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## Doreatha Gillis-Bishop celebrates 109th birthday

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The Barnwell State Park community building was adorned in red and gold to celebrate Doreatha Gillis-Bishop’s 109th birthday on December 20. “I am on cloud nine. I couldn’t be more happy,” said her son Willie Bishop at the celebration. A mother to many and a friend to all, Bishop has lived in Barnwell

County her whole adult life. She was born in 1914 to Lucy Ellen Davis-Gillis and Daniel Alexander Gillis and grew up in Old Ellenton. “We listen to her because her wisdom has given us strength. Her knowledge has given us the inspiration that we need. She has a special way of anointing every person she meets,” said her friend, Vorise Peeples. Having lived over a century of life, Bishop has witnessed countless historical events. She was born the year World War I began, and married

amidst the Great Depression in 1936, three years before the start of World War II. She was an adult by the time South Carolina was forced by the federal government to desegregate its schools, and was a child during a hostile time for race relations in the south. She farmed alongside her siblings and parents, picking a variety of vegetables and tending to the family’s livestock. They did not have



Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

Ms. Doreatha Bishop smiles at her 109th birthday party on Dec. 20.

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## Giggles with Santa



Parker Morris was giddy after meeting Santa Claus at the Town of Hilda’s Christmas parade on Thursday, Dec. 21 at the Hilda Depot. Find more photos from this event on page A7.

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## Allendale shooting leaves one dead, another arrested

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Just days before Christmas, a domestic situation turned deadly in Allendale. The Allendale Police Department (APD) responded to a shooting at a house near the intersection of Hay Street and Razor Road on Saturday, Dec. 23 around 7 p.m. A party was happening at the house when the shooting occurred. “One victim was transported to the hospital where she succumbed to her injuries,” according to a press release from the APD. The *People-Sentinel* contacted Allendale County Coroner Renique Riley-Spiller for the victim’s identity, but she referred the inquiry to her deputy coroner,

John Lawson. He did not return messages before press time. APD Chief Lawrence Wiggins said this was a domestic situation involving a boyfriend and girlfriend. “Based off of what we understand, there was a type of verbal dispute which culminated in one person wanting to leave the party and the other not,” said Chief Wiggins. More words were exchanged between the boyfriend (suspect) and his girlfriend (victim) before the suspect shot the victim. This took place in front of numerous witnesses, said Chief Wiggins. The State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) was called in to assist by the APD due to the number of witnesses and to help with crime scene investigation,



Roger Brabham Sr.

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## Farmers market receives \$5,000 grant to help it grow

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A new grant from AgSouth Farm Credit will increase the capacity of the Barnwell Farmers Market, which has recently undergone expansion and increased its presence within the community. The \$5,000 grant, called the Growing Our Communities Grant, will go to the farmers market’s general fund and will help expand the market’s capacity, according to Dawn Snead, market manager of Barnwell Farmers Market. The grant is one of 42 grants that AgSouth Farm Credit has given to farmers markets across the southeast; Orangeburg County, Lexington County and Jasper County also received grants. In agricultural communities like Barnwell, local platforms for small farmers to sell produce is important community service, Snead said. “Our large-scale farmers are growing their commodity crops, but we do have a lot of family farms and smaller farms,” Snead said. “They’ll have a mix of



Corey Beard (left), a loan officer from AgSouth Farm Credit, presents a \$5,000 check to Dawn Snead (center), manager of the Barnwell Farmers Market, and Pam Rush (right), executive director of the Axis I Center of Barnwell. The grant will support the Barnwell Farmers Market.

Elijah de Castro / Reporter / Report for America

things: maybe they’ll grow mostly peanuts but then they’ll have a smaller plot for mixed produce. We’re giving them that additional outlet.” Although the Barnwell Farmers

Market has existed for years, Snead said the market has undergone increased organization over the past year and has recruited new vendors. “It hasn’t had any manager or

organizer over the market over the years,” Snead said. “For a number of years, if you wanted to show up you could, but there [was] no set schedule or anybody that was helping manage it or

any sort of promotion. Last year was the first year that we started ... an organizing committee to revitalize it.” On December 13, Corey Beard, a loan officer from AgSouth Farm Credit, gave the grant to Snead. AgSouth Farm Credit is a loan provider for agricultural communities in South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. “We’re looking to better the ag community in this part of the county,” said Beard. “Some of our smaller growers have told us about how they’re excited about the farmers market.” Beard said farmers markets are an important resource for small farmers to deliver their produce and for ties to the community. “With the farmers market, it’s opening up places for our local growers to sell their stuff,” Beard said. “But at the same time, it’s opening up places for our local people to get produce for a better price and a better quality overall.” The Barnwell Farmers Market is located in Fuller Park and is open on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the fourth Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. between May and October.

  
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# Bus filled! BCSO brings Christmas joy to 265



Vickie McCreary (left) donates toys to Stuff-a-Bus. She is pictured with Lt. Eric Kirkland.



AT LEFT: Chantsie Pickelsimer from the YMCA donates toys to Stuff-a-Bus. She's pictured with Lt. Eric Kirkland.

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The Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) second annual Stuff-a-Bus event will bring Christmas joy to 265 children across the county and even more across the state.

"On behalf of Sheriff Steve 'Grits' Griffith, we want to humbly thank every one of you that came out today. Whether you participated, donated toys, or gave monetarily, the fact that you gave will make the difference to someone in need," said BCSO. "This community historically will always come together at a time when needed and that has been proven many times in the past including today."

Although it was a cold day in the Walmart parking lot, the community still came out to fill the bus provided by Barnwell School District 45 on December 15.

Rick Holcombe and Virginia Nettles served as Santa and the Elf to take pictures by Shovone Bolen and celebrate those who donated.

"To the citizens, schools, churches, civic groups, organizations, and businesses



Dana and John Depew of Williston stopped by to help with Stuff-a-Bus in Barnwell. They are pictured with Lt. Eric Kirkland (left) and Santa (Rick Holcombe).



Elf (Virginia Nettles) and Santa (Rick Holcombe) posed for a picture with each person who donated toys at the BCSO initiative.

which all make up this community, from the bottom of our hearts we say thank you all," said BCSO.

On December 18, the BCSO team began sorting the toys to deliver them to

the families on their list.

"They are the reason why we do this event yearly so we can make them smile and enjoy Christmas Day!" said BCSO.

Toys were donated to

families and children identified by BCSO and partners. Any surplus of toys will be donated to the Jenna Bodiford Toy Drive and the Ronald McDonald House.

## Blackville prioritizes downtown development

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The Town of Blackville is looking for input from the community on downtown revitalization efforts. With roughly the same citizens attending monthly meetings, the council hopes a digital approach will have a broader reach.

At the December 18 meeting, town administrator Fonda Patrick urged residents to visit the newly revamped website (www.townofblackville.com) to complete a survey asking what they would like to see in the town.

This survey is brought in partnership with Downtown Strategies, a sister company of the Alabama based Retail Strategies; a community development company that creates marketing tools, facade suggestions, and organizes local stakeholders. The company will "develop a customized five-year downtown action plan" based on citizen's input, said Patrick.



Mayor Ronnie Pernell received a gift from the town staff and council members at the December 18 meeting. He is pictured with Mayor Pro-Tem Frenchie Smalls.

The survey asks 29 questions such as what impacts how often you visit downtown businesses? What three words come to mind when you think about downtown Blackville? When and where do you shop? What should be offered as far as products and services? Do you feel downtown is headed in the right direction?

At the time of the meeting,

42 surveys had been submitted to the town.

A seven-to-eight member advisory board will be appointed by the council, who plans to make initial steps in this process in the new year. This board will serve as communication between the citizens and council members as this five-year plan is being created. "We have funds from so

many platforms to develop the downtown area," said Patrick.

In coordination with the county's Economic Development Commission and a strategic team made of local residents, \$45,000 is being allocated to restore downtown. This funding came from the Southern Carolina Alliance.

The town also received a \$1,250 facade grant from the S.C. Municipal Association with a match request from downtown business owners.

Aside from the online survey, there will be a Stakeholder Input Session from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on February 7, 2024 at the Blackville Community Center. This session is open to the public and welcomes suggestions on how to improve downtown.

Some of the areas already being considered are renovating blighted properties and upgrading the facades of local businesses. Another part of revitalizing downtown is the impending town hall, set to be located next to Russell's Pizza on Main Street.



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# Allendale Co. Council talks business licenses, finances

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At its December 20 regular meeting, the Allendale County Council spent most of the meeting in executive session, discussing several “contractual matters” and “personnel matters.” The council also discussed business licenses and finances.

**Old and new business**  
Since the firing of then-county administrator Bert O’Rear in June, Chanel Lewis, the county’s chief financial officer, has been serving as interim administrator. The county is current-

ly in a financial crunch, as acknowledged by council members at previous meetings. As a result, it has taken out a tax anticipation note, which allows local municipalities to borrow against future tax revenues. Lewis shared what she called a “preliminary mockup” of monthly financial reports that she plans to make that includes budgets and expenditures.

“This would be provided every month to council and departments so that there would be a record that we can track of what is actually spent so we won’t be riding blind,” Lewis told the council. The only new business on

the council’s agenda was an ordinance regarding business licenses. “The business license ordinance if passed will provide additional revenue for the county by requiring all businesses located in the county of Allendale except in the municipalities of Fairfax and Allendale to obtain a business license to do business in the county,” said Chairman Matthew Connelly.

**Executive Session**  
The council spent over 50 minutes in executive session. One of the items discussed in executive session was “Contractual Matters Relating to Lily Solar.” Lily Solar is a 640-acre solar

farm that was constructed in 2015 and has been generating electricity since 2019. As previously reported by *The People-Sentinel*, the nationwide solar boom is coming to rural South Carolina in the form of solar manufacturing in addition to installation.

After executive session, Walter Sanders, the county attorney, said the property that the Lily Solar field sits on is being sold. The council voted to approve a fee in lieu of taxes for the sale.

“The property that Lily Solar sits on is owned by a private land company and they’re actually selling the property that it sits on,” Sanders said. A fee in lieu

of taxes is an agreement between a municipality and a business to charge the company a set dollar amount rather than pay local taxes.

Additionally, the council made a decision regarding a fire substation being constructed on St. Marks Road. At a previous council meeting, it approved the purchase of four acres of land for the project as part of its penny sales tax project list. However, at the December 20 meeting, this decision was rolled back after a discussion in executive session. When the council came out of executive session, it voted to reduce the acreage of the St. Mark station from four acres to one acre.

“After some consideration, council thought it was best to only buy one acre which falls in line with the last substation we built in Appleton,” wrote Chairman Connelly in an email to *The People-Sentinel*. Other items discussed in executive session included personnel matters regarding Joe Mole, the county’s zoning administrator and recycling commissioner, as well as the compensation of elected officials. Connelly declined on behalf of the council to comment further on items discussed in executive session. No action was taken on these items.

## Library asks community to pack Blessing House

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The Allendale County Library is collecting items to fill its new Blessing House located in the library parking lot on Bay Street.

What is a blessing box or house? It is a free and open location to donate goods for anyone to pick up anonymously.

The library employees wanted to take on a community project that would benefit everyone in the surrounding area, so the blessing house was the chosen project. The house has three shelves, and the idea is to fill each shelf with different items: food, personal hygiene, and possibly clothing for the winter months.

Ideas of what to put in a Blessing Box/House:

- **Food:** canned goods (pull tab), plastic forks/spoons, boxed meals, peanut butter, jelly, tuna packs, crackers, snack bars, beef sticks, fruit cups, juice boxes, etc. Items must be non-expired items).

- **Personal Hygiene:** toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, wipes, hand soap, toilet paper, etc.

- **Clothing:** mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, socks, hand warmers for the colder months.

Anyone living in the surrounding areas of Allendale is welcome to bring items and place them in the Blessing House or you can bring them inside the library.

For more information, please call 803-584-2371.



The new Blessing House is located outside of the Allendale County Library.

## Fairfax council approves town employee bonuses

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At the Town of Fairfax’s December 18 meeting, the council approved bonuses for the town employees and discussed hiring an information technology company to help improve the town’s website.

### Employee bonuses

The council voted to approve bonuses for the town’s municipal workers, which the council had been considering since October. Since the town currently does not have a budget and has been pulling funds from one bank account, giving bonuses to town employees divided the council. Although the council voiced unanimous support for bonuses, several council members raised concerns

about the town’s ability to pay for them.

However, on December 8, council member Phyllis Smart confirmed to *The People-Sentinel* that the council members had decided to go forward with giving bonuses. Smart said the council decided to give the bonuses to show appreciation to the town’s municipal workers, who face shortages in equipment and are understaffed, particularly in the water department. At the December 18 meeting, the bonuses were approved.

**Website improvements**  
The town council has pushed to improve its digital presence after the town’s website crashed, as discussed at a previous council meeting. Mayor Butch Sauls said most of the town’s residents pay their utility bills in person, however, upgrading the town’s website will allow for a digital payment option.

“One of the things I’ve been hoping to do is to have a functional website where people can see things about the Town of Fairfax,” Sauls said. The website update could also include paying taxes digitally.

Sauls said the town is considering hiring QS/1, a South Carolina-based software company to make the update and include software in utility work.

**Town hall roof**  
A persistent issue for the town’s municipal workers has been the state of the town hall’s roof, which according to Sauls, was constructed improperly. As a result, leaks and damage have been frequent.

At the December 18 meeting, the town received bids

from contractors for repairing the roof.

“We’ve got a problem right now. This roof is horrible,” Sauls said. “The construction is horrible and it’s just unreal how it was done. Those are the kind of issues I’ve been fighting.”

Additionally, since the town hall was built in 1940, the age of the building is also of concern. Sauls said he is currently pushing for the town hall to be designated as a historical building; however, the reconstruction of the roof means that it does not match the exact definition of a historical building.

“I’ve talked with the historical people in Columbia,” Sauls said. “They are aware of the age and it can be put on the historical register. But they changed the integrity of the building by putting that roof on it.”

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## BIRTH



Philip Hunter Alexander was born October 18, 2023.

### Philip Hunter Alexander

William Hunter Alexander and Carson Masters Alexander of Barnwell are proud to announce the birth of their son, Philip Hunter Alexander. He was born October 18, 2023. He joins big sister, Agnes, who is over the moon and obsessed with her new baby brother. Paternal grandparents are Don A. Alexander and Garnette Swann Alexander of Barnwell. Maternal grandparents are Ronald Masters and Ronda Masters of Evans, Ga., and Dr. Brian Phelan and Donna Phelan of North Augusta.

## BIRTH



Rick Cameron Ray was born December 1, 2023.

### Rick Cameron Ray

Daniel and Nikki Ray of Barnwell are proud to announce the birth of their son, Rick Cameron Ray. He was born on December 1, 2023 at 8 a.m. at Piedmont Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 18 and a half inches. He was welcomed home by his older brother, Kole Ray. Paternal grandparents are Ricky and Tracy Ray of Barnwell. Maternal grandparents are Angus (Janice) Priester of Hampton and Gaylon Holder of Barnwell. Paternal great-grandparents are Linda Baxley, William Ray, and Vernetta Elkins.

## 1ST BIRTHDAY



Sonnie Marie Bragg celebrated her first birthday on December 19, 2023.

## BIRTH



Claire Julie Carter was born September 14, 2023.

### Claire Julie Carter

Collins Smith and Cole Carter are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Claire Julie Carter. She was born September 14, 2023 at 4:25 p.m. at Summerville Medical Center in Summerville. She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Marshall and Tammy Smith of Barnwell. Paternal grandparents are Buddy Carter of Harleyville and the late Julie Carter of St. George.

## BIRTH



Lucas Robert Fralix was born December 13, 2023.

### Lucas Robert Fralix

Cpl. Chris and Stephanie Fralix of Barnwell are proud to announce the birth of their son, Lucas Robert Fralix. He was born December 13, 2023 at 2:56 p.m. in Augusta, Ga. He measured 20 inches and weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces. Siblings are Annaleigh and Weslynn Kennedy of Barnwell. Maternal grandparents are William Robert (Bill) Jr. and Donna Dixon of Barnwell. Fraternal grandparents are Alice Gray of Orangeburg and Mike (Stacey) Fralix of Orangeburg. Maternal great-grandparents are the late William Robert (Bob) and Pearl Dixon of Barnwell.

### Sonnie Marie Bragg

Sonnie Marie Bragg celebrated her first birthday on December 19, 2023. She is the daughter of Ryan and Shanon Bragg of Barnwell. She has one brother, Garrett, and two sisters, Sadie and Amelia. Her favorite food is Spaghetti-O's and suckers. She loves any music but especially Cocomelon.

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## Long Branch Baptist youth perform nativity play

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Long Branch Baptist Church of Williston is very proud of how well our youth presented their annual Christmas play titled "Twas the night before Christmas."

The Long Branch Youth performed the play on Sunday, December 10 with a fellowship meal afterwards.

The youth came to their program director, Brenda Trull, just a couple of months ago and asked to have speaking parts in the play. A play was found and the youth, with their busy schedules, were only able to fit in a total of two rehearsals. As time got closer, they started to get

a little nervous and wondered if they could go through with it.

All their hard work in preparation was well rewarded with a crowd of over 70 in attendance to enjoy each one's performance.

The play depicted how today's way of celebrating Christmas should always relate to the first real Christmas. The first real Christmas was when the baby Jesus was born in a lowly manger, so that all of man could have a savior from their sins.

Our prayer is that you, too, will remember that Christmas is not about all the gifts you will receive, but that God gave us His best gift of all, His only son, Jesus.



Over 70 attended the performance of 'Twas the night before Christmas' on Dec. 10. by youth members of the Long Branch Baptist Church in Williston.

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The cast of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" included Carmen Garcia, Shane Hutto, Mandy Martin, Macy Martin, Jackson Creech, Bella Padgett, Skylar Creech, Celina Garcia, Conner King, Wyatt Hiers, Jason Campbell, Mason Hutto, and DJ Platts.

## Great Saltkehatchie Baptist packs 84 shoeboxes for children overseas



The Great Saltkehatchie Baptist Church in Ulmer, with a membership of 25, packed 84 boxes as part of the Franklin Graham Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project. This beat their goal of 25 boxes. Over 10 million boxes will be sent to children in 100 countries with a message, in their language, that God loves them. Pictured far right is Pastor Jim Brown and his wife Cheryl.

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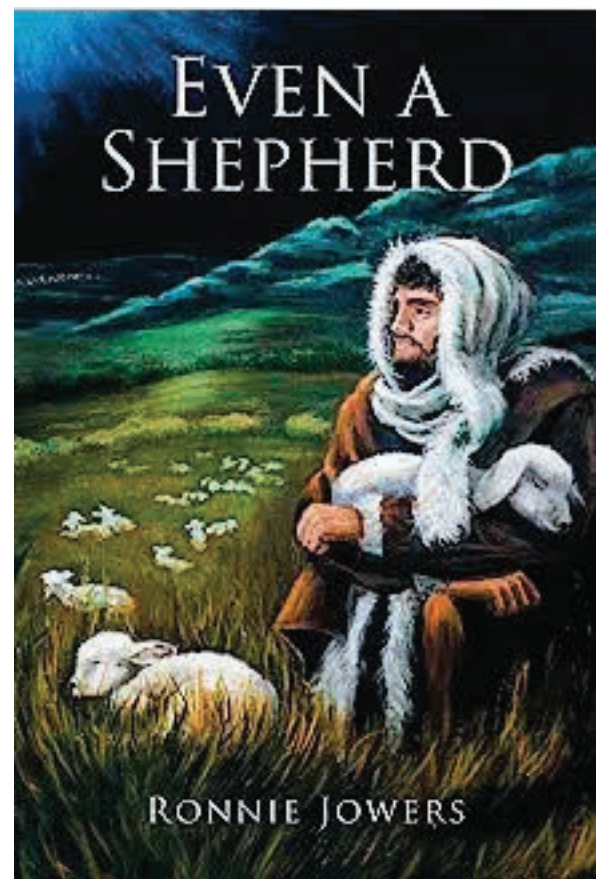
## Williston native Ronnie Jowers writes book about life and ministry of Jesus

Perry Sprawls  
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Ronnie Jowers grew up in Williston and after graduating from Furman had a long and distinguished career in hospital and health-care organization finance. After retiring as Vice President for Health Affairs of Emory's Woodruff Health Sciences Center in Atlanta, Ga., he then had the opportunity to pursue his long-time dream of writing a book, *Even A Shepherd*, that would help others explore and experience the life and ministry of Christ from a unique perspective.

Books have provided the foundation for virtually all aspects of our lives, beginning with the ones we were read from as young children. Then school textbooks, guides on how to do many things from cooking to repairs and building things. Our lives continue to be enriched with more recreational reading including fiction and areas of special interest including histories, biographies, sports, and much more. Books, including the Old and New Testaments, the Qur'an, The Vedas, and the Tripitaka, are the text for major religions of the world.

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## Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints helps "Light the World"



Elder Erickson (left) and Elder Nielson (right) join Linda Knapp at the Thursday on the Circle Christmas event on Dec. 14 to distribute goodies and raffle off gifts.

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Linda Knapp  
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Reene Owens won the free large nativity raffle offered by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the Thursday, December 14th Downtown Development Association Christmas Celebration.

Another 20-plus local folks won white sparkling ornaments with scripture names for Jesus Christ written in silver and twenty won beautiful family Christmas advent books featuring daily recipes, carols, stories, crafts etc. This year everyone who entered won.

The church also gave

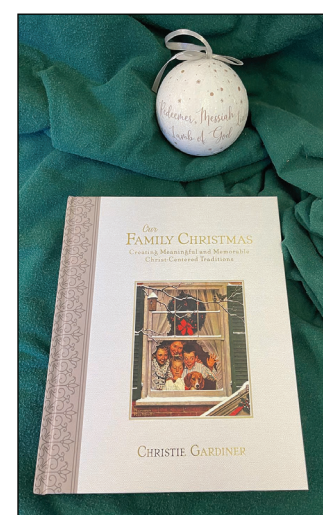
out cookies, story booklets and puppets kits for children to color, cut and paste on the provided tongue depressors to tell the story of Christ's birth. The weather was cold for the celebration, but spirits were warm.

The local raffle gifts were part of the church members' efforts to Light

the World with deeds and actions to glorify the Savior's birth and emulate his mission of love and goodwill to all men. Other Light the World projects included hygiene kits for distribution by Axis I, a mob singing of Christmas hymns at Columbiana mall, distribution to regional food banks of tractor trailer truck loads of food (57,229,342 pounds of food and commodities were given by The Church in North America in 2022, including food donations to Golden Harvest in Aiken, the Barnwell First Baptist Church free lunch program and Ned Baptist Church in Barnwell). Other church members filled Christmas stockings for service men and women, did various quilting projects, and provided volunteer support for regional Giving Machines.

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Advent books and nativity ornaments were some of the prizes awarded from the raffle held by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

for 35,000 children; 41,000 chickens, 25,000 ducks and 3,300 beehives for families

to learn sustainable small farming; and protection services and safe shelter, etc.) Since the Giving Machines were started in 2017 more than twenty-two million has been raised in the U.S. alone. The church covers all program expenses, so the non-profits receive 100 percent of the funds. The Giving Machines were in Charlotte, N.C., Atlanta, Ga., and other city locations this Christmas season.

Additional Light the World projects include the annual free Christmas program by the Tabernacle Choir, Temple Square Orchestra and Bells at Temple Square with special singing guests from Broadway and theatre performers as seen on BYU tv and YouTube. (Donation is made by the church of past performances for PBS' fund drives.)

Small acts of service, patience with and kindness for others should be focused first on family and those you encounter daily. We can lift hands that hang down.



## Ronald “Ronnie” Earnest Renew Sr.



WILLISTON - Funeral services for Ronald “Ronnie” Earnest Renew Sr., 69, of Williston, will be held at 11 o’clock a.m., Saturday, December 23, 2023 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, with the Reverend Marshall Still officiating; burial will follow in the Barnwell County Memorial Cemetery by the airport. The family will re-

ceive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Saturday.

Ronnie passed away on Thursday, December 21, 2023.

Born in Bamberg County, he was a son of the late William Wallace Renew and Elizabeth Moore Renew. He worked with produce at the Farmer’s Market in Columbia and was previously worked as a self-employed carpenter. He loved fishing, riding horses and drinking Pepsi. He was a wonderful Poppy to his granddaughters.

Survivors include his loving wife, Teena Anderson “Nanny” Renew of the home; a daughter, Heather (Gordon) DeFreest of Barnwell; a son, Ernie Renew of Williston; his four-legged

prized pet “Gibbs”; brothers, William Wayne Renew, Donald Kelly, and Danny Renew; granddaughters, Kayden “Katie” and Charlee DeFreest of Barnwell; sister-in-law, Beth Anderson; brothers-in-law, Brookie (Glynn) Anderson and Norman Anderson; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Faye Anderson; and a brother-in-law, Earl Anderson.

Folk Funeral Home, Inc. and Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements. Visit the online registry at [www.folkfuneralhome.com](http://www.folkfuneralhome.com).

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## Myrtle Lancaster Quattlebaum



BLACKVILLE - Myrtle Lancaster Quattlebaum, 91, of Blackville, passed away on December 21, 2023 following a lengthy illness.

Myrtle, one of seven children, was born on April 28, 1932 to Lenward and Iola Young. As a young child, she was adopted by her aunt and uncle, James Lee and Hettie Lancaster. Myrtle graduated from Blackville High School. She married Hugh Willis Quattlebaum on September 2, 1950. They went on to have three children: Bill, Marla and Harry.

Myrtle was employed by Blackville First Baptist and the Barnwell County Vocational School, but spent most of her working years as the business manager for the Denmark-Olar School District. She was a past

president of The South Carolina Association of School Business Officials and was a trustee for the South Carolina School Boards Worker’s Compensation Fund.

She was a woman of deep faith and was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Blackville, where she served as a deacon, sang in the choir and taught The Seekers Sunday School Class.

Myrtle’s favorite hobbies included spending time with family and friends, traveling, genealogy and archaeology. One of her favorite places was the beach. She was instrumental in establishing the Blackville Museum. Her feline companions were dear to her. She was a beautiful person inside and out. She cared deeply for the people around her, and will be remembered for all of the lives that she touched.

Myrtle was predeceased by her parents Lenward and Iola Young, James Lee and Hettie Lancaster, and her husband, Hugh. She and Hugh passed away on the same day, forty-nine years apart.

She is survived by her

children, Bill (Sylvia) Quattlebaum, Marla (Randy) Jameson, Harry Quattlebaum; grandchildren, Sherri (Paul) Evans, Lea (Wes) Martin, Grace (Mark) Nelson and great-grandchildren, Jameson, David, Lilly, Sophie and Rhys.

A memorial service for Myrtle will be held at Blackville First Baptist Church on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at 12 o’clock noon with the Reverend Ken Fredrick and Dr. Thomas Terry officiating. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Blackville First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 217, Blackville, S.C. 29817; the Blackville Heritage Museum, P.O. Box 277, Blackville, S.C. 29817 or the Blackville Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 365, Blackville, S.C. 29817.

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## Pat Ray Sr.

Blackville, S.C. 29817 or Salem United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, 471 Delk Avenue, Barnwell, S.C. 29812.

Pat passed away on Friday, December 22, 2023.

Born in Olar, he was a son of the late William McMaster “Bud” Ray and Mildred Delk Ray and was married to the late June Morris Ray. He was a member of Salem United Methodist Church and previously worked at Owens Corning Fiberglass for 30 years and retired from the Forming Department as a FPO. He also worked at Carter’s Wholesale Meats and was a partner of Morris and Ray Farms. He loved fishing, cooking, and spending time with his family.

Survivors include his daughters, Angela (Marvin) Bonnette of Bolen-town, S.C., Amy (William)

West of Providence, S.C., a son Francis Patrick Ray Jr. of Knoxville, TN; a grandson, Tyler West; a brother, Shannon (Shirley) Ray of Govan, S.C.; sisters, Virginia R. Morris, Sally (Joe) Weeks, and Martha R. Creech, all of Hilda, and Julia R. Hunter of Olar, S.C.; a brother-in-law, B.A. (Hazel) Morris Jr. of Hilda; a sister-in-law, Janis P. Ray of Olar, S.C.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Everett; and brothers, John W. “Bubba” Ray and Harry Ray.

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## Linda Laird

Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105.

Linda passed away on Tuesday, December 19, 2023.

Born in Bamberg County, she was a daughter of the late Herbert Gregory Nix and Runette Joyner Nix and was married to Donald “Donnie” Laird. She was a graduate of Bamberg High School and was a member of the Colston Branch Baptist Church where she loved her church family. She previously worked as the Medical Office Assistant for the Visiting Nurses of Greater Bamberg where she worked for 32 years. Linda enjoyed camping and especially going to the mountains. Her greatest joy was her family; she loved cooking for them and spending time with her loved ones.

Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Donnie

Laird; a daughter, Crystal Laird Russell of Bamberg; a son, Donald Shane Laird of Lexington; grandchildren, Dakota Russell and Justin William Martin; a sister, Marvena Nix Moody of Bamberg; sisters-in-law, Dot Bolen Dukes, Marie L. Wade, Lillie Laird, Etta Laird, and Carolyn Laird; brothers-in-law, Charles Laird, Delano Laird and Robert Wade.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Judy Nix Lyons; her brothers, Lonnie Nix, Gene Nix, and Ralph Nix; brothers-in-law, Laurie Laird, Frankie Laird and Harry Laird.

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## Sudoku Puzzle Solution

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# Hilda celebrates Christmas with chili, fire trucks & Santa

**Jonathan Vickery**  
Publisher

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The Town of Hilda held its annual Christmas parade on Dec. 21.

This wasn't a traditional parade of floats, marching bands, and vehicles. This one included fire trucks, golf carts, and even a tractor. Children rode atop the fire trucks, which has become an annual tradition.

"The children were able to ride on the fire trucks around town to the delight of some homebound neighbors," said Mayor April Hutto, who thanked the Hilda Volunteer Fire Department.

The parade followed a chili cookoff where judges Darlene Sanders, Scott Mitchum, and Jonathan Vickery sampled each of the nine entries. After the judging, all attendees were invited to enjoy chili with fixings, along with sweets and hot chocolate.

The winner was Perinda Murray while Braxton and Patti Youngblood won second and Estelle Still placed third. The other entries were from Hope Foux, Teresa and Erik Ruggerio, Jessie Howell, Brooke Taylor, Amy and Timmy Black, and Allie Beasley.

The town also announced the winners of the Holiday Home Decorating Contest.

• **Best Use of Lights:** Sherry & Marvin Morgan (Collins Ave.)

• **Best Entryway:** Allison Beasley (Broughton Ave.)

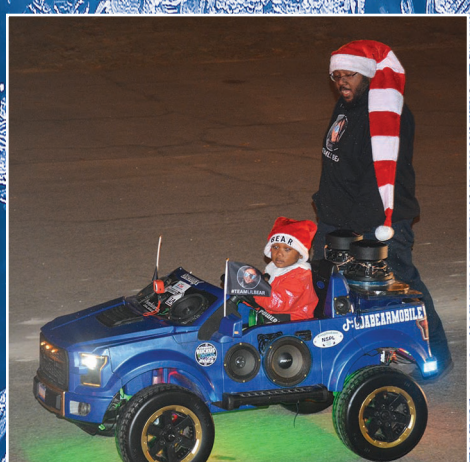
• **Most Creative:** Crystal Ray (Tracy St.)

• **Most Holiday Spirit:** Jacquelyn & Darren Towne (Broughton Ave.)

Santa Claus also stopped by for a visit. After riding in the parade, he gave each child a light-up wand and took photos with them.

Mayor Hutto thanks all attendees, the volunteers who made the event possible, and the sheriff's deputies for keeping everyone safe.

Photos By: Jonathan Vickery / Publisher





## 109: Doreatha Gillis-Bishop celebrates milestone

FROM PAGE 1A



Ms. Doreatha Bishop smiles alongside her children and family at her 109th birthday party Dec. 20. Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

running water or indoor lighting.

"I admired the lady then, I still admire her now," said S.C. Representative Lonnie Hosey, a longtime friend of the Bishop family.

Many speakers at her birthday celebration spoke of her strength and resilience. In the face of adversity, Bishop always prioritized her family and faith.

"She has her strength and encouragement from day to day, she finds no time to complain," said her daughter, Maryann Frank.

Bishop and her husband Blake Bishop Sr. had seven children who all graduated from Butler High School. Bishop's son, Willie, remembers he and his six siblings always being treated and loved equally by their parents.

She is the oldest member of the local Pride of Barnwell, Order of Eastern Stars, Chapter #77 (Prince Hall affiliation) having been involved over 45 years. Bishop is also the oldest member of Great Cypress Missionary Baptist Church, where she is the



Lizzie Etta Wright (left) and her daughter Deloris Brown (right) celebrate their friend's 109th birthday. Wright celebrated her 100th birthday in August.

mother of the church.

Bishop was presented with a certificate of recognition from the St. John Benevolent Society in Barnwell where she is the oldest member.

Her birthday ceremony was led by Reverends Benjamin and Lorraine Ryans. Annie Way led a tribute to Bishop, Alicia Gaines sang a solo, and R&R Singers gave a soulful performance.



Rep. Lonnie Hosey shares well wishes to Ms. Bishop.



Alicia Gaines sang a solo in honor of Ms. Bishop's birthday.

## SHOOTING: Domestic dispute turns deadly

FROM PAGE 1A

said the chief.

After the shooting, the APD announced they were searching for 60-year-old Roger Brabham Sr. of North Augusta. He turned himself in to the APD and SLED on Christmas

Eve, Dec. 24, without incident. Brabham was booked in the Allendale County Detention Center on charges of murder, possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime, felon in possession

of a weapon, and pointing and presenting a firearm at others, according to the APD.

At the time of the shooting, Brabham was out on bond for a vehicular homicide charge in North

Augusta where a woman was found dead on the side of a road after being struck by a vehicle, said Chief Wiggins.

The investigation into the Allendale shooting is ongoing.

## ADOPTABLE PET OF THE WEEK

### 'Guardian' has a sweet demeanor



**G**uardian is this week's Adoptable Pet of the Week from the Barnwell County Animal Shelter. "Guardian is a 2.5-year-old terrier/pit mix male. He has a sweet demeanor with people. He is heartworm positive but has already been through partial treatment and



is on monthly meds which will be provided for a full year. He walks well on a leash and does great inside a house and in a car. Although Guardian is a gentle soul, he will need to be in an only animal home or find a doggy friend with whom he gets along. Please call the shelter at 803-259-1656 to discuss Guardian's awesome potential for your family," said shelter manager Marlena Ray.

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

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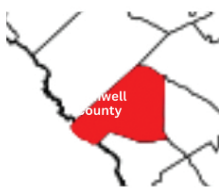
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# Barnwell County Youth Football League holds successful inaugural season



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Barnwell County’s first county-wide recreation football league was a success, according to organizers.

The Barnwell County Youth Football League wrapped up its inaugural season in November. This included teams from Barnwell, Blackville, and Williston.

“This was the first time we had a county league and we all felt it turned out very good. We are in hopes of being able to add more teams to the league in the future,” said Tykesha Jenkins, recreation director for the Town of Blackville.

Kevin Roberts, parks, recreation and tourism director for the City of Barnwell, said he’s excited about the growth of tackle football, which doubled in size for both the 9-10 year olds and 11-12 year olds. Barnwell had over 80 kids participating in tackle football, not to mention flag football and cheer.

“We’ve had a really good year with the kids learning the fundamentals of the game and seeing their individual growth and how much fun they are having. We are also proud of the steps we have taken as a city in providing upgraded equipment, including college-style jerseys,” said Roberts.

Between volleyball, tackle football, flag football and cheer, Blackville had a total of 52 kids. Though they didn’t have enough to register for 9 to 10-year-old tackle football, they were able to incorporate flag football into the program this year for the first time. Jenkins said they were also excited to allow the younger age group of 5 to 7 to be able to participate this year.

In Williston, the town had 51 kids participate between tackle football, flag football, and cheer. Ronnie Tobin, Williston’s recreation director, said their numbers were down from the previous year, partly due to another program that started in town. However, he said they still had a successful season and enjoyed being able to work with neighboring towns to provide athletic opportunities for kids. Williston’s 9- to 10-year-old tackle football team went undefeated.

“We are hoping to expand the league into other towns next season and make our league one of the best in South Carolina,” said Roberts.

The county-wide league included just tackle football this year, though Blackville and Williston did compete against each other in flag football. Tobin said he hopes they can add Barnwell in for flag football next year.

With football season over, the towns are now looking forward to basketball season.

“Our basketball season is on its way and Blackville is looking to collaborate with Barnwell and Williston

again. We are planning on beginning the season towards the end of January,” said Jenkins.

She thanks local businesses and residents for their ongoing support of sponsorships, including Heavenly Angels Daycare who was a gold sponsor for football season. “Without the volunteer coaches, our parents, our district that allow us to use their facilities, none of this would be possible,” said Jenkins.

While registration for basketball and cheer in Blackville is over, the City of Barnwell and Town of Williston extended registration until Thursday, Jan. 4.

“I encourage parents to let their kids participate. There’s so much that kids can learn from being part of a sport, such as team building, leadership, and discipline. It’s not just about winning and losing, but about teaching them to be the best they can be,” said Tobin.

In Williston, Tobin said they are hoping to have enough participation to have a girls basketball team, in addition to teams for boys and co-eds.

Games will be played on Saturdays, which is a change from past years. However, it’s one that was made after gaining feedback from many parents.

Registration for the City of Barnwell can be done at Barnwell City Hall Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For the Town of Williston, stop by Tobin’s office at Williston Town Hall Monday through Friday from 4-6 p.m.



## VARSITY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

### BASKETBALL

Wed.-Fri., Dec. 27-29

Hawk Invitational Basketall Tournament

Participating Boys Teams:

Barnwell

Swansea

Ridge Spring-Monetta

Williston-Elko

White Knoll

Andrew Jackson

Blackville-Hilda

Allendale-Fairfax

1st round Wed., Dec. 27

Barnwell vs. Swansea 9:30am

RSM vs. Williston-Elko 12:30pm

White Knoll vs. Andrew Jackson

3:30pm

Blackville-Hilda vs. Allendale-

Fairfax 9:30pm

(Times/teams subject to change)

Jeff Miller

Sports Writer

The Jefferson Davis Academy Raiders football team won the SCISA 8-man State Championship and they have now started the basketball season. Baseball will round out the year shortly after.

This year’s baseball team will have a new man at the helm. Coach Emmanuel “Mannie” Wright will lead the JDA varsity baseball program this spring.

JDA Athletic Director Anthony Reitenour said that “Coach Wright has just completed his

## JDA finds the “Wright” coach for the baseball program



Coach Emmanuel Wright

Photo Contributed

seventh year as a head baseball coach. Wright is the owner of the Orangeburg Riverhawks Baseball Organization where he coaches the 9u and 15u scout teams. During his tenure as head coach, he has won a remarkable 198 games and 34 tournaments. He has built the Riverhawks into a dominant powerhouse.”

Coach Wright is a proud graduate of Whale Branch Early College High School where he played baseball, football, basketball, and ran track. He was named to the All-State baseball team in 2013. He played collegiate baseball while attending

Clafin University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Sports Management in 2017. He continued his higher education at Clafin University and earned a master’s in business administration degree in 2019, according to Reitenour.

The Jefferson Davis Academy family is excited for the new hire and more than a hundred fans have already sent there Facebook “Likes” and welcome messages to Coach Wright. We send our best wishes and hopes for a successful year and many more to follow. Welcome and good luck to Coach Wright!



# Hawks, Warhorses compete in Bamberg tournament

The Red Raider Invitational Tournament drew the Barnwell Warhorses, Blackville-Hilda Hawks, and other basketball teams to Bamberg-Ehrhardt Dec. 18-20. Photos By: Kelley Wood / Contributing Photographer & Jeff Miller / Sports Writer





## Events





## Letter to the Editor

### *A little “warmth” goes a long way*

Dear Editor,

While traveling home from Europe Christmas Eve, I was in a bit of pain.

At a Rotary luncheon some years ago, Dr. Marty Shealy advised how you shouldn’t let your pain become a forest fire before you get help. His advice was to put out fires while small... more manageable.

In 2011 I became a Rotarian through sponsorship. I was just getting established in Barnwell and began a challenging new role with United Way. John McHenry was simultaneously President of Barnwell’s Rotary Club and my board chair. John knew I was encountering homelessness on a regular basis. One day he asked me to stop by Regions and presented me with a massive box of hand warmers. He said he didn’t have a solution for our bigger problem, but he knew sharing a little warmth always helps.

Going back to my recent pain... Blake had some hand warmers in his winter coat and gave them to me, hoping to offer relief. As I stepped into the bathroom on a nine hour flight, I was comforted by the warmth shared with me when I needed it most. I remembered John’s gesture and teared up.

I’m writing to share Marty’s and

John’s advice and also to offer information about vital community organizations and endeavors.

Rotarians aren’t just a lunch club. Rotarians are community-minded leaders working together with a commitment of service, helping others, finding solutions and offering comfort. If you are new to Barnwell, need to get connected in business or outreach, give Rotary a try.

Did you know the Point In Time Count to assess homelessness in Barnwell County is coming up January 24-28?

Did you know United Way’s grant applications are due January 11?

Local non-profits and churches can apply for funding and help your community in so many ways. Individuals and families are served by local agencies who receive funding from United Way. Employee giving campaigns in Barnwell County and beyond share warmth, offer hope, and so much more. Every dollar and kind gesture makes a difference; your encouragement and example have lasting influence and impact.

A little warmth always helps!

**Jess Wilbanks,**  
**Palmetto, Ga.**  
**(formerly of Barnwell)**

### *Students’ essays rewrite the history of this wacky world*



Phil Hudgins

Contributor

Did you know that Christopher Columbus discovered America while cursing about the Atlantic? And that his ships were called the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Fe?

No, I didn’t know that either. But that’s what a student wrote in an essay, said linguist Richard Lederer, who collected a passel of bloopers from students’ homework and published them years ago in *Verbatim, The Language Quarterly*. I came across that hilarious piece in my files the other day and decided to share excerpts. Keep in mind that the students ranged from eighth grade through college level.

The expert on Christopher Columbus said the Pilgrims crossed the ocean, a trip known as Pilgrims Progress. When they landed at Plymouth Rock, they were greeted by Indians who came down the hill rolling their war hoops before them.

The Indian squabs carried porpoises on their backs. Many of the Indian heroes were killed, along with the cabooses, which proved very fatal to them. The winter of 1620 was a hard one for the settlers. Many people died and many babies were born. Captain John Smith was responsible for all this.

One of the causes of the Revolutionary Wars, a student wrote, was the English put tacks in their tea. Also, the colonists would send their parcels through the post without stamps.

During the war, the Red Coats and

Paul Revere were throwing balls over stone walls. The dogs were barking and the peacocks crowing. Finally, the colonists won the War and no longer had to pay for taxis.

Delegates from the original thirteen states formed the Contented Congress. Thomas Jefferson, a Virgin, and Benjamin Franklin were two singers of the Declaration of Independence.

Franklin had gone to Boston carrying all his clothes in his pocket and a loaf of bread under each arm. He invented electricity by rubbing two cats backwards and declared, “A horse divided against itself cannot stand.” Franklin died in 1790 and is still dead.

George Washington married Martha Curtis and in due time became the Father of our country. Then the Constitution of the United States was adopted to secure domestic hostility. Under the Constitution, the people enjoyed the right to bare arms.

Abraham Lincoln became America’s greatest Precedent. Lincoln’s mother died in infancy and he was born in a Log Cabin that he built with his own hands.

When Lincoln was President, he wore a silk hat. He said, “In onion there is strength.” Abraham Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg on the back of an envelope. He also freed the slaves by signing the Emanculation Proclamation, and the Fourteenth Amendment gave the ex-Negroes citizenship.

Meanwhile in Europe, the enlightenment was a reasonable time. Voltare invited electricity and also wrote a book called “Candy.” Gravity was invented by Isaac Walton. It is chiefly noticeable in the Autumn, when the apples are falling off the trees.

And then there was this from a young Bible scholar: God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac on Mount Montezuma, and Soloman, one of David’s sons, had 500 wives and 500 porcupines.

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## Better Business Bureau

### Frustration-free Holiday Returns



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Better Business Bureau

According to reports, more than 50% of us returned a Christmas gift during the 2022 holiday season. Clothing topped the list with home decor following close behind.

But with holiday returns also comes holiday return fraud. Return fraud comes in many forms, including purchasing merchandise for short-term use and then returning the item, returning stolen merchandise, or using reused, stolen or falsified receipts to return merchandise for a profit.

But in most cases, consumers are just trying to return wrong sizes or items. Many retailers, both online and brick and mortar, have return policies in place to not only protect the consumer but their businesses as well.

If you have something that doesn’t fit, or you already have the item or it’s just the wrong thing, BBB offers the following tips for returning holiday gifts:

- Know and understand the seller’s return policy. We know that most stores list return policies on their website or on the back of the receipt. Make sure you fully understand what is required for a return or exchange,

and if you have questions, call the store directly to ask about your specific situation. Brick and mortar stores may have different return policies than online counterparts.

- Keep the receipt. Include a gift receipt with all gifts, so it is easier for the recipient to return or exchange the gift if it’s not the right fit.
- Keep original packaging and ask about restocking fees. Some stores may require products be returned in original purchase condition, unused or unopened. In addition, some merchants charge a restocking or “open box” fee for returns of electronic products or large-ticket items. Make sure you read about these policies and ask questions through email or live chats to make sure you understand the policy.

- Bring identification. Because of return fraud, some retailers will ask for identification when making a return. If you are returning or exchanging a gift that you bought, make sure you bring the credit card used to make that purchase in case you don’t have the receipt.
- Read product warranty first. In some cases, retail stores are not liable if the product turns up defective or damaged. They may require consumers to mail the product directly to the manufacturer in order to receive monetary refunds, credit or product replacement.

- Don’t delay. In almost every case, stores require you to return within a specific time frame. If you wait too long, you may miss your chance.
- Read the fine print before purchasing a rebate-eligible item. Rebates are great for getting a good deal but can come with strict requirements. Make sure you understand how the rebate will be issued. Some rebates need to be redeemed immediately and expire after a certain period of time. Read the instructions carefully and check the return policy. You may experience difficulty returning an item if the rebate requires you to open or send in part of the packaging, such as the UPC or box top. Keep a copy of the submitted rebate materials and note the date on which you sent it in. Mark your calendar for when you should receive the rebate.

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## Mind Matters

### A Grief Carol



Dr. Greg Smith

Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health

As is our holiday custom, my wife and I were watching the highly entertaining Muppets version of the timeless tale A Christmas Carol last week. Viewing this version of the story began when my children were very young but has persisted to this day because it is so deliciously joyful and funny. The satisfying viewing of this movie, juxtaposed with the multiple layers of grief our families are dealing with this holiday season, prompted me to write this column to be read on Christmas Day. It became very clear to me that we all deal with three distinct types of grief: 1) The Grief of Christmas Past, 2) The Grief of Christmas Present, and 3) The Grief of Christmas Yet to Come.

We adults have all lost our childhoods, through no fault of anyone other than Father Time. That period of my life, and perhaps yours, included a magical sense of mystery, awe, and wonder around Christmas time. The delicious smells of cookies and cakes baking, roasting turkeys and savory hams, tangy cranberries and other delicacies hold prominent places in my olfactory memory. The lights were brighter, the music sweeter and the family more physically present than ever when I was a boy. The rain

drops I heard on my grandparents’ house’s tin roof were most assuredly the prancing feet of tiny reindeer. The rustling in the living room was surely Santa opening his pack and placing the meager but magical piles of gifts for each of us, always including some fresh fruit right alongside the cap guns and fighter pilot helmets. I can still feel the painful, sole-numbing cold of the wooden floor as my feet came out of the warm bed first, heading across the hall toward the glow of the Christmas tree, the aroma of my grandfather’s pipe tobacco guiding me to where he was lighting the heaters. The big family meal, dare I say meals plural, would come later in the day, with what to my young boy’s eyes was the largest dining room table full of food the world had ever seen. My grandmother arranged cakes and pies and cookies by the dozens on top of the old freezer chest in the corner. The marvelous excess was a manifestation of love. Pure love. Many of those at that table are no longer with us. That house is a heap of boards and overgrown vegetation. The dinner bell on the post outside has been silent for decades. They are not the same, but like Scrooge, we are visited by their memories every year.

Grief for Christmas present? How can that be, you ask me? My wife and I have lost two people in our family since August, and we miss them just as much in December. As we age, we also grieve the rapidity of this season, the way it burns brightly and too soon joins the countless other Christmases in our memories. Only by knowing past griefs and sorrow can we

fully revel in the joys of this blessed time. Yet, only by fully experiencing joy will we ever be subject to loss and sadness in the future. It is a holiday wager that some choose not to make, foregoing the present brightness of love and holiday bliss to stave off the inevitable sorrow and grief that waits for us all. The house always wins.

The future is uncertain, but if we carefully observe life we know some of what it holds. We can predict, prognosticate, and out-right guess. We can plan. But as our troubled friend Scrooge asked of the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come in that cold graveyard, can we be absolutely certain that these are the shadows of what will be, or of what may be only? As he tearfully pleaded, clinging to the hand and robe of that terrible but sympathetic spirit, we can change. We can try our best to altar those shadows that lead to fear, suffering and death, and a life lead without purpose, leaving an empty legacy.

What to do this holiday season? How to cope? Scrooge gives us sage advice here as well. We can choose to “live in the past, the present and the future.” The spirits of all three shall strive within us. We shall resolve to smell the smells, tell stories of those gone before, eat and drink, and be mindful of the present moments that shower us with love, light and hope. We shall not choose to worry about “the shadows of the things that may be only.” “Men’s courses will foreshadow certain ends, to which if persevered in, they must lead,” said Scrooge. “But if the courses be departed from, the ends will change.”

Good advice in 1843, when A Christmas Carol was published. Good advice in 2023, when the “shadows of what may be” are in large part up to us.

God bless us, every one.

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**Notice of Sale**  
C/A No: **2022-CP-03-00123**  
BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Allendale County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust c/o U.S. Bank Trust National Association vs. Jimmy Williams; Catherine Williams a/k/a Catherine S Williams; South Carolina Department of Revenue; South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce I the undersigned as Master-in-Equity for Allendale County, will sell on January 2, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Allendale County Court House, Allendale, South Carolina to the highest bidder:

**Legal Description and Property Address:**  
ALL that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with buildings and improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the Town of Allendale, County of Allendale, State of South Carolina, containing 0.664 acre, more or less, a/k/a Lots 7 and 8, Block 2, of the Warren Bluefield Subdivision, shown and designated on a Plat prepared by Roy L. Green, R.L.S. No. 7403B for Jack D. Vaughn and Cheryl Vaughn to be conveyed to Jefferey A. Strong and Julie S. Strong. Said Plat is dated the 13th day of June, 1994 and recorded the 17th day of June, 1994, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Allendale County in Plat Book 17 at Page 279. The aforesaid Plat is incorporated by reference and made apart of this description. Being bounded generally, now or formerly, as follows, to-wit: On the Northeast by William Ross Brewer and Rebecca T. Brewer; On the Southeast by Marjorie M. Barker; On the Southwest by Byrnes Street a/k/a SCS-3-197; and On the Northwest by Hammond Drive a/k/a SCS-3-198.

BEING property conveyed to Jimmy Williams and Catherine S. Williams, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common, by Deed of Jeffrey A. Strong and Julie S. Strong dated February 15, 2008 and recorded February 26, 2008 in Deed Book 199 at Page 136 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Allendale County, South Carolina.  
284 Byrnes Street  
Allendale, SC 29810  
TMS# 105-06-03-009  
TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of 4.625% to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Master-in-Equity for Allendale County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Thirty (30) days, the Master-in-Equity for Allendale County shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. As a personal or deficiency judgment is demanded, the bidding will remain open for a period of thirty (30) days pursuant to the S.C. Code Ann. Section 15-39-720 (1976). Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.  
Hutchens Law Firm LLP  
P.O. Box 8237  
Columbia, SC 29202  
(803) 726-2700  
2023-212 3tc 12-27-23

Notice to Creditors of Estates

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Estate: Melanie M. Corell  
Date of Death: November 6, 2023  
Case Number: 2023 ES 03 00075  
Personal Representative:  
Mia C. Handberry  
Address: 7627 Augusta Highway, Martin, S.C. 29836  
2023-213 3tp 12-27-23

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Estate: Margie Thornton  
Date of Death: March 15, 2023  
Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00145  
Personal Representative:  
Lisa Elaine Thornton  
Address: 1486 Terrell Mill Road, Apt. #569, Marietta, GA 30067  
2023-214 3tp 12-27-23

**SUMMONS FOR RELIEF**  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2023CP3801186  
ERIC LAMONT HILL,  
Plaintiff

v.  
NALA ADAI WILLIAMS, ET AL,  
Defendants  
**TO THE DEFENDANT, NALA ADAI WILLIAMS:**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to answer the complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to this complaint upon the subscriber, at P.O. Box 487, Hampton, SC 29924, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the complaint, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
PARKER LAW GROUP, LLP  
BY: Mark D. Ball  
**Mark D. Ball**  
S.C. Bar# 12894  
P.O. Box 487  
Hampton, SC 29924  
(803) 903-1781  
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF  
December 1, 2023  
Hampton, South Carolina

**NOTICE**  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2023CP3801186  
ERIC LAMONT HILL,  
Plaintiff

v.  
NALA ADAI WILLIAMS, ET AL,  
Defendants

**TO THE DEFENDANT, NALA ADAI WILLIAMS:**

TAKE NOTICE that on August 21, 2023, Eric Lamont Hill, the Plaintiff herein, forwarded his Complaint in this action to the office of the Clerk of Court for Orangeburg County, South Carolina against the above-named defendant, the object prayer with the judgment against the Defendant for damages caused in a motor vehicle accident that occurred on February 27, 2021.  
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S.C. Bar# 12894  
P.O. Box 487  
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(803) 903-1781  
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF  
December 1, 2023  
Hampton, South Carolina  
2023-215 3tc 12-27-23

NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Allendale County heretofore issued in the case of Interpetrol S.A. vs. IP Biomass, Inc., successor in interest by name change to Thunderbolt Biomass, Inc., et al., the undersigned Master in Equity will sell on January 2, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., at the Allendale County Courthouse, 292 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, South Carolina, to the highest bidder the following property: All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being on Matthews Bluff Road a/k/a South Carolina Secondary Highway S-3-22 in the town of Allendale, Allendale County, South Carolina, being shown and designated as Tract B comprising 8.435 acres, more or less, on a plat of property prepared by Roy L. Green, PLS 7403B, dated January 8, 2014, revised November 6, 2014, which is attached as Exhibit 1 to that deed from ATP-SC, LLC to Thunderbolt Biomass, Inc. dated August 23, 2018, and recorded in the Clerk of Court's Office for Allendale County on September 24, 2018, in Book 277, at Page 172. This being a portion of the same property described in a plat of property recorded in the aforesaid records in Plat Book 20, at Page 291.

This being the same property conveyed to IP Biomass, Inc., successor in interest by name change to Thunderbolt Biomass, Inc., by deed of ATP-SC, LLC recorded with the Allendale County Clerk of Court's Office on September 24, 2018, in Deed Book 277, at Page 172.

TMP No.: 088-07-03-010  
Property Address: 1624 Bluff Road, Allendale, SC 29810  
TOGETHER WITH ALL personal property located at the aforesaid location. **The aforesaid property is being sold subject to a 120-day right of redemption in favor of The Department of the Treasury - The Internal Revenue Service, an Agency of the United States of America.**

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity at conclusion of the bidding 5% on the amount of the bid by 1:00 PM on the date of sale (in cash or equivalent), which is to be applied on the purchase price upon compliance with the bid; in case of noncompliance within thirty (30) days after the sale, the deposit of 5% is to be forfeited and applied first to the costs of the action then to the Plaintiff's debt and the property will be re-advertised for sale upon the same terms at the risk of the former highest bidder. Purchaser to pay for deed preparation, documentary stamps on the deed and costs of recording the deed. Deficiency judgment having been waived, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale but compliance

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with the bid shall be made immediately. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 10.00% per annum. Should the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent fail to appear on sales day, the property shall not be sold, but shall be re-advertised and sold at some convenient sales day thereafter when the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent is present.

The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions and easements and restrictions of record, and other items of record, if any.

The Plaintiff does not warrant its title search to purchasers at foreclosure sale or other third parties, who should have their own title search performed on the subject property.  
Paul Simons, Jr., Esquire  
Hull Barrett, PC  
P.O. Box 517  
Aiken, SC 29802  
803-648-4213  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
2023-216 3tc 12-27-23

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Estate: Lucile Williams Chavis  
Date of Death: November 19, 2023  
Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00170  
Personal Representative:  
Julia Mae Fail  
Address: 705 Saturday Road, Blackville, S.C. 29817  
2023-217 3tp 12-27-23

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Dolgencorp, LLC, intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and off premises consumption of Beer and Wine at Dollar General Store # 25703, 36 Seay Street, Barnwell, S.C. 29812.  
To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be post-marked no later than January 5, 2024. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:

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(2) The specific reasons why the application should be denied;  
(3) That the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);  
(4) That the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and  
(5) The name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed  
Protests must be mailed to: **SC Department of Revenue, ABL SECTION, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, S.C. 29214-0907.**  
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(FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate: Tessie Jo Jenkins Morris  
Date of Death: November 25, 2023  
Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00171  
Personal Representative:  
Courtney Morris  
Address: 1277 Hagood Avenue, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
2023-219 3tp 1-03-24

SUMMONS AND NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF BARNWELL  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
C/A NO. 2023-CP-06-00163  
NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, Plaintiff

vs.  
The Personal Representative, if any, whose name is unknown, of the Estate of Edna Tilley and Unknown Occupant(s),  
Defendants

TO THE DEFENDANT(S): The Personal Representative, if any, whose name is unknown, of the Estate of Edna Tilley; **YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to answer the Complaint in the above action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer upon the undersigned at his office, 2838 Devine Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29205, within thirty (30) days after service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and, if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Complaint in this action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County on June 16, 2023. **NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an action has been commenced and is now pending in the Circuit Court upon the complaint of the above named Plaintiff against the above Defendant(s) for the purpose of claiming and repossessing collateral, which secures the repayment of a certain Contract bearing date of April 25, 1997 and given and delivered by Defendant(s) Edna Tilley to Homes of the C.S.R.A., Inc. in the original principal sum of Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Seven and 08/100 Dollars (\$38,557.08). Said collateral is described as a 1997 DESTI VIN# 056018 mobile home and is located in the County of Barnwell, South Carolina. RILEY POPE & LANEY, LLC  
2838 Devine Street  
Columbia, SC 29205  
(803) 799-9993  
Attorneys for Plaintiff 5616  
2023-220 3tc 1-03-24

SUMMONS, NOTICE OF HEARING (Nonemergency Removal)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF BARNWELL  
IN FAMILY COURT  
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
Case No. 23-DR-06-128  
South Carolina Department of Social Services, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Tiffany Ray, Defendants  
IN THE INTERESTS OF:  
Children born in 2023  
TO: Tiffany Ray  
**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to answer the Summons, Notice of Hearing, Complaint in and to the minor child in this action, the original of which has been filed in the Aiken County Office of the Clerk of Court at 57 Wall Street, Barnwell, SC 29812, on October 6, 2023, a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your answer to the complaint upon the attorney, Robert Cone, for the Plaintiff at Post Office Drawer 1268, Aiken, SC 29801, within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time stated, the Plaintiff will apply for judgment by

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default against the Defendant for the relief demanded in the complaint. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that you have the right to be present and represented by an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, the court will appoint an attorney to represent you. It is your responsibility to contact the Barnwell County Clerk of Court's Office, 57 Wall Street, Barnwell, SC 29812, to apply for appointment of an attorney to represent you if you cannot afford an attorney (take all of these papers with you if you apply). YOU MUST APPLY FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU DO NOT APPLY FOR AN ATTORNEY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE COMPLAINT, AN ATTORNEY WILL NOT BE APPOINTED FOR YOU. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that hearing will be held in this matter on February 21, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. at the Aiken County Courthouse located at 57 Wall Street, Barnwell, SC 29812. You should attend this hearing. If you do not attend, the relief sought may be granted in your absence.

2023-223 3tc 1-03-24

**Summons and Notice Publication**  
Family Court of Camden, South Carolina  
Fifth Judicial Circuit  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
KERSHAW COUNTY  
2022-DR-28-695  
SCDSS (Plaintiff)  
vs.

Jessica Weigand  
Bryan Powers  
(Defendants)  
IN THE INTEREST OF  
BP BORN 2011  
ZP BORN 2013  
AP BORN 2018  
TO DEFENDANT(S):  
Jessica Weigand

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** And required to answer the Complaint in the above referenced concerning the minor Child(ren) above and that you have failed to contact the agency in regards to your whereabouts in this action, the original of which has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Janet C. Hasty, Kershaw County, on December 20, 2022 a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your answer to the Complaint upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff at Kimberly L.B. Simmons, 110 East DeKalb Street, Ste. 1C, Camden, SC, 29020 within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the statutory time allotted, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said Complaint. A hearing has been scheduled for February 20, 2024 @ 10:00 am, at Kershaw County Family Courthouse

**S. C. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**  
Kimberly L.B. Simmons, Esquire  
110 East DeKalb Street, Suite 1C  
Camden, SC 29020  
(803) 572-8244  
2023-224 3tc 1-10-24

### Notice of Abandoned Vehicle

The following vehicle is subject to towing, repair, and/or storage liens; are declared to be abandoned pursuant to Section 56-5-5810, 56-5-5635, and 29-15-10 SC Law as Amended; and are in the custody of **Dave's Auto Repair, LLC. & Godfrey's Auto Salvage, LLC., 2645 Alpine Road; Columbia, S.C. 29223**  
Phone: 803-788-3582  
Fax: 803-788-5632  
2007 BMW 328i  
VIN: WBAVA33527KX83619  
OWNER: KANTRINA ANN PEOPLES  
OWNERS ADDRESS: 5766 RED OAK RD., BARNWELL, S.C. 29812  
The owner /lienholder may reclaim the vehicle within fifteen (15) days of this notice by paying to the custodian of the vehicle all charges authorized by law. Additional charges and/or processing cost may be added after the date of this notice. The failure of the owner/lienholder to exercise their right to reclaim the vehicle within the time provided may be deemed a waiver of all right, title, and interest to the vehicle and their consent to sale of the vehicle to public auction. Public sale will take place at the business of the custodian of the vehicle at 10 a.m. on the first Monday of the month following expiration of 30 days from the date of this notice.

2023-225 1tp 12-27-23

### PUBLIC NOTICE

TowerCo proposes to build a 259-foot self-support Communications Tower. Anticipated lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. The Site location is Cohens Bluff Road, Luray, Allendale County, SC 29932, Lat: 32-51-8.787, Long: -81-22-52.197. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1261141. ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS – Interested persons may review the application -(www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest) and online filings are strongly encouraged. The mailing address to file a paper copy is: FCC  
Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20554  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECTS - Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Tonya Rahinsky, t.rahinsky@trileaf.com, 1395 S. Marietta Pkwy, Bldg. 400 Suite 209, Marietta, GA 30067, 678-653-8673.

2023-226 1tp 12-27-23

**Notice to Creditors of Estates**  
All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371ES with the Probate Court of Allendale County, the address of which is 292 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, S.C.

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29810, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of

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any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Marvin M. Thomas  
Date of Death: December 7, 2023  
Case Number: 2023 ES 03 00092  
Personal Representative: Barry Ann Thomas  
Address: P.O. Box 643, Fairfax, S.C. 29827  
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## Notice of Public Availability

### Fifth Phase: Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for Savannah River Site Operable Units with Operating Equipment

The sixth five-year remedy review is being conducted in five phases for operable units (OUs) with similar remedies. The OUs are grouped by the following remedy types: (1) native soil covers and/or land use controls, (2) groundwater, (3) engineered cover systems, (4) geosynthetic or stabilization/solidification cover systems, and (5) operating equipment. The public is notified when each phase of the remedy review is conducted and when the phase is complete. The review for the fifth phase for OUs with operating equipment is complete and is being made available to the public.

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act requires that remedial actions that result in residual hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remaining at an OU at levels unsuitable for unrestricted land use be subject to a five-year remedy review. The Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for Savannah River Site Operable Units with Operating Equipment evaluated the remedial actions for operating equipment selected through issued Records of Decision (RODs), Interim RODs, ROD Amendments, or Explanations of Significant Differences to determine whether the selected remedies remain protective of human health and the environment. The Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for Savannah River Site Operable Units with Operating Equipment is complete and is being issued by the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE), the lead agency for the Savannah River Site (SRS), with concurrence by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 4 (EPA), and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC).

The five-year remedy review addressed three major questions:

- Are the remedies functioning as intended by the decision document?
- Are the exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and remedial action objectives (RAOs) used at the time of remedy selection still valid?
- Has any other information emerged that could call into question the protectiveness of the remedy?

The report reviews remedy decisions for SRS OUs that selected operating equipment (i.e., ongoing active remediation) as part of the final remedy. A range of active remediation systems are used at SRS to address contaminants in soil and groundwater. Soil vapor extraction (SVE) systems are used to remove volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from vadose zone source areas before the contaminants can migrate to the water table. Pump and treat systems (e.g., air strippers and associated recovery wells) are used to remove contaminant mass and exert hydraulic control over contaminated groundwater plumes. Thermal technologies (e.g., dynamic underground stripping and electrical resistance heating) have been employed in several areas to mobilize dense non-aqueous phase liquid VOCs in the vadose zone and groundwater.

Many existing SVE systems have been converted from active vacuum extraction to low-energy MicroBlower™ and/or passive BaroBall™ systems. BaroBall™ and MicroBlower™ systems are two types of low-energy-consumption, low-carbon-emission SVE systems currently used at SRS to remove VOC contaminants from the subsurface.

The Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for Savannah River Site Operable Units with Operating Equipment includes a review of the following OUs:

- A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A/1A) and Rubble Pit (731-2A), Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) and Metals Burning Pit (731-5A)
- A/M Area Groundwater
- A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A)
- C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN [no building number])
- D-Area Operable Unit
- F-Area Groundwater
- H-Area Groundwater
- M-Area Inactive Process Sewer Line (081-M) (MIPSL)
- M-Area Operable Unit (MAOU)
- P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-P)
- TNX Area

The exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and RAOs used at the time of remedy selection are still valid for all the remedial actions evaluated. All remedies were determined to be protective of human health and the environment. The remedy for the A/M-Area Groundwater OU has been determined to be protective in the short-term. To establish long-term protectiveness for the A/M-Area Groundwater OU, final corrective actions to be proposed by SRS and approved by SCDHEC will be implemented.

In the Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for Savannah River Site Operable Units with Operating Equipment, the DOE, EPA, and SCDHEC determined the following:

- Soil confirmation sampling is recommended at A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A, 731-1A) and Rubble Pit (731-2A), Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) / Metals Burning Pit (731-5A) OU to evaluate the current soil concentrations against cleanup levels with the intent to justify shutting down the passive SVE system if the cleanup levels have been met.
- Due to the D-Area Operable Unit Bubble Tower Subunit MicroBlower™ SVE system's minimal removals of contaminants for at least the last four years, SRS proposes to convert the low-energy MicroBlower™ SVE system to a passive BaroBall™ SVE system until confirmation soil samples can be collected to determine whether the tetrachloroethylene soil cleanup level has been met (20 µg/kg). If the cleanup level has been achieved, the results will be submitted to the DOE, EPA, and SCDHEC for consensus to justify discontinuing operation of the SVE system and/or monitoring.
- Since the MIPSL SVE system has been taken offline and removed, and the LUC boundaries of the MIPSL OU and MAOU overlap, SRS recommends incorporating the MIPSL OU into the MAOU to eliminate the operation and maintenance costs for the smaller OU. A meeting to discuss the appropriate regulatory path forward for this recommendation is needed.

To aid in the review of the report, a Savannah River Site Fact Sheet for the Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for SRS Operable Units with Operating Equipment was also developed.

Copies of the Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for Savannah River Site Operable Units with Operating Equipment and the Fact Sheet are available in the Administrative Record. The Administrative Record is available in the information repositories listed below:

- DOE Public Reading Room at the Gregg-Graniteville Library at the University of South Carolina (USC)-Aiken campus in Aiken, SC; and
- Thomas Cooper Library Government Information and Maps Department at USC in Columbia, SC.

Hard copies of the Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for Savannah River Site Operable Units with Operating Equipment and the Fact Sheet are available at the following locations:

- Reese Library Government Information Department at Augusta University in Augusta, GA; and
- Asa H. Gordon Library at Savannah State University in Savannah, GA

An electronic copy of the Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for Savannah River Site Operable Units with Operating Equipment can be found at the following website:

- <http://www.srs.gov/general/programs/soil/rod/rod.html>
- An electronic copy of the Fact Sheet can be found at the following website:
- <http://www.srs.gov/general/programs/soil/pub/pubinv.html>

For additional information about the five-year remedy review process at SRS, please contact:

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# Family-Friendly Fun to Beat Winter Blahs

FAMILY FEATURES

Cool winter days may have you tempted to burrow under a blanket and wait out the weather, but there are plenty of entertaining and affordable ways to enjoy quality family time together despite chilly temperatures.

Kids who are cooped up indoors during the winter often get restless, but you can make the most of that boredom by gathering everyone and discovering new ways to create memories together.

Get Your Game On

Forget about screen play and instead show the younger generation how much fun it can be to take on family rivals with classic board games or work in teams to complete age-appropriate puzzles. These activities allow everyone to participate and practice skills like problem solving while having fun.

Make a Meal Together

You likely know it's a good idea to gather the family around the table for a meal, but there's no need to wait until the food is done. Not only does cooking together give you something fun to do as a family, but it also helps kids develop important life skills and healthy habits, exposes them to new food options and allows them to practice reading and math when they follow recipes.

Get everyone in on the prep work with kid-friendly foods such as these flavorful frozen waffles that can be used as the base for simple and delicious recipes. A fun, easy way to enjoy a favorite cereal in waffle form, PEBBLES Waffles are available in beloved Fruity and Cocoa flavors. Start the day by making breakfast a family affair or mix things up and prepare a breakfast menu for dinner. Try one of these easy recipes for a sure way to put a smile on your loved ones' faces.

Explore What Surrounds You

Resist the temptation to huddle indoors and instead explore how your community transforms with the seasons. Look for the best sledding hills or check out seasonal attractions like ice rinks and festivals. Even taking a family drive to see the holiday lights or marvel at the way snow transforms your surroundings gives you a way to break out of the house and enjoy some entertaining fun.

Encourage Artistic Expression

Once kids are bundled up properly, there's little that tops good old-fashioned snow days. Snow angels, snow forts and snowmen are just the beginning. Inviting kids to create and design lets their imaginations run wild and, with a little luck, they'll run off some of that pent-up energy, too. If you're stuck inside, encourage creativity through arts and crafts, or make mealtimes a chance for children to explore their artistic sides by allowing them to customize toppings on favorites such as waffles.

Give Back to Others

It's never too early to learn the intrinsic good of giving back, and cold winter months are an ideal time to instill a giving mindset. As a family, you could volunteer time at a local food bank or work together to assemble care kits with warm blankets and socks for the homeless. You could write letters to soldiers or make seasonal greeting cards for seniors at a local nursing home. Big or small, they're gestures that make a lasting impression on young minds.

Find more family-friendly ideas for a winter to remember at [postpebblescereal.com](https://postpebblescereal.com).



Cocoa Smiley Face Waffle

- 2 Cocoa PEBBLES waffles
- 1 cup Cocoa PEBBLES cereal
- 1 container whipped cream
- chocolate chips (optional)
- chocolate sprinkles (optional)
- strawberries (optional)
- chocolate syrup (optional)

Heat waffles until golden brown and place on plate. Use whipped cream to make smiley face eyes, nose and mouth.

Place cereal on top of whipped cream to make eyes, nose and mouth colorful. Add chocolate chips, chocolate sprinkles, strawberries and chocolate syrup, if desired.



Fruity Smiley Face Waffle

- 2 Fruity PEBBLES Waffles
- 1 container whipped cream
- 1 cup Fruity PEBBLES cereal
- blueberries (optional)
- rainbow sprinkles (optional)

maple syrup (optional)

Heat waffles until golden brown and place on plate. Use whipped cream to make smiley face eyes, nose and mouth.

Place cereal on top of whipped cream to make eyes, nose and mouth colorful. Add blueberries, rainbow sprinkles and syrup, if desired.

Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

# Kid Scoop Junior

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## Sorting It Out

Circle the shape in each box that does not belong. Draw a line from each shape that does not belong to the box where it belongs.

## My Rhyme Time

Twinkle, twinkle, little star;  
How I wonder what you are!  
Up above the world so high,  
Like a diamond in the sky.

## My Letters

D is for Diamond  
d is for diamond

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

## My Numbers

How many ?  
How many ?  
How many ?

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

## My Sentence

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

Left Right

### Sunday

**Letter Identification**

With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that have the same sound as the letter **D** in **diamond**.

**Learning Buddy Sign Here**

I have completed \_\_\_\_\_ activities with my Learning Buddy.

Learning Buddy's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Monday

**Math Play**

Point to the number **3** in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

### Tuesday

**Shape Search**

Look through the newspaper for these shapes: **circle, square, triangle, rectangle and diamond**. Trace and color the shapes that can be found.

### Wednesday

**Classifying**

Cut out groups of four pictures that go together. For example, animals, buildings, and transportation. Put three pictures from one group with one picture from another group. Ask your child to take out the picture that doesn't belong.

### Thursday

**Color Sort**

Look through the newspaper and circle in blue all of the things that are blue. Circle in red anything you find that is red. Repeat this activity with different colors.

### Friday

**Light and dark**

Introduce the terms **light** and **dark**. Select two pictures from the newspaper in which one is colored a **lighter** color and the other **darker**. Ask your child which is **lightest** and which is **darkest**.

### Saturday

**Dentist Delight**

Draw a circle on a piece of paper. Draw a line to divide it into two halves. On one half, have your child put newspaper pictures that show foods that are good for your teeth. On the other half, put newspaper pictures of foods that are bad for your teeth.

**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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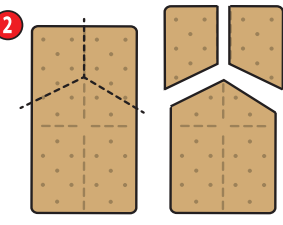


bread knife

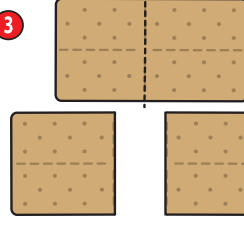
### INSTRUCTIONS:




1 Make icing by mixing 2 cups powdered sugar with 3 to 4 tablespoons milk. Whip until it is the consistency of toothpaste.



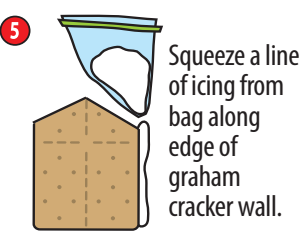
2 Using a **gentle** sawing motion, carefully cut the corners of two graham crackers with a bread knife.



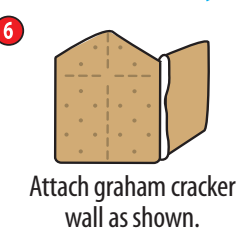
3 Next, carefully cut a full size graham cracker in half.



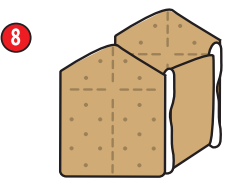
4 Put icing in zipper plastic bag. Snip a tiny hole in a bottom corner of the bag.




5 Squeeze a line of icing from bag along edge of graham cracker wall.



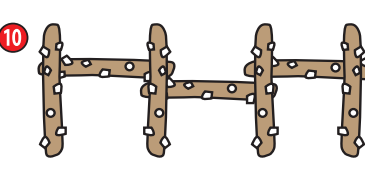
6 Attach graham cracker wall as shown.



8 Keep attaching walls and roof panels with icing.




9 Frost roof and sprinkle with coconut flakes.

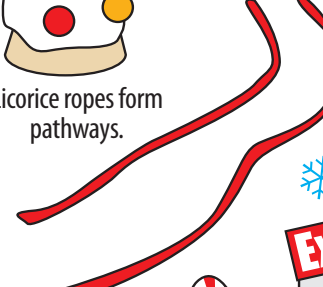


10 Use icing and pretzel sticks to make a fence for your house.


### More decorating ideas!




Frost ice cream cones to make trees. Add candy ornaments.



Licorice ropes form pathways.



Use marshmallows, pretzel sticks and candies to make snowmen.



How many candy canes are on this page?

### Use the code to discover the two most important ingredients in making a gingerbread house.

■ = A	■ = E	■ = I	■ = N	■ = P
■ = C	■ = G	■ = M	■ = O	■ = T

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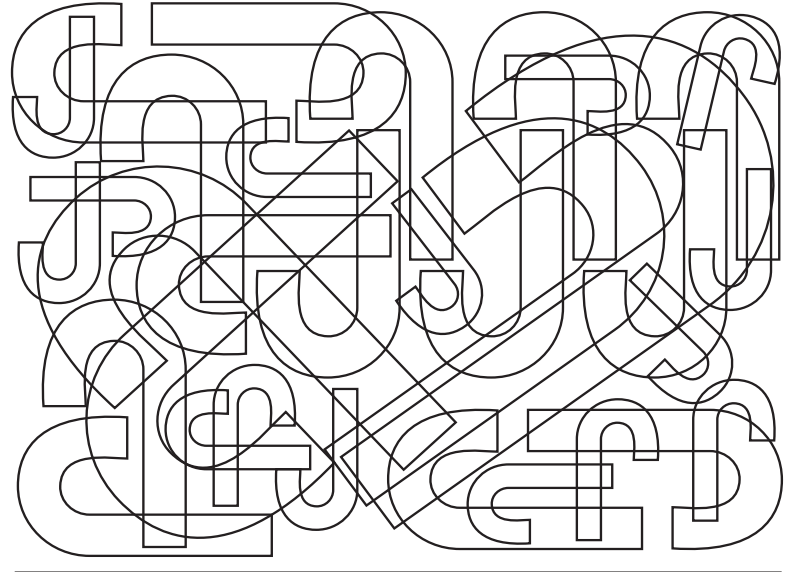
### Extra! Extra! Holiday Cards

Make your own holiday cards or gift tags by clipping out words and pictures from your newspaper or printing them from the online edition. Paste these onto paper to make into a card or gift tag.

**Standards Link:** Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

## Kid Scoop® Puzzler

How many candy canes can you find in this box?



**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

## Double Double Word Search

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

SPRINKLE  
CRACKER  
PRETZEL  
COCONUT  
GRAHAM  
ZIPPER  
HOUSES  
DOUBLE  
SAWING  
IDEAS  
ICING  
SUGAR  
CANDY  
MILK  
WHIP

G	T	U	N	O	C	O	C	Z	P
R	I	Y	D	N	A	C	I	S	I
L	E	Z	T	E	R	P	M	P	H
H	L	K	N	G	P	A	S	R	W
O	B	E	C	E	H	U	A	I	G
U	U	R	R	A	G	B	W	N	M
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E	D	G	R	A	D	C	N	L	L
S	S	A	E	D	I	S	G	E	K

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

## Fill in The Blanks!

Ask a friend to come up with three nouns (person, place or thing) and three verbs (action words like swim and walk). Use them to fill in the blanks in this story. Read it aloud to share some holiday humor!

NOUN 1: \_\_\_\_\_

NOUN 2: \_\_\_\_\_

NOUN 3: \_\_\_\_\_

VERB 1: \_\_\_\_\_

VERB 2: \_\_\_\_\_

VERB 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Ricky Reindeer wanted to get a special gift for his friend Sadie Squirrel. He walked deep into the forest, and was surprised to find a shiny, new \_\_\_\_\_ in the snow.

He picked it up and started to \_\_\_\_\_ back \_\_\_\_\_

home. He wrapped the gift in \_\_\_\_\_ and put a nice big \_\_\_\_\_ on top.

Sadie was thrilled with the gift. She was so happy, she began to \_\_\_\_\_ around in the snow. Ricky was happy, too. So he began to \_\_\_\_\_ merrily while jumping for joy.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Understand text from context clues.

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## Kid Scoop® VOCABULARY BUILDERS

**This week's word:**  
**CONSISTENCY**

One meaning of the noun **consistency** is the degree of firmness or stickiness.

The mud was the **consistency** of bread dough.

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

## FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

### Winter Clues

Look through the newspaper for ten or more clues that it is winter in your town. Write a paragraph describing the winter holidays in your town. Incorporate words that you found in the newspaper.

**Standards Link:** Writing Applications: Use descriptive language that clarifies and enhances ideas.



### Who delivers Christmas presents to gingerbread men?

**ANSWER:** Crisp Kringle.

## Write On!

### I built my house of ...

Finish this sentence and then write five details about your home.



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