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FEMA gym becoming reality, finally

Dr. Crissie Stapleton
 Barnwell County
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Many residents have seen the work begin on the long-awaited FEMA Safe Room Project, an example of FEMA's "Safer, Stronger, Protected Homes & Communities" initiative which focuses on building disaster-resilient communities to reduce the loss of life and property during

extreme weather events.

Located on the current Barnwell High School site at the corner of Jackson Street and Owens Street in Barnwell, this facility is poised to make a significant impact not just on Barnwell County but on surrounding areas as well. The safe room was designed not only to provide life-saving shelter for county residents during severe weather, but also to host emergency personnel and evacuees in times of disaster. Often referred

to as the "FEMA Gym" in regular conversation, this facility will serve a dual purpose, functioning as a new gymnasium for the school district, as well as a critical resource for the entire community.

While many may have wondered if this project would ever come to fruition, countless district staff members have been meeting weekly for years, ensuring that the necessary steps were taken. Despite various delays along the way, including the challenges

posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the team's dedication and patience ultimately paid off.

With the support of Tetra Tech, a global consulting and engineering firm with experience in over 100 countries, the district and county were able to complete the grant application and oversee the project's successful development. Tetra Tech, known for its expertise in environmental assessment, infrastructure design, and project management, played a key role in

bringing this project to life. Their experience working on complex, multidisciplinary projects made them an ideal partner to help navigate the intricacies of the FEMA process.

Project Overview & History

The project began in 2015 with multiple stakeholders included with the goal of creating a safe room capable of withstanding winds in excess of 200 mph. A "safe

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Nancy Knopf, Caroline Randall, Virginia Nettles, and Dawn Snead in a scene of Circle Theatre's production of "The Red Velvet Cake War" that opens Feb. 28. Jonathan Vickery / Publisher

New play bakes up laughs at Circle Theatre

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Circle Theatre's new Southern comedy is a recipe for laughter.

"The Red Velvet Cake War" focuses on the three Verdeen cousins - Gaynelle, Peaches and Jimmie Yvette - who are planning a family reunion while dealing with small-town gossip over their outrageous antics, such as Gaynelle crashing her minivan through the bedroom wall of her husband's girlfriend's doublewide.

"Unfortunately, they face an uphill battle as a parade of wildly eccentric Verdeens gathers on the hottest day of July, smack-dab in the middle of Texas tornado season. Things spin hilariously out of control when a neighbor's pet devours everything edible, a one-eyed suitor shows up to declare his love, and a jaw-dropping high-stakes wager is made on who bakes the best red velvet cake. As this fast-paced romp barrels

Circle Theatre presents...



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toward its uproarious climax, you'll wish your own family reunions were this much fun!" states a synopsis of the play.

Following the near sellout success of Circle Theatre's 2024 production of "The Savannah Sipping Society", co-director Renee Owens fell in love with "The Red Velvet Cake War" script, which was written by the same writers.

"I thought it was hilarious, the characters were quirky, and it would be appealing to our audiences," said Owens, who is joined by co-director Dennis Knapp. "From a camera-happy cousin taking pictures of the deceased to the stubborn aunt who thinks everyone should do as she says, each character adds layers of uniqueness to the family."

Bringing those characters to life on the Barnwell stage is a cast of locals

"We have an incredible cast with a good mix of experienced, familiar veterans to fairly newcomers that have added

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Blackville toddler's fight: Raising awareness during Rare Disease Month

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At just three years old, Evangeline "Lena" faces challenges far beyond her years. Diagnosed with an extremely rare genetic variant known as potassium voltage-gated channel subfamily H member 5 (KCNH5), Lena's young life has been shaped by unpredictable and violent seizures that strike without warning.

Her family, based in Blackville, has had to navigate a medical landscape with little research or guidance available. KCNH5 is a genetic disorder so rare that few cases have been documented worldwide. While much is still unknown, the condition causes severe epilepsy, which disrupts Lena's daily life with sudden, uncontrolled seizures.

Lena's condition is also thought to be linked to her birth mother's drug use during pregnancy.



Evangeline "Lena"

Marlene Baglin has taken on the role of Lena's mother since she was just a few hours old, providing her with the love and care she needs to navigate these struggles.

Baglin describes the intense and often frightening nature of Lena's seizures.

"Most of her seizures, we now

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Barnwell County Animal Shelter faces overcrowding crisis, seeks adopters

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The Barnwell County Animal Shelter (BCAS) is facing an ongoing crisis of overcrowding, with its current population exceeding capacity limits.

Shelter Director Marlena Ray reports that the facility is designed to house 25 dogs and 24 cats but is currently caring for 30 dogs and two cats on-site, in addition to numerous animals in foster care. The situation is further complicated by an influx of stray and surrendered animals, particularly large-breed dogs like pit bulls and their mixes.

A Persistent Problem

Overcrowding is not a new challenge for BCAS. In the past, the shelter has held as many as 80 dogs and 60 cats at one time.

"This was a desperate situation," said Ray.

The shelter is committed to minimizing euthanasia of healthy, adoptable animals, but maintaining humane conditions remains a priority. "We don't want to euthanize healthy, adoptable



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dogs, so we have many programs in place to get dogs out of the shelter quickly," said Ray. These programs include foster care initiatives, adoption events, free vaccination and microchipping

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Williston addresses concerns, recognizes businesses

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The Williston Town Council met on Monday, Feb. 10 to discuss a range of community matters, including the recognition of longstanding local businesses, approval of upcoming events, updates on the town's infrastructure, and ongoing challenges with property maintenance. The meeting, held at Williston Town Hall, included participation from council members, town staff, and local residents.



During the February Williston Town Council meeting, the council recognized two local businesses - Simmons Funeral Home (ABOVE) and Baxley's Tire & Auto (AT RIGHT) for their investment and impact on the town.

Jonathan Vickery / Publisher



"We need help now," said Christian, who is asking all local municipalities for funding.

"We are looking into this for our upcoming budget," said Mayor Williams, who thanked all the speakers and assured them that the council would consider their concerns moving forward.

Recognizing local businesses

The council presented Certificates of Appreciation to two businesses that have been vital to Williston for decades.

"Businesses are our town and without businesses we wouldn't be the town we are," said Mayor Williams.

Baxley's Tire Center, which has served the community since the 1920s, was recognized for its exceptional service.

Council member Alyson Collins shared a personal story about the business's commitment to the town. "It's not only service, but it's good service. And it's service with a smile," she said.

The owner, David Bazzle, reflected on the shop's enduring legacy, noting the importance of strong com-

munity ties.

Simmons Funeral Home was also honored for its compassionate service to local families.

Mayor Williams praised the staff, acknowledging the emotional difficulty of their work. "We're blessed and thankful to have y'all in Williston," he said.

The funeral home's owner shared the business's history, noting that his family built the current facility in 1994 to meet the town's growing needs.

Approval of community events

The council approved several upcoming events, including the 12th Annual African-American Heritage Parade on Feb. 23. The parade will follow the route of the town's Christmas parade, starting at Williston-Elko High School. Mayor Williams emphasized the importance of celebrating the community's culture and history.

The council also approved the town's annual Easter Egg Hunt, which will take place on April 19

at the town park. The event, organized by Shannon Mundy, is a local tradition that draws large crowds.

"A bunch of kids, a bunch of candy, and even the Easter Bunny comes, too," Williams said.

Recreation department

Recreation director Ronnie Tobin reported that 70 children, ages 6 to 12, are participating in the town's youth basketball program. The teams are competing against neighboring towns, and Tobin highlighted that the 12-year-old team remains undefeated.

"We play on Saturday mornings and some Sundays after church. I'd love to see you guys come by and check it out," he said to council.

The season ends March 8.

Baseball registration underway til March 10. Additionally, the age for t-ball has been reduced to three due to several inquiries from parents.

Code enforcement and property maintenance

The town's code enforce-

ment efforts are ongoing, with several letters sent to property owners to address maintenance concerns. The focus has been on cleaning up properties, including removing abandoned cars.

One notable case involves a property on Elko Street, which has become an eyesore. The elderly owner has been charged twice for violations but has yet to resolve the issues. Code enforcement is working to ensure compliance and improve the appearance of the neighborhood.

Council committed to reviewing and potentially revising code enforcement ordinances to strengthen enforcement efforts.

The council will revisit the issue of property maintenance enforcement and the potential revision of local ordinances at the next meeting on March 10.

Town operations and infrastructure updates

Administrator Michael Beasley provided updates on several key infrastruc-

ture projects.

Roof repairs at town hall and the maintenance shop were completed at a cost of \$5,600. Beasley also announced that the town secured \$10 million in grants for water system improvements. Additionally, a town employee has earned a distribution license for water system operations, which will enhance the town's capacity to manage water resources.

Assessments of hurricane damage to recreation facilities are ongoing, with contractors and insurance adjusters addressing necessary repairs.

Business Licenses

The council voted to cancel the Datamax contract for business license collection in an effort to reduce costs.

Datamax kept 50 percent of what was collected. However, the town now has an extra person in the office who can help with this, so it's no longer necessary to pay an outside company.

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PLAY: Circle Theatre play brings laughs, family fun

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to making this show a success! They've dug in and learned their lines, got their blocking down and it's coming along ahead of schedule!" said Owens.

Being this is a play about a family reunion, it's fitting that the cast includes several pairs of real-life family members.

"We love working together on this play or any play. There are several husband-and-wife duos in this one. As for me and Susan, it just gets us out and about away from everyday life to share some laughs and to come together with other like-minded people in the theater to make these plays happen. It's a lot of fun," said assistant director/producer Chris Sandifer, whose wife Susan plays CeeCee.

"It's a good, old Southern comedy where the audience can sit back and laugh. Not only at the humor of the play but that each family probably has a family member that's exactly as portrayed in the play. Just some good stuff," said Susan.

While Randee White and his wife Nancy Knopf are Circle Theatre veterans, this play marks the first time the husband and wife have had dialogue together onstage.

"She is trying to woo my character, and I'm supposed to not be interested," said White.

"We've acted in previous

plays together, but we never had scenes together. We've directed/produced together but this is a whole new adventure. He has to use his very best acting skills because I spend a lot of time flirting with him and he has to act like he doesn't like it," said Knopf.

The play is full of quotable, hilarious lines, so Knopf and White hope to bring a little laughter to audiences.

"Sometimes life is hard, and people disagree on many things, but one thing we can all agree on is funny, and this play is funny on top of funny. I hope people come out and forget whatever is ailing them for an hour and a half and just laugh...because it is laughter that keeps us young," said Knopf.

For Greg and Mary Ann Walkup, this is the second time they've been onstage together. Mary Ann's sister, Martha Sue Fields, is also part of the cast.

"If anyone has ever been dragged to a family reunion, they will surely recognize someone in 'Red Velvet Cake War'. In our family, it is usually the potato salad or corn light bread that everyone competes with. It isn't work, it's our life put on stage," said Mary Ann.

Greg said the play is "pee in your pants funny!"

Working with her sister and brother-in-law, along with the rest of the



The cast of "Red Velvet Cake War" includes: (top row, from left) Randee White, Caroline & Chuck Randall, Brenda Chorn, Greg & Mary Ann Walkup, Susan Sandifer, Dan Anderson; (front, from left) Martha Sue Fields, Nancy Knopf, Dawn Snead, and Virginia Nettles.

talented cast, has been a fun experience for Fields.

Greg, Mary Ann and I did a scene in my very first play that I think was one of the funniest ever and this play is the same. Greg and I have two that we do together and it's hard to get through them without laughing! Mary Ann is stage manager so she gets things set up for us all. She got my costumes and helps Greg and me run lines. Her character part is tiny but so funny in this one!" said Fields.

In addition to the laughter, Fields said she

hopes the play will make audiences "appreciate their own family reunions when they see this Verdeen bunch."

The other real-life couple involved in the production is Chuck and Caroline Randall. Caroline is a veteran of the Barnwell stage, but this marks Chuck's second play.

"It's hilarious and relatable to people in the south. From beginning to end, there's so many antics that you won't leave without laughing," said Caroline.

Rounding out the cast

are Brenda Chorn, Dan Anderson, Dawn Snead, and Virginia Nettles.

As they wrap up two months of practice, the cast and crew are ready for audiences to sit back, relax and laugh. This is one family reunion you don't want to miss.

"I love the storyline. People should come see it for the non-stop hilarity! It is going to be hard to keep the lines going because of the audience's laughter, which is a good thing! After all the rehearsals, we still find ourselves losing it and laughing. Everyone

has worked so hard, and I am honored to work with such wonderful and talented thespians!" said Chorn.

"The Red Velvet Cake War" opens next Friday, Feb. 28 and will entertain audiences during six performances - Feb. 28, March 1, March 7 and March 8 at 7 p.m. with Sunday matinees on March 2 and 9 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at *The People-Sentinel's* office (22 Burr Street, Barnwell) or online at <https://circle-theatre-of-barnwell.square.site/>.

CROWDED: Fosters, adopters needed for shelter pets

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services, and networking with rescue organizations.

Despite these efforts, BCAS remains at or above capacity nearly year-round. Some of the challenges faced by shelter staff are "compassion fatigue" and "having to euthanize in order to maintain a humane living environment."

Causes of Overcrowding

One of the biggest contributors to the shelter's high intake is the prevalence of pit bull breeding in the area. Many people are eager to adopt pit bull puppies, but as the dogs grow, they are often abandoned or surrendered.

Additionally, a lack of awareness about local pet

ordinances and responsible pet ownership has resulted in an increase in strays.

Smaller and highly sought-after breeds are typically adopted or rescued quickly, but larger breeds, particularly pit bulls, Labradors, and German Shepherds, face longer stays. Black-coated dogs have also seen a decline in adoptions and rescues, exacerbating the shelter's overcrowding problem.

On average, a dog stays in the shelter for about three months before being adopted or rescued, though some have been there for nearly a year.

Adoption and Community Outreach Efforts

To encourage adoptions, BCAS regularly hosts adoption events at festivals, parades, and community gatherings, often reducing or waiving adoption fees. The shelter also uses social media to showcase adoptable pets, providing pictures and videos to challenge breed stigmas.

Despite these efforts, breed restrictions in rental homes and in northern states—where many rescued animals are transported—continue to pose challenges.

How the Community Can Help

Ray urges community members to take proactive steps in responsible pet ownership to alleviate the

shelter's burden.

"Keeping pets contained, microchipped, and properly tagged can prevent them from ending up at the shelter," she said. "Responsible breeding and adopting decisions are also key."

BCAS provides support through its pet pantry, which offers food, crates, dog houses, and other essential pet supplies to families in need. Additionally, the shelter has received grants from organizations like Petco Love to fund vaccination and microchipping programs.

Through partnerships with rescue groups across the country, BCAS transports animals to areas with fewer strays and stricter animal

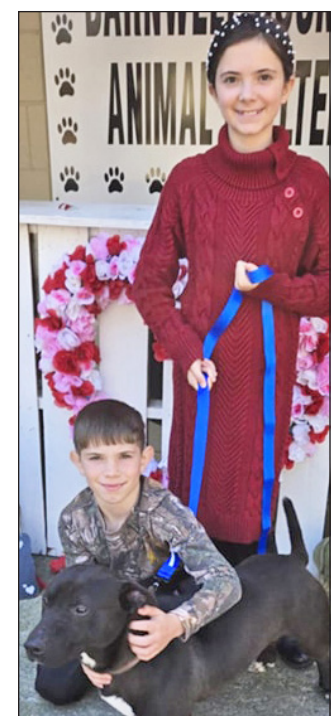
welfare laws, increasing their chances of finding permanent homes.

A Call to Action

The shelter continues to rely on community support, whether through adoptions, fostering, or donations. By working together, Barnwell County residents can help reduce shelter overcrowding and improve the welfare of local animals.

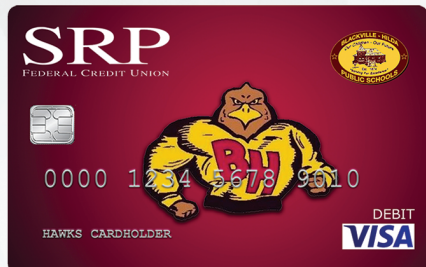
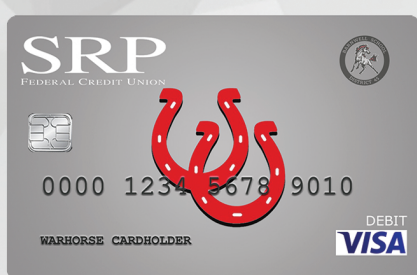
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Charlene Y. Phinn

purpose in life was to help others becoming a nurse inspired by both maternal & paternal grandmothers completing the LPN program at the University of South Carolina practicing at Bamberg County Hospital. After a few years, she started her journey into entrepreneurship as a CPA, personal advisor, & caterer which led to her being able to spend more time at home with the kids which was her #1 priority. In the latter years, she attended the University of Phoenix achieving her master's degree of psychology. She attended church regularly as a member of Springfield Baptist in Luray, S.C. where she sang amongst family & friends enjoying the good word.

She will be remembered for having a big heart & doing whatever she could for anyone never passing judgment. She took pride in her cooking as family, friends, and customers were always raving about how good it was. She will be remembered as a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother & fighter.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Paulette V.G. Phinn; son, Johnathan "Papa" Priester of the home; nephews, Jamir Walden-Phinn & Vincent Dennis; sisters, Grace & Lela Phinn; and brother, Tony Phinn.

She is survived by Mr. John Williams (her compan-

ion of 30+ years); her sons, Michael Cameron Phinn & Charles Earl (Shaliah) Williams; daughters, Keyata "Tootie" Priester and Trellis "Von" Williams of the home; grandchildren, Meddikis and Trayvehon Priester, Jacob, Mason, Karson "Kargo", & Kelsey Williams, & Logan "Cameron" Phinn, reared in the home as part of 14 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; sisters, Cynthia Phinn-English, Althea Phinn, Leslie "Princess" Phinn, & Alicia (Randolph Scott) Williams; brothers, Anthony Phinn, Garland G. Phinn II, and James "Jimmy" Phinn; brothers-in-law, Edward (Ola Mae) Simmons, Bennie (Deloris) Williams II, and Ricky Williams; sister-in-law, Barbara Simmons; aunts, Yvonne Sommerville, Leslie Navarro, and Bertha McMillan; uncles, Charles D., Mark, & Gregory Brooks, Wyman & Nicky "Bunny" Taylor II, Donald (Latanya) Danner and a special niece, Tasha Otero, and nephew, Bashawn Buxton, whom were like a bonus daughter & son along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and sorrowing friends.

Guinyard and Sons Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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BARNWELL - A funeral service for Ms. Charlene Y. Phinn of Barnwell, South Carolina was held at 12:00 ante meridian, Saturday, February 15, 2025 from the Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church (10620 Dunbarton Blvd., Barnwell, South Carolina) with burial at Hope Memorial Park (1730 Yale Road, Barnwell, S.C.).

Charlene Yolanda Phinn was born November 14th, 1963 in Brooklyn, N.Y., to the late Garland G. Phinn Sr. and Ruth Paulette Phinn as the first of their unity with a total of 11 siblings.

In the beginning, Charlene stood out showcasing exemplary talents academically, leading to her graduating high school valedictorian at the age of 16 from Bushwick High School in Brooklyn, N.Y. and vocally singing at venues all over New York City. As she became an adult, growing into a beautiful & talented young woman, she easily became an "it girl" of the 80's. Upon having children & moving to South Carolina, she found her



Brandon Hall

and college years. Brandon also developed a deep love for animals. Brandon later found his home in the mountains of North Carolina. There he found himself and a relationship with the Lord.

Brandon was a gentle soul and loved everyone. His greatest love was for his children and his family. Brandon had a big heart. A heart that was humble, simple and real.

Survivors include his mother and her husband, Marilyn (Howard) Cooler; his father, Dwayne Hall (Tanja M. Bolt); his daughter, Braelyn Hall; a son, Landon Ramsey of Ruffin, S.C.; siblings, Amber (Todd) Blume (children Kerrigan and Connor) of Aiken, S.C., Kaufman (Courtney) Hall (children Nicholas and Emerlyn) of Bamberg, S.C., Sumner Cooler and his fiancé Madi van Haastrecht of Summerville, S.C., Lauren (Bruce) English (children Brayden and Avery) of Lexington, S.C. and Freeman Cooler and his fiancé Katie Albright of Lexington, S.C.; maternal grandparents, Madelyn Dempsey (Johnny) Jennings.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, James Dempsey; and paternal grandparents, Cornelius J. Hall and Carolyn P. Hall. Brandon was also preceded in death by his uncle, William Hall.

BAMBERG - Robert Brandon Hall, 39, of Bamberg, S.C. passed away at home on Wednesday, February 12, 2025. The family received friends from 5 to 7 p.m., on Monday, February 17, 2025 in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Methodist Church, 11761 Heritage Highway, Bamberg, S.C. A private family burial will be held at Bamberg County Memory Gardens with the Reverend Kevin Dalton officiating.

Born in Orangeburg County, S.C., he was a son of Robert Dwayne Hall of Aiken, S.C. and Marilyn Dempsey Cooler of Bamberg, S.C. He was a member of Springfield Baptist Church and attended Trinity Methodist Church in Bamberg, S.C. Brandon received an associate's degree from Blue Ridge Community College. He was employed as a Transit Driver in Clemson, S.C. He was studying to become a veterinarian technician.

As a little boy, Brandon enjoyed playing and watching baseball. He continued this passion throughout his school years

Surviving uncles are Rex Dempsey, Marlon Dempsey, Gene Bryant, Rodney Whittle, Keith Hall, and Gene Adams.

Surviving aunts are Tammy D. Smoak, Gwen D. Bryant, Kella H. Dietz, Cathy Hall, Jeanette H. Whittle, Debbie Hall and Deborah H. Adams.

Surviving cousins are Justin (fiancé Courtney Palmer) Mallouk, Chase Smoak, Courtney Azzarelli, Justin (Kerri) Smith, Janson Smith, Ashley Bryant, Bubba Bryant, Chandler Bryant, Ryan (Kim) Hall, Sheree Hall, Nathanael (fiance Alex Meekin), Corey (Abby) Hall, Blair (Jade) Dietz, Melissa (Timbo) Williams, Brad (Cheryl) Whittle, Lauren (David) Dice, Jonathan (Jessica) Hall, Kamryn Hall, Chad (Elizabeth) Adams, and Matthew (Hillary) Adams.

The family thanks everyone for their love, support and prayers during this very difficult time. A trust has been set up at Enterprise Bank in Bamberg for Brandon's two children, Braelyn and Landon. You can give to "Trust for Robert Brandon's Hall's Children."

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

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Mazie Jane Still

1932 to the late Jim Still and Minnie Grubbs Still. She worked as a farmer, and was a member of Reedy Branch Baptist Church.

She is preceded in death by her twin brother, Gene Still; as well as her other siblings, Lide Still, Rollan Still, Miller Still, Katherine Still, Molese Sanders, Jada Cromer, Mattie Black, and Bryan Still. She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

A visitation was held

on Friday, February 14th, 2025 at 1 p.m. at Mole Funeral Home, followed by funeral services at 2 p.m. in the Mole Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside was held at the Reedy Branch Baptist Church Cemetery.

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

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BARNWELL - Mazie Jane Still, 92, passed away on February 10th, 2025.

She was born in Barnwell, S.C. on April 27th,



Cameron Brock Owens

he found peace and joy. It was very upsetting when the fish were not biting, but he loved the outdoors.

Brock is survived by his mother, Jennifer Croft Fulmer (James), whom he loved very much; his father, Ronald Owens III, which he thought the world of; his significant other, Elizabeth Zissett, whom he loved dearly, and her children Daniel Elkins and Jazzie Still, which he treated like his own. Brock had one brother, Jeremy Fulmer; and two sisters, Naomi Beard and Tory Gantt (Tony); maternal grandmother, Linda Croft; grandmother, Joann Croft; and paternal grandmother, Sandra Curtis; paternal grandfather, Ron Owens; along with a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

For the time being, Brock dedicated himself in construction work alongside his stepfather and

his father. Brock cherished the time he spent with them learning and growing alongside them both.

Brock was saved at the age of 12 years old, and was baptized at Reach Out Ministry. He loved his Lord. Brock is preceded in death by his grandfathers, Marion Croft and Dennis Hair; his great-grandfather, Miller Croft (Lucille Croft) and Ralph Fail (Edna Fail).

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 19th, 2025 at 2 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church, with funeral services following at 3 p.m. Pastor Ken Cato will be officiating.

The family wishes to thank everyone for all their thoughts and prayers during this tragic time.

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Mary Ella Johnson-Tribbett

System. After attending school, she worked as a domestic, in textile manufacturing plants and housekeeping at Savannah River Site.

Mary Ella joined Jordan Baptist Church in Barnwell as a teenager and remained a faithful member until she moved to Grovetown, Georgia.

She enjoyed sewing, gardening, and working in her yard. In her early teenage years, Mary Ella sang in local churches with a group of teenage girls.

Mary Ella was low-key and lived a quiet life. In her later years, she especially enjoyed spending time with her mother. They were a "team of two." They remained a devoted duo until her mother moved to Pepper Hill Nursing Home in Aiken, South Carolina. Mary Ella was devastated and visited her mom daily.

Mary Ella is predeceased by her parents, Jerry and Eula Lee Beard; sons, Danny Beard and Dennis James Johnson; sister, Rose Ella Myers; brother, Ernest Beard; and nephews, Terry Myers and Timothy Myers.

Mary Ella is survived

by her devoted daughter, Doris Johnson, also known as DJ, of Grovetown, Ga.; grandson, Devin Johnson of Atlanta, Ga.; three granddaughters, Carmen Walker of Columbia, S.C., Crystal Lattimore of Copperas Cove, Texas, and Evelyn Johnson of Orangeburg, S.C.; sister, Shirley Todd (Melvin) of Matawan, N.J.; nephew, Wayne Beard (Doris); nieces, Mariama Todd, Asa Todd, and Olympia Solomon; great nephews, Timothy Wayne Beard, Brad Beard, Ronnie Solomon, Christopher Solomon, Justin Solomon, and Nigel Solomon.

Mary Ella was blessed to have many cousins in the Augusta, Georgia area. She was also blessed and fortunate to have a wonderful care provider and friend, Shanda Neal, and next-door neighbors, Tabby and Paul Ash, all of Grovetown, Ga.

Guinyard and Sons Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

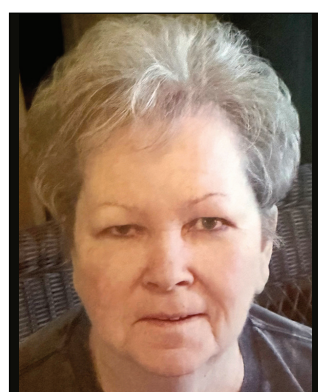
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GROVETOWN, GA - A funeral service for Mrs. Mary Ella Johnson-Tribbett of Grovetown, Ga. was held at 11 a.m., Saturday, February 8, 2025 at Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church (10620 Dunbarton Blvd., Barnwell, South Carolina) with burial at Hope Memorial Park (1730 Yale Road, Barnwell, S.C.).

Mary Ella Johnson-Tribbett was born in Harlem, Georgia on December 26, 1938, to the late Jerry and Eula Lee Beard. She departed this life on January 29, 2025, in Grovetown, Georgia.

Mary Ella lived in Barnwell, South Carolina most of her life until 2013, at that time she relocated to Grovetown, Georgia to live with her daughter, Doris.

She attended the Barnwell County Public School



Matlee Holder

Cemetery, Ellenton Street, Barnwell. Visitation will be held Wednesday, February, 19 from 6-8 p.m. at Dyches Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Joey Ayer, John Lane, Rusty Jackson, Tim Hooker, Addison Holder and Christian Warren.

Matlee was born in Barnwell to the late Luther and Ruby Owens. She attended Hope Community Church. Matlee loved to spend time with her sisters, talking on the phone and watching WWE. She was a loving mother, grandmother and sister and will be missed by many.

Survivors include her

three children: Travis (Tammy) Holder of Gaston, Michael Holder of Barnwell and Richard Holder of Barnwell; two sisters: May Holder and Annie Owens of Barnwell; ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She is predeceased in death by her husband, Bennie Lawrence Holder Jr.; two brothers, Luther Owens Jr. and Willie Owens; one sister, Helen Dyches.

The family has entrusted Dyches Funeral Home and Crematory with the arrangements.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events

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

Monday AA Meetings
 Free. Open to the public. The Axis I Center, 179 Fuldner Rd., Barnwell. 803-541-1245. www.axis1.org. **10:30-11:30am**

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

1st Tuesdays Barnwell Development Association Inc. (aka BDA)
 20 Wall St., Barnwell BarnwellDA.com BDAinc029.com **8am**

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

Tuesdays & Thursdays Senior Dance Lessons
 Blackville Community Center. For all Barnwell County Seniors 60 and over. Call 803-259-4592. **3-4pm**

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

Meeting every 3rd Tuesday Barnwell County Lions Club YMCA Board room.
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Fridays The Gateway Church Food Pantry
 The Gateway Church food pantry is also looking for volunteers to help with food distribution activities. If you would like to volunteer, please leave Pastor Jamie Sheppard a message at 803-450-6825. **9am-12pm**

Mon., Thurs., Sat. Virtual Class Dancing For Joy
 Exercise should be fun! Dancing for Joy is a fun way to dance and move to the beat and gain coordination, muscle tone and cardio fitness. Classes are free. We ask that you support your local food bank or pay it forward in any way you wish. Classes are virtual. To participate, email Elizabeth at egalaida@yahoo.com or text 301-473-3418 to get the Zoom information. Zoom links and codes are emailed out prior to every class. **Mondays 3:45-4:50pm Thursdays 9:15-10:30am Saturdays 10:15-11:30am**

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

Williston Spring Sports Sign-Up
 Registration began Monday, Feb. 10 at Williston Town Hall. Cost is \$45 and a birth certificate is required if your child has never played before. T Ball, ages 4-6 Coaches Pitch, ages 7-9 Little League, 10-12 Girls Softball, 10-12

Thurs., Feb. 20
Utilizing AI in your Business
Location: USC Salkehatchie – Allendale, Library and Academic Support Building, Room 117 **Description:** This session is designed for small business owners and nonprofit leaders, providing hands-on experience with generative AI tools to address common business challenges. Participants will learn to discover AI solutions tailored to their specific needs, craft effective prompts, automate repetitive tasks and create actionable strategies to integrate AI into their daily operations. These non-credit courses are open to all community members, students, faculty and staff. Participants who complete both courses will receive a completion certificate. The courses are free and open to the public; however, registration is required. These non-credit courses are open to all community members, students, faculty and staff. Participants who complete both courses will receive a completion certificate. The courses are free and open to the public; however, registration is required. To register contact Sarah Nardi at nardis@sc.edu. **6-8pm**

Let's Talk: Veterans Supporting Veterans topic "Housing"
 Guest speaker Mr. Stephon Day and Mr. Bobby Gamble, both with "Alstons Wilkes Society" of Columbia. At 34 Pechmann St., Barnwell (Agricultural Building/Clemson Extension/Veterans Affairs Office). **6pm**

Sat., Feb. 22
Friendship Baptist Church will be hosting a Women's Conference
 The fee is \$25 (includes lunch). For more information, please contact Shirley Fail at 803-671-1228 or scfail@hotmail.com. **9am-2pm**

31st Annual Big 7 Scholarship Banquet
 Location: Barnwell Elementary School (10524 Marlboro Ave, Barnwell, SC 29812). This event is a cornerstone of our community, celebrating academic excellence and supporting local students through scholarships. **7pm**

The Love Table. A special community event aimed at connecting residents with valuable health resources and services.
 Organizations are encouraged to provide resources at the event or speak about the services offered. For more details or to confirm your participation, contact Mrs. Lottie Lewis, 706-360-0443. All are encouraged to attend.

Simpson United Methodist Church, 800 Plat St., Allendale. **10am-12n**

Sat., Feb. 22
Community Baby Shower
 Barnwell Primary School Cafeteria, Barnwell Sponsored by Healthy Families Barnwell County, Barnwell County School District, and Low Country Health Care System. For information, Ms. Trottie, 803-300-4535. **11am-1pm**

Sun., Feb. 23
The Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church Family, cordially invites you and your church family to our **Grow Your Row Program**. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Antonio Lee, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Blackville, S.C. Everyone is invited to worship and praise the Lord with us! If you are unable to attend, we solicit your prayers. **1pm**

African-American Heritage Parade
 For more information on entry and registration details, contact Cathy Roberts at 803-266-3737 or 803-645-6465 and Ronnie Brown at 803-541-2799. **Begin lineup in front of the WEHS at 2pm and the parade starts at 3pm.**

Terence Washington, a young African-American artist is showcasing various works of art in the Barnwell County Museum all this month. Terence is a local from Blackville and is currently working at the Orangeburg Museum. **On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 23 from 2-4pm**, Terence will be at the Museum for this event. The general public is cordially invited to visit the Museum Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 2-4pm.

Fri., Mar. 7
The Sandlapper League's annual Spuds fundraiser to raise money for Circle Theatre. The lunch is eat in or take out. Includes loaded baked potato (white sauce, ham, bacon, cheese), salad and dessert. Held in the Parish Hall of Holy Apostles Anglican Church on the corner of Burr and Patterson streets. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Sandlapper members or at *The People-Sentinel* office (22 Burr Street, Barnwell). **11:30am-1:30pm**

Bows & Bowties Daddy Daughter Princess Dance
 Barnwell Elementary School \$20 per couple / \$5 each additional child (includes meal) **Registration required by Feb. 21.** Registration after Feb. 21 will pay an additional \$10. Register on-line or in person at City Hall from 9am-4pm. **6-8pm**

Mon., Mar. 10
Precinct Reorganization for Barnwell County
 Make up meeting. 2269 Ashleigh Rd., Blackville. Email: BarnwellRed@protonmail.com. **7pm**

Sun., Mar. 16
3rd Annual Community Worship Service
 The Barnwell County Sheriff's Office is hosting their 3rd Annual Community Worship Service. The event location is the Barnwell Elementary School located at 10524 Marlboro Ave., Barnwell, SC. We invite the community to take part in this event. We are delighted to have law enforcement officers from the state of SC taking part in this community event. We are especially glad that area youth will also appear on program. We hope that you can and will attend as this event in which the community should enjoy. If you have any questions, please contact Lt. Eric Kirkland at 803-300-9992 or email ekirkland@barnwellcountysheriff.net. **1pm**

36th Pastoral Anniversary of Rev. Dr. Freddie L. Bush and First Lady Mary Bush
 Silver Spring Missionary Baptist Church, 347 Woodrow Doby Road, Williston, SC. Guest speaker for this special occasion will be Dr. Joe F. Singleton, pastor of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, Williston, SC. **2pm**

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

Barnwell Library Events

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Storytime
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Blackville Library Events
Read, Rattle & Roll
Tues., Feb. 25 10:30am
 Story time & activities for kids.

Sudoku Puzzle Solution

Puzzle on Page 5B

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Crossword Puzzle Solution

Puzzle on Page 5B

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 Thurs. 10am-7pm
 Sat. 10am-2pm

Blackville Library

19420 Solomon Blatt Ave., Blackville (803) 284-2295
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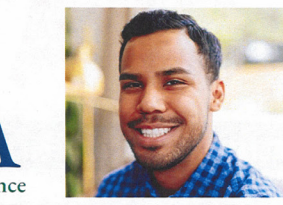
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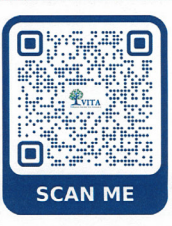
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This house on Curtis Drive was destroyed by fire Feb. 4.

House destroyed in Long Branch fire

Stephanie Shaver
Reporter
reporter@thepeople sentinel.com

A house in Long Branch was destroyed by fire Tuesday evening, leaving the homeowner without insurance and in need of assistance.

The Long Branch Fire Department responded to a call at 1476 Curtis Drive for what was initially believed to be a brush fire. Upon arrival, crews found the home fully engulfed in flames.

"It's a total loss," Long Branch Fire Chief Mark Cato said.

Fire departments from Williston, Elko, and Barnwell Rural assisted in battling the blaze.

Firefighters faced multiple challenges, including a long, narrow driveway that made access difficult and water supply shortages.

The home was occupied by a woman and possibly another adult. The American Red Cross was called to provide assistance.

Community baby shower & Project CRADLE care to be held Feb. 22

Contributed
Eta Gamma Sigma Chapter

Barnwell County School District, Low Country Health Care System, Healthy Families of Barnwell County, Barnwell County First Steps, and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, Eta Gamma Sigma Chapter, will sponsor a Community Baby Shower on Saturday, February 22, 2025. The program will begin at 11 a.m. at the Barnwell Primary School's cafeteria, 734 Hagood Avenue, Barnwell.

This community-based collaboration includes managed care organizations, community-based prenatal care providers, and special guest speakers. Professionals will share information about pre & post-natal care, Felder Insurance Company will speak about Health & Life Insurance, Barnwell County First Steps will provide opportunities for participants to win cribette porta-

ble cribs, Discount Diaper World will be giving away diapers, and a local food vendor will give away food items.

A delicious lunch will be served, and door prizes will be awarded.

"Project CRADLE Care" is a prenatal education and resource program that seeks to improve pregnancy outcomes in high-risk communities by increasing the number of women of childbearing age who receive adequate prenatal education and prenatal care and who better understand proper infant care and child development. The goal of the project is to provide a wealth of information, resources, and tools for women of childbearing age to help ensure a healthy baby.

Parents who are expecting, parents of newborn babies and toddlers and women of childbearing age are invited to attend the event.

About Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated



Kisha Trottie is the chairperson for the event.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was founded on November 12, 1922, on the campus of Butler University in Indianapolis by Seven African American Women Educators. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated has welcomed more than 100,000 collegiate and professional women from every profession. The sorority has more than 500 chapters in the United States, Bahamas,

Bermuda, Canada, Ghana, Germany, Japan, South Korea, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the United Arab Emirates. The organization also has active affiliate groups devoted to empowering women at various stages in life. The Rhoer Club Affiliates (teenage girls) and Philos Affiliates (friends of the sorority) also assist chapters with various service efforts and programs. Sigma Gamma Rho's commitment to service is expressed in its slogan, "Greater Service, Greater Progress." The sorority has a proud history of providing positive and proactive community outreach nationally and internationally. The programs, partnerships, and sponsorships represent Sigma Gamma Rho's commitment to promoting the greater good in education, service, and leadership development.

The event is another example of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated enhancing the quality of lives within the community.

Barnwell County Arrest Reports

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

Sarah Ann Grushkowsky, 37, of 225 Mosley Road, Aiken, S.C., was arrested on February 12, 2025 by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) for Failure to Pay Child Sup-

port. Grushkowsky was booked and released to the Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).

Todd Avery Hammett, 46, of 3466 Hwy 37, Williston, S.C. was arrested on February 14, 2025 by BCSO for Prohibited Possession of Firearm by a Convicted Felon. Hammett was booked and released to BCDC.

Ronisha Hammonds, 34, of 129 Canna Street,

Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on February 14, 2025 by BCSO for Interfering With a School Bus. Hammonds was booked and released to BCDC.

Damien Milhouse, 42, of 578 Davis Bridge Road, Williston, S.C. was arrested on February 13, 2025 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Court Fines. Milhouse was booked and released to BCDC.

Mary Elizabeth Rauch, 42, of 354 Bolen Drive, Williston, S.C. was arrested on February 14, 2025 by the Williston Police Department (WPD) for False Reporting to Law Enforcement. Rauch was booked and released to BCDC.

Lyndsey Dawn Saxon, 30, of 233 Cadle Crossing Road, Windsor, S.C., was arrested on February 11, 2025 by BCSO for Failure to

Appear. Saxon was booked and released to BCDC.

Joshua David Washburn, 40, of Walterboro, S.C., was arrested on February 10, 2025 by BCSO for Breach of Peace Aggravated, Resisting Arrest, and Malicious Injury to Personal Property. Washburn was booked and released to BCDC.

Gary Wright, 59, of 99 Nottingham Road, Apt.

140, Williston, S.C. was arrested on February 12, 2025 by WPD for Driving Under Suspension, Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and Open Container. Wright was booked and released to BCDC.

Paton Lee Zorn, 36, of 78 Kearsewood Lane, Olar, S.C., was arrested on Failure to Pay Court Fines. Zorn was booked and released to BCDC.

FEMA: New gym/emergency shelter about to break ground

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room" is defined by FEMA (SCEMD) and the previous Barnwell School District 45 (BSD45), the safe room was created to serve a dual purpose for the community and the school district by also being a multi-purpose gymnasium that could host athletic events, ceremonies, community events, and more. That makes this project an incredible benefit to the school district, offering a gymnasium that will serve not only students but the entire community.

The monolithic dome design, a requirement for the project, is an innovative structure known for the ability to withstand extreme weather conditions, providing high levels of safety in situations where traditional buildings might fail. The distinctive design of the monolithic dome allows it to efficiently distribute the forces of high winds, making it one of the best choices for disaster resilience. The new safe room provides a centralized location capable of accommodating up to 1,200 people, streamlining emergency sheltering and allowing county personnel to cover the needs of more residents, as well as evacuees from coastal regions.

Equipped with its own state-of-the-art generator system, the Barnwell County Safe Room will maintain power during outages, and the partnership with the Red Cross will enable Barnwell to open a single, centralized shelter when needed.

The safe room will also benefit surrounding counties, as it is strategically located along the southern conglomerate evacuation zone. Barnwell County Emergency Management has long provided shelter for personnel from Parris Island Marines, Beaufort County, and Hilton Head, and this facility will continue that support during times of crisis. In the past, schools in Barnwell, which currently have Memorandums of Agreement with Red Cross and other counties to serve as shelters and housing for out of town emergency services, were required to close to house evacuees if the need arose. The new facility will allow the district to continue operating normally, even during evacuations, ensuring that education and community programs remain uninterrupted if Barnwell County is not directly impacted by the current conditions.

When the grant was submitted by South Carolina Emergency Management

(SCEMD) and the previous Barnwell School District 45 (BSD45), the safe room was created to serve a dual purpose for the community and the school district by also being a multi-purpose gymnasium that could host athletic events, ceremonies, community events, and more. That makes this project an incredible benefit to the school district, offering a gymnasium that will serve not only students but the entire community.

Project Timeline

The road to securing funding for this project was not easy. Initially, the team applied for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program under the Presidential Disaster Declaration for flooding but was told the application needed to be resubmitted under the Presidential Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Matthew. After multiple rounds of requests for information (RFIs), the application was accepted. In 2019, SCEMD, who is the official recipient for the federal funding, and BSD45, who was considered the subrecipient, were notified that the project was being awarded for Phase I. Following the submissions and extensive requirements required in Phase I, final approval for the FEMA Safe Room/Gymnasium project was granted by the federal government in November 2023 for the district to proceed with Phase II.

Whereas the original funding awarded for the project was an estimated 4.8 million, the November 2023 award increased the total funding for both phases of this project to \$10,806,513.64, with the federal share covering 75% of the total cost. Because the approval to proceed with Phase II took several years and the previously approved building permits were issued two and a half years prior, all of the district's submissions to the State Department of Education's Office of School Facilities had to be resubmitted, any code changes since 2019 had to be updated, and all architectural plans and construction documents had to be reevaluated at the state level.

After new approvals



Dirt is being cleared in preparation for construction of the FEMA gym/shelter.

were received in 2024 and a rigorous bid process was initiated in November 2024, Barnwell County School District contracted with H.G. Reynolds in Aiken to build the monolithic dome, and work officially began at the start of the new year. The estimated construction time for the project is 421 days, with the official groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, February 25.

Looking to the Future

While the district explored whether relocating the FEMA project was possible as the countywide consolidation of the school districts occurred, it was determined that the designated site was not changeable due to FEMA's specific criteria. Numerous environmental studies had been conducted over the course of the past decade to get approval for that specific site for the project.

Although Barnwell County School District (BCSD) is in the process of designing and developing a new countywide high school/career center at a different location, the current Barnwell High School facility will not be abandoned by the district; therefore, the Board of Trustees and district leadership moved forward with the project, knowing that it would continue to be a vital support to not only the school district in the future, but also to Barnwell County's citizens and other areas in South Carolina.

It has often been said that the greatest determinant for whether a rural area will thrive or decline is the innovation of its leaders. It should be our hope to find ways to make Barnwell County an even better place to live and to look for ways we can serve as an example others can follow. Barnwell County, especially the school

district, has been facing many changes recently and will continue to navigate changes in the years ahead. While society's first inclination is often to look for the negatives in a situation, let's instead pause and consider how grateful we should be that we have the opportunities that are before us — that we have this opportunity to provide our children with a gymnasium that not only supports their physical growth and development but also serves as a safe, secure place during times of need.

This project was the work of many dedicated and passionate people who sacrificed and spent hours planning to make this a reality to benefit everyone in our county and beyond. The school district salutes each of them, and it would be too many to name specifically; however, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge a few key individuals. I truly believe this project would not have happened if it were not for Roger Riley. He has been a vital contributor to the project since work originally

began with Tetra Tech in 2015 to plan and write the grant. As the Barnwell County Emergency Management Director, he has been critical to the project due to his strong relationships with SC Emergency Management and emergency personnel in nearby coastal counties, as well as his established working relationship with Tetra Tech, which has been invaluable in navigating the FEMA process.

To the previous Barnwell School District 45 Board of Trustees, this group of individuals never gave up on the vision they had for this project, working tirelessly to save the 25% matching funds and ineligible costs so it would not be a burden for the future administration when the project was ready to begin. For a small, rural district, this was a challenging task, but through careful budgeting and being fiscally responsible, the district ensured that every penny saved from coming under budget on other district projects went directly into savings for the match. The

commitment to set aside additional funds for ineligible costs further demonstrated their dedication to seeing this project through to completion. It was never an afterthought, but a forethought and proactive thinking that allowed the district to get a larger award than was originally expected and to have the match ready to begin the project upon final approval.

As the first of its kind in South Carolina and our southeastern United States region, the Barnwell County Safe Room and Gymnasium is an unprecedented achievement that will have long-lasting impacts. This journey is a testament to the power of perseverance and community collaboration. It is proof that when we come together, no matter the challenges, we can overcome obstacles and build something truly transformative for our community. The safe room stands as a symbol of our resilience, our unity, and our commitment to creating a safer, stronger Barnwell County.

City of Barnwell Notice of Public Hearing on Zoning Amendments

The Barnwell City Council of Barnwell, South Carolina, will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m., on March 3, 2025 at City Hall Council Chamber, on the following proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and/or Zoning Map:

Map Amendment No. 2025-02 changing the zoning district designation for property owned by Herbert Long at Third Street, Tax Map No. 072-06-09-010, consisting of 4.77 acres, from R-7 to RMF. New uses permitted in the proposed district are: Multi-Family Residential Units.

Documents related to the amendments are available for public inspection in the office of the Zoning Official at City Hall.

Notice

Holly Hill Complex at Cribb Street, Holly Hill, SC

North Complex at Palmetto Ave., North, SC

Allendale Complex at Bluff Road, Allendale, SC

Blackville Complex at Hampton Ave., Blackville, SC

Branchville Villa complex at Branchville Lane, Branchville, SC

Denmark Gardens Complex at Minors Avenue, Denmark, SC

Fairfax Boundary Complex at Boundary Street, Fairfax, SC

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

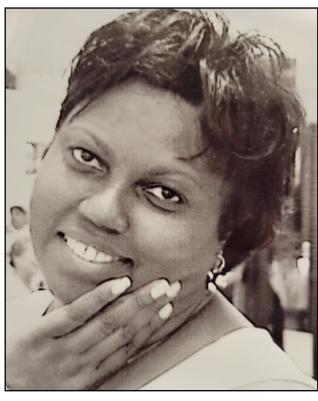
Barnwell Arms Complex at Thomas Street, Barnwell, SC

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Phyllis Anita Washington

High School Class of 1979 and Johnson C. Smith University Class of 1983. She is the daughter of Benjamin Washington and the late Lola Williams Wright, stepfather, the late Tillman "Sam" Wright Jr., and the granddaughter of the late Isadore and Mazura Williams, the late Garnell and Juanita Washington, and the late Tillman and Eve Wright Sr.

Phyllis was a member in good standing with the Order of Eastern Star Golden Hue Chapter #15. Phyllis served the students of Charlotte Mecklenburg

School System for over 30 years.

A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Phyllis will be held Saturday, February 22, 2025, at Reeder Memorial Baptist Church, 3725 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28216. Visitation will begin at 12 p.m. and the Memorial Service will begin at 12:30 p.m.

The Washington family have entrusted arrangements to Roseboro's Mortuary & Crematory of Charlotte, N.C.

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Ms. Phyllis Anita Washington, 63, passed on Monday, February 10, 2025, at Atrium Health Hospice & Palliative Care of Cabarrus County, N.C.

She was born on October 24, 1961. Phyllis was a graduate of Barnwell



Martha Sue Morris Sanders

Lou Bauknight Morris. She attended school in Olar and Batesburg-Leesville. After graduating high school, she attended Drounghns Business College.

Martha married Herman Sanders Jr. on January 15th, 1943. They resided in Barnwell, S.C. for over 65 years until moving to Cayce to be near the children. They were married for over 72 years until his passing in 2019.

Survivors include one son, Kenneth H. Sanders (Geraldine) and was predeceased by one daughter, Beverly Sue Sanders Gauche' (Paul); four grandchildren Monica Sanders

O'Cain (Laird), Kimberly Sanders Christ, Paul Gauche' Jr. (Melissa), and Allison Gauche'; as well as five great-grandchildren.

There was a graveside service at the Starr Cemetery in Olar, S.C. on Wednesday, February 12th, 2025 at 1 p.m., with Pastor Jeff Gibson officiating.

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

Memorials may be made to Olar First Baptist Church, or a charity of one's choice.

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CAYCE - Martha Sue Morris Sanders passed away at the age of 101 on February 8, 2025, at the Presbyterian Communities of S.C.

Martha Sue was born in Olar, S.C., the oldest of seven daughters to Corinthian C. Morris and Mattie



Jeaneene Wise

The family would like to offer their sincere thanks to Carlyle Senior Care of Williston and Agape Hospice for their love and care shown for Mrs. Jeaneene while under their care.

Born in Tuskegee, AL, she was a daughter of the late John T. and Lois Higgins Morgan. She was happily married to the late William Jacob "Billy" Wise Jr. for 68 years. Jeaneene was affectionately known as Meme by her family. She served the Lord in every aspect of her life. She was a devoted member of the Blackville United Methodist Church, served as president of the United Methodist Women and was in the Blackville Garden Club. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed it the most when the family was all together. She enjoyed traveling with family and friends.

Survivors include a daughter, Diane W. (James) Haskins; two sons, John Allen (Alicia M.) Wise and Robert "Robbie" (Sharon G.) Wise; all of Blackville, S.C.; her grandchildren, Allison H. (Chris) Still,

Jimmy Haskins, Jason Haskins, Stacey W. (Britt) Hogg, Tracey W. (Steve) Proctor Brittany W. (David) Kanagy; great-grandchildren, Morgan P. (Kyle) Hayden, Madison P. (Hunter) Brazell, Noah Darnell, Nicholas Darnell, Casen Still, Kristen Haskins (Carson Z.), Anna Haskins, Robert Hogg (Emma), Britton Hogg, McKinley Proctor and McKaden Jeaneene Proctor, Rosannah, Brynlee Rae, Ainsley, Dash, Jacob, Wynonna and Nate Kanagy; great-great-grandchildren, Kintley Zorn, Bruce Hayden and Henry Brazell; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Billy, she is preceded in death by her sisters, Sara M. Quattlebaum (Quattie), Betty M. Wolfe (Harold), Mae M. Ackerman (Robert); and her brother, Robert H. Morgan.

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

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BLACKVILLE - Funeral services for Jeaneene Morgan Wise, 96, of Blackville, S.C. were held at 2 o'clock p.m., Saturday, February 15, 2025 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, S.C. with the Reverends Melissa Williams and Steve Proctor officiating; burial followed in the Blackville Cemetery. Her grandsons were honored to serve as pallbearers. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Saturday. Memorial contributions may be sent in Mrs. Jeaneene's memory to Blackville United Methodist Church, 50 Springs Court, Blackville, S.C. 29817 or the Blackville Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 365, Blackville, S.C. 29817.

Mrs. Jeaneene passed away on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at Carlyle Senior Care of Williston.



Thelma Patricia Priester

was known for her fiery spirit and love of animals.

Throughout her life, Thelma found joy in the companionship of her many beloved dogs, who were constant sources of happiness and comfort. Her devotion to animals extended beyond her own pets, as evidenced by her family's wish for memorial contributions to be directed to Friends of the Animal Shelter (FOTAS), 333 Wire Rd., Aiken, S.C. 29801.

She is survived by her loving family members, Ray and Kathy Beck, who will cherish her memory

and carry forward her legacy of kindness and compassion, and dear friends, Troy (Jessica Overstreet, Lisa Levy and her husband Mike Wells and Ed (Renee) Girardeau.

Graveside funeral services were held at 2 o'clock p.m., Tuesday, February 18, 2025 in the Neeses Cemetery, 471 Henry Rd., Neeses, S.C. 29107.

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

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AIKEN - Thelma P. Priester of Aiken, S.C. died after a short illness in her adopted hometown.

A dedicated professional who spent her career with Delta Airlines, Thelma loved to tell stories about her adventures with her coworkers after hours. She

Clifford "Cliff" Jerome Curtis



Hankins, Blake Owens, Richard Ray, Robert Ray and Lee Worthington.

Cliff passed away on Monday, February 10, 2025.

Born in Bamberg, S.C., he was a son of Emily Driggers and the late John Lee Curtis. He was a self-employed carpenter. Cliff was full of life; he loved eating his momma's biscuits and enjoyed drawing.

Survivors include sons, Ayden, Lil Cliff, Shylo and David Curtis; sisters, Debra (Richard) Ray and Jamie (Kevin) Curtis; brothers, John Daniel (Kristen) Curtis, James Allen Giamportome and John David (Dezeray) Curtis; nieces and nephews, Gabrielle (Austin) Hankins, Robert Ray (fiancé Elizabeth Hadwin), Adrienne Ray, Landon Ray, Alexis

Churchwell, Cypress Churchwell, Austin Curtis, Landon Curtis, Anthony Curtis, Kendra Curtis, and Josh Curtis;

great nieces and nephews, Tyler, Trey and Taten Hankins, Brexley Peeler, Ryker Thomas, Anna Grace Curtis and Natalie Curtis; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Cliff was predeceased in death by brother, Robert Franklin Sweatman; maternal grandparents, Joe and Bertha Lee Driggers; paternal grandmother, Viola Dyches.

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

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DENMARK - Funeral services for Cliff "Tadpole" Curtis, 45, of Denmark will be held at 2 o'clock p.m. Friday, February 21, 2025 at Reach Out Ministries with the Reverend Don McCormick officiating. The family will receive friends from 12:30 until the time of the service on Friday at the church. Honored to serve as pallbearers are Shawn Gaskins, Austin

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RARE: Blackville family seeks awareness during Rare Disease Month

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call them tonic-clonic, but back in the day they were called grand mals — or she may have the ones that scare me the most, which are atonic. And atonics have no movement. She will literally go flat as a board on the floor in front of you. Her eyes will roll back. Her breathing will stop. And you don't know what to do. If you wanna talk about something that leaves you feeling powerless, that is it," Baglin said.

Despite the overwhelming challenges, Lena's family continues to search for solutions.

"MUSC has been phenomenal, but even now we're hitting a wall with MUSC and they're talking to me about maybe Johns Hopkins in Boston. There's supposed to be a specialist there," Baglin said. "It's very difficult to find other families to connect with because in

KCNH5 there's different levels of severity of it."

In addition to her struggles with epilepsy, Lena has been diagnosed with level three autism, the most intensive classification on the spectrum. She is nonverbal, making it even more difficult for her mother to anticipate her needs or communicate when she is in distress.

"If I sit in this house and hide, how does that help other kids? How does that help her?" Baglin said. "I have to get out there, I have to be her voice, I have to give her as normal of a life as I can. Her conditions do determine what normal looks like for us."

The financial burden of Lena's medical needs has added another layer of hardship. Baglin, a single mother, balances her time between caregiving and advocating for Lena, making

traditional employment difficult. The costs of medical care, specialized equipment, and travel for potential treatments at facilities like Johns Hopkins have placed a strain on the family.

"I'm doing everything I can to give her what she needs, but it's not easy," Baglin said. "There are programs out there, but they don't always cover what she actually requires."

Despite everything Lena has gone through, she is a fun-loving and spirited toddler. She is described as an old soul who loves vintage music, particularly on vinyl, and has unique interests, including pre-World War II airplanes and monster trucks. She connects deeply with historical content and shows particular interest in Amelia Earhart.

"Often children that have rare diseases, unfortunately,

are in single-parent households," Baglin said. "I think the biggest thing is, and it comes back to what they told me when she was born, it takes a community to raise these children, cause actually, in all reality, rural communities are fantastic for children like her."

Baglin remains hopeful that continued research and community support will help Lena live a fulfilling life. As she navigates the uncertainties ahead, she finds strength in the love and resilience that define their family's journey. "Every day is a challenge, but it's also a gift. Lena teaches me patience, love, and perseverance. We just take it one step at a time."



Stephanie Shaver / Reporter

Evangeline is all smiles with her mom, Marlene Baglin.

Corder's Creative Corner: Williston author releases second book



David B. Corder

Literary Columnist



the elves, they are tasked with eradicating a small group of warlocks who have infiltrated one of their sacred crypts. If they can remove the warlocks, then they will receive help in finding the skull. But as Veran enters the shadows of the burial chambers, he also enters the shadows of his soul where a struggle continues between himself and the spirits of his arcane sword. If he cannot learn to harness the turmoil within himself, then he will be destroyed, and quite possibly, his friends with him.

Will Veran be able to defeat the evil that dwells in the elven crypt? Or will he be torn inside out?

David B. Corder is a fantasy author and English teacher. His fantasy series, *The Tales of the Bloodstalker*, is available on Amazon. Connect with him online and read some of his stories at davidbcorder.substack.com

I am happy to announce that my second book is now available in paperback.

The Elven Crypt continues to follow the journey of the vampire hunter Veran Bloodstalker as he sets out to destroy an evil artifact. This book has been months in the making, and I am happy to say that it's finally here!

You can pick it up over on Amazon, and below is a blurb for you to enjoy in the meantime.

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Class A Region III



The Williston-Elko girls basketball team has won 12 straight games and are the Region 3-A Champions.

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Coach Mae Reed is the Region Coach of the Year.

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The Williston-Elko girls basketball team went on the road Tuesday, February 11, to face their region rivals from Calhoun County. The Blue Devils entered the game atop Region 3-A, and could secure the number one finish in the region with a win. That is just what the Williston-Elko Blue Devils did. The Devils defeated the Saints and won the

title of Region 3-A Champions.

The win was the Devils' eleventh straight victory. Despite trailing 23-18 at the half, the Blue Devils had a huge third quarter to take the lead and never looked back. The Devils earned a tough 45-41 victory.

"We played a tough game on Tuesday, winning because our defense held the Saints. Jada Wilson led the team in scoring with 18 points followed by Madison Wright with 13 points. The real difference came on the

defensive side. Our big defensive efforts were led by Alyah Holmes who had 3 blocks. The defensive games of Ashauna Hosey, Ikeyiah Tyler, Malaysia Youmans, Ky'Reona Brabham, Tra'Niya Josey, Shanya Mays, and Kamryn Creech were up for the challenge. They came with power and stopped the Saints when needed most. As always, Jelisea Ruth-Hudson played excellent defense and offense. Coach Stroman and I never doubted our young ladies when they fell behind. We

told them to take your time and do what we do. They did that, and that's why they're Region Champs," said Williston-Elko head coach Mae Reed.

The Blue Devils upped their win streak to 12 straight games when they traveled to Ridge Spring-Monetta on Friday, February 14. This was another tough Region 3-A game and the Williston-Elko Blue Devils were able to claim a 49-45 Valentine's day triumph. With the victory, the Blue Devils wrapped up their Region 3-A season with a first place 13-1 region record and a number one seed in the 1A State Championship Playoffs.

Coach Reed spoke about the last regular season game and said, "Our game last night counted for another region win. On offense, Jada Wilson and Shanya Mays led the way with 12 points each and Madison Wright scored 10 points in the Williston-Elko

win. Ashauna Hosey played tight defense taking four steals. Our bench played defense that was right on point. Coach Stroman and I love these girls. We know we will be losing some of the best players we have ever had. The seniors are forever telling the younger girls that they're going to be ok, and we know they are."

The Blue Devils will begin their playoff journey when they host Great Falls on Tuesday, February 18 then with a win will play again at home on Thursday, February 20. Come out and support your Region 3-A Champion Williston-Elko Blue Devils as they begin what could be a very memorable playoff run. This is a very hard-working, competitive, never-say-die team that wants to keep this winning streak moving along as they advance.

We wish Coach Reed and her Blue Devils the best of luck. Go Blue Devils!

Lady Warhorses are playoff bound



Barnwell's trio of Gabby Thomas (2), Savannah Roundtree (14), and Sa'Mya Ford (12) led the Warhorse's scoring attack, helping beat the Buccaneers 53-25 and earning a playoff berth.

Photos By: Kelley Wood

VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULE

BASKETBALL

Wednesday, February 19

- Boys 1A Playoffs 2nd round (Site/Time TBD)

Thursday, February 20

- Girls 1A Playoffs- 2nd round (Site/Time TBD)
- Girls 2A Playoffs- 2nd round (Site/Time TBD)

Saturday, February 22

- Boys 1A Playoffs- 3rd round (Site/Time TBD)

Monday, February 24

- 1-A Girls Playoffs- 3rd round (Site/Time TBD)

Tuesday, February 25

- 2-A Girls Playoffs-3rd round (Site/Time TBD)

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The Barnwell Warhorse girls basketball team has had a tough year, but never quit working hard and improving. The hard work and determination have paid off as the Warhorses have now qualified for the playoffs.

This past Wednesday, February 12, the Horses hosted region rivals from Bridges Prep. The winner would have a playoff opportunity, while the loser's season would most likely be over. The last meeting between the two went to Bridges Prep, but the Barnwell Warhorse girls basketball team has continued to get

better as the season progressed. This meeting was all Barnwell as the Horses not only won the game, but they controlled the game from the start and never slipped. Barnwell outscored the Buccaneers in every quarter and came away with a very convincing 53-25 win.

The win actually caused a tie for the final playoff spot between the Horses and Buccaneers. The tie breaker to determine who would move on to the playoffs and who would end their season came down to point differentials. Barnwell's huge 28-point win easily determined the playoff team would be Barnwell.

Barnwell will have to hit the road to visit the number one seeded Andrew Jackson High

School. No matter the opponent, making the playoffs is a great achievement for any team that did not do so the previous year.

Barnwell head coach William Hammonds was asked about the game and making the playoffs. "Any time you make the playoffs it's a great accomplishment. This team, though young, stayed together through some difficult times. They never quit. They kept grinding and they snuck in. Though the wins are not where we would like them, we beat the team we had to beat when it mattered the most," he said.

The offense was led by Savannah Roundtree who scored 13 points, while Gabby Thomas and Sa'Mya Ford each added 12 points for the Warhorses. In addition to the

offensive output, the Warhorse defense was able to limit the Buccaneers scoring to less than half the total scored by Barnwell.

Having to go on the road to face a number one seed is a daunting task, but just making the playoffs shows how far this team has come over the course of the season. Most of this team will be back next year and Coach Hammonds can expect his team to continue working hard and improving. This group should move up in the rankings and look to have a much better season.

Congratulations to Coach Hammonds and the Barnwell Warhorse girls basketball team for making the playoffs. Good luck in the playoffs and for future success.

Barnwell County wrestlers end season at Upper-State and Lower-State qualifiers



Kaleb Wilson, Justin Hernandez, Brandson Beasley, and Eric Mulbah each won matches at their respective qualifiers this past Saturday, Feb. 15.

Photos By: Kelley Wood



be able to coach them. It is great when you come to practice every day and know that you have four seniors that you can depend on, all four that were great examples of what it means to be committed and disciplined. We will truly miss them, especially myself. Just taking over the program two years ago, I didn't know what to expect but these wrestlers gave everything to this team, this sport, and to myself every day. I am truly grateful."

Blackville-Hilda's coach James Kelly was asked about his team's season and their qualifier completion. "My overall thoughts for the year, is that we are going to continue to build and get better, too. Hopefully, we will improve enough to have individual qualifiers next year. It is my hope to have a 1A dual tournament next year for all of the 1A schools in the state," said Coach Kelly.

As far as my wrestlers go, we didn't have any qualifiers, however, we had a lot of really hard-working guys and a couple of seniors that we will miss. We have one senior that is going to be going into the army and another senior who is going to be wrestling for Lander

University. The one going into the army is named Isiah Gregg and the one going to Lander University for wrestling and cyber security is Eric Mulbah," Coach Kelly said.

Both Barnwell and Blackville-Hilda, which also includes wrestlers from Williston-Elko, had com-

petitive seasons. The two teams and three schools will be combining to host a wrestling summer camp later this year. Details will be revealed before school is out for summer. There is the possibility that the three schools might combine next school year to form a single Barnwell

County team, but this is an early conversation that has not been decided yet.

Congratulations to both Isaac Cooper and his Warhorses and to James Kelly and his Hawks on good seasons. We wish all of the Barnwell County wrestlers good luck in the future.

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Barnwell County was well represented this past Saturday, February 15 when wrestlers from all three Barnwell County high schools competed for the opportunities to earn a State Championship entry. Barnwell High School sent wrestlers to Timberland High School to compete at the 2A State Qualifiers, while Blackville-Hilda and Williston-Elko wrestlers competed under the Blackville-Hilda Hawks name at Chesnee High School for the 1A State Qualifiers.

Neither team had any competitors that advanced to the State Championships, but several wrestlers earned victories in at least one match at the qualifiers. Barnwell's Kaleb Wilson,

Justin Hernandez, and Brandson Beasley each won matches Saturday for Barnwell High School. Blackville-Hilda's Eric Mulbah was having a great day, winning two early matches before getting hurt. He was not able to continue winning while giving it all he had, but doing so at less than 100 percent.

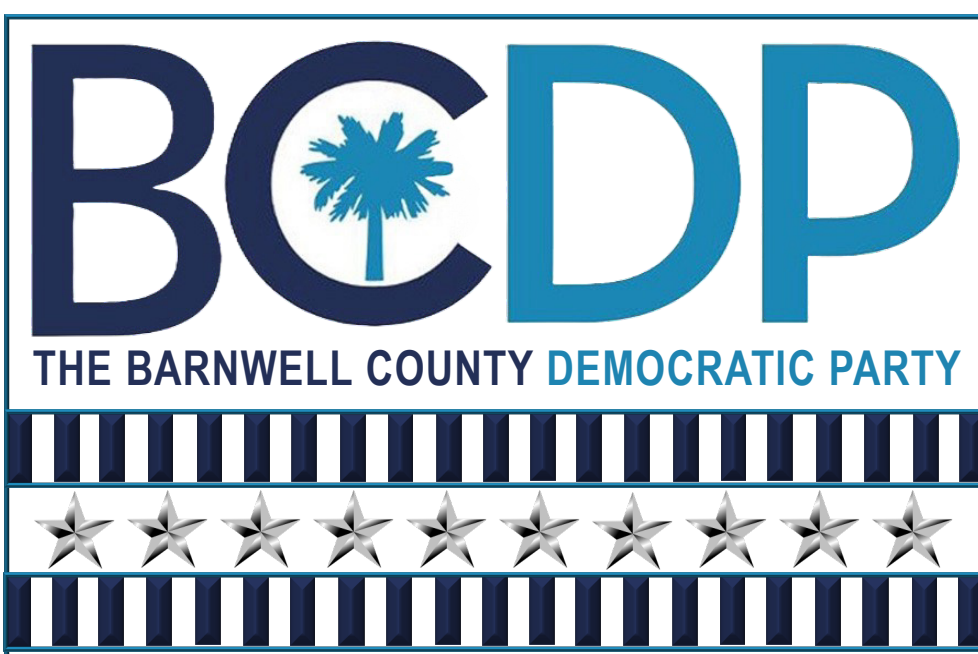
Barnwell wrestling coach Isaac Cooper was asked about his team's season and said, "I felt this wrestling season flew by this year. A lot of work, sweat and tears went into this season for the wrestlers. Every day, they came to practice and matches ready to work and get better. The four seniors this year were Peyton Wood, Dustin Jones, Kaleb McCormack and Kaleb Wilson. It was an honor and privilege to



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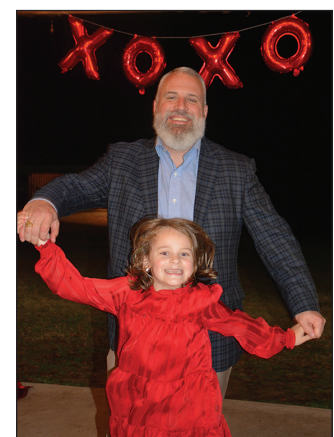
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SUMMONS AND NOTICES

(Non-Jury) FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BARNWELL IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A NO.: 2024-CP-06-00302 Citizens Bank, N.A., Plaintiff,

v. Anthony Forstner, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Thomas William Forstner, deceased; Anthony Forstner; Jason Forstner; Sherry Ramsey; Christopher Forstner, Defendant(s).

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices at 3800 Fernandina Road, Suite 110, Columbia, SC 29210, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:

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Second Judicial Circuit
Case: 2024-CP-06-0443

Wanda Buggs, Plaintiff v. The Barnwell Forfeited Land Commission, Shanda Crawford, Rozena C. Glover c/o Rick Barnes, Rick Barnes, The Mortgage Centre, Inc., and John Doe, a fictitious name constituting and representing all unknown heirs-at-law, legatees, devisees, grantees, assignees and lien creditors not named above of Rick Barnes and Richard Roe, a fictitious name constituting and representing all unknown parties who may be minors or suffering under any legal disability or persons in the Armed Services of the United States and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, interest or estate in or lien upon the real estate described in the Complaint herein.

AMENDED SUMMONS

To: Defendants above-named
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the amended complaint in this action, of which a copy of is served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to this complaint on the subscriber at this office, Post Office Drawer 328, Aiken, South Carolina 29802, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the amended Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you and the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint.

February 3, 2025
s/James D. Mosteller, III
Barnwell, South Carolina
James D. Mosteller III, Esquire
THE MOSTELLER LAW FIRM, LLC
Post Office Drawer 328
Aiken, South Carolina 29802
(803) 226-0396
Attorney For Plaintiff

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF ACTION

To: Defendants above-named
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an Amended Summons and Amended Complaint has been filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County in Case Number 2024-CP-06-0443.
James D. Mosteller, III,
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2025-28 3tp 2-12-25

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
CASE NO. 2024CP0600303
ENTERPRISE BANK OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
Plaintiff,
V.
CULLEN E. BOLEN AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
Defendants.
BY VIRTUE of an Order of Thomas M. Boulware, Esquire, Special Referee, heretofore issued in the within case and dated January 31, 2025, wherein it was ordered that the Plaintiff had a first priority mortgage lien in the real property identified below;

I, the undersigned Special Referee, the Clerk of Court or such other party authorized to conduct judicial sales, will, on March 3, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., at the Barnwell County Courthouse, in Barnwell, South Carolina, to the highest bidder, sell the property described as follows (hereinafter, the "Property"): ALL that certain lot of land, with improvements thereon, in the City of Barnwell, Barnwell School District, County of Barnwell, State of South Carolina, known as the old Virgie Black residence, and being bounded, now or formerly, as follows: on the North by lot of Elizabeth B. Wyman; on the East by lots of B. S. Moore and Furman Davis; on the South by lot of J. H. Joyner and on the West by Jackson Street.

Being the same property conveyed to Cullen Bolen by Deed of James Samuel Plexico dated June 8, 2021 and recorded June 8, 2021 in Book 1314 at Page 165 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County, South Carolina.
TMN: 072-10-09-010

TERMS OF SALE: FOR CASH. The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee, at the conclusion of the bidding, five (5.00%) percent of the bid, in cash or its equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to the Plaintiffs loan debt in the case of non-compliance. If the Plaintiffs representative is not in attendance at the scheduled time of the sale, the sale shall be canceled and the Property sold on some subsequent sales day after due advertisement. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of the bid or comply with all of the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days after the date of the foreclosure sale, then in such event, the Special Referee may resell the Property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder).

Because the Plaintiff has been awarded a deficiency judgment, bidding on the Property shall remain open for a period of thirty (30) days after the date of sale.
Thomas M. Boulware,
Special Referee
Sean Michael Bolchoz
Bolchoz Law Firm, PA
S.C. Bar No. 15860
Post Office Box 22650
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29925
(843) 836-3033
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Attorney for Plaintiff
February 10, 2025
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Estate: James R. Boylston
Date of Death: April 17, 2023
Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00042
Personal Representative: Vernon Birt Jr.
Address: 2873 Rutherford Way,
Charleston, S.C. 29414
Attorney: J. Martin Harvey
Address: P.O. Box 705, Barnwell, S.C. 29812
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Estate: Eloise Byas
Date of Death: November 6, 2024
Case Number: 2025 ES 06 00031
Personal Representative: Beatrice B. Hicks
Address: 74 Lodge Circle, Blackville, S.C. 29817
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Estate: George Thomas Badger
Date of Death: January 9, 2025
Case Number: 2025 ES 06 00034
Personal Representative:
Rachel Renee Badger
Address: 586 Red Fox Road, Olar, S.C. 29843
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Estate: Sarah E. Windham
Date of Death: January 18, 2025
Case Number: 2025 ES 03 00013
Personal Representative:
Elbert A. Windham
Address: P.O. Box 367, Fairfax, S.C. 29827
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
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For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing and should include the following information:
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2. the specific reasons why the application should be denied;
3. that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);
4. that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,

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5. the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed. Protests must be submitted online at MyDORWAY.dor.sc.gov or emailed to ABL@dor.sc.gov.
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Estate: William Glenn Riddle Jr.
Date of Death: January 20, 2025
Case Number: 2025 ES 06 00026
Personal Representative:
Laura Leigh Aplin
Address: 7308 Lakeside Drive, Appling, GA 30802
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- *Elphaba and Galinda story

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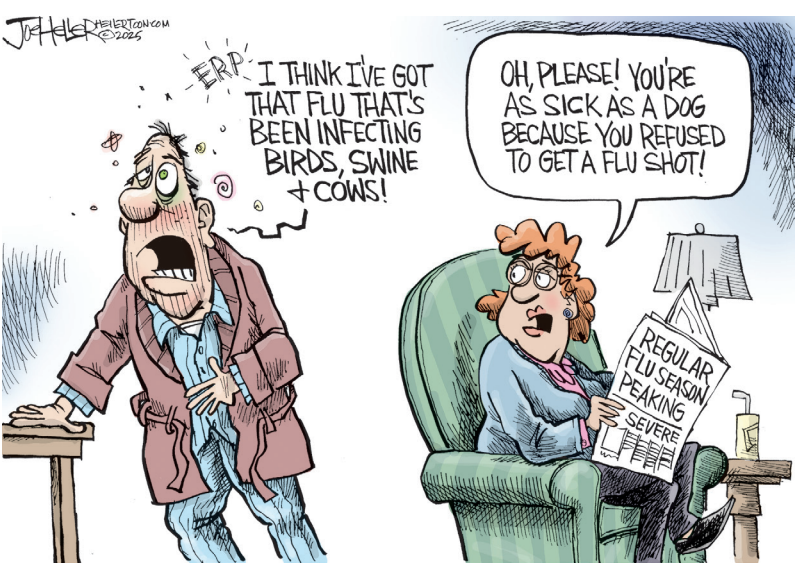
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Column

Term limits are solution in search of a problem in S.C.



Andy Brack

Statehouse Report

A recent comment from a reader came in with a popular notion from a few years back when Republicans weren't totally in control of S.C. politics: term limits. The reader said, "It is time to remove career politicians from all parties. Term limits would provide a natural barrier to long term corruption that is rampant in our system today."

As much as many of our current state legislators may need to go because of continuing bad policy choices related to everything from exacerbating strife through culture wars to not dealing well with poverty, education and health care, term limits still are not the answer. If South Carolina had term limits like a handful of other states, things could actually get worse with even less qualified newbie legislators who don't know how to run government and who would have to rely on unelected veteran staff members, whose behind-the-scenes power would grow.

Furthermore, the suggestion that term limits are needed to "inject new blood" into the system fails if you look at what has happened in our regular system of elections. Sure, there are some veteran legislators around who are in top positions because of seniority — positions they've earned for years of service in learning how to make the system work pretty well. They seek office, term after term. Examples: Republican S.C. Sen. Harvey Peeler of Gaffney first was elected in 1980, and the next two in seniority, Democratic Sen. Darrell Jackson of Richland County and GOP Sen. Luke Rankin of Horry County, joined the state Senate in 1992, the same year Bill Clinton became president.

But look at how many new senators we've elected in the past few years. Of the state's 46 senators, 14 were elected in 2024. Another seven were elected since 2016. That means 21 state senators — almost half of the chamber — have fewer than eight years experience and many are brand new. If that's not turnover for a fresh start — using

the power that voters have to elect who they want to serve — what is?

The story is more dramatic in the 124-member South Carolina House of Representatives. There are two vacancies now and 14 new members joined the body after the November elections. In the 2022 elections, voters elected 26 new House members. In 2020, they elected another 10. So since 2020, South Carolina voters have elected 50 new members of the House — and two special elections are still on tap. Fifty-two House members of 124 is a whopping 42%! And that's without a constitutional change to take away freedom for voters to pick the person they want to serve for one term or many.

In recent years, all of this volatility in our general political environment that's more polarized than ever has changed the legislature. There are fewer deep thinkers. There are fewer people who understand nuance. Debates are rushed as lawmakers spend fewer weeks in Columbia — which many Democrats and Republicans are probably thankful for.

As we wrote in 2016 in another column related to the down sides of term limits, systemic changes at the Statehouse are most obvious in the state Senate: "Once the domain of where some ideas just went to die or to be talked to death, it also once served as a check to the hot-headedness of the S.C. House of Representatives and often made other ideas better and more stable. These days, it has become more like the House of old, moving forward with less reflection, more reaction."

Automatically throwing out seasoned veterans who still want to serve and are doing a good job is not in South Carolina's best long-term interests. Arguments about term limits will not solve any problems in our General Assembly, as witnessed by the huge turnover in recent years. What will work, however, is if Republicans and Democrats really try to work together for the common good of South Carolinians instead of showing up to score political points while looking ahead to the next election.

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

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Columns

BBB Scam Alert: Receive a call from Jessica at a loan processing company? It could be a scam



Kelvin Collins

Better Business Bureau

Scammers are at it again, posing as representatives from loan processing companies to trick consumers into sharing personal information, most recently using the name Jessica. This advanced fee loan phishing scam often comes in the form of harassing phone calls and voicemails. The caller insists they need to verify minor details, such as your income, to finalize your loan application. While the message may sound convincing, it's a ruse to steal your private information.

How the scam works

You receive a call or voicemail from someone claiming to be from a loan processing team, often using a common name like "Jessica." The caller says they've been trying to contact you about your loan application and need to verify some final details to complete your approval, although, more than likely, you never applied for a loan. They provide a callback number and application ID to make the message seem legitimate. The voicemail emphasizes urgency, requesting you call back before a specific deadline to finalize the loan. BBB has received over 500 Scam

Tracker reports of this scheme from across the United States between November 2024 and January 2025, indicating that scammers are aggressively targeting consumers. People report receiving multiple calls per day, often from different phone numbers but with nearly identical voicemail scripts. Realistically, there is no loan, and returning the call could lead to scammers collecting sensitive information, such as your Social Security number, bank account details, or other personal data.

Tips to avoid a loan processing phishing scam

• **Verify the company's legitimacy:** If you're contacted about a loan application you don't recall submitting, hang up and do your research. Look up the company name online and contact them directly using verified contact information.

• **Never share personal information with unsolicited callers:** Scammers often ask for details like your Social Security number or bank account information. Avoid sharing sensitive information over the phone unless you initiate the call.

• **Watch for red flags in voicemails:** Be wary of messages with vague details, generic names, or urgent demands for a callback. Scammers often use scripted messages to target as many people as possible.

• **Avoid calling unknown numbers back:** Resist the urge to call the number back. Returning calls

to unknown or suspicious numbers could connect you to scammers or result in unexpected fees.

• **Check for scam reports:** Look up the phone number or details of the voicemail online. Many victims post about similar scams to warn others.

• **Report suspicious activity:** If you believe you've been contacted by a scammer, report the incident to BBB Scam Tracker at BBB.org/ScamTracker.

Stay vigilant and cautious to protect yourself from phishing scams like this one. If an offer seems too good to be true, it likely is!

For more information, visit wwwBBB.org for BBB's 10 steps to avoid scams, and BBB tips to help you watch out for guaranteed loans with upfront fees.

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

BARNWELL COUNTY CARE CORNER

Uniting faith and service: The Barnwell County Ministerial Coalition

Cheryl Long
Contributed

Founded in 1973 by the late Posey Belcher, the Barnwell County Ministerial Coalition, originally called the Barnwell County Ministerial Association, has been a pillar of faith and service in our community for over 50 years. This coalition of local churches and community leaders has remained dedicated to uniting the churches of Barnwell County to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus.

The Coalition's mission is simple: to bring hope and compassion to our neighbors in need. Over the years, this mission has been fulfilled through various ministries and initiatives, creating a legacy of service and faith in action.

One of the Coalition's most impactful efforts is its benevolence fund, which has provided financial assistance to individuals facing hardships. This fund has helped with electric and water bills and provided temporary housing through hotel stays for those in crisis.

But the Coalition's work extends far beyond financial aid. Each month, members volunteer at the Barnwell County Soup Kitchen, offering not only a warm meal but also a message of encouragement to attendees. Through community camps, revivals, annual prayer at the pole, and the City of Barnwell's Christmas Tree Lighting, the Coalition spreads the gospel and brings people together in fellowship and faith.

In December 2024, the Coalition

introduced a new tradition: the Advent Luncheon Series. This special event celebrated the season of Advent and Christ's birth, adding another cherished opportunity for community connection.

Perhaps the most well-known service hosted by the Coalition is the annual Lenten Luncheon Series. This beloved tradition invites the community to gather for seven weeks during Lent, uniting in worship and fellowship. Each week features:

Lunch: 12:00 – 12:30 PM

Service: 12:30 – 1:00 PM

The luncheons are hosted at rotating churches, with meals lovingly prepared by each congregation. Worship services are led by rotating pastors, with each week's message building upon the previous.

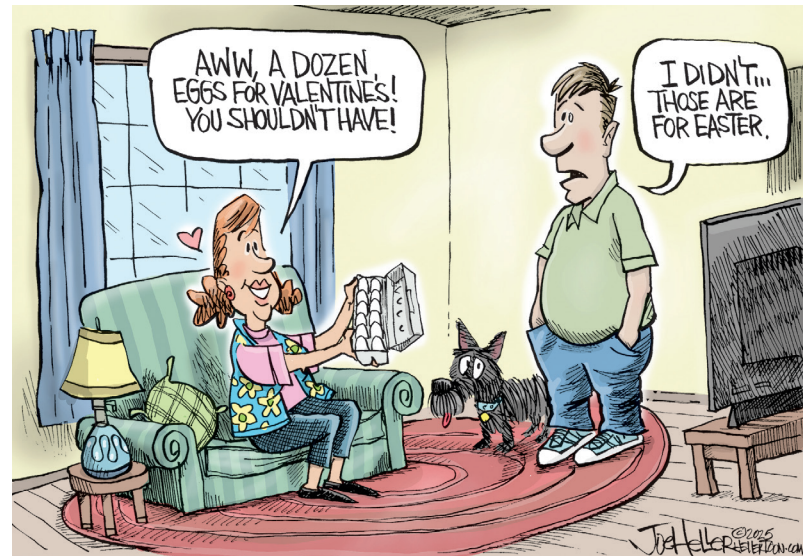
The 2025 Lenten Luncheon

Series will kick off on Ash Wednesday, March 5, at Barnwell First Baptist Church. All are welcome to join for a time of food, fellowship, and spiritual reflection as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

The Barnwell County Ministerial Coalition is committed to fostering unity among local churches and strengthening our community. Through collaboration, faith, and service, the Coalition continues to make a lasting difference in the lives of Barnwell County residents.

To stay up to date on upcoming events and initiatives, follow the Barnwell County Ministerial Coalition on Facebook.

We hope to see you at this year's Lenten Luncheon Series! Together, let us shine Christ's light and serve as His hands and feet in Barnwell County.



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Savory Protein Swaps for Lent

Convenient yet delicious meatless meals

FAMILY FEATURES

Abstaining from eating meat during Lent is common practice for many, but it doesn't mean you have to deprive yourself and loved ones from delicious meals. Whether you observe Lent or are simply looking for new ways to replace traditional proteins for a meal or two each week, there are countless mouthwatering recipes you can turn to.

Consider Chamomile-Infused Jasmine Rice with Salmon, for example, with floral jasmine notes pairing nicely with earthy chamomile for an easy yet elegant feast that's ready in just half an hour. With its mild flavor, salmon offers a pleasing starting point for those easing their way into incorporating more seafood into their diets.

Although originally cultivated for the Kingdom of Thailand, you don't need to be royalty to enjoy premium Boil-in-Bag Jasmine Rice from Success Rice. In just 10 minutes, you can enjoy this sweetly aromatic solution that cooks up soft and fluffy every time for a unique flavor that complements seafood and more. It's also naturally gluten free, Non-GMO Project Verified and free of MSG and preservatives.

Another option for swapping out traditional protein is with plant-powered meals. Even picky eaters can find plenty to love in this savory Crunchy Thai Peanut and Quinoa Salad. Quick to prep, it's a perfect answer for busy weeknights that calls on the power of peanuts and quinoa to replace protein from your usual favorites.

This convenient, crunchy dish calls for light, nutty Success Tri-Color Boil-in-Bag Quinoa that's packed with protein, all nine essential amino acids and fiber, making it perfect for Lenten meals from salads and bowls to veggie-forward casseroles and even muffins.

Find more Lent recipe inspiration and meatless meal ideas by visiting SuccessRice.com.



Chamomile-Infused Jasmine Rice with Salmon

Chamomile-Infused Jasmine Rice with Salmon

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4

- 1 bag Success Jasmine Rice
- 4 bags chamomile tea, divided
- 4 tablespoons butter, divided
- 4 tablespoons lemon juice, divided
- 2 tablespoons fresh chives, finely chopped, divided
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, divided
- 1 teaspoon pepper, divided
- 4 skin-on salmon filets (5 ounces each)
- 1 bunch asparagus, woody ends trimmed

Preheat broiler. Prepare rice according to package directions, adding three tea bags to simmering water with rice

to infuse with tea flavor.

Transfer rice to large bowl. Tear remaining tea bag; mix half with 2 tablespoons butter and melt in microwave to infuse butter.

Mix infused butter, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 1 tablespoon chives, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper; fold into rice and set aside.

Arrange salmon and asparagus on foil-lined baking sheet. Drizzle remaining butter over salmon and asparagus. Season with remaining salt and pepper. Broil 9-11 minutes, or until salmon begins to flake and asparagus is tender.

Serve salmon and asparagus with rice. Drizzle salmon with remaining lemon juice and garnish with remaining chives.

Crunchy Thai Peanut and Quinoa Salad

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 4

- 1 bag Success Tri-Color Quinoa
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cabbage mix
- 1/2 cup cilantro, roughly chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh mint, roughly chopped
- 1/2 cup English cucumber, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup carrots, shredded
- 1/2 cup red bell peppers, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon fish sauce
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 teaspoon white vinegar
- 1/4 cup peanuts, roughly chopped

Prepare quinoa according to package directions. Cool.

Mix cooled quinoa with cabbage, cilantro, mint, cucumber, carrots and bell peppers.

In small bowl, whisk soy sauce, fish sauce, sesame oil, honey and vinegar.

Add dressing to quinoa and toss to combine. Top with peanuts.



Crunchy Thai Peanut and Quinoa Salad

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.

Kitten Kin

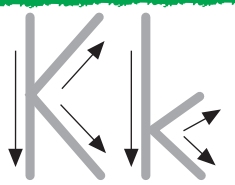
Draw a line from each kitten to its twin.

My Rhyme Time

Four little kittens, playing near a wall,
Three little kittens chased a red ball,
One little kitten, with fur soft as silk,
Left all alone with a dish of warm milk.

My Letters

K is for Kitten
k is for kitten



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

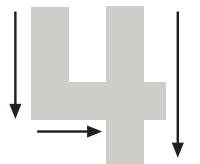
How many words or pictures can you find on this page that have the sound the letter K makes in the word kitten in them?

My Numbers

How many kazoos?

How many kings?

How many kettles?



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

My Sentence

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

GO Kittens love STOP

Sunday

Letter Identification

With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that begin with the same sound as the letter K in kitten.

Monday

Math Play

Point to the number 4 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

Letter K Round-Up

Make a large circle on one sheet of today's newspaper. With your child, find as many letter Ks as you can in that circle. Circle all uppercase letter Ks in blue; circle all lowercase letter ks in red.

Wednesday

Baby Animal Names

Explain to your child that cats have kittens, while chickens have chicks. Look through the newspaper with your child for pictures of animals. Help your child to learn the names of their babies.

Thursday

Lost and Found

With your child, read the Lost and Found ads in the newspaper. Ask your child to pretend to be a lost kitten. Have your child make up a story of how he or she got lost and then found. Ask your child how it felt to find its way home.

Friday

Action!

Look at pictures of people on the sports pages. Talk about the kind of action taking place in the picture, such as running, kicking, throwing and so on. Name the action and then have your child act it out.

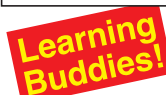
Saturday

Find the Pairs

With your child, look through the newspaper for two of things. Using a picture of a person, your child can point out two eyes, two ears, two legs and other pairs. Use the word "pair" to describe the things that come in twos.

Learning Buddy Sign Here
I have completed _____ activities with my Learning Buddy.

Learning Buddy's signature _____ Date _____



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

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

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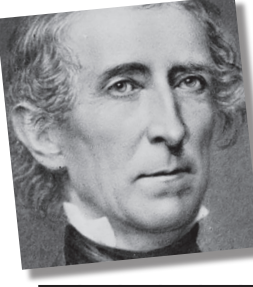
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Obscure Facts About American Presidents

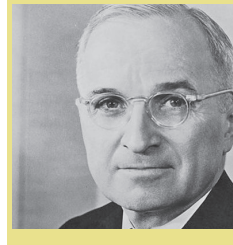
How much do you know about presidents of the United States?
 Did you know the following facts?



Which president had the most kids?

Our 10th president, John Tyler, had the most children. Color the squares with even numbers RED and the odd-numbered squares BLUE to reveal the answer.

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The "S" in President Harry S. Truman's name doesn't stand for anything. Unable to decide on a middle name for over a month, his parents settled on the letter "S" in honor of his maternal grandfather, Solomon Young, and his paternal grandfather, Anderson Shipp Truman.



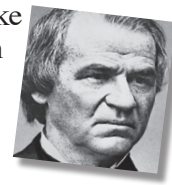
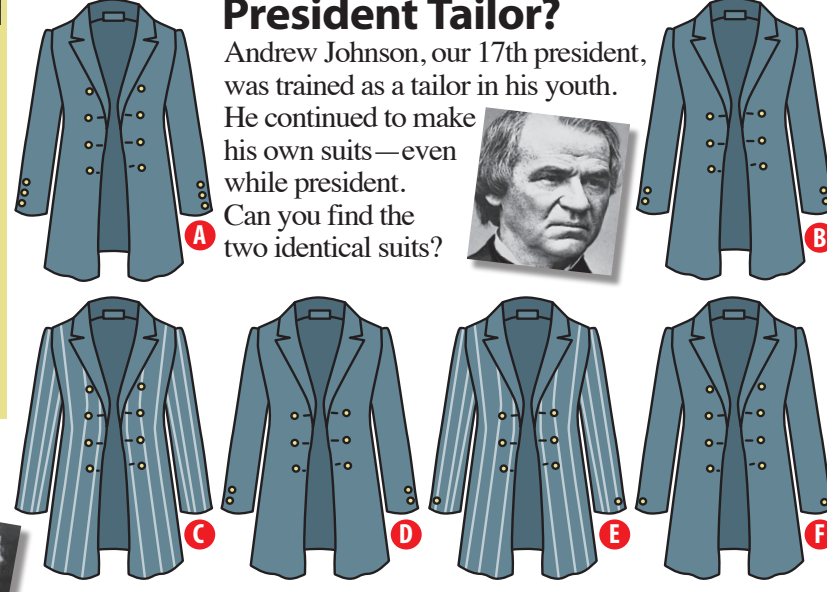
First Presidential Email

In 1994, President Bill Clinton was the first president to send an email while in office. He sent it to an astronaut who was in space at the time. Use the code to discover the name of the astronaut.

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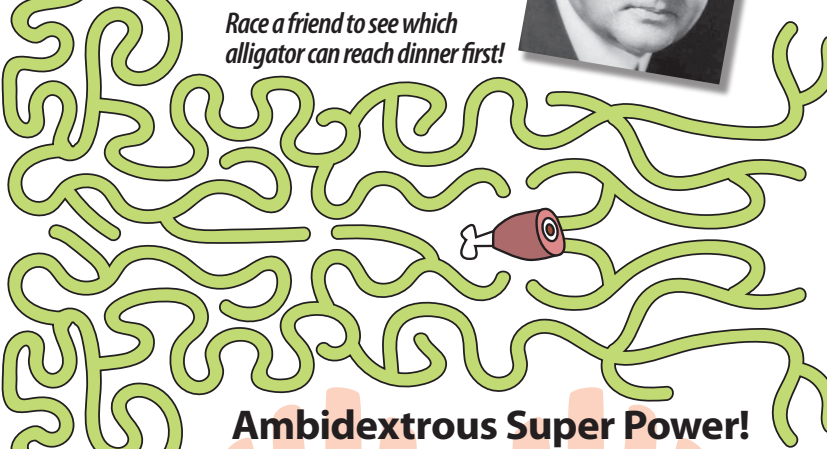
President Tailor?

Andrew Johnson, our 17th president, was trained as a tailor in his youth. He continued to make his own suits—even while president. Can you find the two identical suits?



Alligators in the White House!?!

President Herbert Hoover's son had two pet alligators, which were sometimes allowed to run loose throughout the White House. Hoover was our 31st president.



Race a friend to see which alligator can reach dinner first!



Ambidextrous Super Power!

Ambidextrous means the ability to write with both hands. Not only was our 20th president ambidextrous, he could write Latin with one hand and Greek with the other at the same time. Hold this page up to a mirror to read this president's name.

JAMES A. GARFIELD

Presidential Cheer

During his senior year of high school at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., George W. Bush, who would become the nation's 43rd president, was captain of the cheerleading team.



Wrestling West Winger

Our 16th president is one of our most celebrated. But not a lot of people know that he was a wrestler. In 300 matches, he only lost one. He is in the Wrestling Hall of Fame with the honor of "Outstanding American."

Circle every other letter to reveal this president's name.

R A K B G R L A Z H V A W M J L S I H N B C U O R L Q N

Extra! Extra!
Celebrate Our Presidents
 Look through the newspaper to see how your community is celebrating Presidents Day. If you don't find much, write a letter to the editor with your ideas on how the day could be celebrated in your community.
 Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th president, was shot in the chest while giving a speech in Milwaukee.

"I don't know whether you fully understand that I have just been shot," he told the stunned audience. "I give you my word, I do not care a rap about being shot; not a rap."

He completed the 90-minute speech with the bullet still lodged in his chest. Afterwards he went to the doctor and survived the attempt on his life.

President Roosevelt had many nicknames. As you complete each math problem below, those with even-numbered answers reveal one of his nicknames. The ones with odd-numbered answers are not.

- The Happy Warrior**
22 + 6 =
- The Trust Buster**
13 + 13 =
- The Rough Rider**
6 + 8 =
- The Old Lion**
21 - 5 =
- Telescope Teddy**
2 + 6 + 4 =
- The Meddler**
17 - 5 =
- The Hero of San Juan Hill**
22 + 8 =
- The Man on Horseback**
24 - 6 =
- Haroun-al-Roosevelt**
12 + 12 =
- The Bull Moose**
36 + 4 =
- The Great White Chief**
17 + 17 =
- The Driving Force**
6 + 8 + 4 =
- Four Eyes**
8 + 8 + 2 =
- The Dynamo of Power**
19 + 21 =
- T.R.**
44 - 26 =
- Teddy**
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ANSWER: They are all his nicknames!

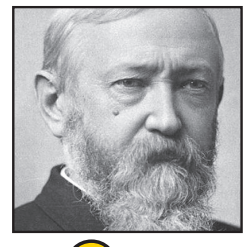
Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
OBSCURE
 The adjective **obscure** means something that is not well known.

The strange insect was from an **obscure** family of beetles.

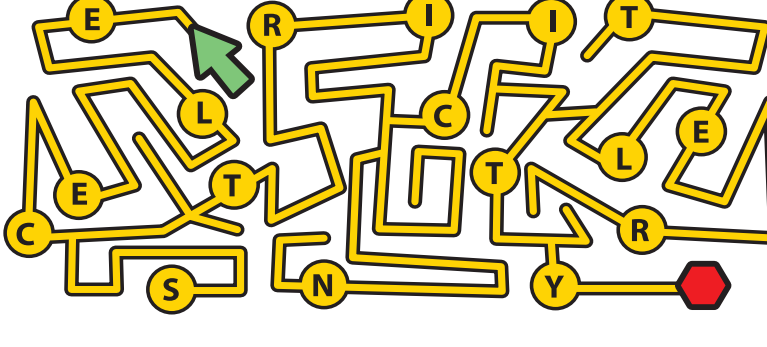
Use the word **obscure** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

Kid Scoop Puzzler



Not for President Harrison!

Benjamin Harrison, our 23rd president, was the first president to have this in the White House. However, he was so scared of it—he never used it! What was it? The letters along the correct path on the maze spell the answer.



Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- PRESIDENT
- WRESTLING
- ALLIGATOR
- CHILDREN
- FREEDOM
- TAILOR
- SUITS
- LATIN
- WHITE HOUSE
- TYLER
- FIRST BUSH
- HAND
- BOTH

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

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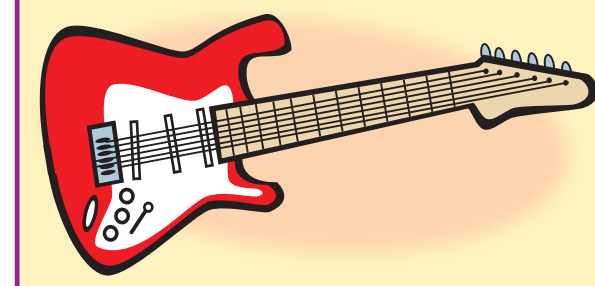
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Presidential Advisor

Imagine you are an advisor to the president on the concerns of your community or neighborhood. Find articles in the newspaper showing issues your community is facing. Make a list of the ways you think the president could help.

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



What famous American rock group has four guys that can't sing?

ANSWER: Mount Rushmore!

Write On!

If I Were President

What would you do? How would you spend your days? Why would you want to be president?

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