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Murderer faints at 40-year sentence

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D'Angelo Tyrone Moffite, 18, fainted in the Barnwell County Courthouse when he was sentenced to 40 years for murder.

Moffite pleaded guilty to the June 2021 murder of Alfonzo Green, 48, of Hephzibah, Ga., on Ballpark Road in Barnwell. Moffite, who was 17 at the time of the crime, will be incarcerated until 2061.

by his fiancé to the Richland County Sheriff's Office, which has jurisdiction in Hephzibah, on June 28, 2021 after he did not return home the night before.

According to the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) incident report, Green's fiancé known location of his cellphone before he went missing. This led the search for Green to Barnwell with witness statements.



D'Angelo Tyrone Moffite

Green was reported missing month long investigation by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), both Green's vehicle and body were located in a field off Ellis Road in Allendale County. His 2014 Cadillac Escalade was found burnt with his body inside.

Barnwell County Coroner was able to determine the last Denise Gibson later confirmed Green was shot in the upper left forehead, which corroborated

Four other individuals were During the nearly three- charged with murder and contheir alleged roles in Green's

-Joseph Keyshawn Freeman, 23, of Rock Hill.

. -Terrionna Marie Hartwell,

-Christopher Hezzy Croney,

30, of North Charleston. -Aubra Maurice "AJ" Dunbar Jr., 30, of Barnwell.

The charges for Freeman, Hartwell, Croney, and Dunbar are still pending and will be resolved now that Moffite was sentenced. According to Deputy

Solicitor David Miller, all were

prepared to testify in Moffite's

trial to a jury before he pleaded guilty. "[Moffite] was the person, based upon all of the evidence, that was the actual shooter that shot Mr. Green. That's why he was going to trial first," said

BCSO's incident report states Hartwell had been talking to Green via a dating app for a

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Defendant absent at court

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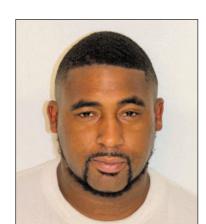
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The Barnwell County Courtroom was ready to try Maurice Donnelle Williams, 31, of Barnwell, for April 2021 drug trafficking charges on March 29, 2023; however, Williams was a no-show.

When a defendant is absent from their appointed court date, the judge can take one of two routes – issue a bench warrant or try the individual in their absence.

"The judge had the option to either let us try him in his absence, or issue a bench warrant for his immediate arrest so that law enforcement could go look for him, and the judge decided to issue the bench warrant," said Miller, who notes the bench warrant is the more typical route.

judge R. Scott Sprouse decided on defendant's name, and then court the first route for Williams who was facing charges for possession



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Maurice Donelle Williams

of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, second offense.

Before a defendant is tried in their absence, the trial judge must determine if the person has received notice of the proceedings and their rights, as well as if they have been warned the trial can proceed in their absence.

The record must show the Presiding Circuit 10 court court made an effort to call the

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Effort underway to help man living in charred remains of home

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Alfred Smith, 70, has been sleeping amongst the charred remains of his home for nearly a mother, Magdalene Smith, had year after a devastating structure

"It's just gone."

Smith and his best friend, John her only son. Henry Ingram, were returning from scouting for fish at the Savannah River on May 26, 2022. Smith remembers a friend calling to inform him of the sirens racing toward his road - at the time he did not know it was his home they

road, the deputy sheriff said, 'Y'all ing his monthly Social Security can't go up there,'" said Smith. "I saw all the fire trucks, I asked if it sities. He pushes aside ash, was [my house], and they said it

were responding to.

"The only thing that was left on me... see what I have on now?"

was. I started crying right there."

two hours trying to contain the bad, keep going. There is al-

Smith has lived in his Plum than you." Road home since 2014. His bought the home in the early 1960s when she moved from "It's unfixable," said Smith. New York. When she passed seven years ago, she left it to

it to me," said Smith.

Smith graduated from Barnwell High School in 1970 and of Smith's situation. worked in Daytona, Fla., before moving home when his mother died.

Now living in the rubble of "When we got to the end of that his familial home, Smith is uscheck to buy food and necesbroken wood, and pries open blackened doors to access the couch and quilts he sleeps on.

"Just have to get up the

covers, and make the best of According to the fire report, it," said Smith. "I was taught, responders were there for over when things really, really seem ways someone in worse shape

"Like a Timex watch, take a licking and keep on kicking," said Smith, referencing a line from a 1950s-60s commercial series for Timex watches about endurance and durability.

In February 2023, Peggy "That was her home, she left Gadson Kirkland of the South Carolina Regional Housing Authority #3 (SCRHA) heard

Kirkland coordinated with organizations like Brown Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, SCRHA, Aiken/Barnwell Counties Community Action Agency, Barnwell Department of Social Services, and multiple individuals to fund Smith's stay in the Winton Inn in Barnwell.



Seventy-year-old Alfred Smith has been living in the charred remains of his See HELP, 3A home for nearly a year. Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

Licensed childcare center coming to Williston

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Williston is currently a "desert" when it comes to licensed child development centers, but that will soon change.

a childcare center. Currently, there is not a licensed childcare center available for residents or people that work in Williston," said Tricia Gordon, executive because slots are currently full director of Barnwell County First Steps (BCFS).



While there are unregistered "Williston is in dire need of in-home childcare facilities that provide "valuable service", Gordon said the community needs more. BCFS has a waiting list of families seeking childcare at their four childcare center is expected to open by the end partners. After Gordon was

childcare center in Williston became "abundantly clear."

For just over a year, BCFS has been working with the Barnwell County Consolidated School District (BCCSD) to open a licensed child development center. Many meetings have been held after a committee was formed in March 2022. The former transitional board for the BCCSD gave their blessing in May 2022. This center, which of 2023, will provide services to

hired to lead BCFS in October children of BCCSD employees, BARNWELL COUNTY 2021, the need for a licensed BCCSD students, BCFS scholarship families, and residents of Williston and surrounding areas.

"I see this as a win-win for the community," said Dr. Marcella Shaw, BCCSD interim superintendent. Like Gordon, she also noticed the need for quality childcare after she was hired as superintendent of the former Williston School District 29 in

for a while, Shaw credits Gordon's "tenacity" with getting

this project this far. Gordon helped secure \$100,000 in funding from the James & Miriam Darnell Committee, a local organization that seeks to help education-related causes. Using some of these funds, BCFS has already hired a director for the new center, which Shaw said is a "huge step." Funds will also be used for all materials needed to open the center.

LaTonya Conelly, owner of Heavenly Angels daycare in Though it's been talked about Blackville for the past 15 years,

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The crowd at the Blackville Town Council meeting applauds the hard work of the Macedonia Elementary-Middle School JR Beta Club. Pictured are JR Beta Club members, Front row, from left to right: Rainey Priester, Maurice Holman, Bryson Jones, Sanaa Jenkins, Faith Washington, and Bralen Coleman; and Back row, from left to right: Doris Sanders, Councilmember Allen Harrison, Councilmember Frenchie Smalls, Mayor Ronnie Pernell, Councilmember Ann Pernell, Councilmember Enterick Lee, Councilmember Kelvin Isaac.

Blackville Town Council welcomes new town clerk, JR Beta Club at monthly meeting

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The Blackville Town Council welcomed its new town clerk, met with members of the JR Beta Club and discussed construction updates at a recent town council meeting.

Community Center on March 20 for its regular montly meeting.

New Town Clerk

Regina S. Ashba was appointed as the town clerk of Blackville. Ashba previously served as the town's administrative assistant and is stepping into this position after former clerk, Morgan Lightsey.

"She is one of the most dedicated, hardworking women that I've ever seen, that I've ever worked with," said Mayor Ronnie Pernell of Ashba

"It is an honor to continue my career and efforts at the town hall as the newly appointed Town Clerk," said Ashba. "I look forward to offering professional and efficient service to the Town of Blackville.'

Ashba will begin in this position immediately.

Beta Club

ing the ideals of character, the new town hall build- minutes, and newsletters service, and leadership at Macedonia Elementary-Middle School (MEMS).

by Sybrenda Holiday, the sion. club currently has a membership of 42 scholars and 10 prospective scholars in fourth through eighth

The council members attended the town coungathered at the Blackville cil meeting to share the creed of the club with the community. The student speakers were Maurice Holman, Rainey Priester, Faith Washington, Bryson Jones, and Sanaa Jenkins.

"It's an honor to have so many faces here to- Mayor Pernell explained night that are doing well the cost to rent the facility in school," said Mayor will rise. Pernell.

the JR Beta Club are honesty, justice, service, cooperation, responsibility, industriousness, humility, new trash service is still and charity.

Sponsors of the JR Beta lub are MEMS Principal Eryl Smalls and Assistant Principal Chelsea Calhoun alongside educators, Barbara Glover, Bridget financial packet and previ-Brown, Kimberly Williams, ous meeting minutes are Joshua Saxton, Doris Sanders, and Rhonda Brown.

Construction Updates

Town council members and Blackville Downtown The JR Beta Club is cele- members are currently located at 5983 Lartigue

ing. The vacant Edwards Heat/A.C. repair building located on Solomon Blatt Founded in October 1993 Avenue is under discus-

According to Mayor Pernell, architects are already on board and making plans regarding layout.

Bids have been received JR Beta Club scholars to renovate the Blackville Community Center. The town has plans to redo the fascia board on the exterior, redo the floors, bathrooms, and repaint the inside, fix the stage, and update the kitchen for catering opportunities.

Due to these renovations,

Renovations are set to Principles promoted in tentatively start the first week of April and end in late May.

The town's bid for a outstanding.

Public Comment

Neil Khatod is a new resident of Blackville and asked the council why the not given out alongside the agenda, as both were approved by the council.

Mayor Pernell explained the public can access financial documents or re-Development Association ports by visiting town hall brating 30 years of promot-scouting locations for Street. Previous agendas,

can be found at the town's website: https://townof blackville.com/. Mayor Pernell and coun-

cil members expressed their appreciation for Khatod's comments. Steve Jowers, the Black-

ville representative on the Barnwell County Economic Development Commission (EDC), gave an update to council on their most recent industry.

According to Jowers, TIVA Building Products has hired local employees who are in training and production has begun.

of Sales & People at TIVA Building Products, said 18 people have been hired with more to come. "We are still hiring and

will continue to hire for the foreseeable future," said Khan.

end of April.

Jowers also suggested residents keep their community clean; "I urge you to look at Blackville like your house."

Mayor Pernell suggested the town coordinate a clean-up effort as seen in other areas throughout the

Events The Blackville Community Forum was held on

county.

March 28 at 6 p.m. at the Community Center. This forum was intended to provide community organizations with the opportunity to meet citizens and talk about the services they offer. Different facets of the town and county were present.

A plethora of commu-Akaashi Khan, Director nity organizations came together on Sunday, April 2 for Literacy and Arts in the Park. Food, free giveaways, and activities were brought to the Blackville Community Center from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. On April 22, the First

TIVA Building Products Baptist Church in Blackcurrently has one opera- ville is holding a free soctional line, and three more cer day camp. Read more will be operational by the about this free camp on Page

The Blackville Music & Arts Festival will be held on May 19 and 20.

The town applied for a \$10 million grant through the S.C. Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA)'s South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP) to renovate its wastewater systems.

The SCIIP program is a "major one-time initiative to improve water, wastewater and stormwater systems throughout the state," according to their website. This is made possible using federal funds allocated by the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

"SCIIP offers a unique opportunity to make longterm capital improvements that will strengthen critical services to residents and businesses across the state, create more resilient communities and build the capacity to support future opportunities for growth and economic development," states the site.

Town of Blackville oficials will find out on May 2 if the town has been awarded the grant, according to Mayor Pernell.

For more information on the RIA's SCIIP grants, Grant Application Up- visit ria.sc.gov/sciip/.

New MEMS principal is not a stranger to Blackville

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Macedonia Elementary-Middle School will have a new principal next school year, though she's not a stranger. Following the March 27 board meeting, the Barnwell County Consolidated School District announced that Mrs. Chelsea Calhoun will be the principal of MEMS for the 2023-2024 school year, effective July 1.

"She is a native daughter of the Blackville-Hilda schools, and she has a strong and personal desire to move the academic needle at MEMS," states a press release

A resident of Barnwell, Calhoun is currently the assistant principal at MEMS. She replaces Mr. Eryl Smalls, who is leaving the principalship to spend more time with his new family. Smalls will move to the assistant principal's position.

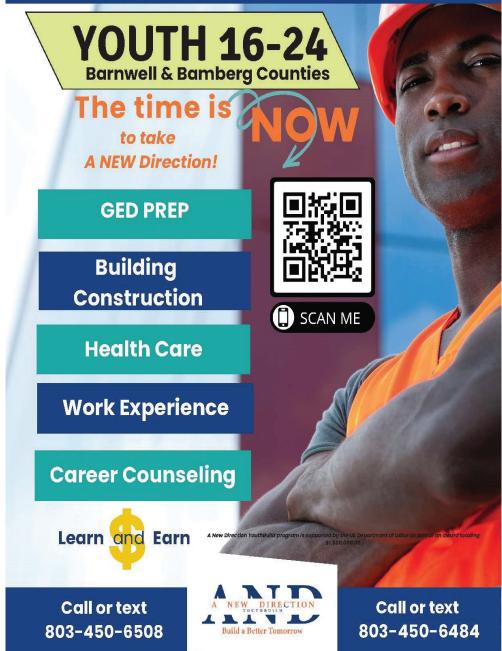
"We are excited that he has decided to remain with our district family in a new capacity," states the press release.

Calhoun has 26 years of educational experience as a classroom teacher and ad-

Upon acceptance of her new position, Calhoun stated, "I am honored to have the opportunity to serve and lead in a place that has been so dear to me during my childhood and my entire career.'

Dr. Marcella Shaw, BCCSD interim superintendent, said, "Mrs. Calhoun's interest in Macedonia is sincere. She has an extensive background in teaching and learning, and I am certain that Mrs. Calhoun will work alongside the MEMS faculty, staff, scholars, parents, and community to advance MEMS to the highest level of academic excellence. Her interest and focus on developing each MEMS Principal for the 2023-24 School student as a whole person is commendable. Year will be Mrs. Chelsea Calhoun (left), She will continue to bring out the best in our replacing Mr. Eryl Smalls (right), who scholars! Please join me in congratulating this talented education administrator!"

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will be the Assistant Principal.

COURT: Moffitte sentenced to 40 years; four other defendants still to be tried in murder case

month prior to his murder. He came to Ballpark Road

to pay her \$200 for sex. "Hartwell stated that the plan was for her to get in tĥe vehicle with Green and distract him while D'Angelo opened the door, pistol-whip Green, and take the money," states the incident report.

Freeman and were knowledgeable about robbing Green, according to the incident report, and the four of them were going to split the money.

According to the incident report and witness statements, Dunbar became involved when transporting Green's car and body to Allendale County.

While investigating, officers learned Moffite had a quence for illegally burnburn injury. At first Moffite ing trash.



Terrionna Marie Hartwell told investigators it was from burning trash in the yard at his Ballpark Road home. He later told investigators he actually burned garbage in a nearby field, but lied about the location initially to avoid conse-



Aubra Maurice "AJ" Dunbar Jr. Christopher Hezzy Croney

Investigators, with the help of firefighters from warrants for the arrest theory based on no signs Warrants for Hartwell and report, of a recent fire at either lo-

A Barnwell magistrate



gators were able to issue the Snelling Fire Depart- of Moffite, Dunbar, and ment, disproved this burn Croney on July 9, 2021. Freeman were obtained on July 13, 2021.

The search for Green the evidence and investi- 18-year-old son, Shondell of how his father died-



Joseph Keyshawn Freeman

Green, allegedly fatally shot Ballpark Road resident Eddie Mathis. According to the incident Green's family was in the area where his phone last pinged looking for their loved one when judge was presented with was heightened when his Mathis informed Shondell

shot and then burned.

After this incident occurred, BCSO requested the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) to assist with looking for Green's vehicle via

helicopter. All involved but Moffite were granted bond. According to Miller, Moffite was denied bond after his arrest and again in March of 2022 when he requested

another bond hearing. Moffite served 628 days previous to being sentenced which will be deducted from his total 40-year incarceration. Although Moffite was 17 years old at the time of the murder, he was tried as an adult due to the nature of the crime.

HELP: Locals assist man left homeless after devastating fire

Kirkland with SCHRA and Sunil Tch, owner of restaurant Eat Street and manager at the Winton Inn, often work together to provide temporary lodging for

Smith hopes to stay on his property once the funding for his stay at the Winton Inn runs out. He is reaching out to the community to ask for help breaking down and hauling off the remnants.

Once the land is cleared, he hopes to purchase a mobile home. According to Kirkland, Aiken/Barnwell Counties Community Action Agency will pay to hook up water and electricity services.

There is currently a GoFundMe to help Smith. When The People-Sentinel went to speak with Smith at his home, Shawn Cabbagestalk with WJBF News Channel 6 was also interviewing Smith.

Before Cabbagestalk aired the story, Smith's Go-FundMe was at \$100, which was donated by a co-worker of Kirkland. Now it has climbed to \$5,690 at the time

He asks anyone able to help to contact him at (803) 946-3043 or donate through his GoFundMe page:

https://www.google.com/url?q=https://gofund. me/2b234086



The Aiken/Barnwell Counties Community Action Agency, a local inn owner, and area donors are helping Alfred Smith after it was discovered he had been living in the burned-out shell of his home for over a year. Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

ABSENT: Judge issues bench warrant

proceeds similarly to as it would if the defendant was present.

According to Miller, it appears this is the first time Williams has not shown up to court based on his criminal records viewable to the public via a case search at www. scourts.org.

Williams was out on bond for February 2020 charges of resisting arrest, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license and being deemed a habitual offender by the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, when he was charged with drug trafficking.

CHILDCARE: Williston center expected to serve 30 children at Kelly Edwards Elementary

childcare center in January. Gordon said the De- week. partment of Social Services

(DSS) requires a director provide the classroom requirements, such as havto be in place before they spaces, plus things like ing doors that open to the can apply for a license. utilities, custodial ser- outside and having their

rector of the new Williston the extensive application, various spaces, it was dewhich was mailed last cided to use two class-The BCCSD agreed to Elementary that meet DSS

several years.

Since her hiring, Conelly vices, maintenance, tech- own bathroom. This was approves the space, the end of the year.

rezoning of property located at:

meeting of the County Council.

trict) to IND (Industrial District).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the County Council of

Allendale County that a public hearing for the

150 Walker Road, Fairfax, SC 29827

will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 6:00

pm in conjunction with the regularly scheduled

The property will be rezoned from RUD (Rural Dis-

began working as the di- has worked to complete nology. After looking at previously used as a child- S.C. Department of Educare center years ago, but cation's Office of School the license ran out, said Facilities will also need rooms at Kelly Edwards Gordon, who previously to sign off on the usage managed the Barnwell of those rooms. BCFS will County Public Library for then work as efficiently as possible in the hopes of Once DSS inspects and opening the center by the

"I hope we can make this a model for other small communities. This shows what we can do when we come together," said Gordon.

The center is expected

to serve approximately 30

children (ages six weeks

to 30 months old), though DSS will determine the final number. "We will need more

space over time," said Gordon, who eventually wants a standalone building on school property. This new center is just

part of the work BCFS is doing to give more opportunities to families with voung children.

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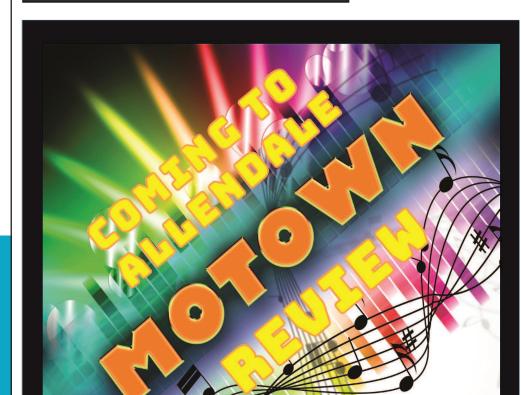


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Officers join together at BCSO worship event



Orangeburg Department of Public Safety Chief Charles Austin leads the way Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office deputies were some of the many recognized for his fellow law enforcement officers at the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office Community Worship event. Chief Austin also provided the main message at the Photo By: Alexandra Whitbeck



at the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office Community Worship event.

Photo By: Alexandra Whitbeck

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'Communities that pray together, stay together,' was the theme of the inaugural First Responder Community Worship Service held by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office

The youth-focused service invited law enforcement professionals and aspiring young officers from South Carolina and Georgia to worship alongside one another.

"For centuries, the faith community in unison with law enforcement has played a key role in the value base, service providing, and formation of key beliefs that create positive social change in communities," said BCSO Lt. Eric Kirkland.

the essence of the event – "Iron sharpeneth iron, so a ly your law enforcement man sharpeneth the counofficers," said Lt. Kirkland. tenance of his friend."

lice Department Chief and this was exemplified by all ter of Ceremonies and welcomed top state officials Law Enforcement Division Barnwell native.

Although the March 19 services were not held in an official church but at the Barnwell Elementary School, Deputy Holston only one individual re-

spirit of God is, there is him. Sheriff Williams relatunity."

This is what you call unity," said Hampton County Sheriff Anthony Russell, who provided the response to Barnwell County Sheriff Steve Griffith's welcome.

"Let's relax, let's reflect, let's recharge, and then we will go back to our duties," said Sheriff Griffith.

City of Columbia Police Department Captain Kellie Yates read scripture, and the prayer was led by Chief JJ Jones, director of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association.

Songs of praise were performed by BCSO Deputy Lisa Carrigg, BCSO Victim's Advocate Susan Wright, and BCSO Sergeant Donald Danner.

"We feel it is important Proverbs 27:17 captured for a community to see God in everyone, especial-

Burke County, Ga., Sher-Former Blackville Po- iff Alfonzo Williams felt together."

Sheriff Williams told the such as South Carolina biblical story of ten lepers who were healed by Jesus. (SLED) Chief Mark Keel, a A leper is an antiquated term used to describe someone with leprosy, a chronic disease caused by bacteria.

After they were healed,

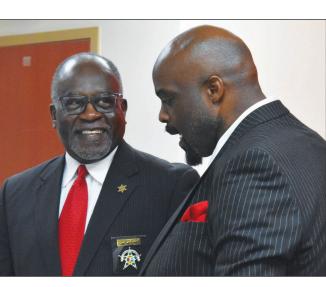
explained, "Where the turned to Jesus to thank ed this story to the event, "This is well needed. explaining that it only takes one person with initiative to make change.

"The community is the police, the police is the community," said Sheriff Williams, paraphrasing a phrase quoted by many law enforcement officers.

This event, like many BCSO holds, was geared toward the aspiring generation of law enforcement in the crowd to show them erated through the Office

the worship community that cultivates from this profession.

SLED Major Stewart Robertson shared an experience with the crowd, but especially with SC Youth ChalleNGe Academy cadets to remind them they can lean on their faith when facing challenges in their career. The SC Youth ChalleNGe Academy was established in 1998 as a quasi-military structured educational program op-



current BCSO Deputy John of those in attendance, and Orangeburg County Sheriff Leroy Ravenell (left) Holston served as the Mas-stated, "We're all in this speaks with Burke County Ga., Sheriff Alfonzo Williams (right). Photo By: Alexandra Whitbeck



Aspiring officers with The SC Youth ChalleNGe Barnwell County Sheriff Steve Griffith stands with a Academy attended the Community Worship to young citizen at the department's Community Wor-Photo By: Alexandra Whitbeck

Photo By: Alexandra Whitbeck

Barnwell County Sheriff's Office Deputy Lisa Carrigg takes a picture with a fellow law enforcement officer. Deputy Carrigg sang 'Amazing Grace' at the

of the Adjutant General Academy Major Florence under the National Guard McCants also shared a

crowd just how true that than those on television. statement is when he Major Robertson was as- McCants. signed to help the Sumter Police Department locate a aged current officers to missing two-year-old after "take what you have inside her mother was murdered. of you, and share it with

The assailant, who was the future generation." later found to have murdered the child, disposed Department Chief Deputy of her body in a dumpster which was then taken to the county landfill.

Every day of the fiveweek search mission, the over 400-person search resulted in laughs from the party would stand together and pray that they would find the child. Throughout those five weeks, over 400 million pounds of garbage was removed, according to Major Robertson.

When the last day of the search came, Major Robertson walked his dog outside to use the bathroom near a patch of pine trees and was compelled to talk to God – really talk to

It was the first time in a long time he spoke candidly to God outside of the walls of a church, and replicated by other law asked Him to please guide the search party.

That same morning they located Adams, and were back to their communities. able to provide solace to her family and give her a the SC Youth ChalleNGe proper burial.

SC Criminal Justice challenge.com.

Community Worship event. Photo By: Alexandra Whitbeck message to the youth en-Major Robertson re- couraging them to find minded the youth in the local role models rather

"Those role models shared the story of the late should be these people Nevaeh Adams. In 2019, right here," said Major

Deputy Holston encour-

City of Columbia Police Melron Kelly referred to Barnwell County as 'God's Country' and joked how people here waved at him with all five fingers. This

The main message of the event was delivered by Orangeburg Department of Public Safety Chief Charles Austin; "All of you have come to celebrate God, celebrate this day, and celebrate each other."

Chief Austin spoke of the broken walls and gates around communities that were band-aided with an increase of police officers, but need to be permanently fixed with more events like this.

This event is set to be enforcement agents who were in attendance that were inspired to bring it

For more information on Academy, visit scyouth



fellowship with law enforcement from across the ship. Photo By: Alexandra Whitbeck



Heads were bowed during moments of prayer at the Community Worship.



Morrisbury Tales: Hope on the horizon

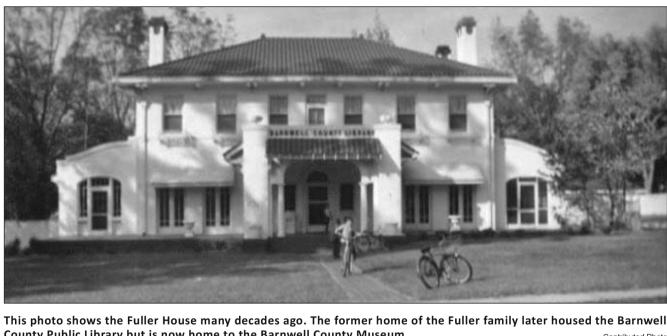
Jerry Morris History Correspondent

Recently, I took a walk downtown and tried to look at our hometown through the eyes of a visitor. It was really hard to overlook the western side of the Circle, next to where the Circle Inn used to be. The Circle Inn was gone before I was old enough to see it. I always knew that area as an empty space—a parking lot most of the time.

The parking area was renovated a while back when they added the drive-thru at the bank, but it has essentially been the same since I was a child. While I was back in that area, I dropped into Pai Dan Productions, where Common Grounds used to be, and talked with the two fine young ladies who are printing T-shirts and making all sorts of neat craft items. For those of you who are newcomers, that building used to be Dr. Gibson's medical office. I know things get a bit confusing for those of you that have become a part of our community in the last few years.

Those of us that have been here a while have a tendency to call buildings and houses by names that have not been used for years. For example, the law office that the Alexanders have rehabilitated used to be a bank, as some of you know. And the building adjacent to it was Lower Carolina Publishers, where I worked at the first job I had after graduation from the University of South Carolina. The Barnwell People-Sentinel was published there in the glass-walled building. I think it's pretty cool that Jonathan Vickery's office for The People-Sentinel is in the same building that it used to be years ago.

As I continued to walk



County Public Library but is now home to the Barnwell County Museum.

around downtown, I realized the Circle and imagine what think a copy of Craig Wix's that if you look closely and can put some of the disarray around the Circle out of your mind, there is potential. If vou use your imagination just a little, you can envision a bit of change in the wind.

The courthouse has been rehabilitated and preserved. The Sundial is still up there, doing its thing for 164 years. We are gradually seeing some of the empty stores come back to life. Before long, you will be able to sit at the drugstore counter again—only this time you will have something new to look at—the wonderful Coca-Cola advertisement that was discovered when the plaster on that wall was removed.

Again, looking more closely gives you details of days gone by. A careful study of the way the walls are constructed tells you that the space that we all knew as Berley's Drugstore at one time was merely an alley between two buildings. That means that in 1920, or thereabout, that Coca-Cola sign was painted on an exterior wall of the building. Just look at that the next time you go around

that area might have looked

One other thing I noticed. For some reason, which I have yet to discover, people from upper New York state have discovered Barnwell. I Hometown Video must have made its way to the office of some cracker jack real estate lady's desk, because there seem to be a number of families that somehow have made their way to Barnwell.



Jennings Owens holds a portrait of C.G. Fuller, which he presented to the City of Barnwell in 2019.

And if you've been reading The People-Sentinel, you realize there are some changes in the wind. The Dayco Plant building over in Williston will be buzzing with activity soon, bringing jobs and money into the county. We have a YMCA pool to cool off in this summer. A farmers' market will be going strong this summer and Fuller Park is becoming the place to be for

the young-uns. It's beginning to feel a bit like the 1930s here in Barnwell. The economy is suffering, but there is hope on the horizon. A young businessman from New England and his red-headed wife with a sharp tongue came to town and made their presence known. They purchased a home from one of our residents, and in return for agreeing to sell it, the young businessman builds the lady a new house right behind the one she sold him.

Speaker of the House, Solomon Blatt and Senator Edgar Brown, from Barnwell, and Representative Winchester Smith from Williston, held the reins of South Carolina government exhibits.

from Barnwell County Before too long, they would be joined by Governor Joseph Emile Harley to form the famous Barnwell Ring.

These politicians supported the young man from New England in his business ventures, the most prominent one being a road construction business. Mr. C.G. Fuller had an invention that he put to good use in the low country of South Carolina, building asphalt highways with a huge machine that not only laid the hot asphalt down, but dressed the edges as well, eliminating the need for hand labor to smooth out the edges. Compared to the expensive concrete roads that had preceded them, C.G. Fuller's roads were a big improvement. No more expansion joints going "bump," "bump," "bump" as the automobile tires ran over them.

Mr. Fuller and Mrs. Effie Mae got rich, and he shared his riches with his adopted hometown. He built a beautiful pond on the Salkehatchie River, above the old dam near Morris Ford, just south of town. He was instrumental in the construction of a baseball stadium that was named Fuller Park in his honor. He had enough political pull, along with that of the Barnwell Ring, to get a State Park built between Barnwell and Blackville. He helped with construction of a golf course on the outskirts of town, named Sweetwater Country Club. And to top it all off, to help Barnwell grow and prosper as we fought through the evils of the Great Depression, C.G. Fuller founded a bank. We rewarded Mr. Fuller by electing him mayor in 1932.

If you want to know more about Mr. C.G. Fuller and his lady, Mrs. Effie Mae, head on over to the Barnwell County Museum and look at the

The 'goat car crew'

Weesie Fickling History Correspondent

Going through some old newspapers, I came across this picture with the following caption: "Reunited again are some members of the infamous 'goat car crew' who followed

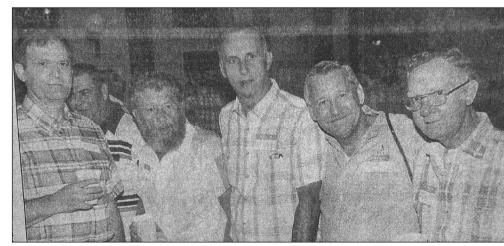
the 1950s in their Model A (left to right) George Lee Ford with a white goat as a passenger.'

could that have been? It Ridgeway, '57. was harmless entertainment Model A is uncertain.

every Barnwell parade in High School grads and pals: gone by.

Webb, '56; Billy Creech, '50; Van Cooper, '53; Don Now just how much fun Peerson, '54 and Charles

Today, our world seems for all! By the way, the goat to be upside down and belonged to our own Billy wrong side out. Hopefully, Creech. The owner of the this mini article / photo will give you a much-needed Pictured are Barnwell mini chuckle from days







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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.

Justin Charles Allen, 27, of 295 McDonald Drive, Barnwell, was arrested on March 26, 2023 by the Barnwell Police Department (BPD)for Burglary and Trespassing. Allen was booked and released to the Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC)

Christopher Lee Chavis, 32, of 74 Chevy Lane, Blackville, was arrested by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) on March 31, 2023 for Criminal Domestic Violence. Chavis was booked and released to BCDC.

Herbert Wincel Davis Jr., 51, of 2753 Red Oak Road, Barnwell, was arrested on

March 28, 2023 by BCSO 2023 by BPD for Assault and for Failure to Appear. Davis was booked and released to

McKenvie Levar Davis, 38, of 98 Oriole Street, Barnwell, was arrested on March 23, 2023 by BPD for Simple Assault. Davis was booked and released to BCDC.

Alexianna Khaleyah Fields, 18, of 29 Colony West Street #3, Barnwell, Disorderly Public Conduct. Fields was booked and re-

Ziquail Malik Glover, 21, of 825 Stilton Road, Orangeburg, was arrested on March 26, 2023 by BPD for two counts of resisting arrest. Glover was booked and released to BCDC.

Ulysses Davon Porterfield, 20, of 650 Wash Board Road Pelion, was arrested on March 29, 2023 for Damaging or Tampering with a Vehicle, Pointing and Presenting Firearms at a Person, and Assault & Battery. Porterfield was booked and released to BCDC. Grace Chevelle Smith,

18, of 200 Cactus Hill Road, Barnwell, was arrested by BCSO on April 1, 2023 for Use of Vehicle without Permission. Smith was booked

Darius Jamal Spellman, 27, of 414 Solomon Price Road, Barnwell, was arrested on March 29, 2023 by BCSC for three counts of Distribution of Marijuana. Spellman was booked and released to Thomas Cory Ryan Zorn,

26, of 277 Carter Circle, Barnwell, was arrested on April 1, 2023 by BPD for a Hit and Run. Zorn was booked and released to BCDC.

How SC police departments use vague exemptions to block reports from public

Barnwell County Arrest Reports

Caitlin Ashworth & Ali Rockett Post & Courier

Charleston police went heavy on the black ink when they finally let the public see a search warrant for the home of a prominent attorney found dead there in January. They hid the majority of information, citing a provision in the state's open records law that allows them to withhold details that constitute an

But when reporters with The Post and Courier obtained the very same document from court officials, not a single word was omitted. It showed that among the details police didn't want you to see were the color of the home's siding and shutters.

'unreasonable invasion of

personal privacy."

The episode illustrates the widely varying interpretations and misconceptions government officials can have of South Carolina's Freedom of Information Act, or FOIA. Its loosely-worded exemptions leave the door open for officials to keep public records private and out of the hands of citizens whose tax dollars paid for them.

As the Palmetto State celebrates its open record law with Sunshine Week, information advocates warn that public officials are increasingly using the privacy provision and other exemptions to make the FOIA a mechanism for obstruction rather than a tool of transparency and accountability. And law enforcement agencies are often in the thick of this debate.

The S.C. Press Association runs a Freedom of Information hotline for journalists across the state, and it logs several calls each week from people battling to obtain records from police agencies, according to attorney Taylor Smith, who helps guide reporters who have problems obtaining records. He has seen a troubling trend of public reports being withheld, along with heavy-handed redactions to documents and exemptions being cited unnecessarily.

Such records were made public by the Legislature to help people make informed decisions about safety in their communities and how law enforcement uses their tax money. The information also is crucial to newsgathering, the public's understanding of government and the democratic process.

"Why not err on the side of transparency?" Smith asked. Yet examples abound of law enforcement agencies censoring their reports while giving out select details in public statements, a tactic that allows police leaders to control the narrative while leaving few avenues for the public to verify their claims.

In Greenville County, for instance, sheriff's officials have withheld reports from high-profile incidents until they could prepare "community briefing videos" that contain highly-edited compilations of deputies' body camera footage, framed with a narration of events from department leaders. The sheriff's office gives itself 45 days to prepare those videos, as was the case with a January traffic stop in which a teen was wounded by a gun he had in his waistband. The gun fired when deputies

tackled him to the ground. And in Columbia, the city's police department leans on news releases and public statements from the chief while reports from highinterest incidents are heavily

redacted before they are

released to the public, often

with entire pages completely

Columbia Police abides by the state FOIA, said department spokeswoman Jennifer Timmons. She cited exemptions that allow its leaders to withhold records that would interfere with an investigation.

"It is within the Chief's discretion to release whatever information he deems pertinent, relevant, or necessary for the general public," Timmons wrote in an email to The Post and

But blacking out key information, even when details of the crime have already been released by police officials through other channels, suggests the department is employing a heavier hand than necessary, said Carmen Maye, a senior instructor in the University of South Carolina's School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

"That suggests that these are not good-faith redactions," she said. "They're overusing

their discretion.' That department, however, is far from alone in drawing

Policing the police

such complaints.

After a body was found along a rural highway in Berkeley County last month near the Williamsburg County line, the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office issued a short announcement the following day.

Few details were immediately available. More than a week passed before the public was told the deceased was 18, or that he had been

Four days after the grisly discovery, the county coroner identified the man and said his death was being investigated as a homicide. The cause of death was not disclosed, with the coroner saying police had yet to make an arrest. This prompted The Post and Courier to ask for the incident report. That document, under state law, is supposed to be available upon request as it discloses the nature, substance and location of a crime.

After repeated requests, the body was discovered, police finally sent the incident report and announced an arrest.

When asked about the delay, Berkeley Deputy Chief Jeremy Baker said the incident report was provided as soon as possible. He said he didn't see any issue with the delay, especially if it meant preserving the investigation - even at the cost of keeping the public in the dark.

"Încident reports aren't an instantaneous thing," he said in an interview, stressing that the reports go up the chain of command for approvals and changes. "We release them when we can."

Any incident report filed within the past 14 days is supposed to be made available the day requested, without a written request. These reports memorialize the nature and substance of reported crimes, not only as an investigative tool for police but also to inform citizens about the safety and wellbeing of their communities.

Once provided, though, these reports often lack the requisite substance. Key details of the alleged crime are either redacted or contained in separate documents, like supplemental reports. Advocates argue those, too, are public records to be available upon request. State lawmakers, in fact, changed the state open records law in 1998 to make clear that supplemental reports are public.

the document identifying the

The heavily redacted report from Berkeley County made no mention of the shooting, 803-259-3588 except for the very first line of

incident type as "information shooting.

We asked 26 agencies for the same records. Not everyone followed SC's new FOIA law.

Back in black

Columbia police are also well-known for their penchant for black ink, even in reference to cases they have used to push for reforms at the Statehouse or in city hall.

At a state Senate subcommittee hearing in January, Columbia Police Chief Skip Holbrook called for sweeping changes to the state's bail bond system, citing a case he described as the worst example of system failure. Holbrook detailed how

one man had been accused of killing another in a Columbia housing project while out on bond in connection with a previous alleged murder in July. The chief delved into specifics of the case, saying that 14 people at or near the scene of the fatal shooting were wearing electronic ankle monitors.

The Post and Courier requested all documents related to the case to verify Holbrook's public statements by assessing what officers wrote in their reports. The department responded

a week later with 26 pages of All but one page

entirely blacked out.

Only three sentences were visible on the first page. They described basic details of the initial response to the shooting. Nothing in those three sentences confirmed that 14 witnesses wore ankle monitors or much of the other information Holbrook shared with the subcommittee.

Timmons, the police spokeswoman, said the chief was operating within his discretion and the department in accordance with FOIA's exemptions in withholding the information.

The law lists a number of exemptions, including the release of information that would: • "interfere with a

- prospective law enforcement proceeding"
- "constitute an and more than a week after unreasonable invasion of personal privacy," and
 - "endanger the life or physical safety of any individual."

The loose wording, with no further explanations, has given police departments wide range in redacting and withholding information,





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open records advocates

Jav Bender, a longtime press association attorney and FOIA expert, said he doesn't believe the problem is the act itself; it's a "failure to comply with the law" and a motivation by some officials "to capitalize on any potential language in the law to justify

Bender said the most common reason he hears to justify redacting information is that a case "is under investigation."

redaction."

"Those words aren't even in the law," he said.

The Times and Democrat newspaper of Orangeburg recently ran into that problem while trying to report on a March 3 shooting at S.C. State University that left a student wounded at a campus housing facility.

The newspaper reported that campus police Chief Tim Taylor instructed a reporter a week later, on March 10, to file a FOIA request for an incident report even though a written request wasn't required under the law. Taylor then sent the reporter to a university lawyer, who said S.C. State would not release the reports at all because they were part of "an active investigation in which no arrests have been made."

No such exemption exists in the FOIA, but the reports have yet to surface all the

Overused exemptions Open records advocates

argue that another oft-abused provision in the law is the personal privacy exemption.

The FOIA says the exemption is meant to cover sensitive business financial information or personal information that could be used in solicitations to the disabled. But the law clearly states that this provision "must not be interpreted to restrict access by the public and press to information

Yet police and other and rarely does the public from Charleston.

authorities have done just have the option to get the that time and again. In the fall, Charleston

County EMS officials refused to release reports on emergency responses to Detyens Shipyards in North Charleston, citing medical privacy exemptions related to accidents at the facility. Four workers had died within three years.

Goose Creek authorities recently cited the exemption in refusing to release crime scene photos and videos from a case that closed last February. Two people were found dead at a local home amid a federal tax fraud investigation.

These sorts of items were readily available in years past through an open records request. The law didn't change; the interpretation did. And some advocates suspect it is being used to hide details the police would simply rather the public not know.

Charleston police used the privacy exemption to redact most of a search warrant in the recent investigation into the death of prominent attorney David Aylor. He was found dead in his Charleston home Jan. 2. An investigation would later pin the cause on an accidental drug overdose. Before that conclusion was reached, police restricted most of the search warrant for his home from public view

and carved out key details from its incident report including the names of people at the house when officers arrived. A Post and Courier reporter later obtained from a Charleston County

magistrate court the same search warrant, revealing that police had blacked out the address of the home (which was already a matter of public record), as well as the fact that the house was white with black shutters. The example shows just how much discretion governments have contained in public records." to withhold information, Greenville and Glenn Smith

information elsewhere. 'No real teeth'

information makes it

Withholding such

difficult for the public to see and understand how law enforcement is doing its job, press association attorneys Bender and Smith said. And if they are caught violating the FOIA there is little remedy for

noncompliance, except to file suit in court. "The law has no real teeth," said Richard Whiting, executive editor of the *Index* Journal in Greenwood who also serves as the S.C. Press Association's new president

and FOIA chair. "I think they bank on, if you will, that most of the time is going to be too expensive," Whiting said. newspapers aren't going to do that. Certainly, individuals are not going to, unless they have very deep pockets."

Public bodies often think of FOIA as an imposition, something extra, rather than a primary function of their jobs, Maye said.

"There are only like three reasons that public officials would not comply," she said "One is they're ignorant of the law. The second is that they just don't care about the law. And the third is that they're afraid of public

Local governments like local news, are often understaffed, which could also contribute to noncompliance, Maye said.

"Either that's going to reveal incompetence, at best or, at worse, corruption, Maye said. "And so, on its face, there's just no good reason for public bodies not

Caitlin Ashworth reported from Columbia and Ali Rockett from Charleston. Skylar Laird and Alexander Thompson contributed from Columbia, Spencer Donovan from

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BARNWELL - Randall Charles Martin, son of Merrill Jerome Martin Sr. and Evelyn Greene Martin, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Sunday, March 26, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Merrill Jerome (Jerry) Martin Jr.

Randy was born in Spartanburg on March 4, 1949. He moved to Barnwell at the age of five and graduated from Barnwell High School in 1967. He was a member of the Scarlet Knights who won the National Championship in 1967 and toured Europe for 31 days. He held many degrees in Music, History, Sociology, and Psychology. He went on to teach band at several different schools. Most notably he was a Carolina Cavalier at Blackville-Hilda. He loved his job and every one of his students. His bands received over 500 awards, including national, state, and local. He

Randall Martin

for his nephew and a closet Home at 11 a.m. Graveside Clemson fan, thanks to his was at Barnwell County grandboys. He loved racing, often visiting Rockingham and Darlington speedways. Randy was a member of the 20th SCVI and loved re-enacting history and was a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He enjoyed taking his boys to Atlanta, Ga. to see the Braves play. He also loved taking his grandboys turkey, deer, and duck hunting. He also loved to fish in his Jon boat he had always wanted. Papa rarely missed a ballgame or special event involving his family.

He was a loving son, brother, father, uncle, Papa, cousin, friend and teacher. Throughout the years, he touched many lives due to his big heart. He never met anyone help. He was a selfless man who will be missed by so many. Although his jokes were funny, one word summed up this God-fearing man ... FAMILY!

friends and family at Mole Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. All arms. Reverend Bart Kelly preached his homegoing ceremony on Wednesday,

was an avid Gamecock fan March 29 at Mole Funeral Memory Gardens.

He is survived by his daughter, Melissa-"Snoopy" (Chip); his two grandsons, Will - "Spider Monkey" and Charlie – "Doodle Bug" (Roxy); his nephew Marty (Brooke) Martin, and his great-nephew, Landon. He was loved and cherished by Marilyn Schmidt for the past few years, who he loved very much. For the past 20 years, he had a "special son" named Jason Macdonald. Pallbearers are Joe Waller,

Anthony Perry, Jerry Morris, Ray Witt, CJ Roberts, & Matt Hooper. He named his Carolina Cavaliers Marching Band members and the S.C. Band Director's Association as honorary pall bearers, a stranger. He never denied along with his boys' friends. Larry Kinard, Chris Delk, Andy Sandifer, Anderson Corder, Rhea Ridgeway, Rebecca Myers, BJ Patterson, Jamari Dunbar, Evan Williams, Colton Rhodes, & The family received River Shirey are also honorary pallbearers.

Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell was in charge of arwere welcomed with open rangements. Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com.

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SLEYTOWN - Annette Creech Delk, 82, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, surrounded by her family. She was affectionately known to many as "Nanny."

Born in Barnwell County, she was a daughter of the late James Ansel Creech and Eloise Still Creech, and was married to the late Henry Eugene Delk Sr. for 58 years. She was a member of Double Pond Baptist Church and retired from the South Carolina Department of Social Services. During retirement,

Annette Delk

Annette and Henry enjoyed caregiver, Mary Beth Creech. traveling with the Young at Church of Barnwell and attending the Willing Hearts at Friendship Baptist Church. Annette also enjoyed participating in the Sleytown Quilting Club and was known for her cooking and baking skills.

In addition to her husband and parents, Annette was preceded in death by her brother, James Willard Creech. Survivors include her children: Sherry (Don) Moore of Barnwell, Rhonda (Bill) Lawrence of Lexington, and Henry Eugene (Kelly) Delk Jr. of Lexington; grandchildren: Kitt (Anna) Moore, Mary Weston Lawrence, Lillian Lawrence, Elli Delk, Katherine Delk and Sarah Parker Delk; a great-grandson, Henry Kitt Moore; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her sister, Sara Creech Smith, and very special friend, cousin, and

A funeral service was held Heart from the First Baptist at 11 o'clock a.m., Friday, March 31, 2023, at Double Pond Baptist Church with the Reverends Dr. Thomas Terry and Dr. Andy Sandifer officiating. The family received friends from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the church.

> In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Double Pond Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 357 Double Pond Road, Blackville, S.C. 29817.

> The family would like to especially thank the staff of Lakeside Place Senior Living, Lexington, for the care and comfort provided over the last six months.

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

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Richard Jean Atkinson

BARNWELL - Richard Jean "Ricky" Atkinson, 69, of Barnwell, passed away on Harvey Richardson.

dren Wesley Atkinson, Mary "Sue Sue" Moxley; Tiffany Atkinson, Casey Jo as well as many nieces and Jeter Atkinson, and Richard nephews. He is preceded in Rhett Atkinson; grandchildren Avery Atkinson, Dalton Atkinson, Whitney Gibson, Savannah Gibson, Trevor Atkinson, Blake Gibson, and Ella Gibson; great-granddaughter, Jocelyn Montejano; brothers Tommy Atkinson and James Atkinson; sisters Tassy Renew, Amanda Frick-He is survived by his ling, Debbie Sue Beasley,

death by his brother, Johnny Atkinson.

Ricky will be announced at a later date. Mole Funeral Home is as-

A gathering to celebrate

sisting the family. Sign the online guestbook at molefh.

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Saturday, March 25th, 2023 at his home. He was born in Allendale County on April 26th, 1953 to the late Floyd Atkinson and Gwendolyn A lifetime member of the Carpenter's Local 283 in Augusta, Ricky was a master carpenter and roofer.

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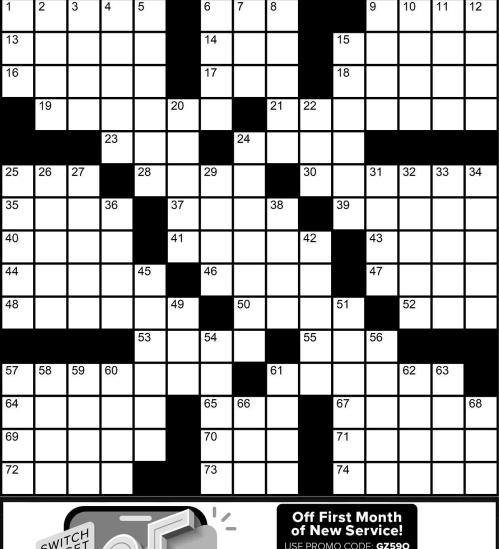
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- 22. Endorsement 24. Alfresco
- 25. *It contains
- cerebellum and parietal
- 26. Big Dipper shape
- 27. Hiker's path
- 29. *Largest organ
- 31. Fogginess
- 33. *AB+ or B-
- 34. Vigorous fight
- 36. Outback birds
- 42. Snail trail
- 45. Like certain Crüe
- 61. Glowing gas 62. Iridescent gem

last name

- 63. Byproduct of wool combing
- 66. Percy Bysshe
- Shelley's poem
- 68. Canny

DOWN SUDOKU 1. Annoying pop-ups





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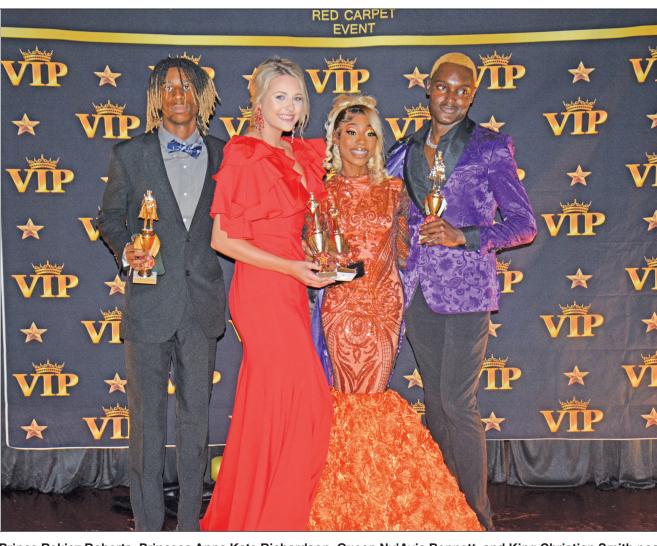


school gym. Juniors and seniors along with their guests

B arnwell High School held its "A Night in the Spotlight" themed prom on Friday, March 31 in the special treat was a 360-degree photo booth.

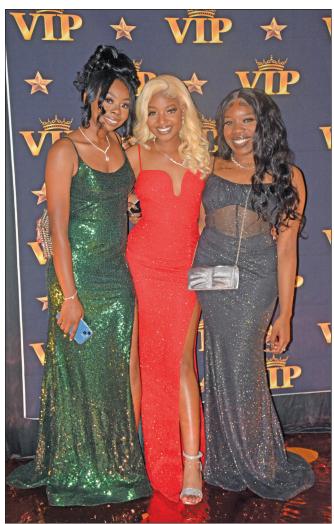






Prince Rekiez Roberts, Princess Anna Kate Richardson, Queen Ny'Avia Bennett, and King Christian Smith pose for the cameras in front of the VIP backdrop. All photos by: Jonathan Vickery / Publisher























Food and fun found at Taste of Blackville





Alexandra Whitbeck Reporter reporter@thepeoplesentinel.com

A little rain did not stop the food and fun on Main Street on Saturday, March 25 at Taste of Blackville.

A variety of local chefs came to share their food with the community such as Natta's Sweet Treats, Lala's Lemonade, and Kitchen Kings who served low country boil, pork chops, and seafood. There were also a variety of

vendors like Lavish Girl Boutique and Damsel in Defense, and the First Baptist Church of Blackville hosted soccer and face painting for children.

Norman Bolen, a local Elvis Presley impersonator, provided the musical entertainment with a selection of songs. Bolen has been impersonating Elvis Presley for 18 years, and has even performed twice in Graceland.











Photos by Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter



Barnwell County Consolidated School District #48 Office of Special Services

Barnwell County Consolidated School District #48 presently provides programs and services for children with:

- **Autism**
- Deaf-Blindness
- Deafness & Hearing Impairment
- Developmental Delay
- Emotional Disability,
- Intellectual Disability
- Multiple Disabilities
- Other Health Impairment
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Speech or Language Impairment
- Specific Learning Disability
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairment

Should you be aware of any child from ages 3 to 21 with a disability who is in need of services, please contact: Mrs. Leah Bias, Director of Special Services at (803) 284-5606 weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

All names of referred persons will remain confidential.

The Office of Special Services is located at 446 Country Club Road, Blackville, SC 29817.





BCCC celebrates successes of students, teachers

Alexandra Whitbeck

Reporter reporter@thepeoplesentinel.com

The Barnwell County Career Center (BCCC) recently celebrated the successes of its students and teachers in reaching their career goals.

Sixteen students received their Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certifications after completing the health and science program at

Caroline Arbogast, Reid Barker, Nyavia Bennett, A'Shuna Brown, Callee Chesser, Sahra Ditto-Williams, Briana Donaldson, Adrianna Houston, Valerie Hutto, Avery Keele, Zakiera Matthews, Zi'yer Rice,

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Easter Basket goodies and all your

fresh floral arrangements!

Simmons, Jamie Stein, and lege," said Dawn Wilbanks, Janiya Washington have all BCCC health and science taken one step further in the healthcare field.

requires a minimum of 100 hours in the classroom, at skills labs, and working in a clinical setting. Since COVID, the clinical hours were obtained in the skills

examination, health and science students spend two years studying healthcare and medical terminology with a focus on anatomy and physiology.

who obtain their CNA at BCCC go on to work in local nursing homes while still in high school to gain the experience and Kaitlyn Simmons, Zaria help save money for col- bie Dicks.

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instructor. "Having the CNA certification and the This three-year program other four certifications offered through the health science program here at the career center increases our students' chances of being accepted into the highly competitive college healthcare programs as well as Before preparing for the making them immediately marketable for the workforce even before their high school graduation." "My hope for these

young ladies is that this is the entry way into their fu-"Many of our students ture goals in the healthcare workforce and that we have in some way guided them to their desired field of choice," said BCCC health and science instructor Deb-

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"It is truly a blessing happier to represent my to train and work with these young ladies as we see them take the theory and apply it to real-life scenarios and enter the workforce or postsecondary school of their choice. We share our 'war' stories and experiences with them which lets them know that we have been where they are and where they can be," said Dicks.

"Watching them grow both academically and personally from the sophomore year to the senior year is very fulfilling," said Wilbanks. "They come in as young sophomores not really understanding what all is entailed in being a health care worker and leave with the skills to directly assist in the care and safety of other human beings. For these young students to determine and follow through with a desire to serve others selflessly is such a privilege to be a part of."

Poetry contest winners

Aside from successes in the health care field, one teacher and one student from BCCC were recognized on the state level for their entries in the National Career Development Poetry Contest sponsored by the National Career Development Association.

"The theme of the contest was to be based on career and technology education. So, the challenge was to write a poem that would provoke thought about what we teach but also be entertaining for the reader," said Mark Epperson, BCCC auto technology teacher and contest winner.

Epperson came in first place in the adult category for his original poem, "Perhaps I'll Build a Road." Epperson has written dozens of poems, and was excited to partake in this contest.

"I was delighted to win the contest and even more excited that one of our students won her division as well," said Epperson.

Barnwell High School senior and BCCC Health and Science program student, Reid Barker won first place in the ninth through twelfth grade category for an original poem.

"I originally entered this contest to gain extra credit for my health science class quickly realized how fulsomething I am passionate month. about. For the Career Decareer I feel is greatly unappreciated and deserves

program and the career center statewide. I owe great thanks to the support Barnwell High School senior I received from my amazing teachers and the staff at BCCC!" said Barker.

Students of the Month

Students in each program at BCCC have the opportunity to be named student of the month for demonstrating leadership and showing potential in That's when love grew. their programs.

in their first semester of their respective programs, and have been named student of the month for being a leader and making

In the agriculture program in Mindy Sandifer's class, Callie Bozard, Fate Wall, and Alaina Brant were named students of the month. In Christle Tindall's agriculture class, Audrey Sanders, Alaila Boyce, and Noah Smith were recog-

In automotive technology, MaHayley Hurst, Alayna Mitchell, and Rashadd Jackson were named students of the month.

Building construction students Hayden Duty, Jemauri Cave, and John Thompson built their way upward to becoming students of the month.

De'Aysia Britton, Stephanie Tepole, and Traveonna McCreary were named students of the month in the cosmetology program.

In the criminal justice program, JaKyia Mack, Sidney Mason and Andrew Still were all named students of the month.

Jalen Brown, Matthew Moore, and James Gonzalez were named the cyber security program's students of the month.

Jondalyn Dunbar, Chelsea Walker, and Shanese Samuels were named students of the month in Dick's health and science Along comes dedication. class. In Wilbanks' class, Isabelle Ayer, Briana Robinson, and Barker were all named students of the

In the marketing program, Isha Patel, Dennis Dedication to a profession Gibson, and Gabriel Hosey were recognized as students of the month.

In mechanical design, Dedication is what keeps Kinsey Lewis, Markasia you going Reed, and Rasan Houston at the career center, but all jumped into leadership Nevertheless, problems positions earning them will persist... filling it was to write about the title of students of the

In mechatronics, Avery velopment Poetry Contest, Trottie and Cesar Villalo-I wanted to highlight a bos were the students of the month, and in welding, Jabarius Johnson, Stevie more recognition, which Jones, and John Thompson It takes grace to overcome.

The Cycle of Nursing

By Reid Barker

and BCCC Health and Science program student

From the first time you put on a baggy pair of scrubs to "play pretend" on your stuffed animals

All of these students are A love for always asking questions

> A love to take care of others A love for helping others in need

That love transforms into ambition.

An ambition to take rigorous classes

you to apply to competitive programs An ambition that is the key

An ambition that drives

component that gets you an acceptance letter

Then comes determination. Determination that pushes

you through grueling hours of studying Determination that allows

you to persevere through 6AM clinicals Determination that will

earn you a degree Passion follows

determination. Passion which tells you to

never give up on a patient Passion is what motivates

you to always do better Passion is what you need to

to get through what seems like a never-ending shift

Dedication is what allows you to leave all the hardships of your day at the front door

in which sickness and death will surround you

Complications will arise,

Obstacles will stand in the way of success, And doubt will rear its ugly head.

Grace to lift yourself up, when fearful

Grace to admit when you make mistakes

Grace which follows you as you walk the floors of a

hospital and To the time where you put

back on those scrubs from earlier that suddenly fit and get ready to save a life.

Perhaps I'll Build a Road

by Mark Epperson Automotive Technology Teacher Barnwell County Career Center

Perhaps I'll build a house, To keep me safe and warm. A home for my family,

When life throws us a storm.

Perhaps grow a garden, To feed my family and friends. And store up for the

winter, As the growing season

Perhaps I'll save a life, With the lessons I have learned. To save someone in need,

With the skills that I have earned. Perhaps I'll build a road,

To somewhere I've never

And maybe build another, To bring me home again.



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PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Kaydrian Poplin

Barnwell High School



Grade: 11th Sport: Cross country, Soccer Favorites...

- Food: Spaghetti
- Movie/TV shows: Outer Banks
- Snack: Cheez-its
- Coaches: Tiffany Zorn
- Free time activity: Drawing
- Musician: Louis Tomlinson
- Goal for this season:

Score a hat trick (3 goals)."

VARSITY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Thursday, April 6 Horse Creek Academy @
- Barnwell 3pm Friday, April 7
- Barnwell @ Branchville 5pm Monday, April 10
- Orangeburg Christian @ JDA -
- Tuesday, April 11 • Barnwell @ Wade Hampton -6pm

Monday, April 10

• Orangeburg Christian @ JDA -

Tuesday, April 11 Barnwell @ Wade Hampton -

Monday, April 10 Williston-Elko @ Fox Creek -

(Boys B, Girls G) Tuesday, April 11 Wade Hampton @ Barnwell G 5:30pm, B 7pm

The People-Sentinel

Sports

Blue Devils defeat Warhorses in tennis



Williston-Elko defeated Barnwell 5-1 on Thursday, March 30.

Jeff Miller Sports Writer

There has been a longstanding rivalry between the Williston-Elko remains. Blue Devils and Barnwell Warhorses in most sports, but some of the most competitive battles have been fought not on the gridiron or hardwoods, but on the tennis for numerous region champion-

Wait, why would Barnwell and

A boys tennis, Williston had been a part of the same region as Barnwell, for boys tennis only. This year the two teams are not

Williston-Elko boys tennis team hosted the visitors from Barnwell on Thursday, April 30th. This his number one singles win." year, Williston-Elko has bragging courts. Both teams have battled rights, defeating Barnwell by a score of 5-1. The one Blue Devil loss was in number one singles. Williston be competing for region to be stronger and came out with season winds down. titles? you might ask. Due to the the 6-2, 7-5 win over Williston's

small number of teams in single #1 Xavier Lewis. Lewis battled to keep the second set going, before Sinha won the match.

Coach Walters said, "I am glad to have Chris Davis back. Chris grouped together, but the rivalry is a senior and has been out with a football injury. Timothy Coach Bernard Walters and the Jameson won the third seed 6-0, 6-0." Walters continued saying, "Congratulations to Amolik for

Williston will face Fox Creek on the 10th of April. Barnwell will be off until the rematch with Williston-Elko on April 17th. Barnwell's Amolik Sinha proved Good luck to both teams as the



Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Barnwell's Amolik Sinha won the #1 singles battle 6-2, 7-5.

Photo by: Ali Godhrawala

Soccer Camp

Blackville First Baptist Church is offering a free Soccer Day Camp on Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for students of all ages. Lunch will be provided.

The camp will be led by the Columbia International University Men's soccer team, the 2022 NCCAA National Champions.

Registration is open now and can be completed online at https://forms.gle/aDMj3rMu8 x4vuXyn6 or on Facebook at Blackville First Baptist Church KICKS Soccer League. Anyone with questions can call 803-709-0165. The church is located at 19449 Solomon Blatt Avenue, Blackville, and all students and parents should come to the picnic shelter behind the church.

Barnwell baseball splits with Woodland



Barnwell's Cam Austin struck out 11 Woodland batters on the way to a 6-0 Barnwell win.

Jeff Miller Sports Writer

he Barnwell Warplayed Woodland twice last week.

well easily won the first contest 6-0, but could not repeat the feat and lost the second game 8-3 at Woodland. Barnwell is currently horse baseball team 9-5 and 4-2 in Region 6-AA competition.

The first game saw War-The first game was Tues- horse hurler Cam Austin day, March 28 at Barnwell throw seven quality innand then the Warhorses ings. Austin allowed no traveled to Woodland on runs, only gave up three trol. According to Barnwell

Wolverines on the way to a 6-0 victory. Offensively, the Warhorses were helped by Seth Ray, who was 1/2 at the plate and scored two runs. Clay Pender was 3/4 and had three RBIs. Trey Boleman was 1/3 with an RBI.

Despite losing the second game, the Warhorses region finish is still in their con-Thursday, March 30. Barn- hits, and struck out 11 Coach Will Gee, "We play

Wade Hampton in a big region series the week after spring break. If we win both, we will be tied for first in the region. If we lose one, we will finish third. So that series will be huge for our playoff seeding. We have our backs against the wall in region play, but it is still in our hands. That's all you can ask for."

When asked about his few weeks."

team this year, Gee said, "We have been playing good baseball as of late. Thursday was a rough loss having only struck out once at the plate and made just one error. Just one of those games that didn't go our way. Our pitchers have really thrown the ball well and our defense has been a bright spot for us the past

Barnwell will face Horse Creek Academy, Thursday, April 6 then travel to Branchville on Friday, April 7, before facing Wade Hampton the following week in the very important series with Wade Hampton that will determine the region standings. Good luck to Coach Gee and the Barnwell Warhorse baseball team!

Photo by: Shannon McCormack

Lady Warhorses beat Wolverines twice to remain unbeaten in region play



The Barnwell Lady Warhorses are 6-0 in Region 6-AA after beating Woodland in back-to-back games.

Jeff Miller Sports Writer

The Barnwell Lady **■** Warhorse softball team took a 4-0 region record into this week's region showdown against Woodland.

Woodland was also unbeaten in region play going into the Wednesday contest at Barnwell, followed the next day by a game at Woodland. If either team could win both games, they would be in first place each won a game, then the and a temporary first place

games, but did so in a very convincing manner.

batters on the way to another Barnwell victory.

ture would be very unclear. Offensively for the Lady Barnwell came away with 2/4 with 2 doubles and 2 play to sit atop Region 6-AA Barnwell not only won both Warhorses, Abigail Corley, Cailyn Morris, Brooklyn Gordon, Tierra Arnold, The first game took place and Bre'Anna Buckmon Wednesday, March 29 in all had singles. Bre'Anna Barnwell. Jaidyn Devore had two singles. Cailyn took to the circle for the Morris and Brianna Croft Lady Warhorses, and when hit doubles, with Cailyn she pitches, it is usually bad hitting two doubles. Brooknews for the opposition. lyn Gordon added a triple This held true with Devore for the Horses. Tierra striking out 17 Woodland Arnold hit the shot of the night when she unloaded a in the circle and did not homerun over the left field The Barnwell offense got fence in the fifth inning. more than enough help RBIs were contributed from offensively, scoring eight Cailyn Morris (1), Brooklyn in the region. If the teams runs to seal the 8-2 win Gordon (3), Tierra Arnold Warhorses were led by

had to travel to Woodland the very next day.

second time in as many days. The results would be no different, with Barnwell coming out on top of Woodland 13-2. Devore was back disappoint, striking out 9 in the win.

Offensively, the Lady region championship pic- ranking in division play. When the dust cleared, finished the night going overall and 6-0 in region

My name:

the 8-2 win and was in first RBIs. Makayla Creech was all alone. place in the region, but still 3/4 with a double. Abigail Corley went 1/2 at the plate. Devore helped her own Barnwell traveled to cause by going 2/2, with a Woodland the next day to double, and 2 RBIs. Cailyn face the Wolverines for the Morris went 2/3 and had an RBI. Brooklyn Gordon Beasley said, "I'm proud was 1/2 on the night. Tierra Arnold stayed hot offensively, going 2/3. Karrie Bolen went 1/3 and added an RBI. Brianna Croft was 1/3, with a double, and 2 of the 18 batters she faced RBIs. The offense scored 13 forward together, then sucruns while the defense only

gave up two. With the victory, the Lady (1), and Karrie Bolen (1). Bre'Anna Buckmon, who Warhorses improved to 11-1

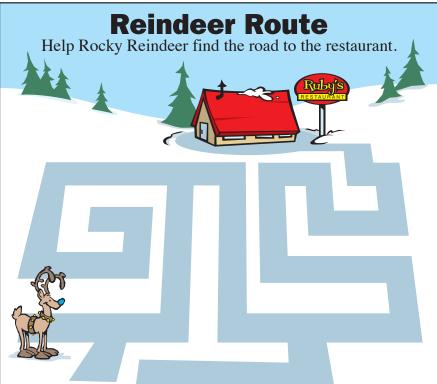
Barnwell will take a few days off for spring break, then will return to finish out the regular season and get ready for the playoffs.

Barnwell coach Mike of our players, coaches, and parents for what they do each day to ensure the success of the Lady Warhorse Softball program. When everyone is moving cess takes care of itself. I'm excited for our players and the position they've put us in moving forward."

Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!



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,



My Rhyme Time

R's for the reindeer With the soft, pretty eyes; Ronnie found them so tame She had quite a surprise.

My Letters

R is for Reindeer **r** is for **reindeer**



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter **R**. 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 \mathbf{R} makes in the word **reindeer**?

My Numbers



How many \(\ightarrow ?



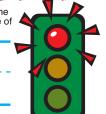


Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and

count to find the answers.



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



Sunday

Letter Identification

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

Monday

Math Play

Point to the number 5 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Learning Buddy Sign Here

I have completed _ activities with my

Learning Buddy.

Tuesday

What's Hiding?

Let your child find a picture of something he or she likes in the newspaper. Look at the picture for about 30 seconds. Then cover the picture and see how many details your child can remember about the picture.

Wednesday

Letter to Santa

On a blank piece of paper, have your child create a letter to Santa. Your child can find and cut out pictures of "wish list" items from the newspaper and glue them onto the letter.

Thursday

Cold Signs

Have your child look through the newspaper and find things that make them think about COLD. Put an X on each thing found.

Friday

Wrapping Paper Factory

Have your child color and make designs on sheets of already-read newspaper and use their paper to wrap gifts for friends and teachers.

Saturday

Counting Presents At this time of year,

newspapers are full of holidaŷ art. Play **Find the Presents** with your child. Give your child several sheets of newspaper with pictures of presents. Ask your child to find and count the presents on the pages.



Kid Scoop Junior comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning readiness skill. Step by Step Success 1. Read the activity instruction aloud. 2. Show how to do the activity by doing it yourself first. 3. Ask your child to copy what you do.

Learning Buddy's signature

Events

to make the registration/

out to the camp director,

Kimberly Sanchelli, at (803)

609-5419 or the Producer,

Dennis Knapp at 803-300-

Cast placements and

April 15
Barnwell County

Resource Day For

Barnwell County Airport,

155 State Rd., Barnwell.

Sheriff's Office

community.

Lt. E. Kirkland at

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10am-lpm

<u> April 15</u>

803-634-3922.

on May 13th

registration opens at 10am

Community Outreach

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Blackville's Earth Day

Clean-up for US Hwy.

Contact Fonda E. Patrick,

7:30am. Begins 8am.

Barnwell Earth Day

Meet at Folk Funeral Home

parking lot. All trash pick-up

<u>Sat., April 22</u>

Trash Clean-up

items will be provided.

Sat., April 22 Town of Hilda Big

Spring Clean

<u> Sat., April 22</u>

Lunch will be provided.

The camp will be led by

the Columbia International

championship in soccer in

December. This event is

free but pre-registration

is requested! Register on

League".

at 803-709-0165.

<u>Sat., May 6</u>

Holy Apostles.

Relay for Life

at 803-686-0109.

<u>Fri., May 19</u>

Fundraiser

Barnwell

Golf Tournament

I0am-4pm

Facebook at "Blackville First

Baptist Church KICKS Soccer

If you have any questions, call

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Holy Apostles Anglican Church

parking lot. All proceeds go to

Fri., May 12 Allendale-Barnwell

Tiger Stadium in Allendale.

To join or form a team, please

contact Artheen Fitts at 803-

584-3368 or Margaret Maner

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Four-Man Captain's Choice

Sweetwater Country Club,

Contact Jeremy Joye at

JoyeJL@mailbox.sc.edu

10am Shotgun Start

University men's soccer team

who won the NCCAA national

Youth Soccer Day Camp

Blackville First Baptist Church.

10am-12n

Meet at Tabernacle Baptist

Church, 3076 Dexter St. at

placement time, please reach

Ongoing Raffle for Week at Coral Sands, Hilton Head

Circle Theatre is raffling off a week (June 18-25) at Coral Sands in Hilton Head. \$20 per raffle ticket. Tickets are available at The People-Sentinel office (222 Main St., Barnwell). Condo is a large 3-bedroom unit that sleeps 12 and is two blocks from Coligny Circle and the beach! **Drawing will be** held April 18.

Ongoing Circle Theatre (325 Academy St., Barnwell) will host Aiken-based Paladin Productions for a one night only performance of their production Almost Maine. Don't miss this hilarious romantic comedy. Advance tickets can be purchased at The People-Sentinel office (222 Main St., Barnwell) or at the door of the theatre.

Performance April 18

the show.

Doors open 30 minutes before

Ongoing 2nd & 4th Fridays Golden Harvest Food Pantry

Gateway Church, 8678 Marlboro Ave., Barnwell 9am-12pm

<u>Thru April 7</u> **Donations for Hilda** Easter Egg Hunt The Town of Hilda is

looking for plastic candyfilled (individually wrapped) egg donations. Eggs may be dropped off at Town Hall on Thursday afternoons or mornings at the Post Office.

<u>Thru Apr. 10</u> Mondays Arts & Crafts Classes

Allendale County Recreation FREE classes at Allendale County Leisure Center. Instructor Deborah Creech. Call Lori Joyner, 803-686-1089.

Starts Apr. II Barnwell County Career Center FFA Spring Plant

msandifer@bccc80.com ctindall2bccc80.com 803-300-2529 after Ipm Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-2:45pm or by appt.

Thru Apr. 12 Mondays & Wednesdays Line Dance Workshop A FREE healthy lifestyle line

dance workshop to offer health education to citizens. Presented by Low Country Health Care System. Williston Town Hall. For more info, contact Angela Youmans at (803) 632-2533, ext. 1104 or (803) 686-0229. 9:30-10:30am

April 5-8 Denmark Dogwood Festival

Wed., 9am - Prayer Breakfast **7pm** - Painting of Dogwoods Thurs. - Rides Open Fri., 4pm - Blast from the Past (artwork by local artists) **Brooker Center**

Fri., 6pm - Exhibits open Sat., Ilam - Festival Parade Sat., 10pm - Festival ends

<u>April 7</u> **Youth Explosion**

Event for youth and adults. Class/Presentations will be held on: Sex Trafficking, Crime and Consequences, Fentanyl Epidemic, Parents Unawareness, Teenage Vaping, Mentoring, and more. Church of Christ, 11065 Hwy. 78, Williston. Presenters will be: Barnwell County Sheriff's Department, Williston, Blackville, and Barnwell police departments, Ernest Parker Jr., The Shepherds (husband and wife), Axis I Center, and others. Door prizes and cash prizes will be given out. For more info, contact Dennis Pernell at 803-645-0358 or Ann Pernell at 803-645-8166. Dinner will be served at 5pm. Classes/Presentations will begin at 6pm

AARP Smart Driver

@ Generations Unlimited, 1403 Ellenton St., Barnwell. Please call Karen to register at 803-67I-082I. \$20 for AARP & \$25 for non-members; can only accept cash/check at the event. All participants will receive a certificate to give to their insurance agent for a discount on their insurance for 3 years. 9am-Ipm

April 8

Easter Eggstravaganza Barnwell First Baptist Church. Bring your own basket. Enjoy crafts and an egg hunt. For children nursery to 4th grade. 3-4:30pm

<u> April 8</u> Town of Williston Easter Egg Hunt

Williston Town Park. Age groups: 3 & under, 4-6 years old, 7-10 years old. Please bring your basket. Contact Shannon Mundy for information, 803-300-1912. lpm

<u> April 8</u> Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by Together Sisters at Molony Field in Blackville. All children are invited. Lots of eggs, food and fun. 3pm

Allendale Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by Queens of Unity #004. Bring your own basket. All kids must be with an adult. Treats, prizes, face painting & food. Security enforced. 5789 Flat St., Allendale 12-3pm

May 13 Registration Circle Theatre will hold its annual summer theatre camp on June 19th-25th.

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." Registration fee is \$125. Full or partial payment needs to be made at registration. Full/partial scholarships are available. If you aren't able

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

Barnwell Library Events

Barnwell County Public Library will be Closed Friday, April 7, 2023 for Good Friday.

ADULTS

Adult Craft Night **Mason Jar Tissue Holders** Thurs., April 13th Turn a mason jar into a cute

tissue holder. 5-6:30pm

Potluck Book Club

Tues. April 25

Ages 8-18

We will be discussing A World of Curiosities by Louise Penny. **TWEENS/TEENS**

Drop in Lego Challenge Mon., April 10 Drop in anytime to build a

spring themed Lego display. **CHILDREN**

Ages 3 & Up Jumping Bunny Stem Craft Paper Spring Wreath Mon., April 17 Learn how to make a

wreath out of a paper plate, construction paper and yarn. 4-5pm

Ages 2-10 **Spring Sensory Bin** Mon., April 24

Drop in anytime to dig through or spring themed sensory bin. Find all of the items and win a small prize.

VIRTUAL STORY TIME Thurs., April 13 & 27 Videos will be posted on **Facebook** 11am

STORY TIME at the Library Thurs., Apr. 6 & 20 Children's Room

ALL AGES Movie with the Easter Bunny Thurs., April 6 Come watch the movie

HOP with our special guest the Easter Bunny. Space is limited.

Blackville **Library Events**

April II & 25 Story Time Blackville Library 10:30am

<u> April 17</u> SC Works Center on Wheels Blackville Public Library

803-645-9011 I0am-2pm

The Barnwell County **Ministerial Coalition** presents Community Stations of the Cross Good Friday, April 7 @ 6pm Join us at Holy Apostles Church to begin the walk to the Stations of the Cross Join us for our annual Community Stations of the Cross, a

reflection of Jesus's walk to Calvary. This event will begin at Holy Apostles where participants will walk through downtown, stopping at churches and landmarks for scripture reading and prayer with BCMC ministers. If you prefer not to walk, scripture and prayer will be provided in Holy Apostles Church. The Stations of the Cross is dedicated in loving memory of Jerry Dubose, who was instrumental in beginning this annual service.

Local Directory

Barnwell Library

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

10am-7pm Sat. I0am-2pm

Blackville Library

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

Williston Library

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

MUSEUMS

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

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

BLACKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

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

Lenten Service

The Barnwell County Ministerial Coalition would like to invite you to join in our annual community Lenten Services.

The final 2023 service is:

April 5 Gateway Assemblies 7678 Marlboro Ave. **Barnwell** Pastor Charlie Morris 12:00 noon

The Barnwell County Ministerial Coalition, along with local churches, has hosted the community Lenten services for more than 30 years. This annual event is hosted by local downtown churches each Wednesday from Ash Wednesday through Palm Friday. The host church will provide a light lunch for community members to fellowship together, beginning at 12:00n, followed by the Lenten service at 12:30pm in which community members will worship together.

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Barnwell United Methodist <u>Church</u>

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

Crochet Comforters - 10am on

First Baptist

4th Saturday

Bells Chapel Pentecostal

<u>Holiness</u> 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

Christ Presbyterian Church 848 Hagood Ave., Barnwell

Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Worship 10:30am Bible Študy Wednesday 6pm 803-259-5653 First Baptist Church of

<u>Barnwell</u> 161 Allen St, Barnwell Contemporary Service Sundays 9am Traditional Service Sundays 11am Sunday School at 10:10am Watch on facebook or listen in the parking lot

over 90.5

<u>Friendship Baptist Church</u> 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

785 Main St., Barnwell Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am Wednesday Service 7pm

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

2nd-5th Sundays 10:30am <u>Life Tabernacle Church</u> 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

<u>Mt Lebanon Christian Church</u> 420 Christian Rd., Barnwell

(803) 259-1438 mtlebanoncc@gmail.com Sunday School at 10am Sunday am worship 11am (blended music) Šunday PM Bibĺe Study 6pm (mid July-April) www.mtlebanonchristian church.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 Tuesdays at 6:15pm. Please wear a mask.

151 Emerald Lane, Barnwell In-House service on second and fourth Sundays at 12:15pm.

Rosemary Baptist Church

CDC guidelines will be used. Pastor Sarah Perkins Second Baptist Church of Barnwell 181 Church St., Barnwell

In person worship service. Masks and social distancing is encouraged. Temp. checks upon entrance. Sundays 10am For more info: Pastor Elder Lamonte Boyd (803) 259-1385

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SBCBarnwell

Seven Pines Baptist Church

Snelling. Small community church welcomes visitors. Sunday School: 9:50am Service: 11am, 6pm Pastor Mark Watford

Springfield Missionary **Baptist Church** 132225 Hwy. 278, Barnwell

Sundays, in-person worships services, masks are encouraged. Pastor is 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: stjamesanglicanblackville@ gmail.com 803-671-0676 (mobile)

St. Mary Baptist Church

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

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

Park & Praise Service

2nd & 4th Sundays - 10am

Face masks should be worn at

Snelling

all times

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

<u>Ministries</u> $6254 \overline{\text{Hwy}} 278$, Barnwell Wednesday Bible study/prayer Service 7pm Sunday school 10:45 am

Worship Service 12pm

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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 as to the claim. Estate: Joan E. Smith

Date of Death: November 17, 2022 Case Number: 2023 ES 03 00001 Personal Representative: Teddie S. Rice Address: 6513 Bluff Road, Allendale,

S.C. 29810 2023-51 3tp 4-05-23

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG

Case No.: 2022CP3801766 CLEMON CREEL JR

JOHN DOE and TYKHEEM D. SANDERS

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Defendants SUMMONS

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint on the subscriber at P. O. Box 1346. Orangeburg, South Carolina 29116 within thirty (30) days from the service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service. If you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid. judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. (FILED: 12/15/2022)

NOTICE OF FILING TO: THE DEFENDANT NAMED HEREIN:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the original Summons and Complaint, were filed December 15, 2022, in the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Orangeburg, State of South Carolina at the Orangeburg County Courthouse, 1406 Amelia Street, Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115.

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION ON CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING PETITION of Glenn Walters, Sr., on behalf of the Plaintiff,

praying that an Order Directing Service of Process by Publication be granted in the cause of action referenced in the motion and it appearing that such procedure is both necessary and proper, IT IS ORDERED that service of

the SUMMONS in this action be made on the Defendant TYKHEEM D. SANDERS, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation designated as most likely to give notice to Defendant, TYKHEEM D. SANDERS: and

IT IS ORDERED that publication is made at least once per week for three weeks in a newspaper of general circulation designated as most likely to give notice to Defendant TYKHEEM D. SANDERS.

IT IS SO ORDERED Date: 3/8/2023 **CLERK OF COURT** Orangeburg, South Carolina s/Glenn Walters Glenn Walters Attorney for Plaintiff PO Box 1346 Orangeburg, SC 29116 803-531-8844 2023-52 3tp 4-05-23

Notice to Creditors of Estates

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Estate: Benjamin Key Holmes Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00037 Personal Representative: Eartha

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Address: 31 Little John Drive, Williston, S.C. 29853 Attorney: Martha M. Rivers Address: 12923 Main Street, Williston, S.C. 29853 2023-56 3tp 4-12-23

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Estate: Charles Keith Gooding A/K/A Charles K. Gooding Date of Death: February 9, 2023

Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00041 Personal Representative: Patty C. Gooding Address: 6138 S.C. Hwy. 3, Barnwell,

S.C. 29812 Attorney: Thomas O. Gardner

Address: 210 Colony Parkway, Aiken, S.C. 29803

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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number of the person filing the protest; 2. the specific reasons why the application should be denied: 3. that the person protesting is willing

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

the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and, 5. the name of the applicant and the

address of the premises to be licensed. Protests must be submitted online at

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Estate: Helen Creech Date of Death: April 4, 2022 Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00069 Personal Representative: Ricky Creech

Address: 675 Galilee Road, Barnwell, S.C. 29812 Attorney: Rondy Sims Address: 5175 Graywind Trail, Atlanta, GA 30349

2023-59 3tp 4-19-23

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on FORM #371ES with the Probate Court of Allendale County, the address of which is 292 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, S.C. 29810, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due. the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate: Mary L. Smith-Robinson Date of Death: October 18, 2021 Case Number: 2022 ES 03 00024 Personal Representative: Rodney Swanson Address: 145 Westfield Road, Eden. N.C. 27288

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The People-Sentinel

"All In Allendale" brings community together



Il In Allendale got the community together and engaged in STEM activities on Saturday, April 1. This event was brought by the Original Six Foundation, a non-profit working to improve educational opportunities by identifying and filling gaps through hands-on engagement and resources. The Allendale-Fairfax High School cheerleading squad and band performed and read to children. Allendale-Fairfax students were able to visit each booth to participate in a STEM based activity and complete a worksheet provided by the school to win prizes. Between learning about airplanes with Boeing and planting seeds with the Veggie Cupboard Community Garden & Greenhouse, fun was had by all at All In Allendale. Photos by Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter



































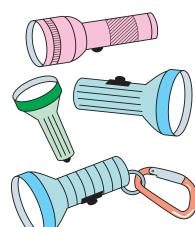


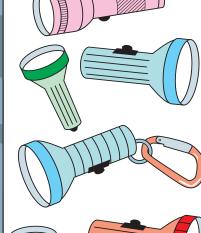


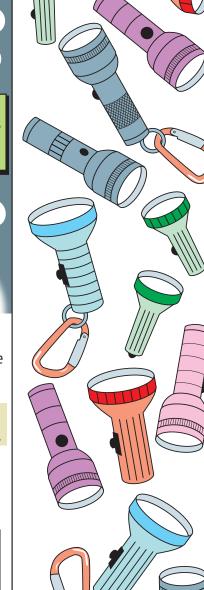
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has an identical twin. Can you match each pair and reveal the one unique flashlight? Have a family member try!







Kid Scoop

This week's word: **SPELUNKING**

The verb **spelunking** means to explore caves.

People who love caves like to go spelunking.

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

If I Lived **Underground** Imagine that you lived in an

underground cave. What would it be like? Write about it!

Farmer How Can you find the two

identical

Hot. That was the best word to describe May 1842 in New York.

Strange. Farmer Howe's cows were standing out in the sun instead of the shade.

Farmer Howe walked over to his cows. When he got there, he felt cool air. Surprised, he looked around and found a hole in the ground. His cows were standing around the hole. Cool air was coming out of the hole in the ground!

Cool! Farmer Howe looked down the hole and discovered it was an opening to an underground cave.

Stalactites

Stalactites hang down from

cavern ceilings like icicles

made of mineral deposits.

As water drips from the cave

ceiling, some of it evaporates

and the minerals dissolved in

the water remain. It takes

thousands of years for

stalactites to form.

Caves cannot go

down more than 9,800 feet (3,000 meters). Deeper than that, the

pressure from the rocks becomes too

much and the cave

collapses.

Follow the maze to see what became of Farmer Howe's

Stalagmites

Stalagmites form on cavern floors

and grow up toward the ceilings.

Water drops from a stalactite land

on the floor of the cave, evaporate

and leave behind minerals. As

more minerals are left behind, a

stalagmite starts to grow upwards.

What is a Cave?

A cave is an opening in the Earth that is large enough to hold a person. Most caves are formed in rocks that dissolve, or get eaten away, like limestone.

When water soaks into limestone, the stone dissolves and holes start to form underground. These holes are called caves. Caves grow very, very slowly.

It takes about 100,000 years for a cave to grow large enough for people to fit inside.

A cavem is a type of cave. They tend to be larger. Caverns can be made of smaller caves connected by tunnels.

Columns form when a

stalactite and a stalagmite

meet and grow together.

The deepest cave

discovered so far

is the Voronya

Cave in Abkhazia,

Georgia. It is

7,208 feet (2,197

meters) deep.

A person who explores and studies caves is called a spelunker.

Natural Air Conditioning

Farmer Howe built a hotel over the hole. Cool air from the cave air-conditioned the original hotel. Farmer Howe's hotel and cave became very famous. Circle every other letter to discover its name.

WHLOBWKEJCNATVSEBR UNLSKAENQDZHIONTPEFL

Shape Search!

How many shapes can you find in the newspaper? Look for triangles, squares, rectangles, circles and more.

Standards Link: Use visual cues to understand points of view

Standards Link: Display data in graphs Scoop Puzzier **Waves Make Caves!** Sea caves are created by waves hitting rock cliffs over a long period of time, causing erosion. Write the letter that comes before each letter in the alphabet to reveal another name for sea caves. M

Double

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SLOWLY

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

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

ANSWER: A stala-fight.

YLWOLSNNSU

Standards Link: Understand point of view using visual cues. 🖟 Lesson Library

Dress for Spelunking

Find the forecasted high for the day in your newspaper. The temperature in the Howe Caverns are around 52 degrees year-round. Is your local high temperature warmer or cooler? What would you wear to visit Howe Caverns?

Standards Link: Compare and contrast points of view.

What do you call it when a stalagmite and a stalactite bump into each other in the center of a cave?

Celebrating Week of the Young Child (April 1-7)



Week of the Young Child recognizes that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. The week focuses public attention on the needs of young children and their families, but also recognizes the early childhood programs and services that meet

those needs. Locally, Barnwell County First Steps helps this mission by working collaboratively all year to ensure that all children start school ready to reach their highest potential. This is done by engaging families, caregivers, and community partners in high-quality programs and services that improve early child-

hood development, from before birth through age five. Our children are our only hope for the future, but we are their only hope for their present and their future.

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