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Interim Police Chief Shawn Howze (left) is congratulated by his wife, Audriana, and Blackville magistrate judge Jimmy Gantt Jr. after taking the oath of office on July 9.

# Howze sworn in as interim **Blackville police chief**

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The Blackville Department has hired an interim chief after the credentials of two command staff members were suspended.

Shawn Howze, a Blackville native, has returned to his with hometown hopes to relationship strengthen the between law enforcement and the community it serves.

Howze began leading the Blackville Police Department as interim chief on July 8, and comes with over eight years of experience from law enforcement agencies in Barnwell and Allendale counties.

"After myself and the town

Police for the Town of Blackville, we came to the conclusion that he will be a leader who can best lead the police department," said Mayor Ronnie Pernell.

"I see it as an opportunity to Police take the police department in a positive direction," said Howze, of two who understands he joined the department amidst tumultuous times.

In June, the certifications of the department's chief and lieutenant were suspended for falsifying records and the department is under investigation for misconduct by the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy.

Howze plans to rebuild the department and address community concerns under the mantra "trust the process and stay positive."

"I ask that the community administrator, Fonda Patrick, trusts me, trust the process," said interviewed Shawn Howze for the Howze. "I know the problems interim position as the Chief of aren't going to go away overnight,

but over time they will."

Part of his process is making mental notes as he learns his new role of changes he can make to provide a more efficient or beneficial service to residents, followed by taking action.

Howze comes to the town with experience from the City of Barnwell Police Department, the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), and the Allendale Police Department.

"He brings key qualities position the including to extensive professional police experience in both operations and administration, advanced education training in the criminal justice field; proven strength in the ability to listen and communicate both within the department and with the public," said Mayor Pernell.

Howze is thankful to be

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# Watermelon Field

Farmers from across the state gather in Blackville to discuss juicy topics

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On Thursday, July 11, hundreds spoke to farmers at the event. of farmers from across the southeast gathered in watermelon fields just not just one insect, it's actually outside Blackville to celebrate the sort of a more general term season's harvest and discuss issues referencing a group of insects facing watermelon farmers. In addition to splitting open that's feeding on the rinds," said multiple varieties, attendees also learned ringworms, a group of insects of several challenges and industry changes facing watermelon growers; from the insects, pests and bacteria on where you are region-wise, that destroy crop yields to new location and time of year, so agriculture policy aimed at helping there's a bunch of different farmers confront climate change. While bugs and bacteria are not continued. "There's a lot of a favorite topic for most people, it was a compelling topic for the

watermelon farmers who combat the pests from damaging their crops.

In watermelon farming, a variety of bugs ranging from beetles to aphids, as well as bacteria, pose threats to crop yields, according to Tom Bilbo, an entomologist at the Clemson University college of agriculture, forestry and life sciences, who

"The ringworm complex, it's



that do a particular thing, and different watermelon Bilbo during a presentation on that ruin watermelons.

"It's gonna vary depending insects implicated here," Bilbo

See MELONS, 3A

Red juicy watermelons were the star of the Watermelon Field Day held in Blackville. Over 200 farmers and agribusiness owners from across the state attended the event. Photo courtesty Gilbert Miller, Clemson Extension

# New administrator seeks to elevate Allendale through collaboration

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After a search that lasted nearly a year, the Town of Allendale has hired a new town administrator will who be responsible municipal for coordinating cross-department operations, coordination and stewarding the town's finances and grants.

Kathryn Harrison, a consultant and public administrator, started her first day as Allendale town administrator on July 8. Harrison holds a bachelor of international/ global studies and a master of public administration from Georgia Southern University, as well as a bachelor of business administration and Ph.D. in



Kathryn Harrison

political science and international affairs from the University of Georgia. At the Allendale Town Council's July 10 meeting, the council introduced Harrison to the community.

is a council form of government, with the council having most decision making power. The council is navigating multiple challenges, ranging from a lack of resources and funding for have come up frequently during council meetings.

The People-Sentinel spoke with Harrison about her past municipal experience, her hopes for the position and the relationship she hopes to have with the council and the community. Harrison declined to comment on specific financial issues that the town faces.

been edited for length and clarity. Elijah de Castro: How will your

The Allendale Town Council educational background play a role in your position as town administrator?

Kathryn Harrison: I had a concentration in marketing when I got the bachelors of Business public works departments to Administration, which I think will financial mismanagement, which be really helpful. This town is such a treasure, and I feel like if we can succeed in all of the initiatives that are out there we can really elevate the message of "All together Allendale." I loved seeing those posters. My second degree was a bachelor's in international studies with a concentration in war and peace. You're probably thinking, how in the world is that relevant to this? But the majority of what The following interview has I'm going to be bringing from that degree is conflict resolution. My masters was in public

administration, so everything falls into that; statistical analysis, policy analysis, public budgeting, things like that.

Elijah: You mentioned you think Allendale is a treasure. What is it you see in Allendale that made you apply for this position?

Kathryn: The people that I spoke with. I saw the opening for the town administrator position and knew I wanted to get back into public administration. This was a months-long process of multiple phone calls and inperson interviews. The passion with which everyone that I spoke to talked about the town and everything they could see in what

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# Williston native appointed to judicial seat

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Williston native has Abeen appointed to fill a new judicial seat.

On June 20, Martha Rivers Davisson was sworn in as the Second Judicial Circuit's second judge during a ceremony at the Aiken County Judicial Center. She was appointed by lawmakers on April 17 to the newly created seat that covers Barnwell, Aiken and Bamberg counties.

Davisson said it is a great honor" to serve as a judge, something she's wanted to do since clerking for a judge right after law school. "I always thought it would be an honor and a great way to serve," she said.

South The General Assembly created Iudicial Second the Circuit seat in 2022 along with seats in the Ninth



Carolina Judge Martha Rivers Davisson is helped by her husband Doug to put on her new robe after being sworn at the Aiken **County Judicial Center.** 

counties), 14th (Beaufort, and Allendale counties) (Charleston and Berkeley Jasper, Hampton, Colleton and 15th (Horry

and

Georgetown counties) Judicial Circuits. Prior to this, the circuit only had one judge, Courtney Clyburn-Pope, but the new seat was created based on

population. "We all recognize the backlog in cases with Covid which slowed down a lot of procedures," said Davisson.

After learning of the position, Davisson applied and went through a vetting process with the S.C. Bar, a citizens committee, and the Judicial Merit Selection Committee. She then had a hearing before the committee before meeting with legislators who then voted.

S.C. Rep. Bill Taylor of House District 86, which covers Aiken and Lexington counties, called Davisson "very competent and respected.

For the past 20 years, Davisson has operated the Rivers Law Firm with offices in Williston and Aiken. She and her team helped clients with

personal injury, family blessings, but recognize law, probate, real estate, and criminal matters. The offices closed in May after she was appointed to the judicial seat.

"I thank everybody who trusted me in that manner to assist them," she said.

She now looks forward to continuing to provide quality service in her new role. She credits her commitment to service and her values to her parents, Mary and the late Tommy Rivers.

"I have wonderful parents who have always been very involved in the community. They have always sought to better the community," said Davisson.

Her father served on Williston school board, Williston Town Council, and later as mayor of the Town of Williston. He sought to solve any conflicts people had by level-headed, staying respectful and fair.

upon me that you take your to legal excellence has not.

there are others who aren't as fortunate as you and that you should assist any way you can," she said.

She plans to "remember those lessons" as she takes the bench to preside over various legal cases.

"You have to remember that this is important to that individual and you need to treat that with respect. Keep in mind everyone is coming from a different perspective. Even if you don't agree, you must be respectful," said Davisson.

This is important for any judge or attorney, but especially those in small towns like those in the Second Judicial Circuit.

Davisson has already started working and will spend her first few months touring the state to "see how they do things and learn from other judges so I can understand the courtroom procedure from this perspective," she said.

Though her role has "My dad always pressed changed, her commitment

# Barnwell County SC250 Committee planning events for 2026 celebration

Milton W. Harden SC 250 Committee

Barnwell County, along with the other 45 counties of South Carolina, is engaged in planning for events leading up July 4, 2026, the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The state's SC250 Commission oversees the activities of the various county organizations such as our own Barnwell County SC250 Committee.

There are three known sites of battles or skirmishes between our Patriots and British regulars or Loyalists (Tories) in what is now Barnwell County -Salkehatchie River, south of Barnwell on the Old

on the Savannah River.

Of these, the only one with a state historical marker is Morris Ford. Among the goals of the Barnwell County SC250 Committee are plans to place markers at the other two sites and to make these sites available to visitors, along with interpretive signs. information Further on these sites from interested persons would be welcomed by the Committee.

Markers commemorating African-American soldiers Veterans of the Revolution and the War of 1812 had been moved from Winton John Busby, Isham Carter, namely, Morris Ford on the Park on SC Hwy 3 to and Elisha Chavers, who Veterans Memorial Park on was a Prisoner of War at the US 278 in Barnwell several Fall of Charleston in 1780.

Allendale Road; Slaughter months ago. In December Field (Windy Hill) north 2023, markers were added Capt. Tarlton Brown (1757of Healing Springs; and to those in Veterans 1845) was also placed at this Steel Creek (Vince's Fort) Memorial Park for three same time. Brown's marker



from Barnwell District who fought in the Revolution:

had been vandalized stolen from and Winton Park years ago. Although known as "Col. Tarlton Brown" in his later years, in the Revolutionary Artillery under Col. William Harden) in 1776 as a private and had risen to the rank of captain in 1780 at the age of 23. It was after the Revolution that Brown became a

colonel in the State Militia. He has the distinction of leaving behind published memoirs of the Revolution under the title of Memoirs of

A replacement marker for in 1843 and published in since the Revolution. These 1862, 1895, 1970 and 1999. It items can be shown to the is through this publication that we know a great deal about battles and other

soldiers in the Revolution. of Tarlton Brown and his first wife, Emelia Matthews (c.1766-c.1801), it is quite are not well known. A natural for me to feel a certain pride of place and heritage, but we must strive to learn as much as we can about other soldiers, many of whom have markers here in Barnwell at Veterans

Memorial Park. the absence of written documentation, we must rely on anecdotal evidence from descendants, stories handed down over two Chairman; Peggy Kinlaw; well centuries, as as available military service records. Some families may Tarlton Brown, a Captain in the have keepsakes that have County Council Chairman Revolutionary Army, written survived the many decades

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public by being loaned to one of Barnwell County's three museums.

The SC250 Committee As a direct descendant would like to discover facts on the many other Veterans whose records of service few additional memorial markers are to be ordered for documented Veterans of the Revolution.

If any families have papers or other items pertaining to their soldiers In in the Revolution, please contact one or more of the Barnwell County SC250 Committee members: Ada Chappel; Milton Harden, Robert Miller; Jennings Owens; Libby Still, Vivian Tobin-Alston; or Barnwell Jerry Creech.



Brown had enlisted Army (at first in the

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# WATERMELON: Field Day shows new technology, methods for better melons FROM PAGE LA

different armyworms, melon worms, leafrollers and there's a lot of different caterpillars that can feed on the rinds opportunistically."

Bilbo also spoke about the solutions to pest issues, such as trap cropping, which involves planting "trap crops" that are planted earlier to attract bugs away from the cash crop.

"There's a lot of really good, promising research on this that hasn't been evaluated yet on large scales to actually deploy trap cropping systems," said Bilbo.

In addition to discussing the varieties of pests facing watermelon farmers, Bhupinder Jatana, postdoctoral research associate at Cornell University, spoke about how research on soil chemistry is helping advance best practices for watermelon growth.

"We have other projects, like we are using cover crops as well as beneficial soil microorganisms to manage the soil for it to be best for watermelon," Jatana said.

The use of cover crops, involved which slow soil erosion, as agriculture - the use of GPS well as changing land-use and automation in farming practices, have grown in efficiency - networked popularity among farmers with local farmers. regionally, according to Jhessye the Climate Smart Grant pertinent, especially as Extension Associate for these technologies catch on Clemson Starting last year, the them," said Tyler Campbell, United States Department a research technician at of Agriculture has been Clemson University, who paying farmers to adopt led a demonstration on how agricultural associated with lower apply pesticides. greenhouse gas emissions. The program, called vegetable Climate Smart, has been Clemson met by criticism from organized the event and some scientists, as it avoids changing structural issues within agriculture's contribution to climate biggest crowd we've ever change, as previously reported by The People-

Sentinel. For watermelon farmers, the rapid growth of new agricultural technology will other places to sit. It was a change how they confront nice problem to have. We're agricultural issues. The event also had a trade show, in which different agricultural tech workers

precision in

"The [technologies] will Moore-Thomas, be more efficient and more University. and more people start to use practices drones are being used to

> Gilbert Miller, extension specialist at University, said the turnout was larger than expected.

"It was fantastic, the had, and we got a lot of input from those attending," Miller said. "We had all 215 seats in the auditorium (filled) and folks had to find gonna sit down this week and begin planning for July 10 of next year."



Gilbert Miller, Clemson Extension Vegetable specialist, speaks to a crowd of farmers.



Farmers share a laugh while picking watermelons at Watermelon Field Day. Elijah de Castro / Report for



Clemson University research technician Tyler Campbell, left, speaks to farmers at Watermelon Field Day Elijah de Castro / Report for America about how drones are being used to spray fields with pesticides

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**DRIVE AWAY WITH A** 

# The King of Litter holds storytime

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Louie the Lion visited the Barnwell Public Library on July 11 to help children better understand how littering impacts their community.

Known as The King of Litter, Louie the Lion is the mascot of Palmetto Pride, the state's litter prevention initiative. From the statewide Palmetto Pride stems county-specific affiliates such as Keep Barnwell County Beautiful (KBCB) to tackle trash on a local level.

KBCB chairman Ben Kinlaw and Peggy Kinlaw organized for Louie the Lion to make the trip from marionette show focused



Barnwell County children. A large part of KBCB's efforts, in addition to litter Library also holds youth clean-ups and prevention, is education, enlightenment, and enforcement (known as the 3 E's).

received their KBCB certification on April 11, 2023 after hosting several litter cleanups, storytime sessions at the library, and bringing a Columbia to read with on litter prevention to local

schools.

Barnwell Public The programming throughout the summer, making Louie the Lion's storytime yet another free event offered to children during out-ofschool months.

Books were read by the other Kinlaws and children were able to sit and take pictures with Louie the Lion. Coloring sheets and other activities were handed out.



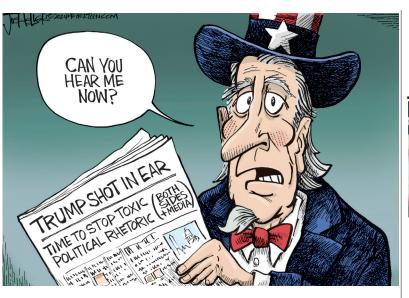
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### Editorial

#### This Independence Day, let's celebrate freedom of the press



de Castro Reporter / Report for

his Independence Day, while nursing an ankle I sprained time to think about a First Amendment freedom I think we too often take for granted: the freedom of the tinel, the story of the Kansas-based press. There can be no freedom of newspaper Marion County Record speech, assembly or religion without hit close to home; a humble weekly a free press. Like freedom of speech, newspaper covering rural communithe free press has played a key role ties and small-town politics had its in the United States' long and often interrupted road to freedom for evervone.

Unfortunately, in the United States and around the world, the tralian journalist imprisoned for free press is under attack. In 2023, reporting on United States war the International Federation of crimes, recently avoided extradition Journalists (IFJ) documented 129 killings of media workers, one of The Marion County Record recently the worst years in the history of the settled with the former police chief IFJ's decades of tracking threats to in Marion for \$235,000. State legthe free press.

journalists killed over the past year And even though trust in the media have been both innocent and Pales- is at an all-time low, 92% of Ameritinian; journalists and Palestinians cans still believe that a free press is did not start this horrible war. Since important to society, according to the Hamas attack last October, the Pew Research polling.

these conflicts. A Palestinian friend

has told me of his struggle to receive empathy from others since October 7, and the niece of a lifelong family friend was fortunate enough to not be home when a Hezbollah rocket killed two people in her village in northern Israel. In Armenia, I have loved ones who witnessed Azerbaijan's ethnic cleansing of their while rock climbing, I had some homeland. In my view, journalism and our humanity are intertwined.

people in my life who are tied to

For our team at The People-Senoffice torn apart by police.

Despite all of this horrible news, there's also good news for press freedom. Julian Assange, an Austo the United States and is now free. islatures across America are passing The overwhelming majority of laws to support news entrepreneurs.

Israeli Defense Forces have pre- I completely understand people's vented international journalists from frustration with the media, espeentering Gaza, arrested 48 reporters cially here in the United States, throughout the Palestinian territories where the overwhelming majority and killed 103 Palestinian journal- of Americans no longer trust the ists, many deliberately; Hamas has media as an institution. Too often journalists self-censor, follow nar-By killing and detaining jour- ratives handed down to them and nalists, the Israeli government is choose to not emphasize issues that attempting to blind the public to deserve more attention. However, what human rights groups, scholars, at our best, journalists hold up a lawyers, United Nations experts, mirror to humanity. If we don't like eyewitnesses, and vast swaths of the what we see in our reflection, we the Jewish and Palestinian people are people, the demos, the democracy, can change it. But we must be brave able destruction of the Palestinian and embrace the discomfort of takpeople, their places of worship, their ing a sincere look at ourselves; for So how can you help support the "This is one of the most flagrant free press? Well, consider making a attacks on press freedom that I can tax-deductible donation to Report remember. The impact on press for America, the program that supports me and other young journalists the rest of the world is something across America. Keep up with the we cannot accept," said Carlos Committee to Protect Journalists, Martínez de la Serna, the program which helps journalists across the director of the Committee to Protect world in trouble. I'd also recommend reading #TheGazaProject, But the Israeli government is not a series of investigations by the the only government cracking down newsroom Forbidden Stories, which on the free press. In the authoritarian has continued telling the stories of petrostate of Azerbaijan, a record Palestinian journalists after they number of Azeri journalists were have been killed by the Israeli De-

### Column

#### **Republicans countering Biden failures**

Congressman Joe Wilson July 12, 2024

uring the recent Presidential debate against Donald Trump, Joe Biden embarrassed himself and further revealed what most Americans already knew – that he is not fit to lead.

Sadly, it's not just one night, but the accumulation of failing Biden policies over the last three years which are to blame for the problems our country is experiencing. However, the poor decisions of Democrats in Congress are also responsible.

Together, Biden and Democrats falsely contrive a bright picture of how the country and families are surviving. The reality is much darker.

Biden and Democrats are responsible for soaring prices of everyday goods and services, an open border crisis with over 16 million illegal aliens living in America that has exposed every family everywhere to imminent attacks from terrorists and drug smugglers, a vulnerable national security, and many more burdens.

However, perhaps most obvious are the hardship realities each of us face every day... in our pocketbooks.

Under Biden, Americans have endured the highest inflation in 40 years, costing the average family nearly \$13,000 more a year to buy the basics, all while Americans have seen a nearly four percent decrease in average weekly earnings.

When Biden took office, inflation was 1.4 percent. Since then, inflation has risen by more than 20 percent.

Families know the distress of Bidenflation all too well, including most recently during the Fourth of July celebrations.

Since Biden, prices for the following holiday staples saw prices skyrocket:

Chicken up 24 percent Ground beef up 23 percent Sodas up 22 percent Hot dogs up 16 percent

to Washington.

In addition to tackling inflation and lowering the cost of living, House Republicans, led by Speaker Mike Johnson, are fighting to strengthen national security, make America energy independent, secure the Southern border, preserve our constitutional freedoms, restore the voice of the people, and more. A few highlights of what Republicans have accomplished so far, include passage of the:

Fiscal Responsibility Act, the largest deficit reduction package in American history.

Secure The Border Act to address the chaos at the borders by increasing the number of Border Patrol agents, providing effective border enforcement technology, resuming construction of the border wall, and ending the administration's catch and release policy.

Lower Energy Costs Act to unleash American energy, lower prices, and strengthen our national security.

Parents Bill of Rights to ensure a parent's right to make decisions about their child's education.

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the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. and:

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, which represents the commitment to our service members, their families, and our national security. Included in it are funding authorizations for the Savannah River Site and defense research projects at South Carolina universities. As part of this Act, I am also grateful to have authored an amendment that would prevent the Department of Defense from buying solar panels manufactured by our adversaries, such as China.

House Republicans know that the only way to address the problem facing the American people is to return to President Donald Trump's successful America First agenda which created the strongest economy in generations, the most secure border in modern history, the lowest gas prices in years, and peace through strength.

Much remains to be done and I will continue to work hard every day to keep Americans safe, promote goodpaying jobs, and help make our lives and communities stronger.

I am grateful to represent South Carolina's Second District.

Joe Wilson is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives serving

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### Letters to the Editor

#### In Appreciation

F. Guinyard wish to extend our sincere gratitude and thanks for all the acts of kindness and comfort shown

**Remembering Margie Hill Foy** 

I was greatly saddened to learn of the death of Margie Hill Foy, and I am sure most people have fond memories of her. She was such a kind soul, and I think my friend Owais described her and her family best when referred to them as "absolutely wonderful, caring people."

Miss Margie was not actually related to me as far as I know, but our families were connected in several

We, the family of the late William during our period of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you in a mighty way.

# I first met Miss Margie in the days

before Find-a-grave at Seven Pines Baptist Cemetery in Snelling as she was tending her family graves, and I was scouring cemeteries trying to find dead relatives. She was descended from Job Hill who moved from Pennsylvania to Edgefield County, and his descendants migrated to the area around Snelling.

I can only say Barnwell County is ways. I remember laughing when I not quite as good of a place without

killed four journalists.

describing as genocide; the unspeakschools, their hospitals, their homes, that, we need a robust free press. their babies, and their humanity.

freedom in Gaza, in the region and Journalists.

recently imprisoned not long after fense Forces. the country ethnically cleansed Artsakh, a historical homeland for Independence Day, you not only the Armenian people. The list goes on and on.

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Ice cream also up 16 percent... just to name a few.

to stopping Biden's reckless spending and restoring fiscal responsibility

heard the tale of her elderly cousin Miss Margie. House Republicans are committed Eunice driving from Columbia to Barnwell, and she had to get out of her car to read the sign.

Jennings Rountree, **Barnwell County** 

#### **Better Business Bureau**

# BBB tip: Watch out for "free roof inspections"



 $\mathcal{T}$  ith the warmer weather and summer storms, roofing scams become more common. BBB Scam Tracker frequently receives reports of shady "free" roof inspections. Homeowners should be on the lookout for these cons.

#### How these scams works

You receive a call, or a person shows up at the door claiming

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to represent a roofing company. According to Scam Tracker reports, con artists often use the name of the state (i.e. Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina) plus "Roofing" or "Construction" as their business name.

The "roofer" offers a free inspection. Why, you ask? The person may claim that their company is working on a neighbor's home and is offering inspections to those living nearby. But if you ask questions about where the business is located or how their services work, you'll most likely be met with vague answers, or, if you are speaking on the phone, they may simply hang up.

You accept the free inspection, and the "inspector" shows up at your house. If they don't find enough wear and tear to merit a whole new roof, they may fabricate it, by tearing off shingles to mimic wind damage. Or they may simply show you pictures of someone else's damaged roof. Don't hire this company! Any repairs done by such a dishonest business are not likely to be high quality.

#### How to avoid roofing scams

• Beware of unsolicited offers. Most scams begin with a contractor who "just happens to be in the area" and notices your roof or home has the appearance of needing repairs from the outside. Roofing scams typically increase in frequency after a powerful storm, so stay alert.

• Get your insurance company to inspect your roof. Filing a claim with your insurance company goes on your

record and could affect future claims or your continued coverage. Before signing any paperwork or contracts with a roofing company, have your insurance company to come out for an inspection to verify the need for repairs or replacements.

 Research roofing companies before you hire. Look at a company's business rating on BBB.org. Keep a close eye on previous reviews and any complaints other consumers might have had. This is one of the best ways to know if a roofing company is reputable or just a cover for a scam.

Storm chasing has become a multimillion-dollar industry, complete with computerized hail forecasting, teams of out-of-state installers and trained salespeople who go door-to-door soliciting work. Trust your instincts and thoroughly research any company knocking on your door.

For more information about hiring a roofing company, see BBB.org/ Roofers. You can also find valuable information at BBB.org/ScamTips and our Consumer HQ.

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Rain doesn't deter participants in the annual Child Abuse Awareness Walk held in Barnwell on April 26.

# **Event brings** awareness to child abuse

Jonathan Vickery Publisher jvickery@thepeoplesentinel.com

A sea of blue pinwheels and people clad in blue showed a united effort against child abuse.

Law enforcement officers, elected officials, teens,

parents, and the public united on April 26 at Veterans Memorial Park in Barnwell for the annual Child Abuse Awareness Walk. The Axis I Center of Barnwell hosted the event as part of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

"We want to bring awareness to the community on what child abuse is and how to report it," said Cheryl Banks-Murdock, teen pregnancy prevention specialist at Axis I.

The event kicked off with Barnwell Mayor Ron Still, Sheriff Steve Griffith, and Tysia Wright speaking about the importance of being vigilant.

"I hope that everyone knows that if they suspect any abuse that they should report it. Parents need to keep the line of communication open so that their child would feel comfortable confiding in them with whatever they have going on in their lives," said Banks-Murdock.

After the speakers, everyone walked a lap in memory of those who have endured child abuse.

Representatives from the Department of Social Services, Axis I Center, First Steps of Barnwell County, and other organizations were on hand to give important information to children and parents. There were also food vendors, activities, music and more.

A pinwheel garden was created to serve as a symbol of hope and change. All proceeds were donated to S.C. Children's Trust of Columbia to support their initiatives to end child abuse.

# WFD calls increasing in 2024

#### Alexandra Whitbeck Reporter

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Williston Fire The Department (WFD) has been staying very busy over the last year and Chief John Melton updated the town council at their July 8 meeting with just how many calls his department has responded to.

WFD has responded to 180 calls since December 1, 2023, and Chief Melton anticipates this number to continue to increase, nearing last year's numbers. Last year, the department ran 299 calls; showing a 60-70 call increase from previous years.

According to Chief Melton, their busiest month this year has been June with 32 total calls.

Within these numbers presented to council are the nine working structure fires the department responded to during the colder months.

The department is also gearing up for another smoke

alarm blitz, where they install smoke detectors in Williston homes. According to Chief Melton, a smoke alarm they installed during a previous blitz recently alerted a homeowner of a smoking pot on the stove top, potentially saving their home from catching fire.

WFD recently received over \$13,300 from the S.C. V-Safe grant administered yearly by the Office of State Fire Marshal. The department purchased three sets of bunker gear, seven helmets, and three sets of boots.

According to Chief Melton, securing this grant yearly will allow the department to upgrade gear prior to its expiration date and prevent worry of having to fund replacement gear.

Chief Melton also informed the council an ISO inspection is coming up. The department is currently rated at a 3, which is "pretty exceptional for a small volunteer fire department," said Chief Melton.

ISO pertains to a region's the plighted trees.

insurance rating based on the efficiency and efficacy of its fire department and emergency services. The lower the ISO rating, the better the maintenance, management, and response of a department.

#### Administrator's Report

Administrator . Michael Beasley informed the council that the town's hydrant replacement project is still underway, and town hall now has IT support and is looking to get updated security cameras.

Residents have expressed concerns regarding multiple issues on Holmes Lane; the quality of the road, lack of lighting, and diseased trees. According to Bealsey, the county has assured him they are still set to address needed road repairs, Dominion Energy has installed two street lights on the road, and the town is in contact with the S.C. Department of Natural Resources and the S.C. Forestry Committee to see what can be done with

A schedule has been created for the implementation of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), S.C. Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP) grant, and the Rural Infrastructure grant Authority (RIA) regarding the town's water and wastewater system. The CDBG grant and the RIA grant upgrading the town's filtration system are set to start in July and be completed by March 2025. The SCIIP grant for over \$5 million will address things like wastewater treatment facility upgrades and a pond liner, and is set to be completed by June 2026. "Between now and the end of 2026, there is going to be a lot of work being done as far as our water and sewer systems," said Beasley. In the realm of municipal water, the town also received no violations after a water quality test and report by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. The full report was published in a previous edition of The People-Sentinel.

# Vacuums vandalized at Bi-Rite

Four machines damaged and coins stolen at convenience store

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Vacuum machines at the Patterson Street Bi-Rite in Barnwell are currently closed after over \$12,000 of damage was done in a July 11 larceny.

Barnwell Police Department (BPD) officers arrived at the gas and convenience store at 9:31 a.m. on July 12 after employees were notified by a customer the machines

vacuum machines that were broken into along with the cover of the coin slots removed with nothing but wires from the vacuum machine showing and holding the covers," states the incident report.

machine is still report.

In a search of surveillance footage, BPD officers found the crime was committed around 11:30 p.m. on July 11. The footage showed a silver Jeep Liberty on the property and one subject wearing a white T-shirt and dark pants breaking into machines, according to the report.

The estimated value to replace the machines is \$12,000, and approximately \$400 in coins were removed.

unknown and actual money taken from the machines is an estimate," states the report. "It would be unknown as to how much machines."



# **Barnwell County Arrest Reports**

Arrest reports listed below BCDC.

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.

21, of 175 Jasmine Lane, Williston, S.C. was arrested BCDC. on July 11, 2024 by BCSO for Possession of Marjuana With Intent to Distribute. Broxton was booked and released to BCDC Eugene Croft, Collin 21, of 187 Starling Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 9, 2024 by BCSO for Burglary and Trespass After Notice. Croft was booked and released to BCDC. Dennis Eugene Driggers, Hampton 115848. of Blackville, S.C. Avenue, was arrested on July 1, 2024 by BCSO for Burglary and Grand Larceny. Driggers was booked and released to BCDC Christopher Dewayne Dunbar, 39. of 4055 Allendale Avenue, Williston, S.C. was arrested on July 11, 2024 by BCSO for Assault & Battery. Dunbar was booked and released to BCDC. Connie Contiera Facison, 25, of 130 Nottingham Road, Williston, S.C. was arrested on July 4, 2024 by BCSO for Criminal Domestic Violence. Facison was booked and released to BCDC. Christopher Andrew Fuller, 30, of 11922 Highway 64, Lot 8, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 2, 2024 by BCSO for Prisoner in Possession of Contraband. Fuller was booked and released to BCDC. Tiffany Collette Gibson, 48, of 792 Vintage Drive, Williston, S.C. was arrested on July 12, 2024 by BCSO for Petit Larceny. Gibson

Rebekah Lynn Green, 31, of 670 Sunnifield Drive, Williston, S.C. was arrested on July 11, 2024 by BCSO for Driving Suspension, Possession of Fentanyl, and

Christopner ustin Hutchens, 38, of 166 Haven Wood Drive, Gaston, S.C. was arrested on July 8, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Child Support. Hutchens was booked and released to BCDC Jasper Jones Jr., 32, of 390 Apollo Circle, Blackville, S.C. was arrested on July 3, 2024 by BCSO for Assault & Battery. Jones was booked and released to BCDC. Dameun Kearse, 52, of 47 Royal Place, North Augusta, S.C. was arrested on July 8, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Child Support. Kearse was booked and released to BCDC. Kevin Andrew McQuire, 35, of 404 Fox Road, Blackville, S.C. was arrested on July 4, 2024 by BCSO for Burglary and Grand Larceny. McQuire was booked and released to BCDC. Mark Anthony Miller, 43, of 4928 Barrington Drive, Columbia, S.C. was arrested on July 12, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Miller was booked and released to BCDC

and (3) counts of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm. Reed was booked and released to BCDC.

Felicia Ryan Sargent, 38, of 174 Vine Street, Aiken, S.C. was arrested on July 10, Tyleek Daveon Broxton, Possession of Heroin. Green 2024 by BCSO for Unlawful was booked and released to Possession of Prescription Narcotics and Unlawful Possession of Fentanyl. Sargent was booked and released to BCDC. Justin Lee Satterthwaite, 30, of 550 Moore Drive, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 2, 2024 by BCSO for Prisoner in Possession of Contraband. Satterthwaite was booked and released to BCDC.

were broken.

Officers observed "four

The tool used to vandalize the unknown, according to the

"The actual cost is

Sethlee Ernie Moore, 54, of 232 Burnmaster Road, Columbia, S.C. was arrested on July 8, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Moore was booked and released to BCDC.

Anthony Louis Reed, 50, of 260 Litchfield Street, Apartment 331, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 12, 2024 by BCSO for (2) counts was booked and released to of Possession of Cocaine

Tiffany Linsi Smith, 39, of 8470 Marlboro Avenue, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 1, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Smith was booked and released to BCDC.

Greg Nicholas Wallace, 54, of 185 Thomas Street, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 5, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Child Support. Wallace was booked and released to BCDC.

Tyler Orlando Ward, 32, of 295 Ables Drive, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 4, 2024 by BCSO for Illegal Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Driving Under Suspension, and Operating an Uninsured Vehicle. Ward was booked and released to BCDC.

Steven Bart Weeks, 36, of 1265 Galilee Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 7, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Weeks was booked and released to BCDC.

Hikeen Sentell White, 23, of 120 Rays Road, Williston, S.C. was arrested on July 8, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Child Support. White was booked and released to BCDC.

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An arrest has yet to be made and the case is still active and ongoing. Anyone with information should contact the Barnwell Police Department and Lieutenant Dennis Boots at (803) 259-1838

money was taken from the Over \$12,000 in damage was done to vacuum machines on July 11. Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING**

#### STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

**COUNTY OF BARNWELL** 

The Statewide General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Any person wishing to register to vote in this election must do so no later than Sunday, October 6, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. Voter registration by-mail applications will be accepted, if postmarked by Monday, October 7, 2024.

#### Candidate Filing Period:

The candidate filing period for the Barnwell County School District will open at noon on Thursday, August 1, 2024, and close at noon on Thursday, August 15, 2024. Even-numbered Districts 2, and 4 will be filled for twoyear terms. Odd-numbered Districts 1, 3, and 5 will be filled for four-year terms. Residents who are qualified electors desiring to be a candidate must file a Nonpartisan Statement of Intention of Candidacy during this period with the Board of Voter Registration & Elections of Barnwell County located at 367 Fuldner Rd. Barnwell, SC 29812, 803-541-1060.

Filing Hours Weekdays: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### Filing Fees:

There will be no filing fees.

#### <u>Filing Form:</u>

The Statement of Intention of Candidacy (Nonpartisan) form required for filing is available in the "Candidate Information" section of scVOTES.gov and at the Voter Registration and Elections office.

#### State Ethics Filings:

Candidates are required to file a Statement of Economic Interest and a Campaign Disclosure online with the State Ethics Commission at <u>http://ethics.sc.gov</u>. Failure to file these documents may result in a candidate fine but will not disqualify a candidate from the election. Contact the State Ethics Commission for more information at 803-253-4192.

Share your special occasion by emailing jvickery@thepeoplesentinel.com. Births, Birthdays (12 and under), Weddings and Anniversaries (50th and over) are free to announce.

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# <u>Birth</u>

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Hyatt Melton adoringly watches her baby sister, Ealy Mills Melton, who was born on June 18, 2024.

# **Ealy Mills Melton**

egan and Charles Melton of Lexington, formerly of Barnwell MCounty, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ealy Mills Melton.

She was born June 18, 2024 at 7:52 a.m. at Lexington Medical Center. She weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 21 inches long.

She was welcomed home by big sister, Hyatt Melton, age 4.

Maternal grandparents are Marty and Susie Grubbs of Barnwell. Paternal grandparents are Debbie and the late Calvin Melton of Williston. Paternal great-grandmother is Clara Harris of Williston.



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# <u>Birth</u>

# **Rosemary Page Birt**

anie and Pierson Birt of Allendale are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Rosemary Page Birt.

She was born June 14, 2024 at 8:07 p.m. at Piedmont Hospital in Augusta, Ga. She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 19 inches long.

She has one older sister, Magnolia Jane Birt.

Maternal grandparents are Gina and Joseph Oswald III of Allendale.

Paternal grandparents are Branna and Nathan Birt of Barnwell.

Maternal greatgrandparents are Joan and the late Johnny Brewer, and the late Janie and Joseph Oswald II.

Paternal greatgrandparents are Harriett and Frankie Creech, and Paula Birt.



Rosemary Page Birt was born on June 14, 2024.





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of Williston and Calvin and

Lisa Smith of Aiken.





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# Obituaries

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# Marjorie Elizabeth Hill Foy



BARNWELL - Marjorie Elizabeth Hill Foy passed away on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 in Greenwood.

She was the daughter of Johnson M. Hill and Mae Still Hill and the wife of 51 years of Harry Lee Foy Sr. Margie and Harry Lee have four children: Linda Lee F. Early (Jack) of Bamberg and Mt. Pleasant, Harry Lee Foy Jr. (Mary Ann) of Central, Suzanne F. Nicholson of Greenwood, and Marjorie Jane F. Abbott (Tom) of Spartanburg.

Margie especially loved her six grandchildren: William P. Early (Dasher), Ross H. Early (Natasha), Henry L. Foy (Kari), William H. Nicholson III (Shelly), Elizabeth F. Nicholson (Rory), and Thomas F. Abbott (Jessica). She also has 11 greatgrandchildren.

Besides her husband and parents, Margie was predeceased by her brothers, T.J. Hill and

Johnson M. Hill, Jr. In She regularly visited and her last years, she was sought to enliven those in especially appreciative of nursing homes. She also her friends Isaiah Daniels, enjoyed membership in the Delores Pressy, Ann Brown, Iris Garden Club. and the late Ruby Smith.

Barnwell County on July 22, 1926 and grew up in Snelling. She graduated from Barnwell High School. During WWII she worked as a telephone operator in Augusta.

she and Harry Lee were married, February 14, 1946. They made their home in Barnwell County, where Margie was a stalwart citizen, working and raising her family. She assisted

Harry Lee in his businesses, Foy Farm a.m. A private committal Service and Barnwell Bowling Lanes. She was an enthusiastic sports fan, as a basketball player herself, a champion bowler, and following the sports activities of her children, grandchildren, and even Foy Memorial Scholarship great-grandchildren.

Margie led an active Christian life at Seven Pines Allendale, S.C. 29810) or Baptist Church, where she was baptized, and later at The First Baptist Church of Barnwell, where she was a member of the Connor Sunday School Class for many years. Margie led the Joyful Ministries group, which focused on shut-ins.

She and Harry Lee often Margie was born in traveled to the annual reunions of the 88th Naval Construction Battalion (Sea Bees).

Margie was renowned for her lemon pies, which she shared with countless friends in Barnwell and for Once the war was over, her macaroni and cheese, which her grandchildren aspire to replicate. She welcomed all into her home and was generous to a fault.

A service to honor Margie was held Saturday, July 13, at 12 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Barnwell, preceded by visitation at 11 service was held on Sunday at the Barnwell County Memory Gardens. Those who wish to remember her with a donation may choose the Harry Lee and Marjorie Elizabeth Hill Fund at USC Salkehatchie (465 James Brandt Blvd., the charity of one's choice.

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

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WILLISTON - Funeral services for Calvin Olin Wilson III, 73, of Williston, were held at 1 o'clock p.m., Friday, July 12, 2024 at Mercy Church, 2700 Whiskey Rd., Aiken, with Bishop Kenny Murphy, Dr. T. Bart Kelley and Pastor Todd Wilson officiating. Honored to serve as Honorary Pallbearers were members of the Ambassador Sunday School Class of Mercy Church. Burial followed in the Barnwell County Memorial Cemetery by the airport. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, July 11th at Folk Funeral Home, Williston, and one hour prior to the service on Friday at Mercy Church. Memorial contributions may be given to Mercy Church of Aiken Food Bank, 2700 Whiskey Rd., Aiken, S.C. 29803.

## Calvin Wilson

Calvin passed away on for many years. Anyone Monday, July 8, 2024.

Born in Charleston, he was a son of the late Calvin Olin Wilson Jr. and Ellen Thompson Wilson. Calvin attended Newberry College, USC-Aiken, and George Washington University and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Training from Cambridge University. He retired from E.I. DuPont/ SRS as a Training Specialist after working 321/2 years. He was later employed at Penn State University where he trained students to work at U.S. Steel in Pittsburg, PA and was the Office Administrator at Adam's Nursery for 12 years. He was an accomplished musician in woodwinds and was a former member of the Aiken Community Band. Ivy Garden Club of Williston was proud to have him as an Honorary Member, as he was always a gracious host and willing to help in any capacity. He also helped his wife, Diane, with her catering business for many years. Calvin was a member of Mercy Church in Aiken and was a member of the Williston Lions Club

who knew Calvin loved listening to his stories; he was a master storyteller and always had wonderful stories and memories to share with his friends and family.

Calvin accomplished a great deal in his life, but he was most proud of his wife, his daughters, and his grandchildren.

Survivors include his loving wife of 52 years, Diane Rochay Wilson; two daughters, Heather (Neal) Chambers of Barnwell and Kelly (Bill) Newsome of Rock Hill; grandchildren, Lindsay Wilcox and fiancé, Dale Johnson, Emma Grace Chambers, and Robbie Wilcox; a brother, Wayne D. (Melinda) Wilson of Williston; special friends, Ola Mae and Gene Peavler, Sheila Moss, Deanne Orr, Janie Bell, and Peggy Avery along with a number of nieces and nephews.

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

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ALLENDALE - Sherri Lynn Smith, age 61, died Tuesday, July 9, 2024.

Sherri was a native of Allendale and the daughter of the late Marshall P. Smith Sr. and Julia Mae Smith.

she loved dearly. She attended Allendale

# Sherri Lynn Smith

of Allendale First Baptist Church. She worked 2024, at Swallow Savannah Cemetery. The family will many years at Scotsman in Fairfax. She never met receive friends following a stranger and enjoyed the service at the cemetery. people and cherished her Memorial contributions

may be made to Swallow Savannah Cemetery, c/o Suzanne Goodson, 493 Concord Church Road, Ulmer, S.C. 29849.

Keith Smith Funeral Service, 128 Water Street, Allendale, is in charge of arrangement. Sign the online guestbook at keithsmithfuneralservice com.

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Academy and was member be 2 p.m. Sunday, July 21,

family.

Family members

include two stepsons,

Jimmy William Ray and

Iohn Robert Ray Jr.; one

brother, Marshall P. Smith

Jr. (Tammy); one sister,

Krystal S. Teems; two aunts,

Mary Frances Smith and

Patty S. Johnson; several

nieces and nephews that

Graveside services will



# Ned Branch Missionary Baptist celebrates fathers

Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church in Barnwell celebrated fathers during the Sunday service on June 16. In addition to the message, there was music, photos, and a special prayer time for all fathers. Photos Contributed







# INTERIM CHIEF: Blackville Council selects new leader of police department FROM PAGE 1A

within the community.

"I know beyond a doubt he will do an awesome job in his new role. Shawn is well respected and very well connected. The citizens of Blackville should be proud to not only have quality law enforcement but to know the chief is from the very town he grew up in," said BCSO Lieutenant Eric Kirkland.

During his time with BCSO, Howze served as an School Resource Officer (SRO) at his alma mater, Elementary-Macedonia Middle School (MEMS). Here he developed "a great working relationship the school and with administration," he said.

an already solid foundation law enforcement and recalls police officer but as a coach. attending Sergeant Donald Danner's D.A.R.E classes. Buddies which provided an opportunity for law enforcement officers from local and state agencies to eat lunch with MEMS students.

> "I definitely am going to continue that working relationship and maintaining that program there," said Howze, who feels stepping into the chief role has only improved administrators, educators, and his desire to share it and students.

He plans to still be a

stepping into this role with aspired to have a career in students- not only as a

Howze is currently the assistant varsity basketball As an SRO, Howze started coach at BHHS and head a program called Lunch basketball coach at MEMS, and he also coaches football, allowing him to get to know the youth outside of academics.

> "Those kids...I love working with kids," said Howze, who also coached at Jefferson Davis Academy from 2018 to 2022.

His drive to serve the Town of Blackville stems from the knowledge and wisdom imparted on him by his relationship with local local mentors and leaders, with the next generation.

"To have the opportunity presence and mentor for to come back and be able MEMS and Blackville- to display that, I owe that As a student at MEMS, he Hilda High School (BHHS) all to my former teachers,

mentors, coaches; I thank them enough," said Howze. "I just hope to be an inspiration to our youth of what Blackville produces."

Some of those mentors were David Berry who coached him in football, current BHHS principal Christina Snider who taught him in fourth grade, and MEMS principal Chelsea Calhoun who taught while he was in elementary school.

He thanked BHHS athletic director Paris Mason and coach Albert Pressley, "who all instilled those principles in my life coming up as a young man," he said.

He refers to these individuals as "pillars in our community" whose guidance and support have helped him both personally and professionally.

throughout his academic people who want to see him journey and continue to support him in his career in law enforcement, similarly to fellow law enforcement officers such as Sheriff Steve Griffith, Lt. Kirkland, and Sergeant Erica McCrae.

Lt. Kirkland first met Howze in 2018 and describes him as a "dynamic officer." He later learned of Howze's aspirations to one day become chief.

"I was very impressed with his professionalism and mannerisms to be a young officer. It was obvious that he not only possessed the much needed qualities that make a good officer, but Shawn also had the distinct core values that we desire in all young officers," said Lt. Kirkland. "Chief Howze

SC State Fair now accepting

entries for competitive exhibits

These figures helped him knows that there are many succeed, including myself, and as always, I am just a phone call away.

Howze thanks BCSO, as well as the Barnwell Police Department for giving him his start in law enforcement in 2016.

Serving under numerous chiefs, such as Robert Miller, Brian Johnson, and Lamaz Robinson in Barnwell and Lawrence Wiggins Allendale, in allowed Howze to see how different departments are run.

"They all played a role in the reason why I am here,' he said.

Howze resides in Barnwell County with his wife, Audriana, and three children, Khilee, Kheera, and Shawn III.

# **Original Six Foundation** names program coordinator

The Original Six (O6) Foundation, a nonprofit that provides afterschool and literacy programs for vulnerable students in rural and underserved areas of South Carolina, has named Cameron Gentry program coordinator.

In this newly created role, Gentry will manage and oversee Original Six Foundation programs while fostering a nurturing environment with O6 partner schools and students.

Before joining the Original Six Foundation team, Gentry taught third grade at Pomaria-Garmany Elementary School in Newberry County. The daughter of lifelong educators, Gentry was on the Dean's List at Clemson University where she graduated in 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis on Math and Science.

"Original Six Foundation programs are experiencing unprecedented growth," executive director, Kara Gormley Meador says. "Having a passionate and enthusiastic leader like Cameron serving as program coordinator will help ensure that the students we serve and the teachers we invest in have the support they need to excel."

During 2022-2023, Original Six Foundation programs served over 5,500 students. The organization's primary program, O6 Afterschool nearly doubled in size, regularly serving over 7-hundred students in 11 schools located in 8 South Carolina public school districts. Each

Monday program operates through Thursday providing students in grades two through eight with a safe place to learn while filling educational gaps.

"I'm thrilled to share my passion for education and serve students across the state of South Carolina," Gentry said. Gentry attended one of the Title I schools that the Original Six Foundation currently serves. "I know these kids, because I was one of those kids," Gentry said. "Every child matters and the Original Six Foundation is addressing the educational needs of students in rural and underserved areas in a truly impactful way. This is an area where I believe I can make a positive contribution."

"It's exciting to see the Foundation growing because that means we are serving more kids," said Original Six Founder and Chair, Nikki Haley. "This work would not be possible without the support of businesses and individuals who realize that helping children reach their full potential is always a great investment," Haley said.

Founded in 2011 by then-Governor Haley, the Original Six Foundation believes children across South Carolina deserve a quality education regardless of where they are born and raised. The Original Six works to improve education by identifying gaps and filling them through hands on engagement and resources. Original Six partners include schools in the counties of Allendale, Barnwell, Bamberg, Clarendon, Colleton, Florence, Greenville, Kershaw, Marion, Pickens, Richland, and Union.

#### Nancy Smith South Carolina State Fair nancys@scstatefair.org

The South Carolina State Fair is now accepting entries for its annual competitive exhibits, which will be on display Oct. 9-20, 2024 during the S.C. State Fair. Exhibitors from across South Carolina are invited to submit their entries now through Sept. 1 in a variety of categories for a chance to compete at the state's largest event.

''We are thrilled to once again bring together incredible talent the and creativity of South Carolinians at this year's South Carolina State Fair," says General Manager Nancy Smith.

all Talent of ages and backgrounds are encouraged to participate in the competitions. More than \$300,000 in premiums will be offered for award-winning exhibits in agriculture, art, home and crafts, flowers,

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livestock and more. To "46 Reasons to Celebrate enter the 2024 competitive exhibits, can visit scstatefair.org/ competitions and find very essence of what makes detailed instructions on how to submit their entries, along with a comprehensive list of categories available for that collectively make up participation.

charitable dedicated to preserving State Fair's 2024 competitive and promoting South Carolina's agricultural roots while supporting statewide showcasing the best of education. The theme for South Carolina's beauty and the 2024 S.C. State Fair is creativity.

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SC." This year, the S.C. participants State Fair invites residents and visitors to celebrate the the Palmetto State such a special place to live, work and play - the 46 counties South Carolina. Additional The S.C. State Fair is a categories and divisions organization have been added to the S.C. exhibits, including the "Spirit of Carolina" awards,



SCANTO

him develop professional habits that still hold immense value to him today

Dewitt Jennings speaks glowingly about the opportunities that have been afforded to him since joining Swiss Krono in 2013. He says the organization helped him develop his professional skills and expand his knowledge and expertise in manufacturing to now be the Intralogistics Supervisor he is today. It showed him the ins and outs of how a global manufacturing organization is successfully run. A lasting thought Dewitt speaks favorably of is the sustainability of this organization. He says, "Throughout all the changes in the economy, Swiss Krono continues to hold strong year after year." Dewitt is known around the building and the community as a man who takes pride in everything he does. He's a shining example of the core values we hold near and dear to our hearts at Swiss Krono.

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# Williston-Elko's Randy Robinson, Jr. competes at Nike EYBL Peach Jam

Jeff Miller Sports Writer sports@thepeoplesentinel.com

Williston-Elko High School's Randy Robinson Jr. has not played a single game for the Blue Devils, after transferring in from Aiken High School last year, but the sophomore is already making basketball news. Randy and the USC Unleashed team out of Columbia competed in the NIKE EYBL Peach Jam tournament, held in North Augusta.

The Nike Peach Jam is an annual national amateur basketball recruiting showcase. It's part of the Nike Elite Youth Basketball League (EYBL), which features the top 40 high school basketball circuit teams in America and includes one Canadian team. The Peach Jam tournament takes place each July and serves as part of the EYBL circuit finals. This year's event is being held in North Augusta, South Carolina, running from Friday, July 12 through Sunday, July 21. Notable alumni include 2023-24 NBA All-Stars Jayson Tatum, Julius Randle, and Trae Young and more recently, Lebron James' son Bryce James and Carlos Boozer's



Randy Robinson Jr. played in the Nike Peach Jam tournament while his dad, Randy Robinson Sr. was an assistant coach. Photo Contributed

son, Cameron Boozer. NBA star Khris Middleton sponsors a team out of Charleston. This is a really big event for Nike and EYBL.

The USC Unleashed team, also known as Team Unleashed South Carolina, is made up of some of the best high school basketball players in all of South Carolina and they compete in the E15 category for Elite Youth Basketball League (EYBL). Randy tried out for this team last year and made the team, beating out a

large group of very good players bright! I really look forward to from across the midlands and other parts of the state.

USC Unleashed opened the tournament defeating the Indy Heat Red team out of Indiana 70-54. The Q6 all-stars out of Georgia were no match for USC Unleashed, with the Unleashed squad dominating the Georgia team 58-23. The Middleton Hoop Elite team, sponsored by the NBA's Khris Middleton, played the Unleashed team in a close battle, but the Unleashed team came away with the 68-64 victory. After winning three straight contests, the Unleashed lost a close game to Alabama Fusion EYBL 59-62.

Randy Robinson Jr. averaged 12 points, 10 rebounds, and 4 assists over the run of the tournament. His presence playing down low and in the paint was definitely noticed by their opponents and by the many fans and observers in attendance. Prep Hoops has Randy ranked as the #61 player in the state, and his performances at the Peach Jam Tournament helps show why. Williston-Elko head basketball coach Ernest Parker said, "Randy Robinson Jr. is a hard-working kid that loves basketball. His future is really

coaching him."

Speaking of coaching, Randy's father, Randy Robinson Sr., was an assistant coach of the USC Unleashed team. Randy Sr. was asked about coaching his son and said, "It was amazing to watch his growth throughout this process. I am so glad that I could see him play at this level. It was a great experience getting to coach him in this tournament."

What did Randy Jr. think of this experience? "The competition at this level is really different. Win or lose, competing at this high level helps you develop your game and takes it to the next level."

When asked about what this will do for him playing for Williston-Elko this season, he said, "I want to bring everything from this experience to the high school and hope to make it to the playoffs and hopefully play for a State Championship.'

Good luck to Randy Robinson Jr. and the Williston-Elko High School Blue Devils as they prepare for the 2024-2025 basketball season ahead. I am sure we will be hearing from Randy again very soon.

# **Belles Softball are State Runners-Up**



# Barnwell Darlings compete at State Tournament



The Barnwell Belles received the Sportsmanship Award and were runners-up at the State Championship last weekend. Photo Contributed By: Barnwell Baseball Softball Association

Jeff Miller Sports Writer sports@thepeoplesentinel.com

he Barnwell Belles softball team has **L** had a lot of success over the years. This year's team returned to the State Championship Tournament in Iva, South Carolina, where the Barnwell Belles were pitted against the team from Andrews in the State Championship game. Although Barnwell lost the championship game, they did receive the Sportsmanship Award and earned the title of state runners-up.

Belles head coach Logan Hawkins was asked about coaching the Belles and her team's performance and responded by saying, "This was my first season coaching All-Stars and I am beyond thankful for the opportunity! Coming back home and coaching on the fields I started on is something I have always wanted to do and it's very near to my heart! This team worked so hard day in and day out, put in so much extra work outside of practice, and had the best attitudes! Although we did not get the outcome we'd hoped for, they fought until the end! I am so proud of each and every one of them. We placed runnerup in the Dixie Youth Softball Belles State Tournament and also received the Sportsmanship Award!"

Coach Hawkins started playing recreation softball in Barnwell and later

for Barnwell High School before playing collegiate softball at Piedmont University. Hawkins was joined by assistant coaches Jason Sullivan and Jackie Hawkins. These coaches and players put in a lot of time and energy to be able to make possible the trip to the State Championship. The players, parents, and coaches "did a lot of fundraising, sitting outside of businesses" in addition to the many hours on the practice field. All of their efforts are worth the ultimate experience of playing in the championship game.

All of the players are all-stars and earned a right to be there, but when asked for any players who really had a great postseason, Coach Hawkins said, "Kendall Adams caught a lot of innings behind the plate and did an outstanding job. I'Yana Robinson threw a lot of innings between Saturday and Sunday and kept the score close in both game one and game two. Keep in mind that the temperatures reached nearly 100 degrees during the weekend.

Barnwell Belles player Rilee Sandifer was asked about her experience and said, "I enjoyed being a part of the Belles team of girls from different schools, making new friends, and getting to practice some more softball skills in the off season."

This will certainly be an experience these young ladies will remember for years to come.

The Barnwell Darlings softball team competed in the State Tournament for the first time in 6 years. Photo Contributed By: Barnwell Baseball Softball Association

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The Barnwell Darlings softball team L traveled to Iva, South Carolina to compete in the State Tournament July 6 and 7. Head coach Jamie Towne and assistant coaches Tiffany McCoy, Mark Still, and Ciera Still took this group of Barnwell's best 8- and 9-year-old softball players to compete in the State Tournament for the first time in six years. Iva is in Anderson County.

The Barnwell Darlings team played hard and competed with all their heart, but were eliminated after two games, losing both games, but being competitive in both and staying close until the end.

Coach Jamie Towne commented on his team's efforts saying, "We showed up and my girls played their hearts out. We first played Lancaster. We hung with them the whole game and came up just short at the end. We then played the defending state champs on Sunday. We hung with them. We played like true champions. We lost in the last inning but in my eyes, we were winners!"

Coach Towne went on to say "I could not be more proud of our girls. This is the first time in 6 years that our Darlings league went to state. Barnwell does not have many girls that play softball. We used to have five or six teams and had a chance to see different talent. The past two years we have only had two teams with barely enough players to have those two teams. This makes it hard to see different talent and prepare for tournaments like district and state. I have spoken with other team's coaches and they said that they have the same issue. This is happening all over the state, so they started playing other teams throughout their county and nearby counties to help prepare. This is something that I'm going to present to our association for future consideration."

The Barnwell Darlings softball team includes Teal McCoy, Sailor Holden, Anasia Badger, Oaklyn Croft, Copelynn Ray, Emmalin Huber, Kassie Heatwole, Mary Chilton Alexander, Adalynn Grady, Grace Murdaugh, Brenleigh Ashby, and Brooklyn Haddock.

Coach Towne wanted to be sure to thank all the parents and his assistant coaches for all of their efforts to ensure the Darlings had the means to make this trip and that the girls could have this great experience. Through the efforts of the young ladies, their parents, the coaches, and lots of community generosity, the whole District and State Tournament trips were funded.

"I know these girls have a very successful and bright future in softball. Participation in sports helps keep kids out of trouble and if we can save one child from heading down the wrong path then all the pain, tears and sweat is worth it all! I also want to thank the assistant coaches for all of their hard work. If it wasn't for you none of this would have been possible. My hat goes off to Brad Whitehead and all of the Barnwell Baseball Softball Association. Thank you all for all of your hard work and dedication," he said.

# Kash Jones wins saddle at roping competition



Kash Jones from Williston won this saddle at the six to 8-year-old dummy roping at the David Finley Memorial team roping on May 26, 2024. The saddles were donated by Paul Lyman. Kash is the son of James and Kaley Jones. Photo Contributed

# **Carolina Shockers champions** at Bash on the Beach



Carolina Shockers are victorious at the Bash at the Beach Competition in North Charleston. Photo Contributed

#### needles knowing they needed this game

# **TRAVELING SHOULD BE FUN,** not stressful!



# Treasures of Ireland



The People-Sentinel publisher Jonathan Vickery is excited To host trips in 2025 to two of his favorite destinations -ALASKA (June 2025) and IRELAND (October 2025). Premier World Discover planned these guided group trips. Trips include airfare, deluxe accommodations, many meals, Charter bus, attractions/sightseeing per itinerary, baggage handling and a PWD tour director.

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**Travel Info Meetings** Thursday, August 1, 2024 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM **Palmetto Innovation Center** 218 Main Street, Barnwell, SC

#### Contributed

n May 5-6, hometown basketball team the Carolina Shockers traveled to North Charleston to participate in the "Bash at the Beach Basketball Tournament" at the North Charleston Athletic Center.

They took several boys and girls teams but it was the varsity boys who took the tournament by storm. After winning the first game in the morning at the athletic center, the team had to travel to Military Magnet School for the night cap. In the fourth quarter the lead changed five to six times with both teams giving all they had.

With 5.6 seconds to go, the Shockers were down two points. The Shockers coach called timeout, knowing he only has one play and no timeouts to win the game. The crowd was on pins and

to advance to the Championship the next day. With 5.6 seconds left on the clock, the Shockers had to cover the whole floor with no time for dribbling, just passing and being pressed full court by the other team.

For the winning play after the timeout, guard passes to the forward on the right side the forward passes to the center in center court with two seconds left. The center finds the Shockers' point guard deep in the right corner and he lets the ball fly. The Shockers fans are on their feet and all you here is boom!

Shockers win by one with no time on the clock and advance to the final Sunday morning. In the Championship game the Shockers shocked the fans with a blowout win, but it was no shock to the players and coaching staff based on hard work and dedication to their craft.



# New Subscriber

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# **Allendale News**

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

#### The People-Sentinel

# **Allendale Town Council discusses falling** crime rates, introduces new administrator

Elijah de Castro Report for America elijah@thepeoplesentinel.com

packed crowd filled Athe Allendale municipal building on July 9, when the Allendale Town Council introduced its new town administrator and discussed multiple other topics of public importance. Falling crime rates

During council Allendale Police Chief Lawrence Wiggins announced that the town's crime rate has fallen by 50%. Wiggins and the council said they are working towards building out security cameras throughout the Town of Allendale.

Wiggins noted that recent events, such as the April 27 shootings and a recent shooting at Oakland Apartments, may give the perception that crime is rising. However, Wiggins said, crime has fallen since 2022, a particularly violent year for the community.

"Our violent crime is down over 50% in the first seven months of the year compared to last year," Wiggins said. "All in all, I believe crime is trending in the right direction in this community. You'll never completely get rid of crime, but you can mitigate it."

#### New town administrator

The council also introduced the community to the town's new administrator, Kathryn Harrison, who started in the role on July 8.

"We brought her here to handle the day-to-day operations, and we as council cannot involve ourselves in the day-to-day operations," mayor pro tem Pookie Smith said. "So let's give her a chance, and we've got to support her in room have such a high redoing her job."

The Town of Allendale had been searching for a town administrator for nearly one year, and underwent an extensive hiring search to fill the position.

months of telephone calls, interviews, conversations, tough questions," Harrison said. "I have an open door "The people sitting in this policy, so if anyone wants

spect for the citizens of this

community because I was

put through the wringer;

to discuss anything further, please come see me."

For more about Harrison and her appointment to the town administrator position, read our *Q&A* with her. Vegetation growth at sewer plant

department has been dealing with a tide of vegetation growth in the two lagoons at the town's sewer treatment plant. Approximately 50-80% of the lagoons were covered with vegetation, Since February, the Town and the town worked with

of Allendale's public works

water system servicing company Water Systems Inc., to address the issue. The vegetation growth has been attributed to higher winter temperatures; global climate change made last winter the hottest in human history.

Hattie Jackson, chair of the Town of Allendale's water and sewer committee, said the town is considering training public works employees on aquatic treatment.

"There's nothing wrong with contracting work, but we want to be able to equip them to be able to do this work, that way we can stay on top of things," said Hattie Jackson, chair of the water and sewer committee. "We don't want to continually see ourselves get in a place where that overgrowth is continually occurring."

The Allendale Town Council (left) with new town administrator Kathryn Harrison (right). Photo By: Elijah de Castro / Report for America

# **Rowan and Sycamore looking for PURRFECT homes**

Rowan and Sycamore are 2 cute siblings that are looking for their fur ever homes.

We have several sweet kittens here that are in need of PURRFECT homes. These 2 are around 4 weeks old and they also have 3 more siblings here. We also have some that are a little older, that would make a great addition to a loving family. They have all started their vaccines. They are playful and full of energy!



# Administrator: Q&A

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community more?

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the Town of Allendale can tance do you think an collaborations when you're be just got me really excited administrator plays in the working between different

Kathryn: The adminis-Elijah: When people trator by all accounts is hear "administrator," they in charge of running the might not think that it's a day-to-day operations of of one-on-ones with the face they can come to. How the town. Without having do you want to develop someone taking care of the your relationship with the day to day it doesn't free what they're struggling up the council to be able with, what they need help to explore and innovate *Kathryn:* One thing I did in the way that they need today was just going and to because they're getting local Mexican restaurant to-day. The importance of El Jardin, and I was on the the administrator specifi- there are similar issues and hunt today for a local dry cally for the Town of Allencleaner I can use. I'm on dale right now is to allow solutions across the entire the hunt for any local busi- the council to stop pulling town and not just in one nesses that I can invest in double duty; [they should] department. Cohesiveness and support. I want to be get out there and be cre- is one of the things that I out there and I want people ative. [The administrator value. Let's get everyone in to feel comfortable being should] be a support for a room and hash it out and able to come up to me and the council and be someone bring everyone to the table. they know they can rely on.

#### FROM 1A

departments and there's a lot of people to communicate with?

Kathryn: I'm doing a lot department heads to start off. I really want to know with and where they can be supported. Then it's time to get all of those department heads together. Let's look across the board and see if see if we can come up with When you have everyone engaged and have Elijah: There's a lot of dif- the creativity from having gether, you have no idea the potential that has.



All donations are taxdeductible.

**The Animal Advocates** P.O. Box 1924 Barnwell, SC 29812

Elijah: The council struggled to hire an adminis- ferent departments within everyone sitting down totrator, and there's been a the town [government] and history of administrative as administrator you're gomalpractice in Allendale ing to be working between

County. Of what impor- them. How do you do those

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#### SAT. JULY 20TH @ ALLENDALE COURTHOUSE YARD

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Summit ages: 13 & Up



ALL AGES

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** 

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Council for Allendale County will conduct a public hearing relating to an Ordinance "TO LEVY AND IMPOSE A ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX, SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM IN ALLENDALE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 4-10-300, ET SEQ., FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE AND FOR A DESIGNATED AMOUNT OF TIME; TO PROVIDE FOR A COUNTY-WIDE REFERENDUM BY THE ALLENDALE COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTION COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, TAX-EXEMPT OR TAXABLE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE AGGREGATE OF \$3,000,000; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO PRESCRIBE THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS AND PLEDGE OF REVENUES RELATED TO THE BONDS AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR BORROWING IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY RELATED TO THE BONDS; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS."

The hearing will be held in the J.W. Wall, Jr. Council Chambers at the Allendale County Courthouse, 292 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, SC 29810, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on July 17, 2024. At the time and place fixed for this public hearing, all taxpayers, residents or other interested persons who appear will be given an opportunity to express their views for or against the matters contemplated by the Ordinance. Any persons wishing to submit written comments may submit them to Judy Kinard, P.O. Box 190, Allendale, SC 29810, no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2024.

In compliance with ADA/Section 504, Allendale County is prepared to make accommodations for handicapped individuals needing special assistance. Special assistance requests should be made to the County Council Office at (803) 584-3438 seventy-two (72) hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

# **GALENDAR OF EVEN**

Events

#### **Ongoing**

Local firefighter Missy Cato is collecting aluminum cans for the Southeastern **Firefighter's Burn** Foundation. The money they receive for these cans goes toward helping with lodging for families of patients in the burn unit, transportation, medications, anti-scarring garments, and more. For more information, contact Cato at 803-671-4973 to make arrangements to pick them up.

#### Monday AA Meetings

Free. Open to the public. The Axis I Center, 179 Fuldner Rd., Barnwell. 803-541-1245. www.axisl.org. 10:30-11:30am

#### **Ist Tuesdays Barnwell Development** Association Inc. (aka BDA) 20 Wall St., Barnwell BarnwellDA.com BDAinc029.com 8am

Weekly on Tuesdays Free Food Distribution Long Branch MBC, 922 Hopewell Rd., Gifford. Food products will be available while supplies last. 3:30-5:30pm

#### **Tuesdays & Thursdays** Senior Dance Lessons

Blackville Community Center. For all Barnwell County Seniors 60 and over. Call 803-259-4592. 3-4pm

#### Every Thursday

Allendale Line Dance Classes Allendale National Guard Armory (368 Court House Square, Allendale) These free line dance exercise/fitness classes are open to anyone 18 years and up. Sponsored by Allendale County Office on Aging and led by instructor Angela Doe Youmans. 6-7pm

#### Fridays The Gateway Church Food Pantry

The Gateway Church food pantry is also looking for volunteers to help with food distribution activities. If you would like to volunteer, please leave Pastor Jamie Sheppard a message at 803-450-6825. 9am-12pm

#### Mon., Thurs., Sat. Virtual Class Dancing For Joy Exercise should be fun! Dancing for Joy is a fun way to dance and move to the beat and gain

Clerk of Court & Auditor's Office associate minister of Bethany in partnership with Allendale County Sheriff, Allendale Police Dept., & Fairfax PD.Allendale Courthouse Yard. Ages 13 & up. 9-I lam break-out sessions I lam-Ipm picnic

Car & Bike Show/Adoption Event hosted by the Barnwell County Animal Shelter. Lion's Club Park (next to Veterans Park) in Barnwell. Free food & fun. \$25 pitbull adoptions. 10am-2pm

#### <u>Sun., July 21</u>

Women's Day Program Hosted by Second Baptist Missionary Society. All women are invited. Guest speaker will be Elder Lillian Young from Rosemary Baptist Church of Williston. The theme is "A gracious woman retains honor."

#### Tues.-Thurs, July 23-25 New Home Baptist Summer Revival

New Home Missionary Baptist Church of Red Oak Community,

Barnwell Tues., July 23, Rev. James Holiday & Bushy Pond Baptist, Norway. Wed., July 24, Rev. Warren Butterfield & Gethsemane Baptist Church, Bamberg, Thurs., July 25, Rev. Dr. Freddie L. Bush & Silver Spring & Thankful Baptist Churches, Williston. All services start 7pm

#### <u>Sat., July 27</u> 3rd Annual Lowcountry LevelUP Summit & Blood Drive

Walterboro Wildlife Center 100 South Jefferies Blvd., Walterboro. The Lowcountry's premier back-to-school event for high school students, families & the community.info@lowcountry levelup.org. (All blood donors will receive \$50 in rewards.) Doors open at 10am

#### 2024 Pears of Love Event "A Rainbow Luncheon"

Hosted by the Ladies of Virtuous Essence (L.O.V.E.) of Second Baptist Church, Barnwell. Tickets are \$10 and only a limited number remain. Theme: "Working Wisely for the Kingdom" and speaker will be Minister Pearline Smith, Daughter of the House at SBC. The colors Pink and Blue are sold out, so hurry to get your tix...You do not want to miss this!! Luncheon begins 3pm

Tues., July 30

Baptist, Blackville Thurs., Aug. I, Rev. Tyriq Harley, associate minister of Bethany Baptist, Blackville 7pm nightly

#### Sat., Aug. 3 Back to School

Lunch to Go Sponsored by the Town of Kline. Open to the public. I 2noon-3pm

#### <u>Tues., Aug. 6</u>

National Night Out Take a Stand Against Crime Together Veteran's Memorial Park in Barnwell. 4-7pm

#### Thurs., Aug. 15

**Registration deadline for Entrepreneur Day 4** Kids Pop-up Market Kids pop-up market Vendor application form: https://form.jotform. (See event information below.)

#### Wed., Sept. 14 Cultivating Light in the Darkness Walk

Sponsored by the Aiken-Barnwell Recovery Foundation.A walk to bring awareness to suicide prevention and support the Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health Center, Veterans Memorial Park. Barnwell. 10am

#### Sat., Sept. 21 **Entrepreneur Day 4** Kids Pop-up Market

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

#### Barnwell Library Events

**Bookend Painting** 

"END" Summer Reading

with a bookend paint party.

Paint a bookend with your

or book. Bookends will be

From Garden to Jar:

**Community Garden** 

Demonstration

Tues., July 30

Family program

**Field Trip and Pickling** 

Join us for an interactive and

educational exploration of

the Veggie Cupboard Com-

Participate in a quick refrig-

munity Garden. Harvest fresh

grown herbs and produce and

erator method pickling activity

garden produce for later enjoy-

ment.We will be walking from

the Library to the Community

Garden for the event. Registra-

tion required call 803-259-3612

or stop by the front desk to

Who knew learning could be

a thing or two. (5/29) make

contraption, (6/26) make

your own Pokéball levitating

fireworks in a jar, and (7/31)

create a catapult to launch

your Pokéballs. Registration

requested call 803-259-3612

or stop by the front desk to

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Contact Lt. Eric Kirkland, 803-

BSCO community partners.

300-9992. 10am-2pm

activities for kids. Variety of

fun? We did! Drop in and learn

register. 3:30pm

**STEM** for Kids

Wed., July 31

register. 4pm

showcasing how to preserve

favorite, character, super hero

displayed throughout the library.

Mon., July 29

10:30am

#### **Cooking Matters** Tues., July 16, 23

Bring along the whole family to enjoy a fun 6 week cooking class. This class teaches school-aged children and their parents or caregivers about healthy eating as a family and the importance of working together to plan and prepare healthy meals on a budget. In partnership with Snap-Ed Clemson University Learning Institute. Registration required call 803-259-3612 or stop by the front desk to register. 4pm

#### **STORY TIME**

Thurs., July 18 Read, Rattle and Roll **Storytime** Enjoy songs, stories, and sensory play for toddlers and preschoolers. Followed by

Bring along the whole family to learn about the five basic food groups and identify foods associated in each group. All while you enjoy a small food demonstration. In partnership with Snap-Ed Clemson University Learning Institute. Registration required call 803-259-3612 or stop by the front desk to register. llam

Fuller Park in Barnwell. Children 16 & younger will booths to sell crafts, jewelry,





# Local Directory

#### Allendale Library

297 Main St., Allendale (803) 584-2371 Hours of Operation Mon.-Fri. 9am-5pm Sat. 10am-2pm

#### Barnwell Library

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

#### **Blackville Library**

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

#### Williston Library

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

#### MUSEUMS

BARNWELL CO. MUSEUM 9426 Marlboro Ave., **Barnwell** Tues., Wed., Thurs. Noon-4pm Self-guided tours are offered Register at the office building (803) 259-1916

**BLACKVILLE MUSEUM** 655 Main Street, Blackville Open by appointment only until further notice. Please call (803) 284-3267 to schedule a visit.

#### BARNWELL SENIOR CENTER

Mondays-Fridays Gail Reyes Senior Center/\ Generations Unlimited (11403 Ellenton St., Barnwell) 803-259-4599

#### BLACKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

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

803-219-7056

Eat,Drink, Shon

artwork, baked goods, home decor, and other fun products. have an opportunity to set up (\$25 booth fee). Vendor application form: https://form.jotform. I lam-2pm <u>Sat., Sept. 28</u> Law Enforcement Expo Barnwell Regional Airport

free developmental screenings. In partnership with Help Me Grow S.C. **MyPlate** Wed., July 24

ordination, muse and cardio fitness. Classes are free. We ask that you support your local food bank or pay it forward in any way you wish. Classes are virtual. To participate, email Elizabeth at egalaida@yahoo.com or text 301-473-3418 to get the Zoom information. Zoom links and codes are emailed out prior to every class.

Mondays 3:45-4:50pm Thursdays 9:15-10:30am Saturdays 10:15-11:30am

First Sunday Monthly **GIFT: Growing In Faith** Together! Grief and Loss Women's Group. An all-women's small group offering support and encouragement after the loss of a loved one. First Baptist Church, Bldg. A Room 200 (nook). 3-4pm

Wed., July 17 Annual Revival Services, Silver Spring Missionary **Baptist Church** 347 Woodrow Doby Road, Williston, SC Rev. Raford W. Roundtree, Jr., pastor at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, Jackson, SC & Second Hopeful Missionary Baptist Church, Hephzibah, GA. 7pm

#### <u> Thurs., July 18</u> Let's Talk Veterans Supporting Veterans Topic:"Resources" with guest speakers Jean Brooks from South

Carolina VA Pathfinders. 34 Pechman St., Barnwell (Agricultural Building/Clemson Extention Building) 6pm

<u>Fri., July 19</u> **AARP** Drivers Safety Course Generations Unlimited, 11403 Ellenton Street, Barnwell To register call: 803 300-9488. 9am-1pm

<u>Sat., July 20</u> Teens & Self-Esteem Summit Sponsored by Allendale County

One Night Revival Service Springfield Missionary Baptist Church, Hwy 278 Steven Butterfield, pastor of New Jerusalem Baptist Church will be the guest speaker. All are welcome to attend. 7pm

#### <u>July 30-Aug. I</u>

Summer Revival **Rosemary Baptist Church** Barnwell Tues., July 30, Pastor Lamont Boyd of Second Baptist, Barnwell

Wed., July 31, Rev. Tyrig Harley,



#### VACATION **BIBLE SCHOOL**

July 15-17 Ashleigh Baptist Church Highway 3, Blackville, SC VBS Theme: Christmas In July. Supper will be provided. 6-7:30pm

July 15-19 Hilda First Baptist Church 145 Church Street, Hilda "SCUBA ... diving into friendship with God" Ages Toddlers to Teen Supper each night. 6-8:30pm

July 15-19 Second Baptist Church 181 Church St., Barnwell Hosted by SBC's Impact Youth Ministry. Classes for all ages. "Leading Out Loud" is the theme. Refreshments will be served. 6-8pm



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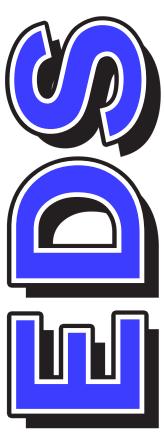
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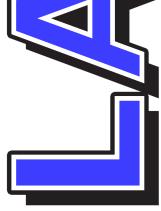
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Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00116 Personal Representative: Jimmy O. Elkins Address: 628 Edisto Church Road, Williston, S.C. 29853 2024-118 3tp 7-17-24

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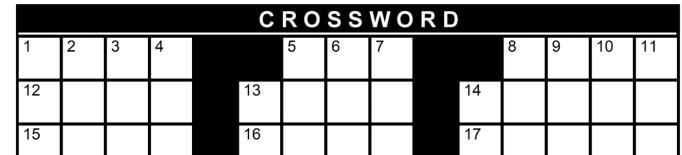
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- Delhi dress 1.
- \*Individual Neutral Athlete at 5. 2024 Olympics, acr.
- 8. Mother in #48 Down
- 12. Joie de vivre
- 13. Fodder holder

14. External \_ Grey tea

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- 2. a.k.a. Daminozide
- 3. Hard to find
- Accepted behavior
- 6. Homer's classic

4. Family addition, pl. 5. \*Archer or shooter, e.g.

Bird feeder morsel

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	90 degrees on compass	13.	Certain style of humor
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23.	College treasurer	22.	out, as in a win
26.	Balaclava (2 words)	23.	Mardi Gras souvenir
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	and NE	25.	Full of cattails
31.	Nullify	26.	Petals holder
34.	Diva's delivery	27.	Rocky ridge
35.	Smart ones?		Like certain rug
37.	Two halves	29.	*Swimmer Ledecky
38.	That is, in Latin	32.	*Like 23 out of Michael
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48.	Diet inspired by prehistory	41.	*Like Bosnia and Herzegovina
50.	European erupter		or Bulgaria
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am-packed calendars and little spare time at home can make heads spin. When those hectic weeknights are giving your family fits, turn to delicious recipes you can have ready in 30 minutes or less.

Start with kitchen staples like chicken and rice – they're easy to prepare and versatile enough to let you cook a variety of meals without feeling like you're stuck in a dinner rut. For example, these Air-Fryer Bang Bang Chicken Tenders with Rice offer a kid-friendly take on bang bang chicken that's both sweet and spicy.

This air-fryer favorite requires just half an hour in the kitchen and calls on the quality and convenience of Success Boil-in-Bag Jasmine Rice to make busy weeknights a breeze. In

# Grilled Hawaiian Chicken and Coconut Rice

Prep time: 5 minutes, plus 4 hours for marinating Cook time: 15 minutes Servings: 4

#### 4 chicken breasts, skinless and boneless

- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/4 cup white onion, chopped 1 bag Success Basmati Rice
- 2 cups coconut milk
- 4 pineapple rings
- 1/4 cup unsweetened coconut, shredded

In 1-gallon bag, combine chicken with soy sauce, water, sesame oil, brown sugar, garlic and onion. Marinate in refrigerator about 4 hours.

Heat grill to medium heat.

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Prepare rice according to package directions, replacing 2 cups water with coconut milk.

Once finished marinating, remove chicken and pat dry. Grill about 7 minutes per side, or until internal temperature reaches 165 F.

Pat pineapple rings dry and grill about l minute per side.

Mix shredded coconut with rice. Place pineapples on top of chicken and serve with rice. just 10 minutes, the aromatic rice cooks up soft and fluffy with a uniquely delicious flavor that's naturally gluten free, Non-GMO Project Verified and free of MSG and preservatives.

For a real escape from the everyday hustle and bustle, invite island flavors to dinner with this simple yet satisfying Grilled Hawaiian Chicken and Coconut Rice. Remember, high quality doesn't have to be high maintenance.

Ready in 10 minutes, Success Boil-in-Bag Basmati Rice is a quick, easy and mess-free option that is guaranteed to always cook right. It's an appetizing addition to this tropicinspired meal that can help you tackle hectic schedules without sacrificing flavor.

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#### Air-Fryer Bang Bang Chicken Tenders with Rice Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes Servings: 4

- 1 pound chicken tenders
- 1/2 cup sweet chili sauce, divided 1/4 cup sriracha hot sauce,
- divided 2 tablespoons sesame oil
- 1 bag Success Jasmine Rice
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 bag (12 ounces) coleslaw mix 1/2 English cucumber, thinly sliced
  - toasted sesame seeds, for garnish (optional) green onions, for garnish (optional)

Toss chicken tenders with 2 tablespoons sweet chili sauce and 1 tablespoon sriracha. Drizzle with sesame oil.

Preheat air-fryer to 400 F. In two batches, without overfilling basket, air fry chicken tenders, turning basket halfway during cook time, 10-12 minutes, or until chicken is

golden brown and cooked through. Prepare rice according to package directions. Stir mayonnaise with remaining sweet chili sauce and sriracha until blended. In large bowl, toss coleslaw mix with 1/4 cup bang

bang mayo sauce. Divide rice among four bowls. Top with chicken, coleslaw mix and cucumber. Drizzle with remaining

- bang bang mayo sauce. Garnish with toasted sesame
- seeds and green onions, if desired.



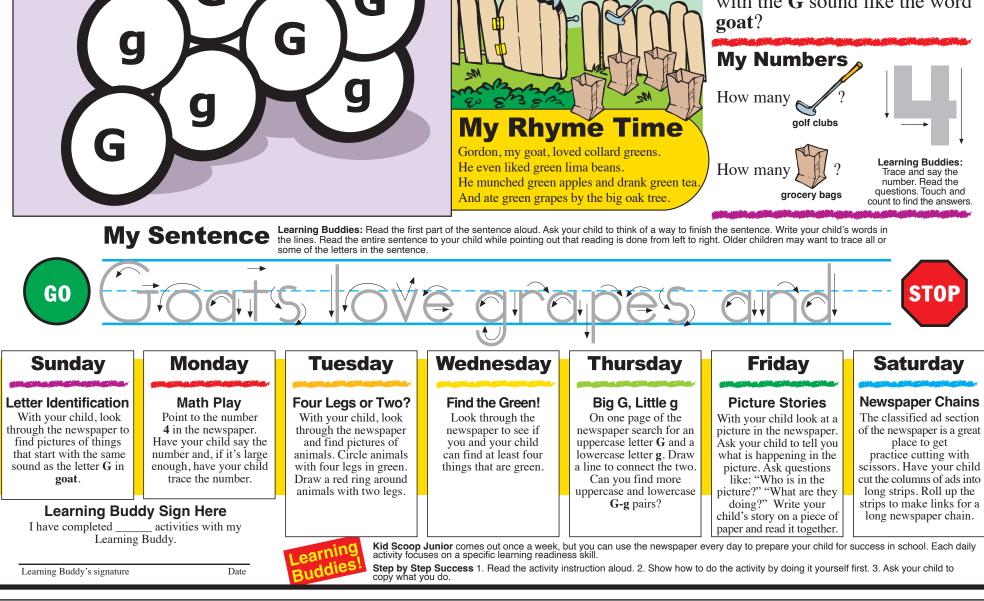
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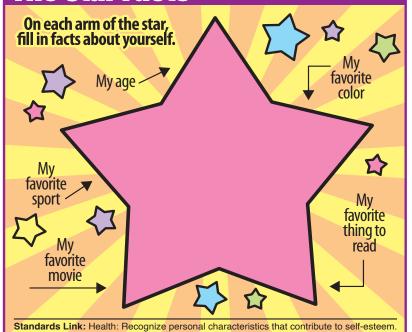


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