

• Musician: Tom Morello

Goal for this season: "I want to improve my overall skills in the sports I play and contribute more to my teams."



The Warhorse trio of Noah Smith, Jax Mead and Joe Huggins won first place for the JV advanced division at the Backwoods Quail Club tournament.

Photo By: Jody Huggins



John Huggins, Hudson Harvey and Hunter Delk from Barnwell High also competed in the tournament on Feb. 17.

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Messiah McFadden

Blackville-Hilda High School



Grade: 10th

Sports: Basketball, football, track

Favorites...

• Pro team: Golden State Warriors

• Athlete: Stephen Curry

• Food: Macaroni and cheese

• Movie/TV show: Avengers: Endgame

• Snack: Sour Patch Kids

• Free time activities: Play the Game- Madden

• Musician: JB Tray

Goal for this season: "To better myself in every way."

JDA boys basketball wins playoff game

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The Jefferson Davis Academy Raiders boys basketball team can claim something that no other JDA boys basketball team can, at least none in the last 15 years, that is. The boys basketball team won a playoff game.

JDA and Newberry Academy met at a neutral site, but the Eagles were favored over the Raiders, who lost to this same Newberry Academy team back in December 2023. None of that mattered, as the Raiders claimed the 40-36 victory and will advance to the second round of the state playoffs.

The JDA win was not an easy one. The Raiders got off to a slow start and went into half-time down by a huge margin, scoring only seven points against the Eagles, who put 24 points on the board. A 24-7 deficit is almost impossible to erase. The key word here is "almost." The Raiders, led by Nasir Void and Colson Loadholt, never gave up and slowly, but surely battled back into this game. Void collected 10 rebounds

and scored 11 points for the Raiders, while Loadholt scored a team high of 13 points and had six assists and four steals.

JDA head coach Anthony Reitenour was understandably excited with his team's come-from-behind effort.

"Whew! That was a game for sure. We knew we were coming into a game against a very disciplined and fundamentally sound team with a great coach in Scott Gardner who has been at that helm at Newberry Academy longer than I've been coaching. We felt we had a pretty strong game plan coming in but a few mistakes and big shots by them and it went upside down very quickly and we could not get anything going offensively early in the game," said Reitenour.

Things appeared "very grim" for the Raiders as they went into half down 24-7. However, "we got back focused, made some adjustments, both defensively and offensively, and were able to bounce back to win by four. I could not be more proud of this group and their belief in themselves and each other to continue to fight hard until the last second



JDA Coach Anthony Reitenour and the Raiders completed a dramatic comeback from being down 24-7 at half-time to winning 40-36 and advance to the 2nd round of the playoffs.

Photo By: Rose Loadholt

and secure this win. It was an incredible team effort," he said.

With this being the first playoff win for JDA varsity boys in approximately 15 years, "we continue to check milestone boxes as a program. It was a great win, but as always, it's back to work Mon-

day to get ready for Tuesday's game to try to keep this going," Reitenour said.

Good luck to the Jefferson Davis Academy Raiders as they advance to play the Curtis Baptist Crusaders in round two of the playoffs.

Barnwell Warhorse wrestlers compete at Lower-State Qualifiers



Brandson Beasley earned a win at Lower-State.
Photo By: Kelley Wood



Peyton Wood collected two wins and a top 6 finish at Lower-State.
Photo By: Kelley Wood



Kaleb Wilson with a big take down on his way to one of his two wins at Lower-State.
Photo By: Kelley Wood

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The Barnwell Warhorse wrestling team competed at the 2024 A-AA Lower-State wrestling qualifiers held at North Central High School on Friday, February 16. The qualifiers involve multiple rounds against multiple wrestlers within the same weight classes, with the top finishers moving on to the State Championships.

Barnwell had good efforts from several wrestlers, including four wrestlers who recorded wins

in the tournament. Kaleb Wilson, Josh Carrillo, and Peyton Wood all collected two wins in their respective weight classes and Brandson Beasley also had a win. None advanced to the state tournament, but Peyton Wood (113-pound class), Josh Carrillo (150-pound class), and Kaleb Wilson (165-pound class) all finished in the top six of their respective weight classes.

"Throughout the season the boys have gotten better and better. They've put in a lot of time and sweat each week to make weight. Wrestling is a difficult sport that involves controlling



Josh Carrillo earned a top 6 finish with his two wins at Lower-State.
Photo By: Kelley Wood

yourself and what you eat to make weight but also is very competitive. Wrestling takes time to be really good. Practice is practice but the part that makes you a better wrestler is wrestling against someone else and putting the moves together that you have learned at practice," said Barnwell's first-year head coach, Isaac Cooper.

"The future for the Warhorses looks bright. Returners with two years' experience will be Kaleb Wilson, Peyton Wood, Dustin Jones and Tagan Youngblood. They will be followed by rising sophomores from

this past season who now have a year under their belt and know what to expect at practice and in matches," said Coach Cooper.

Coach Cooper went on to mention that the Barnwell and Blackville-Hilda wrestling teams will be putting on a youth summer wrestling clinic with details to come. Cooper said the camp will help "...get wrestling out in the community and let everyone know about wrestling." The camp will focus on younger kids that might one day put on the singlets for their high school.

JDA Raiders recognized by lawmakers for state championship win



The Jefferson Davis Academy varsity football team was recognized on Feb. 8 by the S.C. House of Representatives for their impressive win of the 2023 South Carolina Independent School Association 8-Man State Championship. They are pictured here on the steps of the S.C. State House with Rep. Lonnie Hosey (right). They also met other state leaders, including Lt. Governor Pamela Evette (not pictured).

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Barnwell Bombers start 2024 season with championship win



The Barnwell Bombers won the Brodie Derrick Memorial Event held Feb. 17-18 in Lexington. Pictured left to right: (front row) Rylan Lacroix, Kipper Polk, Maddox Ashby, and Jackson Renew; (middle row) Sawyer Johnson, Case Prosser, Rylan Kears, Axel Myers, and Connor Still; and (back row) coaches Chris Yancey, Jamie Ashby, Michael Polk, and Ed Jones.

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Hawks compete at Upper-State Qualifiers



Blackville-Hilda's Ben Adams and the Hawks competed at the Upper-State Qualifiers.

Photo By: Mandy Adams

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The Blackville-Hilda Hawks, led by second year head coach James Kelly, competed in the 2024 A-AA Upper-State wrestling qualifiers held this past Saturday, February 17th at Chesnee High School.

The improved Hawks wrestling team hoped to have wrestlers earn an entry into the State Wrestling Tournament. Several wrestlers were competitive, but none were able to advance.

Blackville-Hilda's top wrestler, Cooper Mulbah,

did earn a 5th place finish in the 113-pound weight class and just missed advancing. What makes Cooper's finish even more impressive is that he is only a freshman. The future looks bright for young Mr. Mulbah and his Hawk teammates.

Coach Kelly was pleased with his team's effort and said, "Everyone did an amazing job, and it's great to see how much we have evolved as a program this year compared to our first year. I commend the team for a wonderful end to the season as we start to prepare for next year. Thank you all for your continued support and following

along this season."

This is only the second year for the Hawks wrestling program. This team has come a long way in a short period of time. Blackville-Hilda's team is young and if they continue to progress and improve, then we may see Hawks competing at that state tournament soon.

Coach Kelly did mention that he has been talking to Barnwell wrestling coach Isaac Cooper and they are looking to hold a youth wrestling clinic/camp this summer. Details will be coming soon.

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The Barnwell Bombers kicked off their spring 2024 season with a win.

The 9u AAA travel baseball team competed in the Brodie Derrick Memorial Event this past weekend, Feb. 17-18, in Lexington.

"It was a round robin style tournament between three very good AAA teams. There were lots of ups and downs, but our boys fought. The Bombers went 2-1-1 to take the overall championship of the tournament in the 9u AAA division," said Chris

Yancey, one of the team's coaches.

The tournament is held annually in memory of Brodie Derrick, who was 11 years old when he was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

"Brodie's diagnosis changed our lives forever. We were introduced into the world of childhood cancer. We saw firsthand what these children go through day in and day out. Brodie lived it for five long months. He is healed now, home with his Heavenly Father, but we still live it every day," according to the website for Brodie Derrick Memorial Fund, which was established by his family.

Knowing the hardships, financial burden, and pain caused by childhood cancer, the memorial fund seeks to help other families with children battling cancer.

"Brodie never met a stranger. He made it a point to get to know the other children at the hospital and help them whenever he could. He had a heart of gold. A heart that wanted to help. We want to carry on that legacy," states the website.

To donate to the Brodie Derrick Memorial Fund, go to www.brodiederrickmemorial.org.

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Estate: Kathy Sanders Still
Date of Death: January 16, 2024
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00023
Personal Representative: Willis R. Still
Address: 3101 Hartzog Road, Olar, S.C. 29843
2024-36 3tp 2-28-24

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Estate: Melvin Green

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Date of Death: December 04, 2023
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00013
Personal Representative: Juliette Green
Address: 3287 Concord Church Road, Allendale, S.C. 29810
2024-37 3tp 2-28-24

SUMMONS

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BARNWELL IN THE FAMILY COURT SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Case No.: 2023-DR-06-144 WILLIAM F. DAVIS Plaintiff, vs. TAMARA JORDAN, Defendant. TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the complaint in this action, of which a copy of is served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to this complaint on the subscriber at this office, Post Office Box 183, Barnwell, South Carolina 29812, 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 and the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

November 6, 2023
Barnwell, South Carolina s/James D. Mosteller, III Post Office Box 1832 Barnwell, South Carolina 29812 803-259-4964 Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BARNWELL IN THE FAMILY COURT SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Case No.: 2023-DR-06-144 WILLIAM F. DAVIS Plaintiff, vs. TAMARA JORDAN,

NOTICES

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Defendant. YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a final hearing in the above entitled matter will be heard on 18th day of March 2024, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. You are hereby notified to be present at the, Barnwell County Family Court, Barnwell County Courthouse, Barnwell, SC 29812, at the aforesaid time and place. February 9, 2024

Barnwell, South Carolina s/James D. Mosteller, III, Esquire JAMES D. MOSTELLER, III, ESQUIRE THE MOSTELLER LAW FIRM, LLC Post Office 1832 Barnwell, South Carolina 29812 (803) 259-4964; Fax: (803) 259-4966 Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF ACTION

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BARNWELL IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Case No.: 2023-DR-06-144 WILLIAM F. DAVIS Plaintiff, vs.

TAMARA JORDAN, Defendant. TO: THE DEFENDANT, TAMARA JORDAN: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Summons and Complaint has been filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County in Case Number 2023-DR-06-144

February 9, 2024
Barnwell, South Carolina s/ James D. Mosteller, III THE MOSTELLER LAW FIRM, LLC Post Box 1832 Barnwell, SC 29812 (803) 259-4964 Attorney for the Plaintiff 2024-38 3tc 2-28-24

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Estate: Frances Halford DuRant
Date of Death: January 2, 2024
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00028
Personal Representative: David DuRant III
Address: 60 Bignon Street, Barnwell, S.C. 29812
2024-39 3tp 3-06-24

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Estate: Marion Croft
Date of Death: February 3, 2024
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00027
Personal Representative: Sheryl Creech
Address: 145 South Toby Creech Road, Barnwell, S.C. 29812
Co-Personal Representative: Jennifer Fulmer
Address: 974 Hankie Road, Olar, S.C. 29843
2024-40 3tp 3-06-24

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Estate: Kenneth Earl Sloan
Date of Death: January 28, 2024
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00030
Personal Representative: Dianne C. Sloan
Address: P.O. Box 1873, Barnwell, S.C. 29812
2024-43 3tp 3-06-24

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Barnwell County Career Center Shop Renovations RFP

Sealed bids will be accepted at 770 Hagood Ave., Barnwell until March 8, 2024 at 11:00am for the Barnwell County Career Center – Shop Renovation project. This project will involve work to an existing shop building to include reroofing, new PEMB metal siding, limited interior work to include mechanical and finishes.

A pre-bid conference will be held on February 27, 2024, at 10:30am at Barnwell School District 45 Office, located at 770 Hagood Avenue, Barnwell, SC 29812. The site will be available for visits / review by appointment only. Although this pre-bid conference is not mandatory, all bidders are encouraged to attend.

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FAMILY FEATURES

Whether you're encouraging loved ones to start a new wellness kick or looking to add new ideas to an already-nutritious menu, families at any stage of a journey toward better health can use newfound favorites to bring fresh flavors to the table.

These dishes from Milk Means More provide an all-day assortment of deliciousness from breakfast to lunch and dinner so you can bring everyone together for tasty, nutritious meals no matter the occasion. Dairy foods, like the low-fat or fat-free milk, yogurt and cheese found in these recipes, are fundamental to good nutrition.

Constructing a better-for-you menu calls for a balanced diet with a variety

of foods to get essential nutrients. This balance is important for maintaining healthy gut and immune function while optimizing overall wellness.

Start by ramping up your family's breakfast with these slightly sweet Mini Greek Yogurt Pancakes with Cinnamon-Maple Topping for a protein-packed way to start the day with a healthy addition of fresh berries.

Fusion cooking is on the menu at lunchtime with the spicy-sweet combo of Cajun-seasoned chicken mingling with mango and pungent blue cheese in these Chicken, Mango and Blue Cheese Pitas. Finally, finish the day with Feta Roasted Salmon and Tomatoes – an easy-to-make family meal ready in 30 minutes.

Find additional better-for-you recipe inspiration at MilkMeansMore.org.

Mini Greek Yogurt Pancakes with Cinnamon-Maple Topping

Recipe courtesy of Marcia Stanley, MS, RDN, culinary dietitian, on behalf of Milk Means More
Total time: 25 minutes
Servings: 6

Topping:

- 1 3/4 cups plain Greek yogurt (fat free, 2% or 5%)
- 1/3 cup maple syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Pancakes:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 3/4 cup plain Greek yogurt (fat free, 2% or 5%)
- 1/2 cup milk (skim, 2% or whole)
- 3 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla oil
- 1 cup fresh blueberries or chopped fresh strawberries

To make topping: Stir yogurt, syrup and cinnamon. Cover and refrigerate.

To make pancakes: In mixing bowl, stir flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In separate bowl, whisk egg, yogurt, milk, butter and vanilla. Add yogurt mixture to flour mixture. Stir just until combined (batter should be slightly lumpy).

Scrape batter into large plastic food storage bag. Oil nonstick griddle or large nonstick skillet. Heat over medium heat. Cut off about 1/2 inch from corner of plastic bag. Squeeze batter, about 1 tablespoon at a time, onto hot griddle. Cook 1-2 minutes per side, or until pancakes are golden brown, turning to second sides when bubbles form on surface of pancakes and edges are slightly dry.

Serve warm pancakes topped with cinnamon-maple yogurt and sprinkled with berries.

Feta Roasted Salmon and Tomatoes

Recipe courtesy of Marcia Stanley, MS, RDN, culinary dietitian, on behalf of Milk Means More
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Servings: 4

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 3 cups halved cherry tomatoes
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano or dried dill weed
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper, divided
- 1 1/2 pounds salmon or halibut fillets, cut into 4 serving-size pieces

- 1 cup (4 ounces) crumbled feta cheese

Preheat oven to 425 F. Line 18-by-13-by-1-inch (half sheet) baking pan with foil. Lightly spray foil with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.

In medium bowl, toss tomatoes, olive oil, garlic, oregano, salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper.

Place fish pieces, skin side down, on one side of prepared pan. Sprinkle with remaining pepper. Lightly press feta cheese on top of fish. Pour tomato mixture on other side of prepared pan. Bake, uncovered, 12-15 minutes, or until fish flakes easily with fork.

Place salmon on serving plates. Spoon tomato mixture over top.



Feta Roasted Salmon and Tomatoes



Chicken, Mango and Blue Cheese Pitas

Chicken, Mango and Blue Cheese Pitas

Recipe by Marcia Stanley, MS, RDN, culinary dietitian, on behalf of Milk Means More
Total time: 25 minutes
Servings: 6

Sauce:

- 1 cup low-fat plain yogurt
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon orange juice or lime juice

Filling:

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, cut into bite-size pieces
- 1 tablespoon Cajun or Creole seasoning
- 1 large fresh mango, seeded, peeled and chopped
- 3 large whole-wheat pita rounds (or 6 small), halved
- 1 1/2 cups spring greens

- 3/4 cup crumbled blue cheese (3 ounces)

To make sauce: In small bowl, stir yogurt, honey and juice. Cover and refrigerate.

To make filling: In large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Cook and stir chicken with seasoning in hot oil 4-6 minutes, or until chicken is no longer pink in center. Remove from heat. Stir in mango.

Fill pita pockets with greens, chicken mixture and blue cheese. Spoon yogurt sauce on top.

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FAMILY FEATURES

Breezy spring days can lead you on nearly any adventure, and they can happen in your own backyard, on a short road trip or during a full-blown beach vacation. No matter where you are when those warmer days arrive, you can put outdoor meals on the menu and take advantage of perfect opportunities for fresh brunch spreads to share with loved ones.

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"Families across the country are planning spring vacations and springtime brunches, so it's an important time to think about wellness and immune health," said Dr. Rosa Walsh, director of scientific research at the Florida Department of Citrus. "As the ultimate drink for spring, 100% orange juice is a healthy option while on the go and it's easy to add into almost any recipe. It's rich in vitamin C and includes other nutrients like potassium, folate and thiamin, making it a great choice for overall wellness."

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Orange Juice Biscuits

Orange Butter Sauce:
 1 1/2 cups Florida Orange Juice
 2 1/2 tablespoons unsalted butter

Orange Biscuits:
 1 1/2 tablespoons granulated sugar
 2 teaspoons grated orange zest
 2 cups bleached all-purpose flour, plus additional for kneading
 1 2/3 tablespoons baking powder
 3/4 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup shortening
 1/2 cup whole milk
 1/4 cup Florida Orange Juice

To make orange butter sauce: Boil orange juice 5 minutes, or until reduced by half. Add butter and stir until melted. Remove from heat.

To make orange biscuits: Preheat oven to 425 F. Use fingers to rub sugar and zest together until

sugar is moistened and looks like wet sand.

In large bowl, whisk orange sugar, 2 cups flour, baking powder and salt. Using two forks or pastry blender, cut in shortening to size of small peas.

Combine milk and orange juice then stir into flour mixture to make sticky dough.

Turn out dough onto well-floured work surface. Sprinkle top with flour and knead about six times while folding dough over in half and using more flour as needed.

Pat dough out to 3/4-inch thickness. Cut out biscuits with round cutter by dipping cutter in flour then pressing into dough. Do not turn cutter while pressing.

Place biscuits close together but not touching on baking sheet. Gather dough scraps and fold 2-3 times, pat out again and cut biscuits. Repeat until dough is used.

Brush tops with orange butter sauce. Bake 15-20 minutes, or until lightly browned.

Serve warm or at room temperature with remaining sauce.



Orange Juice Spicy Margaritas

2 cups Florida Orange Juice
 ice
 2 cups simple syrup
 8 ounces silver tequila
 2 ounces triple sec or orange liqueur
 2 ounces lime juice
 4 ounces seltzer
 ghost pepper salt, to taste
 4 Florida Orange slices, 1/4-inch thick

In saucepan over medium heat, reduce orange juice to 1 cup and allow to cool.

Fill cocktail shaker 3/4 full with ice. Add orange juice reduction, simple syrup, tequila, triple sec and lime juice.

Shake and pour into four glasses. Top each glass with 1 ounce seltzer.

Pour ghost pepper salt onto saucer and dip edges of orange slices in ghost pepper salt. Place orange slices on rim of each glass, if desired.

Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

Kid Scoop Junior

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My name:

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

Little Lefty

Look at the faces in each row.
 Circle the faces that are looking to the left.

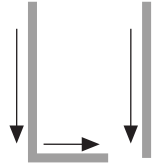


My Rhyme Time

Leg over leg,
 As the dog went to Dover,
 When he came to a stile,
 Hop! He went over.

My Letters

L is for Lion
 I is for lion



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

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

My Numbers

How many lemons?

How many leaves?

How many drinks?

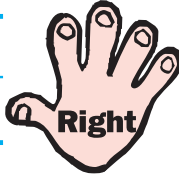


Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

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.

Large lions like



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Letter Identification With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that have the same sound as the letter L in lion. Make an L shape with your thumb and index finger.	Math Play Point to the number 7 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	Little or Large? Ask your child if one thing in a newspaper photo is large or little . For example, "Is the adult in this picture large ?" "Is the child little ?" "Is the adult larger than the child?" "Is the child littler than the adult?"	Count the Legs Look through the newspaper and count the number of legs you can find. How many people legs? How many animal legs? For an extra challenge, ask your child to point out the thighs, knees and ankles.	True or Not? Say something that is true about a picture in the newspaper. Ask your child if what you said is true. Then say something that is not true about the picture. Ask your child if what you said is true. Let your child try and trick you with another picture.	Alphabet Soup Cut out each letter of the alphabet and put them into a cold pot. Give your child a spoon to "ladle" out letters. Have your child say the letters he/she ladles. For more of a challenge, have your child put the letters into ABC order.	Left and Right Put one sheet of newspaper on the floor. Give your child directions, such as, "Touch the top left corner with your right hand." "Step with your left foot on the lower left corner."

Learning Buddy Sign Here
 I have completed _____ activities with my Learning Buddy.
 Learning Buddy's signature _____ Date _____

Learning Buddies!

Kid Scoop Junior comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning readiness skill.

Step by Step Success 1. Read the activity instruction aloud. 2. Show how to do the activity by doing it yourself first. 3. Ask your child to copy what you do.

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The Science of Oobleck

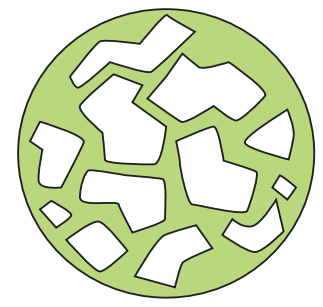
Replace the missing words.
 FLOW SHAPED RUNNY
 HARDENS WATER LARGE

The corn flour doesn't dissolve in the _____. Instead, it becomes "suspended" in the water.

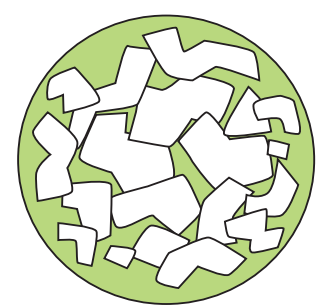
Corn flour is made up of billions of tiny, irregularly _____ grains of starch. When water is added, the liquid flows around each grain of starch, and the little grains _____ around each other. This makes your mixture runny as particles slip over and around each other.

When a sudden _____ force is applied, the starch particles lock together, and the mixture _____ and acts like a solid.

As soon as the force is removed, the water surrounds each of the grains again, and the mixture becomes _____ once more.



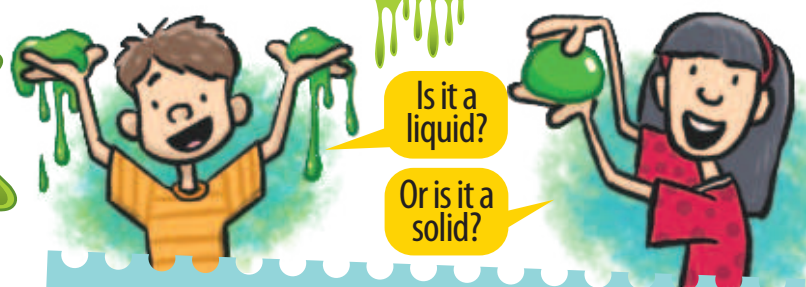
Particles without force.



Particles when Oobleck is squeezed together.

OOBLECK

Oobleck acts like both a liquid *and* a solid! Make some yourself and feel this crazy substance!



Scientist's Notebook Make Goopy Oobleck

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- 1 cup of cornstarch
- ½ cup of water
- Food coloring (just for fun)
- A bowl
- Your hands

DIRECTIONS:

1. Measure ½ cup of water and pour into a bowl. If you have food coloring, add a few drops to the water.
2. Measure 1 cup of cornstarch. Pour into your bowl.
3. Mix the water and cornstarch for 10 minutes to make it just right. You might want to take turns with a partner.

Standards Link: Conduct simple science experiments; understand suspensions.

Scientist's Notebook What to do with your goo?

TRY THIS:

After your Oobleck is well mixed, gently feel the top.

What does it feel like?

Next, pick up a handful of Oobleck and squeeze it into a ball. What does it feel like now?

Can you pick up any other liquids and make them into a solid ball?

Open your hand with the Oobleck ball sitting on your palm. What happens?

Can you find your way through this slimey Oobleck maze?



It's raining Oobleck!
 Can you find at least 10 differences between these two pictures?

Extra! Extra! Oobleck Advertisement

Look for an advertisement in the newspaper that you like. Rewrite the advertisement to make an ad to sell Oobleck.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write persuasively.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Oobleck gets its name from a book by Dr. Seuss. In the book, sticky green gobs of goo fall from the sky. They call it Oobleck. Use the code to discover the name of the book.

★	●	○	◐	◑	◒	◓	◔	◕	◖	◗	◘	◙	◚	◛
●	○	◐	◑	◒	◓	◔	◕	◖	◗	◘	◙	◚	◛	◜
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A = ●	E = ◐	M = ◑	R = ◒
B = ★	H = ◓	N = ◔	S = ◕
C = ◖	K = ◗	O = ◘	T = ◙
D = ◚	L = ◛	P = ◜	W = ◝

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- ACTS
- BALL
- BOWL
- CRAZY
- CUP
- DROPS
- FEEL
- HAND
- LIQUID
- MIX
- OOBLECK
- OPEN
- POUR
- SOLID
- WATER

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

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

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

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **FORCE**

The noun **force** means the use of power, energy, or strength.

It took **force** to open the door on a windy day.

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Where does Oobleck fit?

Make a two-column chart. Title one column **LIQUID** and the other **SOLID**. Look through the newspaper and find things that are a liquid and a solid. Write the names of things you found in the column where it belongs.

Standards Link: Conduct simple research; sort items by qualities.



What did the baby Oobleck say to its mommy?

ANSWER: "Goo! Goo!"

Write On! Frozen Findings

Frozen Findings

Using all five senses, write a description of ice.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write using descriptive details.



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