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Savannah Zorn, Leila Croft, Cody Croft and Junior Zorn pose for a photo at a hay bale painted as a pumpkin during their visit to Adventure Farms in Barnwell. Heather Croft

Farm brings fall fun, adventures to Barnwell

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One of Barnwell County's newest attractions is off to a strong start in its first month of operation.

Adventure Farms, located on Highway 70, offers a fun-filled experience for both children and adults seven days a week.

At first, owners Donna and Dennis envisioned just a pumpkin patch where the community could have festive, fall fun. By January of this year, ideas for their property and functioning farm grew into an expansive activity park.

Fast forward to their grand opening on September 19, roughly nine months after they first started building, and the farm has a paintball range, a hay ride, a bounce pillow, an indoor concessions stand, and countless games and activities.

Each week, Monday through Wednesday is reserved for school field trips; while Thursday through Sunday the farm is open to the public.

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Students from Barnwell Primary recently enjoyed a trip to Adventure Farms. Feeding the goats was a popular activity. Barnwell Primary



Adventure Farms has a paintball range complete with moving and stationary obstacles. The range has two age appropriate sections. Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

Williston recreation mourns loss of coach

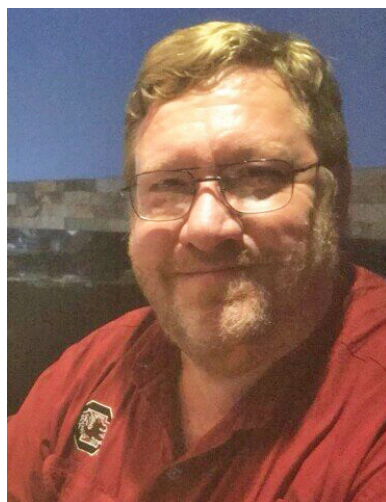
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Williston's recreational football program began in late September without the guidance of a longtime mentor and coach.

John L. Depew coached recreational sports in Williston for nearly 20 years until his death shortly before the program's 2024 season kicked off. Depew was a USC Gamecocks fan who carried his love of the sport into coaching Williston's youth.

"Mr. Depew was a great man. He did a lot for Williston, for the youth. He knew the kids, and the kids knew him," said Mayor Brett Williams at the Oct. 14 meeting. "The Town of Williston is very appreciative of what Mr. Depew has done and what he meant to the community over these last 20 years."

Williston recreation director Ronnie Tobin described Depew as a "great man," who stayed involved long after his own



John Depew

children aged out of the program. "When the kid leaves, the parent leaves, but not John," said Tobin. "You don't stick with something like this unless you love it."

The season is carrying on in Depew's legacy with 64 kids participating in the five team league comprising Barnwell, Williston,

See COACH, 2A

FEMA disaster recovery center assists over 100 people after storm

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The FEMA Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) opened in Barnwell County served over 100 individuals in the three days it was open.

The center was located at the Barnwell Regional Airport from Sunday, October 13 to Tuesday October 15 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. to assist those impacted by Hurricane Helene. In the first two days, 116 individuals utilized the DRC.

DRC's serve as a one-stop shop for all disaster relief related questions and to register for assistance. Individuals can also meet with FEMA representatives and check the status of their application.

Also at this location were representatives from the Small Business Administration (SBA), who offer disaster assistance for homeowners, renters, nonprofits, and businesses affected by the hurricane.

Additional DRCs will open soon across the state and in other affected areas. Those in need can visit any open center to meet with representatives of FEMA and the SBA. No appointment is needed.

FEMA's Disaster Information Helpline is 1-800-621-3362 and online services are available via <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>.

Helpline call volume is currently high due to a wide number of disaster survivors across the southeast from both Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton.



FEMA's Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) opened in Barnwell County from Oct. 13-15. FEMA

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Blackville artist wins award at S.C. State Fair

Blackville native Terrance Washington has won the Best of Division in the Amateur category of the fine arts competition at the S.C. State Fair for his work, "Country Girl."

The piece is a Digital Art work that won in the Spirit of Carolina's 2-D Division of the State Fair Awards. Washington also is showcasing several works as a member of the Creative Connector exhibitors. Washington, Ian Dillinger, Robert Matheson, and James Wilson, all formerly named Creative Connectors by the SC Arts Commission are joined by Ernest Lee, Rajasekhar Yranganutla, Jasmine Crawford and Xavier Harris to display works as a group at the 2024 exhibit. They have exhibited in Aiken, Orangeburg, Bluffton, SC

and now the S.C. State Fair. Washington also took part in another competition Winston-Salem, N.C. this summer at the artist thrive summit. The summit brought together artist all over the United States who are looking to push themselves their work and the work that they do and take community to better themselves as well as their community through the arts. Terrance made a one-minute film for the Darion D'Anjou One Minute Film School at Artists Thrive 2024 Competition. There were a set of guidelines each person head to complete, script liner storyboarding, shot list, filming to editing, all under a minute. Washington won Best Storyboard, Best Shot List and Best use of the Artist Thrive Tool.

Washington, a former elementary school art edu-



Terrance Washington of Blackville (above left) won Best of Division at the S.C. State Fair for his artwork, "Country Girl" (above right).



cal College, The Art Institute of Charlotte and South Carolina State University at which he majored in Digital Media. He works as an artist in the Fine Arts genres of Curator, Digital Media, Photography, Graphics, and Printmaking.

The Creative Connector exhibition works may be seen in Columbia at the State Fair Fine Arts Exhibition Hall in the Cantey Building on the balcony through October 20, 2024. These and other works may be viewed at all Creative Connectors respective websites. You can meet all the artists from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. this Saturday, October 19, 2024.

For more info, contact terrancewashington31@gmail.com or https://terrancewashington.bigcartel.com/. Shop his artwork at www.etsy.com/shop/TWArtShop.

Blackville-Hilda High crowns 2024 homecoming court



Photo By: Kelley Wood / Sports Photographer

At the October 11 football game, Blackville-Hilda High School crowned its 2024 homecoming court. Pictured from left to right: 1st runner-up Torriana James, Homecoming Queen Anastasia Beaver, and 2nd runner-up Raini Blankenship.



Marching band to perform for community

The Bands of Barnwell County Blue Knights will perform their "Romeo & Juliet" marching band show this Thursday, October 17 at 6 p.m. at the Williston-Elko High School stadium. The community is invited to watch. The community performance is in advance of the band's final competition of the season this Saturday, Oct. 19 at Blythewood High School.

COACH: Williston recreation remembers John Depew

FROM PAGE 1A

Blackville, Branchville, and Orangeburg teams.

Water project updates

Administrator Michael Beasley updated the council on the ongoing water and wastewater related grants currently underway in the town.

- Community Block Development Grant (CBDG) & Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) Grant for a new filtration system: Contractor has installed a sewer line for filtration system backwash and testing has been completed. The filtration system itself will arrive in January 2025 and be installed, tested, and online by March 2025.
- S.C. Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP) for a new pond liner, wastewater treatment facility upgrades, and well upgrades: Waiting to obtain certain permits to continue with this project, specifically

the sludge and liner disposal permit to replace the pond liner.

With these grant-funded upgrades, the town is also looking into conducting a detailed assessment of the water and sewer infrastructure to create a Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).

This plan includes targeting and assessing areas of improvement within the water systems as well as generating potential costs.

Hurricane clean-up

According to Beasley, state contracted cleanup crews will be picking up debris throughout the early weeks of October.

Efforts are still underway at the Town Park and Academy Street Park to clean up and fix damages done by Hurricane Helene. Multiple lights are out at both locations.

Police presence

Seven officers with the Williston Police Department (WPD) were present at the council meeting as Chief

James Gainey provided an update.

Chief Gainey and the council officially welcomed Officer Stephen Munze, who graduated from the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy in September.

"I'm very happy to be employed by this town, it's been awesome since I got here," said Officer Munze.

According to Chief Gainey, the department was in need of new bulletproof vests which he has since purchased for all officers, in addition to new Class A uniforms to be used for general sessions court matters, academy graduations, and more.

Other updates

The council welcomed Josh Fields to the public works department. Fields is a Williston native.

Orders for banners honoring local veterans have been placed. Banners will be hung on light poles throughout town before Veteran's Day on November 11 and displayed again for Memorial Day in May 2025.

The annual Christmas tree lighting will be held on

December 7 at 5 p.m. The annual Christmas

parade is scheduled for December 8 at 4 p.m.

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The polls will close on October 26 but will reopen on October 28.
On Tuesday, November 5 (Election Day)
the Community Center will be accepting
calls for transportation to the polls
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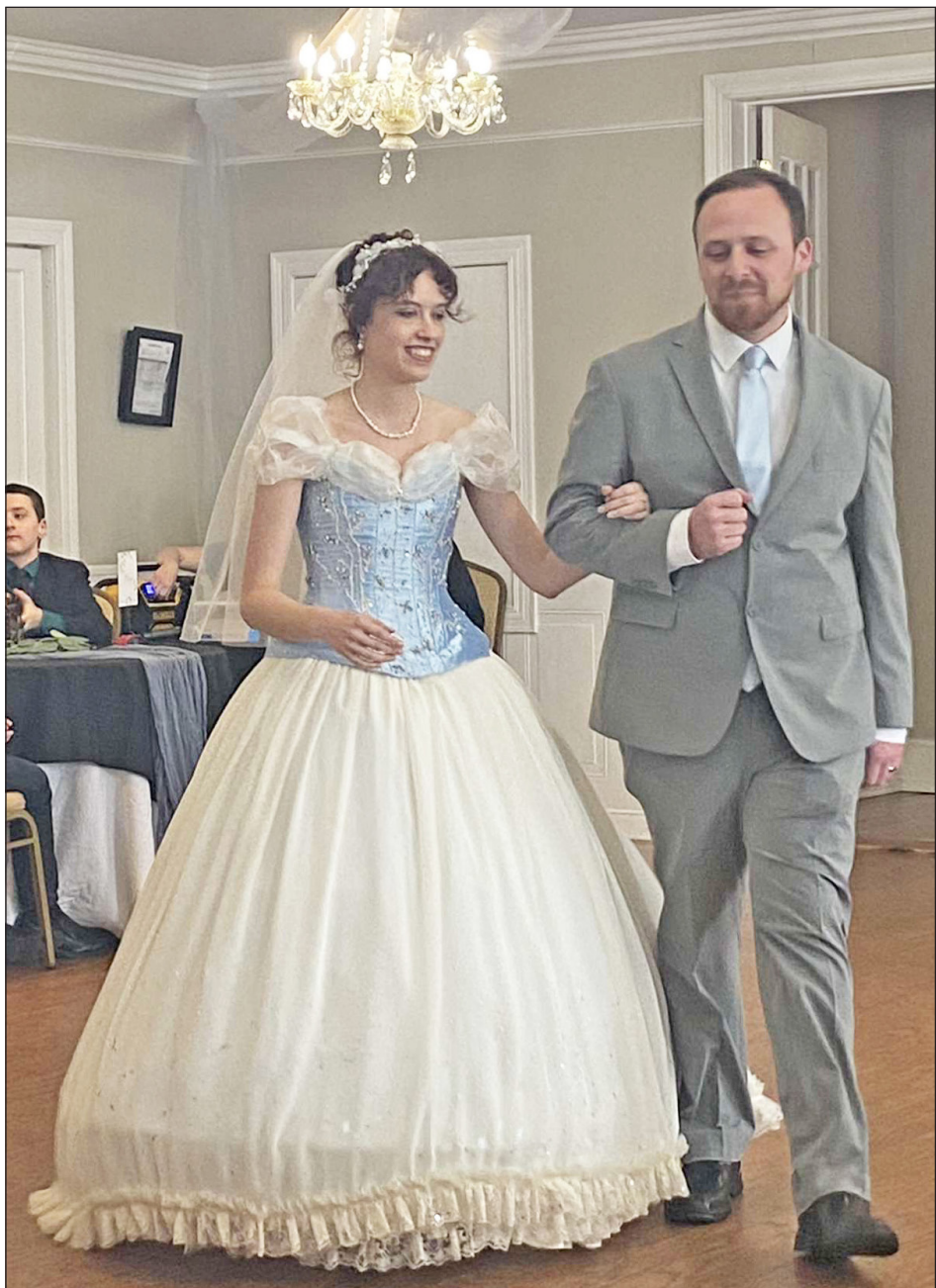


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WEDDING



Abigail Zedwick and David B. Corder were united in marriage on February 24, 2024.

Abigail Zedwick, David B. Corder

Abigail Zedwick of McEwen, Tenn. and David B. Corder of Williston, S.C. were united in marriage on February 24, 2024 in Murfreesboro, Tenn. The Rev. Rodney Bodiford officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Craig Zedwick. The bride's dress was made by the bride and used the color blue as it was a common color used for wedding dresses during the Victorian Era. The bride's sister, Amanda Zedwick, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were the bride's sisters-in-law, Katie Zedwick and Lydia Corder, as well as her sisters, Alicia Zedwick and Anne Hudson. Joseph Sanders was best man. Groomsmen were the groom's brothers, Anderson Corder and Thomas Chambers, and college roommates, Derek Corder and Travis Snell. The bride is the daughter of Craig and Nancy Zedwick of McEwen, Tenn. She is a 2019 graduate of Pensacola Christian College. The groom is the son of David and Lynette Corder of Olar, S.C. He is a 2018 graduate of USC Aiken. Both the groom and bride are independent fantasy authors. The couple took a late honeymoon trip to Helen, Ga. in July. The couple now resides in Williston, S.C.

BIRTHDAY

Sebastian Baxley turns 3

Sebastian Blake Baxley celebrated his 3rd birthday on October 7th, 2024.

He is the son of Bryan and Taneasha Baxley of Williston. Sebastian has one sister, Scarlett Quinn Baxley of Williston.

Maternal grandparents are Suzanne (Raymond Hughes) Walker of Williston and the late James Brooker Jr. of Blackville.

Paternal grandparents are Paula Baxley of Williston and Raymond Cowan Jr. of North Augusta.

Great-grandparents are Quincy Walker Sr. and the late Shirley Walker of Williston, the late James Brooker Sr. and the late Lizzie Mae Brooker of Blackville, Patricia Cowan and the late Raymond Cowan Sr. of Graniteville, the late Judy "Gayle" Melton Baxley of Williston, and Dwight Baxley of Summerville.



Sebastian Baxley celebrated his third birthday on Oct. 7, 2024.

BIRTH



Selah Nicole Balz was born on September 29, 2024.

Selah Nicole Balz

Cody and Sabrina Balz of Aiken are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Selah Nicole Balz.

She was born at 7:59 a.m. on September 29, 2024 at Wellstar MCG Health in Augusta, Ga. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 18 1/2 inches long. She has one sister, Breeley Grace Balz.

Paternal grandparents are Crystal and Eddie Johnson and Debbie Music and Lonnie Balz, all of Barnwell.

Maternal grandparents are Keith and Gail Ussery of Aiken and Allen and Wendy Felkel of Summerville.

Paternal great-grandparents are Donny Bodiford of Monetta, the late Patricia Owens of Barnwell, and Nancy Mink of Barnwell.

Maternal great-grandparents are Frankie and JoAnn Hair of Barnwell.



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Family Medical Center of Blackville
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Walker and Hogg run as District 3 County Council candidates

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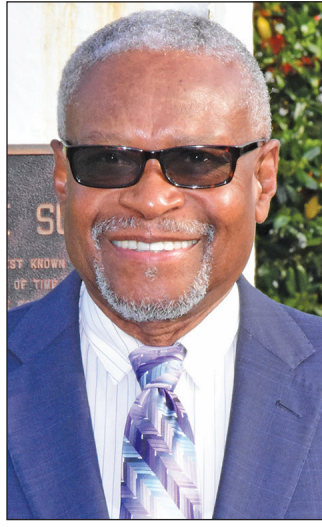
Tell me a bit about yourself (personal & professional background, family, volunteering, organizations involved in, etc.).

Well, of course I am Willie Walker, 2024 Candidate for Barnwell County Council District #3. I was born and raised in Kline (Barnwell County, SC.) I attended the Barnwell County Public School System and graduated from Barnwell High School in 1975. Following, I gained employment with Milliken & Company (Barnwell, SC) for four years. Later in June 1979, I accepted employment at the Savannah River Plant as a Dupont Construction sheet metal apprentice. Then in September 1979, I transferred my employment to SRP-Dupont Operations as a GSO. Then in January 1980, I accepted a position as an SRP Dupont Operations Patrol Officer. I continued this position until November 1984, at which time I accepted a position as an Equipment Repair Mechanic and maintained this position until October 1990. I then accepted a position as an Equipment Repair Mechanic Supervisor. Following, I continued my employment occupying various levels of managerial positions, in Maintenance and Operations throughout the remainder of my career. As a Mid-Level Maintenance Manager, I concluded my career at Savannah River Site in retirement on December 31, 2021, after completing 42.5 years.

Also, from 2001 to 2004, I served 4 years as Reserve Deputy with the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office. Then, in November 2005, I graduated from the SC Criminal Justice Academy as a Class 1 Certified Law Enforcement Officer, and then returned to Barnwell County Sheriff's Office as a Class 1 Certified Law Enforcement Officer (part-time), where I then completed an additional 12 years. Also, for the past 15 plus years I've served as a member of the Barnwell County Transportation Committee, where I currently sit as the Chairperson. On June 13, 2023, I was appointed to and accepted a position as a voting member on the Lower Savannah Council of Government-Transportation Advisory Board. I am also a member of the New Hope United Methodist Church in Allendale County, SC.

Why have you chosen to run for this seat?

Being that the county council is an elected legislative body that has the power to enact, repeal and amend all local public laws within the county and that the council is under a system of local government which consists of different county council committees, including but not limited to, Barnwell County Public Works, infrastructure, housing development & zoning, animal, finance, recreation, public transportation, nursing home, airport aviation, schools boards, Asis-1 and the Barnwell County Transportation Committee (autonomous). Based on my managerial background and my experiences having occupied various positions within Barnwell County, being elected to this seat would give me the opportunity to help influence and steer the direction of Barnwell County to a more modern,



Willie Walker

attractive, comfortable, entertaining, exciting and desirable place to live.

What does holding this position mean to you?

Barnwell County is my home, it's where I was born and raised. Barnwell County is a great place to live. I religiously support Barnwell County. Holding this position means leading and representing the citizens of Barnwell County (Towns & surrounding Communities.) It means engaging with and encouraging participation from all the citizens and leaders within the county and all the surrounding communities. Additionally, it means joint decision-making, while considering the needs of the people currently living in our County, Towns, and surrounding Communities, as well as those who will live here in the future.

How will you ensure the issues of the constituents you represent are prioritized on the county level? (access to healthcare, gun violence, increasing rates of overdose, etc.).

As with prioritizing anything, I will begin by identifying all the issues that are of concern to the county as a whole and issues that are of concern to the citizens, which need to be addressed. Each of these issues will then be analyzed, considering its impact and its urgency to both the citizens and the county, towns, and surrounding area. Following, these issues will be categorized based on priority levels: Using the high, medium, and low priority levels, then assign each issue to its appropriate category accordingly. Of course, this process of analyzing, prioritizing, and categorizing will be a joint effort set forth by all the council members.

How will you build a relationship or build trust with the community you serve?

My plan to build a relationship and to build trust is by utilizing the three "C's" Communicate, Communicate, Communicate. It is my belief that to successfully move Barnwell County forward we must develop strong, respectful, working relationships between all our county/local governmental officials/leaders and all the citizens of Barnwell County & surrounding communities. These relationships must have a foundation built on trust. And to me, in this situation, trust is being a leader of integrity "doing what you are say/being a man of your word." For this to happen we must have open and clear communications. Therefore, I plan to solicit the citizens in my district (and county citizens in general) via frequent meetings (i.e. town hall meetings, Skype, Teams, Teleconference, etc.). Additionally, I plan to coordinate my County Council counterparts and ensure that the citizens get an opportunity to speak with all of us during open session and ensure that

their voices are heard. If we communicate regarding our concerns and issues up front, communicate at some point and agree to a path forward, communicate our progress (positive or negative) and then communicate our end results, I strongly believe we will get more accomplished, we will get to know each other, we will build trust and we will certainly develop strong, lasting, productive relationships.

What are three major issues you think need to be fixed or addressed across the county?

Job opportunities, (work with current and potential future employers to solicit good quality high paying jobs)

Education & Training, (work with schools, school boards, career/vocational/technical centers and colleges in the surroundings to ensure our young adults get the best opportunities available regarding continuing education)

Housing, (start working with housing & zoning boards, developers and construction contractor to ensure Barnwell County can provide adequate and modern subdivision housing, shopping, entertainment and restaurants to accommodate an attract current and potential citizen growth).

What is your first priority if elected?

If elected, my priority is to give thanks to the citizens of Barnwell County who entrusted their vote for me. Secondly, I plan to meet with all my Barnwell County Council counterparts individually & collectively and discuss current issues and concerns, priorities, and path forward then progress status. Thirdly, coordinate an information meeting with the citizens and share whatever information (as appropriate) and then have some open discussions. Following, it's time to get to work conducting the business for the citizens of Barnwell County and figure out how to make some good things happen in our county and surrounding communities.

What are some short term and long term goals if elected?

If elected, my goal is to work with the council to provide revenue to maintain, grow and improve local infrastructure and community services, growth, economic development, public safety, revenue and finance stability, parks and recreation, public works, customer service, enhance communication and participation and environment betterment. Additionally, my goal is to get involved and help drive our county's economic planning efforts, to build on our official community planning and role of shaping our community growth, also, look at the development and determination of land use. Some of my short-term goals are to work with the citizens, communities, law enforcement agencies, SCDOT and find a viable solution to controlling litter along our streets and roads in Barnwell County. I also have a goal of good governance, get the citizens involved. Encourage and solicit citizen participation. In general, people are innovated, creative and most importantly that have a vision. I believe as a governing body we should take advantage of the power of people and let them help the decide path in which Barnwell County is to travel.

Tell me a bit about yourself (personal & professional background, family, volunteering, organizations involved in, etc.).

I am a lifelong resident of Barnwell County. I grew up in Kline, SC. I graduated from Barnwell High School. I received my Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College and my Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Management from Voorhees College. I have retired, but worked for 40 years at Savannah River Site for Centerra, the nuclear security contractor. I worked for the Training Department.

I also, trained and received my certification from the American Red Cross to train instructors to teach Professional Rescue, First Aid, CPR and Emergency Medical Responder.

I volunteered as an EMT-Basic and an EMT-Intermediate on the Barnwell Rescue squad. I have volunteered for both Barnwell City and Long Branch Fire Departments for over 35 years. I retired as Fire Chief of Long Branch Fire Department last year.

I serve on the Lowcountry Support Team providing behavioral health support to all facets of First Responders. I have been volunteering in this capacity for over 13 years. Along with my wife, we established the Community Risk Reduction initiative at Long Branch Fire Department to deliver Fire Safe education to children and adults to lower the risk of fire related deaths as sponsored by Fire Safe SC.

I married my high school sweetheart, Teresa Baxley, and we have been married for 40 years this August. We have two beautiful daughters who are both certified firefighters and both work in law enforcement.

Why have you chosen to



Andy Hogg

run for this seat?

I have been serving Barnwell County in the volunteer capacity all my adult life. Now that I have retired, I would like to serve in a different capacity and help shape Barnwell County to meet the needs of all the constituents.

What does holding this position mean to you?

It means I take on the voice of the people I serve. I must listen with an open mind and make thoughtful, well-informed decisions to the best of my ability.

How will you ensure the issues of the constituents you represent are prioritized on the county level? (access to healthcare, gun violence, increasing rates of overdose, etc.)

The best way to learn your community's concerns is to talk to people, become invested in their issues, and get to know them on a personal level. Then, a clear picture can be formed regarding the most pressing matters that need to be addressed first and so on.

How will you build a relationship or build trust with the community you serve?

Establishing effective communication channels is crucial in developing any relationship, especially with your constituents. One must maintain open lines of communication through meeting people where they are comfort-

able, either public forums, social media, or attending public gatherings to hear their issues. By maintaining a transparent forum, the community will stay informed on all issues related to county government and know that I am there to serve them and be their voice.

What are three major issues you think need to be fixed or addressed across the county?

Barnwell County needs to attract more businesses to improve economic development. We need to continue to improve our educational development. We need to generate funding for the school systems through grants and economic revenue, not strain the tax base on the constituents. Finally, we need more local healthcare access for our community.

What is your first priority if elected?

I would like to see more revenue generated in Barnwell County. This would help grow our community and help reduce the financial burdens that our taxpayers are feeling.

What are some short term and long term goals if elected?

Short term goals would be to improve infrastructure such as roads and bridges to enhance connectivity within the county. Work with industries in the surrounding areas to develop a skilled workforce directly out of high school. Develop partnerships with healthcare agencies to provide quality healthcare services.

Long term goals are to develop and sustain the economic growth in Barnwell County, while maintaining environmental conservation. We must, also continue to enhance our youth by providing the highest quality of education to prepare them for life.

Houston runs unopposed in District 1

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Freddie L. Houston Sr. is running unopposed in District 1 on the Barnwell County Council—a seat that he has held for nearly 24 years.

Houston and eight siblings were born to Frank and Rose B. Houston, sharecroppers in Williston.

"Having been raised to share and help others it was always my desire to help other people," said Houston.

He graduated from Martha Schofield High in Aiken County. After graduation, he got his first job at Chill Chest manufacture in Williston working as a gas welder.

In 1974, Houston married his wife, Marilyn Sapp Houston, and they had three sons.

Houston was hired at Owens Corning Fiberglass in Aiken S.C. that was bought out by AGY LLC in 1995 and worked until 2016 as a department supervisor.

His community involve-



Freddie L. Houston Sr.

Houston also serves on the Deacon Ministry at the St. Peter Missionary Baptist church located Elko, S.C.

His political involvement started back in 1986, when he ran for a seat on the Williston School Board and served until 2000. He then ran for Barnwell County Council District 1 and has been serving until present.

Houston is seeking reelection in November 2024 to continue the much needed work to be done in Barnwell County to keep the community a preferred place to work and live. The much needed housing, county wide recreation, county wide water, land fill improvement, and improved local transportation for our seniors and local workers.

One of his first priorities is to seek pay raises for the employees. Second is to ensure the county is adequately staffed with the needed personnel. Third is to continue to seek property from the Savannah River.

Make sure to check the next few weeks' issues of
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for profiles on candidates for School Board and other seats on the November 5 ballot.

Cruz runs unopposed in District 5

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Joseph J. (JJ) Cruz

Tell me a bit about yourself (personal & professional background, family, volunteering, organizations involved in, etc.).

My Name is Joseph J. (JJ) Cruz, I am married with two adult kids and four grandchildren. I have been a resident of Barnwell County for over twenty-four years.

I am a retired South Carolina State Trooper, retired Army Veteran, and current business owner in Barnwell.

My affiliation and memberships are with Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina, Shriner's International and Shriner's Children, Wounded Warrior's Project, and VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars).

Why have you chosen to run for this seat?

I became aware that the Barnwell County District 5 seat was going to be vacated. After some thought and advice from family and residents of the county, I decided then to run. I am extremely concerned for the future of Barnwell County. I hope to contrib-

ute life's lessons and experiences for the betterment my community.

What does holding this position mean to you?

If elected as Councilman, it means unconditional service to Barnwell County.

How will you ensure the issues of the constituents you represent are prioritized on the county level? (access to healthcare, gun violence, increasing rates of overdose, etc.)

The issues of the constituents in County District five are the reason I decided to run. No doubt, we have healthcare and crime issues. I will personally involve myself in the

commission and committees that relate to these issues. I will be transparent, informative, and available to those I serve.

How will you build a relationship or build trust with the community you serve?

I will take action on facts and not emotion. Again, I will be transparent, informative and available to those I serve.

What are three major issues you think need to be fixed or addressed across the county?

The three major issues I am aware of, are emergency and ambulatory services, illegal drugs overdose, and economic growth.

What is your first priority if elected?

Learn quickly. I would put priority as a matter of current issues the county council is working to get passed or approve.

What are some short term and long term goals if elected?

If elected, a short-term goal is to provide the necessary and reasonable assistance for healthcare. A long-term goal is to build and sustain economic growth for the future of Barnwell County.

Hooper runs unopposed in District 7

Alexandra Whitbeck
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Travis Hooper

My name is Travis Hooper. I was born and raised right here in Barnwell. I have been married to my wife, Daphne, for 32 years. We have 3 daughters: Taylor, Shelby and Mattison; 2 sons-in-law: Daniel and Jerred; and 3 granddaughters: Mary Chilton, Margaret and Eleanor. My parents are Maxine Hooper and the late Gary Hooper.

My father started a lawn care business and I began working for him full time in 2003. I continue to help my mom run this business, as well as, my own business, Hooper's Landscaping, that I started in 2014.

I am an ordained deacon at Barnwell First Baptist and involved in helping where and when I am needed. I am also a member of the Masonic lodge, Harmony #17, and I am currently serving as president of the Ellenton Ag Club and a member of the Echo Coalition Committee.

I have chosen to run for Barnwell County Council District 7 because I feel the need to continue the improvements started by the current councilmen. I also want to help improve our

community even more. I believe that we live in a great community and I want to be part of keeping our community great for our children and grandchildren.

I will be a strong voice for the people that I represent in this county. I have a personal interest in the increasing rates of overdose because my own nephew was a victim of this. I want to see programs that help those addicted and their families. As a member of the Echo Coalition team that meets monthly, I have first-hand knowledge of the violence and drug issues that affect this county.

I want to be a representative that will personally meet with the community

and listen to what our community needs. I will be vocal about my beliefs and what needs to be done for all people in our county.

Three major issues that I want to address if elected are:

Increasing budgets for rural fire departments

Having better EMS response in the county

Pushing to get Barnwell County to build an emergency care facility to meet the needs of our people.

My first priority, if elected, would be to find ways to increase budgets for rural fire departments that will enable them to provide better service to the people of our community.

Short Term Goals: Find ways to help EMS give quicker response times to people in need.

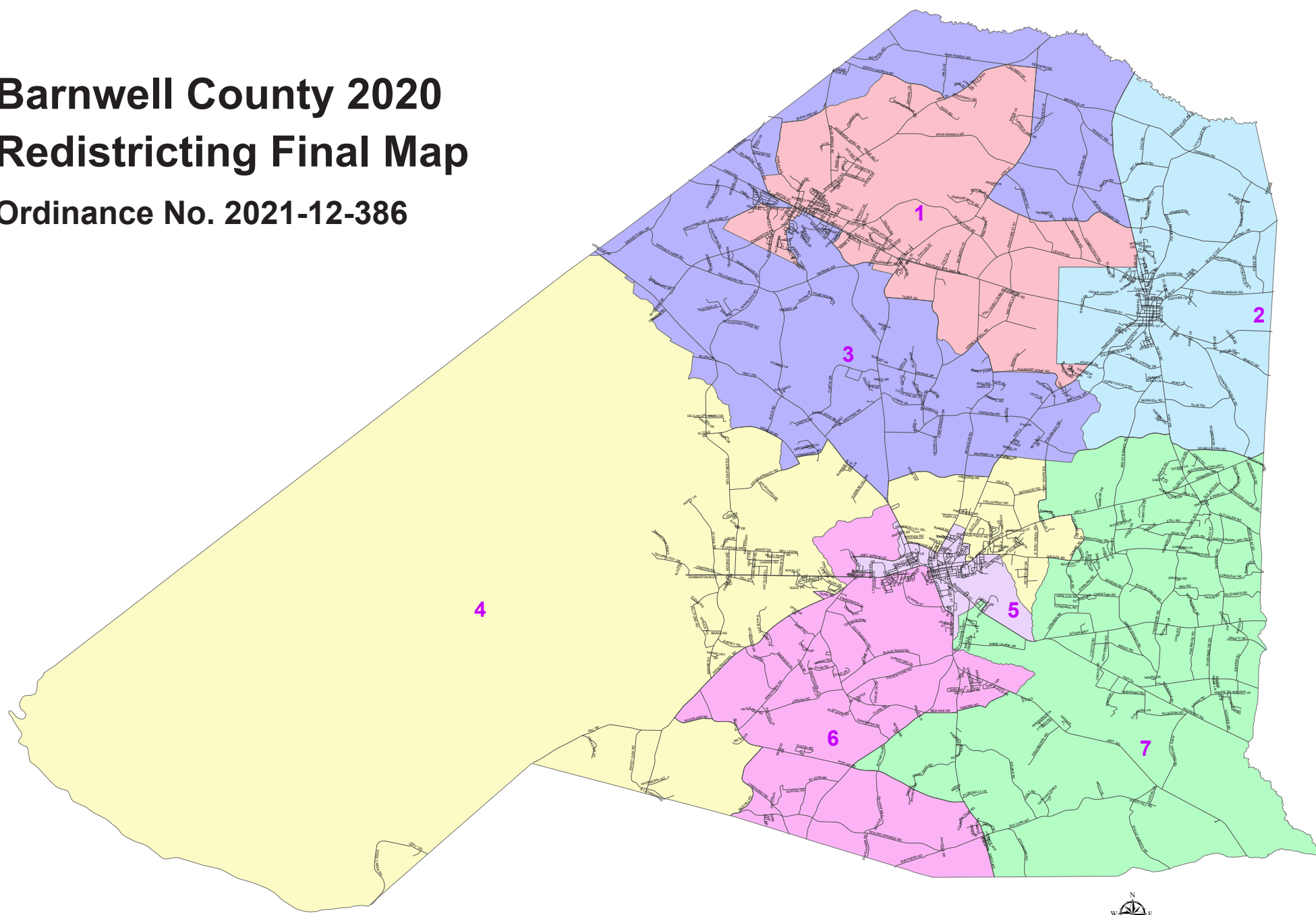
Work closely with law enforcement and Axis I to bring solutions to violence and drug overdoses to the county.

Long Term Goal: Work with state officials to try and bring some type of emergency healthcare back to Barnwell County.

Look into the possibility of increasing infrastructure in the county to help small businesses thrive.

Barnwell County 2020 Redistricting Final Map

Ordinance No. 2021-12-386



Final Statistics, December 2021

District	2020 Census	Goal	Over/ (Under)	% Deviation
1	2,896	2,941	(45)	-1.54%
2	2,919	2,941	(22)	-0.76%
3	2,923	2,941	(18)	-0.62%
4	2,892	2,941	(49)	-1.68%
5	2,979	2,941	38	1.28%
6	2,987	2,941	46	1.55%
7	2,993	2,941	52	1.76%
Lowest	-1.68%			
Highest	1.76%			
Range	3.43%			

Council Districts

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— Roads

For an online version of this map:
https://rfa.sc.gov/sites/default/files/2022-04/Barnwell_Final_0.pdf

Barnwell Total Population by Race *Race defined using DOJ definitions. Not Hispanic or Latino is abbreviated as NH.

County	District	Total	Hispanic	% Hispanic	NH White	% NH White	NH DOJ Black*	% NH DOJ Black	NH Other Race	% NH Other Race
Barnwell	1	2,896	71	2.45%	980	33.84%	1,751	60.46%	94	3.25%
Barnwell	2	2,919	45	1.54%	719	24.63%	2,089	71.57%	66	2.26%
Barnwell	3	2,923	100	3.42%	2,151	73.59%	568	19.43%	104	3.56%
Barnwell	4	2,892	84	2.90%	2,049	70.85%	678	23.44%	81	2.80%
Barnwell	5	2,979	65	2.18%	1,261	42.33%	1,473	49.45%	180	6.04%
Barnwell	6	2,987	77	2.58%	784	26.25%	2,076	69.50%	50	1.67%
Barnwell	7	2,993	78	2.61%	2,408	80.45%	415	13.87%	92	3.07%
	Total	20,589	520	2.53%	10,352	50.28%	9,050	43.96%	667	3.24%



Dianna Hanniford Still

cruises), quilt, and "treasure hunt". She had a passion for cooking, and her chicken casserole will remain a favorite of the community. Most of all, she cherished time spent with her family and friends. Her love for the Lord shined brightly and was evident by the way she lived life. Although her thumb was the greenest of greens, she sowed even more seed in the lives of those who knew her. Her soul was that of the ultimate kindness, grace, support, and love. She set the standards for wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, mother-in-law, sister, and friend. Her pups, Honey and Cricket, who miss her immensely, would argue adding dog mama to that list as well.

Surviving are: her husband of 62 years, J.C. "Cannie" Still Sr.; son, J.C. "Jody" (Angela) Still Jr.; granddaughters, Breanne Still of Barnwell, Jessica (Dan) Ulmer of Ehrhardt, Maci (Adam) Moore of Barnwell, and Melissa (Timothy) Still of Barnwell; grandson, Johnathan Way; great-grandchildren Maddix and Riggs Moore, John

Russell Ulmer, Anthony, Leo, Matt Still, Hannah and Bella Frickling, and CJ Roy; sisters, Jeanette Rigdon of North Augusta and Dot Bates of Barnwell; brother, Johnny Haniford of Barnwell; and many nieces, nephews, family, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, John Henry and Ivone Haniford of Barnwell; son, William "Rusty" Still of Barnwell; father- and mother-in-law, Toy and Magdalene Carroll Still; and sister, Tina Hobbs of Allendale.

In lieu of flowers, her request was for memorial contributions be made to your choice of charity benefiting disabled veterans and their families.

The family received friends at Friendship Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, October 13, 2024, at 2 o'clock. Funeral services began at 3 o'clock. Burial immediately followed the service in the church cemetery.

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

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BARNWELL - Dianna Hanniford Still, 79, of Barnwell, entered into eternal rest in the late hours of Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at her home, where she was surrounded by love.

Born on November 8, 1944, in Dorchester County, she was the daughter of the late John Henry Haniford and Ivone Thomas Haniford of Summerville. She was a wife to Cannie Still for 62 years; mother of two sons, Jody and Rusty; and the middle of five siblings. Seldomly called Dianna, she was commonly known as Diane, Ma-Ma/Mammie, and Mrs. Still. She was a passionate member of Willing Hearts and Friendship Baptist Church. She retired as a secretary from the Barnwell County Career Center.

Diane loved to read, garden, travel (especially



Homer Marshall Prater

during the Korean War and served at the Philadelphia Navy yard.

After his military service, Homer was employed by the Savannah River Plant in Aiken as an electrician and in various management positions for over 35 years. For hobbies, Homer loved to fix things from cars, tractors, engines to electronics. He also loved to plow with his tractor, cut firewood, garden, fish and built his family home. But most of all, he loved being with his family.

Homer was originally from the Westminster area and was predeceased by his parents, Lucas and Rosa Prater, and twelve brothers and sisters. He was married to Geneva Beck Prater for 50 years before her death in 2002. When Geneva became sick with Alzheimer's, he retired from SRP to be her caregiver for over 13 years so he could keep her at home. He is survived by three children, Philip Prater (Caroline) of Williston, SC, Renee Stephens (Todd) of Irmo, SC and Louise Bates of N.

Augusta, SC. He has two grandchildren, William (Maddy) Prater of Williston, SC and Eleanor Prater (fiancé Kaden Jacobs) of Augusta, GA.

The family would like to thank the Remain At Home Team and all the caregivers that took special care of and loved our Dad.

A visitation was held on Monday, October 14th, 2024 at 1 p.m. at Mole Funeral Home. Funeral services followed at 2 p.m. in the Mole Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. T. Bart Kelley officiating. Grave-side services were held in the Barnwell County Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that remembrance donations may be made to National Alzheimer's Association 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601, Golden Harvest Food Bank or a charity of their choice.

Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com.

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BARNWELL - Homer Marshall Prater, 96 years old, of Barnwell, passed away on October 8, 2024.

He graduated high school at age 17 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1945 during WWII and served in the Pacific Theater. Homer served on the destroyer *USS Wilson* during Operation Crossroads atomic bomb tests in the Bikini Atoll in mid-1946. He was one of the 37,000 Navy sailors who participated in the nuclear test and then re-boarded the ships for decontamination clean-up. He also served as an electrical engineer/technician on the *USS Salisbury Sound*, a seaplane tender stationed in Sitka, Alaska to support plane squadrons. He was called back into service



Berlinda Payne Odom

member of Allen Street Church of God in Barnwell, SC. She received her education from teachers and mentors in the Alabama school system and graduated from Robert Russell Moulton High School. She worked as a chef at a nursing facility.

Berlinda was united in Holy Matrimony to the love of her life and lifetime companion, Olin Odom. The couple remained together until the Lord called her home.

Although Berlinda's presence will be no more, she leaves loving memories that will remain embedded in the hearts and minds of those who knew and loved her.

In addition to her grandparents, she was preceded in death and is now resting with her beloved parents, Sam Payne and Mary Givens, as well as two sisters, Rosetta Payne and Ruth Johnson.

Those remaining to cherish fond memories are her loving and devoted husband of 56 years, Olin

Odom; one daughter, Kay Hallingquest (Tracy) of Trussville, AL; three sons, Arlin Odom (Gwendolyn) of Margaret, AL, and Kenneth Odom and Marcus Odom (Nahkia), both of Barnwell, SC; 11 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Sam Payne (Patricia) of Leeds, AL and Theodore Payne (Patricia) of Holly, MI; four sisters, Barbara Jean Morgan and Faye Goudy (Frank), both of Birmingham, AL, Diana Robinson (Ronnie) of Detroit, MI and Phyllis Peterson (Walter) of Vincent, AL; one aunt, Lucy Givens; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and loving friends.

Services were held Saturday, October 5, 2024 at 11 a.m. at Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church in Barnwell with Pastor Trevor Cropp presiding and Reverend Darlene Thomas serving as eulogist.

B.F. Cave Funeral Home of Allendale was in charge of arrangements.

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BARNWELL - Berlinda Payne Odom was born on Friday, February 11, 1949, in Alton, Alabama. She was the beloved daughter of the late Reverend Sam and Mary Payne.

During the hours of Thursday, September 26, 2024, the gates of Heaven opened and welcomed Berlinda home. God touched her heart and whispered, "Come to me, for you have fought a good fight and labored enough." She made her permanent change of address from Earth to Heaven in the serenity of her home in Barnwell, South Carolina, at the age of 75.

Seeking God's direction and guidance, she joined and became a baptized



George Buggs Jr.

Brown Chapel until the Lord called him home. His education was provided by teachers and mentors of the Barnwell County School System, and he was a graduate of the former Butler High School in Barnwell. George enlisted in the Army National Guard and was loyal to his Country. He was employed as a production worker in the manufacturing industry.

He was united in Holy Matrimony to the former Iva Yvonne Dicks, and together they raised and nurtured a beautiful family.

Although George's presence will be no more, he leaves loving memories that will remain embedded in the hearts and minds of those who knew and loved him.

In addition to his grandparents, George was preceded in death and is now resting with his beloved parents, George Buggs Sr. and Flourine Hosey Buggs; one son, SSG. George Edward Buggs; one sister, Georgia Mae Brown; and one brother, LC Buggs.

Those remaining to cherish fond memories are his loving and devoted wife

of 54 years, Iva Yvonne Buggs of Barnwell, SC; two daughters, Joyce Buggs (Anthony) Brown of Barnwell, SC and Delaine Danquett Buggs (Maurice Lawton) of Manchester, NH; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Josie Barker and Sarah (Don) Williams; two brothers, Columbus (Linda) Buggs and Marshall Buggs Sr.; one sister-in-law, Barbara Ann Buggs; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and loving friends.

Services were held Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 1 p.m. at Brown Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (3700 Highway 70, Barnwell) with Reverend Dr. Freddie L. Bush serving as eulogist.

Pallbearers were Montrel Walker, Recardo Brown, Antonio Brown and Darvis Buggs.

Floral attendants were Desiree Sumpter, Davina Byars, Nailea Byars and Amber Sumpter.

B.F. Cave Funeral Home of Allendale was in charge of arrangements.

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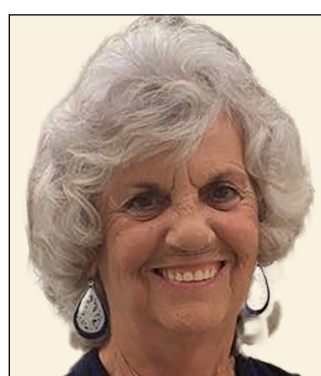
AIKEN - George Buggs Jr. was born on Wednesday, August 8, 1945, in Barnwell, South Carolina, to the late George Buggs Sr. and the late Flourine Hosey Buggs.

During the hours of Monday, September 30, 2024, the gates of Heaven swung open as God called George home. God touched his heart and whispered, "Come to me, for you have fought a good fight and labored enough." He made his permanent change of address from Earth to Heaven at Pruitt Health Nursing Facility in Aiken, South Carolina, at the age of 79.

Seeking God's direction and guidance, "Bubba," as he was affectionately called, joined and became a baptized member of Brown Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Barnwell. He remained a member of

In Loving Memory

Jane Richardson



of. Following her discharge from the Women's Army Corps, Jane spent several years as a member of the Army Reserves.

In addition to Jane's military service, she held several other jobs throughout her life. She was a Savannah Crane Operator and Private Investigator. She then took a position at ChemNuclear where she worked in Security for twelve years. After leaving ChemNuclear, Jane became the first female Jailer at the Barnwell County Detention Center, her final place of employment.

Jane loved planting and nourishing flowers, cutting grass, and keeping up her yard. She loved birds, and always made

sure the birdbaths and hummingbird feeders were full. Her house was always spotless, and her yard was always beautiful. In addition to this, Jane loved karaoke and was an avid reader, often finishing a book in one sitting. If she was not reading, she could be found watching True Crime shows on TV. Jane's greatest love was her family and friends.

In addition to her parents, Jane was preceded in death by two brothers, Jerry M. Richardson and Milton O'neal Richardson, as well as a nephew, Ronnie Richardson.

Those left to cherish Jane's memory are: a daughter, Karen "Dink" Weimortz Gainey; a brother,

Jimmy Franklin (Cheryl) Richardson; grandchildren, Donald Craig Weber Jr. and Troy Jacob Peeples; great-grandchildren, Derrick Weber, Marley Weber and Kase Peeples; nephews, Scotty Richardson (Tandra Rhoad), James Richardson, Brian Richardson and Travis Richardson; niece, Megan Waldrop; great-niece, Katy Richardson; great-nephew, Brandon Richardson; "daughter of the heart", Glenda (Carey) Cavanah; "sister of the heart", Souharti "Sue" Lanier; special cousins, Donnie (Debby) Nease, Barry (Sybil) Nease, Sissy (Randy) Blewer, Jeffery (Joyce) Sapp, Larry McDonald, Danny (Sandy) McDonald, Beverly Smithy

and Nancy Bradham; special friends, Edie (Kevin) Wilson, Karen Gray and Virginia Taylor; very special cousin/helper, Mickey Richardson, as well as a host of other family and friends.

A Celebration of Life Service was held at 4 o'clock p.m., Sunday, October 13, 2024 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Tom Baker officiating.

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

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Local soldiers respond to serve citizens after Hurricane Helene

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On September 25, 2024 the Governor of South Carolina, The Honorable Henry McMaster, declared a state of emergency in anticipation of Hurricane Helene. The South Carolina State Guard was among several units of the South Carolina Military Department immediately activated in response to recovery efforts.

More than 150 State Guard soldiers were mobilized and quickly responded, showing exemplary proficiency, professionalism and dedication while engaged in field operations across the state. Two of these soldiers, Major Norma Rockwell and her husband Command Sergeant Major Edward Rockwell, both of Blackville, were activated in the Columbia area.

Major Rockwell spent time in the field assessing damages to homes around Barnwell County with volunteer Austin Gordon. Accompanying them was Bobbie Williams, the newest Barnwell County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) member. Williams was busy with her driver assessing damages in the Williston area. Photos and a brief assessment of damages were transmitted "real-time" to Barnwell County's Emergency Operations Center for further FEMA damage assessments.

"This is what the South Carolina State Guard trains for on a regular basis," said



The Barnwell County Community Emergency Response Team helped with relief efforts after Hurricane Helene left her mark on South Carolina.

Major Rockwell, Executive Office, Logistics for the South Carolina State Guard. "Our motto is 'Trained and Ready' and when Hurricane Helene came ashore in South Carolina, our soldiers were indeed trained and ready to respond."

MSG Ed Rockwell was responsible for managing a vital part of the ongoing missions, transporting personnel and equipment throughout the state to supply necessary material in the recovery operations. As the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the SCSG Logistics and Supply unit, MSG Rockwell also assisted with meals and issuing supplies until all State Guard personnel completed their missions and were demobilized October 9th.

"Keeping any unit supplied during operations is vital to the success of the mission, whether it involves moving

supplies and troops to the appropriate location or keeping everyone fed," said MSG Rockwell. "Without the proper support from headquarters, our troops cannot be effective and conduct their assigned tasks. It was important that everything ran smoothly during this critical time."

When not in the field, Major Rockwell was assigned to the SCSG Tactical Operations Center. The "TOC" as it is known, is responsible for coordinating transportation of personnel, deploying equipment, reporting events, and is the nerve center of the recovery operations for the State Guard during times of active operations.

For further information about joining the South Carolina State Guard, visit their website www.sc.sg.gov.

Norma Rockwell is also the Barnwell County CERT Program Manager and teaches the 24-hour Basic

CERT course at no charge. For more information on the Barnwell program, contact Major Rockwell at norma.rockwell@gmail.com.

For more information on the South Carolina State Guard, Hurricane Helene operations or future missions of the SCSG, please contact the Public Affairs unit.

About the South Carolina State Guard

The South Carolina State Guard swiftly responds to disasters, safeguarding people, property, and aiding community recovery alongside the National



Members of the State Guard responded after Hurricane Helene, including cutting down trees and handing out meals.



Guard and law enforcement when called upon. It operates under the direction of the Adjutant General within the South Carolina Military Department, with the Governor as its Commander in Chief.

Arrest Report Correction

In the October 9, 2024 edition, charges for two people were incorrectly provided by the sheriff's office. Below are the correct charges:

Kerek Nathaniel Bearden,

33, of 140 Deerwood Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on October 5, 2024 by BCSO for Burglary, Petit Larceny, and Illegal Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

Karen Joan Kuester, 62, of 421 Woodland Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on October 5, 2024 by BCSO for Possession of Heroin and Possession of Meth With Intent to Distribute.

Obituaries

Vivian Whisnant Holliday

BARNWELL - Vivian Whisnant Holliday, 75, passed away suddenly at her South Carolina home on October 11, 2024.

Born in Sumter, S.C., she was the daughter of the late Philip Bomar Whisnant and Hilda Thorne Whisnant. She graduated from Barnwell High School in 1967 and earned her bachelor's degree from Lander University in 1971, after which she obtained her teaching licensure and began her lifelong teaching career. She taught high school English for 36 years at both Barnwell High School and Jefferson Davis Academy, where she was known for her dry wit, care for her students, and knack for instilling a love of literature in students who may not have otherwise cared for the classics. She was one of the founders of Barnwell High School's Living Literature Museum, which brought literary characters to life for hundreds of students over the years. Vivian loved reading and spending time at the beach, especially Edisto, seldom happier than when she could have



her face to the sun and toes in the sand. If anything made her more joyful, it was spending time with her three grandchildren, of whom she was so proud, and would travel as often as possible to spend time with them in North Carolina and Colorado and later, California.

Vivian was a beloved wife, dedicated mother, loving Fifi to her grandchildren, and caring sister and aunt who is survived by her husband, Duncan Holliday Jr. of Barnwell; sons, Jason Holliday

(Chrissy) of Eureka, C.A. and Philip Holliday (Angie) of Denver, N.C.; grandchildren Camryn, Carsyn and Kellen; sister, Judy W. Brown (Walter); as well as numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. She was predeceased by her brother, Philip "Monk" Whisnant, and sister, Nancy Whisnant Creech.

Services will be held beginning at 11 a.m. at Williston Presbyterian Church, Williston, S.C., on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024. The family will receive friends in the church fellowship hall after the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to: The COPD Foundation, 3300 Ponce de Leon Blvd, Miami, F.L. 33134 or Williston Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 391, Williston, S.C. 29853.

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

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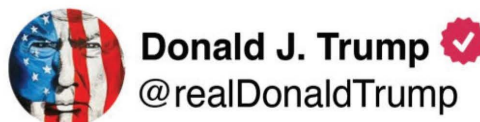


Joe and Senator Tim Scott greet supporters in Aiken. Joe has been grateful to be on the Republican ticket with Senator Tim Scott.

SECOND DISTRICT



TRUMP ENDORSEMENT



Congressman Joe Wilson is doing an incredible job fighting for the people of South Carolina's Second District! A retired Colonel of the South Carolina Army National Guard, Joe is working hard to Defend our Country, Strengthen the Military, Support our Veterans, Secure the Border, and Protect our under siege Second Amendment. An original Member of my South Carolina Leadership Team, Congressman Joe Wilson has my Complete and Total Endorsement!



Joe Means Jobs

- Fight Inflation and Lower the Cost of Living
- Make America Energy Independent and Reduce Gas Prices
- Strengthen the Supply Chain and End Dependence on China
- Families That Are Safe**
- Secure the Border and Combat Illegal Alien Invasion
- Reduce Crime and Support Public Safety
- Defeat Dictators Overseas
- A Future That's Built on Freedom**
- Make Sure Every Student Can Succeed and Give Parents a Voice
- Achieve Longer, Healthier Lives for Americans
- Confront Big Tech and Demand Fairness
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- Preserve Our Constitutional Freedoms
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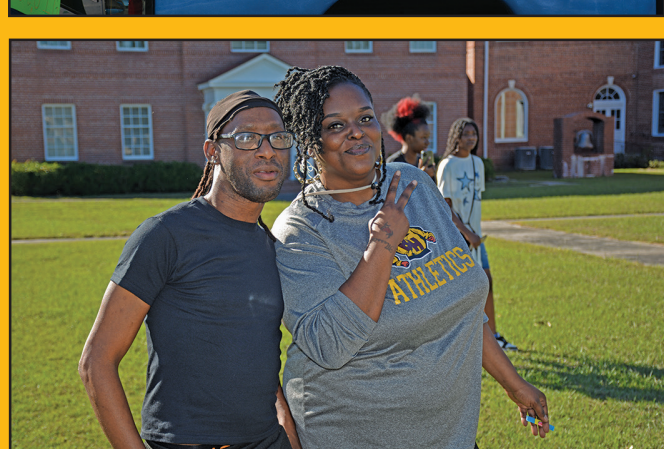


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Hawks soar home for Blackville-Hilda homecoming

Over 60 entries rolled down Solomon Blatt Boulevard on Friday, Oct. 11 for Blackville-Hilda High School's homecoming parade. Entries included businesses, public officials, school leaders, school board candidates, and alumni. Photos By: Jonathan Vickery / Publisher



FARM: Adventure Farm brings fun opportunities to Barnwell

FROM PAGE 1A

Recently the farm welcomed students from Bamberg-Olar schools and Barnwell special education classes. While fun is quite literally built into the farm, learning is a big part of these class trips.

Educational signs can be found around the farm, teaching youth about tending to crops and caring for animals. They also learn about the main rule on the farm - respect.

Respecting each other, the land, the animals, and the employees is one of Donna & Dennis' main priorities in addition to safety.

The majority of the farm is gated, and safety precautions such as soft playground sand and hay bale barriers are taken at each activity area. Employees also are CPR certified and many are training in a medical field. Netting can be seen surrounding the entirety of the paintball range to prevent any stray paintballs escaping into the farm.

The paintball range has two sections; one with obstacles, complicated targets, an immobile car, and even a moving target (an employee dressed in a fully ghillie suit hiding in the course), and another for a younger crowd with standing and low impact targets.

The range can also be used for capture the flag and other team-based games as well. Thus far, roughly a dozen groups have come to play the range.

Another unique aspect to the farm is their 70x35 bounce pillow. Almost like an inground trampoline, the bounce pillow can be blown up when in use and then deflated. It is only four and a half feet off the ground, and surrounded by roughly four feet of playground sand.

An important part of Adventure Farms is the animals; Dolly and Ellie the donkeys, Scarlett the cow, Mary the sheep, and a crew of goats - Pearl, Deena, BamBam, Betty, and Wilma.

Kids are able to learn about the animals and how to act around them safely, as well as farming and animal care. Donna strives



The handmade chicken slide (left & above) is a prominent feature at the farm.

Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter



Arlee Grace Busch, Everly Huffstetler, Gracie Gleaton, Eleanor Huffstetler, and EmmaLynn Huffstetler enjoy the chicken slide at Adventure Farms in

Joye Hallman



Allison Still and Madilyn Baxley enjoyed racing in these blow-up rings at Adventure Farms.

Amber Still

to make each experience at Adventure Farm a learning one, even for her eleven employees who she aims to provide new experiences and opportunities to.

One collaborative, team working game played during class trips breaks students into groups to move an egg down a series of PVC pipes.

Other activities include a chicken-themed slide, a rubber duck race, and

old farmer corn hole, the classic game but with corn cobs. These unique games and activities took precise engineering and safety considerations.

There is also a volleyball/pickleball court, traditional cornhole, and a play area for one to five year olds.

This wide variety of activities has drawn in local families as well as families from Columbia, Summerville, and parts of



Dolly and Ellie the donkeys are two of the friendly faces Adventure Farms goers will meet.



The hay ride trail was haunted by animatronic characters during spooky season. It will be transformed into a holiday wonderland for the winter months.

Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

Georgia. In a few weeks, Adventure Farms will be gearing up for holiday festivities with pumpkins turning into snowmen and displays of over six thousand lights.

They will have a semi-live nativity featuring Dolly the donkey, the Halloween animatronics now seen on the hayride will be swapped out for Christmas characters, and Santa is set

to make an appearance. To learn more about Adventure Farms or purchase tickets, visit www.adventurefarmssc.com or find them on Facebook.

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The Blackville-Hilda Hawks defense dominated the War Eagles and shut them out for 3 quarters, only allowing a meaningless 6 points in the 4th quarter. Photos By: Kelley Wood



The versatile Namair Anderson scored on an 84-yard punt return for a touchdown and also caught a 60-yard touchdown pass for two of the Hawks biggest plays.

Hawks ground the War Eagles 50-6



Jaquel Holman only carried the ball 9 times, but gained 206 yards for an average of more than 22 yards per carry, and scored 4 touchdowns.



Hawks defenders Jayden Jackson (18) and Jabarius Johnson combine for another tackle.

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The 4-1 Blackville-Hilda Hawks hosted the 2-3 Wagener-Salley War Eagles last Friday, October 11 on Blackville-Hilda's homecoming night.

As any coach will tell you, with all the homecoming festivities before the game, it can be very easy for a team to become distracted and lose focus on what they need to do to win the game. This was not the case last Friday night in Blackville as the Hawks easily defeated the War Eagles from Wagener in an

Varsity High School Sports Schedule

Football

Friday, Oct. 18

- HKT @ Williston-Elko 7:30
- Calhoun County @ Blackville-Hilda 7:30
- Barnwell @ Hampton County 7:30
- JDA (Bye)

Volleyball

Wednesday, Oct. 16

- North @ Williston-Elko 5:30
 - Bridges Prep @ Barnwell 7:00
 - Holly Hill Academy @ JDA 4:00
- Friday, Oct. 18
- SCISA State Volleyball Tournament begins JDA (Myrtle Beach)

Girls Tennis

Thursday, Oct. 17

- Williston-Elko @ Fox Creek 5:00



Not only did Hawks QB Samari Williams have a big game last Friday night, but he was also crowned Homecoming King.

important Region 3-A contest by a score of 50-6.

Despite a close first quarter as the War Eagles only allowed the Hawks six points, Blackville-Hilda added 30 second quarter points to grab a 36-0 half-time advantage. The Hawks had a big night on offense as you might think after looking at the score, but the defense really was impressive, not allowing a single point to the visiting War Eagles

until the fourth quarter when several back-up players were in the game.

Special teams played really well for the Hawks to make this a quality showing in all three phases of the game. The kickoff team got a lot of work for the Hawks and really covered well throughout the night, to not allow the War Eagles to get good field position. Namair Anderson had an 84-yard punt return for a

Hawks touchdown.

Blackville-Hilda coach Kevin Jones was asked about the game and said, "Anytime you have a homecoming game, and especially one as big as Blackville-Hilda has, you are always concerned about the team getting lost in all the distractions. We preached all week about staying focused and getting the job done. I thought the kids played really well in all three

phases of the game."

Offensively, the Hawks made a few adjustments. "That has really opened up what we can do. Jaquel Holman only carried the ball 9 times but had 206 yards and 4 touchdowns. Samari Williams did more damage with his legs but also hit Namair Anderson on a nice slant route that went 60 yards for a touchdown. Jamarion Kirkland has added so much to our offense with his ability to run, catch and block. He is also a violent hitter on defense," said Coach Jones.

"Defensively, we played really hard and did some good things. Jabarius Johnson, Ricky Richberg, and Jayden Dash all had big games for the defense. Jayden Jackson has made huge progress from his defensive end position. Namair Anderson had a nice 84-yard punt return for a touchdown that showed off his speed. I also want to give a shout out to our kick off team. They get down the field so fast and are looking to do serious damage when they get there," he said.

Getting off to a 1-0 region start was big for the Hawks, said Coach Jones, but this week they have a talented Calhoun County team coming to town for senior night. "They don't have a great record but they are talented. They are just really young. Coach Farmer will have a plan in place to cause us problems Friday night," said Coach Jones.

With the win, the Hawks improve to 5-1 on the season and are 1-0 in Region 3-A. Blackville-Hilda will host the Saints from Calhoun County this Friday, October 18. Come out and support the Hawks as they look to go to 6-1 on the year, but more importantly, as they look to go 2-0 in region play. Go Hawks!

Blackville-Hilda's Jaquel Holman earns Shrine Bowl selection



Photo By: Kelley Wood



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Blackville-Hilda's Jaquel Holman has been selected to compete in the 2024 NC/SC Shrine Bowl to be held at Spartanburg High School this December 21.

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The 2024 North Carolina versus South Carolina all-star game, known as the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas, will feature some of the absolute best senior football players from the two states.

The biggest and best school's best players get chosen to represent their state. Schools like Irmo, Gaffney, Dutch Fork, and North Augusta will be sending representatives to this game. For 2024 you can add Blackville-Hilda to that prestigious list. That's right, Blackville-Hilda's star player, Jaquel Holman, has been chosen to play as one of South Carolina's best players to go against the best players from North Carolina. The Shrine Bowl will be held at Spartanburg High School this December 21.

The Shrine Bowl has been one of the longest running bowl games in the country. The Shrine Bowl has been running since the 1930's. The Shriners' proceeds from the game go to the Shriners Hospital that helps children with medical needs. Some of the many well-known former Shrine Bowl players include NFL legends Sonny Jurgenson, William "Refrigerator" Perry, Duce Staley, Charlie Waters, Julius Peppers, and many more. Current NFL stars Stephon Gilmore and Jadevion Clowney were both Shrine Bowl players.

Major League Baseball Hall of Famer Jim Rice was also a Shrine Bowl player.

Jaquel Holman plays on both sides of the ball for the Hawks and can return kicks, if any team is brave enough to kick it his way. Holman is a very strong running back that is averaging more than 10 yards per carry and has rushed for 12 touchdowns. These are not inflated stats to make him look good, as a matter of fact, they are even better than they appear. Blackville-Hilda head coach Kevin Jones has been sitting Jaquel out for parts of many of their games.

This past week, Jaquel only carried the ball nine times, but those nine carries were for 206 yards and four touchdowns. For those of you not wanting to do the math, that was more than 22 yards per carry!

Coach Jones was asked about Jaquel being selected for this very prestigious game and he said, "We were all really happy for Jaquel and his selection to the Shrine Bowl. He has made an unbelievable impact on our program and school. We know he is ready for the remainder of our season and then heading off to the University of South Carolina. He has only carried the ball 84 times all year for us but still has 854 yards rushing at this point and 12 touchdowns. I have never been a believer in running a kid 25 or more times a game. It is just too much wear and tear on the player and Jaquel understands and appreciates that commitment to his future. Due to him being a little



banged up to start the season, we didn't play him on defense much until the last few games. Even with that, he is closing in on 30 tackles, 4 tackles for loss, a sack and a forced fumble. He hasn't had a chance to get involved with our return game on kicks because nobody will kick it in the same zip code as to where he is positioned on the field."

If you need any more convincing that Jaquel is a special athlete, then consider the fact that he earned three gold medals at the 2024 State Track and Field Championships. Jaquel finished first in both the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash. He was also part of the gold medal winning 4x100-meter relay team.

The Shrine Bowl has listed him as an "athlete". There is not a better description for Holman. He can play running back, linebacker, defensive back, special teams, or just about anywhere needed.

When asked about making the Shrine Bowl,

the very humble young man said, "I felt great and I am truly blessed, but I wouldn't be in this situation if I wasn't for God, my parents, my coaches, and the community

supporting me."

Coach Jones thinks Holman's success with the Hawks is a "lesson for the young kids coming up that you don't have to chase opportunities at charter schools, private schools, or 5A schools. You can get recruited by major universities and get selected to high level all-star games by just becoming the best player you can be in your own surroundings."

"I think playing against the best North Carolina players and playing with the best players from South Carolina is a big accomplishment because coming from a small school people think you don't get noticed, but by being

at a little school I'm really encouraging a lot of kids in my area to go for their dreams. I can show them that just because they are from a little town, doesn't mean they can't still fulfill big dreams," said Holman.

Blackville-Hilda High School, the Town of Blackville, and the whole Barnwell County are proud of your accomplishments, Jaquel Holman. We are all looking forward to watching you finish this season on a high note, then competing in the Shrine Bowl, and moving on to joining the University of South Carolina Gamecocks.

Jaquel is proof that big things can come from small towns.

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Barnwell's Jaidyn Devore played in All-American game



Jaidyn Devore and her Toni's Promise team defeated Mamie's Magic 8-7 in the Minority Prospects Softball All-American Game held in Montgomery, Alabama on September 28.

Photo By: Felecia Devore



Jaidyn Devore (back left) and her Toni's Promise teammates had a great weekend experience on the field and off.

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professional baseball and softball players and they were one of the sponsors of the game. Former MLB players C.C. Sabathia and Curtis Granderson are on the board of the Players Alliance.

The two teams involved were called Toni's Promise, named in honor of Toni Stone, and Mamie's Magic, named in honor of Mamie "Peanut" Johnson. Both Stone and Johnson were former Negro League icons. Jaidyn Devore played for Toni's Promise.

There are never winners or losers in these all-star games, but for those of you that do not subscribe to such philosophies, Toni's Promise defeated Mamie's Magic 8-7 in dramatic fashion. Jaidyn's Toni's Promise team scored the go ahead run in the final inning to collect the win. Jaidyn played well and you may have seen a clip online of Jaidyn pitching that showed exactly why she deserved to be there.

Jaidyn was asked about the experience and what the girls did outside of the game. "The game went well and it was really fun. We danced, cheered, and

just had a good time. My team was called Toni's Promise and it was like we had all played together before. The game was tied in the bottom of the 7th and my team got the winning run on the last out. Outside of the game we did some community service, helping young kids learn how to play softball and baseball. We were also able to give them free equipment," said Devore.

In addition to the game and the community service, the Players Alliance presented the Softball Dirty Derby and the Legacy game which featured some of the best softball players in the nation.

Jaidyn's high school head softball coach, Mike Beasley, said, "I'm proud of Jaidyn's representation of the Barnwell softball team during the Minority Prospect All-American Softball Game. Jaidyn is a leader and she's grown so much as a person and player. We are very proud and look forward to the upcoming season with Jaidyn's leadership."

The experience is

certainly an unforgettable one for Jaidyn, but the timing of the trip and the hurricane weather problems made things a bit difficult for the Devore family.

"We left Friday, September 27 about 2 p.m. Trees were down on Highway 278, I-520 and I-20. We had to dodge trees from Highway 278 all the way to I-520. We were very surprised to see so many trees still down on I-20. We sat in traffic for hours because of trees being down or people running out of gas. I've never experienced anything like that before. We finally made it Alabama about 12:30 a.m. The trip usually takes about 6 1/2 hours, but took 10 1/2 hours. On Sunday morning, we left Alabama about 11 a.m. Things were going great until we got to Conyers, Ga. Traffic was backed up for miles due to the BioLab chemical fire. Shelter in place and evacuation orders were issued for that area. The smoke from the fire could be seen for miles. Again, we sat in traffic. Every exit we tried to take was detoured. Eventually

we found a way back towards Atlanta to get off on the Greenville exit. We ended up going through Anderson to try to get back to Barnwell. All of the small towns we had to go through had no electricity and trees were down on both sides of the road. We had to travel across so many power lines that had fallen. We finally got back to Barnwell about 11:30 p.m. Thank God we made it safely back home," said Jaidyn's mother, Felicia Devore.

Despite the travel issues, the game and the overall experiences in Montgomery were worth the minor, well, make that major inconveniences. Jaidyn was honored and got to play in an All-American game. She got to help teach younger kids about the sport that she loves. She made new friends and possible future opponents.

Jaidyn has committed to play softball for the Bison of Howard University. We wish Jaidyn a great senior season for the Barnwell Warhorses and for her future as a Howard University Bison!

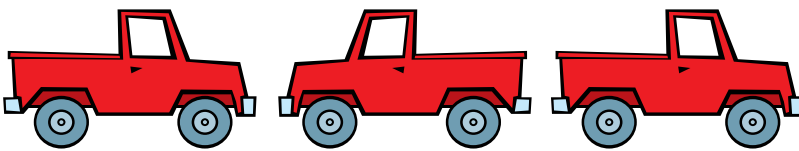
Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

Kid Scoop Junior

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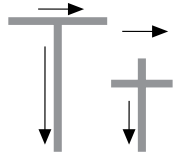


My name:

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

My Letters

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t is for tree



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My Numbers

How many turtles?
How many cups?
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Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.



My Rhyme Time

I had a little nut tree,
Nothing would it bear
But a silver nutmeg
And a golden pear.



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 tree grows



Sunday

Letter Identification
With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound the letter T makes in the word tree.

Monday

Math Play
Point to the number 3 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

Who Needs Trees?
Talk with your child about who and what needs trees to survive. Look through the newspaper for pictures of animals and plants that depend on trees. Cut out the pictures and make a We Love Trees collage.

Wednesday

People Need Trees
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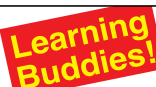
Top, Bottom, Side
Lay one sheet of newspaper on the ground. Play Simon Says, giving your child directions such as, "Touch the top of the paper with your right hand." "Touch the left side of the paper with your left hand."

Friday

Tell Where
Look at pictures in the newspaper and talk with your child about where people and things are located in those pictures. For example: "The man is in the car." "The girl is behind the table." "The table is in front of the woman."

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE CLUES

- ACROSS**
- Cut of lamb
 - Numbers, abbr.
 - Friend from Down Under
 - Jonas Salk's conquest
 - Bingo!
 - Secret storage
 - Like a beaver?
 - Sun, in Spain
 - Knightly suit
 - *Can take the form of a certain flying mammal
 - *Spell casting
 - Between E and NE
 - Fisherman's fly
 - Away's partner
 - Biology lab supply
 - Offspring of alumnus
 - Month before Nisan
 - Latte choice
 - Filthy dough
 - Sound on a scale
 - *Homeowner's Halloween option
 - Subsequently
 - A deadly sin?
 - Competitive advantage
 - Assigned theater spot
 - Popular post
 - Biblical firstborn
 - What skeletons and skedaddlers have in common
 - Tiresias in "Oedipus Rex", e.g.
 - French vineyard
 - *Grisly
 - *Ghostly apparition
 - Throat dangler
 - *"The Murders in the _____ Morgue"
 - Actress Watts
 - Relating to a lobe
 - Songwriter Gershwin
 - a.k.a. tangelos
 - Pitcher
 - Lt.'s inferior, in the Navy
 - River clay deposits
- DOWN**
- Hightailed it
 - *Adjective for Merlin, hairwise
 - Aquarium scum
 - *"Unattractive" Munster relative
 - Sl vakian monetary unit
 - Project Apollo org.
 - Exclamation of surprise
 - Pico de gallo, e.g.
 - Painter Chagall
 - Pinnacle
 - Chris Hemsworth's Marvel role
 - *Like decorated house on Halloween
 - El Chapo's organization, e.g.
 - MC Hammer's "Too _____ to Quit" album
 - Black gold
 - Puppy purveyor, often
 - *Teeth of #19 Across
 - Love intensely
 - a.k.a. honey badger
 - 0.405 hectare
 - *Blood and _____
 - Partner of pains
 - *Spooky house sound
 - "Fiddler on the Roof" gossipy character
 - Coral barrier
 - Gads, anagrammed
 - Mold a mind
 - Expel a lawyer



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- Ever, to a poet
- Bluish planet
- *#12 Down, alt. sp.
- Sushi option
- Stubborn beast
- Swear, not curse
- Type of hexahedron
- Having wings
- Black-eyed legumes
- Sound of a bell
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Another View

Help those hurt by Helene's wrath

NOTE: This opinion originally was published Oct. 4 in the Charleston City Paper.

Charleston City Paper | If you lived through Hurricane Hugo 35 years ago, you might have an inkling of what the people of western North Carolina are going through.

The Lowcountry's recovery from the mammoth hurricane took several weeks. Their recovery, unfortunately, likely will take much, much longer for the simple reason that critical infrastructure – highways, smaller roads and bridges – just aren't there any more. Huge water pipes are tangled on the sides of these pathways. Power lines hang like yarn. Before life can approach normal, there's got to be a way for people to get in and fix things.

One woman's touching story that's making rounds on Facebook is particularly numbing.

"Today, I saw true devastation and death and I am not O.K.," she wrote about what typically is a 40-minute drive from her mountain home into Asheville. It took more than two hours. She passed through places that seemed to have been smashed by a zombie apocalypse – Chimney Rock, Lake Lure, Black Mountain and Swannanoa – driving over and under multiple downed power lines. She faced collapsed roads and said she felt her car was sliding at times. Then it got worse.

"As I drove through several areas where the storm had hit the worst, I saw bodies – bodies of animals, wild and domestic. And then I saw human bodies who had gotten caught in the storms and the rivers. (No I'm not kidding or exaggerating.) At first, I thought they were Hel-

loween decorations or just clothes or something, but as I got closer I could see they weren't. They were real, real victims of Helene washed away by the storm. I saw their faces.

"Words cannot describe how much I was affected by those sights ... I am horrified. I am not O.K. Those two hours this morning completely changed me. It's one thing to hear of these kinds of disasters and a complete other to see it, truly see it."

Western North Carolina is going to need lots of help in the months ahead. Officials say the best way to help now is to donate to an organization working to help people recover. Volunteers are welcome through organizations like the American Red Cross or Salvation Army, but officials say waves of trucks with supplies could bring more people into harm's way.

Here are some organizations you might want to consider giving a donation:

Unmet needs: N.C. Disaster Relief Fund (pay.payitgov.com/ncdonations); American Red Cross (redcross.org)

United Way (unitedway.org/hurricane-helene); Salvation Army (salvationarmyusa.org).

Food: World Central Kitchen (wck.org); Manna Food Bank (mannafoodbank.org).

Legal help: Legal Aid of North Carolina (legalaiddnc.org).

Pets: Charleston Animal Society (charlestonanimalsociety.org/helene); Brother Wolf Animal Rescue (bwar.org).

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Columns

BBB Tip: Protect yourself from "storm chasers" after a natural disaster



Kelvin Collins

Better Business Bureau

Natural disasters like storms, tornadoes, hurricanes, flooding, and wildfires often bring out the best in people as strangers reach out to help others in need. Unfortunately, the aftermath of a crisis also brings out contractors taking advantage of those who have already been victimized.

Local contractors may be busier than usual with new customers after a natural disaster, meaning victims of storm damage may be eager to hire a contractor to fix their home repairs as quickly as possible, ignoring red flags. It's important to stay vigilant and hire a trusted business that will get the job done right.

BBB warns homeowners affected by natural disasters to beware of "storm chasers" and out-of-town contractors soliciting business. Although not all storm chasers are scammers, some may lack the proper licensing for your area, offer quick fixes, or make big promises that they don't keep.

There are some things you should do when hiring any contractor, such as contacting your insurance company first, obtaining estimates of the work to be done, and getting everything in writing. See below for more details

1. Contact your insurance company immediately. Ask about your policy coverage and specific filing requirements. Be sure to confirm the insurance deductible that you will need to pay. Save all receipts, including those for food, temporary lodging, or other expenses that may be covered under your policy. Your insurance company may also have recommended contractors or specific requirements.

2. Do your research Find businesses you can trust on BBB.org by looking for the Accredited Business

Seal. Check your state or provincial government agency responsible for registering and/or licensing contractors. Get references from friends and relatives.

3. Resist high-pressure sales. Some storm chasers use tactics such as the "good deal" you'll get only if you hire the contractor on the spot. Be proactive in selecting a contractor and not reactive to sales calls on the phone or door-to-door pitches with too-good-to-be-true offers on price and timelines. Disaster victims should never feel forced to make a hasty decision or to choose an unknown contractor.

4. Be especially careful of door-to-door contractors Many municipalities require a solicitation permit if salespeople go door-to-door. Ask for identification. Check their vehicle for a business name, phone number, and license plates for your state or province. Also look to see if they display the BBB Accredited Business Seal- and check BBB.org to verify it. BBB requires Accredited Businesses to have proper licensure, and only ABs can display the Seal.

5. Don't sign over insurance checks to contractors. Get an invoice from the contractor and pay them directly. If the business allows it, consider paying with a credit card, which offers additional fraud protection over other forms of payment (but be aware of possible transaction fees). Don't sign any documents that give the contractor rights to your insurance claims. Be sure to read any documents or contracts carefully before signing them. If you have questions, contact your insurance company or agent.

6. Be cautious of requests to pay for everything up-front. "Storm chasers" may ask for the full payment or a very large down payment before any work begins or any supplies delivered. This is a red flag, as the contractor would now have your money and could choose not to return to complete the job. Some contractors require a deposit or payment for materials (once they are delivered) before they start the job. If you have to pay a portion of the cost before

any work begins, be sure to have a signed contract in place that outlines the payment terms and be able to see the items you are purchasing.

7. Be wary regarding places you can't see. While most contractors abide by the law, be careful allowing someone you do not know to inspect your roof and other areas of your house. An unethical contractor may create damage to get work. The same goes for attics, crawl spaces, ducts, and other places you cannot easily access or see for yourself. Ask for pictures of the damage that allow you to verify they are of your home.

8. Get familiar with your home. Keep tabs on the conditions of your roof, siding, gutters, and other exterior areas of your home often. You can even keep photos on hand to compare to the ones the contractor takes. If your home is damaged by a storm, you'll have a better idea of what needs to be repaired versus what a "storm chaser" tells you should be fixed.

BBB Pro Tip: BBB also warns contractors to beware of storm chasers who offer to pay local construction companies substantial amounts of money to use the business's established name, reputation, and phone and sell on their behalf. These storm chasers then masquerade as a local business, collect the insurance money, and skip town, leaving the real business to deal with unsatisfied customers due to bad workmanship, unfinished work, or unfulfilled warranties.

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Mordecai: 'You're not supposed to stay dumb for 99 years'



Phil Hudgins

Contributor

how he became so wise.

"Well, you're not supposed to stay dumb for 99 years," he said.

He will be 100 on March 15th.

Connie Stephens got to know Wilson when he enrolled in a training class for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), where she served as executive director for 27 years. He was 82 at the time.

CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to advocate for children's best interests in cases of abuse or neglect.

That opportunity was perfect for Wilson. When he and his wife, Mary, lived in Boston, they saw a need and did something about it. They took in needy, homeless girls and became their foster parents. They had 10 girls at a time living with them, vulnerable teens between 14 and 18 years old.

It was Mary's vision, Wilson said, but he agreed readily. After all, he had already become sort of an informal counselor to students at Regis College, where he was security guard and the only Black employee.

After becoming foster parents, the Wilsons decided to get a loan, purchase the house next door and open a place for mentally ill patients, taking in 26 people over time. They moved in with the patients.

Wilson, a Navy veteran of World War II, has always wanted to learn,

taking courses at Regis and the University of Massachusetts. "He would find any kind of class and take it," Connie Stephens said.

He's still learning. As he said, a man shouldn't stay dumb for 99 years.

Mary Moon Wilson grew up in Lula, and she enjoyed occasional visits with her family. Finally, in the 1990s, Mordecai, a native of Ohio, agreed to build a house in Lula and move.

Then in their 70s, they sort of retired without retiring. Both remained active, Mordecai serving on the city council for 20 years, serving with CASA, working with the local business betterment group, taking classes, and both active in their church. Wilson was narrowly defeated in a recent council election, but he still shows up at meetings to offer advice.

Mary, who died in 2014, and Mordecai never had children of their own, but they improved the lives of countless teens and adults just by seeing a need and doing something about it.

"There are two kinds of people in this world, Givers and Takers," Wilson wrote in his memoir. "The Takers eat better, but the Givers sleep better."

Mordecai Oneal Wilson should sleep very well.

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HOLDING A DOOR OPEN FOR SOMEONE	SOMEONE SAYING "PLEASE"	SOMEONE SAYING "THANK YOU"
TWO PEOPLE SHAKING HANDS	SOMEONE SHARING WITH ANOTHER	SOMEONE PICKING UP LITTER
SOMEONE BEING KIND TO ANIMALS	SOMEONE LISTENING WITH RESPECT	SOMEONE SAYING A KIND WORD
FRIENDS HELPING EACH OTHER	SOMEONE SAYING "I'M SORRY"	SHOWING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

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This week's word: RESPECT

The noun **respect** means treating people, animals and things in a kind and thoughtful way.

Anya showed **respect** for her neighborhood by picking up litter.

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

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To be a winner or to be successful in life, you need to be smart in a lot of different ways. Reading, writing and arithmetic are very important, but so is knowing how to get along with others.

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 - Flip a coin to move. Heads: move two spaces. Tails: move one space.
 - Play until everyone finishes and you are all winners!

Standards Link: Follow multiple-step directions. Recall information. Connect prior knowledge.

Bonus Challenge:

How can you turn losing a game into a win?

Extra! Extra!

What is fairness?

Cut words and photos from the newspaper to show what you think fairness sounds like, looks like and feels like.

Standards Link: Make reasonable assertions through supportive citation. Analyze text.

The Game of Respect

START

Spoke kindly to family member. **FREE TURN!**

GO! Fed your pet. **TAKE THE SHORTCUT!**

Describe something your family did together.

Respected your sister's or brother's privacy. **MOVE AHEAD TWO SPACES!**

Cleaned your room without complaining. **Do a cheer!**

Shared your toys. **Give a high five to the person next to you.**

Find a newspaper article about people cooperating.

Act out making your bed.

Asked permission to play outside. **MOVE AHEAD ONE SPACE.**

Name two ways you and the person on your right are alike.

PUT-DOWNS! YELLING! INSULTS! LOSE A TURN!

Compliment the person on your left.

SMILE!

Find an example in the newspaper of someone helping their community. Tell why you respect this person.

Tell about a time you helped at school.

Name a volunteer job you could do.

Planted flowers. TAKE THE SHORTCUT!

GO!

PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

PRACTICE RESPECT IN THE COMMUNITY

SAY "THANK YOU" AND "YOU'RE WELCOME!"

LISTEN

Gossiping? **LOSE A TURN.**

Close your eyes and draw your home.

Name something you own that is reusable.

Forgot to take out trash. **LOSE A TURN.**

Reduce: Find something you could do without.

Local News

Find a newspaper article that shows teamwork. Explain why you chose it.

Tell what it feels like to be treated with respect.

Find something at home you could recycle.

Interrupting. **LOSE A TURN.**

Compliment each player.

You helped a younger student. Nice!

Polite to yard duty teacher. **TAKE THE SHORTCUT!**

SHHHHHH!

Talked when teacher was giving directions. **DO NOT TALK UNTIL NEXT TURN!**

Name two classmates who are respectful to others.

Listened quietly while a classmate spoke. **MOVE AHEAD ONE SPACE.**

Helped someone carry something. **FREE TURN!**

Name a law you must obey.

Shake hands with the person on your right.

BE HELPFUL

Tell about a time someone was kind to you.

Talk about things that make you feel better when you're sad.

Cut through a neighbor's yard. **LOSE A TURN!**

Talk about things that make you feel better when you're sad.

Name three great things about another player.

Talk about a time you showed kindness.

Help without being asked. **MOVE AHEAD ONE SPACE.**

Act out helping someone carry a big bag of groceries.

Thank another player for playing this game with you.

You treat others with respect despite differences in age, gender, race or religion. **YOU ARE A WINNER!**

FINISH

PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

PRACTICE RESPECT IN THE COMMUNITY

SAY "THANK YOU" AND "YOU'RE WELCOME!"


FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Does fair always mean equal? Should bedtime be the same for all family members?

Kid Scoop Puzzler

FAIRNESS

Draw lines to divide the pizza into equal slices to share with your friends. Name friends you are sharing pizza with:



Standards Link: Recognize, name and compare fractional parts.

Double Double Word Search

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

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S	I	T	X	R	E	C	W	E	I
T	J	C	W	N	A	E	L	C	N
A	B	V	E	O	U	W	R	T	I
R	A	H	P	O	L	I	T	E	S
T	W	O	R	D	S	N	Q	D	H

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Give and Take

To receive respect, you must also be willing to give respect. Look through the newspaper and clip pictures and stories of people giving and receiving respect. Find examples of people not treating others or things with respect.

Standards Link: Social Studies: Civic responsibility and understanding social interactions as it focuses on the concept of respect, how to demonstrate it, and the consequences of not showing respect.

What did the ocean say to the crab?



ANSWER: Nothing. It just waved.

Write On!

Can a Loss Be a Win?

How can you turn a losing game into a win?

SAY BOO TO DRUGS