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## Barnwell teen competes at Miss S.C. Teen USA pageant

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Anna Kate Richardson is the first Miss Barnwell County Teen USA to represent the county at the annual Miss S.C. Teen USA pageant held in North Charleston.

Richardson, a 17-year-old junior at Barnwell High School, competed against 38 women in the teen division at the state pageant. She was a finalist in the top 16 and was voted the People's Choice winner.

"It felt really cool that I was the first Miss Barnwell," said Richardson. "It was really cool meeting all the new girls that I've never met before and doing a state pageant because that is something that I've never done."

"It was a moment I don't think I'll ever forget; it was just one of those moments that you see your child live a dream that she's had since she was six," said Richardson's mother, Kim Bradley Richardson.

On the weekend of March 3 and 4, Richardson stepped out of her comfort zone and onto the stage at the North Charleston Performing Arts Center – something she'd worked for since starting pageants at the age of six.

Although she took a break from competing during her adolescence, Richardson found her way back to pageantry when she won a school pageant and then was named Miss Frog Jump at the Town of Springfield's annual frog jump and egg strike in the 18 to 25 division at only 16. When crowned as Miss Frog Jump, Richardson was the only competitor in the under 18 division so she was moved up a division and won despite the age difference.

This event ended up being pivotal in Richardson's career as she met Meera Bhonslé, Miss S.C. USA 2022. Bhonslé introduced Richardson and her mother to the



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**Barnwell teen Anna Kate Richardson takes to the Miss S.C. Teen USA pageant stage representing Barnwell County.**

idea of competing on a state level.

Before the Richardson's knew it, they were in contact with Barnwell locals and RPM Productions Inc. contestant coordinator Jeri Lyn Ridgeway and recruiter Riley Ridgeway to navigate the Miss S.C. Teen USA pageant.

"While this was Anna Kate's first pageant with us, it was easy to recognize that she has a bright future in the modeling and

pageant world. She is not only beautiful, but sweet and kind, and we look forward to the day that she returns to us to compete again," said Riley Ridgeway.

RPM Productions Inc. is based in Aiken and has been affiliated with the Miss Universe Organization since 1979. The preliminary competition company coordinates

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## Fairfax tire plant bringing 1,000 jobs

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A Vietnamese tire manufacturing company is bringing 1,000 jobs and one million tires to Allendale County.

Tin Thanh Group is the first Vietnamese industry to be established in South Carolina, and Allendale County is the first U.S. location for Tin Thanh Group operations.

"Tin Thanh Group will operate a world-class, state-of-the-art, tire returning facility that will eventually produce over 1 million tires here in Allendale County," said Keith Sernick, counsel to the Tin Thanh Group and economic development specialist. "We anticipate hiring, within five years, over 1,000 well-paying jobs right on this land."

Tin Thanh Group is a corporation aiming to provide sustainable energy from reusable sources that emit a lower carbon emission level for a cleaner environment.

"It's life changing, this doesn't happen everyday in Allendale, this doesn't happen everyday anywhere," said Senator Brad Hutto. "This is going to be a great opportunity for all the citizens in the area to prosper."

The group has many fields of operation such as recycled energy, closed-industry agriculture, saving and reducing emissions, biomass power, as well as the tire leasing service being brought to Allendale County. The tire service is done through a partnership with DRC Tire, a major tire manufacturer in Asia and biggest brand tire in Vietnam.

"The Tin Thanh group will be joining our very impressive automotive and tire industry. We are the national leader in the export of tires, and with

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**South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster and Chairman & CEO of Tin Thanh Group Tran Dinh Quyen celebrate the new tire manufacturing facility in Allendale County.**

Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

## Newspaper wins 15 S.C. press awards



**Staff Reports**  
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The People-Sentinel was recognized for journalistic excellence at an annual gathering of state newspaper journalists.

Newspaper staff attended a luncheon in Columbia on March 10 to accept 15 awards they won from the S.C. Press Association's 2022 News Contest. This included awards for



**Writer Donna-Maria Conzalina, reporter Alexandra Whitbeck and publisher Jonathan Vickery won SCA awards.**

news writing, photography, page design, and the overall newspaper. "Though we don't publish a newspaper to win awards, it is nice to be recognized on a statewide level. Our team puts a lot of hard

work into putting out a quality and informative newspaper each and every week. I am very proud of the work everyone does. It's truly a team effort," said Publisher/Owner Jonathan Vickery.

The top award received was first place for General Excellence in The People-Sentinel's circulation division. This award looks at the overall newspaper.

"Abundant local coverage on a variety of topics. Newspaper is packed with news, sports, opinion and community features. Great photos and design. Enjoyed reading every newspaper in this class... all are doing excellent work!" stated the judge.

The newspaper also received second place for Newspaper's Use of Social Media, out of all weekly newspapers in the state.

"Though we are a weekly newspaper, social media and our website allows us to keep our com-

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# Claytor unopposed for District 5 council seat

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The ballot for a vacant seat on Barnwell City Council will only have one name.

Louis T. Claytor III, 72, was the only candidate to file for the District 5 seat for the special March 21 election. This seat has been vacant since the death of Councilman Brad All in December 2022.

"I want to see Barnwell

grow and do better," said Claytor of why he's running.

As a lifelong resident of Barnwell and someone who's interested in politics, Claytor said now was a good time to get involved.

"Instead of being a critic, it's important to be a participant," he said.

If elected, he wants to learn everything he can so he can do a good job, including being fiscally solvent and helping bring more jobs to the area.

"Barnwell has always

been special to me. I want to take care of the people and the city," Claytor said.

He said the city has many nice things, but some just need to be fixed up or utilized a bit more. This includes Lake Edgar Brown, which he

thinks is a great resource.



Louis T. Claytor III

Kathryn Jones Claytor-Babb.

He is married to his

Claytor moved to Barnwell with his family at the age of two. It's the community where his father's family was from. He's the son of the late Louis T. Claytor Jr. and the late

wife Norma and has two sons, including one who recently moved back to Barnwell.

"If we don't get young people to move back, we will lose out," he said.

The U.S. Navy veteran served in Vietnam after graduating from The Citadel. He also spent many years as an independent contractor in the nuclear industry at various places, including the Savannah River Site.

Though he's a disabled veteran, Claytor said he

tries to remain active through woodworking and doing needlepoint. He is also a private pilot.

Polls will be open on Tuesday, March 21 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. This election is only for registered voters who reside within the District 5 limits of the City of Barnwell.

To check your voter registration, visit [www.scvotes.gov](http://www.scvotes.gov). Or for questions about the election, contact the Barnwell County Voter Registration & Election Office.

# Animal Advocates continue mission through changes

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The Animal Advocates' Meowmate/Muttmate, a program through Allendale Correctional Institute in coordination with The Animal Advocates, has ended due to complications with COVID-19 pandemic regulations.

The organization's Friends for Life Foster/Adoption Center located in Barnwell houses animals from the Barnwell County Animal Shelter and gives them a longer time frame to be adopted, fostered, or sent to jail.

"A couple from Columbia came to look at a cat. The husband came out and he said, 'What do you do to these cats? These are the friendliest cats I've ever seen in my life.' I said, 'Well, we sent ours to jail,' and he just looked at me like I had lost my mind," said Vikki Scott, president of the Animal Advocates and director of the Friends for Life Foster/Adoption Center.

In 2005, Scott founded the Animal Advocates, a non-profit rescue organization that supports the neglected, forgotten, stray, and abused animals of Barnwell County in cooperation with the Barnwell County Animal Shelter (BCAS), Barnwell County, and the City of Barnwell.

Meowmate/Muttmate was a program that paired animals in need of love with someone to love them. It all began with John Pate, former warden at Allendale Correctional Institute, who was looking to implement a new program.

"In 2012, I had a call from a friend of mine that was executive assistant to the warden at Allendale Correctional in Fairfax," said Scott, whose friend explained Pate was in search of an animal rescue to help him start an animal program at his prison.

After some discussion and debate between Scott and Pate, she had permission to bring nine cats to keep the inmates company.

"Next thing I knew I was in a dorm with 300 and something inmates," said Scott.

The Animal Advocates quickly became the only rescue in South Carolina to implement a cat program into a prison, according to Scott.

"I could have 24 dogs there, and they never gave me a number on cats," said Scott. "I usually kept between 25 and 35 cats. It gave us a place for at least 50 more animals so that we could save their lives."

Scott spent two or three days a week at the prison, checking up on animals and training the men on how to train the animals. Working alongside Scott was John Simpson, a veterinarian employee and an inmate at Allendale Correctional.

"He knew his stuff. He had worked in a vet's office since he was 16 years old and he was 53," said Scott. "Nicest guy you'd ever wanna meet, unfortunately has a drug problem, and it gets him in trouble. You would trust any animal with him. He was just wonderful."

The Meowmate/Muttmate program ran for nine years and roughly 60 animals were adopted by inmates who were released, by an inmate's family, or by prison staff.

"Over a thousand animals went through those gates,"

said Scott.

Even though this program was wildly successful, Scott had to end it due to complications with the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I kept it going for almost two years during COVID, but they wouldn't let me go in. So that was a problem," said Scott. "And then John, he was leaving so I couldn't get in there to train somebody. So, I just had to do what was best for the animals and take them out."

The Meowmate/Muttmate Program will not be returning in the short term.

"At this time, it's not possible due to recent changes at Allendale Correctional," said Scott.

Although this program is ending, Scott hopes inmates and their animals have benefited from it. Not only were they able to build a relationship with an animal at a potentially trying time, but many were able to leave Allendale Correctional as certified groomers.

"You go in with one mindset and you come out...I never knew we've made such an impact," said Scott, a registered nurse.

Scott's sentiment can be found in her work in this specific program, as well as in the overall establishment of The Animal Advocates.

A 98 percent euthanasia rate at the BCAS was enough to make Scott change her focus in the medical industry from people to animals.

The Animal Advocates was born out of Scott's experience with BCAS. When Scott and her family moved to the area in 1986, she did not know about the challenges the BCAS faced until her daughter Kimberli wanted to volunteer.

Scott's daughter was in middle school at the time, and was too young to be of volunteering age at BCAS. This ended the Scotts' involvement with the shelter until 2005, when Hurricane Katrina ravaged the east coast.

"When Hurricane Katrina hit, we started getting supplies, and we had people here that were willing to go down and help to rescue," said Scott. "We helped rescue a lot of animals and some of them were brought back here. I fostered two at my house, and I ended up finding their owners in Ohio and reuniting them."

At this time, Scott and other dedicated volunteers were compiling donations for animals and shipping them to places in desperate need of products and rescue supplies. Their team became unified under the non-profit organization, The Animal Advocates.

Scott's team was nearing the end of sending supplies, and were still receiving donations. They decided to give the surplus to BCAS.

"It was the first time I had been there," said Scott about her first visit to the county shelter in 2005. "I'm embarrassed to say that, but back then, the awareness was not there."

The BCAS is county funded, and operates under a dedicated staff in conjunction with the Barnwell County Animal Shelter Foundation, a non-profit organization created to support the shelter and local pet owners through a low-cost/no-cost spay and neuter program.

They have paid for over 3,000 of these operations.

"We took [the supplies] down there, a few of us, and we just looked at each other

and said, 'This is deplorable. We got to do something. The euthanasia rate was 98 percent,'" said Scott. "We did try to help as volunteers."

Seventeen years ago, much like today, BCAS was in need of help from the community and support from the county. In 2005, Scott and her team of willing volunteers were not easily able to make the change they hoped for within a county-run institution.

"I'm not somebody that throws their hands up and gives up. I'm somebody that says 'We'll find a solution,'" said Scott. "The only solution I know is to build a facility, get the animals out of there as quickly as we can and get them the medical attention they need and then get them homes."

In 2006, The Animal Advocates started a low-cost/no-cost spay and neuter program. Vouchers for free services would be handed out in areas where volunteers knew animals were not being fixed.

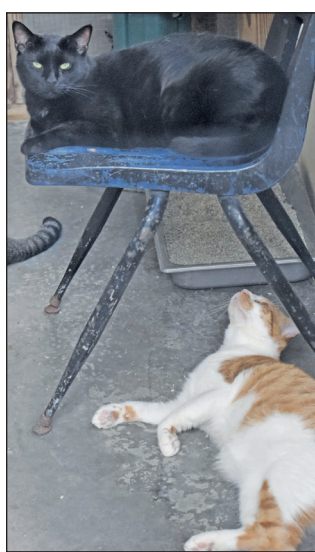
However, Scott still had sights on a facility capable of providing medical care, behavioral work, and then hopefully, a loving home.

The 13.5 acres of land was purchased in 2008 and the facility was built in 2013 after a capital building campaign and a substantial grant.

Built with function in mind, there are two defined wings - one for dogs and one for cats. Each comes with its own laundry unit and sterilization process, which Scott deems vital to keeping illness at bay.

Now, Scott and the employees of the facility, known as the WagStaff, have implemented numerous programs within The Animal Advocates in addition to Meowmate/Muttmate.

The Animal Advocates



Cats lounging in their screened in-patio.

also operate the Pick of the Litter Shoppe, a thrift store where all proceeds go to the animals. According to Scott, necessity items are always heavily discounted to better

serve the community's needs. The Animal Advocates also has a Huts for Mutts program, where they take donations of crates and animal supplies that are then given to those in need.

Twig Fund serves animals who come to the facility requiring special care. The fund is named after a chihuahua whose body resembled raw meat from motor oil burns. It is a common misconception that motor oil cures mange. It does not.

Scott describes her team as wonderful and loving when caring for the animals, however, they have recently been facing one challenge.

"I was just fussing at one of them because she's too nice, and some of the dogs are getting too fat. I said, 'Stop giving them so many treats!'" said Scott. "We have a little running joke about that, but they love these animals."

Scott and the WagStaff have a passion for their job and a love for the animals they help.

"This is very rewarding, but it's also very sad," said Scott. "We see a lot of bad things and you sometimes don't like people because you know what they've done."

Although the work can cause heartache, Scott's dream of creating an animal rescue has resulted in hundreds of lives being saved.

To help The Animal Advocates continue to work for the animals of Barnwell County, visit <https://www.theanimaladvocates.org/> to make a donation or visit The Pick of the Litter Shoppe at 28 McDonough St. Barnwell.

Call (803) 259- 5483 for more information, or visit the Friends for Life Adoption Center at 10975 Marlboro Ave. in Barnwell to visit a potential new best friend.

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# AWARDS: Newspaper awarded for news excellence by S.C. Press Association

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munity informed 24/7. Our Facebook page has been a perfect complement to our newspaper by allowing us to disseminate information quickly and also engaging with our community," said Vickery, a native of Barnwell who has been with the newspaper since 2010.

The other 13 awards were bestowed to individual staff members.

Vickery won five individual awards, including first place for Government Reporting. This entry included three stories on local government, including one from 2022 where Barnwell City Council held an illegal closed session.

"Your stories epitomize the life of small towns that we all know so well. Your writing stands apart because of the space you take to explain why these events are newsworthy and gives the public the history and current information they need to know

about their local government! Very well done!" wrote the judge for the contest.

Vickery also won second place for Profile Feature Writing, second place for Spot News Photo, third place for Breaking News Reporting, and third place for Inside Page Design.

Reporter Alexandra Whitbeck won seven individual awards, including three first-place awards for Personality, Humorous, and Feature photo categories.

"I am super proud of Alex, who is an amazingly talented reporter and photographer. That is evident in the contest results because she was only on the job six months at the time of the contest entry deadline. That's quite an accomplishment," said Vickery.

She also won second place for In-Depth Reporting for a series of stories on animal control after Barnwell resident Rose Hartzog was



Michael Lollis proudly displays his five awards from the 2022 S.C. Press Association news contest for sports photography.

attacked by a pack of loose dogs in July 2022. First place went to another newspaper for coverage of Alex

Murdaugh's case. "It was such an amazing experience to be surrounded by exceptional journalists

and media professionals celebrating our accomplishments in the field. I am especially proud of my animal welfare series," said Whitbeck, an animal lover.

She also won third place awards for Enterprise Reporting, Business Reporting, and Personality Photo.

Contributing Writer Donna-Maria Conzalina won second place for Lifestyle Feature Writing on a story about a Barnwell couple's adoption journey.

"Donna-Maria does a great job writing inspirational stories, many of which have a faith component," said Vickery.

Conzalina has worked for other newspapers, including when she lived in Summer-ville, but started writing for *The People-Sentinel* in 2021 after moving to Blackville.

"Thank you for publishing what I write from the heart," said Conzalina. Michael Lollis, who is a

native of Barnwell, also won five awards for sports photography. He lives in the Upstate town of Belton and works for *The Journal* newspaper.

"We congratulate Michael for his awards. He is a talented photographer who captures gripping moments in sports. We also appreciate him sharing some photos of Barnwell County athletes he encounters at various games," said Vickery.

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# Corder's Creative Corner: Some quick thoughts on Poe

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Contributing Writer

With the release of the Netflix show "Wednesday" featuring Jenna Ortega as Wednesday Addams, there has been some renewed interest in dark and gothic

things. At least, there has been for me.

One thing I like about the show is that it features many Edgar Allan Poe references. Wednesday attends Nevermore Academy. There is a Poe Cup competition where the students dress up as characters from

Poe's stories. For goodness' sake, there's even a huge statue of him in the school. Naturally, I took an interest in the show, and it reminded me of my love for Poe and his macabre sense of reality. My students will tell you that I'm a huge fan. Every other Friday I walk into school with a T-shirt displaying Poe's somber visage.

But why do I admire Poe? Well, I suppose it's because of his dark stories and how they resonate with me.

Poe is a master of exposing the darkness of the human mind. If anyone wants to find a monster, they have to look no farther than inside their own heads. And Poe makes that quite clear with his use of

the unreliable narrator. Notably, there are three stories where this is shown, they being "The Tell-Tale Heart," "The Black Cat," and "The Cask of Amontillado." All three stories are about narrators who commit murder, and none of them are identifiable.

In these stories, Poe is maddeningly consistent with refusing to identify who the narrators are in these stories (with the exception of Montresor in "Cask," but we don't get anything other than his last name). It is through these faceless narrators that we are easily able to assign them faces of anyone we want. As I pointed out to my students as we discussed "The Tell-Tale Heart" a few

weeks ago, the murderer could be anyone.

It could be anyone. What Poe does is expose the vileness and darkness of the human psyche. We all have the capability of evil. We all have the means to be vile and perverse. Poe knew this. And he tells us this. He practically shouts at us, "You'd better be careful, lest you become a murderer yourself."

Stories like the ones Poe creates are pessimistic and gruesome. But they also function as a warning. A warning that prompts us to take a look inside ourselves and examine our hearts. Do you burn with vengeance like Montresor does as he broods on his anger towards Fortunato? Are you

driven mad by a Vulture Eye to the point that you no longer have self-control? "Take heed and know thyself," Poe tells us through his stories. "We are all on a slippery slope, and if you aren't careful, you'll go tumbling down."

There are many reasons I love Poe, but his talent for surgically opening the back of our skulls to expose the complexities and shadows of our minds to the light of the world is strongly compelling. By reading Poe, you get a taste of how vile humans can be, and by doing so, you strive to be noble and upstanding instead.

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## Outgoing DIG director thanked for 5 years of service



ABOVE: Shelby Broomfield and her mother, Shirley Williams, read messages from DIG students and staff.

AT LEFT: Broomfield is thanked by DIG founder Steven Brown.

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The Dreams, Imagination & Gift Development Program honored program director Shelby Broomfield on March 2 in Williston with a surprise going away party. Broomfield, a native of Barnwell, has served DIG for the past five years.

"Shelby had been a blessing to me, the families of DIG, the students and the community. Shelby thank you for trusting me to lead, for sacrificing many of hours, dedicating your entire self to DIG and it's vision," said DIG founder Steven Brown.

Broomfield left DIG to work for the Lower Savannah Council of Governments.

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## Samuel Grubbs named 2022 Conservation Farmer of Year



Samuel L. Grubbs and his wife, Ashley Grubbs.

Each year, the Barnwell Soil & Water Conservation District awards a farmer or landowner for outstanding conservation efforts.

On February 28, 2023, the District hosted a luncheon at the Edisto Research & Education Center in Blackville. Secretary/Treasurer Rebecca Davis presented a plaque to Samuel L. Grubbs, the 2022 Conservation Farmer of the Year, for his dedication to farming and natural resource conservation.

"It is not easy being a first generation farmer, but you have without a doubt put your heart and soul into this love of yours," said Grubbs' wife Ashley. "It makes me so proud to see how much you care about these crops. You sacrifice so much."

Grubbs is a row crop farmer who has conserved soil and reduced runoff by installing a grass waterway and strip-till planting all row crops. Nutrient and pest management practices are utilized on his farm to benefit crop production while minimizing impacts on the environment. Winter cover crops are planted on many acres each year to improve soil quality, according to a press release.

He is the son of Michael Grubbs of Barnwell and Jennifer & Joey King of Williston.

## BIRTH



Abigail Mae Jennings was born January 29, 2023.

## Abigail Mae Jennings

Tyler and Sarah Jennings of Springfield are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Mae Jennings.

She was born on January 29, 2023 at 2:30 a.m. in Lexington. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 21 inches long.

She has one sister, Eleanor.

Paternal grandparents are Eric and Jennifer Moody of Williston

Maternal grandparents are Vince and Beverly Furtick from Springfield.

## Pruitt Health celebrates Valentine's Day



Residents of Pruitt Health Barnwell enjoyed a fun-filled day of love, flowers, food, balloons, candy, games, visitors, and more during their Valentine's Day party.



Jennifer Altman of Adam's Nursery visited Pruitt Health Barnwell with her sons, Wyatt and Weston, and their puppy to deliver Valentine goodies to residents. Contributed Photos



Adam's Nursery delivered roses to every resident of Pruitt Health in Barnwell thanks to the generosity of local residents who sponsored the flowers.



Pruitt Health Barnwell residents Nathaniel Palmer and Nell Peters were crowned the 2023 Valentine's King and Queen.



Barnwell Primary School teacher Riley Ridgeway and her students always do something special for the nursing home residents around the holidays. They visited with the residents and brought gifts, including candy.



## Allendale County Hospital recognized as Rural Health Provider of the Year



The South Carolina Office of Rural Health honored six rural healthcare providers and community members at its 25th Annual Rural Health Conference in October 2022, including Allendale County Hospital as Rural Health Provider of the Year. ACH CEO Lari Gooding (fourth from left) accepted the award. Each recipient received a unique Palmetto tree painting made by Winnsboro artist Christy Buchanan.

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Allendale County Hospital (ACH) is a small, rural hospital, but it recently received two big honors.

ACH received the Rural Health Provider of the Year award from the S.C. Office of Rural Health (SCORH). This award is presented to a provider of rural health services where the health status of a rural community was significantly enhanced.

"We are a small hospital doing big things. We are very devoted to good, quality patient care," said Tammy Smith, ACH's director of information technology and human resources.

ACH is a 25-bed critical access hospital and one of the only remaining independent hospitals in the state. In 2021, they were named a Top 20 Critical Access Hospital for quality.

"That means a lot to me because it says we are providing quality healthcare here in

one of the smallest communities in the state and one of the most underserved communities in the state," said Lari Gooding, ACH's CEO since 2015.

Gooding was recognized recently by *Becker's Hospital Review* on their 2023 list of 80 Rural Hospital CEOs to Know. This medical industry trade magazine does its own research that is supplemented with government-released data and *U.S. News & World Report* rankings.

"The executives featured on this list have put their heart and soul into ensuring their communities have access to the best healthcare services possible. While rural hospitals across the country have faced closure in recent years, these leaders have developed a model for not only surviving, but thriving," states a press release from *Becker's*.

Gooding is a native of Hampton County who has called Allendale County home for nearly 25 years. His entire 27-year career has been spent in rural health.

Though grateful for the

award, "it's not about me but the quality of the hospital and the services we provide," said Gooding. "All of these awards are given because of the staff and the work they do."

ACH typically employs close to 200 people between the hospital, nursing home,

healthcare organization that maybe you aren't as good as somebody else. That is not true. Our team is some of the best staff I've worked with in my career. They do it because they love the community," said Gooding.

ACH strives to provide

including patient feedback.

"I take 100 percent of the grievances and complaints," said Gooding.

He recently received positive feedback from a patient who said, "Everybody was wonderful from the front desk until I checked out," recalls Gooding.

However, there are times when some patients don't feel that way.

"I want to know if something isn't going right so I can get it fixed," said Gooding.

Though CEOs of larger hospitals may never know of complaints or concerns, Gooding said he wants to know so he can ensure it's fixed.

Having a quality hospital that's thriving is important to any community, especially in one of the state and country's more underserved areas. There are approximately 1,800 rural hospitals across the country, said Gooding.

"Rural hospitals are critical to the success of the U.S. healthcare system to expand access to care in remote areas. CEOs at the helm of these important community insti-

tutions have many responsibilities to make sure their hospitals thrive," stated a press release from *Becker's*.

ACH has become a regional hospital with the closures of Bamberg County Hospital in 2015 and Southern Palmetto Hospital in Barnwell in 2016. They typically see 1,000 patients per month in the emergency room alone. Even after the emergency center opened in Denmark, Gooding said ACH retained many patients "because we are providing good quality care."

Established in 1950, ACH is a dual status hospital, meaning it's county owned and not for profit. The hospital is governed by a 9-member volunteer board that's appointed by Allendale County Council. Gooding reports to the board.

With the support of advances in medicine and technology, Gooding and his team are committed to providing the region with the best care possible.

For a spotlight video on ACH, visit [youtube.com/scruralhealth](https://youtube.com/scruralhealth).



**Allendale County Hospital**

and two rural health clinics. Smith said many employees have been there a long time "because we love what we do."

Arthur Jones, chairman of the Allendale County Hospital board, said the employees have worked "tirelessly" through COVID and made sure the community had access to vaccines.

"There's a misconception that if you work in a rural

care with a personal touch, said Becky Rowell, director of nursing services.

"We strive to take good care of our patients in a lot of ways — quality healthcare in a clinical sense but also quality customer service. They go hand-in-hand. It's about making people feel welcome and feel good when they walk in," said Gooding.

Gooding is involved in every aspect of the hospital,

## Allendale County receives affiliation with Keep America Beautiful

**Graci Hiers**  
Southern Carolina Alliance

On Thursday, February 16, Keep Allendale County Beautiful (KACB) received its official affiliation with the national Keep America Beautiful organization. A leading national non-profit, Keep America Beautiful inspires and educates people to take

action every day to improve and beautify their community environment.

By earning their affiliation, KACB also received a \$10,000 Start-Up Grant from Keep America Beautiful. The funds will be used to begin implementing new litter prevention and beautification efforts in Allendale County, as well as to support and continue the current efforts being made.

"We are excited that KACB has officially become affiliated with Keep America Beautiful," says Anne Rice, KACB executive director. "The affiliation will open opportunities for KACB to begin new initiatives to clean up Allendale County and work on beautifi-

cation to enhance the natural beauty that it has."

Cindy Deer, who serves as chairman of KACB, is excited about educating Allendale County's citizens about the new efforts.

"Becoming an affiliate opens doors for grants, pro-

grams, and literature to educate all citizens about litter prevention, recycling, and beautification," said Deer.

KACB has already begun planning cleanups for the year. The Spring Cleanup will take place on March 24 and 25, and the Fall Cleanup

is planned for November 4 and 5.

To learn more about KACB and to stay up to date with their events, make sure to follow along on the Keep Allendale County Beautiful Facebook page.

KEEP ALLENDALE COUNTY BEAUTIFUL'S

# SPRING CLEANUP

IN HONOR OF THE 2023 GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

MARCH 24th & 25th  
8:30AM-12PM

Contact Anne Rice for supplies:  
annerice47@icloud.com



Board members of KACB pictured with Allendale County Councilman James A. White, Southern Carolina Alliance's Graci Hiers, and Keep America Beautiful's Mallory Coffey as KACB is presented with affiliation.

Contributed Photo



## Barnwell County Arrest Reports

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

**Jasiah Maleek Brabham**, 21, of 240 Jewel Lane, Williston, was arrested on March 6 by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) for Failure to Appear. Brabham was booked and released to the Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).

**Michael Lee Brown Jr.**, 22, of 47 Paige St., Barnwell, was arrested Feb. 28 by Barnwell Police Department (BPD) for Possession of Marijuana and Violation of City Municipal

Codes. Brown was booked and released by BCDC.

**Robert Coy**, 24, of 906 Olin Rd., Cedar Grove, N.C., was arrested February 16 by the BPD for Trespass of Real Property. Coy was booked and released to BCDC.

**Karen Denise Crawford**, 47, of 321 Elberta Circle, Barnwell, was arrested on February 19 by BPD for Open Container. Crawford was booked and released to BCDC.

**James Ozell Donahue**, 59, of 94 Carolina Ave., Barnwell, was arrested March 4 by BPD for Burglary and Petit Larceny. Donahue was booked and released to BCDC.

**Robert Jabber Eure**, 32, of 52 Bomba St., Barnwell, was

arrested on February 22 by BPD for Trespassing/Unlawful Entry. Eure was booked and released to BCDC.

**Ashley Christine Foskey**, 38, of 1039 Whitetail Rd., Blackville, was arrested March 7 by BCSO for Cruelty to Children. Foskey was booked and released to BCDC.

**Sunshine Larain Gable**, 42, of 13756 Main St., Williston, was arrested March 10, by Williston Police Department (WPD) for Disorderly Conduct and Trespass of Real Property. Gable was booked and released to BCDC.

**Felicia Monique Goodwin**, 30, of 172 Pinckney Street, Denmark, was arrested March 8 by BCSO for

Unlawful Carry of a Pistol. Goodwin was booked and released to BCDC.

**Jaquan Green**, 22, of 2629 Duncan Chapel, Bowman, was arrested on February 17 by BPD for Burglary, Domestic Violence, and Petit Larceny. Green was booked and released to BCDC.

**Daniel Romell Persaud Greene**, 28, of 431 Galilee Road, Barnwell, was arrested Feb. 24 by BPD for Animal At Large. Greene was booked and released to BCDC.

**Brittany Jarrett**, 33, of 144 Woodmont St., Barnwell, was arrested February 15 by BPD for Obscene Telephone Calls and Unlawful Use of Telephone. Jarrett was booked

and released to BCDC.

**Brian Keith Kneece**, 39, of 351 Elberta Circle, Barnwell, was arrested on March 3 by BPD for Driving Under Suspension. Kneece was booked and released to BCDC.

**Carolyn Alice Levine**, 47, of 66 Bay Street, Barnwell, was arrested on March 9 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Child Support. Levine was booked and released to BCDC.

**Tyreek Antwan Moody**, 30, of 164 Woodmont St., Barnwell, was arrested March 1, 2023 by BPD for Trespass of Real Property and Resisting Arrest with Violence. Moody was also arrested on March 3 by BPD for Petit Larceny. Moody was booked and re-

leased to BCDC.

**Daniel Oliver**, 19, of 132 Elberta Circle, Barnwell, was arrested on February 18 by BPD for Public Disorderly Conduct. Oliver was booked and released to BCDC.

**Yvette Marie ONeal**, 58, of 369 Olive Dr., Barnwell, was arrested Feb. 16 by BPD for Unlawfully Placing a Child at Risk and Driving Under Suspension. ONeal was booked and released to BCDC.

**John Carlton Rhodes**, 55, of 267 Forest Dr., Barnwell, was arrested Feb. 27 by BPD for Shoplifting. Rhodes was booked and released to BCDC.

## JOBS: Vietnamese company establishing tire plant in Allendale Co.

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export sales exceeded 1.7 billion. Right now we are producing 144,000 tires each day in South Carolina," said Governor Henry McMaster at the Economic Development Announcement Ceremony.

On the morning of Tuesday, March 8, state officials, Southern Carolina Alliance members, Vietnamese delegation, county government, and community leaders gathered in anticipation of the Economic Development Announcement Ceremony being held at the site where the tire facility will be built.

The facility soon-to-be built on Barker's Mill Pond Road in Fairfax is providing both a product and a service. The company will not only recycle old tires into renewable products to be sourced for energy or retread old tires up to three times for further use, but will also create a hub for all tire-related needs.

"We have created a closed-cycle program for consumers with different engines and transportation industries," stated a video presentation by Tin Thanh Group.

When using Tin Thanh Group services, truck owners are essentially renting tires rather than buying them. This allows for a 10-20% savings when purchasing tires, no fluctuation of pricing, no charge for environmental fees when replacing old tires, no charge for paying for tire maintenance checks or insurance, the use of tires made by renewable energy, and smart tires that have tracking and monitoring capabilities.

All by-products from recycling scrap tires are recovered and used to generate power.

"We can make use of all this waste to generate power. For instance, with only one kilogram of waste tires, we can produce three kilowatts per hour of electricity. With one liter of waste lubricant oil we can



The ceremonial dirt was turned to welcome the Tin Thanh Group, a renewable energy corporation based in Vietnam, bringing 1,000 jobs to Allendale County. From left to right: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Nguyen Quoc Dzong, Governor Henry McMaster, Chairman & CEO of Tin Thanh Group Tran Dinh Quyen, Allendale County Councilman Matthew Connelly, Allendale County Councilmember Theresa Taylor, Allendale County Councilmember Willa Jennings, and Allendale County Councilmember James White.

produce six kilowatt per hour of electricity to help," stated the presentation.

Tin Thanh Group is currently supplying energy from reusable sources like tires for over 40 industrial factories in Vietnam and around the world.

"He has guided Tin Thanh Group in Vietnam through the process of supplying energy from reusable sources for over 40 factories in Vietnam, around the world, and soon to be here in the United States," said Sernick of Chairman and CEO Tran Dinh Quyen.

Tran hopes this is just the beginning for Vietnamese companies in South Carolina and stated, "there will be many more Vietnamese companies that will be moving here," from the international connections of the Tin Thanh Group.

According to Sernick,

the process of selecting South Carolina as the hub for this project took only four and a half months due to the dedication and welcoming nature of the Southern Carolina Alliance, Allendale County Council, and many more irreplaceable partners.

Governor McMaster explained the industrial boom South Carolina is currently experiencing and actions he is taking to ensure South Carolinians grow alongside it.

A Volkswagen company is reinventing the 1960s-1980s Scout automobile, but this time it is electric, resulting in a \$2 billion investment to establish a factory in Richland County due to an electric battery facility being recently established in Florence County in response to the newly brought BMW

facility churning out cars rapidly, according to Gov. McMaster.

All of this buildable growth resulted in \$10.27 billion worth of capital investment in the state last year.

"This year I'm asking the General Assembly to invest an additional \$78 million in our workforce scholarships for the future," said Governor McMaster to prepare the prospective workers and upcoming generations for these new industries.

In addition to 1,000 jobs, Tran hopes to develop a housing community for employees in hopes to further the attraction of workers and businesses to Allendale County.

For more information on the Tin Thanh Group, visit <https://tinthanhgroup.vn/en/homepage-english/>.

**Notice**

**Holly Hill Complex** at Cribb Street, Holly Hill, SC

**North Complex** at Palmetto Ave., North, SC

**Allendale Complex** at Bluff Road, Allendale, SC

**Blackville Complex** at Hampton Ave., Blackville, SC

**Branchville Villa complex** at Branchville Lane, Branchville, SC

**Denmark Gardens Complex** at Mimosa Avenue, Denmark, SC

**Fairfax Boundary Complex** at Boundary Street, Fairfax, SC

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

**Barnwell Arms Complex** at Thomas Street, Barnwell, SC

**Bamberg Villa Complex** at Race Street, Bamberg, SC

**Hampton Gardens Complex** at W. Holly Street, Hampton, SC

Affordable and effective units Available. Rent is based on income. Applicants will be screened prior to Leasing. Contact the Barnwell, SC Office to submit an application on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at 1-800-922-5504 Or 803-259-3588

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF THE UPDATED VOTING DISTRICT LINES CITY OF BARNWELL PUBLIC HEARING: 04/03/23

Public notice is hereby given that the City of Barnwell will hold a public hearing on **Monday, April 3, 2023, at 5:30 pm** at City Hall.

The public hearing is being held for the purpose of accepting comments concerning the updated City of Barnwell District Lines for Voting Districts.

**First reading will be held on Monday, April 3, 2023, during the regular city council meeting. The second and final reading will be held on Monday, May 1, 2023, during the regular city council meeting.**

The Maps can be viewed at the City Hall during normal business hours, or on the website at <https://www.cityofbarnwell.com/government>.

**STAY INFORMED ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY BY SUBSCRIBING TO THE NEWSPAPER. CALL (803) 259-3501.**

### ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS

Sealed Bids for the renovation of Allendale County Hospital will be received until **3:00 pm on Thursday March 30, 2023** and such bids will be opened at **3:30pm on March 30, 2023 at the office of SGA|NW, a GF Design Company conference room, via virtual bid opening.** Bids shall be emailed to Chris Coleman (Project Manager) of SGA|NW at [ccoleman@sganwdesign.com](mailto:ccoleman@sganwdesign.com). **All emailed bids shall be marked in the subject line "ALLENDALE COUNTY HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE UPGRADES SUBMISSION"**

**Scope of Work:** Maintenance upgrades to existing interior finishes of existing defined hospital areas to help control spread of infectious diseases. Work to include ceiling replacements, new vinyl flooring, existing terrazzo flooring repair, patient room(s) sink & counter replacement, patient room(s) window sill replacement, miscellaneous painting & wall repair.

A non-mandatory pre bid meeting, although strongly encouraged, will be held for qualified bidders at **11am on March 16, 2023, at Allendale County Hospital (1787 Allendale-Fairfax Hwy, Fairfax, South Carolina 29827).** The meeting will address typical existing conditions for renovations, project questions, bidding procedures and potential alternates. Architect will provide response to bidders questions received up to two (2) business days prior to meeting. Questions should be submitted to architectural project team:

Chris Coleman: [ccoleman@sganwdesign.com](mailto:ccoleman@sganwdesign.com)  
 Jessica Longhurst: [jlonghurst@sganwdesign.com](mailto:jlonghurst@sganwdesign.com)  
 Todd Gaines: [tgaines@sganwdesign.com](mailto:tgaines@sganwdesign.com)

**PDF copies of renovation drawings may be obtained from project team as listed above and provided via email. Plans will be available starting Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

Bid opening will be conducted via a virtual meeting to bidders. A specific connection will be provided to confirmed bidders.

Allendale County Hospital reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

# BARNWELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT

**Enforcement of County Ordinance 2022-05-389 regarding the Barnwell County Cemetery**

Barnwell County, in March and April 2023, will increase enforcement of the county cemetery ordinance by removing "containers, artificial flowers, wreaths, statues, or memorial type items" that have been on burial plots for more than 60 days, unless they are incorporated within the headstone. This includes benches, lighting fixtures, and other mementoes. The exception to this is if the items are located within plots comprised of commercial coping and commercial gravel.

Additionally, flowers, whether artificial or cut, will be removed from throughout the cemetery if after 60 days they appear worn, frayed, etc. Removal of flowers is ongoing.

U.S. flags that are frayed and worn will be removed.

Family members are encouraged to remove above-mentioned memorial items / mementoes by March 29, 2023 if they desire to do so. County staff, to the best of its ability, will label and store the memorial items removed from the cemetery for 30 days so families can reclaim them if they desire to do so.

No plants, trees or shrubs may be planted on any plot, except by the county as part of an approved landscaping plan. Ongoing is the removal of trees and bushes currently damaging coping around the plots, or which will damage coping in the future.

All plots are to be used or reserved exclusively for the burial of human remains.

All plots and/or burial sites shall be marked with a grave marker indicating the name, date of birth and date of death of the deceased.

For a copy of the cemetery ordinance, call 803-541-1000.





## Henry Lee Bishop

was born on June 15, 1957, in Barnwell, to the late Narvia Lee Smokes Bishop and the late Haybaker Bishop.

Our heavenly father called him home from labor to reward on March 1, 2023, at the Regional Medical Center of Orangeburg/Calhoun counties, Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Henry Lee was educated at Butler High School, Barnwell, South Carolina. He was employed at Milliken Plant of Barnwell for 18 years and was then employed by Bobbie Hood SRA Track Company for 16 years.

Henry Lee was preceded in

death by his brother, Howard "Junior" Bishop; stepsister, Rosa Mae Smokes; and stepbrother, Joe Smokes.

He leaves to cherish his beautiful memories: one step-nephew, Jesse Dorch, Barnwell, S.C.; one aunt, Doreatha Gillis Bishop, Barnwell, S.C.; a special cousin, Maryann Bishop Frank, Barnwell, S.C., who was there for him down through the years; and a host of cousins and sympathizing friends.

Guinyard and Sons Funeral Home of Barnwell was in charge of arrangements.

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## Grace Still

receive friends from 1-2 p.m. on Thursday before the service at the funeral home. A private burial will be held at a later date.

Grace was born in Hardeeville to the late Grayson Knight Hubbard and the late Pauline Wilson Hubbard Taylor. She graduated from Elloree High School, and received her nursing degree from Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College School of Nursing. She was an LPN at the Orangeburg Regional Hospital and the Barnwell County Hospital. Grace retired from the Barnwell County Auditor's office in 1997.

Survivors include her son, James "Jimmy" Bookhart; daughter, Linda B. Pruitt (Lott); sister, Betty Jean Bow-

ers Wall; grandchildren, Carolyn Me'Chelle Byrum (Brad), Thomas Edward Carter (Mike); three great-grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a number of nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a daughter, Sandra Jean Bookhart; and brother, Jack R. Hubbard Jr.

Memorials may be made to the Orangeburg County Disabilities & Special Needs Board, OARC Foundation, P.O. Box 1812, Orangeburg, S.C. 29116.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.dukes-harleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dukes-harleyfuneralhome.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/Dukes-Harley-Funeral-Home-and-Crematory-304968586272868>

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# Faith

## Lenten service: What's hindering your faith?



Those gathered for the March 8 Lenten service lift up their voices in song.

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Rev. Al Rivett and Rev. Bobby Dukes praise the Lord during a song.

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Even as He hung on a cross, Jesus was being lifted up and exalted.

That was the message Rev. Al Rivett from Christ Presbyterian Church brought to the crowd gathered for the March 8 Lenten service. The service was held at Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church's new home in the former Goody's department store on Dunbarton Boulevard in Barnwell.

"His obedience was taking our sins to the cross with Him on Calvary and dying for us. Because of his sacrifice and obedience, He will be lifted up and exalted," said Rivett.

He read the scripture from John 12:27-32 of how Jesus predicted His death: "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world

will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

Just as a kernel of wheat produces many seeds once it dies, Rivett said the death of Jesus on the cross was necessary to produce seeds of its own - in the form of eternal life for all who accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

"There is life through death," said Rivett. "He wants all people to come to Him, to worship Him, to honor Him, to praise Him and to glorify Him. This is only possible through Jesus Christ our Lord."

With Lent being a time of reflection, Rivett said it's important to evaluate how one is doing at glorifying the Lord.

"If Jesus' obedience and sacrifice served to glorify our heavenly father, should our response to His act of love be any different?" asked Rivett. "Do our words and actions serve to glorify Him? Do we live obediently to our Savior? Do we keep His commandments to love Him, love others, and make disciples?"

Rivett encouraged the crowd to reflect on the things that hinder their "faith in the very one who gave His all for us and our salvation."

Anything that keeps one from growing and thriving in a relationship with Jesus

should be removed.

Lenten services are held every Wednesday from Ash Wednesday through the week leading up to Easter. Each service is hosted by a different church and starts with a light lunch at noon followed by a brief service at 12:30 p.m. Remaining services are: March 15 at Hagood Avenue Baptist, March 22 at Holy Apostles Church, March 29 at Hagood, and April 5 at Gateway Assemblies.

## Corder's Corner: Time is Short

David B. Corder  
Contributing Writer

This year marks 15 years since the actor Heath Ledger passed away. For me, his greatest role was The Joker in the Batman film, *The Dark Knight*. He was fantastic in the film, one of the greatest roles ever. Ledger changed acting. However, his life was cut short, and he died of drug overdose at the age of 28.

This is startling to me. I am 27, and I did not realize how young Heath Ledger was when he passed away. I find it surreal that we were basically the same age. Then I think of others who died around the same age...Kurt Cobain, Jimi Hendrix, Jim Morrison, Amy Winehouse...the whole 27 club. Talented lives cut tragically short.

Then I think of other people I admire. Edgar Allan Poe and John Lennon were both 40 when they died. 40 is an age farther down the road for me, but only by 13 years, and when you think about it, 13 years isn't a very long time. And whether you are 27, 40, 60, or 99, death comes for all of us, and as I approach 30 I find myself asking "Where did all the time go?"

What's more, I am not promised that I will even turn 30. I am not promised that I will be alive tomorrow. That all is in God's hands. Life is fleeting. As it says in James 4:14, "yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes" (ESV). And instead of being shocked or worried or depressed by this, we should feel prompted to live our lives more fully. Not in a foolish way, but in a wise way.

There are several points we need to take away from this idea of time being short:

### 1. Time is not something to be wasted.

We all have something we need to be doing. And that thing should not be wasting time. We should not be wasting time by staring like zombies at our television screens and phones for hours at a time. We have relationships to cultivate, vocations to heed. Will it really matter at the end of your life how many shows on Net-

flix you have watched? Will it really matter how many likes you got on Facebook or Instagram? Time is short. There are things to be done, and great, holy pleasures to be enjoyed. Pursue them in the name of God. As it says in Ecclesiastes 3:12-13 "I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil - this is God's gift to man" (ESV). Find the work that gives you pleasure and that glorifies God and do it.

### 2. We are not promised another day.

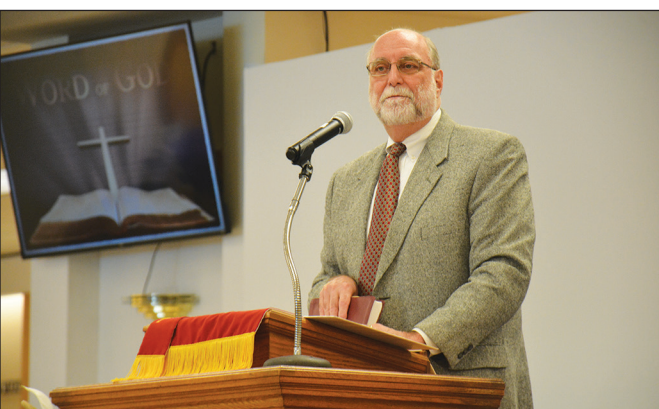
Make the most of today, because it may be your last. And I do not say this to instill fear. I say this to instill urgency. If today was your last day, how would you live it? How would you be treating those around you; your family members, your enemies? Would you use it to spend three hours watching TikTok? Would you use it to continue holding that grudge against your ex-spouse who wounded you thirty years ago? Live today like it is your last, with the wisdom that tomorrow is still possible (that means don't sell everything you own or blow all your money on poker. There's a good chance that you'll still be alive tomorrow).

### 3. When all is said and done, where will you be?

This life is the tiniest drop of existence in the ocean of eternity. How we live, who we believe in, all of it matters. At the end of this lifetime, we will be headed for one of two places: enjoying eternity with Jesus in Heaven, or suffering forever in the fires of Hell. And I write this because it is an urgent thing that people must know...it is the most important thing in all of existence to know. So, I ask you to consider this: if you were to die today, are you sure that you would be going to the destination that you want to go to?

Consider where you are in life. Consider what may happen next. Don't waste your life, however much of it is left to live. Embrace Jesus, and live for His Glory. Time is too short to do otherwise.

Work Cited: *The Bible. The English Standard Version Study Bible*, Crossway, 2008.



Rev. Al Rivett delivers a message during the March 8 Lenten service at Ned Branch Missionary Baptist.



# 10th annual African-American Heritage Parade unites Williston



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On the afternoon of Sunday, Feb. 26, community members joined together alongside businesses, entrepreneurs, faith-based organizations, and civic and political groups to celebrate Black History Month (BHM) at the 10th Annual African-American Heritage Parade.

The parade started at NAPA and traveled down Main Street in Williston until the sports cars, church vans, walkers throwing candy, and the kids catching it all met at the campus of Williston-Elko Middle School (WEMS) for the BHM Student Showcase.

The wall of the canteen at WEMS was lined with poems, essays, pictures, and drawings made by students recognizing historic figures like Martin Luther King Jr., Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, Major General Lorna Mahlock, and Alvin Ailey.

WEMS seventh grader Shanya Mays posed for a picture showing her strength "to make a difference like Major General Lorna Mahlock, the highest-ranking African-American female in the U.S. military. Her specialty is cybersecurity."

Seventh grader Miguel Gomez-Tamayo is pointing

to his head in his picture to represent using his mind "to make a difference like Alvin Ailey, who was not only a creative choreographer, but also created a space where people of all races could dance together and travel all over the world performing."

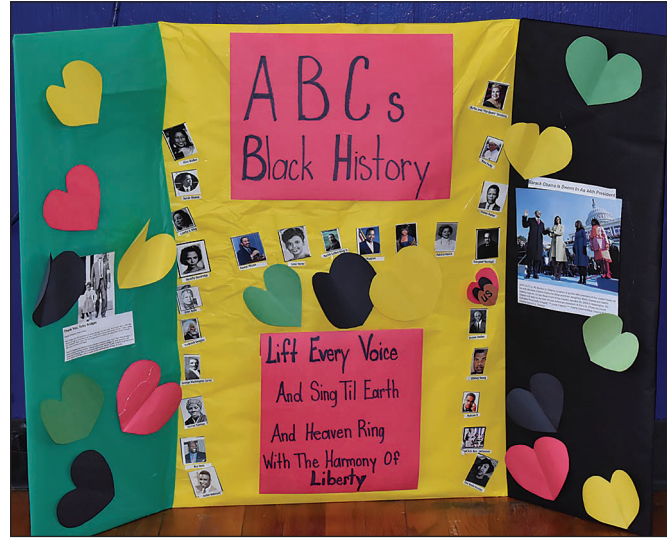
Eighth grader Josh Epps took a similar pose to "make a difference like Percy Lavon Julian, who made various vital contributions to modern medicine as a result of experimenting with soybeans. He synthesized the drug used to treat glaucoma."

Eighth grader Hayden Stephenson also researched a medical professional - James McCune Smith, the first Black American to earn a medical degree. Smith also wrote "numerous research articles challenging racist myths impacting African-American health care," stated the poster.

In addition to the student showcase, vendors and food lined the walkways. Aapri's Creations food truck was present along with Jazzy Jackie's Peanuts.

All proceeds from the parade lineup entry fee went to covering the cost of supplies and resources at Kelly Edwards Elementary School.

Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck







# Congratulations

to **The People-Sentinel's** team on earning 15 awards in the 2022 S.C. Press Association News Contest including

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(All Weekly Division)



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Publisher & Owner  
5 Individual Awards

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2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Profile Feature Writing

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Spot News Photo

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Breaking News Reporting

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Inside Page Design



**Alexandra Whitbeck**  
Reporter  
7 Individual Awards

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1<sup>st</sup> Place - Feature Photo

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Humorous Photo

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - In-Depth Reporting

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3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Business Reporting

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Personality Photograph



**Donna-Maria Conzalina**  
Contributing Writer  
1 Individual Award

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# PAGEANT: Barnwell teen places in Top 16 at Miss S.C. Teen USA pageant

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Miss Barnwell County Teen USA Anna Kate Richardson works to give back to youth through her service initiative, Anna Kate's Acts of Kindness, or AK Squared. In October 2022, she held a Halloween toy & costume drive for the Augusta Children's Hospital.

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state pageants for North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, and Alabama.

"I truly do love doing pageants," said Richardson. "Since this was my first state pageant, I didn't quite know what to expect and it really was a great experience."

One of the biggest differences in this pageant compared to others Richardson competed in is that her mother, Kim, wasn't allowed to help her prepare. Due to this, both Richardson and her mother were thankful for a fellow contestant with close ties to Barnwell County - Hunter Dest, representing Sea Islands.

Dest, who finished as the second runner-up and was voted Miss Photogenic in the Miss South Carolina USA 2023 competition, served as a wealth of support for Richardson.

"She was amazing," said Kim of Dest. "We know that she is not necessarily from Barnwell, but her mom (Ouida Swann Dest) is. She took her under her wing and made sure her dresses were zipped, her shoes were done, made sure she was calm, just all of the things that she's used to having mom back there to do and mom couldn't be there. Hunter kind of took over and was her pageant mom."

"She was like my big sister," said Richardson.

Before the pageant, Richardson spent nearly every day in Columbia practicing for the interview, fitness, and modeling aspects of the competition with coach Allie Bowen. When not in Columbia with Bowen, the Richardsons were in Springfield with Deanna Williams - a pageant coach she had worked with

since she was six years old. In September 2022, Bowen held a fashion expo in Columbia where Richardson's career became elevated.

"She just got back from Fashion Week in New York," said Kim. "She was able to model on the runway for fashion week and we've kind of been contacted about going to Paris next fall."

Richardson wore a dress from the brand AlycesaundraL, founded by 15-year-old designer Alycesaundra Lyerly, during the first week in New York. AlycesaundraL also designed the outfit Richardson wore during her opening number at the Miss SC Teen USA pageant. The other designer Richardson modeled for was Camilla Couture based in London.

"I definitely want to do more runway shows. I love doing that in New York and I want to get more practice and so I'm hoping we can go to Paris," said Richardson.

One of the best parts about these experiences are the relationships both Richardson and Kim have made along the way. Each pageant brings new friends.

"Some of the girls in my dressing room, we got really close because we would just have to sit there for four



Miss Barnwell County Teen USA Anna Kate Richardson (left) was supported by Miss S.C. Sea Islands, Hunter Dest (right) during Richardson's first time competing at a state level. Both Dest and Richardson finished as finalists and received special awards in their respective divisions.

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hours," said Richardson. These relationships provide a wealth of support as both pageant competitors and pageant moms feel similar stresses the day of the competition.

"We made so many friends," said Kim. "I can't tell you how many people we've added on Facebook from just this weekend, or on Instagram that have reached out to us."

Social media is helpful in staying connected with these friends, and also serves as a platform for Richardson to share her acts of service through Anna Kate's Acts of Kindness, or AK Squared, where she mentors, organizes events for, and spends time with children.

One of Richardson's biggest projects was a Halloween costume and activity drive in October 2022

of Barnwell's Christmas Parade.

Outside of pageantry, Richardson is a member of the Beta Club and on the varsity and competition cheerleading team at Barnwell High School. She has also been participating in Palmetto Cheer Elite in Aiken since she was 5 years old.

"I want to attend the University of South Carolina and I want to become an early childhood teacher," said Richardson, who also has aspirations of furthering her modeling career. Her mother is a kindergarten teacher in Williston.

Either route is supported by her parents, Kim and Charles, who are immensely proud of both of their children.

"We are trying to get

her an agent to start the modeling thing, and so her daddy and I have agreed that if something comes with that, that she could take a gap year or two because we know this is the time for her to be able to do this," said Kim.

Richardson does not currently have any upcoming pageants scheduled, but is looking forward to partaking in more competitions and furthering her modeling career.

To keep up with Anna Kate Richardson's career, follow 'Miss Barnwell County Teen USA' on Facebook.

For more info on the Miss South Carolina USA pageant system, visit [www.missouthcarolinausa.com/](http://www.missouthcarolinausa.com/). For more info on RPM Productions, visit [www.rmpproductions.com/](http://www.rmpproductions.com/).

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**PLAYER SPOTLIGHT**

**Jaidyn Devore**  
Barnwell High School



**Grade:** 10th  
**Sport:** Softball  
**Favorites...**  
• **Food:** Seafood, chicken and oxtails  
• **Movie/TV shows:** *Madea's Family Reunion, The Hate You Give*  
• **Snack:** Mangos, strawberries  
• **Coaches:** Coach Mike Beasley, Coach Jenny Raines  
• **Free time activity:** Playing travel softball, shopping  
• **Musicians:** Rod Wave, Lil Baby  
**Goal for this season:**  
"My goal for this season is to be the best I can be for my team, win region, and bring home a State Championship."

**Jamaya Ford**  
Barnwell High School



**Grade:** 12th  
**Sports:** Soccer  
**Favorites...**  
• **Food:** Chicken alfredo  
• **Movie/TV shows:** *The 100, Spiderman: Far from Home*  
• **Snack:** Chocolate chip cookies  
• **Coach:** Tiffany Zorn  
• **Free time activity:** Bake, craft, and shop  
• **Musician:** Deftones, Foo Fighters  
**Goal for this season:** "No negativity, enhance my soccer skills, and to make my last season a successful one."

**VARSITY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE**

- BASEBALL**  
Wed., March 15  
• JDA @ Calhoun Academy 6:30  
Thur., March 16  
• Williston-Elko @ North 6:00  
Fri., March 17  
• Bamberg-Ehrhardt @ Barnwell 7:00  
• JDA @ Williston-Elko 6:00  
Mon., March 20  
• Barnwell @ Williston-Elko 6:00  
Tues., March 21  
• Holly Hill Academy @ JDA 6:00  
• Barnwell @ Ridgeland-Hardeeville 6:00
- SOFTBALL**  
Wed., March 15  
• JDA @ Calhoun Academy 6:00  
Thur., March 16  
• Williston-Elko @ North 6:00  
Fri., March 17  
• JDA @ Williston-Elko 7:00  
Tues., March 21  
• Holly Hill Academy @ JDA 6:00  
• Williston-Elko @ Augusta Christian TBA  
• Barnwell @ Ridgeland-Hardeeville 6:00
- SOCCER**  
(Boys B, Girls G)  
Thur., March 16  
• Horse Creek @ Barnwell B 6:00pm  
Tues., March 21  
• Blackville-Hilda @ Edisto B 7:00

- TRACK**  
Wed., March 15  
• Barnwell @ Denmark-Olar 5:00  
• Williston-Elko @ Ridge Spring-Monetta 5:00
- GOLF**  
Mon., March 20  
• Silver Bluff @ Barnwell 4:00  
Tues., March 21  
• Barnwell @ Bamberg-Ehrhardt 4:00

# Sports

## Barnwell softball shuts out Edisto in back-to-back games



Barnwell shutout Edisto 15-0 and 13-0 on consecutive nights.

Photo By: Mike Beasley

**Jeff Miller**  
Sports Writer

The Barnwell Warhorse softball team played Edisto in back-to-back games, with Barnwell easily winning both contests. The Warhorses hosted the Cougars on Tuesday, March 7, then traveled to Edisto the next day, Wednesday, March 8. The results for both games were almost identical, with Barnwell winning the first game 15-0 and the second game 13-0.

Barnwell had a nice team effort for both games, but the Barnwell player of this series would have to

go to Jaidyn Devore. Jaidyn pitched two complete games, both of which were shutouts. Devore faced 31 batters in the two games combined and struck out 22 Edisto batters. The first contest was a no hitter for Devore and in the second game she only allowed three hits. In addition to great pitching, the Warhorses looked strong on offense scoring 28 runs over the two games. According to Barnwell coach Mike Beasley, Jaidyn Devore was also "...a leader at the plate as well, hitting 3 for 6 with 2 triples, a double, scored 5 runs, and had 6 RBIs."

Game one offensive stars for Barnwell also include Abigail

Corley, who went 1/1 and scored 2 runs. Breanna Croft was 1/1 and scored a run. Tierra Arnold went 1/1, had a triple, an RBI, and scored a run. Karrie Bolen was 1/2 and scored 2 runs. Cailyn Morris was 1/1 and scored 2 runs. In the second game, Barnwell's Bre Buckmon was 2/3, scored a run, and had an RBI. Makayla Creech went 1/3 and scored a run. Croft was 1/3 with 2 RBI and a run scored. Arnold was 1/2 with 2 runs and had an RBI. Morris scored a run and had an RBI. When asked about the Barnwell wins over Edisto, Coach Beasley had high praise for Devore's work

on offense and on the mound, referring to her as a "leader" and mentioned her incredible stats. He also mentioned Buckmon saying, "Bre Buckmon also leads the Lady Warhorses with outstanding play as a catcher." He continued saying, "It was a great game by all. They played as a team and helped secure two shutout region wins." With the wins, Barnwell improves to 6-0 under new head coach Mike Beasley. More importantly, the Horses are off to a 2-0 start in region play.

Great job, Lady Warhorses!

## Warhorse soccer beats Cougars, twice



Barnwell defeated Edisto 10-1 March 7 at Edisto.

Photo By: Tabitha Zorn

**Jeff Miller**  
Sports Writer



Kaydrian Poplin scored two goals and added an assist in the 10-1 win over Edisto.

Photo By: Kelley Wood

The Barnwell Warhorse girls soccer team played Edisto on Tuesday, March 7 and again on Friday, March 10. Barnwell swept Edisto by winning both matches and picked up two region wins in the process. The first meeting, on March 7, was at Edisto, but the home field was no advantage for the Cougars and Barnwell won, convincingly, 10-1. Mattalyn Ray played a very good game in the net for the Horses and so did Emma Creech who took over in the second half. The two combined to only allow a single goal and had double-digit saves between them.

Offensively for Barnwell, Jamaya Ford led the way scoring four goals. Kaydrian Poplin scored two goals, one from a free kick, and had an assist on a corner kick. Hayden Rowell scored a goal. Mattalyn Ray scored a goal. Emma Creech scored two goals. The second game against Edisto was a much closer game, but Barnwell came out on top 2-0. Mattalyn Ray played another solid game at goalkeeper. She allowed no goals and came up with several saves. She was also credited with an assist on one of Barnwell's goals. Alaina Brant had seven defensive clears to help keep the Cougars off the scoreboard and Kaydrian Poplin added six more clears. Emma Creech added the only

Barnwell scores. Her two goals were plenty enough, paired with a tough defensive effort, to give the Warhorses the 2-0 victory. Emma's two goals had assists from Mattalyn Ray and Shariyah Priester. Barnwell coach Tiffany Zorn said after the first Edisto game, "I am very proud of and impressed by the girls' performance at the Edisto game! We were down a few players, but the team's communication and commitment were evident, leading us to victory. I am excited to see where this team takes us throughout the season!" Good luck to the Warhorse soccer team as they continue their season!



# BHS JV softball defeats Edisto twice



Barnwell JV softball defeated Edisto 16-1 and 20-2 on consecutive nights.

Photo By: Mike Beasley

## Blue Devils beat Ridge Spring-Monetta, Calhoun County

**David B. Corder**  
Contributing Writer

Blue Devils were able to score seven hits.

The Williston-Elko Blue Devils conquered two teams this past week on the baseball diamond.

The team beat Ridge Spring-Monetta 7-5 on Monday, March 6. The Blue Devils opened up the game and scored a run from an error. Though the game tied up by the fourth inning, the Blue Devils were persistent. Riley Jeffcoat and Peyton Rimes each had two hits that led to the team's victory. In total, the

Benjamin Jenkins shined as the winning pitcher of the game. He permitted no hits, and only allowed one run over two and two-thirds innings, while striking out four. Jarrett Wooten also did well, throwing two innings in relief out of the bullpen. He recorded the last six outs to gain the save for Williston-Elko, allowing the team to win.

The Williston-Elko Blue Devils also claimed a lead in their sixth inning against Calhoun County which led



them to victory this past Friday, March 10. The Blue Devils won 11-8. Morgan Givens started the game for the Blue Devils, surrendering six runs on seven hits over the course of four innings. He struck out four and walked one. Jarrett Wooten was the pitcher to beat, striking out five and walking one. Ben Jenkins threw two-thirds of an inning in relief out of the bullpen.

The Blue Devils accumulated eight hits for the game. Peyton Rimes and Chase Morris scored mul-

iple hits for Williston, each managing two hits, with Rimes leading with two stolen bases.

Though the game was tied in the bottom of the sixth inning, Colby Baker broke the tie when he singled on the first pitch of the bat, scoring one run.

The Blue Devils are still going strong and are relentless in their pursuit of being the best baseball team around. Be sure to catch one of their upcoming games soon.

### Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!



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My name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Ocean Colors

Color by numbers to see what's in the ocean.

### My Rhyme Time

My Bonnie lies over the ocean,  
My Bonnie lies over the sea,  
My Bonnie lies over the ocean,  
Oh, bring back my Bonnie to me.

### My Letters

O is for Ocean  
o is for ocean

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

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the sound the letter O makes in the word ocean?

### My Numbers

How many oak leaves? 4

How many bowls of oatmeal? 4

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

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

Left The ocean is Right

<p><b>Sunday</b></p> <p><b>Letter Identification</b></p> <p>With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with or have in the word the same sound as the letter O in ocean.</p>	<p><b>Monday</b></p> <p><b>Math Play</b></p> <p>Point to the number 4 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p><b>Open and Shut</b></p> <p>Look through the newspaper for things that are open, for example: open eyes, doors or windows. Next, look through the newspaper for things that are shut.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p><b>Older and Younger</b></p> <p>Find pictures of people in the newspaper. Compare two people by asking which person is older? Which person is younger?</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p><b>Orange All Over</b></p> <p>Count all the orange things you can find in the newspaper. Start an "Orange Poster" by cutting out pictures of orange things and gluing them onto a sheet of paper. Repeat with other colors to make a book about colors.</p>	<p><b>Friday</b></p> <p><b>What Comes Next</b></p> <p>Open the newspaper to a page numbered 9 or less. Show your child the page number. Ask your child which page comes next. For children who cannot count to 10, start with pages 1, 2 and 3. Add pages as your child is able to count higher.</p>	<p><b>Saturday</b></p> <p><b>Over and Under</b></p> <p>Sit your child in your lap and look at pictures in the newspaper. Ask your child about the location of things in each picture. For example, "Is the bird over or under the car?" "Are the eyes over or under the nose?"</p>
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Learning Buddy Sign Here  
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Learning Buddy's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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



# JDA softball off to a 3-0 start



**JDA beat Horse Creek Academy 20-0 on March 7.**

Photo By: Kathy Googe

**Jeff Miller**  
Sports Writer

The Jefferson Davis Academy girls softball team hosted Horse Creek Academy on Tuesday, March 7 and then traveled to face Wardlaw Academy on Thursday, March 9. JDA defeated both teams to improve to 3-0 on the young season.

Against Horse Creek Academy, Reagan Still pitched two innings and Kaylee Livingston pitched one inning with Reagan striking out three batters and Kaylee striking out two. Neither pitcher allowed a run in the three-inning, 20-0 JDA victory.

Offensively, against Horse Creek, Gylan Googe was 1/2 with a stolen base, and scored 3 runs. Emma Craig went 1/2, had a stolen base, 2 RBIs, and scored 3 runs. Reagan Still went

3/3, had 7 RBIs, scored 2 runs, and a triple. Kaylee Livingston was 2/3 and had 2 walks, scored 3 runs, a triple, and had 2 RBIs. Ryann Fickling had 2 walks, scored 3 times, and had a stolen base. Sydney Owens was 2/2, scored 3 runs, and had 2 RBIs. Kaylee Jackson went 2/3, scored 2 runs, and had an RBI. Cheyanne Sands was 1/2, scored 2 runs, a triple, and 3 RBIs.

The Wardlaw Academy game was much closer, with JDA prevailing 10-8. JDA coach Bart Owens said, "We played a really great game on Thursday at Wardlaw. We were in control the whole game, but made some mental errors late in the game. We will correct that, but that is part of having a lot of new faces all over the field. We will continue to work on being the best at the end of the season. 3-0 is a great

way to start the season and we will continue to strive towards perfection. Go Raiders!"

Reagan Still pitched 6 innings, striking out 16 Wardlaw batters. She also had a great game at the plate, going 2/4, with 2 RBIs, and scored a run. Kaylee Livingston was 2/2, had 2 RBIs, 2 walks, and scored 2

runs. Ryann Fickling went 2/4, with an RBI, and scored a run. Cheyanne Sands was 1/3 and had 2 RBIs. Carrie Lynn Loadholt pitched an inning and struck out two Wardlaw batters.

Good luck to Coach Owens and the JDA softball team as they continue throughout the season!

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# JDA JV softball defeats Wardlaw Academy



Coach Derek Antley and the JDA JV softball team defeated Wardlaw Academy 9-7 on March 9, to go 1-0 to start the season.

Photo By: Christie Antley



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Events

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

**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**

**March 14 & 28**  
**Story Time**  
 Blackville Library  
**10:30am**

**March 16**  
**"Let's Talk": Veterans Supporting Veterans Platform**  
 Guest speaker Jennifer Foster from Clemson Extension will discuss "Healthy Choice". Barnwell County Agricultural Building (Clemson Extension), 34 Pechman St., Barnwell  
**6pm**

**March 18**  
**Blackville Community Garden Work Day**  
 All ages are welcome to join in on community fellowship and neighborly love. Volunteers will prepare/place raised beds and discuss/install drip irrigation system. Tools and refreshments provided. For more information, call Vivian Alston at 803-383-1368.  
**8am-12n**

**March 20**  
**SC Works Center on Wheels**  
 Lower Savannah Mobile Unit Blackville Public Library  
 Contact: 803 645-9011  
**10am-2pm**

**Thurs., March 23**  
**Blessing of the Crops**  
 A new outdoor dinner for agriculture producers and supporters to pray for a bountiful harvest, discuss latest trends in the agricultural sector, and enjoy a meal created with ingredients from producers in the region. King George Lavender Farm (490 Daisy Lane, Barnwell) Tickets include dinner and admission. \$20 for Chamber members/market vendors or \$30 for general admission. Reserve a table (8 tickets) for \$350. Order tickets at www.southernpalmettochamber.org/events. Presented by AgSouth Farm Credit and hosted by Southern Palmetto Chamber of Commerce and Barnwell Farmers Market.  
**5:30-7:30pm**

**March 23**  
**Story Time**  
 Williston Library  
**11am**

**Fri., March 24**  
**9th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser**  
 Christ Presbyterian Church, 848 Hagood Avenue, Barnwell  
 Proceeds benefit the Barnwell County Animal Shelter. Foundation. Plates are \$10 and include spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic bread, dessert. Dine-in includes drink. Vegetarian sauce available. Delivery available to local.  
**11am-1pm & 5-7:30pm**

**Sat., March 25**  
**Taste of Blackville Festival**  
 Food, crafts, vendors, games, and more. Raffle tickets for i-Pad, \$100 Walmart card and \$50 gas card. For vendor applications and general information, call 803-671-5638.  
**10am-4pm**

**Sun., April 2**  
**Literacy & Arts in Park**  
 Community Center Grounds  
**4:30pm-7pm**

**Fri., May 12**  
**Allendale-Barnwell Relay for Life**  
 Tiger Stadium in Allendale. To join or form a team, please contact Artheen Fitts at 803-584-3368 or Margaret Maner at 803-686-0109.

**Fri., May 19**  
**USC Salkahatchie Baseball Golf Tournament Fundraiser**  
 Four-Man Captain's Choice Sweetwater Country Club, Barnwell  
 Contact Jeremy Joye at JoyeJL@mailbox.sc.edu  
**10am Shotgun Start**

## Meetings

**The Barnwell County Republican Party invites the community to the following events:**  
**Mon., March 27**  
 Makeup Meeting, Barnwell County Courtroom  
**6:30pm**

**Mon., April 17**  
 County Convention, Barnwell County Courtroom  
**6:30pm**  
 Location is Barnwell County Courthouse, 141 Main Street, Barnwell.

**March 14**  
**Allendale County Transportation Committee Meeting**  
 James Brandt Building 398 Barnwell Highway Allendale, SC 29810  
**6pm**

**Thurs., March 16**  
**Regular Allendale County Council Meeting**  
 Allendale County Courthouse, J.W.Wall Jr. Council Chambers, 292 Barnwell Hwy., Allendale  
**6pm**

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

## Barnwell Library Events

**ADULTS**  
**Potluck Book Club**  
**Tues., March 28**  
 We will be discussing *A World of Curiosities* by Louise Penny.  
**4pm**

**VIRTUAL STORY TIME**  
**Thurs., March 23**  
 Videos will be posted on Facebook  
**11am**

**TWEENS/TEENS**  
**Ages 8-18**  
**Maze Egg Hunt**  
**Thurs., March 30**  
 Come by for an a-maze-ing egg hunt.  
**5-6:30pm**

**STORY TIME at the Library**  
**Thurs., March 16 & 30**  
 Children's Room  
**11am**

**CHILDREN**  
**Ages 3 and Up**  
**Lucky Charm Catapult STEM Activity**  
**Thurs., March 16**  
 Build your own catapult to see how far you can launch lucky charms.  
**4-5pm**

## Allendale County Library Events

**Sat., March 18**  
**Allendale County Library Book Sale**  
 Softback books are 10 cents and hardback books, DVDs, audiobooks and music CDs are 25 cents each. Your support is greatly appreciated. The library will also host the South Carolina Historical Society program "What's in Your Attic?" that same day starting at 10:30am. Virginia Ellison, VP of Collections, will be addressing the topic "Something in your possessions may fill a gap in South Carolina's Historic Record!"  
**10:30am-1:30pm**

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# 2023 Lenten Services

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

- 15 MAR 12:00 PM** HAGOOD AVENUE BAPTIST 1144 HAGOOD AVE./ DR. BILL CLARKSON
- 22 MAR 12:00 PM** HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH 9357 PATTERSON ST./PASTOR BOBBY DUKES
- 29 MAR 12:00 PM** HAGOOD AVENUE BAPTIST 1144 HAGOOD AVE./ DR. BART KELLEY
- 05 APR 12:00 PM** GATEWAY ASSEMBLIES 7678 MARLBORO AVE/ PASTOR CHARLIE MORRIS

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 12:00pm, followed by the Lenten service at 12:30pm in which community members will worship together.

All offerings provide for the Barnwell County Ministerial Coalition Community Benevolence Fund which may assist with utility bills for those in need and emergency hotel shelter.

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**Services**

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

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

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

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

**Center of Hope Community Fellowship**  
 (542 Main Street, Barnwell; beside IGA)  
 Sunday School 11:30am-12:15pm  
 Sunday Worship 10:30am  
 Wednesday Bible Study 7pm  
 Pastor/Founder Bishop Charlie D. Gillison

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

**First Baptist Church of Barnwell**  
 161 Allen St, Barnwell  
 Contemporary Service  
 Sundays 9am  
 Traditional Service  
 Sundays 11am  
 Sunday School at 10:10am  
 Watch on facebook or listen in the parking lot over 90.5

**Friendship Baptist Church Sunday School**  
 5801 Friendship Rd., Barnwell  
 Sundays - Assembly 9:45am  
 Sunday School at 10am  
 Worship at 11am  
 Discipleship Training  
 Sundays - 6pm  
 Worship at 7pm

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

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

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

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

**Mt Lebanon Christian Church**  
 420 Christian Rd., Barnwell  
 (803) 259-1438  
 mtlebanoncc@gmail.com  
 Sunday School at 10am  
 Sunday am worship 11am (blended music)  
 Sunday PM Bible Study 6pm (mid July-April)  
 www.mtlebanonchristianchurch.com  
 Minister Ron Franklin

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

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

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

**Seven Pines Baptist Church**  
 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 worship 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: 6:30pm  
 stjamesanglicanblackville@gmail.com  
 803-671-0676 (mobile)

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

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

**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

**Word of Life Full Gospel Ministries**  
 6254 Hwy 278, Barnwell  
 Wednesday Bible study/prayer Service 7pm  
 Sunday school 10:45 am  
 Worship Service 12:25pm  
 Facebook @wordoflifefgm



## Homemaker's Column

### Earl, for sandwiches, even if you never ate one



Christine Patrick

County Extension Agent

low in total fat, saturated fat, and cholesterol may reduce the risk of heart disease and some cancers.

Other options include pita bread, with its light taste as a perfect backdrop for intensely flavored fillings; or Italian, soft in the center with a crunchy crust is great for hot sandwiches.

How about raisin bread? Try ham and cheese on raisin bread, lightly grilled. Or, run English muffins under a broiler when topped with tomato slices, scrambled eggs, and bacon.

Instead of always making plain ham, turkey, roast beef, or cheese the dominant flavor of your sandwich, why not spice things up with a generous dose of Cajun seasoning or Italian herbs? You could add curry powder to chicken salad or lemon pepper and celery seeds to tuna. Slather honey mustard on your turkey or ham. Or, top your grilled chicken with hot sauce and blue cheese.

Don't forget the veggies when you think of sandwiches. Sliced tomatoes and lettuce are always popular additions, but those are just the beginning.

Consider taking your sandwich a step further. Cucumber slices are tasty on a cold sandwich. Thinly sliced onion and bell pepper quickly sautéed in a nonstick skillet add crunch, flavor, and an extra bit of nutrition. Coleslaw can be added to a barbecue or roast pork sandwich.

A well-made sandwich can be an economical, quick-to-prepare, well-rounded meal. Grains, vegetables, protein, and dairy can all contribute to making your next sandwich as good for your body as it is for your taste buds.

They are quick to fix from items already on hand whether you like them cold, toasted, broiled, grilled, or wrapped in foil and baked.

So, thanks, Earl, for the sandwich. If you never ate one, you don't know what you were missing. Or, maybe you do.

For more ideas on food safety or healthy food preparation, visit the Clemson University Home and Garden Information Center on the web at <http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/>.

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## Better Business Bureau

### Grandparent scams still targeting seniors



Kelvin Collins

Better Business Bureau

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) is still warning well-meaning seniors about "emergency" scams designed to fool them into thinking that their grandchild is hurt, has been arrested or is stranded, and in need of money.

According to recent FBI reports, the "Grandparent Scam" has been around since 2008, but they continue to plague well-meaning seniors. Retirees are an attractive target for financial scammers since they may have more disposable income and they are less likely to report being scam victims. Emergency scams play off of peoples' emotions and strong desire to help others in need. Scammers impersonate their victims and make up an urgent situation - "I've been arrested," "I've been mugged," "I'm in the hospital" - and target friends and family with urgent pleas for help, and money.

One victim reported sending four transactions totaling \$4,400 over a two-day period. She was duped after receiving calls alleging that her grandson had been arrested after being in an accident. The money was initially to cover fines and representation to get the grandson released. Soon, the caller needed money to cover the medical bills for a person

injured in the accident. The victim claims that the scammer not only knew details about her grandson but also allowed her to briefly speak with someone that sounded like her grandson.

We also see this scam target families with loved ones deployed overseas, claiming to need the money to get back from a weekend pass. If you don't send the money, they face being arrested for being absent without leave (AWOL).

**BBB offers the following tips to avoid the Grandparent Scam:**

• **Communicate.** Loved ones should share travel plans with family members before leaving the state or country. Also, discuss this scam with older family members so they are aware of how the scam works.

• **Share information.** Loved ones should provide the cell phone number and email address of a friend they are traveling with in the case of an emergency. Family members should remind students to be cautious when sharing details about travel plans on social media.

• **Know the red flags.** Typically, the grandparent receives a frantic phone call from a scammer posing as their grandchild or a so-called "officer of the court". The caller explains that the grandchild has gotten into trouble and needs help, perhaps caused a car accident, or was arrested for DUI or drug possession. The "grandchild" pleads to the grandparents not to tell his or her parents and asks that they wire thousands of dollars for reasons of posting bail, repairing the car, covering lawyer's fees, or even paying hospital bills for a person supposedly injured in a car accident.

• **Ask a personal question, but don't disclose too much information.** If a grandparent receives a call from someone claiming to be their grandchild in distress, BBB advises that the grandparent not disclose any information before confirming that it really is their grandchild. If a caller says, "It's me, Grandma!" don't respond with a name, but instead let the caller explain who he or she is. One easy way to confirm their identity is to ask a simple question that the grandchild would know such as their middle name or what gift they gave the grandchild for Christmas.

• **Discuss with family members.** Even though the scammer will plead with you to keep this a secret from the parents, discuss the situation with someone and chances are you will find that your grandchild is safe and secure at home.

For anyone victimized by this type of distressed loved-one call, BBB recommends reporting the incident immediately to your local police department and BBB Scam Tracker. For more consumer tips you can trust or to report a scam, visit [bbb.org](http://bbb.org).

*Kelvin Collins is president & CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving the Fall Line Corridor, serving 77 counties in East Alabama, West Georgia, Southwest Georgia, Central Georgia, East Georgia and Western South Carolina. This tips column is provided through the local BBB and the International Association of Better Business Bureaus (IABBB). The Better Business Bureau sets standards for ethical business behavior, monitors compliance and helps consumers identify trustworthy businesses. Questions or complaints about a specific company or charity should be referred directly to the BBB at Phone: 1-800-763-4222, Web site: [bbb.org](http://bbb.org) or E-mail: [info@centralgeorgia.bbb.org](mailto:info@centralgeorgia.bbb.org).*

## Barnwell School District 45 letter

### To our Barnwell School District 45 Families:

Please be assured that safety is of the utmost priority in Barnwell School District 45, and an emphasis is placed on safety across our school district. As you know, our high school has been the target of recent bomb threats. The Barnwell County Sheriff's Department and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are actively working to determine who sent the email threats and using their tools and resources to continue actively investigating, and we are working closely to provide any information that would be helpful in the investigation.

We, along with our local law enforcement and emergency management, have met with SLED agents in person, and Special Agent Josh Deurkop from SLED's Bomb Squad unit came to meet with our Board of Trustees during a special-called work session this week. Also attending that meeting were local law enforcement leaders, emergency management leaders, district leaders, and principals. Special Agent Deurkop's first words were that we are not alone, and SLED has seen unprecedented rises in bomb threats statewide and nationwide. We can assure our families and community members that our local law enforcement and SLED consider this a huge priority in our district and across South Carolina.

Unfortunately, there have been numerous bomb threats in recent media reports, both statewide and nationwide, and many have happened in clusters. We have seen several other school districts in the state who have had bomb threats multiple days in a row, as we have recently experienced. Last week, during one of our threat responses, there were at least 12 other schools in the state experiencing the same situation. The

National Association of School Resource Officers has shared that the motives for these continued attacks appear to be intentions to cause mass panic or disruption. It is extremely disappointing these threats continue to happen statewide, and even nationwide, and it is especially concerning to us that it has taken time away from our greatest job of educating our students.

We are fortunate law enforcement and emergency responders respond so quickly, and we have been able to activate our plans and return to normal operations as quickly as possible; however, any loss of instructional time is too much. Please be assured that Barnwell High School administration is working diligently to plan with the staff how to address any lost instructional time that has happened due to this situation, and the high school will support our students as they "catch up" on any instruction they need to recover from any lost instructional time.

We are so fortunate we have a wonderful partnership with local law enforcement and emergency responders, as well as having a strong safety plan in place with a specific bomb-threat response protocol. Our administrators continue to train our staff members and students on how to execute those plans in the case of an emergency. Part of our plan includes maintaining open communication, providing accurate information to our parents, and striving to be as transparent as possible when informing our families of allegations, such as bomb threats, while still maintaining the integrity of the investigation. Parents/guardians of BHS students have been notified during and after each evacuation response, and they were also made aware prior to the high school searching bookbags upon arrival as a proactive measure earlier this week.

During the most recent meeting with SLED, we were presented with information regarding SLED's newest recommendations to handling these threats in the safest and most efficient way. Having that meeting allowed our leaders to consider other responses to threats such as these, and the Board of Trustees and district officials are currently reevaluating how the recommendations from SLED officials could be incorporated into our districtwide BSD45 Comprehensive Safety Plan.

As part of our continued partnership with our parents and families, we ask you to please continue to encourage your children to report any behavior that could in any way compromise their safety or the safety of others. We also ask you to work with us to express to your children the seriousness of a crime such as this. Threats are not a joke or prank, and they will always be taken very seriously. If a student is caught making a threat that disturbs the school environment, we will seek consequences to the fullest extent of the law, including criminal charges and expulsion.

The district is so grateful to SLED, our Barnwell County Sheriff's Department, Barnwell Police Department, Barnwell Fire Department, Barnwell County Emergency Management, Medshore, and Savannah River Site for the prompt and thorough assistance they have provided when securing the building and activating our emergency protocols. We also thank our administrators, staff, and students for quickly executing our emergency response plans.

As always, we are also grateful to our parents for working together with us to ensure a safe learning environment for all of our students.

*Sincerely,  
Crystal F. Stapleton, Ed.D.  
Superintendent*

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the African-American Heritage KEES Committee, I would like to thank all of those who helped to make the 10th annual Heritage Parade Day a success: the sponsors, vendors, scholars, administrators, sheriff's department, Town of Williston, and all participants in all categories as well as you the well-wishers.

*Sincerely,  
Ronnie Brown  
Parade Committee*

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Estate: Willie Walker  
Date of Death: February 15, 2023  
Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00034  
Personal Representative: Willie Walker Jr.  
Address: 3 Suntrace Court, Columbia, S.C. 29229  
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Estate: William C. Collins  
Date of Death: January 22, 2023  
Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00033  
Personal Representative: Emily G. Collins  
Address: 141 Florence Street, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
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claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.  
Estate: Rosa Lee Brown  
Date of Death: August 30, 2022  
Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00202  
Personal Representative: Gregory Daniels  
Address: 44 Chestnut Lane, Blackville, S.C. 29817  
Co-Personal Representative: Andrew M. Brown  
Address: 44 Chestnut Lane, Blackville, S.C. 29817  
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Estate: Debra S. Hutto  
Date of Death: September 14, 2022  
Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00014  
Personal Representative: David A. Hutto  
Address: 868 Vintage Drive, Williston, S.C. 29853  
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Date of Death: January 22, 2023  
Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00033  
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Address: 141 Florence Street, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
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Estate: Jennie S. Graham  
Date of Death: March 28, 2022  
Case Number: 2022 ES 03 00049  
Personal Representative: Becky G. Rowell  
Address: 650 Bazzle Road, Fairfax, S.C. 29827  
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**NOTICE OF SALE**  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2022-CP-06-00259  
BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: United States of America acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture v. Catherine J. Geter, et al., I, the undersigned Special Referee for Barnwell County, will sell on April 3, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Barnwell County Courthouse, 141 Main Street, Barnwell, South Carolina to the highest bidder: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in the City of Barnwell, Barnwell School District, County of Barnwell, State of South Carolina, shown and designated as Lot 1 and the northern 10-foot portion of Lot 2, Block I, on a plat of Hagood Heights Development, Prepared for R.M. Jefferies, Jr. and Sol Blatt, Jr. by H.C. Jones Engineering Company, dated February 19, 1951, of record in Plat Book D, at Page 20, of the Barnwell County Records. Said lot being more particularly shown and delineated on an individual plat thereof prepared for Ethel Clark by Luther Lee Lowm, R.L.S., dated October 9, 1989, of Record in Plat Cabinet A, Slide 63, Page 2-B in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County, and, according to said plat, being bounded and measuring as follows: On the North by Lot of Laura M. Horner and measuring thereon 150.28 feet; on the East by Lot of Christopher J. and Linda B. Harrington and measuring thereon 80.00 feet; on the south by the remaining portion of Lot 2, Block I owned by Elizabeth S. Worthon and Bobbie J. Washington and measuring thereon 150.17 feet; west by Brown Street and measuring thereon 80 feet.

**ALSO BEING DESCRIBED AS:**  
All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the City of Barnwell, Barnwell School District, County of Barnwell, State of South Carolina, containing 0.276 acre, and being shown and designated as Lot 1 and a portion of Lot 2, Block I on a plat prepared for Ethel Clark by Luther Lee Lowm, R.L.S., dated October 9, 1989, and recorded in Plat Cabinet A, Slide 63 at Page 8-B, of the Barnwell County Records. According to said plat, being bounded and measuring as follows: on the North by Lot of Laura M. Horner and measuring thereon 150.28 feet; on the East by Lot of Christopher J. and Linda B. Harrington and measuring thereon 80 feet; on the south by the remaining portion of Lot 2, Block I owned by Elizabeth S. Worthon and Bobbie J. Washington and measuring thereon 150.17 feet; west by Brown Street and measuring thereon 80 feet.

This being same property conveyed to Ethel Clark a/k/a Ethel M. Clark by deed of Solomon Blatt, Jr., dated February 26, 1990, and recorded April 16, 1990 in Book 133 at Page 147, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County. Thereafter, Ethel Clark a/k/a Ethel M. Clark transferred all of her interest in the property to Emma E. Myers by deed dated August 13, 1993 and recorded on September 1, 1993 in Book 237 at Page 243. Emma E. Myers then transferred to the property to Catherine J. Geter reserving unto herself a life estate by deed recorded on August 21, 2008 in the records of Barnwell County in Book 852 at Page 85. Emma E. Myers subsequently died on July 26, 2011.

TMS#: 091-04-03-017  
Property Address: 241 Brown Street, Barnwell, South Carolina 29812  
SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, BARNWELL COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.  
TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee for Barnwell County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to cost and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Special Referee for Barnwell County may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder).

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

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

J. Martin Harvey, Jr.  
Special Referee for Barnwell County  
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**ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF**  
2023-43 3tc 3-29-23

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Estate: Randy Eric Bodiford  
Date of Death: February 5, 2023  
Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00045  
Personal Representative: Judy B. Pitts  
Address: 4051 S.C. Hwy. 37, Williston, S.C. 29853  
2023-44 3tp 3-29-23

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Estate: Thelma Jean Murray  
Date of Death: January 23, 2023  
Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00042  
Personal Representative: August Murray  
Address: 128 Bing Section Road, Williston, S.C. 29853  
2023-45 3tp 3-29-23

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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: Herman Roberts  
Date of Death: January 25, 2023  
Case Number: 2023 ES 03 00016  
Personal Representative: Hermona Roberts  
Address: 2302 Ladbroke Drive, Apt. 4303, Kingwood, Texas 77339  
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(FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate: Patricia Ann Allen  
Date of Death: December 15, 2022  
Case Number: 2023 ES 03 00015  
Personal Representative: John F. Allen  
Address: 913 Darlington Avenue South, Fairfax, S.C. 29827  
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**STATEPOINT CROSSWORD** **THEME: THE 2010s**

- ACROSS**
- Necktie alternative
  - Finish line
  - Show of appreciation
  - Biotic community
  - Hula dancer's necklace
  - House duty
  - Sofia Costanza Brigida Villani Scicolone's stage last name
  - International distress signal
  - Hogwarts professor, part werewolf
  - "Avengers: \_\_\_\_" second-highest grossing movie of all time
  - \*Annexed Black Sea peninsula
  - Santa \_\_\_\_, Orange County
  - Multicolored horse
  - \*Rand Paul's title, abbr.
  - Youngster
  - \*Type of spinner popular in the late 2010s
  - Between duet and quartet
  - Newspaper piece
  - Pope's court
  - Bohemian
  - \*Tonya and Harley Quinn to Margot Robbie, e.g.
  - \*Like Millie Bobby Brown and friends in "Stranger Things"
  - Prows
  - Vaulting prop
  - Fencer's blade
  - \*Animated story of Elsa and Anna
  - Greek salad ingredient
  - Make #26 Down
  - Look through a book
  - Good times

- DOWN**
- Having the means
  - Land of Israel
  - \* \_\_\_\_-cutting, broadcast TV phenomenon
  - Opposite of alpha
  - Not owner
  - Something \_\_\_\_
  - Opposite of paleo
  - "Saturday Night Fever" music
  - Pal
  - Between trot and gallop
  - Operatic solo
  - Actor Sean
  - Healthcare facility
  - \*Bill de Blasio, e.g.

- England's airforce
- Recite rapidly (2 words)
- Walking stick
- Fielding mistake
- Part of TNT
- \*BTS' genre
- \*Home to Blue Devils, 2015 NCAA winners
- Complain
- Downy duck
- Policeman's shocker
- Court of law opener
- Mark for omission
- Frame job
- Not often
- \*Amal Clooney \_\_\_\_ Alamuddin
- Naturally footless
- Japanese cartoon art
- Expressionless
- Junk e-mail
- Hindu serpent deity
- Singer-songwriter Redding
- Item on Santa's list
- Acidic kind of apple
- A fan of
- \*Plant in Zach Galifianakis' 2019 movie
- Those not opposed
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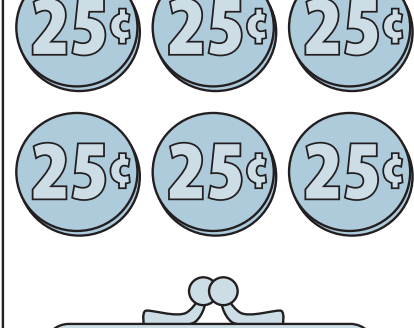
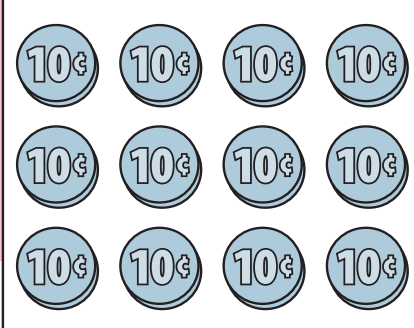
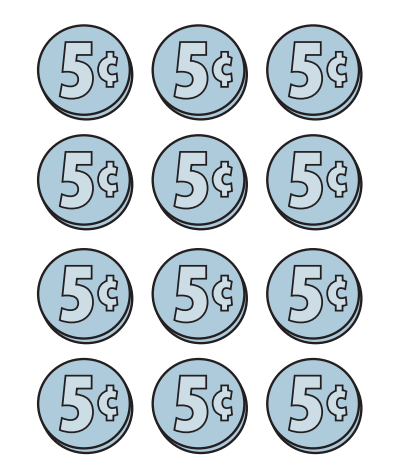
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Standards Link: Math: Add money amounts.

### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **GENERIC**

The adjective **generic** means not specific or limited to any brand name.

Flu is sometimes used as a **generic** term for an illness caused by a virus.

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

### Write On! Riddle Roundup

Send us your favorite riddle. Send us two or three or more!

# The Cost of a Decision

These kids are facing a decision about spending money. What would you do?

These **ZING** sneakers are super popular with the kids at my school. But they cost **\$69** a pair!



These generic sneakers cost **\$29**. They're not nearly as fancy as the **ZING** sneakers, though.



Which pair of sneakers should Kevin choose? Give at least two reasons to explain your choice.

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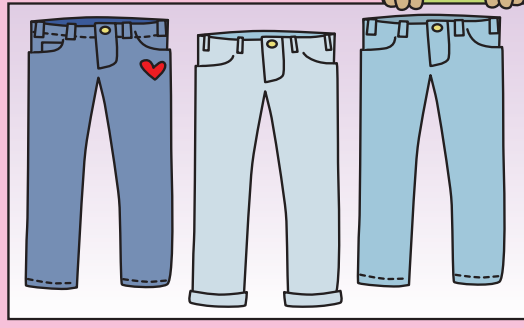
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A lot of young movie stars wear the jeans at left. They are **\$80**. The generic ones in the middle are **\$30**. And the used pair at right is **\$8** at the thrift store.



Which pair of jeans should Emma choose? Give at least two reasons for your choice.

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Which is the best deal? The small can of fruit juice or the 64 ounce size?

**BOTTLE: \$3.50**

The 64 ounce bottle contains 16 4 ounce cups of juice. The 12 ounce can contains three 4 ounce cups of juice.

**CAN: \$1.25**

## MONEY PUZZLES

**PUZZLE 1**

How much money would you save if you put a nickel in a jar every day for a year?

**PUZZLE 2**

How much money would you save in four weeks if you saved 5¢ a day the first week, 10¢ a day the second week, 15¢ a day the third week and 20¢ a day the fourth week?

**PUZZLE 3**

How much money would you save using the plan in Puzzle 2 and kept increasing the savings amount by 5¢ each week for 12 weeks?

**PUZZLE 4**

How much money would you save using the plan in Puzzle 3 and kept increasing the savings amount by 5¢ each week for 26 weeks?

Can you add up all the coins you see on this page?

**Game Night!**

Can you come up with a family fun game night that costs \$0?

**Extra! Extra!**

**It All Adds Up**

Find four 4-digit numbers in the newspaper. Copy the numbers onto a piece of paper and add them together. Repeat with 5-digit and 6-digit numbers.

Standards Link: Math: Addition.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Newspaper coupons are a great way to save money. Circle the coupon that offers the best deal on each product.

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Price: **\$2.70**

**BUY ONE GET ONE FREE!**

**\$1.50 OFF**

Price: **\$1.75**

**50¢ OFF**

**SAVE 50%**

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences.

### Double Double Word Search

DECISION  
GENERIC  
THRIFT  
CHOICE  
NICKEL  
MONEY  
STORE  
JEANS  
FRUIT  
MONTH  
SAVE  
DEAL  
ZING  
PAIR  
COST

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

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Z	R	L	E	K	C	I	N	E

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

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

**Best Food Deal**

Use the grocery store ads to compare the cost of different food items. Find two or more of the same food items sold in different quantities. Figure out which is the best deal.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate info.

**What did the bird say when she found a sweater for just one dollar?**

ANSWER: "Cheap! Cheap!"

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