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Son charged in mom's murder

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Authorities have charged a Columbia man with the murder of his mother.

On Dec. 3, 2023, the body of 56-year-old Barnwell resident Regina Arroyo was found in Lexington County, just five days after she was last seen alive. On July 1, Arroyo's son, 37-year-old Terry Lee Self Jr., was charged with murder, according to an

arrest warrant.

"A canoer found the body of the suspect's mother in the Edisto River Dec. 3," said Lexington County Sheriff Jay Koon. "Detectives confirmed the suspect and his mother were at the suspect's house and left there together after an argument."

Arroyo was reported missing to the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) on December 2. She was reportedly last seen on November 28 near King George, Virginia, finishing an animal transport with her son, according

to her daughter, Mindy Lee, on Facebook. However, Arroyo's phone was last pinged on Wire Road in Aiken around 10:30 p.m.

Prior to her body being discovered, BCSO deputies performed a welfare check at the request of Arroyo's boss and "observed Terry drive up to the property in the rental van they were last seen in," according to an arrest affidavit provided by the Lexington County Sheriff's Department (LCSD).

Arroyo's body was discovered floating in the Edisto River in the

Leesville area of Lexington County by a canoer. Deputies noted she had "strangulation marks to her neck," according to the affidavit.

"The evidence in the case indicates the suspect used a ligature to strangle Ms. Arroyo," Koon said. "After he killed Ms. Arroyo, Self then dumped her body in the river and left."

Arroyo's disappearance was originally investigated by the BCSO and the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED),



Lexington County Sheriff's Office
Terry Lee Self Jr.

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William F. Guinyard was recognized by the City of Barnwell for his lifetime of dedication. A resolution of recognition was presented to his family. Pictured is administrator Lynn McEwen, Mayor Ron Still, Adrian Crawford, Shirley Guinyard, Ijeoma Ekechukwu, and Belinda Guinyard.

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City of Barnwell remembers, honors two men for service

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The City of Barnwell recognized two beloved community figures at their July 1 council meeting; the late Eugene "Buddy" Darnell and the late William F. "Billy" Guinyard.

"Here in the last several months, our community has been hit pretty hard with losing people in our community," said Mayor Ron Still. "Tonight, we're going to recognize two of those individuals."

Darnell's daughter, Jodi Croft, and son-in-law, Doug Croft, accepted a plaque from the Barnwell Police Department

(BPD) and a resolution of recognition from the Barnwell City Council.

"The hallmark of his service was the respect of his officers, his compassion for the citizens of Barnwell, his sense of fairness for all parties involved in the criminal justice system, and his desire to protect all of the citizens of Barnwell," states the resolution.

Darnell retired as BPD chief after serving the city for 22 years – making him one of the city's longest serving chiefs from 1981 to 2003. He was a founding member of the Barnwell Rescue Squad where he served as captain, and was also an appointed municipal judge for the City of Barnwell.

The resolution states Darnell will be "remembered for his

24 years of unparalleled public service to the City of Barnwell."

According to the resolution of recognition presented to the family of William F. Guinyard, he was a man who dedicated his whole life to serving the City of Barnwell.

Accepting the resolution from Administrator Lynn McEwen and Mayor Ron Still were Guinyard's wife, Shirley, his daughter, Belinda, nephew Ijeoma Ekechukwu, and mentee Adrian Crawford.

Guinyard served the City of Barnwell Planning Commission for over 40 years, from March 1979 to February 2020. On this commission he also served as chairman.

He also was the director and

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The daughter and son-in-law of the late Eugene "Buddy" Darnell accepted a plaque and a resolution of recognition in his honor. Pictured are Jodi and Doug Croft, Mayor Ron Still, and Chief Michael Butts.

Bond denied for suspected killer of Maylashia Hogg

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Bond has been denied for the woman charged with murdering 17-year-old Maylashia Hogg and her unborn baby.

Jacqueline Y. Reid, 62, of 31 Perry Street, Barnwell, appeared before magistrate Judge Susan Anderson on July 2, the day after she was arrested and charged with two counts of murder.

Reid stated she did not want to speak to Judge Anderson, but did request an attorney. Until Reid obtains counsel and a second bond hearing is set with the attorney present, Reid's bond will continue to be denied due to the nature of the crime.



Barnwell County Sheriff's Office
Jacqueline Y. Reid

Hogg's stepfather, Michael Sapp, said Reid was a friend of the family and would often eat food and spend time at Hogg's grandfather's house.

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Shawn Howze sworn in as interim Blackville police chief



Shawn Howze (left) was sworn in on July 9 as interim chief of the Blackville Police Department. The Blackville native has nearly eight years of law enforcement experience and previously worked for the Barnwell Police Department and Barnwell County Sheriff's Office. He's pictured with his wife Audriana and Blackville magistrate judge Jimmy Gantt. Chief Howze and his team want to focus on "community policing" by building trust with the community and building relationships with nearby law enforcement agencies. "We are trying to have good, positive relationships with the community. We want to come together to go forward in positive direction," said Chief Howze.

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BCSD board hears opinions over new high school location

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Blackville Town Administrator Fonda Patrick tells the Barnwell County School District Board she believes the new Barnwell County High School should be centrally located in the county.
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The June 25 meeting of the Barnwell County School District board started with public comments favoring a central location for the new countywide high school.

At a previous meeting held June 11, the board unveiled four concepts for the new school. Three involve the current Barnwell High School (BHS) campus while a fourth involves a new site. The firms that developed the four concepts said the concept involving a central location is ideal, but recommended building a new school on the BHS site due to the cost being less.

"This is a decision that will affect Barnwell County for years to come. County council wants the school in a location that is fair to all citizens of the county," said Barnwell County Council Chairman Jerry Creech, an alumnus of Blackville.

Fellow Councilman Don Harper expressed his thoughts after speaking to constituents. His district goes to the outskirts of the Williston side of Barnwell County.

"Are we going to make our students drive 21.7 miles to school?" asked Harper. He was referring to the distance it takes to get from Barnwell High School to the edge of his district.

Creech said he feels there has not been "adequate input" from the community and cited there'd been no dialogue between the school district and the county until a couple weeks ago.

"I urge you not to make a hasty decision. Williston and Blackville deserve a say," said Creech, citing how the BCSD board is "stacked" with more Barnwell representation.

Blackville Town Administrator Fonda Patrick, who served on the board for the previous consolidation,

spoke as a town official and as a citizen of Blackville.

"As a concerned citizen, some of the things we are worried about is property value," said Patrick of a new school bringing opportunities to the area where it's built, including jobs, economic development, and tax revenue.

Blackville resident Kathy Orr spent many years as a teacher and administrator. Her husband, the late Fred Orr, was also a teacher.

"It's well worth taking more time and spending more money...for optimal success. This may be our best chance to build a more united county as a whole," said Orr, who favors a central location, such as the site of the Barnwell County Career Center

"Don't let money stop you from making the right decision," said Blackville Mayor Ronnie Pernell to the board.

Ferlecia Cuthbertson served on the Williston School District 29 Board before it consolidated with Barnwell School District 19 (Blackville-Hilda). She said there was more community input during that phase of consolidation. However, she said, "we have felt left from the table" during this phase of consolidation. As a member of a group of concerned citizens from Williston and Blackville, Cuthbertson said they are asking the board to wait three months before deciding on the new school's location while they gather input on what the majority of citizens want.

Councilmen Creech and Harper both urged the board to look at other locations, not

just the BHS site.

If the board thinks the BHS site is best after investigating, then Harper said they should do what's best.

"I believe we've tried to get input," said BCSD board chairman Terry Richardson. However, he encouraged the public to share their input on the location, including why they believe their location is best and how to fund the extra cost. His email is trichardson@bcsc.net.

"We know there are monumental decisions facing the school board. We want to make sure that doesn't overshadow the good work our staff are doing," said Superintendent Dr. Crissie Stapleton.

The BCSD board did not vote on anything related to the new high school, as it was not an agenda item. However, the board acted on many other items of business.

BUDGET
BCSD Chief Financial Officer Holly Hutto presented the third reading of the budget, which is balanced at \$44,867,757.50.

"During the collaborative budget process, a meeting was held with each department and school to discuss their unique needs. Those needs have been assessed and have been equalized and distributed appropriately based on student population, programs offered, special considerations, and overall needs," said Hutto.

Projected revenue includes \$12,185,201 in local revenue, \$21,788,977.50 in state revenue, \$5,907,112 in state fee in lieu of taxes, \$2,486,467 in federal and other sources, and \$2,500,000

in consolidation funds.

"Consolidation funds can be used for any offset of revenues," said Hutto.

Salaries and benefits make up 88 percent of the district's expenditures at \$39,483,626.60. This includes equalizing salaries across the county after a salary study was conducted. Also included is an increase in the starting salary for a first-year teacher, which the state has increased by \$4,500. The district included a pay scale for teachers that is 4 percent above the state minimum schedule.

"While every pay cell on the statewide salary schedule increases, the increases are not by a uniform amount. Starting teacher pay (bachelor's degree and no years of experience) would go up by \$4,500; however, other pay cells increase by as little as \$100," said Hutto.

The board unanimously approved the third reading of the fiscal year 2024-25 general fund budget of \$44,867,757.50 with the operating millage of 243.1 as calculated and determined by the Department of Revenue. They also approved the district's operating millage change from 243.1 to 253.1 as allowed by local governing bodies based on the information received from the S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office and the consumer price index increase of Barnwell County.

Dr. Stapleton thanked Hutto and her team for the work they did to prepare the budget. "We have a very strong finance department moving forward with the new district," said Stapleton. The board also approved

a capital improvement bond, not to exceed \$1.8 million, to fund various projects at all schools and athletic facilities across the district.

"This bond will not increase taxes. The debt millage will remain the same. The amount is determined by the available 8% debt capacity the school district is allowed," said Hutto.

Each principal gave their top five facility needs. The bond will address at least three at each school, said Stapleton.

In Other News:

• BCSD Chief Operations Officer Mike Beasley met with principals throughout the county and representatives from the sheriff's office to revisit the district's Comprehensive Safety Plan. "They collaborated and created a cohesive plan that addresses the board's policy on expectations regarding safety drills and safety procedures. Final sections are being added with specific details for each facility," said Stapleton.

• Several teams met to review discipline codes and create cohesive codes for the 2024-25 school year. Once complete, these will be used districtwide.

• For the district's Pre-K programs, Stapleton said they are "making sure we are encouraging and recruiting as many Pre-K students as possible." Barnwell Primary has 54 four-year-olds registered for traditional 4K, 42 three-year-olds and four-year-olds registered for Montessori, and a waiting list of 6 three-year-olds. At Kelly Edwards Elementary in Williston, 20 four-year-olds are registered and there

are 8 on the waiting list. At Macedonia Elementary in Blackville, there are 18 four-year-olds registered.

• Pre-K and kindergarten classes across the county will have a staggered start for the new school year. The State Department of Education allows districts to submit a waiver for a staggered start for the purpose of scheduling readiness assessments for kindergarten and/or CERDEP students. Parents will receive a letter from their child's teacher regarding which day their child will attend between August 5-9. All students will attend daily starting August 12.

• The BCSD is looking to show appreciation to staff during July. "As we embark on a new chapter with the consolidation of our school districts into the Barnwell County School District, we invite local businesses, county leaders, and more to help us celebrate and support our dedicated staff as we prepare for the 2024-2025 school year," said Stapleton.

• Stakeholder meetings are being planned to present highlights and gain feedback from key stakeholder groups, such as ministers, retired educators, student alumni, School Improvement Councils, and the District Advisory Council.

• Stapleton thanked staff who are working this summer, including maintenance working to prepare buildings and working on facility projects across the county, food service providing children with meals within the Summer Feed Programs, principals preparing for the new year, teachers and aides working within the summer programs, and district office staff working to collaborate and refine operations.

• Following closed session, the board unanimously approved two out of district student transfer requests and one school choice transfer request.

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co-owner of Guinyard and Sons Funeral Home located on Allen Street, and owner of the Hope Memorial Park Perpetual Care Cemetery on Tale Road.

Both Guinyard and Darnell had many community and civic affiliations statewide and across Barnwell County.

Other news:

• The city approved the first reading of an amendment to a 2022 ordinance pertaining to building and property maintenance codes. These codes are approved by S.C. Labor, Licensing, and Registration (SCLLR) and are mandatory for municipalities to adopt. According to city attorney,

Tom Boulware, money will have to be set aside in the budget to fund this process.

• The Main Street section of road and parking lot in front of city hall was paved on July 8. It was funded through Barnwell County CTC funds.

• The recreation department is gearing up for fall sports and thankful for a successful Independence Day celebration on June 28.

• BPD Chief Butts got approval from the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy to hold training classes at the department for all agencies across the county to attend throughout July, August, and September. "This will bring training

from other agencies that will be coming to visit the City of Barnwell...the benefit of it is the department has to pay no money for the classes." This training is additional to the training Chief Butts has already scheduled for officers throughout the year, and is an initiative he has been working on since being sworn into the department in February.

• A second downtown development proposal has been sent to Representative Lonnie Hosey asking for funding for various beautification initiatives. A draft for the mural to be located on a downtown building is still in the works. A public forum was held on

Monday, July 8 at 5:30 p.m. at city hall.

• September 7 is the grand

opening and dedication day of the newly built fire department, which

is now complete. The old fire department has been demolished.

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DIG summer 'Dreamers' get dose of STEMM



DIG Dreamers smiled big at their end-of-camp celebration on June 27 at Winfield Heights Baptist Church in Williston.

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"The program has taught us the value of hard work, integrity, and the significance of making a difference in the workplace."

- DIG Dream Leader Hailey O'Neal

The Dreams, Imagination, and Gift (DIG) Development Program celebrated another successful year of summer camp on June 27.

This year the theme was STEMM; science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine. DIG Dreamers, or campers, spent four weeks learning about different aspects of each field from their teachers and guest experts.

"We saw that the medical field serves as a part of science, but was overshadowed by the engineering and tech emphasis on STEM," said DIG founder Steven Brown. "We realized that the medical field is a growing STEM field and it needed to be highlighted with its own letter. We have been working with AHEC, MUSC and other medical groups to bring awareness to existing resources throughout the region and collectively work together through DIG to build a pipeline into the medical workforce."

Parents and guardians were welcomed to Winfield Heights Baptist Church auditorium where the summer camp is based to hear about what their Dreamers learned.

Masters of Ceremony Christian Mack and Kristen Smith guided the ceremony through speeches, presentations, and exhibitions of dance.

Mack first presented a speech on what DIG means to him, as a returning Dreamer, and Smith broke down the STEMM acronym and explained about what they learned each week.

"In the first week of DIG, we studied science. One of the topics I learned was



The four-week long camp had a STEMM theme this year, encouraging students to explore topics in science, technology, engineering, math, and additionally, medicine.



weather," said Smith. "I learned how hurricanes and what temperature the water has to be for a hurricane to occur."

Week one also included topics like how DNA is made. During week two, Dreamers learned how technology has advanced over the years and how to wire a circuit. They even were able to connect their circuits to robots to see how the energy flowed.

"In my opinion, I think technology was the best week in DIG because it was very fun building robots with all your friends," said Smith.

Additionally during the technology week, Dreamers learned about matter, force, and motion.

During the engineering week, Dreamers learned the mechanics of machines; how they operate and how to make them.

Science teacher and DIG instructor Jaleel Hammonds had first through fourth grade Dreamers creating and demonstrating how

wells are constructed including the five stages of aqua-tech well filtration and softening for purified, clean drinking water.

"We had to challenge ourselves," said Hammonds. "I had a great time with my little ones."

The fourth week covered mathematics and medicine, and taught Dreamer's new words and introduced them to career paths such as biomedical engineering. Smith explained she had never heard of this practice before summer camp.

DIG Dreamers did not step down when the challenge and opportunity of learning new information presented itself.

"My favorite thing is their willingness to challenge themselves. They make learning fun for them. Watching them engage in the STEMM enrichment is full of laughter, fun competitiveness and peer to peer encouragement," said Brown.

During the last week, Dreamer's also had the

opportunity to become CPR certified and Stop the Bleed certified. They also learned from a certified physical therapist about the importance of stretching their bodies.

Although these were the predominant topics woven into learning at the camp, students also worked with teacher Latoya McGriff, of Ms. Unicorn, to prevent a summer slide in reading—a common occurrence in students whose academic skills regress during summer months.

Ms. Unicorn taught students about similes and metaphors to create poems. At the end of year celebration, the poets read their poems aloud to the audience who responded with snaps rather than claps to create a speakeasy style setting.

Fourth grade Dreamers each read a poem about their hair; how it feels, how it looks, and what it means to them.

A vital part of DIG's summer camp are the

students who have aged out of the program, but return to serve as Dream Leaders.

DIG coordinator and teacher Charlette Epps thanked the Dream Leaders for coming back to "give your time to what once gave to you," she said.

Hailey O'Neal thanked her fellow Dream Leaders and presented a speech on their behalf.

"The program has taught us the value of hard work, integrity, and the significance of making a difference in the workplace," said O'Neal. "Through meaningful conversations with mentors...we have found a sense of home and support."

DIG has equipped them with leadership skills, encouraged them to step out of their comfort zone, and "instilled in us the belief that no dream is too big to achieve," said O'Neal, who finds DIG helped shape her into who she is today.

DIG summer camp was enriched even further with help from community

partners like the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office with law enforcement Q&A's, SRP Bank teaching financial literacy lessons, lunch from Windmill Farms, and STEM activities from University of S.C. Salkehatchie.

"We always end each camp season with an eye toward the future and the excitement that lies ahead, but I think it's also important to take a moment to consider the specific joys of the past four weeks," said program director Shon Crawford. "As I pause to reflect on it all, my heart is full of gratitude for our staff, for our Dreamers and for our Dreamer parents and guardians who have entrusted your children to us."

During the ceremony, Dreamers were awarded for excelling throughout the program shown in their pre and post assessments.

According to Brown, students are given these assessments based on the grade level they are entering in the upcoming school year. Overall, DIG instructors saw an average increase of 13 points on these tests.

"Students are always a little discouraged at first glance of the test because most of the material they haven't learned yet," said Brown. "We encourage them by telling them that it's ok if they don't know it, but our goal is to teach them this summer. We motivate them by telling them how much more prepared they will be when school starts. Students saw this as a 'flex,' or opportunity, as the youth like to say, and are then optimistic."

Now that the camp season has come to a close, registration is now open for DIG After School Programs in Allendale, Barnwell, and Williston schools.

For more information about all DIG offers to local learners, visit <https://digdp.org/digafterschool/>.



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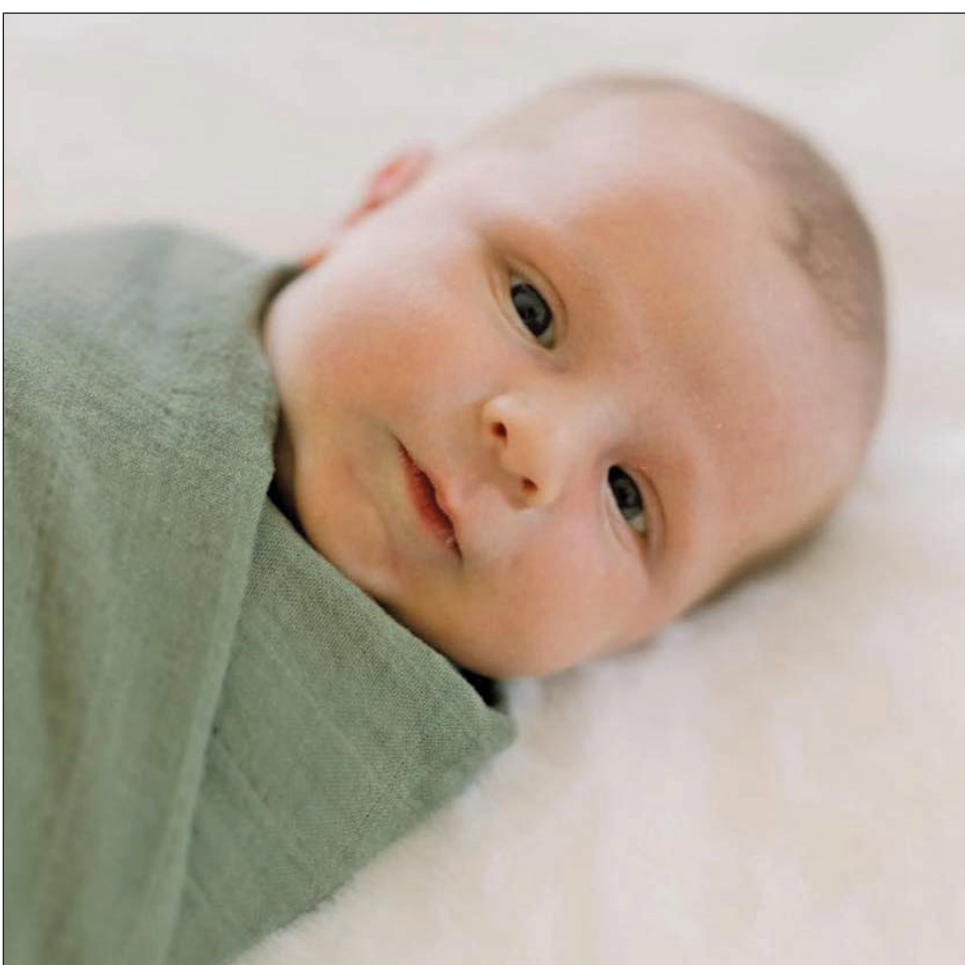
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BIRTH



Riley Drew Stephens was born on May 28, 2024.

Riley Drew Stephens

Andrew and Brett Stephens of Springfield are proud to announce the birth of their son, Riley Drew Stephens. He was born May 28, 2024 at 10:25 a.m. He measured 19.5 inches long and weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Mark and Melissa Whittle of Springfield. Maternal great-grandparents are Mary Hutto and the late Jimmie Hutto of Springfield. Paternal grandparent is Eleanor Burbage of Springfield. Paternal great-grandparents are Jyanette Burbage and the late Charles Burbage of Springfield.

BIRTH



William Baker Mills was born on June 4, 2024.

William Baker Mills

Kaylee and William Mills of Springfield are proud to announce the birth of their son, William Baker Mills. He was born June 4, 2024 at 12:10 p.m. at Lexington Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 20 inches long. He has one older sister, Madelyn Mills. Maternal grandparents are Jamie and Amanda Wootten of Williston. Paternal grandparents are Glenn and Theresa Mills of Springfield.

YARD OF THE MONTH



Dunaways win May 2024 'Yard of the Month'

Congratulations to Beth and Danny Dunaway on winning the Ivy Garden Club "Yard of the Month" for May 2024. Located at 180 Fairway Drive, Williston.

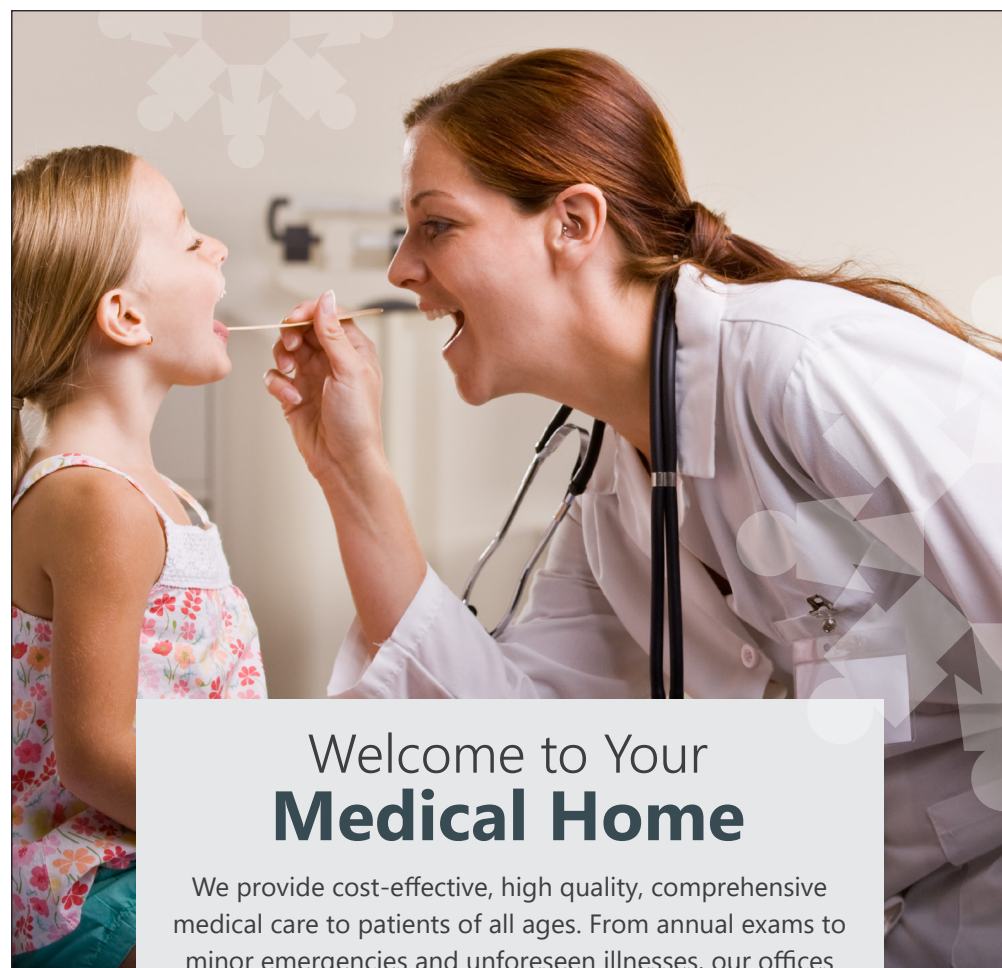
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Timothy Smith Burdette Jr. was born on April 9, 2024.

Timothy Smith Burdette Jr.

Timothy and Savannah Burdette of Greenwood (formerly of Barnwell County) are proud to announce the birth of their son, Timothy Smith Burdette Jr. He was born April 9, 2024 at 10:20 a.m. at Self Regional Hospital in Greenwood. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 19.75 inches long. Grandparents are Johnathan Moody of Snelling, Beverly Moody of Hilda, Stephen and Claudia Burdette of Columbia, and Annetta and Derek Pritchard of Orangeburg.



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Pastor Joseph Sanders Reaching the community with the truth

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Faith Correspondent

First Baptist Church of Williston (FBW) Pastor Joseph Sanders may be one of the youngest pastors in the area, but his faith is built upon a decades-long heritage of servants for The Lord.

"Growing up, my dad was the music minister at First Baptist of Barnwell. When my mom was pregnant with me, she was behind the stage doing puppet ministry at Vacation Bible School. So, I've been involved in ministry since before I was born," said Sanders.

While attending USC Columbia college for business, Sanders, like many average youth, played in a rock band. But unlike many others, a concurrent call on his heart kept him involved with a worship team, serving in music ministry during those college days as well. A cherished gift taught by his late father to both Sanders and his brother Jacob.

"Back when I was in high school, I helped start the contemporary worship team at FBW. It was me, my brother and a couple of our friends because Pastor Stephen Burnette wanted to transition into more of a blended music style. Then I went off to college and thought I'd hop back in when I returned. But they had this new worship leader who made me audition for the team that I started. I was immediately smitten by her. I met her on June 1, 2020, by August I asked her to be my girlfriend, in October I proposed, in January 2021, we got married" and in keeping with their two-month intervals, come March, he exclaimed, "we were pregnant!"

These days Ciera, who sings like an angel for the congregation, and Joseph Sanders are raising three children. A two-and-a-half-year-old daughter and one-year-old twins. Still, both happily continue serving The Lord.

Being in the ministry full time is not the way Sanders originally saw their future, however. Growing up his father had a saying, "If people did ministry for the money, nobody would do it." Sanders' intentions

were to work hard, utilizing his major in business, providing his family with more than he knew growing up as a child of the cloth.

Those self-made plans changed when he became a deacon at FBW and a middle schooler approached him asking, "Is there a class for me?" He had to say "no", realizing they didn't have a Sunday School class for teens and so "they had to sit with the little kids as teenagers. Ciera told me, 'You need to teach Youth Sunday School.'"

Sanders knew if he made that decision, he was going to wind up on staff. And he did. "By the beginning of 2022 they called me to be their student pastor and I went full time in



Pastor Joseph Sanders with his wife, Ciera Clingerman Sanders, and their three children (Joseph Marvin Sanders Jr., Alice Claire Sanders, and Naomi Vana Sanders).



Pastor Joseph Sanders teaches children during Vacation Bible School in 2023.



the ministry at that point working with teenagers. Then a year after that, they asked me to be their interim pastor when Pastor Stephen Burnette retired. And nine months after that they asked me to be their lead pastor."

The couple trusted this call was from God and joyfully testify how God has continually provided from the beginning. Ciera was secretary at the church when Sanders became student pastor. Their oldest child, Naomi, went to church with them every day. "The next year, when we were getting ready to have the twins, Ciera could not continue working and

we couldn't bring three babies into the church with us. A month before we had the twins, they brought me on as interim pastor which came with a little bit of help financially. And then our living situation; by last fall, our home had no heat, no air conditioning and no water. And that's when they asked us to be lead pastor and moved us into the parsonage. So, every time there has been a need, God has stepped in and provided. And that's phenomenal," he said.

Sanders and Ciera were walking around the neighborhood where the parsonage is a few weeks ago and he said to her, "If I wake

up tomorrow and 25 years have gone by and God is still faithfully moving and I'm still pastor here, I'm going to have no regrets; but I'm putting my yes on the table for wherever God calls me to and for as long as God calls me to."

Sanders is filled with passion for God's community. From serving seniors, adults, youth and children. About two years ago, after the pandemic, FBW fully opened up their youth and children's programs. "Our youth Sunday School program started with about four students at the time after that first teenager approached me. It's kind of crazy that they brought me on full time to minister to the students because you don't bring on a full-time person when you have four teenagers. But because of that, it opened up this door to let the community come in and we started seeing families that would not have normally stepped through the doors of our church, but they

came because their kids got connected."

The church has good relationships with local public schools. "It used to be me, but now it's our Next Gen Pastor Joshua Helms who goes into the schools, talks with the students and invites them to church. In the public school system, which is unheard of! We lead a Bible Study in math teacher Mr. Walters' room on Tuesday mornings with students and teachers. That's been happening since I was in high school and it's such a cool opportunity because you see these kids, and the teachers who are having influence on them. They get to see each other in a different light because they come together to study God's Word. But the cool-

one after another, starting with their mom. It was a great time for our church to see that happen."

Predominantly, Sanders said, his message to the youth is "Don't listen to all the lies the world is telling you such as different identity politics, different sexual orientation and gender ideologies. That's a big part of the culture of young people because a lot of them don't know that it's wrong. They don't know that the Bible says 'you're beautifully and wonderfully made.' That God knit you together in your mother's womb, that He made you exactly how you were supposed to be. He doesn't make mistakes. And it's [the lies have] become so accepted by society that especially our younger people, they just accept that as part of reality. They don't even think to question it. So that's one of my big things to push to the young people. To break away from the theology of the world and turn back to the theology of The Bible. What The Bible says is true and I'm not going to bring my own thoughts and opinions into Scripture, I'm going to get my thoughts and opinions out of Scripture."

Adult discipleship is another important focus Sanders wants to share with the community because, as he said, "You can't build a church on the foundation of a student ministry or children's ministry. You have to build a church first of adults discipling each other."

Sanders sums up the vision of the church is to equip the saints to accomplish the great commission. To go and make disciples of all nations, baptize them in the Name of The Father, The Son and Holy Spirit and teach them to obey all of God's commands. "In doing that, the things we focus on basically is, it's everybody's responsibility universally to share the gospel. Relational discipleship happens because you're pouring into each other's lives, in the community, in your homes. Being people focused, not program focused. And the Strategic Mission is going out in service, love and mission to the lost and to our community and love them foremost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If we're going to feed the football team, for example, we're not going to just drop off food and leave. We're going to pray with them, talk with them and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

FBW's core values are: Love God, Love others, Serve others, Give abundantly.

As Sanders teaches each week's message, he continues studying self-education by attending Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary where he's getting his master's in divinity, studying Pastoral Ministry and Biblical Counseling because he's quickly learned, "preaching is only 5 percent of what a pastor does."

Sunday School is held every Sunday at 10 a.m. followed by the worship service at 11 a.m.

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Alice Mayers Creech

Star and a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Barnwell.

She was the widow of Mr. Billy (Marvin) Creech and was the only child of Cleveland Enoch Mayers and Mary Beatrice Long Mayers.

She is survived by her three children; a daughter, Robin (James) Cheek of Barnwell; a son, Billy Marvin (Marty) Creech Jr. of North Augusta; and a daughter, Melissa (Jeremy) Owens of Barnwell. Her legacy also includes her beloved grandchildren, Jessica (James) Elkins of Barnwell, Joel (Kelsey) Cheek of Williston, Garrison, Copeland, and Davison Owens of Barnwell, and twins Cash and Cindi Creech of Barnwell; and her great-grandchildren, Molly Reese and Macyn Elkins of Barnwell, and Rayleigh and Adalee Cheek of Williston. Close friends Jeanette Knight, Mary Baxley,

Rachel Baxley, Anna Swindle, and John Mole Sr. will also remember her fondly.

A visitation was held on Friday, July 5th, 2024, from 6-8 p.m. at Mole Funeral Home. Funeral services were on Saturday, July 6th, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, with Reverend Dean Deer officiating. Burial followed in the Barnwell County Memory Gardens Cemetery, with Eastern Star Rites.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Calvary Baptist Church in memory of Alice Mayers Creech at 8744 Marlboro Ave., Barnwell, S.C. Alice's legacy of love, faith, and joy will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell assisted the family with arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com.

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Lightsey Milledge Brabham Jr.



FAIRFAX - Lightsey Milledge Brabham Jr., age 89, passed away peacefully at his home in Fairfax, on July 3, 2024.

L.M. was born on December 8, 1934, in Fairfax to the late Lightsey Milledge and Agnes Geneva Kinard Brabham. He graduated from Fairfax High School in 1952. He married the love of his life, JoAnn Hurtt Brabham on October 18, 1953. He was

a member of Fairfax First Baptist Church, served in the South Carolina National Guard, and retired from Savannah River Site.

L.M. was an avid golfer and loved playing with his buddies. He enjoyed talking about old times and growing up in his hometown, Fairfax. He was talented at drawing, calligraphy and especially proud of his Lord's Prayer framework.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, JoAnn; three daughters, Karen Gibson (Sandy), Vickie Young (Charlie) and Wendy Harter (Tom). He was a proud "Pappy" to seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Grandchildren include Conrad Young (Ashely), Carly Young, Clay Young (Taylor), Hazel Leaphart

(Ryan), Josh Harter (Amanda), Megan Dunn (Matthew) and Luke Harter (Bridgett). He was predeceased by his sister, Mary Agnes Brabham Moody (Fletcher).

Graveside services were Sunday, July 7, 2024, at Fairfax Cemetery with the Reverend James Davis officiating. A visitation followed at the cemetery.

The family extends special thanks to his nurse, Natalie Roberts with Remain at Home Agency, the staff at Allendale County Hospital and Agape Care Group.

Keith Smith Funeral Service, 128 Water Street, Allendale, assisted the family with arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com.

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In Loving Memory

Marcia Haile Warren



degree. She taught high school English in Columbia, Charleston, and Allendale.

On August 17, 1958, she married Dr. Thomas B. Warren Jr. in Newberry, and they resided in Charleston for three years before settling in Allendale. Marcia and Tommy went on to have three sons - Baker, Bill, and Charles. She was a member of the Allendale Presbyterian Church and Lake Murray Presbyterian Church after retirement.

Marcia is survived by her spouse, Dr. Thomas B. Warren Jr.; her three sons and spouses, Baker (Jennifer), Bill (Ginger), and Charles (Janelle); her four grandsons and two granddaughters, Tommy IV (Kyle), Richard, Andrew (Vehra), Corbet, Savanna, and Ava; and two great-grandsons, Baker and Bo. She was predeceased by her parents and her two brothers, Ralph and Charles

Haile. Marcia knew how to live life to the fullest and she knew how to spread love. Her family remained her pride and joy and God was her master. We pray that God will give us appreciation for the time we shared with her and the example she set for all her family. She will always live in our hearts.

Memorials may be sent to Allendale Presbyterian Church, 230 Flat Street W., Allendale, S.C. 29810, or the Swallow Savannah Cemetery Fund. Celebration of Life will be held July 14, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Allendale Presbyterian Church.

Keith Smith Funeral Service, 128 Water Street, Allendale, is assisting the family with arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at keithsmithfuneralservice.com.

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Andrew "Andy" Lott



rial contributions may be sent to Hope Lodge #126, P.O. Box 53, Williston, S.C. 29853.

Andy passed away at home on Sunday, July 7, 2024.

Born in Orangeburg, he was the son of the late Shep Lott Jr. and Evelyn Garvin Lott. Andy was a member of the Williston Presbyterian Church and was a proud member of Hope Lodge #126 for 48 years. He served as Worshipful Master for four terms, Secretary for eight years and coached over 30 men who later became Masons. Andy was a life-time farmer and always enjoyed being out on the farm and worked for the Town of Williston as the Water Superintendent for several years before his retirement.

Survivors include his loving wife of 40 years,

Roxanne Cheek Lott of the home; a son, Bradley Andrew (Cleo) Lott of Jesup, GA; daughter, Kellie Lott (Stewart) Carroll of Barnwell; grandchildren, Bryson Thomas Mallard, Arrena Marie Lott, Harlie Anne Carroll, and Finn Aubrey Carroll; a nephew, Robbie (Karen) McAlhaney; sisters-in-law, Marvelia Wallace, Billie (Randy) Dobson, and Lynn (Phil) Hair, along with a number of nephews and nieces.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Shirley Lott McAlhaney Oliver.

Folk Funeral Home, Inc. and Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements. Visit the online registry at www.folkfuneral-home.com.

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Ruby Collins Langley

Calvary Baptist Church as a child. She was also a long-time member of First Baptist Church in Barnwell. Her faith was her stronghold throughout her life.

She graduated from the South Carolina Baptist Hospital School of Nursing in 1960 and began a distinguished career as a nurse that spanned over 40 years. Known for her compassionate spirit and unwavering devotion, Ruby worked at the Barnwell County Hospital, Burlington (formerly Barwick), and Clariant (formerly Sandoz), where she touched the lives of countless patients and colleagues.

Ruby was also a devoted

mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She is survived by her children, Bobby (Alicia) Jordan and Candina Butcher; grandchildren, Caroline (Kenny) Hutchings Turner, Charlie Hutchings, Seger Jordan, and Jack Butcher; and great-grandchildren, Delilah Turner and David Turner; and other family members who will forever cherish her memory.

A celebration of Ruby's life will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 10574 Highway 37, Blackville, South Carolina 29817.

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BOND: Magistrate judge denies bond for murder suspect

"She was a regular friend to our family, she was always over at Joe's house interacting with them, having drinks, or cooking on the grill," said Sapp.

Reid's residence is listed as 31 Perry Street in Barnwell, according to S.C. Court

digital records. Perry Street is adjacent to Hogg's home and is the same street off of which Hogg's body was found 10 days after she went missing on February 8.

During the bond hearing, Sapp spoke on behalf of the victim's family, stating

his disbelief at the charges against Reid because he asked her numerous times if she saw Maylashia or knew anything about her disappearance.

"I asked her several times, 'Have you saw Maylashia?' and she looked right at me

and said, 'No'...Knowing the whole time that she already had done it," said Sapp through tears.

In addition to the emotional toll of losing his daughter and unborn granddaughter, Sapp was bothered by the lack of remorse expressed by Reid at the bond hearing.

"I don't know how to feel right now because basically, bond was denied... that's a good thing.. But she shows no remorse at all and that's what bothers me... she took two innocent lives," he said.

Sapp is still raising Hogg's 14- and 15-year-old siblings, who he said have had a "bumpy ride" over the past

year. According to Sapp, her sibling was the one to inform him when law enforcement located Hogg's body on February 18.

"It's been a real rough year," said Sapp.

Barnwell Police Chief Michael Butts spoke about the case at the July 1 council meeting - the day Reid was arrested.

"This case is kind of special to me, because it was my first case when I came in, even actually before I took over as chief," said Chief Butts, who took over the department three days after Hogg's body was found. "It will always be in my heart, and I pray for

the family everyday."

"Maylashia and her baby's death greatly impacted our community. I want to thank everyone who worked tirelessly in this investigation," states Chief Butts in a BPD press release. "Please keep Maylashia's loved ones in your thoughts. We must continue to care for each other, to honor Maylashia and Londyn's memories, and come together to heal."

SLED continues to investigate. Anyone with information regarding the case can call SLED via the Maylashia Hogg Tip Line at (803)896-0281, or email tips@sled.sc.gov.

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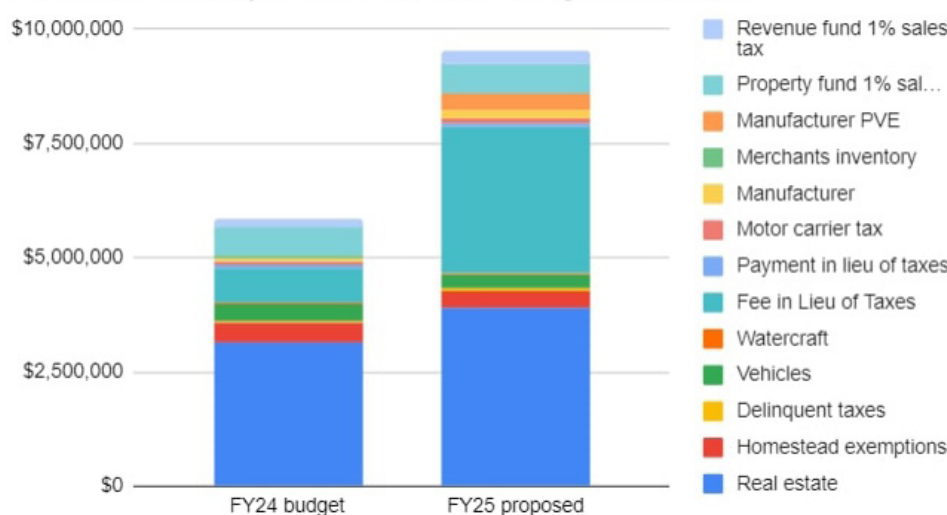
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A breakdown of Allendale County's proposed 2025 budget

Allendale County FY24 vs. FY25 budget revenues*



*Not including fines & fees

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The Allendale County Council has unveiled its proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25 (FY25), which contains multiple changes to county agencies when compared to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 (FY24) budget.

The county is currently operating on the FY24 budget after having voted on June 20 to extend it indefinitely; the FY24 budget would have ended on July 1. Council chair Matthew Connelly said the county hopes to have the FY25 budget completed by the end of July.

Below is a breakdown of the proposed FY25 budget; it has not yet been finalized by the council.

General fund revenue
Under the proposed FY25 budget, the county's general fund revenue will grow significantly, from \$5,837,070 in FY24 to \$9,511,773 in FY25. This does not include revenues from fines, fees and permits, as well as intergovernmental and other revenue.

The growth in tax revenues is in part due to millions in new revenue from fees in lieu of tax (FILOT) revenues. In the FY24 budget, \$771,894 was budgeted for FILOT revenues, while the FY25 budget anticipates \$3,208,213 in FILOT revenues. Fees in lieu of tax agreements allow companies to avoid paying property taxes by compensating the county government for lost tax revenue.

"The Tax revenue increases from FILOT are from West Fraser," said council chair Matthew Connelly; West Fraser is a wood products company. "When West Fraser bought their facility from Georgia Pacific we were able to renegotiate the old FILOT deal. The new FILOT agreement brings much more money into the county."

The FY25 budget also anticipates new tax revenue from multiple other sources. Real estate tax revenues will increase from \$3,141,882 in FY24 to \$3,916,466 in FY25. Watercraft revenues will increase from \$25,026 in FY24 to \$27,318 in FY25. Motor carrier tax revenues will increase from \$70,218 in FY24 to \$124,378 in FY25, and manufacturer revenues will increase from \$70,549 in FY24 to \$158,476 in FY25. Additionally, revenues from property fund 1% sales tax and revenue fund 1% sales tax will increase from \$587,846 in FY24 to \$657,727 in FY25 and \$174,607 in FY24 to \$254,509 in FY25, respectively.

Additionally, the FY25 budget also anticipates falling tax revenue from homestead

exemptions: \$438,555 in FY24 to \$369,379 in FY25. Delinquent tax revenues will fall from \$51,278 in FY24 to \$43,189 in FY25, vehicles revenue will fall from \$344,897 in FY24 to \$290,495 in FY25, and merchants inventory revenues will fall from \$71,819 in FY24 to \$5,769.

Administrative salaries and benefits

Salaries for administrative positions are largely staying the same or decreasing. The salary of the county council's attorney, Walter Sanders, was \$42,000 in FY24 and is the same for FY25. The salary of the council's clerk is also budgeted to be the same as the prior year, \$22,760. County council salaries are budgeted to be at \$51,200 (divided among the five council members), the same as FY24. The council plans to spend \$70,659 on administrative health insurance in FY25, an increase from \$61,442 in FY24. Spending on social security and retirement will increase marginally.

The proposed FY25 budget also cuts personnel salaries in the administration department, falling from \$395,982 in FY24 to \$375,982 in FY25. Spending on part-time personnel services will fall from \$33,822 in FY24 to \$16,640 in FY25. Budgeted monies for administrative operations and maintenance, such as travel, education and "miscellaneous" will be cut.

General government

The proposed budget will increase funding for auditing services from \$135,000 in FY24 to \$180,000 in FY25. The budget for the Information Technology (IT) department's contractual services will be \$57,020, substantially higher than the \$10,000 that the IT department had requested.

The council has also budgeted \$27,000 for the Voter Registration and Elections Office for election expenses, \$17,000 more than FY24.

Salaries for probate and magistrate courts from \$51,204 in FY24 to \$84,240 in FY25 and \$161,456 in FY24 to \$232,864, respectively. Chanel Lewis, Allendale chief financial officer, said the increase for the magistrate court reflects the salary for the recently hired magistrate judge. Salaries are also increasing for the tax collector, tax assessor and auditor.

Public works

Public works and road maintenance department has requested \$500,000 for building maintenance, a substantial increase from the \$75,000 it was budgeted for FY24. The proposed budget also includes \$75,000 for signs, an increase from the \$10,000 budgeted in the FY24 budget.

"I know we've got some signs we've been talking about [replacing] for years

that hasn't happened," said Connelly. The council agreed on the need for replacing old road signs throughout the county.

The public works department also requested \$1,685,000 for machinery and equipment, an increase from the proposed \$245,000 budgeted by Lewis. For autos and trucks, \$650,000 was requested by the department in contrast to the \$105,000 budgeted by Lewis. The public works department is facing an equipment shortage, with the county being unable to afford the equipment needed by the county's public works workers.

"Obviously we have lots of machinery and equipment needed, but obviously we can't afford \$1.7 million," Connelly said. The council accepted the amounts budgeted by Lewis.

The council has also budgeted for an increase in water revenue for the water and sewer department, rising from \$452,049 in FY24 to \$565,061 in FY25. Lewis said this increase is in large part to the county's recent water rate change and new water meters.

"We had the rate change... and with the digital up-to-date meters, there could be a 30-40% increase in revenue," Lewis said. "We're just waiting for the numbers [on the meters]."

Law enforcement and emergency services

The county is spending more on law enforcement, with salaries rising from \$782,963 in FY24 to \$1,064,128 in FY25, and health insurance rising from \$132,896 in FY24 to \$293,694 in FY25. Police retirement is also rising from \$157,592 in FY24 to \$241,364 in FY 25. For the sheriff's department, the county has budgeted \$767,977 in salaries for FY 25, an increase from \$621,345 in FY24.

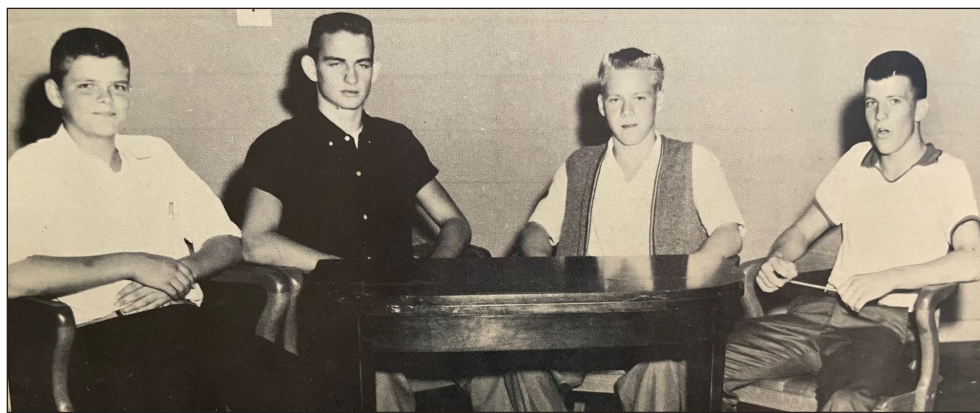
Connelly said the increases in monies spent on law enforcement salaries reflect new hires that Allendale County Sheriff James Freeman is making.

Salaries for the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) are increasing slightly from \$84,135 in FY24 to \$87,500 in FY25, while DEM retirement spending is falling from \$25,735 in FY24 to \$16,985 in FY25. Emergency medical services salaries are increasing from \$486,136 in FY24 to \$533,094 in FY25, as well as retirement benefits, from \$86,552 in FY24 to \$122,453.

The county is also putting more money into the fire department, which will see its budget increase from \$538,222 in FY24 to \$1,160,616 in FY25. In FY24, the council budgeted \$278,250 for fire department salaries; that number is increasing to \$663,113 in FY25.

Great 1960s Barnwell High Reunion to gather July 27

Weesie Fickling
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Pictured here, in the 1959 Warhorse annual, are sophomore officers:(left to right) Jim Griffin, Mike Anderson, Tommy Boulware and Steve Weaver, later to become members of the Barnwell High School Class of '61.

Barnwell High School classes 1960-1969 are cordially invited to attend our annual gathering which is slated for Saturday, July 27, 2024, at El BAB Shrine Club in Barnwell. Socializing, light refreshments and dancing will be from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Gary Brantley will spin our favorites!

Dress is always casual. The cost remains: \$15-stag; \$25- drag. You may pay at the door or mail your check to: Pender, P.O. Box 1077, Barnwell, S.C. 29812 (paying ahead will give us some idea

of how many to prepare for.) Students who attended Barnwell High School during the decade of the 60's are most assuredly welcome

to renew ole friendships. Please remember that we all share a common thread: "We're from Barnwell High School, don't you forget!"

Hope to see y'all in Barnwell on Saturday, July 27 at El BAB Shrine Club. Be sure to mark your calendars right now!

CHARGED: Son arrested 7 months after mom found dead

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but the investigation was turned over to state and Lexington County officials once her body was discovered. The Lexington County Coroner's Office has also been involved in the investigation.

"Detectives have been working on this case for seven months, zeroing in on the person responsible for Ms. Arroyo's death," Koon said. "We hope to give her family members and loved ones some sense of closure."

Self is being held in Richland County at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center on an unrelated charge. Lexington County investigators charged him



Regina Arroyo was found dead in December 2023, allegedly at the hands of her son.

July 1 and brought him before a magistrate who denied him bond.

Williston passes budget, final approval for increased rates

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The Town of Williston passed the final reading of ordinances raising water, trash, and sewer rates, as well as an ordinance for the next fiscal year's budget at their June 10 meeting.

Rates for water, trash, and sewer services will all add one dollar to the base rate, and become effective on July 1. Williston residents will see these prices reflected on their monthly bill.

For trash services, the new monthly rate for residential roll-out carts is \$17. It was previously \$16. Residents having more than one roll-out cart will be charged the \$17 monthly rate times the number of carts picked up (two carts equals \$34).

Residents living outside the corporate limits are provided collection services upon approval of the sanitation supervisor. The

rate for non-residents has increased from \$22 to \$23.

The town is contracted with S&S Disposal based in Ehrhardt.

In regard to water services, each customer's bill is composed of two charges: a fixed base rate and a consumption charge.

The fixed base rate will be increasing from \$14.96 to \$15.96 for residents inside the corporate limits. The new rate for residents outside the corporate limits will be \$23.45.

Sewer services are calculated using the same format, by combining the base rate and customer consumption. The monthly residence rate is now \$20.87, and non-residential is \$30.79.

The council approved the first reading of these increases on May 13, as previously reported by *The People-Sentinel*.

Prior to the regular meeting on June 10, the council held a public hearing for the community to learn more about the budget

approval appearing on the regular meeting agenda. Public hearings are required to be held prior to adopting a municipal budget.

Revenue for the current 2023-2024 Fiscal Year (FY) is \$2,675,000, equaling expenditures for a balanced budget.

The projected revenue for the 2024-2025 FY is \$2,877,104, also matching expenditures.

This increase in yield is reflective of an increased millage rate. FY 2023-24 had a millage rate of 70, and the estimated millage rate for FY 2024-25 is 72.5. Millage is the amount of tax payable per dollar of the value of an assessed property.

According to the budget-adoption ordinance, there will be "a tax of seven dollars on every one hundred dollars in value of real estate and personal property."

The Town of Williston maintains their general fund comprising each department's budget:

administration, police, fire, sanitation, maintenance, recreation, beautification, magistrate, and activities/concessions. The projected revenue for the entirety of the general fund for FY 2024-25 is \$1,082,659.

Here is a breakdown of the projected total expenses for each department:

- Administrative: \$389,912
- Police: \$830,468
- Fire: \$65,655
- Sanitation: \$231,996
- Maintenance: \$85,515
- Recreation: \$60,050
- Beautification: \$82,800
- Magistrate: \$53,261
- Activities/Concessions: \$3,000

The public works department is not included in the general fund budget, and totals \$1,074,445 in projected revenue for the next budget cycle.

These figures equal the projected \$2.87 million.

A copy of the budget in full is available on the town's website: <https://www.williston-sc.com/>

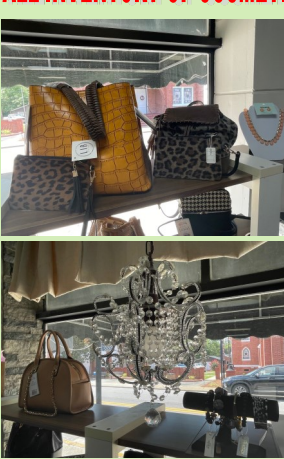
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Fireworks & fun brought to Academy Street in Williston



First Baptist Church of Williston held their annual Independence Day celebration on July 3, after their original event date of June 30 was rained out.

The Academy Street park in Williston was full of lawn chairs, blankets, and down tailgates. With pastor Joseph Sanders on the mic, children participated in field games and enjoyed food from 3 Cooks & Amiricle based in Orangeburg.

The fireworks display was brought by TNC Fireworks.

Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter



Hundreds gather in Snelling for July 4th fun



The Snelling Town Park was packed with families on Thursday evening, July 4 for the Town of Snelling's annual Independence Day Celebration. Everyone enjoyed free hot dogs, chips, pizza, shaved ice, and soda, along with activities and music. The event concluded shortly after 9 p.m. with a fireworks display put on by the town's firefighters.

Photos By: Jonathan Vickery / Publisher





Letters to the Editor

BCSD Superintendent excited to work together in 2024-25 school year

To our Barnwell County School District family:

I am excited about the wonderful things happening throughout the schools across our county and coming together as one district will be a wonderful occasion to embrace the opportunities before us, to celebrate our strengths and accomplishments, as well as identify challenges and create action steps towards addressing them. We look forward to continuing the work our schools strive to do every day in providing our students and families with what they need to be successful.

Over the next several months, we will continue to work together across our county to collaborate, plan, and combine resources in order to provide better educational opportunities for our students throughout Barnwell County. I have said many times that education is a work of the heart, and I truly believe that everyone who sees education as his or her calling believes this to be true. We must believe in the future, believe in the process, and believe in each other as we move forward.

As I look across our county's schools, I know we have many dedicated and talented employees who

have been and will be instrumental in this endeavor. I look forward to working alongside all of our staff members to ensure success. We have strong communities throughout our county who wholeheartedly support our county's schools. As we face this unique opportunity of consolidating our school systems, not only will we rely on the support of our communities, but we will also work towards forming stronger partnerships throughout Barnwell County.

I am honored and humbled to be part of the new Barnwell County School District, and I look forward to working alongside each of our staff members, as well as with our county's students, families, and our communities, to create a unified team. When we come together with a shared passion and commitment for our county's children, anything is possible! It is not "what" we do, but "why" we do it, and I know you can see your "why" in the face of each child who walks our halls.

Looking forward to this continued journey together,

Dr. Crissie Stapleton,
Superintendent of the Barnwell County School District



Kelvin Collins
Better Business Bureau

Better Business Bureau BBB tip: Your guide to hassle-free returns for online purchases

Online shopping is growing, which means online returns are increasing, too. However, policies and processes vary from store to store. Figuring out how to get your item back to the seller and your refund in the bank isn't always easy. To make the process as smooth as possible, BBB recommends the following.

- **Check store policies before you buy.** This is the number one way to avoid an unsatisfactory return experience. Usually, retailers are not required to have a specific refund, credit, or exchange policy. It's up to you to find out what refund rights you have. Search the retailer's website for their return and refund policy to determine your options. If the retailer doesn't have one, consider it a red flag.
- **Read the fine print.** Even if a store has a reasonable return policy, it might not be free. Some stores charge a restocking fee or make you pay the cost of return shipping. Find out what will be required of you if you want to return a product before you purchase by carefully reading the entire return policy.
- **Verify the seller.** Some online retailers allow third-party sellers on

their platforms. So, if you are purchasing from Amazon, double-check to see if the product is coming from Amazon or a different seller. If you discover you'll be purchasing from a third party, research their return policies before you buy.

• **Read consumer reviews.** Search consumer reviews for any experiences with returns or refunds. If you find several customers had difficulty returning or receiving a refund, know that you run the same risk. You can look at reviews on the seller's website but be sure to check other sources, too, like BBB.org.

• **Check the return policy before using an alternative payment method.** Check the fine print before paying through PayPal or a "buy now, pay later" installment service. For example, you may be unable to return those online purchases to a store.

• **Save your order confirmation number and receipt.** Keep these documents and store them in a safe place for the time your purchase is eligible for a return. You may need them when dealing with customer service later.

• **Save the packaging.** Even if an open item can be returned, keep the packaging, including tags, manuals, and other paperwork. These extras may be required if a store only accepts "like new" or "original" condition items for return.

• **Check before returning an item to the store.** Many stores allow you to return something you bought online to a brick-and-mortar location – but

not every retailer and product. Some retailers only allow certain items to be returned in-store, while others must be returned by mail

• **If you need help with a problem, contact customer service.** Reputable businesses want to keep their customers happy. If you are having trouble with a return, contact the customer service department or a manager and calmly ask for help. They may be willing to work with you even if an issue with your product arises after the return policy expires.

• **Watch out for scams.** If you purchase from a fraudulent seller, you won't be able to exchange your product or get a refund. Some legitimate-looking websites con consumers by offering tracking numbers on PayPal purchases but never deliver the promised product. Keep an eye out for fake websites and steer clear.

For more information, read the BBB Tip: Smart Shopping Online for more tips on online purchases at BBB.org. In addition, review BBB's tips for the safe delivery of your online purchases.

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 or E-mail: info@centralgeorgia.bbb.org.

Me and Myles: Two old newspaper guys had good times together



Phil Hudgins
Columnist

a muscular football player; Myles and I weighed about 250 pounds—together. But the guy wasn't taking any chances. He pulled out a pistol as he rode in the back seat of Myles' car. Fortunately, no shots were fired, and Myles had his say.

We had good times at the Godfrey home. Myles didn't like staying away from home, so I spent the night with him. I could sleep anywhere, even under the six quilts Belle piled onto our bed, pinning us down for the winter night. Hardy plants froze to death in that bedroom, but Myles and I survived.

Myles would invite me and other teenaged guys to come to his basement to play spin-the-bottle with some of Malinda's good-looking girlfriends. We also played post office. If those games don't mean anything to you, let me say this: They were a lot more fun than Monopoly.

In one class in high school, Myles and I swapped names. I would answer to Myles Godfrey and he would to Philip Hudgins. I got his

grades, he got mine. Eventually, we swapped back.

Like me and my brother, Myles got into the newspaper business at an early age and eventually started his own weekly paper in Winder, Ga. His quirky sense of humor paid off.

While other organizations were sponsoring 5k runs, Myles' newspaper hosted an Un-Run. It was a 10,000mm event; that's about 33 feet. If anyone broke a sweat, he or she was disqualified. The last person to the line won. Concerned about overexertion, Myles had a doctor and nurse standing by.

As Myles aged, a debilitating disease gradually stole his ability to walk. But he didn't complain. He continued to work at home, composing newspaper ads for a friend until his hands would no longer work.

I told some of his funny stories at his celebration of life a few days ago. If he had been there, he would have smiled, knowing full well there was a lot I just couldn't tell.

Myles Robert Godfrey and I were in diapers the first time we met. I think Myles had soiled his, but I didn't say anything. After all, he was just a month-old. I was a year old.

It was inevitable that Myles and I would see a lot of each other over the years. Our daddies both worked for the railroad, so our families got together to eat and talk and laugh. Belle Godfrey, Myles' mother, loved to laugh. She got her energy from laughter—and Luzianne coffee with chicory, guaranteed to keep you awake for two days.

Heyward, the father, called me "Nothing." You had to be something to be called "Nothing" by Heyward. Myles had an older brother, Johnny, who died in 2015, and a younger sister, Malinda, who eventually migrated west after marrying a Texan.

Myles was always protective of his little sister. I remember going with him to pick up a former boyfriend of Malinda's who wouldn't leave her alone after they broke up. He was

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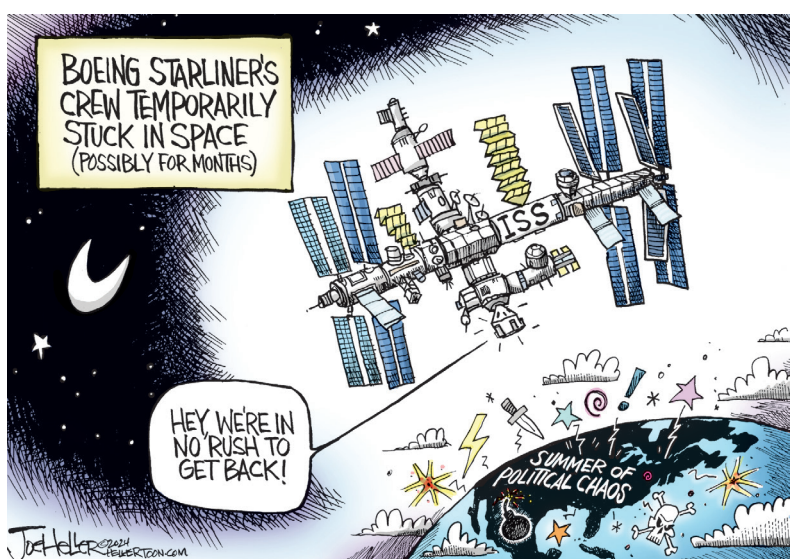
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Estate: Kimberly Elkins Brock
Date of Death: May 25, 2024
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00116
Personal Representative: Jimmy O. Elkins
Address: 628 Edisto Church Road, Williston, S.C. 29853
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Estate: Barbara D. Green
Date of Death: May 3, 2024
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00053
Personal Representative: William H. Green
Address: 812 West Bay Street, Allendale, S.C. 29810
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Estate: Donald Edward Odom
Date of Death: February 25, 2024
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Estate: Harry E. Jones Jr.
Date of Death: February 25, 2024
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Personal Representative: Rosa Fullington
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Estate: George Martin Harter
Date of Death: May 17, 2024
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00045
Personal Representative: Stephen M. Harter

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Estate: Patt Michael Abbott
Date of Death: May 21, 2024
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00117
Personal Representative: Donnie L. Abbott Sr.
Address: 285 Gardner Road, Blackville, S.C. 29817
Co-Personal Representative: Jacqueline F. Busbee
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Estate: Ezell Staley Sr.
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THEME: FAMOUS FIRSTS

ANSWERS ON PAGE 4B

CROSSWORD PUZZLE CLUES

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1. Croat or Moravian, e.g. | 1. Give in to gravity |
| 5. Paid player | 2. Weaver's apparatus |
| 8. Not Miss or Ms. | 3. The "I" in "The King and I" |
| 11. First-rate | 4. Carrots or peas, slangily |
| 12. Mattress with memory? | 5. French soldier in WWI |
| 13. Be of use | 6. Speed gun |
| 15. "It's time!" signal | 7. *First horror film about Damien Thorn, with The |
| 16. ___-de-camp | 8. Supernatural life force |
| 17. Like an unhealthy dog | 9. Capital of Latvia |
| 18. *First one to circumnavigate globe, almost | 10. Canny |
| 20. March Madness org. | 12. Han Solo's "Millennium ___" |
| 21. Bring upon | 13. Prenatal test, for short |
| 22. Orange Lavaburst drink | 14. *The first one helped combat smallpox |
| 23. *Rita ____, first Latina to win Academy Award | 19. Tedium |
| 26. Winter rides, in Russia | 22. 120 mins. |
| 30. Brewery order | 23. #8 Down, pl. |
| 31. Unties or unbuttons | 24. Martini garnish |
| 34. Nearly | 25. Pine product |
| 35. One born to Japanese immigrants | 26. Midterm, e.g. |
| 37. Good times | 27. a.k.a. Tibetan wild ass |
| 38. Rheumy | 28. Feel the same |
| 39. Tel ____, Israel | 29. Timider |
| 40. Bequeath | 32. Deadly challenge |
| 42. Once known as | 33. Military moves |
| 43. West African country | 36. *Mount first conquered by Hillary and Norgay |
| 45. *Chuck ____, first to break speed of sound | 38. 10 to 12-year-old |
| 47. Genetic info carrier, acr. | 40. Ewe's cry |
| 48. City near Düsseldorf | 41. Half-shell delicacy |
| 50. Short for Dorothea | 44. Grind with teeth |
| 52. *First artificial satellite (2 words) | 46. Fauna member |
| 55. Clay and silt deposit | 48. Erasable programmable read only memory |
| 56. Marine eagle | 49. Break of day |
| 57. Mercantile establishment | 50. List of chores |
| 59. Singer Piaf | 51. Prince of Wales to King |
| 60. Concert series | 52. Searching for E.T. org. |
| 61. Indian nursemaid | 53. Boxer's last blow |
| 62. Craggy peak | 54. Azerbaijan's southern neighbor |
| 63. Little troublemaker | 55. "___ the wild rumpus begin!" |
| 64. Solitary | 58. "___ one and only" |

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Quick, Delicious Breakfasts to Start Your Day with a BANG

FAMILY FEATURES

If you're looking for a little motivation to take on a busy day or fueling up for an adventurous weekend with the family, there's no better way to start the morning than with a filling breakfast. However, not everyone takes full advantage of this ever-important opportunity to prepare for the day ahead.

For some, skipping breakfast is due to a lack of time in the morning. For others, it isn't about a lack of hunger or time; it's boredom from quick solutions like cereal or a bagel.

Take your breakfast to a whole new level – without sacrificing too many precious morning minutes – with recipes you can get excited about like Basmati with Apricots, Walnuts, Yogurt and Honey. Jam-packed with flavor, it takes 5 minutes to prepare so you can serve your whole family a nutritious, filling meal even if you're in a rush.

A long-grain rice that's common in India, basmati is fragrant with a nutty flavor and fluffy texture that pairs well with the sweetness of dried fruits like raisins, cranberries, apricots and dates for

a combination of flavor and nutrition at the breakfast table. Better yet, you can enjoy it during busy mornings with Minute Instant Basmati Rice, which is ready in just 5 minutes on the stove or in the microwave for quick, delicious, aromatic dishes.

When you're in need of a single-serve meal that's big on flavor but short on prep time before heading to the office, it's hard to top a comforting breakfast scramble. This Tomato, Bacon, Onion and Cheddar Scramble is sure to awaken your taste buds while providing the energy you need to take on the day.

Fully cooked Minute Chicken & Herb Seasoned Rice Cups offer homestyle taste with carrots, onion and garlic. Ready in only 1 minute, the delicious combination of chicken, vegetables and herbs with hearty rice serves as a perfect base for savory omelets and scrambles. Plus, the BPA-free cups are a great option for an on-the-go power-up. For an even easier solution, you can eat the flavored rice right out of the cup so the breakroom or kitchen will stay clean while you enjoy a pick-me-up.

Discover more recipes that can fuel your mornings at MinuteRice.com.



Basmati with Apricots, Walnuts, Yogurt and Honey

Prep time: 3 minutes
Cook time: 2 minutes
Servings: 4

- 1 cup Minute Instant Basmati Rice
- 1/3 cup dried apricots, diced

- 1/3 cup walnut pieces
- 1/4 cup plain yogurt
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/3 cup fresh apples, diced (optional)

Heat rice according to package directions. In cereal bowl, mix rice with apricots, walnuts and yogurt. Drizzle with honey and sprinkle with cinnamon. Top with diced apples, if desired, and serve.



Tomato, Bacon, Onion and Cheddar Scramble

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 5 minutes
Servings: 1

- 1 Minute Chicken & Herb Seasoned Rice Cup
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/8 cup diced onion
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 2 strips bacon, cooked and crumbled

- 1/4 cup diced tomato
- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- sliced scallions or parsley, for garnish (optional)

Heat rice according to package directions. In medium, nonstick saute pan over medium heat, heat butter. Add onion and saute 1 minute. Add egg to pan and cook, stirring frequently, until scrambled and cooked through. Add rice, bacon and tomato to pan; stir to combine until heated through. Stir in cheese. Garnish with scallions or parsley, if desired, and serve.

Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

Kid Scoop Junior

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My name:

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

Fish Finder

Draw a line from each fish to its twin.

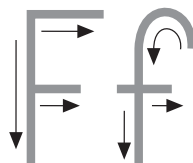
My Rhyme Time

Five fine fish in the little pet shop.
Shiny and gold with a fin on top,
Along came a boy with a penny one day,
Bought a fine fish and took it away.

My Letters

F is for Fish

f is for fish



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

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the F sound like the word fish?

My Numbers

How many forks?

How many flowers?

How many feathers?



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 **Fish are** Right

Sunday

Letter Identification

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

Learning Buddy Sign Here

I have completed _____ activities with my Learning Buddy.

Learning Buddy's signature

Date

Monday

Math Play

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

Tuesday

Large and Little

With your child, find every uppercase letter F on one newspaper page. Draw a small circle around each one. Then try to find a lowercase letter f for each uppercase letter F. Draw a line to connect each uppercase letter F to each lowercase letter f.

Wednesday

Fishy Letters

With your child, look through the newspaper and cut out upper- and lowercase letters. Cut out and glue each letter to a card. Show your child upper- and lowercase matches such as F-f, A-a, M-m, etc. Use the cards to play "Go Fish."

Thursday

Opposite Fish

Look through the newspaper for pictures of things that are opposites (open door/shut door, tall tree/short tree, etc.) Cut out each picture and glue onto a card. Review what each picture shows. Play "Go Fish" with your cards. Opposites are matches.

Friday

Front and Back

Look at newspaper photos and ask your child if he or she is looking at the front or the back of the person or object? Have your child thump his/her chest when the picture you point to is pointing front and pat your back when the picture is facing away.

Saturday

Meet the Front Page

Explain to your child how you know which page is the front page of the newspaper. For example, you could say, "The fold is always on the left side of the front page," or, "The name of the newspaper is in big letters on the front page."



Kid Scoop Junior comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning readiness skill.

Step by Step Success 1. Read the activity instruction aloud. 2. Show how to do the activity by doing it yourself first. 3. Ask your child to copy what you do.

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AMUSEMENT PARK MYSTERY

Mystery News Story

Historians Discover Early Roller Coaster

Historians know that people found ways to have thrilling, high-speed rides long before the invention of the roller coaster. But the thing that people rode was not originally designed for playing around. It was designed to help people do hard, dangerous work.

One of these early thrill rides was "Gravity Road" in the mountains of Pennsylvania. It was really

Oh no! The end of this article has been torn off!

Use the **Kid Scoop Wonderland Amusement Park** map to find the letters for each of the code numbers to complete the mystery news story.

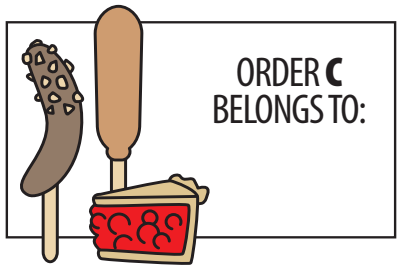
How? Just follow the **Decoder Directions** below for clues.



Look over the Snack Shack menu. Add up the total price of all the items in each group below and figure out which order belongs to which person. Have a family member check your answers.

SNACK SHACK	
JUMBO CORN DOG	\$5.50
CHICKEN NUGGETS	\$4.25
WATERMELON	\$2.00
FROZEN BANANA	\$3.00
CHERRY PIE	\$4.75
SNOW CONE	\$3.50
LEMONADE	... small \$2.25 ... large \$3.25

Kevin spent \$9.75 on snacks.
 Madison spent \$8.75. Emily spent \$11.00 and Ethan spent \$13.25.



Decoder Directions

Figure out what mystery letter each number stands for by following the clues in order using the Kid Scoop Wonderland map.

- From the Main Entrance Gate, go to the first ride just **north** of the entrance. This mystery letter is the sixth letter of the second word of the ride's name.
- Head to the **southwest** corner of the park. The mystery letter is the one that's first in both words of this ride's name.
- From that ride, head **north** to Tia's Tacos. This mystery letter is the last letter of the ride's name located just east of Tia's.
- From there, head **east** to Timber Games. This mystery letter is the third letter of the attraction north of Timber Games.
- Now, head **west**. The mystery letter is the fifth letter in that spinning ride's name.
- Head **north** to Pizza Plaza. Then, head **northeast** to have a refreshing drink. The mystery letter is the first letter of this stand's name.
- Go **northwest** and take the Sky Tram to the **northeast** corner of the park. Get a scoop at the spot just **south** of the tram station. The next mystery letter is the first letter of the second word in this stand's name.

- Next, go **west** of that stand and ride this coaster. The mystery letter is the last letter of the first word in its name.
- Head **southeast** to the theater. The next mystery letter is the first letter in the theater's name.
- Go **south** to the shop. The mystery letter is the first letter of both words in the name of the ride to the **west** of the shop.
- The last mystery letter is the first letter of both words in the name of the ride just to the **south**.

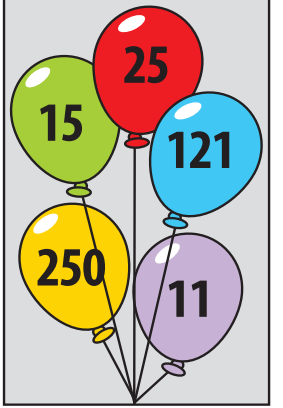
Now, use the code to reveal the solution to the mystery!

It was really $\frac{2}{7} \frac{5}{6} \frac{9}{9} \frac{5}{6} \frac{9}{4}$ designed to deliver $\frac{0}{7} \frac{0}{6} \frac{10}{10}$ from the $\frac{2}{2} \frac{5}{5} \frac{9}{9} \frac{E}{3}$ down a steep mountainside to $\frac{0}{1} \frac{0}{6} \frac{8}{8} \frac{3}{3}$ waiting in a $\frac{7}{7} \frac{6}{6} \frac{9}{9} \frac{6}{6} \frac{10}{10}$.

Extra! Extra!

Before and After

Cut out a number from the newspaper that comes before and after each number on these balloons:



Kid Scoop Puzzler

Ferris Wheel Fun!

Look through the newspaper for a number to place on each chair of the Ferris Wheel so that the numbers on two chairs across from each other and the number in the center of the Ferris Wheel add up to 15.

Standards Link: Use main idea and supporting details in writing.

Double Double Word Search

AMUSEMENT CLUES

EGG
 GRAVITY
 LOFTY
 MAP
 MYSTERY
 PARK
 ROCKY
 RODE
 SKY
 SPACE
 STORY
 TORN
 WORK

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

J	L	O	F	T	Y	K	C	O	R
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C	Y	Z	G	Q	Y	K	S	Y	N
X	A	M	U	S	E	M	E	N	T

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

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **AMUSEMENT**

The noun **amusement** means something entertaining or fun.

Just for my own **amusement**, I read the newspaper comics every morning.

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Number News

Cut out five numbers from today's newspaper. Rewrite each number in a different way. If the number is all digits, rewrite in word format. If the number is written as a word, write using digits.

Standards Link: Math: Number sense.

Where do fish go on vacation?

ANSWER: Fish-land!

Write On!

It was so big that ...

Exercise your powers of exaggeration! Write a sentence starting with "It was so big that ..." or "It was so small that ..." or whatever exaggeration you like!

Standards Link: Write descriptively using main idea and supporting details.



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