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Family altercation turns deadly

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A family altercation turned deadly last week.

On Tuesday, September 17, deputies from the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) responded to a double shooting that left one victim dead and another injured. A third person was arrested.

"Deputies responded to Barnwell City Fire Department and Hwy. 64 in the Friendship

area in reference to a related shooting incident. The victim at the fire department was transported to the hospital for treatment. Upon arrival on Hwy. 64 residence, Matthew Shane Baxley was found deceased," stated Sheriff Steve Griffith.

At the fire department, victim Harvey Joyner was treated by firefighters until EMS arrived to take him to the hospital. He had suffered a gunshot wound to his face. However, he has since been released and returned home, according to his daughter Teresa Grubbs in a Facebook post. She

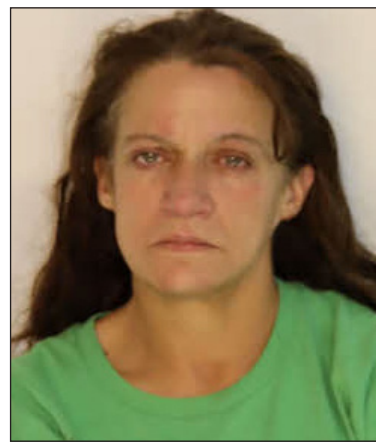
asks people to "continue to pray for healing physically, mentally and emotionally."

At the Highway 64 scene, 31-year-old Matthew Baxley was pronounced dead by the coroner and his mother, 49-year-old Julie Baxley, was taken into custody and later charged with Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime and Attempted Murder (in connection to the shooting of Joyner). A bond hearing was held September 18 where bond was denied. Baxley is related to Joyner.

"While this is an ongoing

investigation and further details cannot be released, the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office has no evidence that there is any danger to the public as a result of this incident," stated the sheriff's office.

The BCSO provided a heavily redacted incident report where about five of the six pages were blacked out. The sheriff cited the active nature of the investigation, how it's a "complicated situation" and how they are awaiting test results, said Griffith.



Julie Folk Baxley

See SHOOTING, 8A

Can small towns have big fun? BINGO!



The Town of Hilda held its second annual BINGO Night on Sept. 14 at the Hilda Depot.

ABOVE: The "A Team" committee members Amy Roberts, Allison Beasley, April Hutto, and Angela Sharpe with big winner of the night, Ayla and her friend Alana!

AT LEFT: Leigh Towne and grandson Mason enjoyed attending the event. Mason even won a prize.

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Two events seek to bridge gap between community, law enforcement

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The Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) hopes to build relationships with the community at two upcoming events.

Law enforcement around the world are under intense scrutiny and some members of the public view law enforcement with fear. The BCSO wants to change that perception.

"Our agency continues to work towards being a beacon of light with the community that we serve. One such way is the implementation of various programs that encourage law enforcement and community unity which in turn strengthens/builds trust, while establishing a strong foundation of transparency, interaction, and collaboration with the communities that we serve," said Lt. Eric Kirkland, community relations deputy for the BCSO.

On September 28 beginning at 10 a.m., the BCSO will host the 4th Annual Law Enforcement Expo at the Barnwell County Airport. Various law enforcement agencies from across the state will be on hand to showcase equipment and engage with the public. Various

vendors representing schools, churches, colleges/universities, food vendors, and organizations alike will also participate.

"Our agency prides itself on the positive success of our youth and offer opportunities for law enforcement and youth collaboration. At our expo, we will have some of our youth working in unison with us," said Kirkland.

On October 1 beginning at 4 p.m., the BCSO will host the annual National Night Out at Veterans Memorial Park in Barnwell.

"Each year communities across the nation partner with law enforcement nationally to celebrate taking a stand against crime. It is our hope that can successfully unite with our community for this event," said Kirkland.

Law enforcement will be on hand from various agencies along with our community. Free toys will be given to all the children who come along with other items shared by community participants.

"As an agency we will continue our efforts to protect and serve the citizens of this county. These events are just a couple of ways in which together we can make our community better," said Kirkland.

Plant it Pink event to be hosted by Blackville Garden Club

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For the second year in a row, the Blackville Garden Club (BGC) will participate in the Regional Garden Club of SC's "Plant it Pink" Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign in front of Russell's Pizza on Wednesday, October 2 from 11 a.m. through lunchtime.

Attending club members will supportively be wearing pink and encourage the community to stop by for information, snacks, pink flower seeds, stickers, etc. and the opportunity to join them in support of this important cause.

BGC Recording Secretary Marla Jameson said, "Last year's event was such a success and so warmly welcomed and supported by the community, that we hope to make this an annual event."

As you drive through Blackville along Main Street during the month of October, you'll notice Pink Ribbons hanging from the light posts. Three hundred yards of ribbon for the bows, made by Jameson and to be hung by various club members, was generously donated by James Carroll, owner of Carol's Florist on the Circle in Barnwell, who said he is "happy to support breast cancer awareness along with the BGC."

Pink ribbons became symbolically recognized for National Breast Cancer Awareness in 1992 to support those who have been diagnosed with, are battling, or recovering from the disease.

October 1985 brought the origination of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in partnership with the American Cancer Society and the pharmaceutical division of Imperial Chemical Industries. Their combined efforts promoted mammograms as a most effective step in the fight against breast cancer.

BGC's co-president, Darlene Brandt, is herself a breast cancer survivor and shared, "I was very fortunate to have discovered

the lump very early and had a Lumpectomy a month later. I went through chemo for 5 months and had 32 radiation treatments." Brandt has been cancer-free for close to five and a half years now. "Early detection is the key to survival and could save your life," she said.

Because of awareness and early diagnosis, to date there are more than 4 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.

BGC would like to give a special thank you to Russell's Pizza for once again offering their Blackville location to welcome BGC members to set up outside their front door in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.



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Algal blooms, both toxic and nontoxic, have been a persistent issue at Lake Edgar Brown since it was fertilized by phosphorus in the 1970s.

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Algae blooms and fish kills: Inside Lake Edgar Brown's ecological turmoil

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In Barnwell County, Lake Edgar Brown is a beloved attraction that brings visitors from surrounding counties, and contains teeming populations of largemouth bass, turtles, alligators, catfish and bluegill.

Yet, the lake is also known for frequently experiencing overgrowths in harmful algal blooms (HABs), with community conversations reemerging in July after locals reported dead fish washing up on the lake's shores. Concurrently, local public officials and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have begun efforts to clean up the lake's waters and turn it into a tourism destination.

Fertilizer runoff and excessive heat are the common explanation for HABs, which sicken freshwater ecosystems and have adverse health effects on humans. As greenhouse gasses from burning fossil fuels continue raising the temperature of Earth's lakes and oceans, HABs are becoming more likely, particularly in freshwater, according to Climate Central, a science non-profit.

But documents from the South Carolina Department of Environmental Control (DHEC) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reviewed by *The People-Sentinel* provide a larger picture; Lake Brown's pollution dates back decades, with the lake's ecosystem having been unstable since its inception.

A polluted history
Lake Brown was first created in the early 1960s by damming Turkey Creek, which flows through the City of Barnwell from the outskirts of Elko before joining up with the Salkehatchie River south of town.

In 1968, Turkey Creek was diverted around the lake. Since then, the only source of water to the lake has been rainwater and runoff, and the lake has no tributaries, according to a report by DHEC's Bureau of Water.

The original intention was to build a fishing lake for the community. But in order to build an ecosystem that would support a large population of fish, the city first needed to fill the lake with algae, a foundation of a freshwater ecosystem's food chain. So, the 96-acre lake was fertilized with 3,858 pounds of phosphorus (a nutrient that encourages plant growth) every year between 1968 and 1977, according to the Bureau of Water report. All told, 38,581 pounds of phosphorus were dumped into the lake.

At a certain point, a pipe was built underneath the land barrier that separates Turkey Creek and Lake Brown to keep fresh water flowing into the lake. But over time, mud and debris closed the pipe, according to Barnwell County Council chairman Jerry Creech.

The phosphorus overperformed. DHEC



DNR has plans to connect Turkey Creek (pictured above) with Lake Edgar Brown in order to provide the lake with a tributary of fresh water.

scientists reported that the lake's ecosystem was quickly transformed as HABs of polycystic aeruginosa — a pathogen with a wide variety of adverse health effects ranging from infection and burns to respiratory issues — filled the lake's waters. Harmful algal blooms were not just occurring during the typical summer months but also during winter, DHEC reported.

As algal blooms exploded, the lake's pH levels rose above the state's water quality standard; during photosynthesis, algae release hydroxide as a byproduct. With no freshwater tributary to flush out the excess phosphorus, the dammed-up lake's ecological issues persisted throughout the 1980s and 1990s.

Oxygen levels in the lake also fell. In 1988, DHEC sent the United States Congress a Clean Water Act water quality assessment that ranked Lake Brown as the third highest minor lake in South Carolina by eutrophication. In other words, the lake was the third highest in the state for its excess amounts of nutrients that encourage the growth of aquatic plant life like algae at a cost to oxygen levels and animal life.

"[In] a well-balanced ecosystem, every single component occupies its own niche, including the predator-prey relationship and other forms of competition," said Meiyin Wu, an aquatic ecologist at Montclair State University. "Sometimes, a certain change would tip the balance in one way. In this case, when you have an overgrowth of [algae], that causes the components that keep them in check to become less dominant."

Between 1986 and 1995, 99 percent of test samples from Lake Brown exceeded EPA phosphorus recommendations: "The lake no longer possesses a balanced indigenous aquatic community," the DHEC document states.

In 2000, the lake was among a DHEC list of bodies of water in South Carolina that were "violating aquatic life standards," which was sent to the EPA. The Bureau of Water report recommended reconnecting Turkey Creek as a tributary to Lake Brown to decrease phosphorus loads in the lake.

"As long as the flushing rate exceeds ... growth rates, recurring algal blooms will not be a problem," the Bureau of Water report stated. "A 77 percent reduction in phosphorus loading will be necessary to meet water quality standards during the critical period."

But Turkey Creek also struggles with high levels of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAs), a group of toxic chemical compounds often called "forever chemicals" that never break down and are associated with adverse health effects on both humans and animals. DHEC tests from April 2023 found PFAs levels in Turkey Creek at 746 parts per trillion, over 186 times the EPA's limit of four parts per trillion.

Lake Brown has also been tested for PFAs, which can accumulate in the flesh of fish. Industrial PFAs pollution in the local watershed has been previously reported by *The People-Sentinel*.

Modern problems
Both toxic and nontoxic algal blooms have persisted at Lake Brown in recent years, most notably in 2020, when DHEC issued a recreational water advisory following the discovery of HABs in the lake's waters. At the time, DHEC's manager of aquatic science programs, Bryan Rabon, said: "Until further notice, no one should swim, wade or come into contact with the water or scum, foam or algae at Lake Edgar Brown."

The extent to which the phosphorus dumping of the 1960s and 1970s are still affecting the lake's algae blooms are "inconclusive,"

according to Ross Self, Chief of Freshwater Fisheries at DNR. Self believes that fertilizer runoff from other sources, such as local agriculture and roads may also be contributing to the problem.

Self noted that higher levels of fertilization can be helpful for the purposes of cultivating a fishing lake.

"An unfertilized lake in the south is probably capable of supporting 150 or 200 pounds of fish per acre," Self said. "When you start fertilizing you can bump that up to 400 or 500 pounds per acre. When you're managing fish for recreational fishing for the public, you want a robust enough fish population."

The fish kill that occurred in Lake Brown was likely not a result of HABs, Self said. The fish that died were mostly threadfin shad, a small freshwater fish species whose populations are cultivated in fishing lakes to feed larger fish like bass, and are more vulnerable than other fish species to high temperatures.

"SCDNR biologists believe high water temperatures were the likely cause," said Greg Lucas, DNR's public information officer. "The biologists investigating the kill observed that dead fish appeared to be older, post-spawn individuals, and that mortality coincided with a period of extreme heat."

This summer, as Barnwell, Allendale and the broader southeast ricocheted between triple-digit heat waves, *The People-Sentinel* reported that human-caused climate change was making those heat waves more likely, and in one case four times more likely. In addition to increasing atmospheric temperatures, climate change is raising water temperatures, which increases the intensity and frequency of HABs.

"Climate change has a couple different ways it affects harmful algal blooms," Wu said. "We have elevated temperatures

and [HABs] are able to grow faster at hotter temperatures. During drought conditions, water levels are lower and that increases nutrient concentration. We [also] have intensifying storms in North America, which increase runoff and erosion of nutrients."

Ongoing development and solutions

This summer's fish kill and the resurfacing of Lake Brown's ecological turmoil has occurred concurrently with local efforts to transform the lake into a tourist attraction.

The areas surrounding the lake are currently undergoing development. On August 13, the Barnwell County Council approved the third reading of an ordinance to purchase 15 acres surrounding Lake Brown for the construction of an amphitheater, pursuant to a capital project sales tax funding approval.

DNR is also seeking bids to repave the parking lots and boat ramps near the lake, and the city and county are partnering to bring kayaks to the lake. The South Carolina Heritage Trust Program is another group involved in recent efforts to revitalize the lake.

On August 15, biologists from DNR, which manages Lake Brown, met with the Barnwell County Council. DNR has installed what Lucas describes as an "ultrasonic algae remediation device" on the lake.

"Blue-green algae cells contain gas vesicles, which are small, air-filled compartments that allow them to float," Lucas said. "The new remediation device emits sound waves at a specific frequency that causes the walls of these compartments to burst-much like an opera singer shattering a wine glass. The blue-green algae then sinks to the bottom of the lake and dies, leaving fish and beneficial aquatic plants unharmed."

The device, powered

by solar panels, currently floats on the south side of the lake. But the lake remains disconnected from the less stagnant waters of Turkey Creek, which is DNR's next project for the lake.

"In our state budget request, we're requesting funds to install water exchange structures [in Lake Brown]," Self said. "It's a little more complicated than putting a pipe through the dike. We need to be able to control the amount of water going in and coming out."

Self said hydrologists and engineers will have to get involved in constructing a water exchange structure that acts as a long-term solution.

Until then, it may be a while before Lake Brown's ecosystem finds harmony.

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Boutique dawns new age of Blackville businesses

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Family is at the forefront of the Town of Blackville's newest business. Sistas Closet, opened and operated by sisters Rita Pernell, Pearlene Lee, Evelyn Thomas, and Ethel Berry, is offering retail and consignment clothing as well as alterations right on Main Street.

Providing work attire to formal dresses with the ability to make a custom fit, Sistas Closet is aiding in the charge toward increasing local business in the town.

When original plans fell through for the space roughly six months ago, the sisters saw an opportunity to start an entrepreneurial journey together as sisters, friends, and now business partners.

Through many late nights and early mornings, they made it happen.

"We never had time, as sisters, to spend time together," said Rita Pernell. "The Lord allowed us to retire, and now we're here."

The sisters are Blackville natives. They find reward in bringing another opportunity for retail to their hometown and the surrounding region, and supporting the local economy over shopping trips to Aiken or Columbia.

A retail option is something the town has not had for nearly five decades, and the sisters are excited to allow people to feel their best without traveling far from home.

"This is going to be a renaissance for Blackville that you are the start of," said Bob Snead, president of the Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Sistas Closet is part of a recent influx of business in the town; a new grocery store recently opened its doors and two new restaurants and a coffee shop are underway. More specifically, they are part of the national upward trend of women-owned businesses on a local level.

In recent years, Shawnta Harrison opened a storefront for her travel agency Harrison's Travels and Tykesha Jenkins opened The Scoop House.

"What has been really heartening since I started at the chamber is all of the incredible, powerful women that are starting businesses," said Snead. "That is a big trend that is happening nationwide, and we're seeing it here on the local level as well."

According to Snead, 80 percent of the businesses starting out of the Palmetto Innovation Center at the chamber are women-run - many of which receive support and resources through the center's



Sistas Closet is a family operation run by four sisters - Rita Pernell, Pearlene Lee, Evelyn Thomas, and Ethel Berry - with the help of other relatives.



Customers peruse the racks of clothing at Sistas Closet on the first day in business for the Blackville consignment and alteration store. Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

certification as a Women's Business Center by the Small Business Administration.

The sisters are proud to be a part of this movement and serve as local representation for young women looking to start a similar path, as well as honor their late sister in the process.

The journey to business ownership was embarked on carrying the spirit and wisdom of the late Albertha Williams, their sister who died in November 2021.

"We couldn't have this Sista's Closet and not include her in some kind of way," said Rita.

Albertha was a fashionista, according to her sisters. With nowhere to go on a Tuesday night, she would still be dressed nicely. Rita joked there was no such thing as a T-shirt and sneakers for her sister.

"I think that was really key to her being part of this," said Rita. All the sisters agreed they could see Albertha wearing the items they sell in the store.

Albertha worked as a corrections officer at Allendale Correctional Institution (ACI) and bonded with the juveniles she served throughout

her career. She acted as a mother figure, a mentor, and a listening ear to many, so much so they would keep in touch with her after release.

"She was built for it," said Evelyn, who remembers her sister as strong, empathetic, and the guiding hand that was sometimes needed.

The sisters expressed how strong and respected Albertha was to thrive in the environment in which she worked, and how it was fueled by her love for the individuals at the prison.

These sentiments were only heightened when it came to her sisters. When Pearlene was diagnosed with cancer, Albertha served as her caretaker. As she cared for her sister, she too was about to face a similar diagnosis.

Albertha was diagnosed with cancer and had to retire early from ACI. A large party was thrown for her under shady pine trees at the facility.

She helped each of the sisters grow into themselves, and they remember her home as full of food, love, and laughter.

"Bertha held the family together," said Evelyn. Pearlene remembers



Sistas Closet pays tribute to Albertha Williams, the fifth sister of the family. Her memory lives on with the business.

every time they had a disagreement, Albertha would make it right before morning because she refused to go to bed with anger amidst her sisters.

"She said 'I'm not going to go to bed with me and you upset with each other.' That's what I loved about her, she would always make it right before 12 o'clock," said Pearlene.

At the front of the store, a watercolor portrait of Albertha painted by an inmate at ACI can be found in her honor. At the back of the store among the sewing machines and inventory, her memory lives in the fun and welcoming atmosphere the sisters maintain.

Williams' daughters, Shayna and Kawanna, and

her grandson, Tyler Profit, work alongside their aunts in the store in her stead. Tyler, who his aunts thank for his technical support, is still planning on supporting the business after heading to college this fall.

Pearlene and Ethel have been doing alterations for as long as they can remember, learning the craft from other local seamstresses and sewers.

Ethel's experience began a bit in her high school home economics class, but her sewing rapidly increased after taking a job at Blackville Manufacturing alongside the late Virginia Black and the late Mozelle McCathy.

"She made me sit down and sew," said Ethel of

McCathy. Ethel's alterations skills only grew upon starting work at the now closed Burnette's Cleaners in Columbia.

Pearlene got her start in alterations with Dennis Isaac, who had a vision for a dress and needed someone to sew it. The pair made a dress from two different garments.

"If you can drive, you can sew," said Pearlene, explaining the pedal of the machine is like the gas pedal and the lining of the fabric is like the road. Stay steady and in the lines.

Ethel and Pearlene hope to pass on their skills to anyone who is interested in learning, and have already taught other young people the basics of sewing.

Their parents, Willie and Willie Mae Williams, taught the sisters to play to their individual strengths; something they do in the store in their respective roles.

Sistas Closet is located at 505 Main Street in Blackville. Hours are Tuesday through Friday 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Don't pet the "fluffy cows" in South Dakota

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I love exploring new places, meeting new people, and learning new things. That's partly why my job as a journalist is a perfect fit. But it's also why I love traveling to places across our beautiful country and beyond.

For my 36th birthday in July, I celebrated with a trip to South Dakota. My wife and I joined a tour group through Premier World Discovery that included 30-plus other people from all over the country.

To some, South Dakota may not seem like the ideal vacation spot. However, it was perfect for me because it combined my love of nature and history.

Rapid City, SD was our group's home for the week-long excursion after landing at the Rapid City Regional Airport. In a state where prairie, grassland and farmland cover 90 percent of the state, the small airport seemed like it was in the middle of nowhere. But plenty of big adventures awaited.

AMERICAN PRIDE
 Since South Dakota is known as "The Mount Rushmore State", no visit to our country's 40th state would be complete without a visit there. It was our first excursion.

Rows of colorful flags representing every state welcomed us and guided our group to the 60-foot-tall monument. It was incredible to see the craftsmanship that went into carving such a monument that's surrounded by natural beauty. It was also neat to watch a hoop dance by a Native American dancer, a nice tribute to the area's Native American roots.

We later returned for the evening program where the monument was lit up as a park ranger and film enlightened us on the four presidents forever memorialized in stone.

"They illustrated the American experience, but more than that they illustrate what it is to be American. As each of these men contributed to our nation, they contributed to our meaning of what it is to be a part of this nation. They did so through their words and actions. Those words and actions still guide us resonate with us today," stated the park ranger.

Mt. Rushmore honors George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt. They represent the birth, growth, preservation and development of our great nation. They embody the spirit of our nation and served as advocates of freedom, dignity and the ideals of American life.

• **BIRTH:** Thomas Jefferson was the primary draftsman of the Declaration of Independence and later was our country's third president. He "set forth the first ideas of what it is to be American" which include life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. He stood firmly behind his words and beliefs, even though he could have been charged with treason.

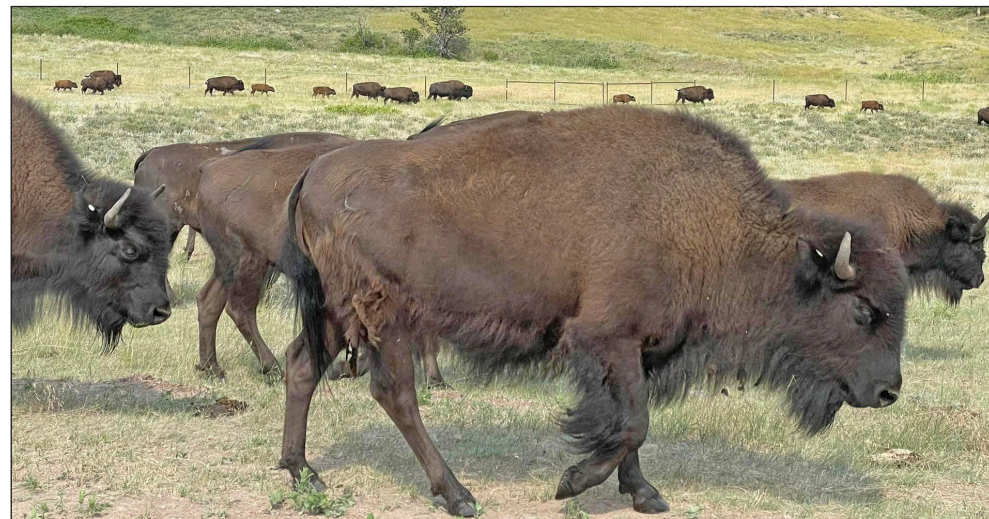
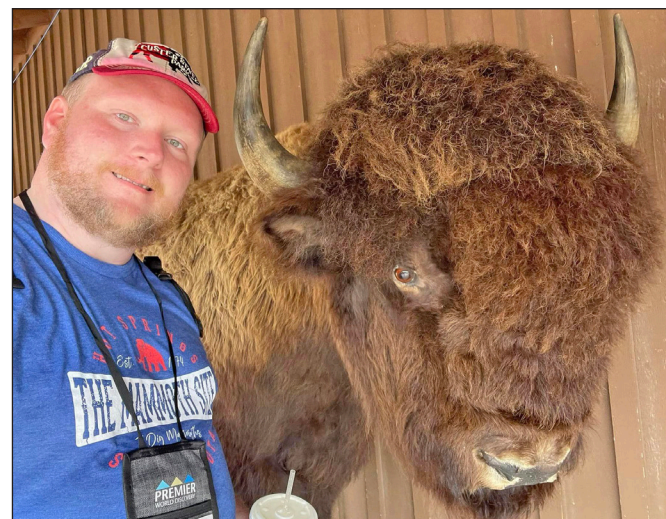
• **GROWTH:** George Washington, the father of our nation, was a strong and successful leader who led his troops through war and later guided the nation through infancy as the first president. He "helped define what it means to be American" which includes answering the call to serve when your nation needs you, "even in times of hesitation and doubt."

• **PRESERVATION:** Abraham Lincoln was our nation's 16th president. With the Civil War looming, he sought to preserve the union and exemplified the ideal that "to be American is to remain united." Though war waged, he never wavered from his commitment to "protect, preserve and defend the American government and its union."

• **DEVELOPMENT:** Theodore Roosevelt, our nation's 26th president, sought to create lasting changes to bring future prosperity. He



Jonathan Vickery and his tour group in front of the iconic Wall Drug store in South Dakota in July 2024.



While it's not recommended to "pet the fluffy cows" - like the bison (above right) - it's safe to take a photo with a fake one at Wall Drug.



State flags welcome visitors to Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota.



A Native American performs a hoop dance at Mt. Rushmore.

sought better conditions for workers and created 230 million acres of land for preservation. He showed how "to be an American is to care for our future generations" by building the best possible future.

Mt. Rushmore reminds us of the heroes, history, leaders, accomplishments, sacrifices and ideals that have made this nation the land of the free. Freedom is America's lasting legacy.

Mt. Rushmore gets a lot of the notoriety, but South Dakota has much more to offer than the iconic monument featuring four of our country's former presidents. The state is filled with scenic wonders, majestic wildlife, Native American culture, unique history, delicious food, old west charm, and some eclectic stops along the way.

NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE

After Mt. Rushmore, we made a short journey to the Crazy Horse Memorial. Like Mt. Rushmore, the Crazy Horse Memorial uses stone to honor a man who is of great importance to our country's past and future. Unlike Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial receives no federal or state money because the founding family wanted no government influence. Instead, it is entirely self-sufficient through fees, merchandise, and donations. Also, Crazy Horse Memorial is not yet completed, despite being underway since 1948, partially due to the funding difference.

The museum at the Crazy Horse Memorial is an impressive tribute to the 19th century Oglala Lakota war leader who took up arms against the U.S. government. He fought to preserve the traditional way of life of the Lakota that was being threatened by the encroachment of White American settlers.

Though it still has a long way until completion, the Crazy Horse Memorial will

eventually depict Crazy Horse riding a horse and pointing to his tribal land. The memorial was commissioned by Henry Standing Bear, a Lakota elder, to be sculpted by Korczak Ziolkowski, whose family still oversees the project.

Seeing the commitment to the Ziolkowski family has to complete this massive undertaking is quite impressive. It's a great example to never give up on your dreams.

SCENIC WONDERS & MAJESTIC WILDLIFE

The natural beauty of South Dakota is vast and ever changing. If you blink, you might miss something. That beauty always surrounded our journey, whether we were on the plane, train, bus or just walking around.

One highlight was the rugged beauty of Badlands National Park, a 244,000-acre colorful home of fossil beds and grassland.

At one point many, many years ago, this place was a sea. It's now dry land with very few trees. Scientists have found no signs of people ever inhabiting this land permanently, likely due to the heat, lack of water and other conditions. Ancient horses and rhinos once roamed this mixed-grass prairie where bison, bighorn sheep, prairie dogs, and black-footed ferrets live today. Rattlesnakes also call the Badlands home, though we thankfully didn't encounter any.

The name "Badlands" comes from the Lakota Indians. Even the Spanish labeled this area "bad country" when they explored the area.

Sweltering temps usually "welcome" visitors to the Badlands in the summer, but our group was fortunate that temps were 20 degrees cooler than normal. It was hot, but fairly pleasant. South Dakota lacks South Carolina's humidity.

A highlight for me was a two-hour Jeep tour to look

for buffalo (technically bison) at Custer State Park. We ran into about two-thirds of the herd of more than 1,300, including several nursing calves. We were within just a few feet of some of them. We also saw prairie dogs, antelope and other wildlife.

Our Jeep driver reminded us multiple times to not stick our arms outside of the Jeep when we were close to the bison. While they appear to be gentle giants, they are fast and will react if they think they or their young are threatened. Awestruck tourists aiming to get the perfect photo shouldn't get too close. According to a T-shirt I bought, "Don't pet the fluffy cows."

During a tour of the Mammoth Site Museum in Hot Springs, SD, we learned about a different type of "fluffy cow" - the now extinct mammoth.

This museum and active paleontology excavation site was built on the site where mammoth bones were found in 1974 during construction of a housing project. The housing project never came to fruition and the landowner donated the land to a non-profit group that started to preserve the bones. Bones of 60 mammoths have been located along with other animals.

Why were so many mammoths found in one small spot? There was a sinkhole in this spot 140,000 years ago, during one of the warmer periods of the Ice Ages. It must have looked inviting with warm water and grass growing around the edges, but the sinkhole had slippery shale lining its steep sides, making it very difficult to climb out.

Though we mostly stayed in South Dakota, we briefly ventured into Wyoming to visit the Devil's Tower national monument. This is our nation's first national monument which was created by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906 under the Antiquities Act as part of the millions of acres he pre-

served during his time as president.

It was refreshing to hike up the trail to get a closer look at the monument and the beautiful views in the valley below.

OLD WEST CHARM & HISTORY

South Dakota is full of unique history, from its prehistoric encounters and Native American heritage to pioneer tales and more.

A lot of this history was on display at the Journey Museum in Rapid City. This impressive museum took us on a journey through three billion years of stories and traditions that connected us with the people, cultures, and science behind the ancient Black Hills and prairies of Western South Dakota.

The Gold Rush and western expansion brought many historic figures to South Dakota, such as Lewis and Clark, Sitting Bull, and General George Custer.

We walked the streets of historic Deadwood, SD, where the colorful characters of Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane, and others once roamed. This Wild West town formed in 1876 during the Gold Rush when prospectors came across a gulch full of dead trees - hence the name. Its charm and history live on.

One interesting fact about Deadwood is that prostitution was prevalent from 1876 to 1980, though it was illegal. However, they got away with it because it was a big money maker. Prostitutes donated money to schools for supplies. After the federal government shut down prostitution in 1980, the town replaced the lost revenue by applying for a gambling license that created many casinos.

We also got to ride a piece of history when we boarded the historic 1880 Train for an hourlong scenic journey through the Black Hills from Hill City to Keystone. These restored locomotives are steam powered by using

recycled motor oil since coal and wood were outlawed in the area.

UNIQUE ATTRACTIONS

No journey to South Dakota would be complete without a stop at the famous Wall Drug.

This started in 1931 as a small pharmacy. However, the town of Wall, SD only had 300 people at the time, so business was slow for the owners in this desolate area. That's when the wife decided to offer "free iced water" to passersby who were journeying out west, including those checking out Mt. Rushmore. They also added supplies and other merchandise. Billboards were installed for hundreds of miles advertising "free ice water", attracting many thirsty travelers.

Wall Drug is no longer just a pharmacy. It's a huge tourist destination, despite the town still being tiny. The 76,000-square-foot complex is filled with a restaurant that seats over 500, many stores, attractions like a gold mining area, fun decor like a moving dinosaur head and mini Mt. Rushmore, and much more. They still have a pharmacy. While it's unlikely you'll leave without spending some money, the iced water is still free.

We dined one evening at the State Game Lodge in Custer State Park. The lodge is over 100 years old and served as the "Summer White House" for President Calvin Coolidge and was visited by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Our amazing vacation ended with a dinner show at Fort Hayes Chuckwagon Supper & Show. It mimics an old west town and includes many buildings to represent an old west town. Some of the buildings are from the "Dances with Wolves" movie set which was filmed nearby.

If you haven't experienced South Dakota, I encourage you to do so. But please remember, don't pet the "fluffy cows."

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Susan Mixson Cleveland

dale County, Dorchester County District 2, Hampton County, Jasper County, Beaufort County, and Glynn County (GA). She impacted the lives, hearts, and minds of countless students through her compassion and innate ability to truly connect with them. She was awarded multiple teacher-of-the-year awards during her career.

Susan was a consummate advocate for the underprivileged, as evidenced from her tireless work and testimony during the "Corridor of Shame" lawsuit - Abbeville County School District, et al. v. State of South Carolina - which took 20 years to reach the landmark ruling that the state had failed its poorest school districts.

An avid Gamecock, Susan was a world-class cook, masterful storyteller, and loved working in her amazing garden.

She is survived by her sons, Hart Cleveland and Joey Mixson; her sister, Helen Hart Engel (Ron); her

brother, Billy Mixson; her grandson, Brooks Mixson; her niece, Alex Rose (Daniel), and her great-niece Arianna Howell. Beyond her family, Susan had many cherished friendships, including her 'bonus children,' Trey Merritt and Robert Harrelson, Brendoris, Ben, Tye, Doobie, Michael Bull, and Jane Morrison Bowden and the entire Morrison family of Estill, S.C.

Susan's graveside celebration of life was held at Swallow Savannah Cemetery in Allendale, S.C. on Sunday, September 22, 2024, at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers and in keeping with her endless love of children, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in her honor.

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

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BLUFFTON - Susan Mixson Cleveland, 72, of Bluffton died on Friday, September 13, 2024, after a brief illness.

Susan was a native of Allendale and was the daughter of the late William Edward and Marlene Hart Mixson. She was preceded in death by her longtime partner, Jeff Adams, of Hilton Head Island.

Having attained her bachelor's and master's degrees in Education from the University of South Carolina, Susan embarked on a distinguished 40-year teaching career that spanned the Lowcountry. Beginning in Barnwell County Schools in 1974, she also taught in Allen-



Donnie M. Davis III

ULMER - Donnie McQuinn Davis III, age 75, passed away Saturday, September 14, 2024.

Mr. Davis was a native of Allendale, South Carolina, and a son of the late Donnie M. Davis Jr. and Sara Ruth Creech Davis.

Donnie graduated from Allendale-Fairfax High School. He furthered his education at the United Electronics Institute and received an associate's

degree. He was an entrepreneur and opened several automotive shops and even taught Auto Body and Custom Painting at Greenville Technical College. He was gifted with his hands and could build a custom car from start to finish. After retirement, Donnie moved to Ulmer, SC, where he continued to work and tinker with cars and machines.

Donnie is survived by three children: Deidre Davis Thigpen (Michael), Daniel Davis, and Cody Davis (Rebecca), as well as four grandchildren: Tyler Thigpen, Emma Thigpen, Stephen Thigpen and Casen Davis. He was excited about the arrival of another granddaughter due this November. He is also

survived by one brother, Mike Davis; a nephew, Justin Davis; a niece, Haley Davis; an uncle, Walter Creech (Elenore); and a host of cousins and extended family.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 21, 2024 at Allen's Chapel Baptist Church in Ulmer, SC, with the Reverend Michael Thigpen officiating. Interment was private. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

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

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Libby Faulkner

you to Gentiva Hospice as well as, nurses Christina Shealy and Pam Randolph for all of their kindness shown to Libby over the last few days.

Born in Barnwell County, SC, she was a daughter of the late Freddie Anderson Elkins and Mary Olive Stevenson Elkins and was married to the late William Faulkner. She was a member of Winfield Heights Baptist Church. Libby enjoyed singing and playing the piano with her family and friends. She also enjoyed doing crafts and shopping.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Hope and Mike McMullen of Williston, SC; brothers, Gene Elkins of Healing

Springs, SC and Jimmy (Denise) Elkins of Williston, SC; sisters, Myrtle Faglier of Barnwell, SC and Jeannette (Bob) Bomar of Williston, SC; a granddaughter, Jenifer (Heath) Gantt; great-grandchildren, Bryce Gantt and Kamryn Gantt; along with a number of special nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother and his wife, Freddie Alan (Mayblane) Elkins.

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

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WILLISTON - A Celebration of Life service for Janie Elizabeth "Libby", 86, of Williston, S.C. will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at Winfield Heights Baptist Church with the Reverend Jamie Wooten officiating.

Libby passed away at home on Sunday, September 22, 2024.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank

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Brenda Russell Brandenburg Lemon



MT. PLEASANT - Brenda Russell Brandenburg Lemon, 81, of St. Matthews and Barnwell, SC, and most recently, Mt. Pleasant, SC, was born January 12, 1943, to Vivian Allen and Charles (Jack) Hampton Brandenburg of St. Matthews, SC. She was married for 58 years to Clinton Calhoun Lemon Jr., and they had three wonderful children, Clinton Calhoun Lemon III, Brian Allen Lemon and Charlotte Suzanne Lemon.

Brenda graduated from Barnwell public schools, lettered in basketball, played clarinet in the concert band and was a majorette in the marching band. In the fall of 1962, Brenda, Clinton and "little Clint" moved to Clemson, SC where Clinton earned a Bachelor of Science degree and Brenda attended Anderson College. The trio relocated to Philadelphia in 1967 where Brenda gave birth to son Brian Allen. The expanded family moved to Greenville, SC in 1969, where Charlotte Suzanne was born. In 1970, the young Lemons resettled in Mt. Pleasant, SC where countless lifelong

friendships began. In 1980, Clinton, Brenda, Brian and Charlotte returned to Barnwell. In April 2024, she traveled to Germany and Prague on her bucket list trip including visiting the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin with her children and their spouses.

Brenda was a vibrant person who had an infectious smile and laugh. She was a ray of light that brought joy to those in her orbit. Brenda never met a stranger. As a homemaker she was involved in every facet of her children's lives attending all sporting events, recitals, and special occasions. When they became adults, Brenda traveled to visit them in their homes to maintain the incredible connection she nurtured. Holidays were always in Brenda's home as she used her flair for design and décor to create delicious, traditional, family favorites and amazing tablescapes, mantles, bedrooms, and living areas to show her love. Brenda was truly a talented designer who shared her skills when arranging flowers, furniture, and artwork in the homes of her children, clubs, and events where she was involved. Brenda could cut a rug on the dance floor and had a delightful voice too. Brenda had a knack for telling stories and even though they were often exaggerated, the hilarity made you want to hear them again and again. Brenda Brandenburg Lemon was a woman filled

with love and laughter.

She is survived by her three children: Clint (Camille Smart), Brian (Shawna Cannon) and Charlotte; three grandchildren: Claudia Cannon Lemon, William Grayson Lemon and Nicholas Allen Lemon; and two nieces: Debra Turner Robinson and Kim Turner Jester. She was predeceased by her husband, Clinton Calhoun Lemon Jr., her sister, Vivian Brandenburg Turner; brother, Charles Hampton Brandenburg Jr.; and her parents.

Funeral services will be held in the sanctuary of the Barnwell United Methodist Church Monday, September 30, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. A reception will be held immediately following the funeral in the Reception Hall of the Church of the Holy Apostles, 9357 Patterson Street, Barnwell, SC. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests with appreciation that a donation be made in Brenda's memory to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation ("JDRF"), or to the charity of one's choice.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to McAlister-Smith Funeral and Cremation, Mount Pleasant, 1520 Rifle Range Road, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464 (843-884-3833) and Mole Funeral Home located at 9399 Patterson Street, Barnwell, SC 29812 (803-259-3166).

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Mother and Deaconess Blond E. Simmons



WILLISTON - Mother and Deaconess Blond Eva Gaffney Simmons transitioned to be with the Lord on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at Piedmont

Hospital, Augusta, GA, surrounded by her loving family.

The Home Going Celebration in honor of Mother and Deaconess Blond E. Simmons will be conducted on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Runs Missionary Baptist (717 Williston Road, Beech Island, SC 29853). Burial will be at Summer Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Williston, SC. Visitation will be on Friday, September 27, 2024, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Simmons Funeral Home of Williston, Inc. &

Cremation Service and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Young Rosemary Missionary Baptist Church (1500 Hwy. 39, Williston, SC 29853). Family and friends may call the residence of Mother and Deaconess Blond E. Simmons (1920 Old Barnwell Road, Williston, SC 29853) or Simmons Funeral Home of Williston, Inc. & Cremation Service (13188 Main Street, Williston, SC 29853; 803-266-7808; www.simmonsfuneralhomeofwilliston.com).

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Jo Browning



BARNWELL - Jo Craig Browning, 87, of Barnwell, SC, wife to Willis M. "Bobee" Browning Jr., passed away on September 18, 2024.

Born in Central, SC, she was the daughter of the late James H. Craig and Nell Elizabeth Senn Craig. Jo worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Joe Beard for many years before start-

ing to travel around the southeast with her food concession business. She enjoyed working at the fairs and festivals, where she was well known for her hand dipped corn dogs. Jo was a member of Folly Beach Baptist Church, past president of the Folly Beach Business Club, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her husband, Willis M. "Bobee" Browning Jr.; daughter, Lisa Cabus Holmes (George) of Roswell, GA; grandson, Tiger Ford Cabus; sister, Betty Sanders of Central, SC. Jo is also survived by several nieces, nephews, extended family

and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents and siblings, Edward Craig, Jack Craig, Bud Craig, Margret Kimsey, Hazel Fowler, and Jean Brooks.

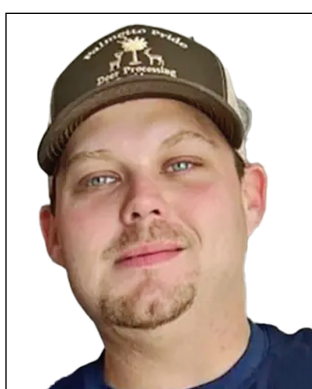
A graveside service was held on Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Mt. Zion Cemetery, Central, SC.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Visit RobinsonFuneralHomes.com or [Duckett-RobinsonFuneralHome & Cremations](http://Duckett-RobinsonFuneralHome&Cremations), Central-Clemson Commons.

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Matthew Shane Baxley



BARNWELL - It is with great sadness that the family of Matthew Shane Baxley announces his sudden passing on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at the age of 31.

Matthew was born in Barnwell, SC, on July 10, 1993. He was often regarded for having gentle, bright blue eyes, the best hugs, and a sweet nature.

Matthew had diverse employment, including butchering at a deer processing facility and working at IGA, and was a cook at Huddle House. He loved hunting and fishing and also enjoyed cooking and grilling.

Matthew will be lovingly remembered by his father, Walter Shane Baxley (Denise); mother, Julie Folk; grandmother, Linda Still (Willis "Rock"); children, Madielyn Skye Baxley, Haelyn Raine Baxley, and Arielyn Layton Baxley; sister, Macy LeeAnna Baxley; step-sisters, Alee Hooper, Baylee Hooper, and Carlee Hooper; as well as numerous relatives and friends.

Matthew was prede-

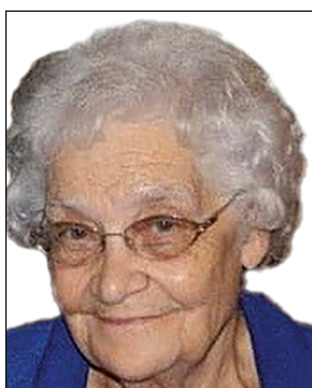
ceased by his grandfather (paternal) Walter Baxley; and grandparents (maternal) Kenneth "Tunk" and Bonnie Folk.

A visitation was held on Monday, September 23rd, 2024 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Mole Funeral Home. Funeral services followed in the Mole Funeral Home Chapel at 2:30 p.m., with Pastor Jamie Shepard officiating. Graveside was held in the Mt. Lebanon Christian Church Cemetery.

Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell was in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com.

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Rose Collins



OLAR - Funeral services for Rose Elizabeth Bell Collins, 89, of Olar, SC were held at 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, SC with the Reverend Timmy Gunnells officiating; burial followed in the South End Cemetery Bamberg, SC. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, September 23 at the funeral home in Williston. Memorial contributions may be given to Memorial and Honor Program St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or you may visit their website www.stjude.org/

memorial.

Mrs. Rose passed away on Thursday, September 19, 2024.

Born in Bamberg County, SC, she was a daughter of the late Reverend Charlie Bell and Nora Sharp Bell and was married to the late Jimmy Riley Collins Sr. She was a member of Bell Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church. She previously worked at the sewing room and retired as the Lunch Room Manager of Denmark-Olar High School.

Survivors include her sons, Terry (Gail) Collins of Elko, Dennis D. (Beth) Collins Sr. of Elloree, Mark Collins Sr. of Elloree, Mark Anthony (Macie) Collins of Olar and Dennis D. Collins Jr. of Olar; a daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Collins; grandchildren, Amanda Widener, Charli (Casey) Cooler, Ariel (Matthew) Bolen, Jeannia (Ringo) Sweat, Renee McKinney, Joey (Michelle) Collins, LeGrand Collins, Dennis Collins Jr., Jessica Collins,

Sabrina Collins, Jamie (Nancy) Zorn, Jeremy (Robin) Eaves, Amy Morris, Isaiah Collins, Isabella Collins, Jessie Collins, Brittany Greenhill, Stacy Lynn Collins and Denna Collins; 23 great-grandchildren; a sister, Margaret Bolen of Summerville; brothers, Jessie (Karen) Bell of Wolfton, Willie (Brenda) Bell Sr. of Texas; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Jimmy Collins Sr. she was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Collins; sons, Jimmy R. Collins Jr. and Randall Gene Collins; sisters, Junelle Bell Sweeny and Virginia Lott; brothers, Joe Bell, John Bell and Charles Bell.

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

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Allendale County Council discusses tax increase, approves tax anticipation note

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The Allendale County Council is discussing a marginal tax increase and recently approved a tax anticipation note, a type of loan that allows local governments to borrow against future tax revenues.

The tax increase was discussed at a September 12 special-called meeting. At the meeting, Allendale County treasurer Vallarie Smith criticized the council for what she believed was a lack of transparency. "You need to be real with the citizens, because you're asking the citizens to pay more money," Smith. "You're not being real and saying, 'We got this in outstanding debt that we need to flip.' We should know how much outstanding debt we got."

Council member Bill Robinson said the county is hiring an intern to help straighten out the county's billing situation. "I feel it's unbelievable that as we sit here today, I cannot tell you how much money we owe out," Rob-

inson said. "It seems like the only way to get a handle on this is to get someone here to go through [everything] since we've been so busy paying bills." Inflation has also been an issue for the county's finances, according to county council chair Matthew Connelly. "Inflation has got us like everybody else," said Connelly. "Insurance [and] retirement is going up, of course the salaries are going up to match our neighbors. Unfortunately, that's where we are."

The approved tax anticipation note was up to three million dollars, which interim administrator Chanel Lewis said was what bond attorneys recommended based on the previous year's expenses. This is an increase from 2023, when the county council approved a \$1.5 million tax anticipation note. "This is a standard financing process that happens in governments across the state," said Lewis. "The bulk of the [tax] revenue, more than 75 percent during this short period between December and March of each year."

The council also discussed the county's lack of an administrator after resident Dean Allen raised concerns during the public comments section. "When are y'all going to actually hire an administrator?" Allen said. "There's never a date that you can call the administrative office and everybody who is employed there is there."

A municipal administrator is typically responsible for looking after the day-to-day activities of county government, like managing budgets, working with elected officials and overseeing county projects. In June 2023, the council terminated Bert O'Rear, then-administrator of the county. Since then, Lewis has been serving as interim county administrator. In October 2023, the county met with O'Rear and his attorney Denny Major in executive session. On September 30, there will be a joint meeting with the Allendale County Council, the Allendale Town Council, the Fairfax Town Council, the Ulmer Town Council and the Sycamore Town Council at 6 p.m. at the James Brandt Building.

Volunteers needed to help local abused and neglected children

The Cass Elias McCarter Guardian ad Litem Program, a division of the South Carolina Department of Children's Advocacy is offering FREE ONLINE TRAINING to those interested in becoming a volunteer Guardian ad Litem (GAL) in Bamberg and Barnwell Counties. Volunteers advocate on behalf of abused and neglected children who are involved in Family Court legal proceedings through the Department of Social Services (DSS).

There are only 2 free virtual training opportunities remaining this year beginning on October 1,

2024, and October 28, 2024. Volunteers should be at least 21 years old, have a clean criminal record, no previous DSS case history, and be able to contribute four to five hours a month of your time for a child. Currently the Bamberg GAL Program is serving 20 children, but there are only 2 volunteer GALs to assist, and Barnwell GAL Program is serving 19 children, but there are only 5 volunteer GALs to assist. While GAL staff fill in the gaps, the need for more volunteers is urgent. "We're always looking for dedicated individuals who are passionate about advo-

cating for children," says LaDara Depugh, Director of the South Carolina GAL program. Visit gal.sc.gov for more information and to download an application. Follow @Cass Elias McCarter Guardian ad Litem Program on Facebook or contact communications@childadvocate.sc.gov to be added to the newsletter for updates and local events in your area. Contact Sarah Schultz, Recruitment and Training Coordinator for the GAL program, at (803) 365-3379 or Sarah.Schultz@childadvocate.sc.gov for more information.

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"I can understand why the sheriff might feel the situation is complicated – it usually is when state power is used to deprive one of its citizens of liberty – but his statutory duty is to identify which exemption is being claimed for the redactions. 'Complicated' doesn't cut it under Title 30, Chapter 4

of the S.C. Code of Laws," said Taylor Smith, a media attorney who represents the S.C. Press Association and its member newspapers. Arrest affidavits for Julie Baxley provide a few details about what allegedly transpired. "In that the defendant shot the victim, Harvey

Joyner, with a .380 handgun during an altercation between the victim, Harvey Joyner, and the defendant's son, Matthew Baxley, in which the victim, Harvey Joyner, shot Matthew Baxley in self-defense," according to the affidavit. The case remains under active investigation.

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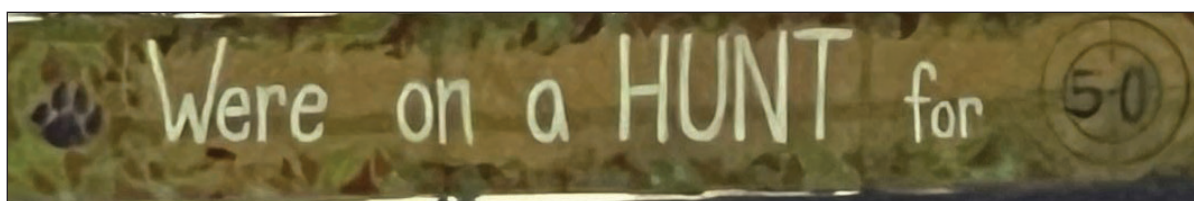
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The Barnwell Warhorses traveled to Swansea last Friday, September 20 to face the 4-0 Tigers. With a win, Swansea's magical season would continue with a 5-0 record, but the Horses from Barnwell ended that streak, defeating the Tigers 14-7, on a beautiful night for high school football.

With the win, Barnwell improved to 4-1 on the season, but this was not an easy victory.

Swansea's defense was tough all night and limited Barnwell's ability to establish long sustained drives. The good news for Warhorse fans was that the Horses' defense was even more relentless, allowing just a single score from the Tigers.

Both teams struggled to move the ball successfully during the first quarter. Each team lost an



The sign says it all. Swansea "was" on a quest for 5-0, but Barnwell ended Swansea's undefeated streak, winning 14-7. Swansea fans may want to get an English teacher to proofread their signs next time.

Photo By: Nicole Maitland

early fumble, and it became more of a battle of field position. When the horn sounded to end the opening period, the scoreboard looked just as it did at kickoff 0-0.

The second quarter was controlled by Barnwell. Short runs and a few pass completions mixed in was what Barnwell used to move the ball and score two rushing touchdowns. Barnwell quarterback Cam Austin found the end zone on a 5-yard run with 4:48 remaining in the half. Lane Evans added the extra point to give Barnwell a 7-0 lead.

Barnwell was able to stop Swansea's answer attempt and

took the ball down for Austin's second rushing touchdown on the night. The 15-yard run with 18 seconds left in the half along with another Lane Evans extra point made for a 14-0 halftime lead for Barnwell. The Horses' defense did the rest.

Swansea was able to connect for a 30-yard touchdown pass in the second half, but the Warhorse defense was able to stop all other Tiger drives and Barnwell secured the 14-7 win. The win snapped the Tigers undefeated streak and the Horses improved to 4-1 on the season.

Cam Austin was 15/24 for

165 yards passing and ran for 79 yards and two touchdowns. Nehemiah Brown rushed for 51 yards. Ja'Quan Peebles had another big night, collecting 100 receiving yards on 8 catches. Kahzeer Wesley had 5 catches for 40 yards.

Barnwell head coach Brian Smith was asked about his team's win over Swansea and said, "It was a great team win tonight. I am proud of the fact that our defense only gave up one score against a very good Swansea offense. Our kids did a great job all week preparing. The scout team players did the best they

could and really helped our defense out tonight by doing their job all week. Offensively it was a tough night to move the ball. They packed the box a lot, and tried to create some issues for us, but our kids fought hard and played really well."

Coach Smith continued, saying, "The biggest thing moving forward is to sure up a few things in the kicking game. We've got to make sure that we continue working hard on the fundamentals each day like we've been doing and not lose focus. Silver Bluff is a huge game for every team and it's no different this year."

Barnwell will hit the road again this week for a 7:30 kickoff at Silver Bluff. Barnwell fans are known for traveling well and the Horses need your support as they face an old rival in the Bulldogs of Silver Bluff. Come cheer your Warhorses on to another win. Go Horses!

Hawks sink the Vikings 20-12

Varsity High School Sports Schedule

Football

Wednesday, Sept. 25

- Barnwell @ Silver Bluff 7:00
- Williston-Elko @ Fox Creek 7:30
- Cross Schools @ JDA 7:00

- Blackville-Hilda (Bye)

Volleyball

Thursday, Sept. 26

- Lake Marion @ Barnwell 7:00
- Blackville-Hilda @ Ridge Spring-Monetta 5:30
- North @ Williston-Elko 7:00
- Holly Hill Academy @ JDA 6:30

Monday, Sept. 30

- JDA @ Andrew Jackson Academy 6:30

Tuesday, Oct. 1

- Williston-Elko @ Blackville-Hilda 5:30
- Bridges Prep @ Barnwell 7:00
- Covenant Christian @ JDA 6:30

Girls Tennis

Thursday, Sept. 26

- Whale Branch @ Williston-Elko 5:00

Monday, Sept. 30

- Barnwell @ Bamberg-Ehrhardt 5:30

Cross Country

Wednesday, Oct. 2

- Barnwell @ Pelion 5:15

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The Blackville-Hilda Hawks traveled to Denmark last Friday, September 20 to face the Vikings from Denmark-Olar. The two local rivals fought a classic back-and-forth battle until Blackville-Hilda scored in the fourth quarter to seal the 20-12 victory for the Hawks.

On paper, this seemed like it might be a relatively easy game for the Hawks who entered the contest at 3-1 and ranked in the top 10 in the state for "A" football. The Vikings came into the game with a record of 1-3. Most everyone knows that you do not play these games on paper and when two local rivals come together, you can throw rankings and records out the window. This was a classic battle between two rivals who are just down the road from each other.

Blackville-Hilda got out to a 6-0 lead in the first quarter, but the Vikings answered in the second quarter to bring the score to 6-6 and that score would stand going into halftime. Fans at this game could tell that the second half would be exciting. The Hawks and Vikings did not disappoint, with both teams scoring in the third quarter to bring the score to 14-12 in favor of the Hawks. This set up a fourth quarter where either team could pull out the win with a single score.

The Hawks started to take control in the final period. Blackville-Hilda added another touchdown and the defense



The Hawks dynamic duo of Jaquel Holman (4) and Samari Williams (8) rushed for more than 200 yards to help lead the Hawks to another win and a 4-1 record.

Photo By: Kelley Wood

would keep the Vikings from reaching the end zone. The Hawks came away with the 20-12 win and improved to 4-1 on the year, while the Vikings fell to 1-4.

Blackville-Hilda head coach Kevin Jones was asked about his team's win over Denmark-Olar and said, "We finished our non-region portion of the schedule with another close and physical game. Any win is a good win and the fact it came in a rivalry game makes it even better. Our kids played hard but we made far too many mistakes during the game. You have to tip your hat to Denmark-Olar because those kids played hard the whole game and they had a plan in place

that caused some issues for us throughout the night. While we are 4-1 headed into region play, I don't feel we have played our best football yet."

Coach Jones continued saying, "We moved the ball on several occasions in the game but got bogged down in the red zone a few times. We had too many mistakes up front in our blocking scheme. Our backs also missed some key blocks and our receivers dropped several passes that would have resulted in big plays."

"We went into the wishbone in the second half to simplify our blocking scheme upfront and to cut down on some of the

mistakes. It worked well for us and we were able to run the ball effectively with Jaquel Holman, Namair Anderson and Samari Williams," he said.

Defensively, Coach Jones said his team "played with a lot of effort again. We had some breakdowns there as well but overall the defense played plenty well enough for us to get the win. We were able to force a couple of interceptions with Kaiden Aiken and Darius Jenkins each getting a pick for us. Our return game on special teams for both kick offs and punts continues to be a bright spot for us."

Blackville-Hilda will get the chance to fix a few of their problems with this upcoming "bye" week.

"We have this week off to clean some things up. As we head into region play, we have to be able to spread it out some on offense and make people pay for being blitz heavy against us. The wishbone is a nice package to have but it isn't something that most teams want to run 100 percent of the time throughout the season, especially when you have guys like we do that can make plays in the open field. We have to cut down on our penalties and be more consistent up front on offense if we want to have a chance to compete for the region," said Jones.

Next week, Blackville-Hilda will begin region play, traveling to face Ridge Spring-Monetta on Friday, October 4. Come out and support the Hawks as they look to improve to 5-1 on the season, but more importantly, 1-0 in region play. Go Hawks!

JDA beats Holly Hill 36-18 in the battle of the Raiders



The JDA Raiders charged out to a 22-0 lead over their namesakes from Holly Hill Academy. JDA would go on to win the battle of the Raiders 36-18.

Photos By: Rose Loadholt



The JDA cheerleaders have had a lot to cheer about as the Raiders have collected four straight wins.

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The Jefferson Davis Academy Raiders hosted the Holly Hill Academy Raiders last Friday, September 20 in a showdown between two of SCISA's best football teams. JDA entered the contest with a 4-1 record and Holly Hill brought in an undefeated 4-0 record.

When all was said and done, the Raiders came out on top. Which Raiders, you might ask? The Raiders who had four wins coming into this game. Wait, that

was both teams. OK, the Raiders who played in the SCISA 8-Man State Championship Game last year. Wait, that was both teams again. The Raiders from Jefferson Davis Academy defeated the Raiders from Holly Hill Academy by an impressive 36-18 score.

JDA always plays a good game against Holly Hill, but this game was in favor of the hometown Raiders from the start. JDA jumped out to a 22-0 advantage before Holly Hill knew what had hit them. A 22-0 score would mean it was over for most teams,

but Holly Hill continued to battle and scored 18 points of their own, but that would not be enough as JDA added 14 more to claim the 36-18 victory.

JDA head coach, Anthony Reitenour was asked about JDA's big win over their Raider rivals and he said, "Friday was a good win for us. We came out and played really strong and went up 22-0 and then we got a little complacent and our intensity died down a little which allowed Holly Hill to scrap back 18 points. We have to fix that and put together four

solid quarters every night. Now, we go back into a rotation of schedule where every game counts toward region standings, the first matchups didn't matter, so while I'm glad we have played strong in SCISA play, we have to continue to work to solidify those matchups the second go around when it matters! We will get back to work Monday to get ready to face Cross on Friday for our homecoming. We ended up being ahead 38-0 with six minutes remaining in the first quarter the last time we saw them, so I expect us to come out

with confidence and jump ahead on them early again this time."

Jefferson Davis is now sitting at 4-1 with a win over Holly Hill Academy. The Raiders know that all of that is good for the first half of the season, but the region games ahead will determine playoff seedings. If JDA is to return to the State Championship Game to defend their title,

they will need to play well the second half of the schedule.

This Friday, September 27, JDA will host Cross Schools, with kickoff set for 7:30. This will also be the Raiders Homecoming game. Come on out and support your JDA Raiders as they work to defend their State Championship title. The Raiders appreciate all of your support.

Raiders volleyball beats Crusaders and War Hawks

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The Jefferson Davis Raiders volleyball team, coached by Bart Owens, faced the Curtis Baptist Crusaders and the Colleton Prep War Hawks last week. JDA came away with both wins to go 2-0 for the week and increased the Raiders record to 9-3 on the year.

JDA's squad is hoping to make a good run in the 2024 State playoffs, but will need to keep improving and winning matches like they did this past week. The Raiders have started playing better and working more as a team as the season advances.

Coach Owens was asked about the Raiders' win over Curtis Baptist and Colleton Prep and he said, "On Sept. 17 we played a region game at Curtis Baptist, and we won 3-1. We started off slowly but we played well in the second set and went on to win the next two sets. It was a big win to keep us undefeated in region play."

During their home game against Colleton Prep on

Thursday, "we started out on fire winning 25-8 in the first set, but then lost the next two sets. We had to win in five sets to get the victory. Our girls are playing very well but we are striving to be our best in October."

"On the season we are 9-3 with our only losses coming against AA and AAA teams so we are doing what we need to do. I keep pushing our team to be better every time we step on the floor. We have key games coming up to finish the season, so playing our best will be important," said Coach Owens.

The Jefferson Davis Academy Raider volleyball team consists of Sydney Owens, Elie Fogle, Carrie Lynn Loadholt, Kaylee Jackson, Rynn Fickley, Mattie Morris, Mason Roberts, Abby Deering, Ava Gozman, Rileigh York, and Riley Williams.

The Raiders will host Holly Hill Academy this Thursday, September 26. The match should start about 6:30, so come on out and cheer these ladies on to another JDA win! Let's go Raiders!



The JDA Raiders volleyball team won two matches last week, defeating both Curtis Baptist and Colleton Prep.

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Barnwell Brawlers compete in first tournament of season

The Barnwell Brawlers had their first 9U tournament September 21 in Evans, Ga. While they didn't bring home the win, they got some great experience and worked out those first tournament jitters! They know what they need to work on and can't wait for their next tournament on October 12.



The Barnwell Brawlers include: (top left to right) Jace Pickelsimer, Brantley Whitehead, Corbin Schumpert, Jaycob Lehman, Peyton Curtis and Christian Sumpter; (bottom left to right) Kole Zorn, Finn Carroll, Mason Proctor, Kylan Still and Dawson Abbott.

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Warhorse volleyball wins three straight

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The Barnwell Warhorse volleyball team has been putting together a good season. This past week, the Horses had three matches and went a perfect three for three in their matches. The Horses defeated the Hurricanes from Hampton County, the Hawks from Blackville-Hilda, and the Cougars from Edisto to collect the three game sweep.

On Tuesday, September 17, the Horses traveled to Wade Hampton to face the Hampton County Hurricanes. Hampton has been a thorn in the side of the Horses for years, but this Warhorse team took care of business and defeated the Hurricanes 3-1 in a Region 7 AA battle.

Barnwell won the first set 25-22 and the second set 26-24. Hampton battled to win the third set 25-20, but that would be their only win as Barnwell closed the match winning the fourth set in a big way, outscoring the Hurricanes 25-9. The win was an important region contest.

The next day, the Horses hosted the Blackville-Hilda Hawks from just down the road. Several girls know their opponents a little better than most. The reason is that some of these girls get to compete

against their cousins when Barnwell and Blackville-Hilda meet. It makes for a more spirited contest, with each wanting to have bragging rights.

This year's bragging rights will stay with the Barnwell girls as they defeated the Hawks 3-0. Barnwell took the opening set 25-16. The second set saw the Horses win 25-17. Barnwell completed the sweep by taking the third set 25-15. The win gave the Horses back to back wins on consecutive nights.

On Thursday, September 19, the Horses would try for their third win in as many days, when they hosted the Edisto Cougars in another region match. Barnwell won the match 2-1 to make it three wins in three days. Barnwell won the match 25-11, 25-26, and 25-21. With the victory, the Warhorses raised their season record to 7-3 and are currently in second place in the region.

Barnwell head coach Kames Furtick was asked about her team's 3-0 week and she said, "We were a little apprehensive leading up to the match at Hampton County because they always bring a good challenge. Their returners are quick and scrappy, and at times, we really lack those qualities. I was impressed with the way our team handled their nerves right off the bat and



The Barnwell Warhorse volleyball team's future is so bright they gotta' wear shades! BHS won three straight matches this past week.

Photo By: Donna Miley

won the first two matches. Hampton was there to play and gave us a run for our money in the third set, but we were able to come back strong for the fourth."

Regarding their Senior Night game against Blackville-Hilda, she said, "No one tells you the pride and the heartache that comes along when your first group of players graduate. When I started coaching in 2019, Rebecca

Richardson and Tiera Arnold were on that middle school team at Guinyard-Butler. Being able to coach all of these girls is truly a pleasure. Their love for the game and their teammates makes each day fun and exciting. Coach Mindy and I are so grateful for the opportunity to honor them on Senior Night."

She continued, saying: "We had a few players step

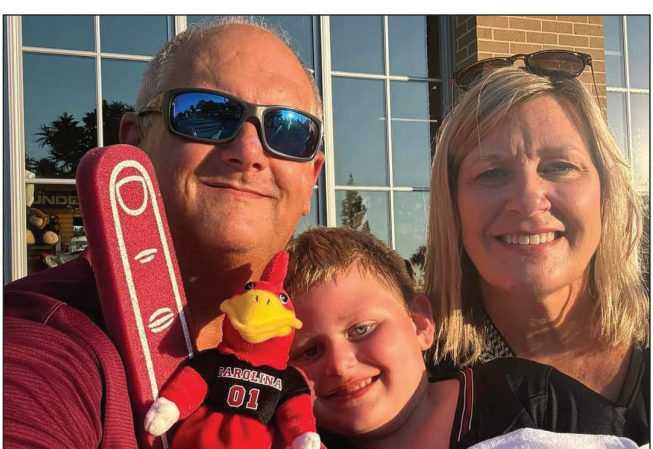
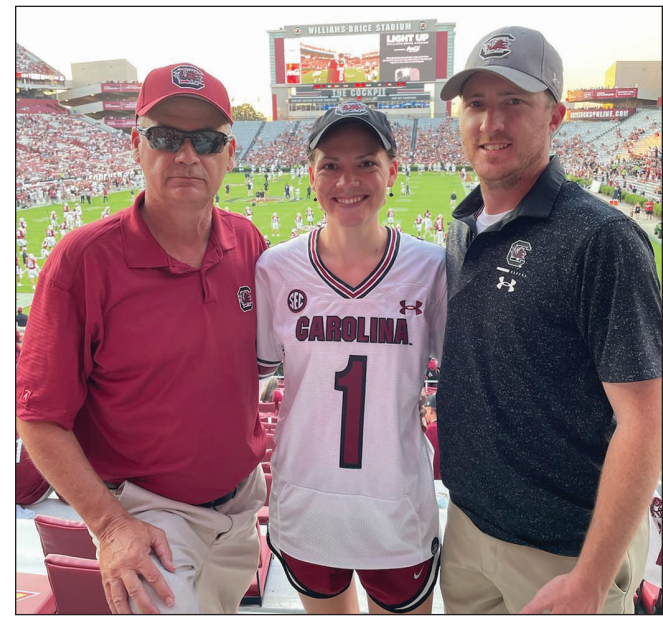
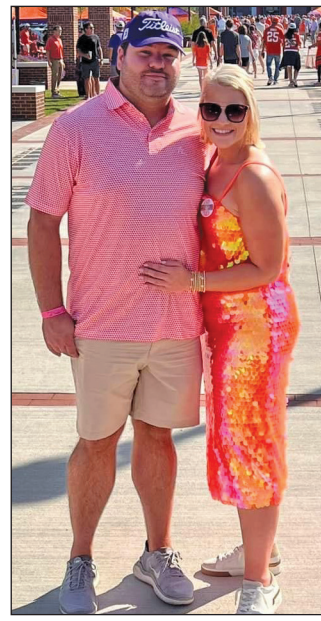
up to showcase their skills at the match against Edisto. Jaidyn was a powerhouse at the net, which hyped up her teammates and really got them on a roll. This win was a perfect example of the depth in our program. While we are losing five seniors at the end of the season, we really have some great talent from all athletes. Every player was able to contribute to our win and I'm excited to see

what happens in the next few weeks in the thick of region play."

Barnwell will host Lake Marion this Thursday, September 26 as the regular season draws to a close and playoffs begin. Come cheer on your Warhorse volleyball team as they try to finish strong and make the 2024 playoffs! Let's go Horses!

Local Gamecock and Tiger fans cheer on teams

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Date of Death: July 23, 2024
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00071
Personal Representative: Mary Darlene Malphrus
Address: 223 Spanish Moss, Ridgeland, S.C. 29936
2024-169 3tp 9-25-24

NOTICE OF SALE
BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. vs. Maria O'Neal; Zacaria O'Neal; Emami O'Neal; C/A No. 2022CP0600218, the following property will be sold on October 7, 2024, at 11:00 AM at the Barnwell County Courthouse to the highest bidder:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL, OR LOT OF LAND WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BARNWELL, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA CONTAINING ONE (1) ACRE. SAID PROPERTY IS SHOWN AND DELINEATED ON A PLAT PREPARED FOR HARRY O' NEAL AND PRISCILLA O'NEAL BY J.J. FOY, R.L.S., DATED THE 15TH DAY OF JUNE, 1988 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT FOR BARNWELL COUNTY IN PLAT CABINET A SLIDE 195 AT PAGE 4-B. SAID PLAT IS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE HERETO. SAID PROPERTY IS BOUNDED, NOW OR FORMERLY, AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: ON THE NORTH BY LAND OF LUTINY SIMMONS FOR A DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED EIGHT AND 7/10 (208.7) FEET; ON THE EAST BY LANDS OF LUTINY SIMMONS FOR A DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED EIGHT AND 5/10 (208.5) FEET; ON THE SOUTH BY LANDS OF LUTINY SIMMONS FOR A DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED EIGHT AND 7/10 (208.7) FEET; AND ON THE WEST BY A SECONDARY ROAD # 663 FOR A DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED EIGHT AND 63/100 (208.63) FEET. Derivation: Book 1268 at Page 32 151 Rj Johnson Rd, Martin, SC 29836 TMS/PIN# 027-00-00-018 SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, BARNWELL COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EASEMENTS AND/OR RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. TERMS OF SALE: A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 30 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.25% per annum. If for any reason the Plaintiff's agent does not appear to bid at the sale, the sale will be deemed canceled. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Barnwell County Clerk of Court at C/A #2022CP0600218. **NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders**

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should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date.
Brian P. Yoho
Attorney for Plaintiff
Richard B. Ness
P.O. Box 100200
Special Referee for
Columbia, SC 29202-3200
Barnwell County
(803) 744-4444
020139-00425
Website: www.rogerstownsensend.com (see link to Resources/Foreclosure Sales)
2024-170 3tc 10-02-24

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Date of Death: May 14, 2024
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00171
Personal Representative: Vivian Workman
Address: 390 Cherry Road, Barnwell, S.C. 29812
2024-171 3tp 10-02-24

SUMMONS FOR DIVORCE
(One-Year Continuous Separation)
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF AIKEN
IN THE FAMILY COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Docket No. 2024-DR-02-411
JENNIFER RENEE SMITH
Petitioner
vs.
WENDELL DOUGLAS SMITH,
Defendant

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you have been sued by the Plaintiff for DIVORCE in the Court indicated above. You must respond in writing to the attached Complaint for Divorce and serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff at the address below within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons upon you, not counting the day of service, or thirty-five (35) days if you were served by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested. If you wish to retain an attorney to represent you in this matter, it is advisable to do so before submitting your Answer to the Plaintiff. If you do not answer the Complaint within the required thirty (30) days, the court may grant a DIVORCE and grant the Plaintiff the relief requested in the Complaint. Date: August 30, 2024
Jennifer R. Smith, Plaintiff
1498 Veterans Road
P.O. Box 721
Williston, S.C. 29853
2024-172 3tp 10-02-24

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Date of Death: November 10, 2023
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00145
Personal Representative: Leona Harley
Address: 182 McDonough Street, Barnwell, S.C. 29812
Attorney: Tameika Devine
Address: 1419 Richland Street, Columbia, S.C. 29201
2024-173 3tp 10-02-24

NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BARNWELL
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
CASE NO. 2024-CP-06-00132
21st Mortgage Corporation
Plaintiff,
-vs-
Cathy Hutto Garcia; Juventino Garcia Gaucin; and the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles Defendant(s).
BY VIRTUE of a judgment heretofore granted in the case of 21st Mortgage

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Corporation vs. Cathy Hutto Garcia; Juventino Garcia Gaucin; and the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles I, James Martin Harvey, Special Referee, for Barnwell County, will sell on October 7, 2024 at 11:00 am, at the Barnwell County Courthouse, 141 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812, to the highest bidder:
All those certain pieces, parcels, lots or tracts of land together with the buildings and improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being Southeast of the City of Barnwell, in Barnwell County, South Carolina, known and designated as LOT 1 and LOT 2, containing 5.00 acres each, for a total of 10.00 acres, more or less, and being more particularly shown and delineated on a plat prepared for Cathy Garcia by Benjamin B. Christensen, PLS 19880, dated December 22, 2020 and recorded April 1, 2021 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County in Plat Slide B140 at Page 5-A; said lots having such metes and bounds as reference to said plat will show, all measurements being a little more or less.
Derivation: This being the identical property conveyed to Cathy Hutto Garcia and Juventino Garcia Gaucin by deed of J. Neal Still, Horry Lamar Still and Debra Ann Still Hutto dated April 21, 2021 and recorded April 23, 2021 in Book 1308 at Page 94 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County, South Carolina.
TMS#: 093-00-00-053 (lot) 093-00-00-053.01 (mobile home)
271 Lebanon Road, Barnwell, SC 29812
Mobile Home: 2020 SNRG VIN: SA4079307ALAB
SUBJECT TO BARNWELL COUNTY TAXES
TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee at conclusion of the bidding, five (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, the same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of noncompliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of the bid or comply with the other terms or the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Special Referee may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the former highest bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. That a personal or deficiency judgment being waived, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. **NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale date.** The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 8.790% per annum. B. Lindsay Crawford, III (SC Bar# 6510) Theodore von Keller (SC Bar# 5718) B. Lindsay Crawford, IV (SC Bar# 101707) Charley F. MacInnis (SC Bar# 104326) Jason Hunter (SC Bar# 101501) Eric H. Nelson (SC Bar# 104712) Crawford & von Keller, LLC P.O. Box 4216 1640 St. Julian Place (29204) Columbia, SC 29240 Phone: 803-790-2626 Email: court@ Crawfordvdk.com Attorneys for Plaintiff
2024-174 3tc 10-02-24

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Date of Death: June 6, 2024
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00066
Personal Representative: Leroy Moore
Address: 399 Martin Street, Allendale, S.C. 29810
2024-178 3tp 10-09-24

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any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Dorothy Marie Ellis
Date of Death: July 31, 2024
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00162
Personal Representative: Harold G. Ellis
Address: 291 Herbert Lane, Williston, S.C. 29853
2024-175 3tp 10-02-24

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Date of Death: July 9, 2024
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00153
Personal Representative: Doyet A. Early III
Address: 345 Cooper River Drive, Mt. Pleasant, S.C. 29464
Attorney: Norma A.T. Jett
Address: Ness & Jett, LLC, P.O. Box 909, Bamberg, S.C. 29903
Co-Personal Representative: Harry Lee Foy Jr.
Address: 111 Hickory Ridge Drive, Central, S.C. 29630
Attorney: Norma A.T. Jett
Address: Ness & Jett, LLC, P.O. Box 909, Bamberg, S.C. 29903
2024-176 3tp 10-02-24

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Date of Death: August 11, 2024
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00079
Personal Representative: Rebecca M. All
Address: 653 Country Club Road, Kline, S.C. 29812
2024-177 3tp 10-02-24

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JOB OPENING - CITY OF BARNWELL

Job Title: Patrol Officer
Department: Police Department
Reports To: Police Chief or Designee
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

SUMMARY FULL-TIME POSITION:

- Respond to and investigate criminal acts as a first responder officer.
- Patrol their assigned jurisdiction/zone to reduce overall criminal activity.
- Secure crime scenes and preserve evidence for further investigation by themselves or responding Detectives.
- Maintain knowledge of federal and state statutes and court cases related to work performed and agency rules and regulations.
- Performs other duties as directed by the Chief or his designee.
- Conducts traffic enforcement operations.
- Makes decisions related to Patrol Division Shift activities that are legal, moral, and ethical; being in compliance with State Law, Federal Constitution, and Departmental Policy.

EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE:
Must be, and/or have the ability to obtain, a Class I certified Law Enforcement Officer certified through the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy within one (1) year of beginning employment. If candidate is not a certified officer, then he/she must also pass a reading comprehension test and a physical abilities test.

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 Estate: Clarence McKnabb
 Date of Death: July 22, 2024
 Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00163
 Personal Representative: Roman Young
 Address: P.O. Box 725, Williston, S.C. 29853
2024-179 3tp 10-09-24

Estate: Dorothy Dragonetti
 Date of Death: August 7, 2024
 Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00082
 Personal Representative: James Dragonetti
 Address: 3302 Barton Road, Fairfax, S.C. 29827
2024-180 3tp 10-09-24

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 Estate: Gloria Gean Myers
 Date of Death: September 5, 2024
 Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00173
 Personal Representative: Reginald Myers
 Address: 3631 Kathys Way, Chesapeake, VA 23323
2024-181 3tp 10-09-24

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 Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00173
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THEME: NBA

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- Port city in Japan
 - *Team ride
 - Nordic native
 - Equipped with feathers
 - Cigarette deposit
 - *Arena, e.g.
 - Not odds
 - Hawaiian welcome wreath
 - Bone hollows
 - *NBA headquarters location
 - *Bill ___ NBA Finals Most Valuable Player award
 - "Roses ___ red ..."
 - *NBA centers typically have long ones
 - Tarzan the ___ Man
 - Cry like a baby
 - 3.26 light-years
 - *"Off The Wall" shoe
 - Living quarters
 - Shop ___ slogan
 - "I'm ___ you!"
 - Got some shuteye
 - Comme ci, comme ça
 - Brandish
 - Ski hill ride
 - Contractor's work order
 - *Basketball blocking move
 - Swedish shag rugs
 - Member of a "benevolent and protective order"
 - Kind of cola
 - Thrice-repeated dance step
 - *Power ___ position
 - *NBA team with most championships
 - Deprive of armor
 - Genetic acronym
 - Plural of ostium
 - Junk yard stuff
 - Geisha's sash
 - *Nickname for 61 Across
- DOWN**
- Bun baker
 - "___ me a seat"
 - From square one
 - Tanzania's northern neighbor
 - Not absorb, nor repel
 - Refuse to comply
 - Wear and tear
 - Bake an egg
 - Sunglasses "glass"
 - Cassino chip
 - Not knit
 - Church sound
 - Lord's subordinate
 - Good ___, book lovers' app
 - Strike caller
 - High school math class
 - Declares to be true
 - Sweat-inducing attack
 - Come in!
 - *The Stilt's first name
 - David Schwimmer on "Friends"
 - Breadth
 - Art support
 - *Shot ___, NBA countdown timer
 - Cobbler's concern
 - Fix a dog
 - Vanish without this?
 - Abscond
 - Conjunction that joins alternatives and negatives
 - Inferior goods
 - Read-only disc
 - Away from port
 - Much ado
 - One time
59. Like pink steak
 60. Sandwich alternative
 61. Abel's big brother
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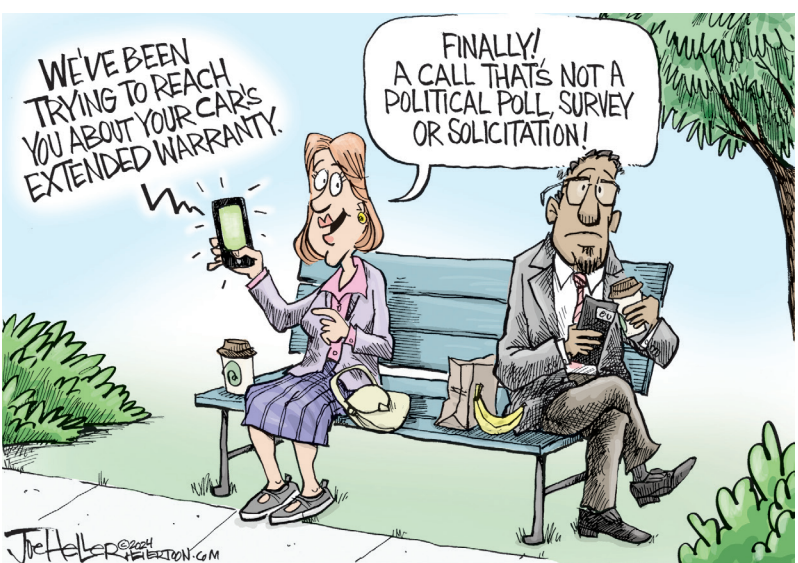


Notice of Tax Increase Allendale County

There will be an increase in the Allendale County millage this year. The increase will be on your tax bill this fall. Inflation has made it necessary to raise taxes in order to provide the same level of services currently provided by the county. County Operations and Fire Millage will both increase to 216.77 and Fire Service to 34.19. The hospital millage remains unchanged at 16. Please see the examples below for the change in Allendale County property taxes.

Appraised Market Value	50,000.00	75,000.00	150,000.00
Owner Occupied 4%	4%	4%	4%
Assessed Property Value	2,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00
Net Change in Tax	38.81	58.21	116.42

Appraised Market Value	50,000.00	75,000.00	150,000.00
Non-Owner Occupied 6%	6%	6%	6%
Assessed Property Value	3,000.00	4,500.00	9,000.00
Net Change in Tax	76.76	115.15	230.29



Letters to the Editor

The importance of downtown revitalization and how you can help

Dear Community,

A thriving downtown is the heart-beat of any community. It's where history meets progress, local businesses flourish, and residents and visitors gather to experience the true spirit of a town.

In Barnwell, our downtown holds the potential to be more than just a pass-through area—it can become the vibrant, active center our community deserves. However, this transformation requires collective effort, vision, and commitment from all of us.

Why Downtown Revitalization Matters

Downtown revitalization isn't just about beautification. It's about breathing new life into our local economy, boosting property values, fostering a sense of community, and improving the quality of life for everyone in the area. A well-developed, pedestrian-friendly downtown attracts visitors, supports local businesses, and gives residents a reason to stay and engage. It's about transforming Barnwell from a town people pass through on the way to another city into a destination worth stopping for.

Revitalizing downtown Barnwell means creating opportunities for new businesses, job creation, cultural events that bring the community together, and improving infrastructure that supports our growth. It's an investment not only in our local economy but also in the long-term well-being of our city.

How You Can Help

Downtown revitalization is not a solo endeavor; it's a community-driven mission. Here's how you can get involved:

1. Support Local Businesses: One of the simplest yet most effective ways to contribute is by supporting local businesses not just downtown but throughout Barnwell. Whether it's buying your coffee from a local café, shopping at a downtown boutique, or dining at

a family-owned restaurant, every dollar spent locally strengthens our economy and encourages more businesses to open their doors downtown and throughout Barnwell.

2. Participate in Community Events: Attend city hall meetings, join public forums, or volunteer for downtown cleanup efforts. Your voice and participation matter. Active involvement ensures that downtown revitalization reflects the needs and desires of our residents.

3. Advocate for Change: Reach out to your local officials and express your support for projects aimed at improving downtown. Be vocal about your desire for more walkable spaces, better infrastructure, and cultural initiatives that draw people into the heart of our community.

4. Spread the Word: Talk to your friends and neighbors about the importance of downtown revitalization. Encourage them to get involved, support local businesses, and stay engaged in local government discussions.

The Future of Barnwell is in Our Hands

The revitalization of downtown Barnwell is not just a government initiative or a developer's project—it's a shared vision for a better future. With the support and active participation of our community, we can transform our downtown.

The road to revitalization isn't easy, but it is worth it. Together, we can make downtown Barnwell a place where people want to live, work, and visit—a place that truly reflects the unique character and potential of our town. It starts with each of us stepping up and contributing in whatever way we can.

Your involvement is most appreciated!

Council members Ricky Dixon and Jana Black Myers, City of Barnwell Downtown Revitalization Committee

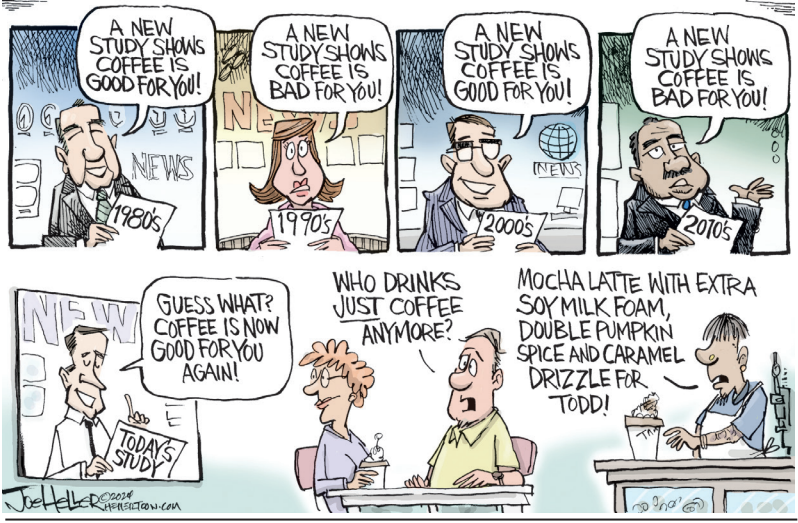
Barker & Myers families grateful for support

The family of the late Gloria "Gean" Barker Myers would like to send a special thank you to everyone that showed acts of kindness during the passing of our loved one. Your calls, cards, texts, visits, meals, beautiful floral arrangements, and

prayers were certainly appreciated. Your acts of kindness will never be forgotten.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers and we will do likewise.

The Barker and Myers (Reggie/Jerrell) family



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Column

BBB offers tips to avoid impostor schemes



Kelvin Collins

Better Business Bureau

A few weeks ago, I noted that a scammer secured the top spot for types of fraud reported to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in 2023, with related losses of \$2.7 billion. BBB has received similar reports of impostor related schemes on our BBB Scam Tracker site.

There's a variety of scenarios that can fall under impostor scams, including people pretending to be your bank's fraud department, the government, a relative in distress, a well-known business, or a technical support expert.

Currently, consumers and employees are reporting a trend in receiving urgent sounding emails from "businesses" claiming that a subscription or membership is about to expire. The emails typically ask for the recipient to click a link to provide payment information - and some even offer a "special deal" or discount for updating your payment information immediately.

Other emails contain messages claiming that your subscription has just been renewed and these typically contain a link to a payment confirmation page or include a receipt as an attachment. Very similar messaging is coming over via text messages as well.

It can be extremely difficult to recognize an impostor's email versus a valid email. They may make an effort to add authenticity to the email by including the impostor's business's logo and contact information. You may even receive an email around the time a valid subscription has expired or will be expiring. (This could be coincidence or might be a sign that your account information was gathered as part of a data breach).

Unfortunately, if you click on the link and provide your credit card information on their payment page, your information and finances are now at risk for several reasons. Your

card will likely be charged for a bogus fee and the scammer now has your personal and financial information. If you open an attachment - depending on the type of file - or if you click over to a website that's associated with the payment link, the sender could also be unknowingly downloading spyware or malware on to your computer or phone.

The key to avoiding these schemes is to ensure that you don't allow yourself to be pulled into the urgency of the message. Instead, devote a few minutes to doing your research to verify if the message is valid. This can help you avoid losing money and the headaches of resolving ID theft. It may be as simple as logging into your account by using what you know is a valid account link.

Here's some additional steps you can take to avoid impostor email or texted phishing scams:

• Take a second look at the email. There are several red flags that identify phishing emails. Look at the sender's email address - if it's a long string of numbers and letters that don't make sense, or if the email address just doesn't look right, it's likely an impostor. Scare tactics and urgent requests are also quite common for phishing emails, as are spelling errors and poorly written emails. You can also read BBB's tips on how to recognize a phony email for more red flags.

• Contact the authentic business to confirm the email. If you're unable to confirm the validity of the email on your own, call the business's verified phone number directly (don't use any phone numbers that are included in the questionable email you received) and confirm your account details with them.

• Keep track of your subscriptions and any auto-renewing payments. Keep track of any subscription or membership renewal dates and the anticipated charges on a calendar so you know when to expect them. That way, you can have a better idea of determining when a subscription renewal email is fake or not.

• Think twice before providing payment for something you didn't initiate. Make it a habit to not pro-

vide your payment information to anyone in response to a message if you did not initiate a purchase or conversation. Be especially wary of any request to pay with your bank account number, prepaid credit cards, digital wallet apps, or wiring money. These usually serve as a red flag, as those are typically untraceable forms of payment.

• Check with BBB Scam Tracker. If you're questioning an email you received from a business, look up the details on BBB Scam Tracker and verify if anyone else has received the same type of email. This can help you verify whether or not the email is fake.

• Once you verify the email is fake, report it as spam and delete it. Your email provider may provide an option for you to mark an email as spam. If you've verified that the email is a scam, report it and delete it right away. If you receive any fraudulent messages by text, copy the message and report it to the number 7726 (SPAM). This helps your wireless provider spot and block similar messages in the future.

We also encourage you to share your experience on BBB Scam Tracker. This helps others stay informed about the types of fraud that are targeting our area.

More information can be found on bbb.org, including additional information on impersonation scams, and how to avoid impostor scams. BBB also offers several tips on how to spot a scam, like how to identify a fake website, a scam text message, or a phony email.

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

Have confidence in state's elections



Andy Brack

Statehouse Report

myths, old-wives tales, rumors, outlandish conspiracy theories and fake news developed by un-American cynics who want to stir up trouble.

Across the nation, countless audits of state and county election processes after the 2020 election consistently showed one thing: America's elections are conducted professionally, transparently and with real accountability.

And while there may be an issue here or a problem there during the closely-monitored elections, most tiny snafus are because people - not machines - screwed something up, as explained by Howie Knapp, executive director of the S.C. Election Commission.

"We conducted audits of the [2020] election, and every county publicly tested their machines at the time," Knapp said. "It was as perfect an election as we could have gotten under the circumstances that we had in November 2020."

There's no corruption in elections in South Carolina, he told us this week emphatically, elaborating with this: "If there are issues with the system, it's incompetence. For an election to be rigged in this state - I'm not including municipal elections - everybody from myself and my commission to the poll managers would have to be on the same page."

"We'd [have to] be tighter than the mafia," he said. "If people think that is possible, they're giving the government way too much credit."

Repeat: No corruption. No collusion. No rigging. No voter fraud.

But occasionally in anything in which 2.4 million people do something on the same day, there will be small problems.

"We have poll managers, you know, turning away voters because, for whatever reason, their name didn't come up on the electronic poll book,

or just not doing procedures correctly. And that comes from a lack of training."

So it's people problems, not machine problems.

"We've had a lot of turnover with county directors and poll managers and poll workers around the state," he said.

Since 2021, the state has lost 80 percent of its county elections directors," which Knapp said concerns him.

"If people are skeptical and they don't have an agenda other than just finding out the truth, we encourage them to volunteer as poll managers so they can see firsthand what the system is about," he said. "We're not hiding anything."

"We're doing everything we can, from testing it on the front end, getting people trained who are skeptical and auditing the results. I mean, there's nothing else we can do besides telling people what we're doing. ... We're being as transparent as possible."

Yep, that sounds like a big old conspiracy - to invite people in to see what's happening.

A recent survey by the Election Commission showed 82% of South Carolinians had confidence in the state's election system. And 95% said they thought polling places were organized and well-run. Those numbers can improve with more education, a continued commitment to transparency and accountability, and people starting to really question the looney Internet mess about rigged elections.

Participate in this year's elections. It's one of every citizen's greatest powers. If you're not registered, fill out the form and register. Your window is narrowing.

Andy Brack is editor and publisher of Statehouse Report and the Charleston City Paper. Have a comment? Send to: feedback@statehousereport.com.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.axis1.org.
10:30-11:30am

1st 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

Every Fourth Monday Barnwell County Republican Meeting
2269 Ashleigh Road Blackville, SC
6:30-7pm social time
7-8 pm meeting

Meeting every 3rd Tuesday Barnwell County Lions Club
YMCA Broad room. Come be a part of the largest service organization in the world. If you or someone you know has a vision problem then you need to be a Lion. Help us help those in need.
Dinner 6pm
Speaker 6:30pm

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 coordination, muscle tone 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 Rm. 200 (nook).
3-4pm

Thurs., Sept. 26 Allendale Barnwell Counties Disabilities and Special Needs Board of Directors Meeting
In the large conference room at 20 Park Street, Barnwell, SC.
12pm

Sat., Sept. 28
Law Enforcement Expo
Barnwell Regional Airport 155 Airport Rd., Barnwell. Fun for the whole family. Fun activities for kids. Free food. Variety of law enforcement agencies and BSCO community partners. Contact Lt. Eric Kirkland, 803-300-9992.
10am-2pm

Town of Hilda's Festival Beauty Pageant
Barnwell Elementary School, 10524 Marlboro Ave, Barnwell. Beauty, Western Wear, hair, eyes, smile - \$60
Groups: (Age as the day of the pageant)
Boys: 0/1 mos, 12/23mos, 2/3, 4/6, 7/9, 10&up
Girls: 0-1 mos, 12-23 mos, 2yr, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13-15, 16-19, 20&up
For more information or applications contact Melissa Goliver 803-300-8299 or Jeanette Knight 803-671-3570
Email to mbonnette1@gmail.com.

Fish Fry Fundraiser
To help support feeding the local community.
Ned Branch Plaza, Barnwell
\$6 dinner includes: fresh fish, bread, chips and drink.
www.feedingdreamsforall.com
11am until sold out

Sun., Sept. 29
Do you love horses?
Come find out what the Barnwell 4-H Horse Club is all about. For youth ages 8-18.
King George's Lavender Farm, 490 Daisy Lane, Barnwell.
For more information: Holly Dana 803-300-4420 or Cindy Strickland 203-376-6733. Join 4-H at Clemson.edu/4h
1-2pm

Tues., Oct. 1 Barnwell County National Night Out 2024
Taking A Stand Against Crime Together. Police, Community Partnerships.
Barnwell County Veterans Park, 323 Fuldner Rd., Barnwell. Free toys for all children.
For more information contact Lt. Eric Kirkland, 803-300-9992 or ekirkland@barnwellcounty.sheriff.net. **4-7pm**

Tues.-Thurs, Oct. 1-3 Annual Fall Revival 158th
Jordan Baptist Church 2141 Jordan Rd., Barnwell. Guest speaker will be Rev. Billy Smith, Building King Ministry, Ridge Spring, SC
7pm nightly

Thurs., Oct. 3 Community Capital Sales Tax Informational Meeting
Barnwell County Library. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.
6:30pm

Town Hall Meeting with Rep. Lonnie Hosey
Presented by The Big 7 Association.
Willie E. Landrum Gymnasium, Hagood Ave., Barnwell. If you are a constituent of Rep. Hosey's District 91, you are encouraged to be in attendance.
6:30pm

Fri., Oct. 4 AARP Drivers Safety Course
Generations Unlimited, 11403 Ellenton Street, Barnwell, SC 29812
To register call: 803 300-9488
9am-1pm

Sat., Oct. 5 2024 Family and Friends Day
Jordan Baptist Church 2141 Jordan Rd., Barnwell. (Come out for a day fun, food, fellowship, music, games etc). Treasie's Snack Shack food truck will be there. **10am-2pm**

Sun., Oct. 6 158th Church Anniversary Celebration
Jordan Baptist Church Guest speaker Rev Freddrick Quattlebaum, Christ Temple Outreach Ministry, Augusta, GA. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND 11am

Rosemary Baptist Church 144th Church Anniversary Worship Experience
Barnwell. Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. Cave, guest speaker.
2pm

Sat., Oct. 12 Williston Craft & Vendor Event
Williston Hope Lodge, 13088 West Main St., Williston. Jo Owens 803-300-0404 Tammi Butler 803-480-3416
9am-3pm

Sat., Oct. 12 Hilda's Hometown Festival
Live entertainment including a street dance with Cody Webb, parade, kid zone, train rides, bake sale, food trucks and vendors, axe throwing, car cruise-in, and more!
Email hildashometownfestival@gmail.com or follow Hilda's Hometown Festival on Facebook for details. **10am-9pm**

Sun., Oct. 13 2024 Aiken Buddy Walk
Hosted by Upside of Downs of Aiken on the Quad on the University of South Carolina Aiken campus (471 University Parkway Aiken SC 29801). We hope you will join us for a fun and heart-warming day promoting awareness, acceptance and inclusion of individuals with Down syndrome. https://charity.pledgeit.org/aikenbuddywalk. The Aiken Buddy Walk is a free event. For more information, please contact Jenny Hall at info@aikenupsideofdowns.org or 803-646-4043.
Check-in and family fun activities start at 1pm with the walk starting at 3:21pm.

Sat., Oct. 19 Autumn Candlelight Tour
Ninety Six National Historic Site, 1103 Hwy 248, Ninety Six. Explore history by candlelight along the one-mile trail as living historians present historical scenes. Tours last about one hour and 15 minutes. Final tour starts at 9:00pm. A FREE event but reservations are required.
Reserve your spot through Eventbrite after September 8th. Phone: 864-543-4068 ext. 3, email Adrian_Stewart@nps.gov, website: www.nps.gov/nisi/
6:30-10pm

Williston's Trunk or Treat
Academy St. Field **6-7:30 pm**
**The Town of Williston will be observing Halloween on October 31 from 6 to 8 pm.*

Fall Fest Gospel Program
Sponsored by The Traveling Stars of Blackville and Soul Survivors.
Fair Branch Baptist Church (1275 Weeks Road, Williston) Contact Sister JoAnn Wiggins at (803) 300-9180.
3pm

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 19 & 20 Autumn Encampment
Ninety Six National Historic Site, 1103 Hwy 248, Ninety Six. Experience what life was like in the Carolina backcountry at the start of the American Revolution. Featuring guided tours, interpreters in period clothing, musket demonstrations, cricket games, National Park Museum & film. FREE event!
864-543-4068 ext. 3, or email Adrian_Stewart@nps.gov. Website: www.nps.gov/nisi/
Sat. 9am-4pm
Sun. 9am-3pm

Fri., Oct. 25 Williston Homecoming Parade
West Main to Warren Street in Williston
5 pm

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

Barnwell Library Events

ADULT Adult Craft Night
Thurs., Sept. 26
5-7pm
Stop in and do a fall craft with us. We will be using wooden boards to make scarecrows or pumpkins. Registration is required please call 803-259-3612 or stop by before September 23rd.

JUST READ
Forever Never - 4 Stars
by: Lucy Score
Amanda BCPL Manager

The Blue Castle - 4.5 Stars
by: LM Montgomery
Carol BCPL Clerk

When Crickets Cry - 4 Stars
by: Charles Martin
Carol BCPL Clerk

CHILDREN/FAMILY STEM for Kids
Wed., Sept. 25
4-5pm
Join us outside for a fun Mentos Geyser Experiment - Mentos & Coke Experiment. This activity may get a little sticky.

Blackville Library Events
SCWorks Center on Wheels
Mon., Sept. 30
Job search assistance.
10am-2pm

CATCH for Kids
Mon., Sept. 30
3:30-4:30
Join Ms. Hannah after school for a fun and healthy program just for kids. CATCH promotes physical activity and healthy food choices for children from preschool through eighth grade. This program is in partnership with Snap-Ed.

Read, Rattle, and Roll
Tues., Oct. 15, Nov. 5
Jun us for lots of fun stories and hands on activities for kids up to five years old.
11-11:30am

Annual Rummage and Bake Sale
Church of the Holy Apostles, Barnwell
8am-12pm

Williston Library Events
Read, Rattle, and Roll
Wed., Oct. 16
Jun us for lots of fun stories and hands on activities for kids up to five years old.
11-11:30am

Sat., Nov. 2 Halloween Fun Day at Barnwell State Park
1-3pm Pumpkin carving contest (\$5 per pumpkin)
3:30pm Judging for the pumpkin carving
4-5pm Halloween crafting hour (\$3 per person, kids 5 and under free)
7-9pm Hay ride
Come dressed in costume.

Thurs., Nov. 14 Veterans Job & Resource Fair
Aiken Technical College, 2276 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Graniteville
10am-1pm

Sat., Nov. 16 Shout to the Lord
Religious gathering, gospel concert, food trucks.
W. Main Street in Williston
3-9 pm

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Sat., Nov. 23 Kickin' it With Dad Sons & Daughters
Toys For Tots Fundraiser. National Guard Armory, Allendale. \$25/ticket. Food & entertainment included. More info & tickets, Phyllis Smart, 803-508-5837.
6-9pm

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TOWN OF WILLISTON MILITARY MEMORIAL BANNERS

The Town of Williston is accepting orders for Veteran's Flag Banners to honor your veteran.

These banners will be placed on the light poles throughout the town during Memorial Day and Veteran's Day each year.

If you would like to honor your veteran with a banner then please fill out the form below with the information and submit a photo to place on the banner, then please submit the picture along with the information. Per email to mbeasley@williston-sc.com

The cost of the banner is \$100 per side

Payment must be made prior to the flag being made in order for submission. To meet the Veterans Day deadline, please submit application and payment no later than October 7, 2024.

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Name/ Rank: _____ Branch: _____

Form of Payment should be turned in to the Williston Town Hall no later than September 30 by cash or check
Name of family member filling out this form: _____
Phone number: _____

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Local Directory

Allendale Library

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Sat.
10am-2pm

Barnwell Library

40 Burr St., Barnwell
(803) 259-3612
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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

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Crossword Puzzle Solution

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W	I	E	L	D		T	B	A	R		S	P	E	C
S	C	R	E	E	N		R	Y	A	S		E	L	K
						C	O	C	A		C	H	A	
F	O	R	W	A	R	D		C	E	L	T	I	C	S
U	N	A	R	M		R	N	A		O	S	T	I	A
S	C	R	A	P		O	B	I		C	E	L	T	S
S	E	E	P		M	A	N		K	A	L	E	S	

Sudoku Puzzle Solution

Puzzle on Page 6B

9	4	2	6	1	8	7	3	5
5	8	1	2	7	3	4	9	6
7	3	6	4	5	9	1	2	8
1	7	3	9	2	6	8	5	4
8	2	9	5	4	1	6	7	3
6	5	4	3	8	7	9	1	2
4	1	5	7	6	2	3	8	9
3	6	7	8	9	5	2	4	1
2	9	8	1	3	4	5	6	7

6 Natural Ways to Protect Your Health

FAMILY FEATURES

Natural and plant-based remedies have been around for centuries, and for everyday treatments like minor cuts, scrapes and rashes, they can have real benefits. In fact, the global herbal medicine market is expected to reach \$342 billion by 2030, according to a forecast by Research and Markets.

In North America, a green movement is spurring a large share of this growth, with consumers more inclined toward natural and plant-based medicines. Concerns about side effects, long-term impact and safety also affect the choices people are making when it comes to treating their medical concerns.

“Natural and plant-based remedies have been around for centuries, treating everything from common cold symptoms to dressing wounds and caring for injuries,” said Dr. Billy Goldberg, a New York Times’ bestselling author and emergency room physician. “As people increasingly turn to more natural tried-and-true ingredients, some companies are taking note and beginning to incorporate them into products that provide the healing power of nature.”

Goldberg and the first-aid experts at CURAD, which have made adhesive bandages since 1951, offer these suggestions for natural common ingredients that can help protect your health:

Vitamin E – Studies by the National Institute on Health have shown that vitamin E helps soothe and support skin during the healing process. Vitamin E may also help promote immunity and prevent arterial blood clots.

Aloe Vera – Few things soothe sunburn like aloe vera. With analgesic, anti-inflammatory and soothing properties, aloe vera gel helps reduce pain and inflammation. Also helpful in the healing process of cuts and scrapes, the CURAD Naturals line of adhesive bandages are infused with aloe vera in the wound pad and surface of the bandage, which is enriched with the antioxidant vitamin E to help soothe and moisturize skin.



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Garlic – Used for centuries for wound healing, garlic extract has been found to improve healing time and decrease rate of infection. Ingesting garlic may also head off symptoms of the common cold and help reduce blood pressure.

Baking Soda – Bicarbonate of soda, commonly known as baking soda, can be used for more than baking. From removing stains to cleaning teeth and more, it can also be used to help treat a variety of wounds. In addition to being an odor absorber, it can be applied to insect stings and bites, such as those from bees or mosquitoes.

Whether making a paste using baking soda and water then applying to the bite or using an option like CURAD Naturals adhesive bandages featuring baking soda, the chemical compound can help soothe skin. In addition to absorbing wound odor, the bandages provide skin-friendly comfort and stretch with a four-sided seal to keep dirt and germs out.

Honey – Sweet and highly acidic, honey’s antioxidant, antibacterial and anti-inflammatory properties make it a good choice for dressing wounds since it encourages healing and prevents infections. Honey may also help soothe coughs.

Charcoal – Activated charcoal may have an antibacterial effect by absorbing harmful microbes from wounds. Similarly, it can be used to treat poisoning or drug overdose and may help with digestive problems. It’s also thought to play a role in lowering cholesterol and improving kidney function, and some dental care products use it as a whitening agent.

Learn more about natural health care and first-aid products at CURAD.com.

Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!



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My name:

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

Find the Differences

The quetzal is a beautiful bird that lives in Central and South America. Find the differences between the two quetzal birds.

My Rhyme Time

Quetzal bird, up high in banana tree,
 Quetzal bird, you sit all alone like me.
 You can fly away,
 In the sky away.
 You’re more lucky than I.

My Letters

Q is for Quetzal
 q is for quetzal

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

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

My Numbers

How many **Q**?
 yellow Qs

How many **Q**?
 blue Qs

How many **Q**?
 red Qs

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

My Sentence

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

The quetzal flew

<h4>Sunday</h4> <h5>Letter Identification</h5> <p>With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter Q in quetzal.</p>	<h4>Monday</h4> <h5>Math Play</h5> <p>Point to the number 2 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and trace the number 2s that are large enough.</p>	<h4>Tuesday</h4> <h5>Big Q, Little q</h5> <p>With your child, look at one page of the newspaper. Say, “The big Q, called uppercase Q, is looking for his little brother (sister) called lowercase q. Let’s see how many big Q, little q matches we can find.”</p>	<h4>Wednesday</h4> <h5>Two by Two</h5> <p>Ask your child to find pairs of thing in the newspaper. For example: two eyes, two ears, two knees, two elbows.</p>	<h4>Thursday</h4> <h5>Find a Feathered Friend</h5> <p>Look through the newspaper for pictures of birds. Cut out one of the birds and glue it to a piece of paper. Give your bird friend a name and talk about how you would care for the bird, if it were real.</p>	<h4>Friday</h4> <h5>Pictures to Paint</h5> <p>Watercolor paints add life to black and white pictures in the newspaper. Have your child paint the pictures.</p>	<h4>Saturday</h4> <h5>What comes next?</h5> <p>Open the newspaper to one of the first 10 pages and tell your child the page number. Ask, “What page comes next? What page comes before?”</p>
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Learning Buddy Sign Here
 I have completed _____ activities with my Learning Buddy.

_____ Date

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

Football Contest Business Spotlight

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Safe on the Playground!

Kabir and Aisha want kids in their neighborhood to be safe. They are going to take a look at their local playground, the Hometown Playground, to see if it is a safe place to play.

Yikes! They've found many ways in which their playground is not safe. Use the Hazard Hunt checklist to find the hazards in their playground.



How many things on this page can you find that start with the letter S?

Standards Link: Identify initial graphemes and phonemes.

Hazard Hunt Checklist

Circle each hazard you find on the Hometown Playground.

- Trash on the ground
- Things you could trip over
- Broken parts
- Missing parts
- Splintered wood
- Chipped or peeling paint
- Holes or cracks in plastic
- Sharp corners or edges
- Nails or bolts sticking out
- Open S-hooks or chain links



Dress Safely on Playgrounds

Mateo and Riley are not dressed for playground safety. Use the code to find out what they should not be wearing.

A=15	I=10	R=5
C=14	K=9	S=4
D=13	L=8	T=3
E=12	N=7	W=2
G=11	O=6	Y=1

- 13 5 15 2 4 3 5 10 7 11 4
- 15 7 13 7 12 14 9 8 15 14 12

Playground Safety Words

Find three important words along the correct path through this maze that are the keys to a great playground.

How safe are the playgrounds in your neighborhood? Use the Hazard Hunt checklist to inspect them.

RE _____

_____ **UL**

_____ **F** _____

Extra! Extra!
Accident Watch
 Look through the newspaper for pictures or articles about accidents. Discuss whether these accidents could have been prevented and how.

Standards Link: Recognize safe and unsafe behaviors and practices.

LEATHER CAR
NEW YEARS
BUCKLE LAWS

The First Seat Belt

The first lap belt that resembles the modern seat belt was a _____ strap used on a U.S. Army airplane in 1910. For the next 25 _____, seat belts were used mostly in airplanes.

In the 1940s, studies showed that injuries in _____ accidents were less when a seat belt was worn. Even so, many people did not choose to _____ up.

The government started passing _____ requiring automakers to put seat belts in all _____ cars. By the 1970s, seat belts were used commonly.

A car accident happens almost every minute. Do you think it is a good idea to buckle up?

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **HAZARD**
 The noun **hazard** means danger or risk.

Watch out for **hazards** in play areas.

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

Kid Scoop Puzzler

What's something you should wear every time you play outside?

Circle every third letter to reveal the answer!

T Y S J F U Y T N V W S E L
 C I B R H R E V C E P A N

S _____

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

W	O	O	D	N	I	A	H	C	E
D	N	U	O	R	G	Y	A	L	P
P	A	T	H	O	K	T	Z	H	D
F	E	J	C	S	I	E	A	S	R
P	S	Z	V	E	H	F	R	T	E
I	A	T	K	W	P	A	D	R	S
R	Q	I	L	Z	E	S	R	A	S
T	D	V	N	O	L	A	N	P	Y
S	Z	E	W	T	B	K	R	I	Z

BOLTS
 CHAIN
 DRESS
 HAZARD
 INSPECT
 KIDS
 PAINT
 PARTS
 PATH
 PLAYGROUND
 SAFETY
 SHARP
 TRIP
 WEAR
 WOOD

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

FROM THE **Kid Scoop** LESSON LIBRARY

Safety Poem

Look through the newspaper for words or pictures that represent or describe a person who helps keep you safe. Use these words to write a safety poem.

Standards Link: Linking health and safe behavior to genre; poetry.

Why did the chicken cross the playground?

ANSWER: To get to the other slide.

Write On!

Safe on the Playground

What are three safety rules students should follow on the playground?

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