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Graduation excitement



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Barnwell High, Blackville-Hilda High, and Williston-Elko High schools held their 2023 graduation ceremonies on Friday, May 26. CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Colby Baker proudly holds his diploma from Williston-Elko High School; Enrique Fredrick dances across the stage after receiving his diploma at Blackville-Hilda High School; Seneca Baines takes a selfie with Barnwell District 45 Superintendent Dr. Crissie Stapleton while Barnwell High Principal Franklin McCormack smiles in the background. More photos on pages B1-4.

Alma Battle exemplified hope, faith, love, & Blue Devil pride

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Alma Battle wearing blue for her favorite Blue Devils.

Alma Battle was an inspiration to many Williston-Elko students and families over the years. The Barnwell resident dedicated over 30 years to Williston School District 29 (now part of the Barnwell County Consolidated School District) as a secretary, athletic gate keeper, and Save the Children grandmother. The Blue Devil for life passed away on May 21 at the age of 76 following a brave battle with cancer.

"Ms. Battle exemplified hope, faith, loyalty, inclusivity, and pride. She was a dedicated and servant-leader to the Blue Devil family up until the time that God called her home. Although life threw her a curve ball, her faith never wavered, her service to our district was never interrupted, and her smile never turned into a frown. To know her was to know love, joy, service, and happiness," said BCCSD Interim Superintendent Dr. Marcella Shaw.

Ann Widener said Battle was "the face of Williston-Elko" while Vivian Reed Dicks called her "a legend in the Williston community" who was always willing to help.

"The gym, football field, and schools were her life. She was happiest when she was with the children, teachers, and family members. Ms. Battle

"Ms. Alma exemplified hope, faith, loyalty, inclusivity, and pride. To know her was to know love, joy, service, and happiness." -

BCCSD Interim Superintendent Dr. Marcella Shaw

loved unconditionally. She was soft spoken, funny, and full of interesting stories," said friend Vickie Benjamin.

Battle impacted many lives over the years, including hundreds of children.

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Memorial Day: Honoring their sacrifices

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"God bless those who are deployed today in harm's way, providing us the opportunity to enjoy the freedom we enjoy as Americans."

- Lieutenant Colonel Marvin J. Brown



The rainy, weekend weather subsided on Memorial Day as the Marine Corps League, The Barnwell County Leathernecks, held their annual program at Veterans Memorial Park.

Many Barnwell County residents attended the event, and many were adorned in red, white, and blue. All were present to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

After a welcome by Nigel Abner and an opening prayer by Ted Still, cadets from the Barnwell High School JROTC Warhorse Battalion presented the colors while Britney Taylor sang the National Anthem.

The crowd stood for events like the placement of the prisoner of war (POW) - missing in action (MIA) cover, the presentation of service flags, and the playing of "Taps".

A bell was rung for each Barnwell County veteran who passed in the last year. Barnwell County Leathernecks Bud Bazemore and Dennis Garcia read each name and rang the bell, respectively.

JROTC Battalion director LTC Marvin J. Brown started his

speech with kind-hearted jokes relating to each military branch, most of which got a chuckle. After the jokes, LTC Brown told the story of the Battle of Wanat that took place on July 13, 2008 in Afghanistan.

"Around 200 Taliban insurgents attacked American troops

stationed in Quam, in the Waygal district of Afghanistan's far eastern Nuristan province," said LTC Brown.

Nine soldiers were killed in this battle, LTC Brown named and gave honor to each: 1st Lt. Jonathan P. Brostrom, Spc. Sergio Abad, Cpl. Matthew Phillips, Cpl. Jonathan Ayers, Cpl. Jason Bogar, Cpl. Gunnar Zwilling, Cpl. Pruitt Rainey, Cpl. Jason Hovater, and Sgt. Israel Garcia.

"The Taliban encircled the remote base and its observation post, attacking it from Quam and surrounding farmland. They destroyed much of the U.S. troops' heavy munitions, broke through their lines, and entered the main base before being finally repelled by artillery and aircraft. The United States claimed to have killed at least 21 Taliban fighters for nine of its own soldiers killed and 27 wounded, together with four Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers wounded," read LTC Brown.

This position was defended by U.S. Army soldiers with the 2nd Platoon, Chosen Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne), 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team.

LTC Brown told the circumstances of this battle and

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Marion Croft displays the U.S. Merchant Marine flag during the May 29 Memorial Day program in Barnwell.

Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

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Barnwell Pool Supply reopens after 15 years



Everyone who attended the grand opening of Barnwell Pool Supply on May 20 enjoyed hamburgers made with beef from Janrick Farm in Olar. The farm and pool store are owned by Rick and Janet Nash.



Customers browse the selection of pool supplies at Barnwell Pool Supply during the grand opening celebration on May 20.

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A popular Barnwell business has resurfaced after being closed for 15 years. Barnwell Pool Supply opened its doors on April 15. The store sells chemicals and products for pools and hot tubs, but also tests water samples.

"The most enjoyment I get out of it is helping people," said Janet Nash, who owns the business with her husband Rick. The original business was

operated for nearly 30 years by Janet's brother, Terry Brinkley. Janet worked for her brother for 13 years after quitting her job at the Savannah River Site when her two daughters were born. She wanted a job that allowed her to spend time with her children so she didn't have to put them in daycare.

"I raised my girls up in the store," she said.

Ever since the store's closure 15 years ago, Janet and Terry were constantly asked about reopening the business. However, the timing wasn't right at the time. Janet was caring for her aging parents and in-laws while helping run the farm she operates with Rick.

The pleas to reopen the store grew during the COVID pandemic, she said. After the deaths of her parents and in-laws in recent years, Janet strongly thought about reopening the store.



Janet and Rick Nash are the owners of Barnwell Pool Supply. The store reopened in a new location after being closed for 15 years.

"I missed the people," she said.

Though some technology had changed, particularly with the testing machines, Terry told his sister that the basics of the pool business were still the same because "chemistry is chemistry," Janet said.

"The first day it was just like I stepped from 15 years ago to today," she said. She's enjoyed getting back to helping people, such as finding the right combination of chemicals to get a pool ready. "If I let them talk long enough, they will eventually

give me the key to what's going on with their pool," Janet said.

Rick said the water testing machine prints a report so the customer knows what is needed to get the pool in the right condition and can print a shopping list by preferred brand.

In a Facebook review, Mallory Ray praised Barnwell Pool Supply for their service. She said she previously wasted money on test strips and chemicals from big box stores, but never got the right result.

"I took a sample of our pool water to Barnwell Pool Supply and Ms. Janet gave me a printout of what was going on, had the solution in store for way less than what Walmart charges, and the quality is 10 times better! My pool was green just yesterday! I put the chemicals in that she said would work and they did!" said Ray.

The Nashes originally planned to reopen the store

in the original building on Dunbarton Boulevard in 2022, but unexpected circumstances prevented that. They found their new home at 283 Jackson Street, Barnwell, after the closure of Tucker Orthodontics.

At the official grand opening on May 20, Janet and Rick served hamburgers made from beef that came from Janrick Farm, which they started in 2012.

"It was a lot of picking and choosing while trying to get the herd established so we could get consistent quality. We've had a lot of fun," said Janet of the farm.

The couple plans to sell their meats at the Barnwell Farmers Market on the fourth Saturdays. They will blog about their experience, the good and bad, at www.smallfarmexperiences.org.

Barnwell Pool Supply is open Monday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

May Day brings community fun to Williston

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The Williston May Day Festival got the entire community involved with softball games, a dog show, musicians, vendors, and more on May 20.

Chairs were lined in front of the stage for those listening to the many performers. Their music could be heard all throughout the Academy Street field.

The Advanced Material Installation team came out on top for the May Day Softball Tournament and Pawnee won best in show alongside owners Denise and Jimmy Elkins.

Bounce houses were set up for kids to show off their highest jumps and a variety of foods were available to try. The event was held by the Williston Recreation & Activities Committee.



Pawnee, pictured with owners Denise and Jimmy Elkins, took home the prize for Best In Show Dog Parade.



Hula hoops, bouncy houses, and other activities kept children entertained.



The Advanced Material Installation team came out on top of the May Day Softball Tournament.

Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter & Contributed Sources



Live entertainment provided the crowd with music all day.



A variety of vendors sold food and other items.

JROTC cadets attend ball, earn awards

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Barnwell High JROTC
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The Barnwell Army JROTC Warhorse Battalion conducted the 2023 Military Ball at Fort Gordon, Ga., on the evening of April 21.

This event was held to honor, support, and reward the cadets for all of their hard work and efforts throughout the past year. The night included the presentation of the highest awards, food, and dancing. The night was fun all around from the bus ride there to the bus ride back which made everlasting memories in the cadets' eyes.

Cadets were allowed to invite friends to the ball to see the fun and formal skills that JROTC teaches you. The Military Ball is the highlight of the year for most cadets. The event is carefully planned by the battalion's staff and the JROTC instructors.

The food was prepared by Fort Gordon's catering. The cadets would like to thank them for their hard work. The food was buffet style and consisted of a variety of delicious food, desserts, and



King of the Ball Brandon Williams and Queen of the Ball Tameriah Hutto walk beneath sabers provided by the Warhorse Battalion Saber Team.



Cadets and friends enjoy conversation prior to enjoying a magnificent meal.

drinks.

Following dinner, the following awards and

presentations were given:

- JROTC Superior Cadet Award - Edward

Melendez, Timoni

Howell, Jacob Hess, and Tameriah Hutto



Edward Melendez receives the JROTC Superior Cadet Award from LTC (Retired) Marvin Brown.

- JROTC Distinguished Cadet Award - Macey Kennedy
- Appointment and promotion of the 2023-24 Warhorse Battalion Commander - Jacob Hess
- Presentations to Senior Cadets - Brandon Williams and Tameriah Hutto
- Presentation to outgoing Battalion Commander - Tameriah Hutto

The final formal event of the night was the crowning of the Prince, Princess, King, and Queen of the Ball. The following cadets won those

positions by a popular vote of all cadets, respectively - LaMarcus Gill, Timoni Howell, Brandon Williams, Tameriah Hutto.

The newly-crowned royalty kicked off the dancing with the Waltz; the remainder of the cadets quickly joined the Waltz. For the remainder of the night cadets continued to dance and enjoy the music. The dancing continued until it was time for the buses to drive them back to Barnwell.

On the bus, cadets continued to enjoy the night by listening to music and recalling the wonderful time they had.

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Sandlapper League donates \$1,000 to Barnwell library

The Sandlapper League donated \$1,000 and an honorary book to the Barnwell County Public Library. 'An Ordinary Day: Kids with Rare Genetic Conditions' by Karen Haberberg shares insight into the lives of children living with medical conditions and the support their families give them. This book was donated to the library in honor of Dr. Katie Clarkson (left of the inset photo). The monetary donation was raised during the League's annual SPUDS fundraiser. Pictured are members of the Sandlapper League and Amanda Daff, manager of the Barnwell County Public Library.

Seamless Summer Feeding Program

Children still need good food, even when school is out. Just as learning does not end when school is out neither does the need for good nutrition. Barnwell School District 45 and Barnwell County Consolidated School District will sponsor the **Summer Feeding Program serving lunch from 11 am to 12 pm to all children under the age of 18 at no cost.**

Meals will be served **June 5, 2023 – June 29, 2023** for Barnwell County Consolidated District and **June 5, 2023 – July 13, 2023 (closed July 4, 2023)** for Barnwell District 45 at these open sites on a first come first serve basis.

The meals will be grab and go type, children do not have to eat meals on site. If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Zorn at 803- 541-3582.

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MISS JDA (from left to right): 1st Runner-up Macey Respass, Miss JDA Gylan Googe, and 2nd Runner-up Madelyn Respass. Photogenic was Madelyn Respass.



WEE MISS JDA (from left to right): Wee Miss JDA Brittleigh Still, 1st Runner-up Shelby Connelly, and 2nd Runner-up Diane Padgett. Photogenic was Shelby Connelly.



TINY MISS JDA (from left to right): Tiny Miss JDA Paisley Sanders, 1st Runner-up Isla Williams, and 2nd Winner-up Abbi Gray Smith. Photogenic was Isla Williams.



LITTLE MISS (from left to right): Little Miss Brantlee Nix, 1st Runner-Up Eva Bell, and 2nd Runner-up Savannah Carrigg. Photogenic was Brantlee Nix.



JUNIOR MISS (from left to right): Junior Miss Rileigh York, 1st Runner-Up Breland Hay, and 2nd Runner-Up Riley Williams. Photogenic was Breland Hay.



PEOPLE'S CHOICE (from left to right): Lower School winner Abbi Gray Smith and Upper School winner Natalie Black.

BIRTH



William 'Liam' Fredrick Hartzog III was born on May 5, 2023.

William 'Liam' Fredrick Hartzog III

Ricky and Lauren Hartzog of Lexington are proud to announce the birth of their son, William Fredrick Hartzog III (Liam). Liam was born Friday, May 5, 2023, at 5:51 p.m. at Lexington Medical Center. He weighed 4 pounds, 10 ounces and was 17 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Chad and Jill Perry of Barnwell. Paternal grandparents are Freddie and Lisa Hartzog of Barnwell. Paternal great-grandparents are Caleb and Jimmie Lee Hartzog of Bamberg.

BIRTH



Eliza Jane Still was born on May 9, 2023.

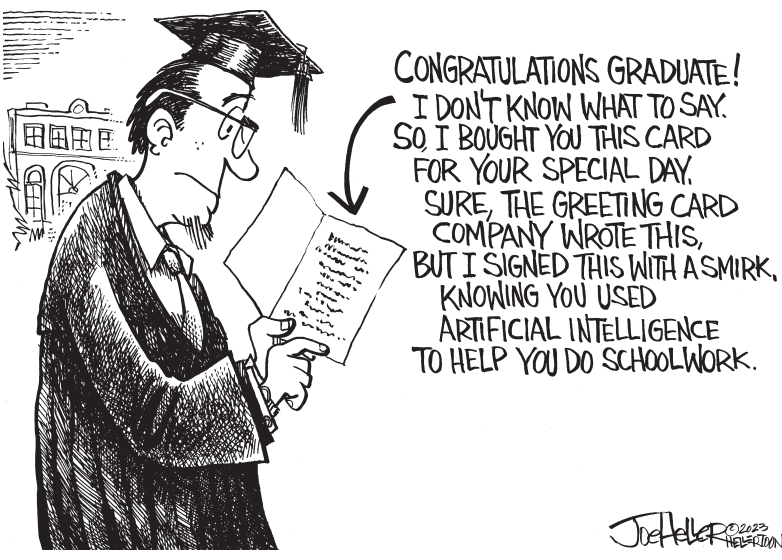
Eliza Jane Still

Wesley and April Still of Barnwell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Eliza Jane Still. She was born May 9, 2023, at 2:48 p.m. at Piedmont Hospital in Augusta, Ga. She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 inches long. She was welcomed home by big sister, Ruth Ann Still. Maternal grandparents are Ricky and Teresa Bowers of Allendale. Paternal grandparents are Timmy and Tammy Still of Barnwell.

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Editorial

Graduates: Big things come from small places

Dear Class of 2023,
 First, we want to congratulate you all on your achievement! From kindergarten through high school, and some through college, you have studied, memorized, calculated, analyzed, and recited. You have been tested (and retested), scored and graded. You also survived the changes and hardships brought on by the impact of the COVID pandemic.
 Now you have reached the end of your high school or college journey.
 Wow. It seems like standing at the edge of a canyon, feeling the wind on your face, and having the urge to fly like the birds around you.
 All along the way, and particularly as you neared graduation day, we're sure you received loads of advice from everyone on how to shape your future.
 This is the moment when you get to spread your wings and fly on your own.
 Some will fly high in the clouds, others skimming along the surface of the earth, but all will move forward. That's life.
 How you shape your life will be your choice. Others will continue to guide you, but the ultimate decision will be your own. Those choices may include work, college, or military. No matter the direction, you will be settling on the path.
 While determining your direction, don't think that being from a small town is a hindrance. Think of it as a good thing.
 Big things can come from small communities.
 Would you rather be a big fish

in a little pond or a little fish in a big pond? Neither choice is right or wrong – it's just a choice that feels right to you.
 Barnwell County can boast of a lot of famous people who made the commitment to put in the hard work and dedication to succeed in their chosen field. James Brown, the Godfather of Soul, was born in Barnwell County. We've also had our fair share of athletes to make it to the NFL.
 Some people aren't famous, but they are making a difference in their community – whether here in Barnwell County or elsewhere. They are giving back.
 Giving back means helping those who helped you get to this point in your life and will continue to carry you in their hearts and prayers.
 It also means helping others whose path is rockier.
 You will have to make the decision whether to remain in the Barnwell County community or wander across the world to find your dreams.
 Whether you move back or just "touch back", we ask that you always extend a helping hand.
 There are those who are touching back to their hometowns, giving of their time and resources to make a difference.
 It doesn't matter if you make minimum wage or a six-figure job. What matters is that you are happy and doing something you love.
 Please share that love where you work, where you live, or where your heart calls home.
 Sincerely,
 The Staff of The People-Sentinel

Mind Matters

Find your purpose in life



Dr. Greg Smith

Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health

Many of my patients have been concerned about money over the last year or two, and for good reason. Jobs have been hard to find, and the price of gasoline, groceries and rent have skyrocketed. Many find themselves worrying about how they will pay for everyday necessities, or come up with the money for gas to run errands or get to appointments. Money, or the lack of it, can become something that fills our waking moments with dread and becomes an obsession.

You might remember that I have recommended podcasts to you in the past and one of those is produced by my friend Jordan Grumet. He was an internal medicine physician for many years, but now has conversations about money, retirement and investing with various guests on his podcast *Earn and Invest*. He was recently the guest of another podcast called *The Investing for Beginners Podcast*, and I thought his take on how to structure our lives had some interesting points that I would share with you this week.

Jordan's father was also a physician and died suddenly at age forty when Jordan was only seven, so his journey to becoming a doctor was fueled by many different feelings and goals. Later in life, he decided that the life he had crafted was not for him, and he changed directions quite dramatically to do what he felt was directed by his passion, not solely by the need to work hard and make more money. One of the first questions he asks is, what things are deeply important to us? Even when we figure that out, which might take us quite some time, we tell ourselves that we must put them off because we don't have time to pursue them, we have no money to put toward them, or "serious people just don't do those things". The things that are important to you might include a well loved hobby, writing or reading books, making more time to nurture important relationships, or doing something that we feel is important enough to change the world. A mistake that we might make, he argues, is to put our financial plan first and foremost, at the expense of those other activities or projects that we believe are truly important, and to delay them sometimes indefinitely.
 How should we approach this, then? Start with the things that truly give our lives meaning, make us passionate and give us a reason to get up each day. Then try to structure our work and financial lives around those things, not the other way around. What has real meaning in your life? How do you find your purpose? One of the things that Jordan did in his medical professional life was

hospice work with patients who were told that they had no more than six months to live. The life review that they did with each dying patient asked questions such as what would I regret if I never got to do it? What are those little whisperings that I have, the callings, clues and tugs toward things and activities and causes that would give my life more meaning? He also said that trying something and having an experience, even if it did not pan out in the long run, was sometimes more important than achieving total success at any one thing.

The thrust of that episode of *The Investing for Beginners Podcast* was that we must figure out what we are passionate about, then find out how to work that into our everyday lives. Money is a tool that most of us need to take care of our basic necessities, but there are other tools as well. We may be able to come up with alternative income streams, transitions from a five day per week nine to five job that we really do not like to a different work schedule that involves other part time work, or a completely different direction as my friend Jordan decided to take. The goal here should be not to work as hard as humanly possible just to amass more money or prestige or status, but to find more total days of joy! If you can monetize

the activities that are pleasurable for you and give you joy, all the better. I have had many patients over the past three years who have learned to provide transportation for others, turn a crafting obsession into a holiday side business, or opened a thriving flea market stall to buy and sell interesting wares. Some have left jobs they found dull and boring, have gone back to school, or simply applied for and been hired to do completely different jobs than they did before. They have learned to make money a tool, not a goal.

As Jordan put it, having money solves money problems, and that is good and necessary. However, living a purposeful life, one that is driven by passions, noble goals and worthwhile causes is a wonderful thing to shoot for, even in troubled financial times. As his hospice patients taught him, very few people said on their deathbeds that they wished they had spent more time working or making money. Almost all of them said that they realized that time was limited, was something that could not be controlled, and that could not be bought or sold.

No matter how much or how little money you have in your life, you will always, at the end of your life, want more time. Use what you have wisely, and make the most of it while you can.

Homemaker's Column

Handwashing—it makes a difference



Christine Patrick

County Extension Agent

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Washing hands with soap and clean, warm, running water for 20 seconds is the best way. However, if soap and clean water are not available, use an alcohol-based product to clean your hands.

How to Wash Your Hands with Soap and Water:

- Wet your hands with clean, warm, running water and apply soap
- Rub hands together to make a lather and scrub all surfaces
- Continue rubbing hand for 20 seconds, the time it takes to sing Happy Birthday twice
- Rinse hands well under running water
- Dry your hands using a paper towel or air dryer
- Use your paper towel to turn off the faucet

How to Clean Hands Using an Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer:

- Use a sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol to be effective. Warning: For external use only. Supervise use by children
- Apply sanitizer to the palm of your hand
- Rub the product over all surfaces of hands and fingers until hands are dry

When Should Hands Be Washed?

- Whenever they look dirty
- Before and after preparing and eating food, especially before handling ready-to-eat foods and before and after handling raw meat, poultry, or seafood
- After going to the bathroom and after changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has gone to the bathroom
- Before and after tending to someone who is sick or being near someone who is sick
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After handling an animal or animal waste
- After handling garbage
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After touching handrails, doorknobs, telephones, and other public surfaces

Other ways to Avoid Spreading Germs:

- Do not cough or sneeze into your hands
- Do not put your fingers into your eyes, nose, or mouth

For more information on keeping hands and foods safe, check out fact sheets #3500, *Basics of Safe Food Handling* & #4360, *Handwashing- It Makes a Difference!* on the Home and Garden Information Center webpage at <http://hgic.clemson.edu>. For ideas on teaching children about keeping hands clean to avoid germs, see HGIC 3607, *Teaching Children About Food Safety*.

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County recognizes Clerk of Court

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Barnwell County Council's May 9 meeting began with Chairman Jerry Creech acknowledging Barnwell County Clerk of Court Rhonda McElveen for her appointment as president of S.C. Association of Clerks of Court & Register of Deeds (SCCROD).

"Thank you for all you do to make Barnwell County a better place," said Chairman Creech. "A lot of times you don't get credit but I'm thanking you from the council tonight for all you do."

Clerks of court serve the community and provide assistance in judicial matters. This is only a brief definition of the duties these elected officials carry. McElveen was not only recognized for all she does in her position, but for going above and beyond for Barnwell County.

Dorchester County Register of Deeds Margaret Bailey was elected to serve as 2023-2024 officer alongside McElveen as vice president. Pickens County Clerk of Court Pat Welborn was elected as treasurer/secretary.

SCCROD exists to facilitate networking among clerks of court and registers of deeds and partner with organizations like the S.C.

Association of Counties and S.C. Municipal Association to provide judicial resources and more.

SCCROD held their spring conference in Myrtle Beach in early May where Barnwell County hosted the event.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/ NOMINATIONS

Five people were nominated for the recently created ad-hoc housing committee:

- Will Kearshe was nominated by Councilman Freddie Houston.
- Roland Brant was nominated by Councilman Don Harper.
- Ron Still was nominated by Councilman Daniel Alexander.
- Don Alexander was nominated by Councilman Harold Buckmon.
- Angela Cotton was nominated by Chairman Creech.

A unanimous vote approved Fonda Patrick to the original housing committee in district five. Representing district four, Andy Weeks was reappointed to the transportation committee and Emily Williams was nominated for the library board. Toby Singletary was reappointed to the Economic Development Commission (EDC) by Chairman Creech to serve at-large.

Toni Hutchins asked the council to fill seats on the Barnwell County Animal Shelter (BCAS) board where she serves as chair. Between the two vacancies currently on the board in districts three and six, and the other commitments of remaining board members, Hutchins is having trouble holding a quorum. After her request, Hutchins was asked to send the name of anyone she had in mind to serve to Administrator Tim Bennett.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Councilman Alexander briefed the council on the finance committee meeting held earlier that day. The committee heard 2023-24 budget presentations from the Barnwell County



Clerk of Court Rhonda McElveen shared a laugh with Councilman Jerry Creech as she is recognized.

council to fill seats on the Sheriff's Office (BCSO) including the detention center, patrol unit, victim's advocate, and E-911. Solid waste manager Frank Williams also presented a budget for the Barnwell County Landfill. A workshop was scheduled for council members to make final decisions on department and county budgets.

The second reading of the proposed budget was approved. A third reading of the budget will be held at the council's June meeting. *The People-Sentinel* will be publishing a full story on county budgets in an upcoming edition.

updated the council on a recent trip the service's committee took to the Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority (TRSWA) Regional Landfill. Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority is a "regional solid waste management agency to promote good environmental stewardship, fiscal responsibility, local government problem solving, and regional cooperation," states their website.

"We had an opportunity to look at the landfill site in depth to see how things would be done, the kind of equipment they are using," said Councilman Houston. This visit allowed Councilman Houston to explore equipment that might be beneficial at the Barnwell County Landfill. "Pieces of equipment will need to be purchased if the county is going to continue to run the landfill," said Councilman Houston. Equipment needed includes a trackhoe, backhoe, and compactor. Councilman Houston asked council members to take this into account when discussing the budget. Councilman Houston also brought a request by the City of Barnwell to the council's attention. The City of Barnwell requested the fee be waived for disposing of the debris from phase one of the firehouse demolition. "We would recommend

to council that on the first phase, which would be site prep work, that we allow them to take it to the landfill at no cost," said Councilman Houston.

The City of Barnwell recently announced they will be rebuilding the firehouse with funds allocated from the county's Department of Energy settlement. Phase one includes site preparation such as removing trees and other natural debris to prepare the land for the new build.

A feasible price will be determined for phases two and three of the firehouse reconstruction when disposing of concrete, brick, and other materials.

Councilman Houston made a motion which was unanimously approved.

Councilman David Kenner asked council to consider earmarking money in the upcoming budget for transportation projects as well. This request came before the county approved an amendment to Ordinance 1993-68 which "ensures that as one dirt road is accepted into the maintenance service list and is paved, that another like road moves into position for acceptance and maintenance and paving."

The aforementioned dirt road must meet the criteria set for paving a road, or be prepared to meet the criteria.

Barnwell County Arrest Reports

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

Terry Lynn Chavis Jr., 24, of 99 Canary Road, Barnwell, was arrested on May 27, 2023 by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) for Possession of Heroin. Chavis was booked and released to the

Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).

Christopher Michael Corbitt, 50, of 160 Kingland Drive, Springfield, was arrested on May 25, 2023 by BCSO for Trafficking Cocaine. Corbitt was booked and released to BCDC.

David Joseph Debruhl, 40, of 1740 South Boundary Street, Fairfax, was arrested on May 22, 2023 by BCSO for Failure to Appear.

Debruhl was booked and released to BCDC.

Brashawn ONeal Green, 30, of 718 Tabernacle Road, Salley, was arrested on May 23, 2023 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Green was booked and released to BCDC.

Troy Andre Johnson, 39, of 1573 Pinewood Road, Sumter, was arrested on May 26, 2023 by BCSO for Prisoner in Possession/Furnish Contraband. Johnson

was booked and released to BCDC.

Carolyn Alicia Levine, 47, of 132 Cherry Street, Barnwell, was arrested on May 28, 2023 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Levine was booked and released to BCDC.

Rubert Dakota Padgett, 31, of 99 Canary Road, Barnwell, was arrested on May 27, 2023 by BCSO for Distribution of Marijuana. Padgett was booked and

released to BCDC.

Tamala Ann Ray, 52, of 2444 Galilee Road, Barnwell, was arrested on May 25, 2023 by BCSO for Illegal Possession of an Opioid Drug. Ray was booked and released to BCDC.

Jamirre Daron Singleton, 30, of 127 Sutton Road, Norway, was arrested on May 27, 2023 by BCSO for Criminal Domestic Violence. Singleton was booked and released to BCDC.

S.C. Dept. of Archives and History receives Underrepresented Community Grant

The South Carolina Department of Archives and History (SCDAH) has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the National Park Service's Underrepresented Community Grant Program (URC) to increase the number of National Register of Historic Places listings for properties significant in African American history. The URC grant program funds projects to include surveys and inventories of historic properties associated with communities underrepresented in the National Register, as well as the development of nominations to the National Register for specific sites.

The National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) is the list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation. It is maintained by the National Park Service (NPS) and administered in partnership with state

historic preservation offices in each state. South Carolina has over 1,600 listings in the National Register, including nearly 200 historic districts, with new listings added every year. Often National Register nominations bring recognition of the importance of sites to the local community, helping to build support for their preservation. The successful nominations in communities with few prior listings can inspire and encourage others to pursue National Register nominations.

The URC grant funding will allow SCDAH to hire consultants to prepare National Register nominations for up to seven (7) properties with significance in African American history. The agency's goal is to increase the number of listings in areas of South Carolina where African American history is underrepresented

in the National Register by focusing on rural communities and counties with two or fewer such listings.

Currently agency staff are working with representatives of the Maude Callen Clinic in Berkeley County and the Pleasant Grove School in Clarendon County to prepare nomination applications. Completed National Register nomination packages will be presented to the South Carolina Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places later this year. The agency also is working with the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission (SCAAHC) to identify properties with significance in African American history.

"While South Carolina already has over 200 properties with significance in African American history

listed in the National Register either as part of a district or as individual nominations, many of those are concentrated in a few areas like Richland, Charleston, Beaufort, Orangeburg and Georgetown counties. Our goal with this grant is to increase the number of listings in areas of the state where this history is not as well represented in the National Register," said

Elizabeth Johnson, deputy State Historic Preservation Officer.

The South Carolina Department of Archives and History is an independent state agency whose mission is to preserve and promote the documentary and cultural heritage of the Palmetto State. The department houses one of the most comprehensive state archival collections in the nation, spanning 350 years of South Carolina History.

Notice

Holly Hill Complex at Cribb Street, Holly Hill, SC

North Complex at Palmetto Ave., North, SC

Allendale Complex at Bluff Road, Allendale, SC

Blackville Complex at Hampton Ave., Blackville, SC

Branchville Villa complex at Branchville Lane, Branchville, SC

Denmark Gardens Complex at Mimosa Avenue, Denmark, SC

Fairfax Boundary Complex at Boundary Street, Fairfax, SC

Williston West Main Complex at West Main Street, Williston, SC

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Notice of Public Budget Meeting Barnwell County Consolidated School District

June 12, 2023
5:30 p.m. Public Hearing
Board Meeting to Follow
Blackville-Hilda District Auditorium

The district's proposed operating budget for FY 2023-24 will be submitted for approval.

	Budgeted FY 2023	Proposed FY 2024	Change
Total Revenue	\$ 14,477,380	\$ 16,644,392	14.96%
Total Expenditure	\$ 14,274,761	\$ 14,477,380	14.96%
Operation Millage	197.4	213.1	15.7 Mills
Debt Service Millage	35.0	35.0	0.00 Mills
Total Mills	232.4	248.1	15.7 Mills

The Budget is subject to change based on updated projections and action of the Board.

For additional information contact:
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Barnwell County Consolidated School District
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BARNWELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that Barnwell County, SC Council will hold a public hearing on the County General Fund Budget for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year on June 13, 2023 at 6 p.m., in the County Council Chambers located at 54 Irving Street, Barnwell, South Carolina 29812.

Current Fiscal Year Revenue	Projected Revenue 2023-24	Percentage Change in Revenue	Current Millage
\$20,105,490	\$21,997,105	9.4%	153.5 – Operations Countywide 24 – Career Center Countywide 11.7 – Debt Service Countywide 11 – Rural Fire Protection 4 – Rural Public Safety

Current Fiscal Year Expenditures	Projected Expenditures 2023-24	Percentage Change in Expenditures	Est. Millage Needed For FY23-24
\$20,105,490	\$21,997,105	9.4%	165.8 – Operations Countywide 24 – Career Center Countywide 11.4 – Debt Service Countywide 11 – Rural Fire Protection 4 – Rural Public Safety

165.8 Operations countywide mills are forecast to produce \$10,022,464.
24 Career Center countywide mills are forecast to produce \$1,450,954.
11.4 Debt Service countywide mills are forecast to produce \$689,203.
11 Rural Fire Protection mills are forecast to produce \$420,037.
4 Rural Public Safety mills are forecast to produce \$152,741.



O'Neal Richardson

ating. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Friday.

Born in Barnwell County, he was a son of the late Jacob O'Dell Richardson and Frankie Sapp Richardson. Neal proudly served his country in the U.S. Army as a helicopter pilot, was a self-employed mechanic, and was a member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Neal loved to sing karaoke especially gospel music. He loved his fur babies Yodi and L.D.

Survivors include his two sons, Bryan and James Rich-

ardson; a brother, Jimmy (Cheryl) Richardson; a sister, Jane Richardson; his special companion Virginia Nettles and his sister-in-law, Willie Richardson.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Jerry M. Richardson; and a nephew, Jerry Ronald Richardson.

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

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Francis Flynn

mother passed away and his father left him and his brother, A.W. "Bebo" Flynn, alone in Williston. Thanks to the generosity and loving support of the Garber family, the Schmidt family, the W.B. Powell family, and Mrs. Daisy Willis, Francis was able to remain at home in Williston. A special person in his life was Mr. Joe Kelly, without whose help Francis never would have completed high school.

Francis graduated from Williston-Elko High School in 1955. He immediately joined the U.S. Air Force. After twenty-four years of stellar active service in the U.S. Air Force and two years in the S.C. National Guard he was honorably retired from military service. As a combat veteran with three tours of duty in the republic of Vietnam and in the service of his country Francis received numerous awards and decorations. He was an instructor at the U.S. Air Force School of Applied Aerospace Sciences, the Air University, and the Senior Non-Commissioned Officers Academy. During his time in the service of his country he was the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of the U.S. Air Force Dog Demonstration Team. Francis retired as a Master Instructor from the U.S. Air Force.

Francis was also a civic minded individual and after returning to his hometown

after retirement, he served on the Town of Williston Board of Zoning and Appeals and Development Board. He was chairman of the Wonderful Williston Weekend celebration on four separate occasions and directly responsible for the Turn of Century Celebration for the Town of Williston. Francis was the representative for the town of Williston to the Barnwell County Chamber of Commerce.

One of his proudest achievements was serving as chairman for the Hooked-on-Fishing Not on Drugs annual event, along with the support of his Chem-Nuclear Family, his good friends Ed Boyles, Jimmy Still and the Direct support of Sergeant Gerald Moore South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.

Francis is survived by his loving wife, Laura, of the home; three sons, Daniel (Judy), Michel (Kelley) and Wendell (Cathy); his five girls, Laura Jean (John) Irene, Sheryl Ann, Corinne (Joe) and Donna (Dan); seventeen grandchildren; fifty-seven great- and great-great-grandchildren at last count and a sister-in-law, Shirley Flynn.

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Frederick Lewis Hill

Frederick Lewis Hill, 71, passed away on May 23rd, 2023. He was born on November 2nd, 1951 in Barnwell to the late Allen Hill and Iola Grubbs.

He is survived by two cousins, David Williams and

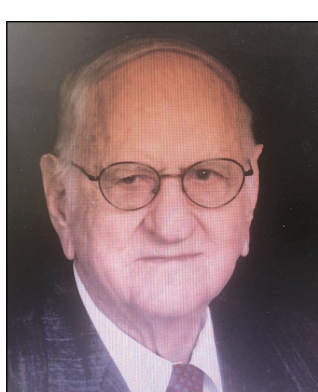
Mary Williams, as well as close family friend Wanda Bragg and her children.

A graveside service was held Sunday, May 28th, 2023 at 3 p.m. at Long Branch Baptist Church Cemetery with Pastor Bert Baynham

officiating.

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

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Chester Manning Kearse Sr.

hostilities with the Japanese Empire, Chester attended Clemson College studying pre-forestry under Dr. Lehotsky with eventual transfer to the University of Georgia where he graduated with a B.S. in Forest Management. After graduation, Chester worked for the S.C. Forestry Commission as a management forester in the Camden District. He was the 100th Registered Forester in the state of SC holding license #100 throughout his long career.

In June of 1955, Chester married Ethel Amelia Loadholt of Allendale County and soon thereafter joined his brother Harold in the family hardwood veneer business known as Kearse Manufacturing Company. Over the next 40 years he supervised hardwood timber procurement, logging operations, and forestland management.

Chester was active in the Society of American Foresters at the chapter level and attended numerous national conventions. He was a former councilman of St. Nicholas Lutheran Church and served on various church committees throughout the years.

Chester was predeceased by his wife, Ethel Loadholt Kearse; son, Jonathan D. Kearse Sr.; stepson, Richard Kearse; grandson, Jonathan Kearse Jr.; and granddaugh-

ter, Shellie Kearse Barker (Jake). He is survived by his wife, June McMillan Kearse; son, Chester Kearse Jr. (Tracey); stepdaughter, Cindy Segars (Tim); grandson, William M. Kearse; step-grandchildren, Richard S. Kearse (Laura), William S. Kearse (Ashleigh), Lauren S. McGuinn (Derek), Allison B. Penick (Rayce), Kinsey Bird; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 31st at St. Nicholas Lutheran Church in the Jenny's community of Allendale County. The Reverend Miho Yasukawa and the Reverend Gary Loadholt officiating.

Honorary pall bearers are Charles Cox, Coleman Loadholt, Ernest Loadholt, Jimmy Main, Raymond Main, COL Wilbur Milhous (ret.), and Tim Segars.

Pall bearers are Jake Barker, Cody Gettridge, Marc Loadholt Jr., Vance Miller Loadholt, Rayce Penick, and Jason Zettler.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Nicholas Lutheran Church at PO Box 68, Fairfax, S.C. 29827.

Keith Smith Funeral Service, 128 Water Street, Allendale (803-584-2492). Sign the online guestbook at keithsmithfuneralservice.com.

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John Heyward Still

over thirty years He retired from Bechtel at Savannah River Site as a surveyor. He served in the Army National Guard and was a member of Harmony Lodge 17 of Barnwell. He was the oldest and longest serving member at Friendship Baptist Church. He loved gardening, working in his yard, hunting, fishing, and studying the Bible. He was a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, and will be missed by many.

Survivors include two sons, Danny Still of Isola, MS; Mike (Val) Still of Augusta, GA; daughter, Beverly (Sandy) Nettles of Williston, S.C.; one sister, Peggy Jackson of Hendersonville, N.C.; nine grandchildren, Brent (Sasha) Still of Clinton, MS; Erik (Courtney) Still of Barnwell, S.C.; Kellee (Ryan) Burke of Big Pine Key, FL, Beth (Tony) Faulkner of N. Augusta, S.C.; Patti Still of Homestead, FL; Matthew (Lacey) Bradham of Aiken,

S.C.; Michael (Mandy) Bradham of Aiken, S.C.; Patrick (Kandice) Nettles of Bamberg, S.C., and Ross (Lindsey) Nettles of Bamwell, S.C.; nineteen great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his wife, Geneva Hayes Still; two sisters, Myrl Still and Christobel Ayer; two brothers, Tom Still and Marion Still; one great-grandson, Jaden Pierce.

The family would like to thank Remain At Home and longtime caregiver, Emma Brown.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Gideons International, P.O. Box 97251, Washington, D.C. 20090-7251 and Connie Maxwell Children's Home, P.O. Box 1178, Greenwood, S.C. 29648.

The family has entrusted Dyches Funeral Home and Crematory with arrangements.

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Sudoku & Crossword Puzzle Solutions from PAGE 7B

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Music and art flow through Blackville



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The twelfth annual Blackville Music & Arts Festival showcased talent from near and far. Dancers, singers, and performers came together to entertain crowds perusing vendor booths and food trucks. Musicians such as Ed Lemon and The Get Rights, Meme Yahsal, Marcus Allen, and Terence Young performed on both Friday evening and throughout the day on Saturday, May 19-20.

Students from Macedonia Elementary-Middle School and Blackville-Hilda High School created Rangoli art at the corner of Walker Street and Main Street. The India-originated art form arranges powdered materials with vibrant colors into a detailed design.

The festival also brought the fun of the fair with games and rides for children to enjoy.

Photos by: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter



REMEMBER: Barnwell County remembers fallen heroes

FROM PAGE 1A



Britney Taylor sings the "National Anthem" while Barnwell JROTC cadets present the colors.

how it personally affected him during his time in service.

"This battle is significant to me because I was serving in Afghanistan at Logar airbase when the battle took place, and at the time had the unfortunate distinction of having the largest number of service members killed in one battle in Afghanistan," said LTC Brown.

He remembers standing alongside the road saluting



Barnwell High JROTC Battalion director LTC Marvin J. Brown was the guest speaker.

alongside other service members as their caskets were transported to travel back to the U.S.

LTC Brown explains this scene is "forever etched in my memory."

"Those of you who have served know that there are not instances of heroism everyday when you serve, but at times there are some selfless acts of bravery and valor that must be noticed and celebrated," he said.



S.C. Rep Lonnie Hosey (center) and other attendees of the May 29 Memorial Day program observe the singing of the National Anthem.



Veteran Otis Frazier holds the U.S. Navy flag.



Barnwell County Sheriff Steve Griffith, who is a veteran, salutes during the ceremony.

Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

LTC Brown also recognized Gold Star families – individuals or families who have lost a loved one in the Iraq War. "There are no words that will do justice for how

you are feeling today, but please know that we are here to honor the ultimate sacrifice of your loved one," said LTC Brown. "Please know that they are never forgotten."

LTC Brown urged veterans in the crowd to reach out to the Barnwell County Veterans Affairs office if they need anything from healthcare questions to emotional support.

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Community invited to gun violence walk on June 3

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77-year-old Henrietta Creech in November 2020.

walk is to show unity within the Barnwell community and embrace families impacted by gun violence.

The second annual Gun Violence Walk held by Henrietta's Heart Foundation will be held at Veterans Memorial Park in Barnwell on Saturday, June 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

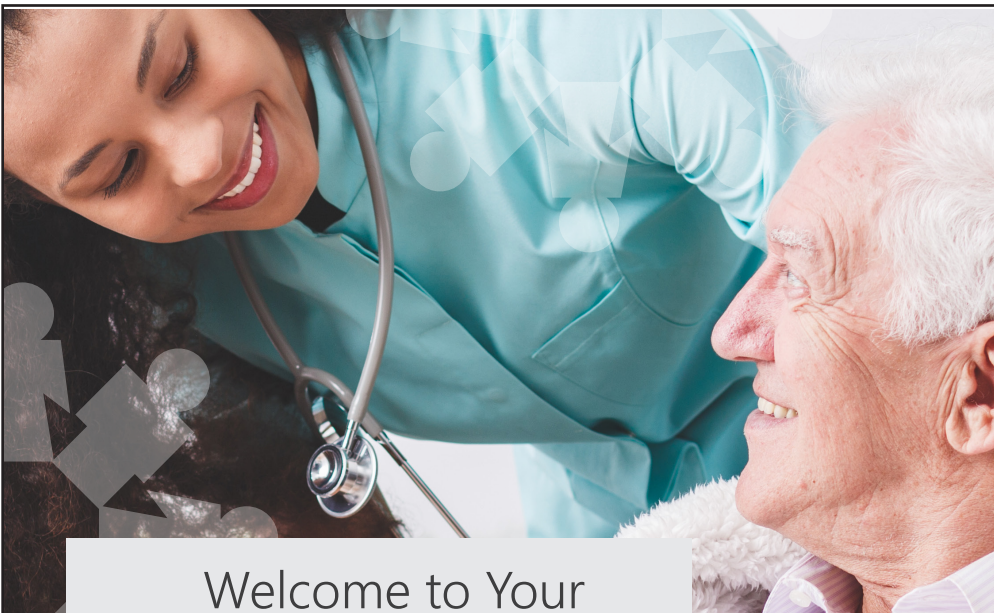
"This organization's mission is to spread awareness on how senseless acts of gun violence affects families, and the communities in which we live," states a media statement from Henrietta's Heart Foundation. "Henrietta's Heart cries out to individuals to put the guns down, there is a better way of life."

Parented with the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office, this event will also have speakers, vendors, and a balloon release under the theme, 'How many more?'

Henrietta's Heart Foundation was founded by April Robinson in 2021 after the shooting and death of

The goal of this awareness

Organizers ask those in attendance to wear orange, the color nationally associated with gun violence prevention, to honor victims and survivors.



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ALMA: Long-time Blue Devil was a 'grandmother' to many, friend to all

FROM PAGE 1A

"Ms. Alma Battle was grandma to hundreds, if not thousands, of Blue Devil babies through the years. She always had a smile, kind word, and smile for everyone," said Adadra Neville, a teacher who grew up in Williston. Jenna LeRoy said Battle always supported her and her brother. They could sit and talk for hours.

"Ms. Battle always hugged me and took the time to catch up with me wherever she saw me. She was a part of my childhood and my school years and stayed in touch with so many and did so much for others. In our last conversation, she said she was tired and going home to rest. She had been doing for others that day. I'm blessed for having known Mrs. Battle. She showed me unconditional love and for that I'm thankful," said Jean Still Thomas.

Steven Brown, founder of the Dreams, Imagination, and Gift (DIG) Development Program, will miss Battle's "constant inspirational and encouraging phone calls and voicemails." Though DIG won't be the same without her face to greet everyone, "your hard work, love, and dedication for your community will live in us all," Brown said.

Barnwell Mayor Marcus Rivera, said Battle, who he called My Lady in Blue, was the "epitome of community, family, accountability, and faith."



Alma Battle (right) dances at a Williston-Elko school event as her friend, Vickie Benjamin, watches. Battle was a source of inspiration to many. Her jokes and dance moves were part of that.

Contributed Photo

When he called a few weeks ago to check on her and encourage her, she was the one who ended up encouraging him. That's who she was.

"Ms. Battle never met a stranger. She was the same wonderful person with everyone. Every greeting came with a hug," said retired Williston teacher

Sheila Lewis.

Danyale Smith said Battle always brightened her day with jokes and dances.

"When your life touches the lives of many, your death touches the lives of many. This speaks well of you my friend Alma Battle," said Vanessa Stroman.

Faith was a major part of Battle's life. Though her health issues caused uncertainty, she wrote in a December 2021 Facebook post that God "let me know that He was in control of everything, and He never left me. He put me back on His journey He had me on. God is my Father and everything! I thank Him for allowing me more time on this earth to carry out His work."

Benjamin said Battle's illness never stopped her or took her light away. That light remains in the hearts and minds of Benjamin and all others who loved Battle.

"Alma Battle was joyful in all circumstances. She was the first on the dance floor and the life of the party. In quiet moments with friends, she was quick with an encouraging and positive word. Even as she faced ever-increasing health challenges, she remained a shining example of hope to all who knew her. She was a Blue Devil through and through. Decades worth of students and families here mourn the loss of that bright light in our community," said

Nakeisha Baxley, BCCSD's federal and state programs coordinator.

"I have no doubt that when Ms. Battle saw the pearly gates of heaven, she took off running

through them shouting 'Hallelujah!'" said Mary Ann Walkup.

Though she is missed by her friends and family, they know she's now dancing among the angels.

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5:20 PM - 7:00 PM

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Barnwell High sends off 133 Warhorse alumni

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place where they withstood the hardships of COVID.

"Not it's time for a new journey away from home. It's a journey that's more individualized and personal, one you designed yourself," said Barker.

That new journey will send the Class of 2023 separate directions - to the military, workforce, or higher education. To those headed to college, Barker thanked her classmates for their determination and ambition. To those headed to the workforce, she thanked them for their dedication and hard work. To those joining the military, she thanked them for their bravery.

"Change is scary. You will no longer take the same classes, see the same faces, and be at the same places. Whatever you choose to do with your life, make sure you love it. We all have different

skills and strengths, so utilize it to the best of your ability," Barker said.

As they pursue their dreams, Barker said they will encounter obstacles that will push them to their limits and make them want to give up. However, persevering through those obstacles will "make the reward that much more satisfying."

Salutatorian Holly Thomas discussed how she aimed to be number one in her class. She was motivated by the motto "If you're not first, you're last" from the movie *Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby*.

"According to these standards of greatness, I am last," said Thomas of coming in second.

Quoting lyrics by The Rolling Stones, she said, "You can't always get what you want."

"Things don't always end

up like you wanted, but you always get something to work with, improve upon," she said. Her race will continue with eight more years of medical school.

Principal McCormack thanked the faculty and staff for the "lifelong impact you've had on our students' past, present, and future."

"I pray we will be able to use this knowledge to go out and bless the world," said BHS Class of 2023 President Katilyn Elmore during the invocation.

During the benediction, third honor graduate Hayden Horton encouraged classmates to "use this knowledge to know what is right and

wrong" and to "use our gifts wisely and in service to the Lord." This includes helping others.

After singing the alma mater, the Class of 2023 threw their caps into the air and released confetti as family and friends cheered from the stands.

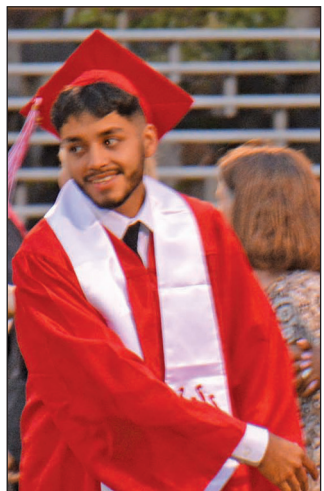
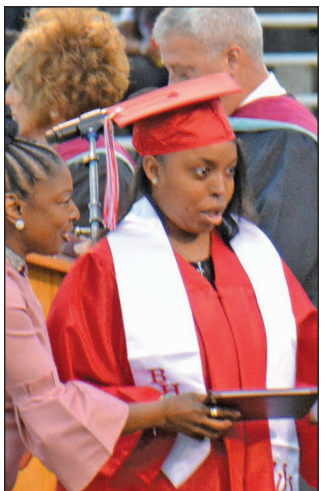
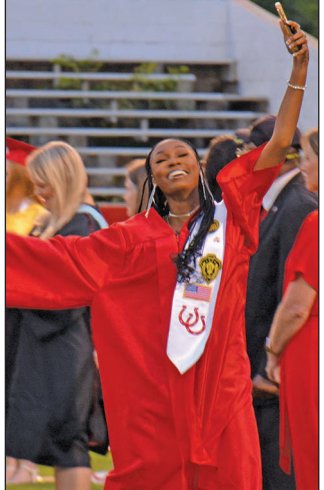
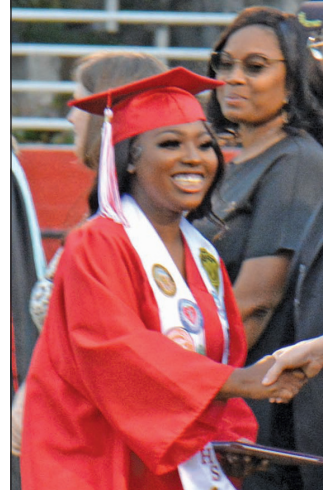
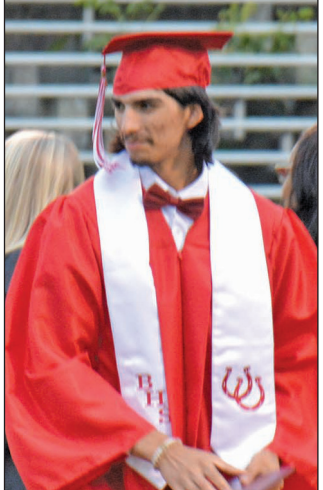
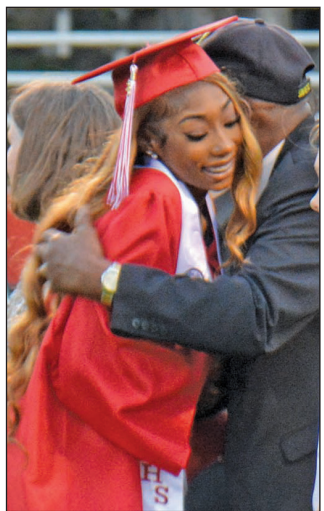
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Barnwell High School has 133 new alumni after the Class of 2023 galloped away.

The Warhorse Class of 2023 took to W.W. Carter Field on Friday evening, May 26, for their commencement ceremony. The class earned an estimated \$3,419,527 in scholarships.

"Thank you for your hard work. Each one of you have made us all very proud," said Principal Franklin McCormack.

Valedictorian Reid Barker reflected on their past four years at 474 Jackson Street, a place that's been a second home for the students. It's a place they learned together. It's a place where their class won three pep rallies. It's a



37 Hawks soar from Blackville-Hilda High



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gymnasium.

The Class of 2023 started high school amidst a global pandemic which stripped away their ability to make in-person, in-school memories. Nevertheless, they persisted in their studies with the determination to one day wear a cap and gown.

"Graduating high school is no small accomplishment, especially considering we started our 9th grade year in a global pandemic," said Valedictorian Terrina DaLesha Arjun. "I can say with confidence that your success is well deserved, and I wish you guys the best luck in life with whatever you would like to do after high school."

Arjun expressed her gratitude for the teachers and faculty who kept students on track during tumultuous times and thanked her classmates for still creating memories regardless of distance. She also thanked her family for their constant support.

"I want to say thank y'all for loving me how y'all do. Not only do I do everything for myself, I do it for y'all too," said

Arjun. "Everyday y'all remind me that I can do whatever I put my mind to and if it doesn't work today, then I need to get back up and try again tomorrow."

Arjun is headed to the University of S.C. Upstate to study nursing. Due to her hard work, Arjun was awarded scholarships from Chem-Nuclear, the Denmark Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. May Week Scholarship, and the Phyllis Sean Memorial Scholarship.

Tia Wright-Richards, vice president for academic affairs at Denmark Technical College, was the event's speaker. Richards shared words of wisdom with students to carry with them through further academic studies or joining the workforce.

Salutatorian Jakori Mason Williams started his speech off with sincerity and laughter: "Who would think that the little boy who got expelled out of pre-K and suspended almost every other week would be up here reading the salutatorian speech. Trust me, I know I wouldn't. I would think that he would be some-

where probably at the bottom or nowhere at all. But look at God, I made it."

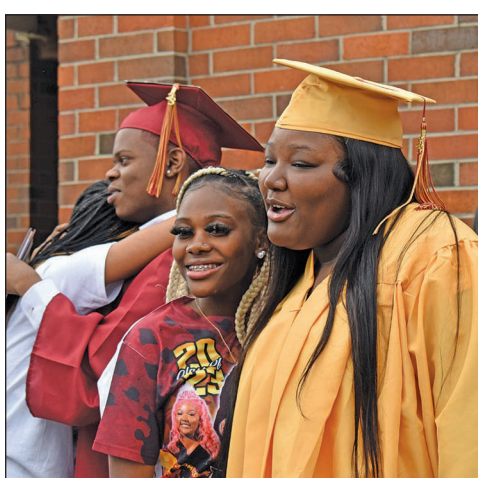
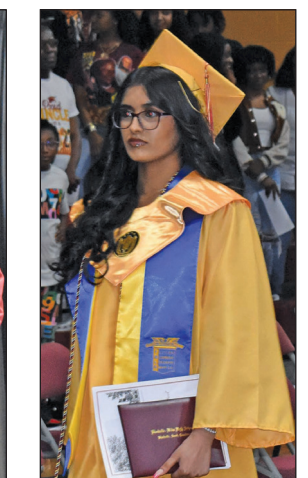
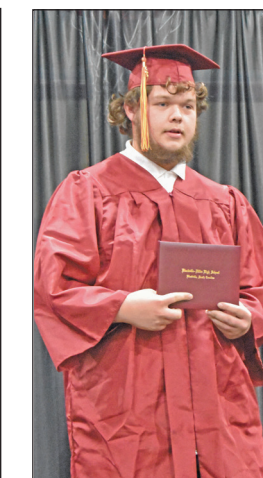
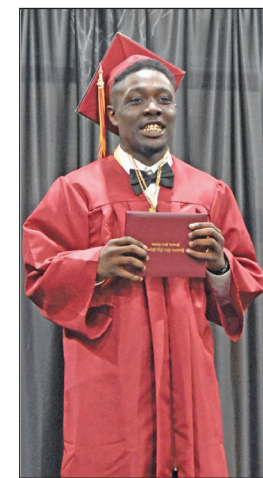
Williams thanked his family members for their continued support and a few special educators and administrators throughout his academic career such as Macedonia Elementary-Middle School Principal Eryl Smalls.

"I would like to take a moment to thank him for his support, encouragement, and seeing the gift in me when no one else did," said Williams.

In the fall, Williams will be studying pharmaceutical science at the University of S.C. Columbia. Williams' dedication and perseverance was recognized with scholarships from the Big 7 Association Meeting Street, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

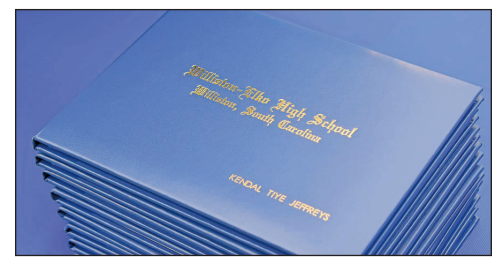
Thirty-seven graduates said goodbye to their school for the last time as students. With tears, hugs, and laughter, they walked out of the doors of BHHS off to their futures.

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54 Blue Devils graduate from Williston-Elko



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The topic of “change” was brought up multiple times as Williston-Elko High School sent the Class of 2023 on its way.

Commencement ceremonies were held Friday, May 26 on the football field. Family, friends, and educators watched as the 54 graduates accepted their diplomas.

“To the graduating class, I want to commend you on your dedication, your perseverance, and your hard work. You have faced numerous challenges, and yet you have come out on the other side stronger and more resilient. You have shown that you are capable of achieving great things,” said Principal Tony Flowers.

He shared some of the highlights from this year’s class which earned \$959,000 in scholarships so far. The WEHS Class of 2023 also has two members selected as

S.C. Teaching Fellows, seven receive associate degrees from Denmark Technical College, and 41 earn S.C. Seals of Distinction in the areas of Career, College, Honors, or Specialization.

“As a small-town high school, we have always placed a great emphasis on community, on cultivating relationships, and on making each scholar feel valued. I am proud to say that this sense of community is what makes our school so special. Whether it’s the teachers who go above and beyond to support their scholars, the staff who keep our school running smoothly, or the countless volunteers and parents who give their time and energy to make our events a success, it is this spirit of collaboration that makes our school such a unique and special place,” said Flowers.

Valedictorian Kaitlyn Simmons, salutatorian Gabriel Hosey, and class speaker Cadence Brown each used their speeches to reflect on high school while offering their classmates advice for the future.

“We made it to an end, but we have also made it to our very own new beginning,” said Hosey. “Life is going to hit us with all kinds of responsibilities. We have to get back up and fight to stay alive. I hope and I pray that we all will take risks, fail and try again, make mistakes, persevere, plan ahead, have fun and most of all suc-

ceed. And always remember to keep God first.”

Since the summer before 10th grade, Simmons said she’s worked tirelessly to become the best version of herself. Though this led to lost sleep, friends, hair, weight, loved ones, and time, she said that mindset paid off.

“I am blessed to call each and every one of you my classmate and words cannot express how proud I am of all of you. To my classmates who are parents, you are doing a good job. To my classmates who were told they wouldn’t make it here, you are here. To my classmates who felt like giving up, you didn’t let depression win and to my classmates who are the backbone of their families, you are stronger than you think,” said Simmons.

She left her classmates with three key things to remember as they go their separate ways. This includes setting big goals, being satisfied with who they are, and staying faithful to the mission.

“Always love where you come from and to never compare yourself to those around you. Be the change!” Simmons said.

As the Class of 2023 seeks to change the world, Brown said it’s normal to not be perfect.

“Life is going to happen. It’ll knock you flat today when yesterday you were just

on the mountaintop. It’ll chip you and wear away at you when you were just polished and varnished. It’ll put people in your path that would rather stand on your neck than ever hold a handout to help you,” said Brown.

Even when things seem impossible, Brown said it’s important to seek God’s guidance.

“Asking for help doesn’t make you weak. You are strong. You are resilient. You are kind. And, you are brilliant. And, if anyone tells you that you’re not, love them with all your heart,” she said.

Regardless of where the graduates are headed, Flowers encouraged them to remember the lessons they learned at WEHS while embracing the opportunities that come their way.

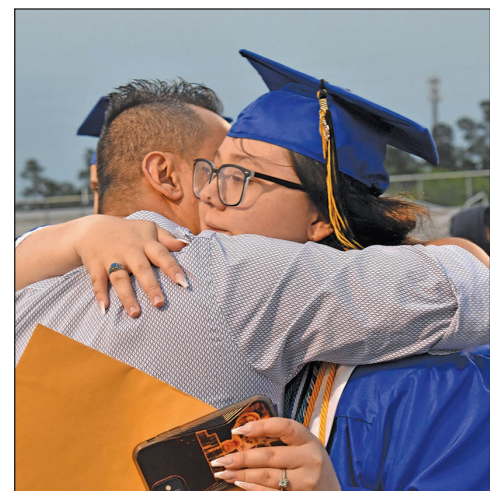
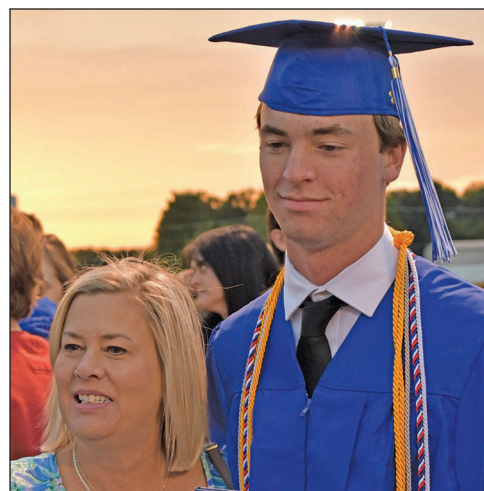
“Remember to stay curious, to keep asking questions, and to never stop learning. The world is changing at a rapid pace, and you will need to be adaptable, flexible, and willing to take on new challenges. I also encourage you to stay true to your values, to be kind to others, and to always strive to make a positive impact on the world around you,” he said.

Most importantly, the Blue Devil Class of 2023 was encouraged to be the change they want to see in others, the community, and themselves.

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More memories from the Class of 2023



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events

Ongoing
2nd & 4th Fridays
Golden Harvest Food Pantry
 Gateway Church, 8678
 Marlboro Ave., Barnwell
9am-12pm

June 4-7
Friendship Baptist Church
Vacation Bible School
 Classes will range from
 Nursery to Adults. Everyone
 is invited. Supper will be served
 each evening at 5:45pm and
 classes will begin at 6:30 pm.

June 6-8
Second Baptist Church
2023 Revival
 Speakers for the 3 night revival
 will be Rev. Benjamin Cave of
 Greater Sweet Branch, Rev.
 Joe Banks of Jordan Baptist,
 and Rev. Henry Harley of
 Sweetwater Baptist Church.
 The revival brings us to the
 celebration of our **103rd**
Church Anniversary on
Sunday June 11. Sunday
 school begins at 9am and
 worship service starts at
 10am. Our guest speaker for
 our Anniversary service will
 be Pastor Jatorin Owens of
 Fellowship Church of East
 Cooper, Charleston, SC.
 We invite everyone in the
 community, to join us for
 any and all events. For more
 information, please call
 803 259 1385 or find us on
 Facebook @SBCBARNWELL.
Starting at 7pm nightly.

June 10
BBQ Fundraiser supporting
SC Highway Patrol Lance
Cpl. B. A. Frazier
 Richard Carroll Elementary
 School, 1980 Main Hwy.,
 Bamberg
 BBQ Plates: \$12
10am-2pm

June 18
Father's Day/Men's Day
 "Can We Save Our Youth?"
 Union United Methodist
 Church
 245 Union Circle in Kline SC
 Contact Deacon
 Thomas Williams. Email:

Thomaswilliams03@aol.com
 11:30 a.m.

Sun., June 25
Ned Branch Missionary
Baptist Church 96th
Usher's Anniversary
 10620 Dunbarton Blvd.,
 Barnwell. Guest speaker will be
 Rev. Anthony Gadson, Pastor
 of St. Peters Missionary Baptist
 Church, Elko, SC.
1:30pm

June 19-25
Circle Theatre annual
summer theatre camp. The
 camp is open to youth ages
 8-18. The one week long camp
 features intensive rehearsals
 that culminate in 4
 performances of a musical for
 live audiences. Perfect for kids
 interested in singing and acting,
 this year's camp will perform
Into the Woods Jr. All registered
 campers will be placed in a
 role. If you aren't able to make
 the registration/placement
 time, please reach out to
 the camp director, Kimberly
 Sanchelli 803-609-5419 or the
 Producer, Dennis Knapp 803-
 300-0869. Registration fee is
 \$125. Payment at registration.
 Full/partial scholarships are
 available. Register at <https://barnwellct.weebly.com>

Sat., July 22
Monarch Ranch Grand
Opening
 80 Embree Road, Bamberg.
 15 vendors ranging from
 handmade jewelry, custom
 cowboys hats, cosmetics,
 clothing, yoga, storytime,
 and much more. Visit on
 Facebook for more info.
10am-1pm



Vacation Bible Schools

Union United
Methodist Church
 245 Union Circle, Kline
 Theme: Change Makers Lab
 Enjoy refreshments, games,
 outdoor activities, and music.
May 31-June 2, 6pm

First Baptist Church
Barnwell
 161 Allen Street, Barnwell
 Theme: Stellar - Shine Jesus'
 Light
June 5-8, 6-8pm

Elko Baptist Church
 7467 Bay Street, Williston
 Theme: Twists & Turns
 (Following Jesus Changes the
 Game)
June 16, 9am-2pm
June 17, 9am-3:30pm

Pleasant Hill Baptist
Church
 1077 Hwy. 39, Williston
Sat., June 17, 10am-2pm
 All ages (toddlers to adults)

Long Branch Baptist
Church
 Monumental VBS
 3223 SC Hwy 37, Williston
June 19-23
6-8:30pm
 Classes for All Ages
 A meal will be provided.

Ned Branch Missionary
Baptist
 10620 Dunbarton Blvd.,
 Barnwell
 Theme: I've Got This With
 Jesus
Tues., June 20 - Thurs.,
June 22 from 6-8 pm
 Class, crafts, food, games,
 prizes, and music.

Life Tabernacle Church
 1189 Clinton Street, Barnwell
 Theme: Food Truck Party
 (On a Roll with God)
 Ages 5-12
June 21-23, 6:30-8:30pm;
June 24, 10am-12pm
 Contact: Amy Coto,
 803-571-0711

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

Barnwell Library Events

ABBE Regional Library System Summer Reading
Challenge May 22 to August 1st.
 20 minutes a day keeps the summer slide away! Everyone who
 reads at least 600 minutes will be entered into a gift card drawing
 at their library. Kids and teens can also pick up a prize. Pick up a
 paper reading log or track your reading at Abbe.beanstack.org.

ALL AGES
Summer Kickoff Party
Thurs., June 1
 Help us kickoff our Summer
 Reading Program. Learn about
 how to track your reading and
 all the cool incentives you can
 win along the way.
5-6pm

Kindness Rock Garden
Painting
Mon., June 5
 Help us spread kindness by
 decorating a rock for our
 Kindness Rock Garden.
10:30am

LEGO Challenge
Tues., June 20
 Drop in anytime during
 library hours to complete
 a summer themed LEGO
 challenge display.

Kindness Scavenger Hunt
June 26-30
 Find all of the "kindness"
 hidden around the library.
 Find them all and win a small
 prize.
During Library hours.

Chalk the Walk and
Bubble Party
Mon., July 17
 Decorate a friendship theme
 on a section of our sidewalk.
 Our Library Staff will vote to
 choose the top 3 winners for
 a fun prize.
10:30am

LEGO Challenge
Tues., July 18
 Drop in anytime to complete
 a summer themed LEGO
 challenge display.

Bookend Painting
Thurs., July 27
 Help us END Summer
 Reading with a fun paint
 party. Paint a bookend with
 your favorite book, super
 hero, character, or just some
 kindness. Bookends will be
 displayed in the Juvenile/YA
 sections.
10:30am

ADULTS
Adult Craft Night
Thurs., June 8
 Help us spread kindness by
 decorating a paver to go
 around our Kindness Rock
 Garden.
5-6:30pm

TWEENS/TEENS
Ages 8-18
Friendship Pins
Tues., June 13
 Create shoe pins for you and
 your BFF.
4-5pm

Affirmation Jars
Tues., July 11
 Decorate a mason jar
 and fill it with strips of
 encouragement.
4-5pm

CHILDREN Entering
4K & 5K This Fall
Kindergarten Bootcamp
Wednesdays at 10:30am
June 14 Intro Session
June 21 ABCs
June 28 123s
July 12 Colors and Shapes
July 19 Skills 101
July 26 Celebration

CHILDREN Rising 5K
thru 5th Grade
Porkchop Productions:
Imperfect Strangers: The Ant
and the Grasshopper
Mon., June 19
10:30am

Pom Pom Launcher
STEM Craft
Wed., June 21
 Build a launcher out of a pool
 noodle and see how far you
 can launch pom poms.
4-5pm

Talewise-Science Heroes:
Saving the Earth Together
Mon., June 26
10:30am

Lego Bracelet Craft
Wed., June 28
 Make you and your best friend
 a matching LEGO bracelet.
4-5pm

Savannah River Ecology Lab
Mon., July 10
10:30am

Super Awesome
Puppet Show
Mon., July 24
10:30am

CHILDREN
Ages 5 and Up
Paper Fortune
Fortune Cookies
Wed., July 12
 Create paper fortune cookies
 then add in notes or fortunes
 for your friends.
4-5pm

VIRTUAL STORY TIME
Thurs., June 8 & 22, July 13
& 27
 Videos will be posted on
Facebook
11am

STORY TIME at the Library
Thurs., June 15, & 29, July 6
& 20
 Children's Room
11am



Williston Library Events

Slime Time
Thurs., June 15
 Time to make a slimy mess!
10:30am

Savannah River Ecology Lab
Thurs., June 22
 Learn all about local wildlife.
10:30am

Super Awesome Puppet
Show
Thurs., July 13
 Hilarity ensues with puppets
 and stories.
10:30am

Builders Club
Thurs., July 27
 Build with Legos and more.
10:30am

Local Directory

Barnwell Library

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

Blackville Library

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

Williston Library

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

MUSEUMS

Barnwell Museum
 9426 Marlboro Ave.,
 Barnwell
 Tues., Wed., Thurs.
 Noon-4pm
 Self-guided tours are
 offered
 Register at the office
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Summer Camps

DIG Summer Camp
June 5-30
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 youth participants. For
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 a balanced program of open
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 designed to foster critical
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 Fees: Camp registration fee
 is \$25; Weekly rate is \$40
 for first child and \$30 for
 other child. Scholarships are
 available for qualified students
 pending availability.
 Visit <http://digdp.org/summer2023>
 to register.

Joe Thomas Jr. Youth
Football Camp
Sat., July 8, 8:30am-1pm
 Blackville-Hilda High School
 Ages 6-18. Contact: Diane
 O'Berry at (803) 308-7603 or
 doberry@voorhees.edu.

Allendale County Library Events

ALL AGES
Thurs., June 1
Registration Begins
 Get a bag of goodies and
 learn how to keep track of
 your reading to earn prizes.

Wed., June 7, 10am
Louie the Lion - Keep
Allendale County
Beautiful
 Learn how to keep our
 community beautiful while
 learning about pride. There
 will be gift bags for everyone.

Mon., June 12, 10am -
Imperfect Strangers: The
Ant & the Grasshopper
 Porkchop Production -
 Puppet show

Wed., June 14, 10am -
The Incredible Egg
 Integrates the concepts of
 chick embryology into
 easy-to-math, science, and
 language art lessons.

Wed., June 21, 10am -
B-Rad The Kids Magician
 Fun with magic, music, and
 storytelling.

Wed., June 28, 10am -
Wildlife
 Savannah River Ecology Lab
 Presentation showcasing
 some native wildlife.

Wed., July 12, 10am -
Water Magic
 STEM activity using water
 magic to defy gravity.

Wed., July 19, 10am - The
Circus King
 Combines interactive
 animation, music, storytelling,
 theater, comedy, games,
 puzzles, plus magic.

Wed., July 19, 11am -
Grand Finale
 Rewards for reading and
 participation. Refreshments
 will be served.

SERVICES

Anglican Church of the Holy
Apostles
 228 Hagood Ave., Barnwell
 803-259-3331
 Sun - Holy Eucharist service
 10:30am
 Sun School at 9:30am
 Wed Morning prayer/
 breakfast 8am
 Vicar Bill Clarkson

Barnwell United Methodist
Church
 236 Main Street, Barnwell
 803-259-3331
 Sun. Services & activities:
 9:15am Coffee Fellowship in
 Crenshaw Hall
 10am Adult Sunday School in
 Crenshaw Hall
 10:15am Youth Sunday School
 11am Traditional worship service
 and Children's Sunday School
 Monthly activities:
 United Methodist Women - date
 announced each month
 Barnwell Soup Kitchen - 10:45am
 every 3rd Monday at First Baptist
 Crochet Comforters - 10am on 4th
 Saturday

Bells Chapel Pentecostal Holiness
 83 Week Ave., Olar
 Sundays - 10:30am
 Pastor Thomas Caldwell
 calth02@yahoo.com
 (803) 335-9121
 (803) 671-6369

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

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

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

First Baptist Church of
Barnwell
 161 Allen St, Barnwell
 Contemporary Service
 Sundays 9am
 Traditional Service
 Sundays 11am
 Sunday School at 10:10am
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Friendship Baptist Church
Sunday School
 5801 Friendship Rd., Barnwell
 Sundays - Assembly 9:45am
 Sunday School at 10am
 Worship at 11am
 Discipleship Training

Sundays - 6pm
 Worship at 7pm

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

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

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

Long Branch Baptist Church
 3223 Highway 37, Williston
 SUNDAY
 9:15AM - Sunday school
 10:30am - Morning worship service
 5pm - Bible study
 6pm - Evening worship service
 WEDNESDAY
 6pm - Prayer service

Mt. Lebanon Christian Church
 420 Christian Rd., Barnwell
 (803) 259-1438
 mtlebanoncc@gmail.com
 Sunday School at 10am
 Sunday am worship 11am
 (blended music)

Sunday PM Bible Study 6pm
 (mid July-April)
www.mtlebanonchristianchurch.com
 Minister Ron Franklin

Ned Branch Missionary Baptist
Church
 10620 Dunbarton Blvd., Barnwell
 Inside Services: Sunday school
 at 9am and services at 10am.
 Bible study is held Wednesdays at
 6:15pm. Please wear a mask.

New Beginnings Fellowship
 187 Ned Branch Ave., Barnwell
 Sunday Service 10:30am
 Wednesday Bible Study 6pm
 Pastor Roger Allen
 803-571-1935

Rosemary Baptist Church
 151 Emerald Lane, Barnwell
 In-House service on second and
 fourth Sundays at 12:15pm.
 CDC guidelines will be used.
 Pastor Sarah Perkins

Second Baptist Church of
Barnwell
 181 Church St., Barnwell
 In person worship service.
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 encouraged. Temp. checks upon
 entrance.
 Sundays 10am
 For more info: Pastor Elder
 Lamonte Boyd (803) 259-1385
www.facebook.com/SBCBarnwell

Seven Pines Baptist Church
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 Sunday School: 9:50am
 Service: 11am, 6pm
 Pastor Mark Watford

Springfield Missionary
Baptist Church
 132225 Hwy. 278, Barnwell
 Sundays, in-person worship
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 Pastor Freddie Wright
 11am

St. James Anglican
 150 Pascallas St., Blackville
 Sunday Worship service with Holy
 Communion: 10:30am
 Thursday Evening: 6:30pm
 Wednesday Bible Study on the 2nd
 and 4th of the month: 6:30pm
stjamesanglicanblackville@gmail.com
 803-671-0676 (mobile)

St. Mary Baptist Church
 474 Hwy. 125, Martin
 Mask and social distancing required.
 Pastor is Rev. Freddie
 Quattlebaum.
 2nd & 4th Sundays - 10am

St. Paul Missionary Baptist
Church
 Snelling
 Park & Praise Service
 2nd & 4th Sundays - 10am
 Face masks should be worn at all
 times.

Blackville Library Events

Savannah River Ecology Lab
Mon., June 12
 Learn all about local wildlife.
10:30am

Slime Time
Mon., June 26
 Time to make a slimy mess!
10:30am

Builders Club
Mon., July 10
 Build with Legos and more.
10:30am

Super Awesome Puppet
Show
Mon., July 17
 Hilarity ensues with puppets
 and stories.
10:30am

St. Peter Baptist Church
 7110 Bay St., Elko
 Mask and social distancing
 required.
 Pastor is Rev. Anthony F. Gadson
 Sunday Worship: 11am

Unity Baptist Church
 Pastor Brian Howard
 5504 Hilda Rd., Blackville
 Sunday School: 9:45am
 Sunday Worship: 11am & 6pm
 Mid week service:
 Thursdays JAM kids
 (supper provided) 6pm
 and Adult service 7pm

Victory Baptist Church
 3361 Hwy 70, Barnwell
 Sunday Worship at 11am
 Interim Preacher Terry Woodside

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

Word Of Life Full Gospel
Ministries
 6254 Hwy 278, Barnwell
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 Sunday school 10:45 am
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AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2022-CP-06-00259

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: United States of America acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture v. Catherine J. Geter, et al., I, the undersigned Special Referee for Barnwell County, will sell on June 5, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Barnwell County Courthouse, 141 Main Street, Barnwell, South Carolina to the highest bidder: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in the City of Barnwell, Barnwell School District, County of Barnwell, State of South Carolina, shown and designated as Lot 1 and the northern 10-foot portion of Lot 2, Block I, on a plat of Hagood Heights Development, Prepared for R.M. Jefferies, Jr. and Sol Blatt, Jr. by H.C. Jones Engineering Company, dated February 19, 1951, of record in Plat Book D, at Page 20, of the Barnwell County Records. Said lot being more particularly shown and delineated on an individual plat thereof prepared for Ethel Clark by Luther Lee Lown, R.L.S., dated October 9, 1989, of Record in Plat Cabinet A, Slide 63, Page 2-B in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County, and, according to said plat, being bounded and measuring as follows: On the North by Lot of Laura M. Horner and measuring thereon 150.28 feet; on the East by Lot of Christopher J. and Linda B. Harrington and measuring thereon 80 feet; on the south by the remaining portion of Lot 2, Block I owned by Elizabeth S. Worthon and Bobbie J. Washington and measuring thereon 150.17 feet; west by Brown Street and measuring thereon 80 feet.

ALSO BEING DESCRIBED AS:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the City of Barnwell, Barnwell School District, County of Barnwell, State of South Carolina, containing 0.276 acre, and being shown and designated as Lot 1 and a portion of Lot 2, Block I on a plat prepared for Ethel Clark by Luther Lee Lown, R.L.S., dated October 9, 1989, and recorded in Plat Cabinet A, Slide 63 at Page 8-B, of the Barnwell County Records. According to said plat, being bounded and measuring as follows: on the North by Lot of Laura M. Horner and measuring thereon 150.28 feet; on the East by Lot of Christopher J. and Linda B. Harrington and measuring thereon 80 feet; on the south by the remaining portion of Lot 2, Block I owned by Elizabeth S. Worthon and Bobbie J. Washington and measuring thereon 150.17 feet; west by Brown Street and measuring thereon 80 feet. This being same property conveyed to Ethel Clark a/k/a Ethel M. Clark by deed of Solomon Blatt, Jr., dated February 26, 1990, and recorded April 16, 1990 in Book 133 at Page 147, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County. Thereafter, Ethel Clark a/k/a Ethel M. Clark transferred all of her interest in the property to Emma E. Myers by deed dated August 13, 1993 and recorded on September 1, 1993 in Book 237 at Page 243. Emma E. Myers then transferred to the property to Catherine J. Geter reserving unto herself a life estate by deed recorded on August 21, 2008 in the records of Barnwell County in Book 852 at Page 85. Emma E. Myers subsequently died on July 26, 2011. TMS#: 091-04-03-017

Property Address: 241 Brown Street, Barnwell, South Carolina 29812

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

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee for Barnwell County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to cost and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Special Referee for Barnwell County may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder).

For complete terms of sale, attention is drawn to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Order for Sale on file with the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County. A personal deficiency judgment being waived, bidding will not remain open. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 7.25% per annum.

Should the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent fail to appear on sales day, the property shall not be sold, but shall be readvertised and sold at some convenient sales day thereafter when

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the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent is present.

Plaintiff does not warrant its title search to purchasers at foreclosure sale or other third parties, who should have their own title search performed on the subject property. Purchaser is responsible for the preparation and filing of their deed.

J. Martin Harvey, Jr. Special Referee for Barnwell County HARRELL, MARTIN & PEACE, P.A. s/ George "Mick" Lusk, III, Esq. TAYLOR A. PEACE, ESQ., SC Bar #100206

JAMIE ANNA WELLER, ESQ., SC BAR # 105548

GEORGE "MICK" LUSK, III, ESQ., SC BAR #105808

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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF 2023-83 3tc 5-24-31

SPECIAL REFEREE'S SALE

2019-CP-06-00476

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Bank of America, N.A. against Cleo Sanders, et al., I, the undersigned Special Referee for Barnwell County, will sell on June 5, 2023 at 11:00 AM, Barnwell County Courthouse, 141 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812, to the highest bidder: All that certain lot of land, with improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the City of Barnwell, Barnwell School District, County of Barnwell, State of South Carolina, known as Lot No. 9, Peachtree Gardens, and being more particularly shown on a Resubdivision Plat of Peachtree Gardens prepared by Knox Corporation, Thompson, Georgia, dated January 18, 1951, revised on August 30, 1951, and on November 29, 1951 and recorded February 7, 1952 in Plat Book D, at Page 213, of the records of Barnwell County, and according to said plat which is incorporated herein by reference thereto, said tract is described as follows, to wit: On the North by Hagood Avenue and measuring thereon 70 feet, more or less; on the East by Lot 10 and measuring thereon 133 feet, more or less; on the Southeast by Lot 15 and measuring 40 feet, more or less; on the Southwest by Lot 12 and measuring 60 feet, more or less; and on the West by Lot 8 and measuring 130 feet, more or less. Being the same property conveyed to Cleo Sanders by deed of Leon Barton Properties Inc. dated October 21, 2005 and recorded October 21, 2005 in Book 707 at Page 223 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Barnwell County, South Carolina. Parcel No. 091-04-01-031 Property Address: 1050 Hagood Avenue Barnwell, SC 29812

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Special Referee may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at risk of the said highest bidder). A personal or deficiency judgment being waived by Plaintiff, the sale shall close on the Sales Day. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Special Referee's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.99% per annum. SAVE AND EXCEPT ANY RELEASES, DEEDS OF RELEASE, OR PRIOR CONVEYANCES OF RECORD, SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, BARNWELL COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. In the event an agent of Plaintiff does not appear at the time of sale, the within property shall be withdrawn from sale and sold at the next available sales date upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or such terms as may be set forth in a supplemental order.

The Honorable James M. Harvey, Jr. Special Referee for Barnwell County Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor Columbia, SC 29201 803-509-507 / File # 19-44383 Attorney for the Plaintiff 5094 2023-84 3tc 5-24-31

SPECIAL REFEREE'S SALE

2022-CP-06-00100

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Rocket

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Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. against The Estate of Allen Jones a/k/a Allen Jay Jones, et al, I, the undersigned Special Referee for Barnwell County, will sell on June 5, 2023 at 12:00 PM, Barnwell County Courthouse, 141 Main Street, Barnwell, SC, 29812, to the highest bidder: All those certain pieces, parcels or lots of land, with improvements thereon, situate lying and being in the Williston School District, County of Barnwell, State of South Carolina, and being known as Lot No. 12, Block B, and the Northwestern one-half of Lot No. 11, in Block B, Garden Park Subdivision; said lots being shown and delineated on a plat prepared for Allen J. Jones by Terry L. Ray, dated August 13, 1993, and recorded in Plat Book 2-E, at Page 091, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County; said lots being bounded and measuring as follows, to-wit; on the North by the right-of-way of Marilyn Street, and measuring thereon 120.00 feet; on the East by the remaining one-half of Lot No. 11, Block B, and measuring thereon 149.28 feet; on the South by Lot No. 3, Block B and Lot No. 2, Block B, and measuring thereon 120.00 feet in the aggregate; and on the West by Lot No. 13, Block B, and measuring thereon 149.81 feet; all of which will more fully appear by reference to said plat which is incorporated herein and made a part of this description. This being the same property conveyed to Allen Jay Jones by Deed of Cliff E. Jines, dated September 22, 1993 and recorded September 22, 1993 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Barnwell County in Deed Book 239, Page 263. Property Address: 425 Marilyn Street, Williston, SC 29853 Parcel No. 030-02-01-009 Pursuant to South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2022-02-17-02, protective masks are no longer required in county courthouses; however, any person who is at risk or concerned about the dangers of COVID-19 may continue to wear a mask inside any courthouse, subject to a request from judges, courthouse staff, or law enforcement to briefly remove that mask during the presentation of a case or when necessary for security or identification purposes.

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of the amount bid, in certified check, as evidence of good faith, same to be

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applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Special Referee may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at risk of the said highest bidder). A personal or deficiency judgment being waived by Plaintiff, the sale shall close on the Sales Day. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Special Referee's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.500% per annum. SAVE AND EXCEPT ANY RELEASES, DEEDS OF RELEASE, OR PRIOR CONVEYANCES OF RECORD, SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, BARNWELL COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES In the event an agent of Plaintiff does not appear at the time of sale, the within property shall be withdrawn from sale and sold at the next available sales date upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or such terms as may be set forth in a supplemental order.

The Honorable James M. Harvey, Jr. Special Referee for Barnwell County Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor Columbia, SC 29201 803-509-507 / File # 19-44383 Attorney for the Plaintiff 5097 2023-85 3tc 5-24-31

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF AIKEN

Felicia M. McDuffie, Plaintiff, vs. John Doe, Defendant.

IN THE FAMILY COURT SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SUMMONS AND NOTICE

Docket No.: 2023-DR-02-416 TO DEFENDANT JOHN DOE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a complaint was filed in the Aiken County Family Court (109 Park Ave SE, Aiken, SC 29801) on April 13, 2023, regarding custody of a minor male child born to Danielle McDuffie in 2022. The

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identity of the child's father is unknown. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer to the Complaint on the Plaintiff's Attorney, Olivia S. Jones, at 1720 Main Street, Suite 303, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the date of service. If you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said Complaint.
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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. 29810, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security

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as to the claim.
Estate: Janice Varnadoe
Date of Death: April 22, 2023
Case Number: 2023 ES 03 00034
Personal Representative:
Damien Beach
Address: 410 Quail Drive,
Walterboro, S.C. 29488
2023-87 3tp 6-07-31

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Estate: Ellen R. Goodson
Date of Death: April 20, 2023
Case Number: 2023 ES 03 00039
Personal Representative: Melvin Goodson

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Address: 624 McMillan Road, Ulmer, S.C. 29849
2023-90 3tp 6-14-31

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
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 - Horace's poem
 - One thing on a list
 - Ophthalmologist's check-up, e.g.
 - Range of hills in England, pl.
 - *Ticket booth (2 words)
 - "Odyssey," e.g.
 - Biased perspective
 - Azog or Bolg in Tolkien's Moria
 - *Siskel or Ebert
 - To the degree
 - Brick and mortar carrier
 - Governing authority
 - Key component of a loan
 - Highly skilled
 - E in CE or BCE
 - "_____ a high note"
 - End of the line
 - Like certain yellowish hair color
 - Compass bearing
 - Ambed
 - Warhol or Samberg, formally
 - Churchill's sign
 - Anna Wintour's magazine
 - "Heat of the Moment" band
 - *Like some seats
 - More slippery
 - Initial bet in poker
 - Popular dunking cookie
 - "Little _____ fact"
 - Simon and Gurfunkel, e.g.
 - *Sentimental movie, or _____jerker

- Literary "even"
 - *Shooting location
 - ESPN award
- DOWN**
- Not intellectually deep
 - _____pilot
 - Holly family
 - *Kate Hudson's "_____ Famous" (2000)
 - Put someone in a bind (2 words)
 - Modified leaf
 - Tick-born disease
 - Ralph Lauren's inspiration
 - Puts two and two together
 - "Owner of a Lonely Heart" band
 - Vandalize
 - Pitchers
 - *Tub contents
 - Behave like a coquette
 - Comes before first Mississippi
 - Bracelet add-on
 - Barrel racing meet
 - Think tank output, pl.
 - *Widescreen cinematography abbreviation
 - Dimmer, e.g.
 - Do penance
 - Re-establish
 - Neuter
 - Investment option acronym
 - *Movie ad
 - Boredom
 - *Upcharge for an online ticket purchase, e.g.
 - Aerie baby
 - Pine
 - Indicate
 - *Movie theater, e.g.
 - Set of eight
 - Teenager's breakout
 - Land of Israel
 - X-ray units
 - Wraths

- Type of tide
- *Like a bloody horror movie
- Short of Isaac

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Allendale County Hospital sponsors Community Health Fair

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The Allendale County Hospital held its 30th Annual Community Health Fair on May 17, 2023 at the Atrium on the USC Salkehatchie campus in Allendale.

Over 200 people attended this year's event, with 171 individuals taking advantage of the discounted lab tests that were offered by the hospital. Departments of the hospital as well as other vendors had information booths set up and disseminated literature as well as lots of free items. Participants were lined up at the door as early as 6:30 a.m. – waiting for the event to start at 7 a.m.

Sponsors of this year's Community Health Fair included Allendale County Hospital, John E. Harter

Nursing Center, Carolina Medical Associates, Laffitte & Warren Medical Center, ACH Outpatient Retail Pharmacy, USC Salkehatchie, Agape Care Group, Remain At Home Health Care, Welvista, Colonial Life, DHEC, Just Sleep LLC, Angel & Angela, Sycamore Health Care, The Material Girls, Gentiva Home Health, Amedisys, CenterWell Home Health, and Crescent Hospice.

For three decades, the Allendale County Hospital has hosted a community health fair. This event has given residents of Allendale and surrounding counties the opportunity to receive discounted lab tests and tons of information on services offered by different agencies. It has always been a well-attended and anticipated event for the hospital.



Allendale County Hospital president Lari Gooding gets his vitals taken by Janie Erhardt at the Community Health Fair. This was one of the many free services offered.



From left to right sitting: Amy Holden, Terri Hicks, Jean Hadwin, and Tammy Smith. From left to right standing: Lynn Fail and Tammy English.



Ruth Hiers stands at the radiology booth.



The Community Health Fair brought in a crowd on May 17.



Glinda Smith and Joe Ann Williams were some of the many participants of the health fair.

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Motown Review

Favorite Motown songs were heard at a "Motown Review" on Saturday, April 15 at the Carolina Theatre in Allendale. The event was sponsored by the Allendale Rural Arts Team with support from the South Carolina Arts Commission and USC Salkehatchie. Performing were area artists including saxophonist James "Bo" Gardner, vocalist Glyshae Ashley Jordan, blues guitarist H.L. Bryan, duo vocalists Bill and Valerie DuPont, vocalist Vallerie Cave, and dancers from the Awesome Youth Team.



Top left to right: Valerie and Bill DuPont, Bo Gardner. Middle left to right: Vallerie Cave, Glyshae Ashley Jordan, H.L. Bryan. Bottom: Dancers from the Awesome Youth Team. Photos by Laura J. McKenzie



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Allendale Town Council will be sponsoring a Public Forum at the Carolina Theater on Thursday, June 8, 2023 @ 6:00PM

The topic will be future sanitation services. We are encouraging all citizens to attend.

If you have any questions, we will address them at that time.

Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

Kid Scoop Junior

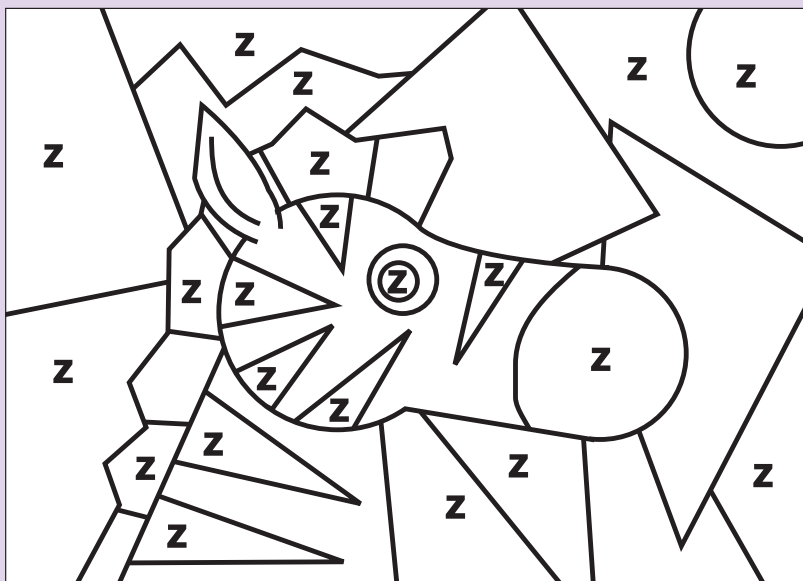
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My name: _____

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

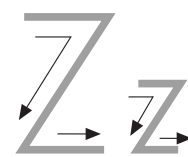
What is hiding here?

Color the spaces with the letter Z black. What do you see?



My Letters

Z is for Zipper
z is for zipper



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

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that have the sound that the letter Z makes in the word zipper?

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.

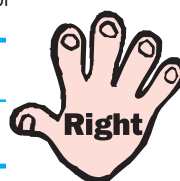
My Rhyme Time

Z is for the Zebra
That kept Zoe busy,
She counted his stripes
'Til she felt she was dizzy.

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.

Zoom goes the



Sunday

Letter Identification

With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter Z in zipper.

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

Fasteners

Look at the clothes people are wearing in pictures in the newspaper. Talk with your child about how those clothes might be fastened. Do they use zippers, buttons, hooks, belts? Something else?

Wednesday

Handwriting Stripes

Lay one sheet of newspaper on the table so that it is horizontal. Use the columns of type as lines to practice writing. Have your child trace the lines of type to make zebra stripes.

Thursday

Who's in the Zoo?

With your child, look through the newspaper for pictures of animals. Ask which animals could be found in a zoo. Where else could you find each of the animals?

Friday

Three Z

Practice rhyming, listening and large motor skills. Wad a sheet of newspaper into a ball. Tape the ball so that you can toss it back and forth. Each time you or your child tosses the ball, say a word. The person who catches the ball needs to say a rhyming word.

Saturday

Zebra Visit

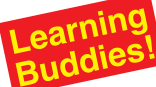
Pretend you and your child are going to have a visit from a zebra. Look through the newspaper for things you would need to have on hand to care for the zebra.

Learning Buddy Sign Here

I have completed _____ activities with my Learning Buddy.

Learning Buddy's signature _____

Date _____



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SUMMERTIME IS MAGIC TIME!

This summer, be sure to spend time at your local library. Did you know it is a magical place? Kid Scoop's Jim the Librarian says, "Be sure to tell your librarian the kinds of books you like to read. Your librarian is your guide to the magic of the library!"



Meet Famous People!

Books called **biographies** introduce you to famous people. Read about the lives of some interesting people this summer!

Use the code to reveal the names of some famous people. Read more about them at your library!

A=26	F=21	K=16	P=11
B=25	G=20	L=15	R=10
C=24	H=19	M=14	S=9
D=23	I=18	N=13	T=8
E=22	J=17	O=12	U=7

Escape to Fun Places!

Books and stories are set in interesting places, all over the world and even in magical places. Color in part of this rocket's trail for each real or imaginary place you read about this summer.

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Magazine Shelf

Every time you spend 10 minutes or more reading a magazine, color in one of the magazines on this shelf.

Travel Through Time!

Do you want to learn about pirates? Dinosaurs? Pyramids? History books can let you travel through time!

Extra! Extra! Reading POPS!

Every time you do a Kid Scoop Extra! Extra! this summer, color in a firecracker!

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

This week's **Kid Scoop** page is one big chart to keep track of your summer reading! Save this page and post it somewhere so you can track your reading accomplishments!

Kid Scoop Together

Summer Reading Bingo

Every time you do one of the following, cross out that box. Score yourself:

- 1-3 boxes: **Bright Beginner**
- 4-7 boxes: **Strong Starter**
- 8-11 boxes: **Rising Reader**
- 12-15 boxes: **Reading Rock Star**
- 16-19 boxes: **Super Summer Reader**
- 20-23 boxes: **Powerhouse Reader**
- All 24 boxes: **ULTIMATE READER!**

Read outside for 30 minutes.	Read in bed.	Read with a friend.
Read to a parent.	Read to someone older than you.	Read to someone younger than you.
Listen to a story read to you.	Play a board game.	Read a book written before you were born.
Read a book a parent enjoyed as a child.	Read under a tree.	Read a book that makes you laugh.
Read a newspaper article to a family member.	Read first thing in the morning.	Get a library card.
Read to a friend over the phone.	Read with your feet in a pool.	Read 10 comic strips.
Read a spooky story.	Read with a friend, taking turns reading aloud.	Read a story written in rhyme.
Read and follow a recipe.	Read by a campfire.	Write a story and read it aloud.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Library Adventures

Follow the maze to visit each section of the library.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

BOOKS FAMOUS GUIDE LIBRARY LOCAL MAGAZINE MAGIC NEWSPAPER READ ROBOTS SHELF STARS SUMMER TRAVEL WORLD

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

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

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Talking Pictures

Select a picture of a sports star or famous person in the newspaper. Pretend this person can talk to you. Write words for them to say and put the words in a talking bubble to make the picture look like a comic.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write descriptive paragraphs.

Why did the ghost keep returning to the library day after day?

ANSWER: She went through books very quickly.

Write On!

Cutest Animal on Earth

What do you think is the cutest animal on earth? Why? Write a paragraph to convince others to share your opinion.



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