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Police address shots fired in city

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There have been seven reports of shots fired within the city limits in the past month, and Barnwell Police Department (BPD) Chief Michael Butts has a plan to address it.

“With the permission of council, I’d like to try and authorize an overtime project between us, the county, and highway patrol, to come out and do a saturation in the city limits to try and cut down

on a lot of this stuff that is going on,” said Chief Butts at the April 1 council meeting.

A saturation would potentially include patrol checks, road stops, and traffic stops by BPD officers, Barnwell County Sheriff’s Office deputies, and S.C. Highway Patrol troopers.

BPD officers will be paid through the department’s already existing overtime budget, and the project will not cost the city outside of predetermined budget amounts.

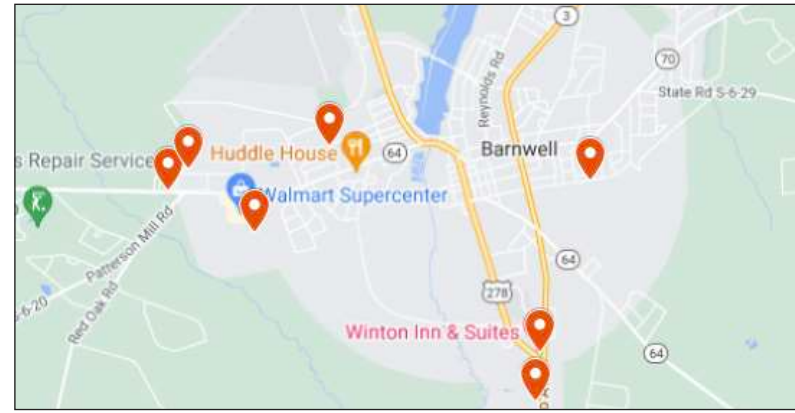
On March 5 around 5 p.m., BPD responded to a report of shots fired near Ramblewood Mobile Home

Community on Dunbarton Blvd.

On March 9, officers reported to Apple Street around 9:16 p.m. and on March 13 to Hiott Street around 11:50 p.m.

BPD responded to Barnwell Arms around 2:27 a.m. on March 21 and to Marlboro Avenue near the Winton Inn on March 26 around 5:56 p.m.

Three days later on March 29 around 11:32 p.m., officers responded to Litchfield Street. On March 30 at 1:37 a.m., they responded to a report of shots fired



This map shows locations where gunshots were reported in the City of Barnwell in March 2024.

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Second grader Houston Robinson portrays legendary boxer Muhammad Ali at Barnwell Primary School’s Living History Museum. He’s pictured with teacher Beverly Anderson. Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

History brought to life at Barnwell Primary

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Historical figures such as Rosa Parks, Babe Ruth, Muhammad Ali, Walt Disney, and Clara Barton were brought to life by Barnwell Primary School (BPS) second graders at the Feb. 16 Living History Museum.

Parents and family members entered the Willie E. Landrum gymnasium to learn interesting facts from their students. Second graders were dressed in wigs and period-era garb, introducing themselves as the historical figure they were representing.

Students represented all sectors of history – athletes, presidents, nurses, activists, and others who pioneered in their respective fields.



Student Abraham Chavis and teacher Rachel Hair portray astronauts Neil Armstrong and Sally Ride.

Two physicians remembered for dedicated service

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Every weekday for nearly 20 years, before the rays of the South Carolina sun would break the first light of dawn, Dr. Dean Koukos would wake up and begin the two-hour drive from his home in Bluffton to Barnwell Family Medicine. In the car ride, Koukos would listen to medical tapes or study Greek, the language he spoke until age five.

“He believed in patient first,” said Dale Koukos, Dr. Koukos’ widow. “He liked people in this community who are salt-of-the-earth, they work for a living, they’re honest with each other.”

Within a month, Barnwell and Allendale counties lost two dedicated physicians. Koukos, 75, died on March 12 while Dr. Bobbie Ayers, 76, of Low County Health

Care System’s (LCHCS) Fairfax location died on February 21, leaving behind a void in the local health care system.

“Our current providers have already stepped in to fill this void. We are consistently hiring, growing and doing our best to add more providers and services when the community needs them,” said Morgan Reuis, marketing coordinator and executive assistant for LCHCS.

Dr. Koukos saw upwards of 40 patients a day and up to 5,000 patients a year, according to Dale Koukos.

“He was our most productive provider at all of our clinical sites,” said Jennifer Rahn, M.D., chief medical officer of Low Country Health Care System (LCHCS), which operates multiple health care facilities in Barnwell, Allendale, Bamberg and Aiken counties. “He

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Dr. Bobbie Ayers and Dr. Dean Koukos recently passed away after serving the community for many years.

\$17.8 million projected for penny sales tax renewal

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Voters will see a referendum on the November ballot to continue the 1 percent capital projects sales tax (CPST), or penny sales tax, in Barnwell County.

If approved, an estimated \$17,780,062.25 will be available to be used for capital projects, according to the S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (SCRFAO).

This total allotment will be split between the county and municipalities based on population determined in the 2020 census.

Although \$17.8 million will be flowing into the county throughout the duration of the seven-year tax period, the county and municipalities can receive a large portion of this money upfront to begin projects through bonding.

The total estimated bond amount

available is \$13,138,125, according to SCRFAO – meaning this money will be received upon the bond’s issuance. The remainder of the allotment will be issued to the respective county or municipality during the tax period.

SCRFAO estimated a total \$19.7 million to be yielded by the county through CPST. However, this figure represents the allotment before deducting the costs associated with issuing a bond totaling \$1,935,423.75, leaving a usable \$17.8 million with \$13.1 million to be bonded out.

The county, city, and each town took part in appointing a six-

person commission, per state law, to consider proposals for funding projects, formulate a referendum question to appear on the ballot, and submit the proposed question to the county council with enough time for them to approve it. Individual projects are determined by the respective council.

“Ultimately, the projects and the CPST’s referendum will be determined by the CPST Commission, which has six members, three appointed by county council, one appointed by the City of Barnwell via a state-statute population formula,

and two selected by Williston, Blackville, Elko, Hilda, Kline, and Snelling,” said Barnwell County administrator Tim Bennett.

Barnwell County Council appointed local businessman Don Alexander, Town of Blackville administrator Fonda Patrick, and retired law enforcement officer David Deering. First Baptist Church of Blackville Reverend Ken Frederick, former City of Barnwell councilman Jimbo Moody, and retired county coroner Lloyd Ward have been appointed by the municipalities in

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TAX: Renewal of penny sales tax to be on November ballot

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the county. Patrick was appointed as chairperson of the commission.

The last time voters saw this referendum on the ballot was in 2016. It passed and funded projects such as the town hall building in Kline and the City of Barnwell's splash pad in Fuller Park. If passed in November 2024, the CPST will not act as an additional tax, but a continuation of the tax passed by voters in 2016.

In 2016, the county received a total bonded allotment of \$13,971,328 – \$833,203 more than the 2024 estimated allotment. This is reflective of a decrease in overall population in the past eight years.

The county attempted to pass a referendum in 2014, however, it was struck down by voters.

The county and each municipality have crafted a list of projects to allocate CPST funding to if the referendum passes.

BARNWELL COUNTY
Barnwell County will receive the largest portion of the CPST, if passed, with 49.4 percent of the total allotment. This percentage is based on the population of the county, which totaled 10,177 at the 2020 census.

The county will receive \$8,790,462.78 in total with an initial bonded amount of \$6,495,489.

The county received roughly \$6.9 million from the 2016 CPST. The county used \$200,000 toward a transfer station renovation, \$3.6 million in courthouse repairs, \$2 million in water/sewer improvements, \$1 million to purchase the Southern Carolina Alliance building on Irving Street, and \$125,000 to replace the landfill scale house.

2024 projects include a redesign of the county landfill, purchasing a new animal shelter facility, finalizing courthouse repairs, constructing an amphitheater, and renovating the agricultural building.

Landfill: Improvements to the landfill include designing and relocating the entrance to the C&D landfill,

purchasing a modular scalehouse, installing new scales, refurbishing the cardboard building along with a new bailer, and various equipment; totaling roughly \$1.9 million requested in CPST funding.

Equipment includes an articulated/off road dump truck for roughly \$436,000, an excavator/track hoe for \$217,000, a front load truck for \$385,844, and a roll off truck of \$300,000.

An additional \$35,000 will be requested to make improvements to convenience sites with new sheds and restrooms. Sheds will be installed at sites in Snelling, on Highway 3, on Reedy Branch Road, on Spur Branch Road in Williston, and in the Healing Springs region.

This project was proposed in conjunction with LaBella Associates, an engineering firm partnered with the county to address issues like landfill lifespan – something that has been a topic among county council in recent months.

The lack of reliable equipment at the landfill has trickled down to issues at convenience sites across the county with receptacles being overfilled because the truck to empty it is in the shop.

Animal Shelter:
A \$1.5 million proposal by Vikki Scott, founder of Barnwell non-profit organization Animal Advocates, would involve a buyout of their rescue facility as well as other resources.

Animal Advocates' facility, the Friends for Life Center (F4LC), has an estimated value of \$2.5 million; Animal Advocates is asking the county for \$1.5 million to purchase the facility. The building, which is 5,000+ square feet and is in move-in condition, would serve as the county's new animal shelter.

Animal Advocates' proposal also includes paying the county \$115,000 a year to continue the employment of five of their current employees, and a \$30,000 request for purchasing their cargo van.

The county would also pay for several necessary changes to the facility with CPST funding, like dishwashers, uniforms and larger lockers, as well as an additional kennel building. These costs are included in the \$2 million that the project requests.

Courthouse:
Finalizing courthouse renovations and increasing security measures is included in the \$1.25 million CPST request.

Finishing the installation of an elevator, creating an ADA compliant upstairs bathroom, implementing security checks, and adding a holding cell are all included.

Sheriff Steve Griffith and Clerk of Court/Register of Deeds Rhonda McElveen explained to the council that incarcerated individuals can only be brought from the detention center to appear in court in pairs. This slows the court process as time is lost in transit. A holding cell would alleviate this issue.

Additionally, when the courthouse is closed due to continual repairs, incarcerated individuals are held at the detention center longer, slowing the judicial process.

Further security checks would ensure the safety of the public and the courthouse staff.

Sheriff Griffith and McElveen explained numerous issues prevented the projects from being completed with the allotment of funding from the 2016 CPST funding such as increased costs and unforeseen complications.

Amphitheater:
A \$4.5 million project to build an amphitheater at Lake Edgar Brown was proposed to the council. \$3 million is asked to be funded with CPST revenue, and the remaining \$1.5 million from funds previously reallocated from the state.

An amphitheater would serve as a location for large and medium sized events and aid in the recent recreation efforts made by the county and municipalities.

Land acquisition is

included in this cost. The amphitheater would potentially be located on currently wooded land surrounding the lake.

Agricultural Building:
The county-owned agricultural building located at 34 Pechman Street is in need of repair. It currently houses the county's Veteran Affairs office and Clemson Extension office.

Repairs include replacing shingles, patching the stucco exterior, installing vinyl soffit in the porch, new floor coverings, replacing interior lighting, updating a restroom to be ADA compliant, and more for an estimated cost of \$213,000 including materials and labor.

CITY OF BARNWELL
The City of Barnwell has a total population of 4,652, meaning the city will receive 22.6 percent of the total CPST allotment. This equates to \$4,018,294.07 with a bonded amount of \$2,969,216.25.

The city is considering numerous projects including using part of the funding to finish building the firehouse. This would prevent the city from having to seek other ways to pay the general obligation bond such as raising property taxes.

Other projects include purchasing a street sweeper, continuing blight programs to address dilapidated buildings, updating police vehicles, and water infrastructure improvements.

In 2016, the city received roughly \$2.9 million in CPST revenue: \$1.8 million built the new police department, \$350,000 built the splash pad in Fuller Park, \$650,000 was used to make sewer improvements, and \$133,979 built restrooms at Fuller Park.

TOWN OF WILLISTON
The Town of Williston is set to receive 13.98 percent of the allotment totaling \$2,485,652.70 and an initial bonded amount of \$1,836,709.88.

The town prioritizing CPST allocations towards water and sewer improvements, updates for equipment, infrastructure,

and operations, as well as police equipment and software, fire department equipment, and recreational and beautification projects.

With the 2016 CPST funding, the town purchased a \$35,000 backhoe, put \$375,000 into upgrading town parks, spent \$1.4 million on water system improvements, and \$100,000 on sewer system improvements.

TOWN OF BLACKVILLE
The Town of Blackville makes up 9.34 percent of the county in population. The town will be receiving \$1,660,657.81 and a bonded amount of \$1,227,100.88.

The town is considering allotting the funding to create walking trails, restripe the town's parking areas and roadways, repair the water fountain, and enhance recreation.

The town was allotted a total of \$1.4 million from the 2016 vote. \$900,000 of this was used for water/sewer system improvements, \$500,000 to remediate blighted areas, and \$75,000 for a police substation.

At a CPST workshop held by and for members of the Blackville Town Council, Mayor Ronnie Pernel explained the town was still in the process of using funding allotted for a police substation from the 2016 tax.

The town is considering spending the remaining funding to install cameras around town and equipment in patrol units.

HILDA
The Town of Hilda is set to receive a total of \$360,935.26, with an initial bonded amount of \$266,703.94.

With their roughly \$115,000 allotment in 2016, the Town of Hilda purchased a town shed and equipment, renovated the railroad depot, and repaired the town hall.

SNELLING
A total of \$215,138.75 is allotted for the Town of Snelling, with an initial bonded amount of \$158,971.31.

In the 2016 tax, the Town of Snelling received \$100,000 to construct a picnic shelter at their town park and \$60,000 for general park improvements.

KLINE
The Town of Kline has 148 residents and will receive a total of \$128,016.45 from CPST revenue. The initial bonded amount the town will receive is \$94,594.50.

The town received \$180,000 in the 2016 allotment to construct the current town hall/community center building on Kings Street.

ELKO
The Town of Elko will receive an initial bonded amount of \$89,339.25 with the town's total revenue from the tax being 120,904.42. Elko has a population of 140 making it the smallest in the county.

The Town of Elko received \$44,000 for water system improvements, \$12,000 for replacing fire hydrants, and \$28,000 to construct a farmer's market structure – totaling \$84,000 for the 2016 CPST revenue.

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Blackville Complex at Hampton Ave., Blackville, SC

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District garden club meeting highlights endangered species, gardening, and community involvement

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“Meet Me in the Garden” was the theme of the West Low Country District’s meeting held on March 21, 2024 at the Christian Activities Building of First Baptist Church in Williston.

Attendees gathered in beautifully crafted hats and pearls to learn about the endangered monarch butterfly, horticulture, and designs for flower shows. Host clubs for this event were Ivy Garden Club of Williston, Springfield Garden Club, Blackville Garden Club and Sandy Acres/Pine Needles Garden Club of Jackson.

Kelly Long, Garden Club of South Carolina Wildlife chairperson, provided an informative presentation about the benefits of the monarch butterfly and reasons for its decline. Long encouraged all attendees to plant milkweed to attract these beautiful insects and help them thrive throughout their lifecycle.

“Milkweed is the only plant that a monarch butterfly will lay its eggs on,” stated Long. She added that most milkweed flourishes near farmland pastures which is typically unbothered by people.



Dana Byrd (right), chairperson for the West Low Country District Meeting, stands beside first place winners.



David Stoudenmire, president of the Garden Club of South Carolina.



Attendees wearing their hats and pearls for the event.

Photos By: Ciera Sanders / Contributing Writer

In fact, urbanization of farmlands is one of the leading causes for the decline of monarch butterflies. “When [people] come in and buy 60 acres of land and develop that [land], it destroys their habitat in the

area,” said Long. Pesticides and predators that eat the caterpillars are other causes to the decline. She emphasized the need for individuals to

plant milkweed in their yards and gardens.

Karen Oliver, Design Program chairman, along with Martha Wolf and

Laura Carlton, shared about creative design and horticulture regarding flower shows. The next Small Standard Show,

“Independence is in the Air”, will be held in Aiken on May 17-18, 2024 at the Aiken Historical Museum. There are five possible divisions of a flower show: horticulture, design, education, youth/sponsored groups, and botanical arts. Entries for this show will be accepted on Thursday, May 16 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, May 17 from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

West Low Country District Director Kathy New chaired the meeting and presided over the awards. Many awards were given at the meeting. Clubs were awarded based on their inspirational community projects and involvement, as well as the size of their club in members.

The profit from Silent Auction baskets, White Elephant sales, and a raffle supported the West Low Country Award money and meeting.

The next West Low Country District meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2025 in Beaufort.

For more information about the Ivy Garden Club and upcoming events, join the public Facebook group “Ivy Garden Club of Williston, SC” or contact Secretary Sandra Ridgeway by emailing her at SandraElaineRidgeway@gmail.com.

SHOTS: Police investigating series of incidents

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near Peachtree Garden Road and Hagood Avenue, near Lemon Park.

Since his start of service to the city in late January, Chief Butts also began a traffic control project by staging both manned and unmanned patrol units around the city.

This project has caught the attention of residents. Mayor Ron Still expressed he has heard “good things” about this effort to limit speeding.

In March, BPD issued 25

warnings, 49 tickets, and made 11 arrests with a total of 189 reports. Officers have also been checking properties throughout the city, both homes and businesses, totaling 330 for the month.

Chief Butts held seven interviews in the last week of March. He has made one hire thus far and is waiting to receive background checks for other candidates.

“Thank you for the job you and your department are doing,” said Mayor Still at the April 1 meeting.



YMCA exceeds Annual Campaign fundraising goal

On March 19, the Barnwell County Family YMCA wrapped up its Annual Campaign for 2024 by hitting 103% of their goal. “Thank you to all who donated and believe in our Y enough to help us reach this goal. All money raised in Barnwell County stays right here in our county to help individuals and families,” said branch director Chantsie Pickelsimer. Pictured from left: board member Hayley Bryan, board member Melissa Roberts, Chantsie Pickelsimer, Jace Pickelsimer, along with staff members Tonya Ash, Sha’lala Hallingquest, and Megan Wallace.

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AWARDS

Williston Fire Department recognizes firefighters



Firefighter David Smalls (right) was named the 2023 Firefighter of the Year for the Williston Fire Department. He was also named Top Responder. Smalls is pictured with Deputy Chief Roger Kaney.

Deputy Chief Roger Kaney (left) was presented the Williston Fire Department's Chief G.W. Whitaker Award during the department's Christmas party in December 2023. Kaney is pictured with Williston Fire Chief John Melton.

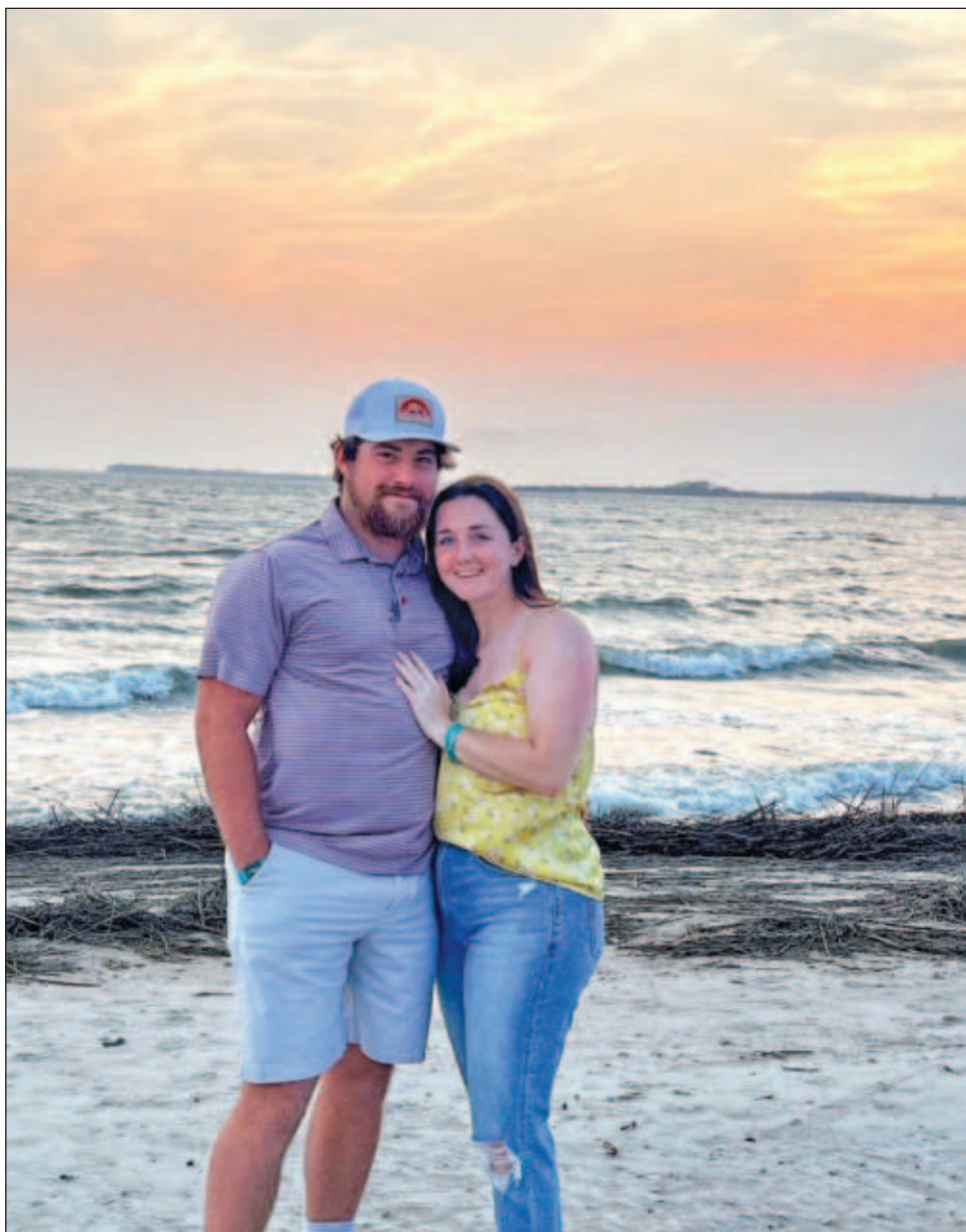


Top Responder James Dennis (right) was recognized by Assistant Chief Terry Glass at the Williston Fire Department's 2023 Christmas party.



Top Responding Officer Assistant Chief Terry Glass (right) was recognized at the Williston Fire Department's 2023 Christmas party. He's pictured with Josh Fields.

ENGAGEMENT



Noah Wootten and Hannah Fisher are engaged to be married on September 6, 2024.

Hannah Fisher, Noah Wootten

Jamie and Amanda Wootten of Williston, South Carolina are proud to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their son, Noah Wootten, to Hannah Fisher. She is the daughter of Colby and Kelly Fisher of Camp Creek, West Virginia.

Noah and Hannah met at Bluefield State University and started dating in 2019. The bride-elect is a 2023 graduate of Bluefield State University. She obtained a bachelor's in Health Services Management. Hannah is currently employed at Gateway Area Development District as a project administrator.

The groom-elect is a 2022 graduate of Bluefield State University. He obtained a bachelor's in Business Administration. Noah is currently attending Kentucky Christian University for his Master's in Leadership. He will graduate in May 2024. The wedding ceremony will be held at 4:30 p.m. on September 6, 2024 at Avonlea Farms in Mineral, Virginia.

For their honeymoon they will be going to St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

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 2269 Ashleigh Rd., Blackville.
4th Monday of every month
6:30pm social time
7-8pm meeting

Weekly on Tuesdays
Free Food Distribution
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Tuesdays & Thursdays
Senior Dance Lessons
 Blackville Community Center.
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3-4pm

Allendale Line Dance Classes
 Allendale National Guard Armory (368 Court House Square, Allendale) These free line dance exercise/fitness classes are open to anyone 18 years and up. Sponsored by Allendale County Office on Aging and led by instructor Angela Doe Youmans.
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Fridays
The Gateway Church Food Pantry
 The Gateway Church food pantry is also looking for volunteers to help with food distribution activities. If you would like to volunteer, please leave Pastor Jamie Sheppard a message at 803-450-6825.
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Bible Project
 Friendship Baptist Church, Barnwell
 Brother Terry Sturgil of "Seedling South Ministry" will provide the Scriptures (books of John & Romans) to be assembled and sent to various countries around the world. Anyone who would like to participate in the project is welcome. Contact for times and information: Gracie Zorn at 803-300-0709.

Sat., Apr. 13
Canine Vaccinations
 BLACKVILLE
 In front of the Blackville-Hilda High School, 76 Atkins Circle. It will remain a drive through event, but walkers are welcome.
10am-1pm

Free Community Health & Resource Fair
 Sponsored by Macedonia Baptist Church Christian Education Ministry. Free community event designed to inform and connect with resources to improve health, wellness, and fitness within the community. Blackville Community Center, 19464 Solomon Blatt Ave., Blackville.
10am-2pm

Mon., April 15
The Ivy Garden Club of Williston April Program
 The public is invited to join Kate Van Cantfort, head farmer & designer, as she speaks on sustainable gardening in the south. Winfield Heights Baptist Church sanctuary, 315 Chester St., Williston.
7pm

Tues., April 16
Special Called Allendale Council Meeting
 in Council Chambers at Courthouse **5pm**

Sat., April 20
Spring Trash Bash Williston
 Presented by Keep Barnwell County Beautiful. Meet in the parking lot of Folk Funeral Home a bit before 10am. Bring a drink. All other trash pick-up materials will be provided. **10am-12noon**

Earth Day "Palmetto Pride" Community Clean Up
 Meet at Barnwell City Hall for supplies and locations within the City Limits. Supplies will be provided. **8am-12n**

Town of Hilda's Big Spring Clean (Earth Day litter pickup)
 Supplies provided. Meet at Town Hall. **9:30am**

Dishar Uniq Creations Pop-up Handmade Jewelry Sale
 60 Farrell Street, Williston. Necklaces, earrings, rings, and bracelets all made from gemstones and other materials. Call (803) 761-2355 with any questions.
10am-3pm

Sun., April 21
Literacy & Arts in the Park
 Read, draw, dance, learn, grow. Free food & giveaways. Maloney Field, 1035 Hampton Ave., Blackville. **4-7pm**

April 23 & 24
Rosemary Baptist Spring Revival
 Rosemary Baptist Church
 151 Emerald Lane, Barnwell
 Guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Sam Davis, CEO of Joyful Sound Ministries in Blythewood **7pm**

Wed., April 24
Generations Unlimited Board Meeting
 Administrative Office, 10915 Ellenton St., Barnwell **10am**

Sat., April 27
2nd Annual Women's Conference
 Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church, 10620 Dunbarton Blvd., Barnwell. "I've Cried My Last Tear" Genesis 16:13. Lunch will be served. Dress attire: shades of green. 803-300-7835 or 803-571-6179.
10am-2pm

Healthy Mind, Healthy Body, Healthy Spirit
 New Young Rosemary Baptist, Williston. Multiple vendors and various speakers will be on hand with vital information.
10am-2pm

Sat., May 4
Spathetti Dinner Fundraiser and Silent Auction
 Trinity Baptist Fellowship Hall, 4721 Galilee Rd., Barnwell
 Pasta with meat sauce, corn on the cob, garlic bread & dessert. \$10 per person carry out or dine in. Can also pick up 5:30-6:30 @ Bamberg Piggy Wiggly Parking Lot, Williston IGA Parking Lot, Blackville Old JR Food Mart (across from Subway). To purchase tickets contact Chasity @ 803-707-1690 or Angela @ 803-387-8277. All proceeds will benefit Daniel Gunnells. **4:30-7:30pm**

Tues., May 7
Cancer Screenings
 Clemson Rural Health's mobile units will provide breast and cervical cancer screenings for qualifying women ages 21-64 regardless of insurance status. Walk-ups welcome! Voorhees University, 1897 Voorhees Rd., Denmark
 Learn more: clemsonruralhealth.org, 803-516-9992.
9am-3:20pm

May 10 & 11
Barnwell Sundial Festival
 Crafts, art, food, car show, entertainment, kids zone.
Mother's Day Weekend
Friday 11am-7pm
Saturday 10am-4pm

Sat., May 11
1st Annual Uganda Missions Golf Tournament
 Sweetwater Golf Club
 Haygood Baptist Church fund raiser. 4 man Captain's Choice. Team entry \$400. Registration Call of text Nick Owens, 803-671-4371.
9am Tee off, Lunch

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

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

Barnwell Library Events

ADULTS
Adult Craft Night
Thurs., April 25
 Drop in and make Door Hangers with us. *Rescheduled from March* Space is limited register at the front desk. If you were on the list for March you are already registered. If you can't make it please let Amanda know so she can take you off list. **5-6:30pm**

Adult Book Club
Tues., Apr. 30
 We will be discussing: *The Thursday Murder Club* by: Richard Osman **3pm**

CHILDREN/FAMILY
MyPlate-KidsCookingDemo
Wed., April 10
 Learn how to make a healthy snack. Space is limited register at the front desk.
3:30-4:30pm

Flapping Butterfly Craft
Thurs., April 11
 Create and decorate your own butterfly using paper and a plastic straw. **4-5pm**

Crafter-Noon for Kids Bird Feeders
Thurs., April 18
 Build and decorate your own bird feeder. **4-5pm**

STEM for Kids Wiggly Earth Worm Puppet
Mon., April 22
 Make a wiggly Earth Worm using fishing line and beads. Then attach it to popsicle sticks to make your own puppet. **4-5pm**

MyPlate-KidsCookingDemo
Wed., April 24
 Learn how to make a healthy snack. Space is limited register at the front desk.
3:30-4:30pm

STORY TIME
Sensory Story Time
Thurs., April 11
 Enjoy songs, stories, and sensory play for toddlers and preschoolers. **11am**

803-584-3368. **6pm**

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

Tues., May 21
Cancer Screenings
 Clemson Rural Health's mobile units will provide breast and cervical cancer screenings for qualifying women ages 21-64

Read Rattle & Roll
Thurs., April 25
11am
 Enjoy themed songs and stories followed by free developmental screenings. To discover a child's strengths and identify areas where extra support may be needed, parents and caregivers will engage with their children through fun and interactive play focused on learning behavior and development. *Sponsored by Help Me Grow S.C..

APRIL JUST READ
The Marvelous Monroe Girls by: Shirley Jump, 4 Stars
 Amanda, BCPL Manager

Allendale County Library Events

Wed., Apr. 10
Five and Under Storytime
 Children ages 0-5 are welcome to hear stories, talk, sing, draw/write, and play your way to early literacy excellence at our interactive Storytime! **9:30am**

Wed., Apr. 17
Seniors' Fun Day
 Calling all Seniors! Join us for an hour of Bingo fun and other fun activities. **3pm**

Wed., Apr. 24
Crafternoon After School Fun
 Come join us for crafting at the library! Grades 2nd-5th. **3pm**

Blackville Library Events

Tues., April 23
Tues., May 21
 Story Time
10:30am

Williston Library Events

Thurs., Apr. 25
After Hours Book Club
The Light We Lost by Jill Santopolo
6pm

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

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

Local Directory

Allendale Library

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

Barnwell Library

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

Blackville Library

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

Williston Library

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

MUSEUMS

BARNWELL CO. MUSEUM

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

BLACKVILLE MUSEUM

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

BARNWELL SENIOR CENTER

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

BLACKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

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

Save the Date
 APRIL 15
 Barnwell County Career Center FFA
 Spring Plant Sale
 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 Please follow signs to the greenhouse!

Performances
 May 3, 4, 10, & 11 at 7:00 PM
 May 5 & 12 at 3:00 PM
 barnwellct.weebly.com
DEATH AND TAXES
 by Pat Cook
 Purchase tickets for \$20 online or at The People Sentinel's Office at 22 Burr St. Barnwell, SC

THE RAINBOW FISH
 AN UNDERSEA ADVENTURE
 ADAPTED BY AUSTIN ZUMBRO
 FROM THE BOOK WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY MARCUS PFISTER
April 25th & 26th, 2024 @6pm
Blackville-Hilda High School Auditorium
\$5.00 General Admission
 Barnwell County Consolidated School District Fine Arts
 Produced By Special Arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Denver, Colorado.

Crossword Puzzle Solution

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Sudoku Puzzle Solution

Puzzle on Page 6B

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