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'Master of Birthdays' turning 40

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A birthday in Barnwell County isn't quite complete without a phone call from Chuck McCormick.

The Blackville resident, who has autism, has a gift for remembering thousands of important dates, especially birthdays and anniversaries. His nightly routine involves calling about a dozen people to wish them a happy birthday or anniversary. He can even tell you what day of the week you were born. While most people would need

to utilize their phone book or contact list, Chuck has a long list of phone numbers memorized.

"Ed and I think it's a gift from God that Chuck has his memory and a great love for people. He is so faithful in calling and loves his phone calls," said Deborah McCormick, Chuck's mother.

Sarah Smajic said Chuck has been given a "wonderful gift from God" that he uses daily to make others feel encouraged and loved. "You mean so very much to the people in our community," she said.

"As someone who didn't grow up in Barnwell, Chuck made me immediately feel welcomed,

and at home when I first started receiving his birthday calls. I hope Chuck feels just as loved as he makes each one of us feel on our birthdays/anniversaries," said Ellen Epperson.

The calls started many years ago after Chuck received a calendar with the birthdays and anniversaries of residents. His contact list has grown over the years as he's met new people. Some are friends or relatives while others are acquaintances or strangers.

"Chuck is such a blessing! He has the biggest heart and always cares how others are doing, even on days when he isn't feeling

well. We look forward to his calls on our birthdays, anniversary, and even on family member's birthdays! It isn't a true birthday without a call from Chuck McCormick," said Anna Moore.

Relative Wanda Black Harelson said Chuck is known as the Master of Birthdays. "Many birthdays are made complete with his call which also includes him checking on members of the family especially if someone has been sick," she said.

Regardless of how long Chuck has known someone, he treats each person the same.



See CHUCK, 8A **Chuck McCormick turns 40 on Jan. 9.**



Photo Courtesy: Williston Fire Department

This home on Wacter Street in Williston was damaged Monday, Jan. 3 after strong winds brought down a tree.

Storm downs trees across county

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Barnwell County avoided major damage after strong winds swept through the area early Monday morning.

Emergency management officials were aware of the storm in advance and put plans in place.

"There was a strong potential for tornadoes," said Barnwell

County Emergency Management Director Roger Riley.

Thankfully, there were no tornadoes, but the area saw strong winds. This caused downed trees, some personal property damage, and power outages.

"Winds were extremely high, but a lot more trees could have come down and lot more power could have gone out," said Riley of how saturated the ground was from recent rainfall.

Riley, firefighters, the Department of Transportation, law

enforcement, public works, and others worked throughout the morning to clear downed trees in order to keep roadways as safe as possible. However, some accidents were reported with vehicles hitting trees.

Most property damage involved trampolines, sheds, and other outside items. However, Riley is aware of two homes (one in Barnwell and one in Williston) that were damaged after trees fell through them.

No injuries were reported.

Two arrested for attempted murder

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The Barnwell County Sheriff's Office recently arrested two men for attempted murder, but the cases are unrelated.

Robert Pernell Jr., 20, was arrested Dec. 21, 2021 by the BCSO for Attempted Murder. Neiko Keenan Hakiem Odom, 27, of Barnwell, was arrested Dec. 29, 2021 by the BCSO for Attempted Murder and 1st Degree Domestic Violence.

Pernell's arrest followed "diligent surveillance and the assistance of SLED and Orangeburg County Sheriff's Department," according to the BCSO.

His arrest comes two months after an Oct. 16 shooting on Mitchell Lane in Williston where three people were shot during a house party. The victims were transported to an area hospital.

The victims and other witnesses identified the shooter as Robert "RJ" Pernell Jr.

This isn't the first time Pernell has allegedly been involved in a shooting. At the time of the October 2021 shooting, he was out on bond for murder charge from March 2019 in relation to the shooting death of Shaquile



Barnwell County Sheriff's Office

Odom **Pernell Jr.**

Akins, 25, of Barnwell. Akins died due to a gunshot wound following a shooting in the 700 block of Elko St., Williston, according to initial news reports at the time.

Odom's arrest was in connection to a Dec. 26 shooting on Old Allendale Hwy., Barnwell.

The victim identified Odom as the shooter, according to an incident report.

"The responding officer asked for witnesses in this case and no one apparently seen anything, but none would come forth to give any information to law enforcement," states the report.

A 9mm handgun with a clip in the chamber was located at the scene and taken as evidence.

Odom turned himself in to authorities on Dec. 29, 2021.

Odom and Pernell were transported to Barnwell County Detention Center.

Wreck kills one

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Melvin M. Schrock, 76, of Hilda Road, Barnwell, died from injuries sustained in a wreck, said Barnwell County Coroner Denise Gibson.

Schrock was traveling west on Highway 278, near Poplar Road, when his 2004 Honda van was struck by an east-bound 2014 Dodge Charger

around 4:45 p.m. on Dec. 30, 2021, said Master Trooper David Jones with the S.C. Highway Patrol.

The Dodge went off the right side of the roadway, overcorrected, and drove left of center where it struck Schrock's van, said Jones.

Javier Decor, the driver of the Dodge, was transported by EMS to a hospital with "serious injuries," said Jones.

Schrock's obituary can be found on page A7.

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Vivian Turner - The Village, FL



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SRS employees team up for United Way

Contributed
Savannah River Site



SRS employees and United Way representatives gathered at the 2021 SRS United Way Campaign thermometer to celebrate another successful campaign.

This year, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS), Centerra, Battelle Savannah River Alliance (BSRA) and Savannah River Remediation (SRR) joined forces and raised a total of \$1,465,649, surpassing their original \$1.4 million goal for the 2021 United Way campaign.

All companies reached their goal during this year's joint campaign with SRNS raising \$827,691, surpassing their original \$800,000 goal; Centerra raising \$160,000, meeting their \$160,000 goal; BSRA raising \$203,379, surpassing their original \$200,000 goal; and SRR raising \$274,579, surpassing their \$260,000 goal.

This year's theme was "Strengthening Families. Strengthening Communities," and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's sitewide campaign was extremely important.

SRNS 2021 United Way Chair Rachael Simon was blown away by the immense support from employees throughout

the campaign. "With the many challenges we faced the past two years, it means a lot that our SRNS employees and employees across SRS have shown up in support of the United Way campaign," said Simon.

"We would not have been able to have such a great campaign without

the help from our SRS family," she continued. "I especially want to express my appreciation to all the campaign chairs for their leadership within their organizations throughout this year's campaign. We would not have been able to meet our goal without each and every one of you."

United Way of Aiken County President and CPO Sharon Rodgers says the United Way of Aiken County is very grateful for the faithful support and overwhelming generosity during this year's campaign. "The SRS United Way Campaign means the world to United Way of Aiken County, our 30

partner agencies and 45 critical need programs," said Rodgers. "The SRS Campaign is our largest contributor and helps provide funding so that we can collectively form a safety net to help our most vulnerable citizens with the challenges they face every day, such as homelessness, food inse-

curity, childcare, medical care, prescription drugs, transportation, home repairs, utility assistance, domestic violence, child abuse and programs for intellectually and physically challenged.

"Over 125,000 people in Aiken County receive almost 500,000 services each year. The impact is positively immense, and our gratitude is endless. Thank you, SRS, for giving so generously your time, talents, testimony and treasure to give others an opportunity for a better life," Rogers continued.

This year's campaign benefits the following agencies surrounding the Savannah River Site: United Way of Aiken County; United Way of the CSRA; United Way of Edgefield County; United Way of McDuffie County; United Way of the Midlands; United Way of Screven County; United Way of South Carolina, including Bamberg, Colleton and Hampton counties; United Way of Anderson County; and United Way of Barnwell County, including Allendale County.

Williston seeks to add recreation opportunities

Nikki Clingerman
Contributing Writer

The last meeting of 2021 for the Williston Town Council was held Dec. 13 and it was a great one to close out the year.

Williston Town Recreation Director James Hewith along with Keith Parker, Joe Welch and John Depew, the coaches of the Division I, 11-12-year-old football team, presented the mayor and council with the winning trophy from the Aiken County Youth Football League Championships. The Williston Blue Devils youth team went undefeated, allowing for no points on defense, while special teams gave up only 14 points the entire season.

Parker, who volunteers his time to help mold the young athletes, said he is always learning something from them. He enjoys helping the kids develop the skills needed to become good members of society. He also implements life lessons in his training and teaches them to learn love and respect. All three of the coaches no longer have any children of their own on the team but enjoy pouring football and life skills into the future of Williston's youth.

Williston's newest police officer, Dalton Peeples, was officially sworn into office by Town Attorney Tom Boulware and Williston Police Chief Rodney Pruitt. He was accompanied by his wife, Ashleigh, and parents, Marie and Robbie Peeples. His presence on the department fills another road patrol position on the force.

The council voted to amend Ordinance Number 2021-6, the Regulations for the Establishment of the Recreation Board, so that members interested in joining the board do not have to live within the town limits. Any Williston resident who resides outside town limits but within the Williston School Dis-



Dalton Peeples is sworn in on Dec. 13, 2021 as Williston's newest police officer.

trict 29 can volunteer if interested. The purpose of the Williston Recreation Board is to provide, establish, maintain and conduct town recreation services and programs and to participate in local, state and national recreational activities.

During the New Business portion of the meeting, the Planning Commission recommended consideration to approve Ordinance Number 2021-9 "to alter regulations within the Zoning Code, Section R-15 Special Exceptions, Number 4" to read, a. large dwelling (over 2,000-square-feet in total conditioned area) existed for over 30 years; has little economic value or usefulness as single-family dwelling or other conforming use; b. minimum (25,000) sq.ft. lot. D. no more than two (2) dwelling units are permitted. This was the second reading. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by council.

The Town of Williston is continuing the building of more recreational interest by the expansion of the current 9-hole/basket disc golf course to 18. The course has recently been surveyed and changes should be coming soon. Also in consideration is the addition of two pickleball courts that have the potential to bring more enthusiasts and visitors to the area.

The mayor and town

council wished all of the townspeople of Williston a happy and safe holiday season and a prosperous New Year.



Williston Mayor Brett Williams (left) presents Keith Parker, volunteer coach for the town's 11- to 12-year-old football team, the Aiken County Youth Recreation Football League trophy during the Dec. 13 town council meeting. Members of town council and administration stand in the back.

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Emergency water provided to fire departments

Laura J. McKenzie
Contributing Writer

Area firefighters are being hydrated with the help of a brewing company and area distributor.

Anheuser-Busch and A.B. Beverage Co. are providing more than 7,056 cans of emergency drinking water to the Barnwell County's fire departments.

"The donation is to help firefighters "as they continue to protect our communities and prepare for upcoming wild-fire relief efforts and to aid in recovery efforts from recent wildfires," stated the companies in a press release.

Both Barnwell and Hilda's fire departments applied for the grant to supply the water and both were approved, said Barnwell Fire Chief Tony Dicks. He said the water is being shared with Barnwell County's 11 fire departments. The departments also shared the wellspring with Allendale and Bamberg fire departments as well as the Windsor FD which provides support to the Williston Fire Department.

"The program was started on the West Coast but now has expanded to the East Coast," he said.

He said the water is much appreciated and



Representatives of Anheuser-Busch and A.B. Beverage Co. came to Barnwell County on October 19 to deliver cans of emergency drinking water to the City of Barnwell Fire Department (above) and Hilda Fire Department (below). The Barnwell Fire Department shared its donation with the county's other departments.



thanked Anheuser-Busch and A.B. Beverage Co. for their support.

"With volunteers comprising 67 percent of firefighters in the United States, they are local communities' first line of defense in a range of

emergencies," noted the release. "The pandemic underscored the importance of volunteer responders as they continued to be there for their communities, putting their own health at risk while often operating with limited resources

and staffing." "For these heroes, clean drinking water remains essential to ensure they can be at their peak performance when protecting our communities."

The water was sourced from Anheuser-Busch's

breweries in Cartersville, Ga. and Fort Collins, Colorado, which periodically pauses beer production to clean and safe drinking water to be delivered to communities in times of need.

Anheuser-Busch has a

long-standing tradition of providing emergency drinking water and supplies for disaster relief efforts in partnership with the American Red Cross - dating back to 1906. Since the inception of its emergency drinking water program in 1988, Anheuser-Busch has donated more than 86 million cans of clean drinking water to U.S. communities affected by natural disasters and other crises.

Through its partnership with the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), the national association representing America's volunteer fire departments, Anheuser-Busch donates emergency drinking water each year to provide critical hydrations to volunteer firefighters. "Since 2019, the program has donated over 3.2 million cans of water to volunteer fire departments across the country to help firefighters stay hydrated and healthy when protecting the communities where we live and work," stated the release.

The National Volunteer Fire Council was founded in the 1970's to provide representation of volunteer firefighters to Washington, D.C., according to Dicks. They work with corporate sponsors to support the needs of volunteer firefighters.

- THANK YOU! -

Dear Customers,

We can't thank you enough for your support during 2021!

While many dealerships are struggling to find vehicles during the nationwide inventory shortage, we are grateful to our loyal customers who have helped us maintain a steady supply of quality used vehicles. We thank our customers who come from Barnwell County and all over the CSRA.

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The inventory shortage continues to linger, so we ask for your continued support.

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If you still owe money on your vehicle loan, we will pay off your loan and put money in your pocket.

Also, visit our service center for any maintenance needs so we can help keep your vehicle in tip-top shape. We have new state-of-the-art equipment and qualified personnel to ensure your vehicle receives the best service.

Once again, we appreciate your loyalty and support!

We wish everyone a safe and prosperous 2022!

Sincerely,

Andrew Bush (owner), Eleanor Burbage (general manager), and the rest of the B&B Ford family

Grant funds Snack Sack program in Barnwell, Blackville



Liz Ringus (left), grant writer, and Jane Embler (right), Women of Holy Apostles Chair Leader, with the check they received for the Snack Sack Program.

Paulette Rooney
Contributing Writer

Foundation to fund the Snack Sack Program for Barnwell and Blackville for 2022. Total funds received were \$2,500.

The women of Holy Apostles Church were recently awarded two grants from The Tri-County Community

The Snack Sack program was launched to provide nutritious food to qualifying children

on a weekly basis to help them perform better at school. Holy Apostles women of the church began participation over 10 years ago. Currently, the program serves upwards of 100 students.

The Tri-County Community Foundation provides opportunities for Charitable Giving to those who want to enhance the quality of life in Allendale, Bamberg and Barnwell counties. The Foundation provides opportunities for donor funds where gifts can be directed to a designated need and administrators privately funded higher education scholarships. Additionally, the Foundation offers competitive grant funding in the areas of Health and Early Childhood Education.

The Holy Apostles Women of the Church are exceedingly appreciative for all funds to support this mission.

All contributions are welcome and may be made to the Church of the Holy Apostles Women, Barnwell.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In compliance with the full cost disclosure regulation of the Solid Waste Policy and Management Act of 1991, the total cost of Solid Waste Management for Allendale County during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 was \$336,921.13. The total per capita cost is \$38.86.

Notice of Abandoned Property

The Barnwell County Sheriff's Office has several items of personal property which were found abandoned. If these items are not legally claimed within 30 days of this posting, the items will be sold or converted to department use. To legally claim any property you must present a document with your name and an identifying number that corresponds to the property, for example, Bill of Sale or Title, to the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office no later than Feb. 7th.

Below is a list of items:

- 1) Uni-trak 200 Dirt Bike (Green in Color)
- 2) Cub Cadet LTX 1040 Riding Lawnmower
- 3) 12 x 6 Utility Trailer, single axle, purple frame with wood floor

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Holiday returns and exchanges

The weeks following the Christmas holiday are often busy for retailers exchanging or refunding holiday gifts. As consumers interact with businesses, it is important to consider a few key facts regarding product returns or exchanges.

Stores are not legally required to accept exchanges or give refunds unless the merchandise was defective or misrepresented. While most retailers offer refund and exchange programs, policies vary significantly from one store to another. Fortunately for shoppers, one positive outcome of the COVID-19 pandemic is that many retailers have become more lenient in their return policies. Despite this, be sure to double-check policies this holiday season, even if you are familiar with the brand, as stores can change their policies frequently.

The following tips from your Better Business Bureau should help to make your holiday returns run more smoothly.

Get to know store policies. Before you make a purchase, find out if the store has a return policy and, if so, how it works. Understand that many retailers change their policies for the holiday season. If the store does allow returns or exchanges, find out if you will need to pay a restocking fee. Ask the seller if they offer cash refunds, exchanges, or store credit. Store policies are usually posted at the check-out counter or printed on the back of receipts.

Understand online store return policies. If you are shopping online, search for the seller's return policy and read it through before clicking "buy." Find out if they accept returns or exchanges and who pays the shipping when an item is returned. In some cases, you can save on shipping fees by returning an online purchase to the local brick-and-mortar store.

Get the details on a product's warranty. Most electronics and home appliances come with warranties honored by the manufacturer, not the retailer. Find out how returns and repairs are handled if an item stops working or needs replacement parts. Will the retailer ship the item to the manufacturer for you, or will you need to deal with the manufacturer directly? Knowing the answers will leave you well-prepared for any future issues.

Keep your receipt and packaging. Most stores will only accept returns and exchanges if you present the item with its receipt and original packaging. Always include a gift receipt with items you give and hold on to any gift receipts you receive.

Bring your ID. Many stores ask to see your ID when you return an item to avoid holiday return scams. Sometimes retailers require you to bring your ID and the original form of payment. If this is the store's policy where your gift is from, you may need the assistance of the gift giver to obtain a refund or exchange.

Make returns in a timely fashion. Almost all return policies are valid during a specific period. Some stores modify their return period during the holidays, so don't risk missing your chance to make your return. Take the item back to the store without delay.

For more holiday tips, visit BBB.org/Holiday.

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Better Business Bureau

A Look Back at 2021

Rep. Joe Wilson
SC District 2

December 27, 2021

As we come to the end of 2021, it is important to reflect on the year's accomplishments in Congress, while also acknowledge the challenges we face in welcoming the new year.

Unfortunately, Biden and the Democrats remain in 'leadership' roles, and as a result, our country continues to face adversity. Americans are struggling with inflated prices for consumer goods, angry about the ongoing invasion of illegal aliens at our Southern Border, and shocked at the appeasement in Afghanistan leading to 13 American heroes murdered and establishing Afghanistan as a safe haven to attack American families, among other concerns.

The effects of the free-spending Democrats, including the Biden-supported, multitrillion dollar spending bill, more accurately dubbed 'Build Back Bankrupt,' will only further contribute to the already 39-year high inflation rate. These wasteful expenditures will saddle our children and grandchildren with unimaginable debt and destroy jobs, while for older Americans, the Biden policies are crushing retirement accounts, undermining Social Security, and compromising Medicare.

The Democrat elite think they are smarter than everyone and think Democrat voters and Democrat media are ignorant to accept that trillions of dollars "costs zero dollars."

This spending scheme is a slap in the face to those already experiencing outrageously high costs on everyday items. In addition to the most expensive Thanksgiving meal in the history of the holiday, shoppers are also likely realizing exorbitant prices this Christmas, as well as out-of-stock disappointments.

On top of it all, consumers are paying, on average, over fifty percent more for both gas and home heating bills, versus last year.

In a November 2021 Washington Post-ABC News poll, Biden's disapproval rating was 53%, representing a new low for him. People are understandably dissatisfied.

However, throughout these economic challenges, there were several positive and welcomed congressional actions taken in 2021 which represent valuable steps forward. Here are a few highlights of legislation I introduced or supported this year that became law, as well as those issues which I will continue to advocate:

Legislative Achievements

- Investment in South Carolina's military installations by funding Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island's Entry Control Facility, Fort Jackson's reception barracks, Joint Base Charleston's Fire and Rescue Station, McIntire Joint National Guard Base's Hazardous Cargo Pad, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort's Instrument Landing System, and more.

- Authorization of full funding for the missions of the Savannah River Site, including laying the groundwork for the Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility and modernization of the nuclear triad as payment in lieu of taxes, continues for Barnwell and Aiken counties.

- Prevention of the Defense Department from dishonorably discharging a servicemember who refuses the COVID-19 vaccine.

- Establishment of an independent commission to review the entirety of the Afghanistan War, including the disastrous U.S. withdrawal from that country by the Biden administration.

- Continued funding for deployment of the National Guard to the Southern U.S. border.

- Reduction of barriers for military voters by ensuring they have the ability to securely return their ballot when they are deployed in places with limited or no postal service.

- Prevention of foreign authoritarian adversaries from abusing the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) to go after political prisoners.

Ongoing

- Legislation nullifying President Biden's COVID-19 vaccine mandate on private employers with more than 100 employees.

- Bill requiring nursing and care facilities to allow each resident to select 1-2 essential

caregivers to provide daily living assistance, emotional support, or companionship during a public health emergency.

- Encourage a pilot program allowing a limited number of states to permit the operation of trucks weighing above the federally allowable maximum of 80,000 pounds to ease strains on the supply chain.

- Bill empowering military families with members who have special needs by creating a community-based, all-volunteer advisory council to ensure they are supported when they change duty stations or their servicemember deploys.

- Bipartisan legislation to prevent Vladimir Putin from further abusing the citizens of Russia by not recognizing his unconstitutional third term as president.

- Bill to prevent American workers from being forced to join a union or pay union fees, maintaining Right to Work.

- Resolution which authorizes rewards under the State Department's rewards program for information on individuals or entities who have violated U.S. or United Nations sanctions.

- Legislation to strengthen U.S. sanctions on Iran's conventional weapons program regarding the supply, sale, or transfer of unmanned drones threatening Israel and our Arab allies.

While I am grateful for the achievements and positive strides my colleagues and I have accomplished this year, our work is far from completed. As we enter 2022, I will continue to work hard every day to keep Americans safe, promote good-paying jobs, and help make our lives and communities stronger.

During my time as a public servant, I have been blessed to work on behalf of the Palmetto State and the special people that live, work, and raise their families here. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve South Carolina's Second Congressional District.

Best wishes for a healthy, safe, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Joe Wilson is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives serving South Carolina's 2nd District

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

As we start a new year and all that is ahead, let's stop and thank all of those that made it possible for so many children to have a wonderful Christmas. Once again, the Barnwell County community has shown their compassion and generosity through their participation in the Secret Santa program. Although the Rotary Club of Barnwell County organizes the event each year, it wouldn't be possible without the numerous and often nameless help and support of those individuals who shopped for gifts.

I thank you to all the businesses - too many to name - that aided with this season's endeavor through contributions, gift donations or the participation of your employees as "Secret Santas."

Thanks, are also in order for those who worked "behind the scenes" to handle the logistics of this project as well.

Sincerely,
Rhonda McElveen,
Secret Santa Elf
Rotary Club of Barnwell County

All we can say is THANK YOU EVERYONE!! From the calls, texts, visits, food, cards, facebook posts and comments, etc!!! Our hearts are full from the acts of kindness!! I thank you to the ones that checked on us every day!!! We are forever grateful!! We love each and everyone of you!! Please continue to keep our family in prayer!
From the family of Joseph Gaines Sr

We, the family of the late Charles Williams, are grateful for the kind expressions of comfort and love shown to us during the loss of our loved one. We thank God for people like you, and pray for His continued blessings upon each of you.

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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.

Tyrell Fields Sr., 30, of 133 Youmumville, Norway, was arrested Dec. 22, 2021 by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) for Failure to Pay Child Support. Fields

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

Melissa Nicole Grubbs, 35, of 1270 Monarch Road, Williston, was arrested Dec. 20, 2021 by the BCSO for Criminal Domestic Violence. Grubbs was booked and released to the BCDC.

Everette Oneal Hutson II, 46, of 122 Sapphire Lane, Barnwell, was ar-

rested Dec. 28, 2021 by the BCSO for Assault & Battery and Breach of Trust. Hutson was booked and released to the BCDC.

Antwain Lamont Johnson, 33, of 802 Allen Street, Barnwell, was arrested Dec. 25, 2021 by the BCSO for Failure to Pay Court Fines. Johnson was booked and released to the BCDC.

Jeremy Milton Knopf,

44, of 155 Opal Road, Barnwell, was arrested Dec. 28, 2021 by the BCSO for Use of Vehicle without Owner Consent. Knopf was booked and released to BCDC.

Neiko Hakiem Odom, 27, of 376 Circle Drive, Barnwell, was arrested Dec. 29, 2021 by the BCSO for Attempted Murder. Odom was booked and released to BCDC.

Rockie Lee Roberts,

42, of 101 Freedom Road, Blackville, was arrested Dec. 30, 2021 for Assault & Battery. Roberts was booked and released to BCDC.

John Michael Williams, 37, of 222 Fellowship Road, Williston, was arrested Dec. 28, 2021 by the BCSO for Trespass After Notice. Williams was booked and released to the BCDC.

Kendrick Rashad

Workman, 23, of 551 Folk Street East, Fairfax, was arrested Dec. 22, 2021 by the BCSO for Failure to Pay Court Fines. Workman was booked and released to BCDC.

Gregory Allen Zorn, 55, of 2270 Friendship Road, Barnwell, was arrested Dec. 20, 2021 by the BCSO for Fraudulent Check. Zorn was booked and released to the BCDC.

Tips to prepare for upcoming tax season

While next year's tax season is still a few months away, taking steps now to make sure you're organized and prepared can save you time, headaches, and even money later. The South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR) offers the following tips and reminders for both tax professionals and individuals.

Tips for tax professionals

Renew your IRS-issued Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) – If you plan to serve as a tax preparer in 2022, you are required to obtain your PTIN by December 31, 2021. Both renewals and new applications usually take about 15 minutes and cost around \$36. Get started at irs.gov/PTIN.

Learn more about the SCDOR's direct deposit refund option – The SCDOR strongly recommends that individuals

choose to receive their Income Tax refund by direct deposit. As a tax preparer, make sure your clients know about and have the option to choose direct deposit before you submit their returns.

Review your business information security plan – The Federal Trade Commission's Safeguards Rule requires financial institutions to establish and follow a written information security plan to protect sensitive customer information.

Register for e-News for Tax Professionals and subscribe to quick alerts from the IRS, and email newsletters from the SCDOR.

Revoke power of attorney or third-party authorization forms for taxpayers who are no longer clients – This helps safeguard taxpayer records.

Tips for individuals

Wait until you have the right documents be-

fore filing – Wait until you have your employer-issued W-2s, 1099s, and other Withholding information before you file your return. Don't file using a year-end pay stub, which may not match what your employer reports to us. If that happens, it will slow down return processing, which will delay your refund.

Know when the IRS and SCDOR will begin accepting returns – The SCDOR will announce the first day to submit state returns once the IRS announces the date for federal returns. Even if you file before we begin accepting returns, we won't begin processing your return and refund until the season-opening date.

Organize your records – Take time to gather your important documents before you start the filing process. That includes W-2s, 1099s, re-

ceipts, medical bills, and any other document that will affect your return. Gather your gas and vehicle maintenance receipts if you plan to claim the Motor Fuel Credit. Store these documents in a secure place, and maintain accessible backups.

Review electronic filing and refund options – Filing your return electronically and receiving your refund by direct deposit saves you time, increases security, helps you avoid errors, saves tax dollars, and gets your refund in your bank account as quickly as possible. During the 2021 tax season, 93% of returns were filed electronically, and 87% of taxpayers who received a refund got it through direct deposit. If you use a tax preparer, make sure you ask to receive your refund through direct deposit before your preparer submits your return. Get to know MyDOR-

WAY – Our free online tax portal is the fastest, easiest way to make a payment. If you don't have a MyDORWAY account and don't expect to make recurring payments, you can pay what you owe without logging in. If you need to make estimated payments throughout the year, we recommend signing up for a free account.

Review tax credits and deductions that you may be eligible to claim – If you're eligible, tax credits can be used to offset your tax liability. During the last tax season, we highlighted several of our most common credits and deductions, including benefits for families, homeowners, small business owners, agribusiness operators, summer tax situations, and education-related expenses. Keep in mind that for many credits, the amount will change for this filing

season.

Pay special attention to the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) – The EITC helps low- to moderate-income workers and families get a tax break. South Carolina's EITC increases to 83.33% of the federal credit this year. You must be eligible for the federal EITC to claim the state credit. Use the IRS eligibility tool to see if you qualify for the federal credit.

Protect against identity theft – Do not share personal information, such as your SSN, bank account information, or refund amount online or in social media posts. Make sure your computer is protected with strong passwords, updated operating systems, and security software. Find tips at dor.sc.gov/securitycenter.

SRNS procurement team helps local businesses grow

Contributed Savannah River Site

AIKEN – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) Supply Chain Procurement leadership recently provided information about how to do

business at the Savannah River Site (SRS), during the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce's "Third Thursday Business Builder" meeting.

"This event is held regularly by the Chamber to help people understand how they might be able

to do business with some of its members more effectively," said Fred Freeman, Director Supply Chain Procurement. "We gladly accepted the invitation. SRNS is continually looking for opportunities to help local businesses—espe-

cially small businesses—understand they can optimize their ability to work with SRS."

Over the past four years, SRNS has awarded more than \$1 billion in subcontracts to small and diverse businesses. SRNS committed nearly 80% of all procurement dollars to these local and national companies.

Freeman appeared with other SRNS Supply Chain Procurement managers, and they provided an in-depth look at the SRS missions and operations, followed by a "how to" presentation. Topics covered included: Partnering for Success, Managing Your Reputation, Understanding SRS Requirements and the Procurement Process.

"We told them how to find business opportunities here at SRS, and where we typically look for products and services," said Agyemang, SRNS Small Business Li-



Alex Agyemang, SRNS Small Business Liaison Officer, and the Supply Chain Procurement team offered helpful guidance on how to do business at the Savannah River Site, during the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce's "Third Thursday Business Builder" meeting.

aison Officer. "But better yet, we also described potential pitfalls that companies should avoid, such as issues related to conflict of interest."

Presenters also provided tips and techniques for suppliers to increase

their knowledge of the procurement process. "We do our best to coach them," said Agyemang. "These tips are essential because you can do everything right and still not win the business. These sessions allow us to provide information and receive candid feedback."

Sue Parr, President and CEO, Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce, noted that many of those in attendance found exceptional value during the final segment of the presentation when the floor was opened for general discussion. "Our members were able to talk directly with the SRNS procurement team, the people who will be reviewing, analyzing and selecting candidates for opportunities throughout the Savannah River Site. We were quite pleased with the event and will be inviting the SRNS Procurement team to visit us next year as well."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Barnwell County

Notice of Hearing Concerning Community Needs and Priorities

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 5:30 PM, in County Council Chambers (54 Irving Street, Barnwell, SC 29812). Barnwell County will hold a public hearing to solicit public input on community needs and priorities for housing, public facilities, and economic development. At this public hearing, Barnwell County will conduct its annual community needs assessment, addressing development activities which might be undertaken to meet identified needs, including the estimated amount proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate income.

This public hearing and the matters to be discussed are subject to the provisions of the Citizen Participation Plan, developed in anticipation of participation in the State of South Carolina's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the Federal HUD HOME program, providing for the participation of the citizens of Barnwell County in the planning and implementation of community and economic development projects, which will involve HUD funds.

The Citizen Participation Plan is available for review at the Barnwell County Administration Building, 57 Wall Street, Barnwell, SC 29812, during regular business hours. Persons with questions or comments concerning the public hearing or the Citizen Participation Plan may contact Timothy Bennett, Barnwell County Administrator, 57 Wall Street, Barnwell, SC 29812, phone number (803) 541-1000, or Brooke Morris, Community & Economic Development Manager, Lower Savannah Council of Governments, P.O. Box 850, Aiken, SC 29802, phone number (803) 508-7069.

Barnwell County does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its federally assisted programs or activities. Timothy Bennett, 57 Wall Street, Barnwell, SC 29812, phone number (803) 541-1000 has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8, dated June 2, 1988). Assistance will be provided to accommodate the special needs of handicapped persons attending the meeting upon request. Persons needing special assistance or auxiliary aids should contact Barnwell County at (803) 541-1000 seventy-two (72) hours before the public hearing.

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 Mimosa 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

Bamberg Villa Complex at Race Street, Bamberg, SC

Hampton Gardens Complex at W. Holly Street, Hampton, SC

Affordable and effective units Available. Rent is based on income. Applicants will be screened prior to Leasing. Contact the Barnwell, SC Office to submit an application on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at 1-800-922-5504 Or 803-259-3588

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BIDS ACCEPTED

The Town of Hilda is currently accepting bids on a 1962 Cessna 172c fixed-wing single engine aircraft. The registration number is N8622H. The aircraft has no engine and is considered a fuselage only.

All bids MUST BE SEALED and either left in the town drop-box or mailed to the Town of Hilda, P.O. Box 157, Hilda, SC 29813. The envelope must have "AIRPLANE BID" marked clearly on the outside of the envelope. Bids will not be accepted after January 28th at 12 p.m. Opening of bids will be January 29th at 9 a.m. at the Town Hall.

The aircraft is currently located inside the town playground at Old Jack Road. Persons interested in viewing the aircraft may contact John Moody 803.300.8851 or Timothy Black 803.300.5045.

The winning bidder will be required to pay in full by January 31st and must remove by February 8th. Any equipment that must be moved to remove the plane will have to be put back immediately. The plane is considered as-is and the Town of Hilda takes no responsibility once new ownership is obtained.

While the town has secured documentation stating the plane was donated to the town, we ask that any individual who may have claim to this property bring documentation stating such no later than January 19th. Should an owner come forward, the sealed bid process will be void.

BIRTH



Addison Renee Banks was born on November 3, 2021.

Addison Renee Banks

Grayson and Ashley Banks of Hephzibah, GA welcomed their second daughter, Addison Renee, on November 3, 2021 at 12:07. Addison weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

She was welcomed home by her big sister, Ansley Grace, age five.

Grandparents are Gene & Michelle Banks of Hephzibah, GA and Milton and Trixie Sanders of Barnwell.

Paternal great-grandparents are Wallace and Sue Banks of Hephzibah, GA and Jessie and the late Lydia Taylor of Dallas, Texas.

Maternal great-grandparents are the late MB and the late Joann Sanders of Elko and Mary "Ann" Harrelson of Williston.

Lower Savannah Council of Government receives National Association of Development Organizations Impact Award

WASHINGTON, DC – Lower Savannah Council of Government based in Aiken, SC, has received a 2021 Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for the Drive-Thru Job Fairs Project.

Project partners that joined alongside Lower Savannah Council of Governments were Aiken Technical College, Amentum, SC Department of Commerce, Denmark Technical College, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, SC Department of Employment and Workforce.

NADO is a Washington, DC-based membership association of regional development organizations that promote programs and policies that strengthen local governments, communities, and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery, and comprehensive strategies. The association's Impact Awards program recognizes regional development organizations and their partners for improving

the economic and community competitiveness of our nation's regions and local communities.

Award-winning projects were recognized during NADO's 2021 Annual Training Conference, held in Portland, OR on October 16-19. The 2021 class of award recipients consists of 102 projects from 70 organizations spanning 24 states. These projects are presented in an interactive "Story Map" developed by NADO that includes project summaries, partners, and images. The Story Map is available online at: https://www.nado.org/2021_impactawards/

"During the past 20 months, regional development organizations across the country have shown just how valuable they are in supporting the local communities they serve," said 2019-2021 NADO President Kevin Byrd, executive director of the New River Valley Regional Commission, located in Radford, VA. "From COVID-19 response and recovery initia-

tives, to workforce and economic development projects, to social services programs and much more, the 2021 NADO Impact Award winners highlight the many ways our members work on the ground every day to improve quality of life in their regions."

The NADO Impact Awards are presented in honor of the late Aliceann Wohlbruck who was NADO's first executive director and served 24 years as a tireless champion for regional approaches to economic development in rural communities.

For more information about this award-winning project, contact Andre Anderson, 803-508-7072, abanderson@lscog.org.

Since 1967 the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) has provided advocacy, education, networking, and research for the national network of 540 regional development organizations. NADO members provide professional, programmatic, and technical assistance to over 2,300 counties and 15,000 municipalities.

BIRTHDAY

Wilhemenia King celebrates 102nd birthday



Ms. Wilhemenia King turned 102 on Monday, December 27, 2021.

Born December 27, 1919, she has lived her whole life in Elko.

Her secret to a long, happy life is trusting God, clean living, and a "live and let live" attitude.

Happy Birthday, Ms. King!



Blackville Healthcare & Rehabilitation employees with their award. Front row: Brenda Davis, CNA, and Annie Jones, CNA. Back row: Elaine Cooke, ADM, Jessica Hutto, LPN, and Brenda Kinard, CNA.

Blackville Healthcare & Rehab earns National Quality award

Blackville Healthcare and Rehabilitation, LLC is excited to announce that they were awarded a National Bronze Quality Award during the AHCA/NCAL National Convention in Washington, D.C., on October 12, 2021.

Blackville is one of just 13 facilities in South Carolina to receive an award for their quality of care.


"We are proud and honored to be recognized for the quality of care that we provide to our residents by two separate national organizations involved in promoting quality of care for senior citizens," said Elaine Cooke, executive director of Blackville Healthcare & Rehabilitation.

The AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program is a rigorous three-level process that evaluates long-term care organization's capabilities. Each long-term care facility is held to nationally recognized standards for excellence, making the NQAP one of the most comprehensive performance assessments available.


About Blackville Healthcare & Rehabilitation LLC

Blackville Healthcare & Rehabilitation, LLC, is an eighty-five-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation center in Barnwell County. The Center accepts short-term patients in need of physical, occupational, or speech therapy before returning home and long-term patients whose skilled medical needs are such that remaining at home is not an option.

The Center also provides around-the-clock RN's, LPN's and CNA's in addition to other members of the interdisciplinary team, which includes physical, occupational, and speech therapy; social services; activities; registered dietitian; wound care nurse; Medical Director, and nurse practitioner. Blackville Healthcare & Rehabilitation, LLC, is a 4-star rated facility by CMS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.



Happy Birthday Weesie!



Lady, you just turned 80!
Thanks for everything you do!
Happy Birthday, Weesie!

Love,
Dicky & Tammy, Scott & Francina

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William Allen "Bill" Johnson Sr.

WILLISTON - Funeral services for William Allen "Bill" Johnson Sr., 90, of Williston, will be held at 3 o'clock p.m., Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at Mt. Beulah Baptist Church with the Reverends John Reeder, William Allen Johnson III and Dr. David Richardson officiating; burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1:30 p.m. until the time of the service at the church on Wednesday.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Hillcrest Baptist Church, 4384 Williston Rd., Windsor, S.C. 29856 or Mt. Beulah Baptist Church, 856 Mt. Beulah Rd., Windsor, S.C. 29856.

Mr. Bill passed away on Sunday, January 2, 2022.

Born in Windsor, he was a son of the late Thomas Allen Johnson and Leona Wise Johnson. He was a graduate of Windsor High School and retired from E. I. DuPont as an E & I Mechanic after working 33 years. Prior to working for DuPont, he was a SC Highway Patrolman. Mr. Bill loved building houses; he built his own home and one for each of his sons, Michael and Allen, as well as several other houses. He loved to farm, raise catfish, raise registered beagle dogs, and build honeybee hives. He was a long-time servant for the Lord, he served as deacon and music director in several churches and worked in other capacities before making his church-home at Hillcrest Baptist Church. Mr. Bill also enjoyed singing and was a member of the gospel quartet Adoration.

Survivors include his loving wife of 62 years, Linda Kitchings Johnson; a daughter, Susan (Edward) Selden of Aiken; two sons, William

Allen (Marie) Johnson Jr. and Michael (Gail) Johnson, all of Williston; grandchildren, Chelsea Johnson, Slayton (Lilly) Johnson, Raymond Selden, Elizabeth (Bruce) Drebenstedt, William (Melody) Johnson III, Amber (Ian) Stuart, Ashley Bedenbaugh, Bryson (Ruby) Johnson and Joseph Johnson; three great-grandchildren, Wyatt Dempsey, Brendan More and Willow Johnson; a brother, James Carthel "J.C." Kaney Jr. and his wife Brenda; a sister-in-law, Betty Bell Johnson; brothers-in-law, Gene Kitchings and Wallace (Sheryl) Kitchings; and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his sisters and brothers, Grace J. Kaney, Lonell J. Hiers, Ona Wise J. Quattlebaum, Louise J. Key, Darrell T. Johnson, Donald Lee "Don" Johnson, Daniel J. Johnson; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Miriam Kitchings Cooley and (Eb) Cooley.

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

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Robert "Bob" Bates Sr.

ORANGEBURG - Robert "Bob" Arthur Bates Sr., 80, of Orangeburg, passed away December 29, 2021. He was the husband of Linda Rankin Bates. Funeral services were held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 1, 2022, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Orangeburg, with the Rev. Fred Buchanan officiating. A private family burial followed. Honorary pallbearers were Men For Christ and life-long friend, Bob Porter. Bob was born in Aiken, a son of the late James Edward Bates and Louise Carroll Bates. He grew up on the Bates Farm in Williston, where he attended Williston-Elko High School. Upon graduation he attended Clemson University graduating with a degree in Agronomy. He married the love of his life, Linda, in 1965. Bob began a career as a Mid-state Property Supervisor at the S.C. Tax Commission where he worked for 30 years and was President of the S.C. Association of Assessing Officials. After retiring at 55, he continued to enjoy working an additional 24 years part-time with both Orangeburg and Hampton counties. Bob was a devoted servant to the Lord and an active member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. He was a devoted husband and father and adored his four grandchildren. His greatest love was spending time on the farm where he grew up, fishing in his pond and in the Edisto River. Many happy vacations were spent with his family at Edisto Beach. Survivors include his wife; son, Robert A. Bates Jr. (Nancy Lynn); daughter, Susan Bates McLure (John); grandchildren, Rheney and Robbie Bates and Hope and Bates McLure; brother, Bruce Bates; and his twin sister, Elizabeth "Betty" Bates. Memorials may be made to St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1356 Amelia Street, Orangeburg, SC 29115 or to a charity of one's choice. Online condolences may be expressed at www.dukesharleyfuneralhome.com or <https://www.facebook.com/Dukes-Harley-Funeral-Home-and-Crematory-304968586272868>.

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Melvin Schrock

HILDA - Melvin Schrock of Barnwell died on his 75th birthday on December 30, 2021.

He was born in Middlebury, IN. He was a son of Menno J. and Mary (Miller) Schrock. On June 4, 1988, he married Ina Sue (Raber) Schrock. They have one son, Noah Elijah, married to Kristin (Weaver) Schrock.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his oldest sister Marilyn (Mrs. Andy Miller). He is survived by his wife Ina, and his son Noah and daughter-in-law Kristin. Also, three brothers and eight sisters, Marion (Fannie) Schrock, Marjorie (Dennis) Stoll, Marvin Schrock, Mervin Schrock, Marietta (Floyd) Lengacher, Merlene (Larry) Wingard, Mildred (Robert) Carroll, Martha (David) Miller, Marita (Vernon) Huyard, Miriam Schrock, Madonna (Sheldon) Schrock, and brother-in-law Andy (Edith) Miller.

Melvin attended Calvary Fellowship Mennonite Church. He loved the Lord and loved to read and study the scriptures and share what he learned. He was known for his kindness and willingness to lend a helping hand and go the second mile. He had a heart for the misunderstood. He worked as a registered nurse for 38 years and was loved by his patients. He enjoyed tinkering around his home with his chickens, his grape vines and building things. He cared deeply for his wife and son and new daughter-in-law.

Funeral services were held 10 a.m. Monday, January 3, 2022 at the Barnwell Mennonite School, 5675 Hwy. 70 Blackville, S.C. 29817; burial followed at the Calvary Fellowship Mennonite Cemetery, 2326 Jones Bridge Road, Blackville, S.C. 29817. The family received friends on Sunday, January 2, 2022 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Barnwell Mennonite Church.

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

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Melrose C. Dunbar

WILLISTON - Ms. Melrose Cuthbertson Dunbar, 83, affectionately called "Sug", entered into eternal rest on Saturday, December 25, 2021, at Williston Healthcare & Rehabilitation LLC, Williston. Homegoing celebration for Ms. Melrose Dunbar was conducted on Thursday, December 30, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Simmons Funeral Home of Williston, Inc. & Cremation Service with Reverend Joe F. Singleton and Reverend David Williams officiating. Burial was in the St. Thomas Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation was on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Simmons Funeral Home of Williston, Inc. & Cremation Service. COVID-19 precautions were followed.

The family is accepting a limited number of visitors due to COVID-19. Please reach out to them prior to visiting. Feel free to reach out to them through calls, social media, and prayers. The family want to thank you all for your love and support during this difficult time.

Family and friends may also call Simmons Funeral Home of Williston, Inc. & Cremation Service, 1188 Main Street, Williston, S.C. 29853, (803) 266-7808. www.simmonsfuneralhomeofwilliston.com.

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Vivian Turner

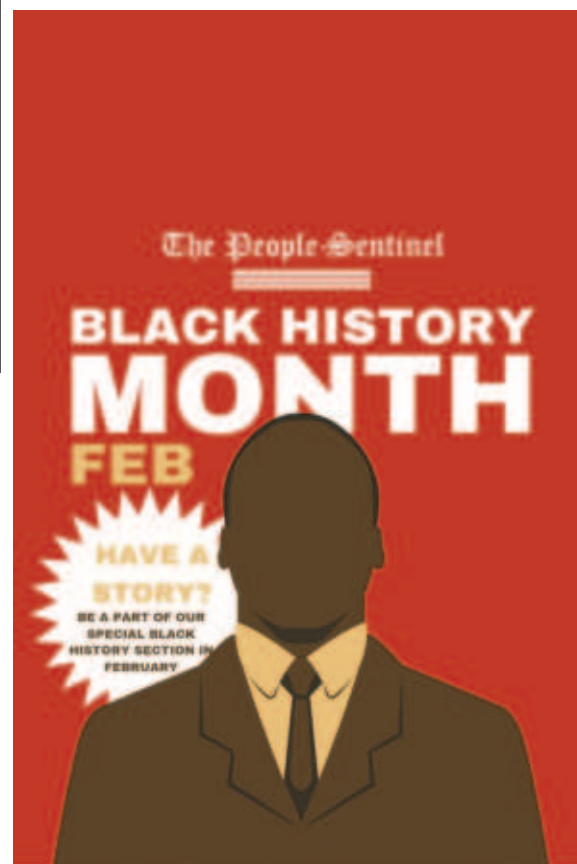
THE VILLAGE, FL - Vivian Brandenburg Turner, of St. Matthews and Barnwell, S.C, Atlanta and Greensboro, GA, Abbeville, AL, and most recently Calumet Grove, The Villages, FL, and born July 28, 1939, passed away December 21, 2021.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Edward Park Turner; daughters, Debra Turner (Rhett Robinson) and Kim Turner (Will Jester); one sister, Brenda Brandenburg Lemon; three grandchildren, Luke Jester, Ashley Robinson, and Rhenay Robinson; and two nephews and a niece.

A Memorial and Celebration of Life Service will be held at the Chapel Covenant United Methodist Church, The Villages, FL, Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) or the charity of your choice.

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Chuck: Cards, calls welcomed for resident who never forgets a birthday, anniversary

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“He is the epitome of unconditional love while having the humility of a child notwithstanding his charisma,” said Deanian Scully. He joked that Chuck is the only man he’s let sweet talk his wife.

Jill Perry said Chuck’s calls mean her birthday will “never pass by without an energetic and sincere birthday call. May you feel as loved and as special on your 40th birthday as you make us all feel when you get your precious birthday call! You’re such a gift to so many!”

“Chuck not only remembers your important dates, which is very special, but he genuinely cares when he asks how you are and what you are up to. He is the most genuine and loving person,” said Hilary Hindman.

Tammy Briggs said Chuck’s calls are cherished in her family. “No matter where he is or what

is going on in the world, Chuck is going to make your birthday special. He might call you at 9 p.m. and he may like to get into a conversation that you get tied up and forget the rest of the world exists because he likes to share the day’s events or hear how your day has been because he is so sweet,” she said.

Once Chuck learns a date, he will always remember it, even if the recipient forgot they were celebrating a birthday or anniversary.

“Chuck has a pure, sincere love for people. His ability to remember the most minute details is a rare gift. Chuck’s phone call saved me from forgetting our anniversary one year! Birthdays would not be complete without a call from Chuck,” said Jennifer King.

While the recipients of Chuck’s calls aren’t always able to answer, he leaves a



Contributed Photo

“Don’t Quit” is not only the slogan on one of Chuck McCormick’s T-shirts, but also the mantra he lives by.

voicemail so people know they are still loved.

“Chuck has always been that extra slice of birthday cake on our special days! I feel bad when I occasionally miss one of his calls but then I’m blessed with the greatest gift – a Chuck

McCormick voicemail,” said Steven Walling.

Chuck has continued his phone calls despite battling colon cancer since 2015.

“Even when he was really sick, he’d try to make calls from the hospital,” said his mother. “He’s

never lost his faith during these last six years. With everything he’s gone through in life, he’s still happy. He’s an inspiration.”

Hazel and Andy Sandifer, who are Chuck’s cousins, said the world needs more people with a humble heart like Chuck. “May God bless you, Chuck, on your 40th birthday,” they said.

“The world would certainly be a much better place if there were more people like you. Walter and I are wishing you the BEST birthday ever! We love and appreciate you more than you know!” said Cindy Sanders.

Rev. Bart Kelley said his family, including some who have never met Chuck, look forward to Chuck’s calls. “He’s an amazing young man with an amazing gift joined with a compassionate heart that reaches out to all. His

message of love, filled with heartfelt caring, and soft-spoken demeanor, transcends all ages of each soul he speaks to. We look forward to hearing Chuck on every special occasion. His call is the perfect ending for any cherished special occasion.”

Ann Widener has never received a call from Chuck, but sees the impact of his calls through Facebook posts from friends. “I love seeing the joy he gives to so many people he calls with his birthday wishes. This shows he has a giving heart!” she said.

Chuck’s parents said the best gift he could receive this year is a call or card from the people he has touched over the years.

Birthday cards can be mailed to Chuck at 319 Main Street, Blackville, S.C. 29817. You can also wish him a happy birthday by calling (803) 300-7386.

Corder’s Book Corner

My literary goals for 2022

A discussion of books and all things literacy from writer, reader, and teacher, David B. Corder.

Hello, my readers. I took a brief hiatus from my column because of vacation plans, but now I’m back. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas! We have come to the end of another year, and now we face the rising tide of 2022.



David B. Corder

Many of us wonder what new challenges and surprises this year will hold for us, as the possibilities are endless. In the meantime, some of us have also decided to set new goals for this year in order to better ourselves and to broaden our horizons.

I have given myself goals this year (aside from getting on a diet for the umpteenth time). For one, I want to read more books. And this

year, I plan to undertake an audacious and very great endeavor: I want to read 100 books. Yes. 100. Why? Because there are a lot of stories I want to read, a lot of things I want to learn. And I want to tackle them. I have a biography on Martin Luther to delve into, several fantasy series to start or finish, some Christian advice books to

consume, more manga volumes to buy, stacks of mythology books to cull. I want to read them all, so a goal of reading 100 books seems to be the way to go about it.

I also have writing goals for this year. After many inner debates, I decided on this one simple goal: throw myself into a routine and write every day. This is something I have failed to do in the past, sometimes going weeks without writing anything. But now I am determined to pick this habit up. Because just as I have many books to read, I also have many things to write. I have projects that need finishing, projects that need starting, projects that need conception. The

only way I can do that is by writing.

So, I will work towards these goals. Around 5 a.m. every morning, my gluteus maximus will be glued to my chair as I write my stories. A book that needs its pages turned shall always be near my hand. I will pore over Dickinson’s poems while I eat breakfast. I will breathe life into my characters and send my stories into the world.

And I’m very excited to enact these things.

So, if you have any goals for 2022, I hope you will take the steps towards completing them. It’s a new year, so get out there and harvest all of the possibilities that are available to you.



Davenport named ‘Future Maker’

Te'Dajia Davenport (right), a senior at SC State University and a 2018 Aiken High graduate, is the 2021 winner of AT&T 'Future Makers'. On December 11, the 25 recipients were honored at a special event in Greensboro, N.C. Te'Dajia is the granddaughter of Mrs. Vivian Albany Hoover (left), a 1972 graduate of Allendale-Fairfax High.

Nesmith stepping down as dean of USC Salkehatchie

Stephanie Gruber
USC Salkehatchie



Chris Nesmith

ALLENDALE – Chris Nesmith, dean of the University of South Carolina Salkehatchie, will be stepping down as dean effective Dec. 31, 2021, citing personal and family obligations. He led the Allendale and Walterboro campuses for the past three years as interim dean and dean.

Nesmith will be returning to his faculty role and continue his current supplemental duties in accreditation and planning in January 2022.

“It has been a privilege to serve as USC Salkehatchie dean for the past three years. While I had not yet accomplished all that I hoped, I am proud of the progress we made together as a campus,” Nesmith said. “From refocusing on our local K-12 school partnerships and the student experience on our campuses, to creating new positions and improving our processes, we have done much that will pay big dividends for our campuses in the near future.”

Nesmith’s contributions to USC Salkehatchie have not gone unnoticed. “We are very appreciative to Dean Nesmith for

his service to the Salkehatchie campuses and surrounding five-county region. His leadership, particularly during the global pandemic, has been an asset to the two campuses that are responsible for bringing an affordable, accessible and flexible higher education to South Carolinians in the Lowcountry,” USC Palmetto College Chancellor Susan Elkins said.

Prior to his appointment as Salkehatchie dean, Nesmith previously served as associate provost of Palmetto College and dean of Extend-

ed University, now Palmetto College Columbia. He joined Palmetto College’s predecessor in 2008 and has taught at UofSC since 2003. He holds the academic rank of associate professor of English in Palmetto College Columbia.

John Catalano, associate provost of USC Palmetto College, will serve as interim dean until a permanent dean has been hired. Over the years, Catalano has contributed much to Palmetto College and its predecessor, including a 33-year career at USC Lancaster where he also served as campus

dean. He has likewise served as an acting campus dean for both USC Union and UofSC Extended University, now Palmetto College Columbia.

“Much of the work begun under Dean Nesmith’s tenure will continue under Interim Dean Catalano’s tenure, including the continued restructuring of the administrative organization and academic divisions, and launching several revitalization projects on both the Allendale and Walterboro campuses,” Chancellor Elkins said.

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Blackville-Hilda grad representing alma mater at Elizabeth City State University

Ciera Sanders
Contributing Writer

Encouraging, hardworking, and driven: These were just a few of the adjectives used to describe Blackville-Hilda High School's 2021 graduate, Rishona Washington.

Once a Hawk and now a Viking, Washington was accepted to play basketball at Elizabeth City State University (ECSU). She currently plays as a forward and has great hopes to further her basketball career even after graduating college.

There's no doubt Washington was meant for the game. Standing tall at 6'7", she was built for this sport. Washington recalled always having a basketball in her hand during high school. She gave credit to her cousin and mentor, Darene Thomas, for helping her develop stronger skills on the court. Thomas, founder of Fundamental Basketball Academy (FBA), hosted basketball camps that Washington would attend. This camp taught her the fundamentals of basketball, how to have great sportsmanship, and how to be a team player on and off the court.

Although Washington spent a lot of time enhancing her basketball skills, her mother, Marie Washington, made it a point to remind Rishona that, "Academics come first; then athletics." Rishona continues to take her mother's advice seriously and recommends the same balance in the lives of other student-athletes: "Turn everything in on time and keep in touch with your professors. Also, let your coach know when anything goes wrong. They are there for you."

Her high school principal,



Rishona Washington (center) signed her commitment letter August 11, 2021 to attend Elizabeth State University to play basketball in the fall. Front row: mother Marie Washington, Rishona, father Rogers Washington; second row: athletic director Paris Mason, Blackville-Hilda basketball coach Willie Carter, Blackville-Hilda High Principal Christina Snider, and D19 Superintendent David Corder.

Christina Snider, and basketball coach, Willie Carter, confirmed that Washington truly did maintain a balanced lifestyle to ensure her success in both school and basketball. "Rishona was always willing to help other students.

She helped fellow athletes get their grades up and was very encouraging to other students," said Principal Snider.

Coach Carter said that Washington was, "Always a hard worker, on and off the court." He added that her in-

volvement with the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) provided Washington with a lot of exposure to some of the top basketball coaches. "One of my honest beliefs is exposure. Exposure is the biggest key. If you're not willing to put in

the time and work, you're just hoping for something rather than working for something," shared Coach Carter. As he often shared with Washington, student-athletes need to

See RISHONA, 2B

Williston-Elko senior to continue academic and athletic career at Bluefield University

Ciera Sanders
Contributing Writer

Hey batta batta, swing!

Chara Wootten, a Williston-Elko High School (WEHS) student, has made quite the homerun her senior year. Not only was she awarded the 2021 WEHS Heisman School Winner and WEHS Homecoming Queen, but she also has been accepted to play softball at Bluefield University, a private Baptist university in Bluefield, Virginia.

The game runs through her veins. Since seventh grade, Wootten has followed her family's footsteps in the world of sports. Both of her parents, Jamie (father) and Amanda (mother) Wootten, played baseball and softball, and her siblings have also been very active in these sports. Chara has played for WEHS since her freshman year and her main position is shortstop. She anticipates that she will be playing both shortstop and pitcher at Bluefield University.

Wootten's road to college softball was not easy. Getting to this point required her to spend a lot of hours training, attending reputable softball camps, and reaching out to college-level coaches.

"Definitely put yourself out there and start talking to coaches as soon as you can, because building those relationships might not lead you to the school you think you're going to go to, but it might



Chara Wootten (center) was honored on Nov. 12, 2021 during a ceremony where she signed to play with Bluefield University. She was joined by her parents, Jamie and Amanda Wootten, and her siblings, Hannah, Jarrett, Kaylee, and Noah (via FaceTime).

necessarily be the school that you need to go to," said Wootten of her advice to other student-athletes who want to play college-level sports.

She recalled attending the Diamond Direction Softball Camp at Tyger River Park in Spartanburg. "They had, I think, 60 coaches there that you could freely talk to, get to know, so that was a great experience to really put myself

out there."

Her father and softball coach, Jamie Wootten, also gave advice for parents who want to encourage their children to pursue a sports career. "It comes down to that the child has got to want to do it. They've got to be dedicated to all the long hours in the weight room, the off-season work."

Coach Wootten hopes that

Chara will take two important things with her on her softball journey, "One, you take your faith in Christ with you and that always shines. Then the other thing is never forget where you come from. The people here in this school and this town help make you who you are, and never forget that."

WEHS administrators and coaches were present at Woot-

ten's signing to Bluefield University and spoke very highly of her character, on and off the field.

"She's not only a superb athlete; she's a great student. She should finish very high up in her class and has great scores. She sets a good example around the building," said WEHS Principal John Bradley.

See CHARA, 2B

Warhorse student-athlete Russell Branch named Top 5 Basketball player in state

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Barnwell District 45

Barnwell School District 45 is proud to announce that varsity Warhorse basketball player Russell Branch was named one of the top five players of the 2021-2022 basketball season by the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association.

A senior at Barnwell High School (BHS), Branch has been an integral part of the Warhorse basketball program for several years. Branch has joined a shortlist of players in Barnwell's history who have reached 1,000 career points, All-State Honors, All-Region, Amateur Athletic Union National Champion Runner-Up, and now being named a Top Five Senior in the state.

"Russell has been an absolute pleasure to coach. As a coach, you dream of coaching a kid who is a winner both on and off the basketball court," said Warhorse Basketball Head Coach Marcus Rivera. "Branch comes from a family who has instilled the characteristics it takes to make it in today's world, and I'm



Barnwell High basketball coach Marcus Rivera (left) with Russell Branch (right).

just happy to be a part of this phase in his life."

Branch's mother, Dr. Tywana Chenault Hemby, has expressed how pleased she is that her son is being rewarded for his hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball by being

named a Top Five Senior. According to Dr. Hemby, "Our family is privileged to be a part of such a supportive community at BHS. They have provided him with opportunities to excel on and off the court. Because of this, he truly

is #WarhorseStrong, and we pray that God continues to order his steps."

With the basketball season in full swing, the team is looking forward to a great season.

"The district respects and acknowledges the hard work of our



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Russell Branch was named one of the top five players of the 2021-22 season by the S.C. Basketball Coaches Association.

student-athletes and coaches throughout our athletic programs. It is so uplifting to see students like Russell receive the recognition they deserve, and to see his hard work and commitment

pay off in such exciting ways! Barnwell School District 45 is so proud of Russell's dedication, and we are honored that he represents our district," said Superintendent Crissie Stapleton.

Chara: WEHS student follows in family's footsteps FROM PAGE 1B



Chara Wootten (center, seated) is joined by her coaches (including father Jamie Wootten) and teammates on Nov. 12, 2021 during a college signing ceremony at Williston-Elko High School. She will play softball at Bluefield University.

Photos by: Ciera Sanders / Contributing Writer

Guidance Counselor Alison Brady added, "She's a natural leader. Any position you put her in, whether it's athletics, academics, clubs, she takes that initiative to take the leadership role without even being asked."

Williston District 29 Superintendent Dr. Marcella Shaw agreed with Bradley and Brady and said, "Her nature is to bring people together."

Wootten has made quite the legacy at WEHS

"One, you take your faith in Christ with you and that always shines. Then the other thing is never forget where you come from. The people here in this school and this town help make you who you are, and never forget that."

- **Jamie Wootten (Chara's father and coach)**

on the two things he hopes Chara takes with her on her softball journey

and plans to continue that legacy for her family and hometown as she heads north to Bluefield University. She credits two very important

parts of her life that got her to where she is now: "Definitely God first, of course. He gave me the opportunity to just be able to play the game

and overcome so many obstacles that I went through and, secondly, my dad for pushing me and making me wake up at 5 a.m. for workouts."

Rishona: Former BHHS athlete soaring on college basketball court FROM PAGE 1B

go after what they want because nobody is going to just give it to them.

She is determined to one day start her own sport agency for high school recruiters to help student-athletes pursue their athletic dreams. She encourages student-athletes to keep their goals by writing them down and using a message board to encourage themselves daily. "Write your goals down and encourage yourself to reach those goals and definitely have a mentor." The words of a true winner.

With a heart and mindset like Washington's, there are no limits.



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New game brings high-tech learning and fun to Kelly Edwards Elementary School



Kelly Edwards Elementary School students R.J. Odom and Meghan Hallingquest enjoy the Lu System.

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Williston District 29

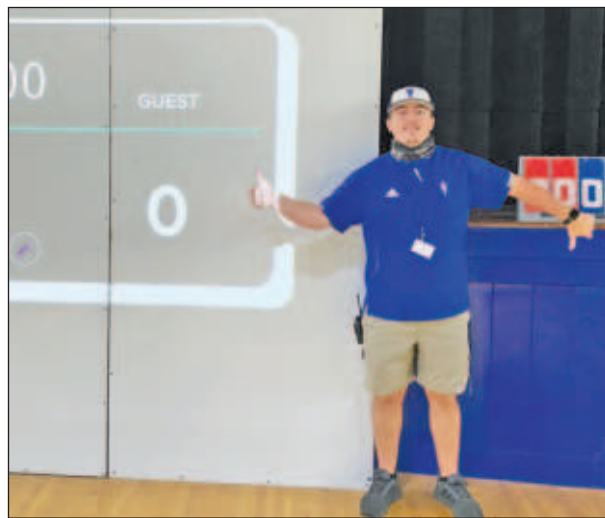
Students at Kelly Edwards Elementary School in Williston have benefited from a new high-tech fitness system that has recently been installed at their gym.

The Lu System allows students to calibrate their workouts to make fitness gains while avoiding injury. The interactive system provides immediate feedback and offers almost fifty games that not only teach sports skills, but also allow the teacher to incorporate reading,

science and math skills into their fitness routine.

Physical education teacher Dalton Mundy, a KEES graduate and assistant football and baseball coach at Williston-Elko High School, believes that all young people deserve the best instruction and gear available, so he was grateful when the district offered to purchase the Lu system.

It is a hit with the students as well, including fourth grader Kearstin Staley who said, "It's fun, entertaining, and has lots of options. I give it a ten out of ten!"



Coach Dalton Mundy has brought high-tech fun to physical education classes at Kelly Edwards.

WEHS employability students create holiday decorations, learn new skills

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Williston District 29

During the month of December 2021, the students who are in Williston-Elko High School's employability classes created ornaments, shirts, and other holiday decorations.

This year, the students were taken to Hobby Lobby by their teachers, Mrs. Mary Wright, Mrs. Linda Leaf, and Mrs. Rena Creech, to obtain material and to

learn how to effectively measure yards of fabric to create holiday decorations that are sold and given to the community and the teachers. The employability students also learned about construction and mathematics by creating gingerbread houses to specific proportions.

Overall, these students are learning to use their numerous skills to create objects as well as learning how retail works over the holidays.



Making gingerbread houses taught the students about construction and mathematics.



WEHS employability students went to Hobby Lobby to purchase material for holiday decor they made.

Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

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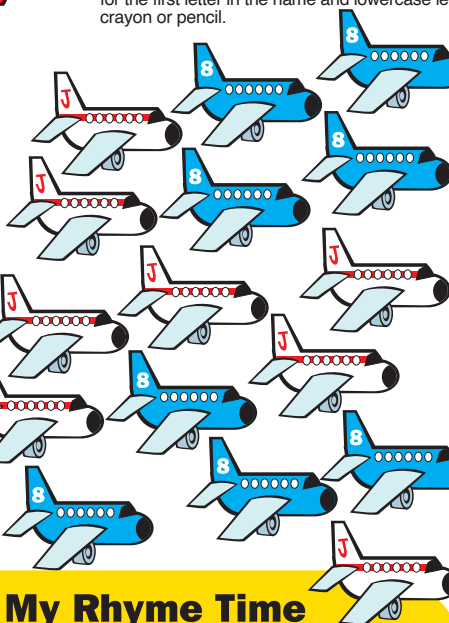


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Where does it belong?

Look at each object in the circles below. Look at each picture in the boxes. Decide where each object belongs. Write its number in the correct circle.

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



My Letters

J is for Jet
j is for jet

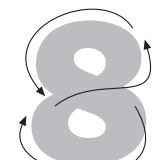


Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter J. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many pictures can you find on this page that start with the sound that the letter J makes in the word jet?

My Numbers

How many 8 ?



How many 8 ?

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

My Rhyme Time

Jerry Hall he is so small,
A rat could eat him,
Hat and all.

My Sentence

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



The jet



Sunday

Letter Identification
With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter J in jet.

Monday

Math Play
Point to the number 8 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

Big J, little j
With your child, find every uppercase letter J on one page of the newspaper. Draw a small circle around each. Then try to find each lowercase letter j for each uppercase letter J. Draw a line to connect each uppercase letter J to each lowercase letter j.

Wednesday

Above or Under?
Draw a line across the middle of a picture in the newspaper. Ask your child questions about which things in the picture are under the line or above the line. For example, if the picture has a person in it, ask, "Are the feet above or under the line?"

Thursday

Make Room
Find and cut out pictures from the newspaper of objects you would find in a house. On a blank sheet of paper, draw a box to represent each of the rooms in a house: kitchen, dining room, etc. Have your child put each object in the correct "room."

Friday

Come in for a Landing
Fold up one sheet of newspaper and tell your child it is a jet. Have your child practice "landing" the jet in different places, such as on a chair, beside a cabinet, under a table, on a bed, etc.

Saturday

Jet Trip
With your child, pretend you are going to take a trip on a jet. Look through the newspaper for a place to go and find 8 things to pack in your suitcase. Fold a blank sheet of paper and call it your suitcase. "Pack" the objects in the suitcase.

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

Learning Buddy's signature _____ Date _____



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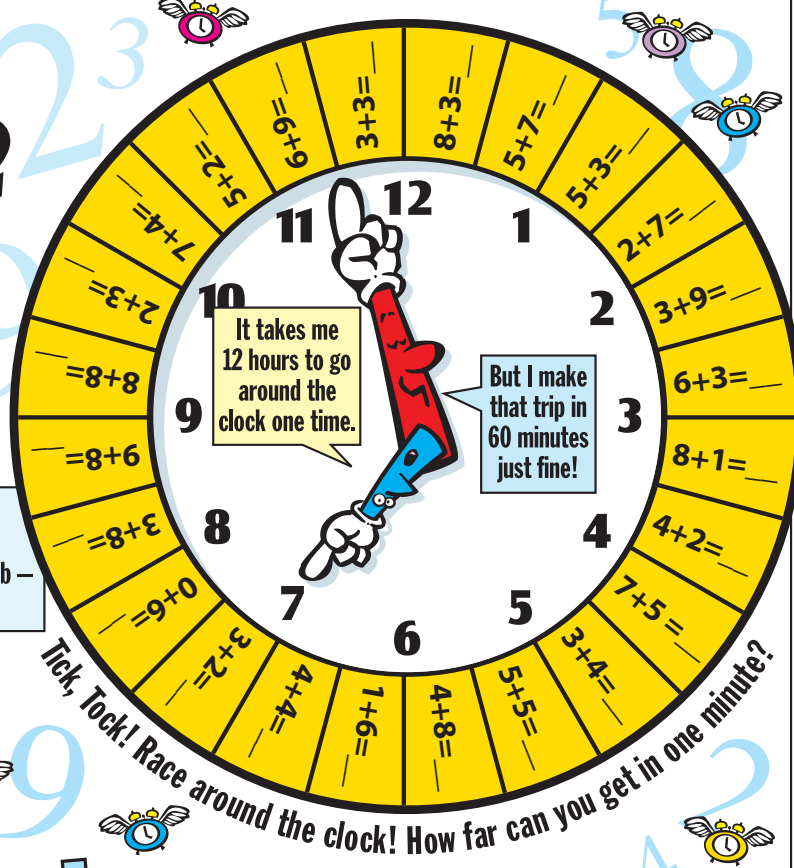
Think about something that has happened at your school or in your community or neighborhood this past week. Did you go on a field trip? Did anyone win an award or do something special? Write a press release about it!

Use the form below to organize your information.

Who: _____
What: _____
When: _____
Where: _____
Why: _____
How: _____

Write a press release using the facts you wrote on the above form.

GOT A MINUTE?

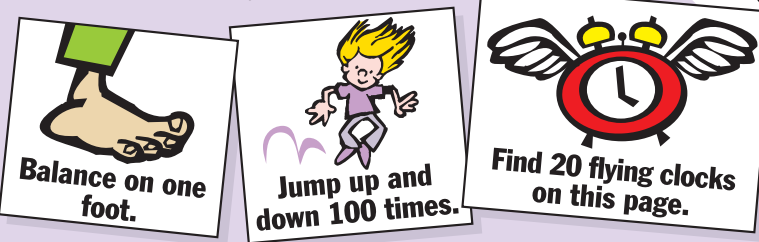


Tick, Tock! Race around the clock! How far can you get in one minute?

Standards Link: Math: Measurement: Students know relationships of time (minutes in an hour).

What can you do in a minute?

Can you do each of these for one minute? Find someone to time you and see!



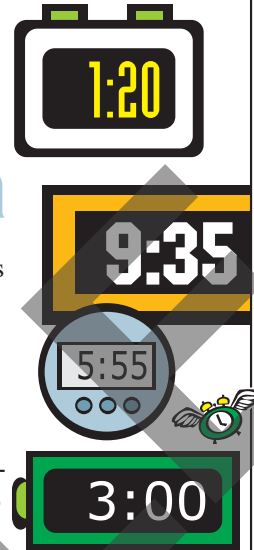
Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Time Match

What time do the clocks and watches on the left show?

Can you find the clocks that show the same time on the right?

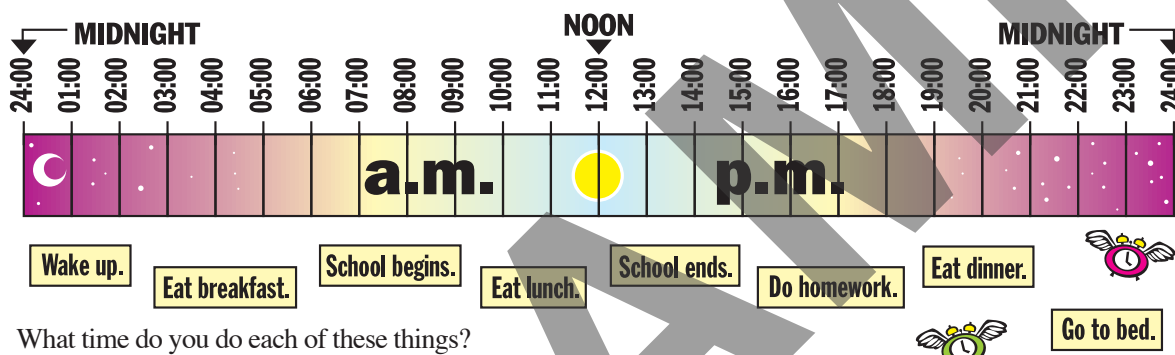
Standards Link: Math: Measurement: Tell time to the nearest quarter hour, half hour and hour.



Time Line

Some clocks are 12-hour clocks. Other clocks are 24-hour clocks. On a 24-hour clock, you start counting the hours from midnight. From midnight to noon, the hours are numbered 1 to 12. After noon, they are numbered 13 to 24.

If you don't use a 24-hour clock, how do you know if it is morning or afternoon? You can use the letters **a.m.** after the time to show it is morning and the letters **p.m.** after the time to show that it's after noon.



What time do you do each of these things? Draw a line from each box to the time line to make a "Day in My Life" timeline.

Extra! Extra!

One-Minute Dashes

In one minute, how many:
• words can you circle that start with the letter M?
• paragraphs can you read?
• numbers can you circle?

Standards Link: Measurements: Know relationships of time. Reading: Follow simple directions.

Send your press release to the editor of this newspaper. Be sure to include your name and contact information!

What a Character!

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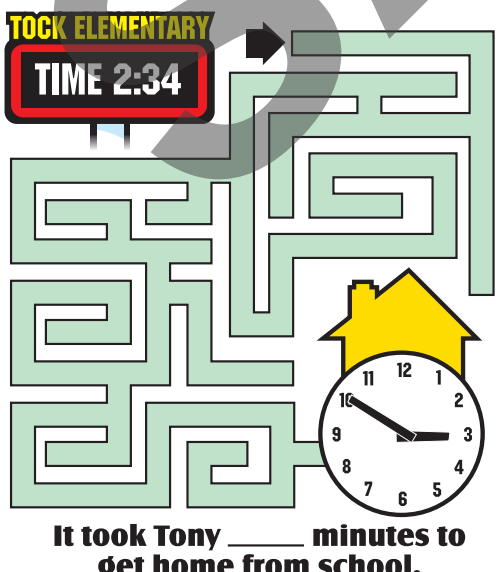
... a connection between people in a community.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Tick Tock, Long Walk

Tony has a long walk home from school. The school clock tells what time Tony left for home.

Follow the maze to Tony's house. The clock at his house tells what time Tony got home. How long did it take for Tony to get home?

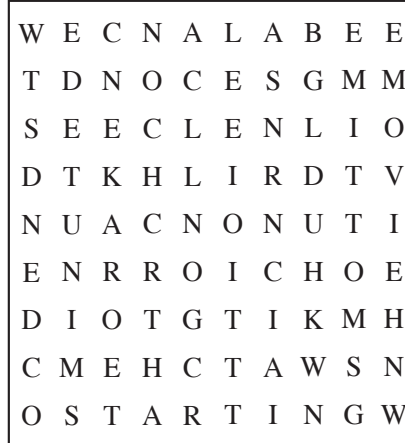


Standards Link: Math: Measurement: Determine the duration of intervals of time in minutes.

Double Double Word Search

- MINUTE
- CIRCLES
- CLOCKS
- MIDNIGHT
- MOVIE
- HOUR
- SECOND
- MORNING
- TIME
- TOCK
- STARTING
- WATCH
- BALANCE
- HAND
- ENDS

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



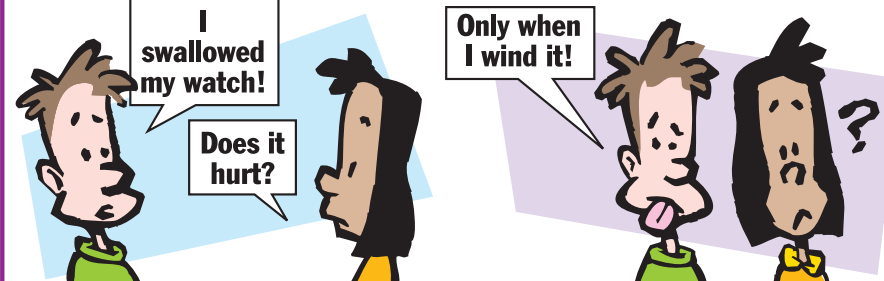
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Watch the Clock

Select a movie advertised in the newspaper. Determine the approximate running time of the movie by subtracting the starting time of the first performance from the starting time of the second performance.

Standards Link: Measurement: Solve problems using time to the nearest minute.



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Allendale to host Smithsonian exhibit in 2022

Laura J. McKenzie,
Contributing Writer

Allendale County has been selected as one of six communities in South Carolina to host the traveling Smithsonian exhibit "Voices and Votes: Democracy in America in 2022-2023".

South Carolina Humanities has announced the exhibit will be available for the public to view at USC-Salkehatchie in Allendale from September 10 to October 22, 2022.

The exhibit is part of a grant submitted by the Allendale Rural Arts Team (ART) who is partnering USC-Salkehatchie to host the exhibit.

"We are thrilled for Allendale to have been selected for this exhibit," said ART Chairwoman Lottie Lewis. "This is a great honor and we want to thank SC Humanities, the South Carolina Arts Commission, USC Salkehatchie and all the community partners who are helping us bring this fabulous exhibit here."

Those partners include Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance, the Allendale County Arts Commission, Gooding Advertising, Happy Home Baptist Church, Low Country Health Care Systems, Mt. Labor Baptist Church, Palmetto State Bank, SC FTV, Simpson United Methodist Church, Allendale County, the Town of Fairfax and the Town of Allendale.

"We encourage everyone to put these dates on their 2022 calendar and plan to attend the viewings at USC-Salkehatchie," she said. "This will also be a part of Allendale's 100th anniversary celebration of our courthouse."

Based on a major exhibition at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, the Voices and Votes exhibit will serve as a community meeting place to convene conversations about questions such as: Who has the right to vote? What are the freedoms and responsibilities of citizens? Whose voices will be heard? How do you participate as a citizen? How do we encourage more people to participate in our democracy?

With the support and guidance of SC Humanities and the Smithsonian, the host sites will develop complementary exhibits, host public programs and facilitate educational initiatives to raise people's understanding about what democracy means in South Carolina and in each community.

Dr. Randy Akers, Executive Director of SC Humanities said he is pleased to be bringing Voices and Votes to South Carolina. "The hallmark of democracy is the right for individuals to vote for the candidate of their choice. The importance of voting is evident in all elections but particularly in the most recent presidential election. Issues like accessibility, credibility, and the influence of social media are not only national issues but important to South Carolinians too. I hope this exhibit serves as the basis for discussion and reflection on the future of our democracy."

Chosen by a South Carolina Humanities selection committee through a competitive application process, six South Carolina host sites will showcase Voices and Votes in their respective communities. The opportunity was open to small museums, arts centers, libraries, and other community venues in small South Carolina towns. "We offer congratulations to these selected host sites," said Akers.

- April 16 - May 28, 2022 - Williamsburgh Historical Society
- June 4 - July 16, 2022 - Laurens County Museum Association
- July 23 - September 3, 2022 - Friends of Aiken County Historical Museum/Second Baptist Church of Aiken
- September 10 - October 22, 2022 - Allendale Rural Arts Team/USC Salkehatchie
- October 29 - December 10, 2022 - Claffin University
- December 17, 2022 - January 28, 2023 - Cowpens Branch Library

The exhibition is part of Museum on Main Street, a unique collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES), state humanities councils across the nation, and local host institutions. Voices and Votes is the eighth Museum on Main Street exhibit that SC Humanities has brought to the state since 2004.

Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the U.S. Congress.

For more information about Voices and Votes in South Carolina, please contact T.J. Wallace at tjwallace@schumanities.org or (803) 771-2477. More details about the unique programs that each local community will provide will be available soon.

The mission of SC Humanities is to enrich the cultural and intellectual lives of all South Carolinians. Established in 1973, this 501(c)3 organization is governed by a volunteer 21-member Board of Directors comprised of community leaders from throughout the state. It presents and/or supports literary initiatives, lectures, exhibits, festivals, publications, oral history projects, videos and other humanities-based experiences that directly or indirectly reach more than 250,000 citizens annually.

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Activities

Barnwell Library

CHILDREN (Ages 2-5)
Jan. 6
VIRTUAL STORY TIME
Thursdays, January 6, 13, 20 & 27
Our weekly story time will be posted on our Facebook page: @librarybarnwell. Monthly kits are appropriate for children ages 2-5 with adult supervision.

FAMILY FUN

Jan. 19
This month's activity: hot cocoa STEM kit. Appropriate for kids in grades K-5 and their families.

ADULTS

Jan. 25
POTLUCK BOOK CLUB
We will be meeting at the library to discuss: Under the Magnolias by T.L. Lowe.
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Blackville Library

Hours of Operation
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Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 10am-1pm; 2pm-6pm
Register for up to four, 45 minute sessions on the public computers.

BLACKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

Mondays-Fridays 8:30am - Noon
Golden Retreat Activity Center (59 Gilshan Circle, Blackville)

Daily
COFFEE CLUB & CURRENT EVENTS
8:30am-9:30am

Mondays
Health Topic
9:30am-10:00

Tai Chi
10:00am-11am

Relaxation Coloring
11:00pm-Noon

Tues & Thurs

Exercise with Ernie
9am-10am
Bingo
11:00pm-Noon

Wednesdays
Phoenix Project
10am-11am

Fridays
Computer Tech
10am-11am
Book Read
11am-Noon
Crafts

SHARE YOUR NEWS!

Do you have an announcement you would like published?

If so, please email the information to jvickery@the-peoplesentinel.com or fax it to (803) 259-2703.

Museums

Barnwell Museum
Tues, Wed, Thurs Noon-4pm
Self-guided tours are offered
Register at the office building
803-259-1916

Blackville Museum
Open by appointment only until further notice.
Please call 803-284-3267 to schedule a visit.



Meetings

1st Tuesdays
Barnwell Development Association:
For small business owners & representatives with a passion to SHOP LOCAL. Would love to hear your ideas for promoting small businesses in Barnwell County.
20 Wall St, Barnwell
8:00am

Faith

Sunday, Jan. 9

11th Pastoral Anniversary:
Celebration for Pastor Elder Bobby L. Dukes. First Lady Shanikia L. Dukes, and family. Speaker will be Rev. Joseph Williams, pastor of Frost Branch Baptist in Elko.

Ned Branch Baptist Church (187 Ned Branch Ave., Barnwell)
10 a.m.

Christ Presbyterian Church

848 Hagood Ave., Barnwell
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study Wednesday 6 p.m.
803-239-5653

Boiling Springs Chapel

3475 Boiling Springs Rd., Barnwell
Sunday Worship 7 p.m.

Anglican Church of the Holy Apostles

228 Hagood Ave.
Holy Eucharist service Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Morning prayer/breakfast service at 8 a.m.
Vicar Bill Clarkson

Center of Hope Community Fellowship

Winton Inn Conference Room
8-9pm on Tuesdays
7pm on Sundays

Friendship Baptist Church

Sunday School
5801 Friendship Rd, Barnwell, SC 29812
Sundays - Assembly 9:45am, Sunday School at 10am, Worship at 11am
Discipleship Training Sundays - 6pm, Worship at 7pm

Jordan Missionary Baptist

200 Skyland Farm Road, Williston
Sunday School
2nd - 5th Sundays 9:30am
Worship
2nd-5th Sundays 10:30am
Please wear a mask.

First Baptist Church of Barnwell

161 Allen St, Barnwell, SC 29812
Contemporary Service Sundays 8:30am
Traditional Service Sundays 11:00am
Watch on facebook or listen in the parking lot over 90.5

Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church

187 Ned Branch Ave, Barnwell, SC 29812
Pull-Up & Park Services Sundays - 9:00am
Tune-in to the radio station that will be announced. Please wear a mask if out of your vehicle.

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

Snelling
Park & Praise Service 2nd & 4th Sundays - 10:00am
Face masks should be worn at all times.

Second Baptist Church of Barnwell

181 Church St, Barnwell, SC 29812
Pull up, Park, & Praise 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:00am
(803) 259-1385
www.facebook.com/SB-CBarnwell

Bells Chapel Pentecostal Holiness

83 Week Ave. Olar
Sundays - 10:30am
Pastor Thomas Caldwell - callh02@yahoo.com
(803) 335-9121, (803) 671-6369

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5 Tips for Sticking to a Schedule in the New Year

(StatePoint) Sticking to a schedule is good for health, wellness and productivity, and the start of a new year is the perfect time to form great habits. Resolve to adhere to a daily routine with the following tips and tricks:

- **Write it down:** The act of writing things down can help reinforce priorities. Keep a list of short- and long-term goals, events and meetings. Be sure to check items off your list as you complete them. Doing so can help you stay motivated.

- **Get a good watch:** Keep yourself accountable with a good watch. The line-up of Edifice watches by Casio are not only stylish, they contain must-have productivity features, such as multiple alarms, as well as countdown timers displaying the remaining time until the alarm beeps. They also connect with your smartphone and offer cool, sync-up features that help you keep your essentials organized, such as "phone finder." If you prefer a sportier timepiece, Pro Trek watches offer similar alarm features, along with step counters and sensor technology like altimeters, compasses and more, all of which are great for hikes, fishing expeditions and other outdoor activities.

- **Keep it consistent:** Keep both bedtime and the time you awake consistent day to day. Doing so

can mean better quality slumber so you will be more alert, energized and ready to tackle tasks. Consistent meal times can also be beneficial, helping you maintain your energy throughout the day, manage metabolism and avoid hunger.

- **Don't overdo it:** It can be tempting to try to schedule more tasks and to-do's into your day than is actually realistic. Doing so however can leave you feeling constantly stressed, and always in catch-up mode. Be sure your schedule offers you sufficient time to actually complete tasks and travel between appointments.

- **Practice self-care:** Downtime is essential. What ever self-care looks like to you, be sure to build it into your schedule, whether that means relaxing with a good book, getting together with friends or working out.

Make 2022 the year you finally create and maintain a well-balanced schedule. With wearable tech and smart habits, you'll be more inclined to stick with the program.

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Healthy Living

10 Doctor-Recommended New Year's Resolutions to Make Today

(StatePoint) While investing in your health and wellness can sound like an overwhelming goal, doctors say that there are easy, tangible resolutions you can make to feel your best and better protect your health.

"A new year is the perfect time to consider your personal goals, and how you can make positive health choices in the coming year," says American Medical Association (AMA) President Gerald C. Harmon, M.D. "Small lifestyle changes today can have a lasting effect in improving your health."

Not sure where to start? Consider these resolutions from the AMA

1. Make sure your family is up-to-date on their vaccines, including the annual influenza vaccine for everyone age six months or older and the COVID-19 vaccine for everyone age five and older. Anyone with questions about the COVID-19 vaccines should speak with their physician and review trusted resources, including [getvaccineanswers.org](https://www.getvaccineanswers.org).
2. Learn your risk for type 2 diabetes by taking a simple online 2-minute self-screening test at [DolHavePrediabetes.org](https://www.DolHavePrediabetes.org). Steps you take now can help prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes.
3. Be more physically active. Adults should do at least 150 minutes a week of moderate-intensity activity, or 75 minutes a week of vigorous-intensity activity.
4. Know your blood pressure numbers. Take the time to visit [ManageYourBP.org](https://www.ManageYourBP.org) to better understand your numbers and take necessary steps to get high blood pressure -- also known as hypertension -- under control. Doing so will reduce your risk of heart attack or stroke.
5. Reduce your intake of processed foods, especially those with added sodium and sugar. Also reduce your consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages

and drink more water instead.

6. If your health care professional determines that you need antibiotics, take them exactly as prescribed. Antibiotic resistance is a serious public health problem and antibiotics will not make you feel better if you have a virus, such as a cold or flu.

7. If consuming alcohol, do so in moderation as defined by the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans -- up to one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men, and only by adults of legal drinking age.

8. Talk with your doctor about tobacco and nicotine use and quit. Declare your home and car smoke-free to eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke.

9. If you are taking prescription opioids, follow your doctor's instructions, store them safely to prevent diversion or misuse, and properly dispose of any leftover medication.

10. Manage stress. A good diet and daily exercise are key ingredients to maintaining and improving your mental health, but don't hesitate to ask for help from a friend or mental health professional when you need it.

If you don't have health insurance, the AMA also encourages you to visit [healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) to sign up for coverage. You may benefit from recent changes that improve access and affordability. The deadline to enroll for 2022 coverage is Jan. 15, 2022. More health resources and tips can be found by visiting [ama-assn.org](https://www.ama-assn.org). For a happy, healthy 2022 and beyond, consider making these 10 doctor-recommended New Year's resolutions today.
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GREEN Living

Resolve to Make Your Household More Earth-Friendly in the New Year



(StatePoint) Resolving to green up your act in the New Year? Here are just a few tweaks you can make right at home to substantially reduce your environmental footprint.

Make Appliance Upgrades

Home appliances are improving all the time, with many newer models designed specifically with efficiency in mind. If your home appliances, such as your washer, dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator and HVAC system, are on the older side, it may be time to replace one or more of those items. Over time, you'll offset the upfront cost with reduced energy bills. Plus, you'll be helping protect the climate. Look for ENERGY STAR-rated products, which have met strict EPA standards.

Optimize Heating and Cooling

North American Technician Excellence (NATE) offers the following energy-saving tips to help you keep your home comfort system running at peak performance:

- Change your air filters monthly, or as directed by the manufacturer.
- Add weatherstripping and caulk around windows and doors to improve your home's insulation. Improperly insulated walls, floors, attics, basements and crawlspaces waste energy and can also lead to moisture imbalance.
- Install a programmable thermostat to help regulate temperatures.
- Don't keep clutter near your HVAC units, and don't store anything next to them that could impede ventilation. Likewise, keep vents and returns free of obstructions. Don't lay carpet over vents, place furniture over or in front of them, or obstruct air flow.
- Dry air feels cooler than moist air. A simple humidifier may make your home feel five degrees warmer.
- Even the most efficient system can suffer if it's not properly maintained. For optimum comfort and sustainability, make sure all your HVAC

installation, maintenance and other work is performed by a NATE-certified technician. NATE-certified technicians have demonstrated their knowledge of today's increasingly sophisticated heating and cooling systems by passing a nationally recognized test developed and supported by all segments of the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning industry. Better installation and service means your equipment will run at peak efficiency. Visit [nate.org](https://www.nate.org) for additional HVAC energy-savings tips and resources, and to find a NATE-certified technician in your area.

Reduce Food Waste

American food production uses 10% of the nation's total energy budget, 50% of its land, and 80% of its freshwater, according to FoodRescue.net. Unfortunately, up to 40% of all food ends up in landfills. Label food items in your pantry and fridge and organize them by date to help ensure you consume food before it spoils. If you see that you've prepared too much of a certain item, freeze it. Of course, many foods produce unavoidable scraps. Use them to create stock or compost them. Composting will reduce your home's contribution to landfills while enriching your garden. Bonus: it's also a great way to reduce yardwork waste.

Make an Impact Today

Want a quick project you can complete in an afternoon? Swap out incandescent lightbulbs for energy efficient LEDs. According to the EPA, residential LEDs -- especially ENERGY STAR-rated products -- use at least 75% less energy, and last up to 25 times longer.

This year, consider making Earth-friendly New Year's resolutions. A few tweaks can reduce your household's impact on the planet.

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