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Bi-Rite robbery suspect sought

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An arrest warrant has been issued for a man suspected of robbing a Williston convenience store.

Frank James Davis Jr., 48, is being sought in connection to the armed robbery of the Bi-Rite convenience store in Williston that took place as the store opened around 5 a.m.

on April 14. He is believed to be in the Denmark area, said Williston Police Chief Rodney Pruitt.

"This suspect was waiting for the store to open and was hiding on the property before the people who would open the store arrived on the property," said Pruitt.

The suspect was completely covered in a red shirt, black face mask, black Nike shoes, and light-colored pants. He is shown on surveillance video

wandering around the store before approaching the clerk and allegedly demanding money. The clerk and her husband were the only two people inside the store besides the suspect.

"He said, 'Don't make me hurt nobody. Give me the money,'" said Pruitt of what witnesses recalled the suspect saying.

The clerk handed the suspect a tray of money, but the suspect demanded even

more. The suspect made off with cash, though the exact amount hasn't been disclosed by police.

Though the video doesn't clearly show a gun, a witness inside the store reported seeing one. Even so, Pruitt said it's considered armed robbery if there is an insinuation of a gun by the suspect.

After multiple people, who are not connected, helped



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Frank James Davis Jr.



KEES Principal Monique Smalls cuts the ribbon to the new STEM U Lab with Williston-Elko board members, Mayor Brett Williams, and scholars by her side. Photos By: Ciera Sanders / Contributor

Opening of STEM lab brings smiles to KEES

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Contributing Writer

The Kelly Edwards Elementary School (KEES) administrative staff invited scholars and their families to attend the opening of its brand-new STEM U Lab on April 7.

Attendees to the opening included Williston Mayor Brett Williams, Superintendent Dr. Marcella Shaw, and Williston-Elko School District board members. The lab will help scholars connect the dots between science, technology, engineering, and math through project-based, hands-on learning.

The STEM U, LLC lab is based in Columbia. Chris Williams, Director of Partnership Development for STEM U, shared details about how schools get started in STEM training. It starts with a consultation between STEM U, the school administrative staff, and the school district's office.

"Based on that consultation, we find out what their need and their vision is, and once we find out their need and vision, we craft the plan," stated Williams.

The lab space is intended to connect all content scholars are learning and teach them how to reinforce their knowledge through projects and problem solving. Through this style of



Anitra Roberts and sons: Tyler (4th grade/9 years old) and True Roberts.

learning, educators are able to focus on their cross-content goals for their students.

KEES Principal Monique Smalls shared how hard the scholars and teachers have

already been working on improving test scores at the elementary school. According to the Diagnostic Assessments, testing for kindergarten See STEM, 10A

Donations sought for fire victims

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The community's help is sought to get a family back on their feet after a fire destroyed their home.

The Blackville Fire Department responded to a house on Baker Street on Sunday, April 10. The Elko and Williston fire departments also responded for mutual aid.

"We found the structure fully involved. The family lost their house and a vehicle," said Blackville Fire Chief Earthel Walker.

The fire displaced Susan Payne along with her daughter, grandchild, and a friend. The family lost everything in the fire and did not have house insurance.

"They barely made it out and had to come out with what they had on. Nothing is salvageable, not even the car. Sadly, the family dog refused to come out of the house and passed in the fire," said Meghan Everitt, Payne's granddaughter, on a GoFundMe page.

The fire is being investigated. The Blackville Police Department held the scene

"My family is very grateful for any help for my mother."

-John Maximiek

initially, but the State Law Enforcement Division is now the lead investigating agency, said Blackville Police Chief Ray Crawford.

Details about the cause of the fire have not been released by the fire department or law enforcement agencies as of press time, but John Maximiek, Payne's son, said the house and car were "set on fire."

"My family is very grateful for any help for my mother," said Maximiek.

Though Payne has a temporary place to stay, Maximiek has established a GoFundMe account to help his mother rebuild and get back on her feet. Everitt has also set up a separate GoFundMe account. Both welcome any and all donations.

Donations can be made online at <https://gofund.me/f2b541b0> or <https://gofund.me/0efda3fe>.



Susan Payne's Baker Street house and vehicle were destroyed by a fire on March 10 in Blackville.



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Garden club seeks to 'grow' Blackville

Donna-Maria Conzalina
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As you ride through the center of Blackville this spring, you'll notice amongst the concrete walk and roadways, planter barrels are displayed with bright, cheerful flowers brightening up the town. Each season and on special occasions, the green thumbed angels of the Blackville Garden Club set up a different floral display, creating a friendly welcome for residents and visitors.

The club's theme is "Grow Blackville" and local Club President Lil Stoltzfus tells us, "BGC is a small club with a lot of community devotion."

"In the early days it was more of a social club focused on floral arrangement and design. Now," Stoltzfus says, "the club's thrust has turned to being involved in our community and making Blackville a better place with beautification gardens, pollinators, and more."

BGC recognizes that it's the individuals who make up our community. An example are the magnolia trees planted on both sides of the library. Stoltzfus said, "They're planted in memory of people who have fought in World War II. They were planted between 1945 and 1950 in memory of those from Blackville who lost their lives in service to our country during that time."

Among many other projects, like a pollinator garden they developed at



The pollinator garden at the Blackville Museum. Photos by: Donna-Maria Conzalina

the town's museum, BGC has a dedication to work with some of the town's youngest citizens: local school children. "We go into Macedonia Elementary-Middle School and help them maintain their after-school garden program," Stoltzfus explained. "There's a spot in their little courtyard where the BGC started their raised beds years ago. They've grown cabbage and made cole-slaw so the kids can see gardening from the ground to the table. Recently they did broccoli and dip, radishes, and now they have potatoes, squash and kale growing. With BGC's assistance, the children learn by keeping it watered, weeded and being involved. This year we're partnering with SRS because they wanted to get more involved with the schools. SRS is doing a lot more of the physical labor this year. But BGC is still involved, keeping it watered and being the go-between."

And for students on

an upper grade level, as federated members with the National Garden Club, Inc. South Carolina Atlantic Region, Garden Club of South Carolina Inc. since 1938; the Blackville Garden Club West Lowcountry District #336 is united, promoting the Camp Wildwood 2022 Special Program. It's a highly regarded leadership and environmental camp providing an opportunity to rising 10th, 11th and 12th graders to study wildlife and outdoor skills that are not taught elsewhere. Together with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, the South Carolina Wildlife Federation, the Harry Hampton Memorial Wildlife Fund and the Garden Club of South Carolina Inc. they ensure the continued success of this camp.

"In order for a student to apply, the application has to be forwarded through a garden club member," Stoltzfus said.

The Blackville Garden Club's objectives are to:

- * Encourage planting and beautification in Blackville.

- * Further horticulture and conservation education for youth. Encouraging their love of nature and gardening.

- * Share a love of gardening with members and the community.

- * Promote knowledge of conservation of native plants, natural resources, forests and natural habitats.

And some of their projects this year are to:

- * Plan an Arbor Day event; including planting a tree and having a program in order to promote the importance of planting native trees.

- * Identify and recognize citizens and businesses that emphasize beautification and good horticultural practices through their plantings, groundskeeping and gardening.

- * Maintain their pollinator garden at the museum. Partnering with Historical Society members to keep the raised bed healthy and beauti-



Broccoli plants are growing at the afterschool garden project at Macedonia Elementary-Middle School.

ful.

- * Continue their youth programs for school children on appropriate subjects including caring for the environment, importance of native plants, conservation of our natural resources and enjoying the beauty of nature.

- * Continue to help maintain the fruit and vegetable garden at Macedonia Elementary-Middle School.

- * Celebrate National Garden week in June in partnership with Blackville businesses for the greatest impact to the community.

When asked if community members could do

anything to support their efforts in beautifying and helping the BGC "Grow Blackville", Stoltzfus said, "We haven't ever asked for donations before, but, if anybody wants to, we would be happy to take donations. If they have potting soil to use in the barrels downtown or extra planters, or even some shrub-like plants to help beautify the restoration projects downtown. That would be wonderful."

For more information about Camp Wildwood 2022 log onto: www.campwildwoodsc.com

For local questions and/or donation information, please call 803-671-5638.

D45 school board election turnout equals 1.13%

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Voter turnout was slim for last week's Barnwell District 45 School Board election.

Incumbents Rosey Anderson and Rhett Richardson were the only two candidates on the April 12 ballot for their seats. Both were re-elected with Anderson receiving 83 votes (48.54 percent) and Richardson receiving 88 votes (51.46 percent), according to the election

results. Voter turnout was 1.13 percent, which is down from 2.98 percent in 2021.

"It's true that there was a low turnout because there was no opposition. Even when we do have opposition, we do good to get a 10 percent voter turnout for all three school districts," said Naomi DeFrenn, director of the Barnwell County Voter Registration & Election Office.

Voter turnout was also impacted since this election was only for Barnwell School District 45. Districts

19 and 29 will be consolidated on July 1 and will be on the General Election ballot on November 8, 2022.

Despite the fact there was no opposition on the ballot, DeFrenn said it's still important for voters to exercise their right to vote.

"There will always be an option on any seat on the ballot for a write-in vote, except for president and vice president. Anyone could have won this election by write-in. For those that did get out and vote, thank you! We want everyone that is

eligible to vote to be able to vote in every election they are entitled to vote in," she said.

All elections are advertised twice in the newspaper, as required by law. You can also find a schedule of elections at scvotes.gov under the Elections, then Schedule

of Elections.

The primary election is scheduled for June 14 and, if necessary, a runoff election will be two weeks later on June 28. A variety of local and state positions will be on the ballot.

On June 14, voters in the Town of Blackville will also elect a new mayor to

fill the seat left vacant by the resignation of Michael Beasley in March. Those interested in being candidates must file by noon on April 29 and pay the \$150 filing fee.

Voters who have questions can contact the voter registration office at (803) 541-1060.



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Credit union spreads Easter joy at nursing home



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Blue ribbons display sexual assault awareness

Jessica Coach
Cumbee Center

Whether you are marching to Take Back the Night or Wearing Denim for Denim Day, efforts to combat sexual assault are strongly emphasized in April. Cumbee Center, together with sexual assault crisis

centers around the state, recognizes Sexual Assault Awareness Month during the month of April.

Sexual assault remains a critical public health issue and is often referred to as murder of the soul. It is one of the most catastrophic crimes in our society today. Aside from the physical inju-

ries, survivors of sexual violence endure lifelong pain from emotional and psychological trauma. The staff and volunteers of the Cumbee Center provides compassionate, confidential and trauma informed services to victims like these each day and could give testimony to the emotional and psychological scars

that last well beyond the physical agony.

Cumbee Center combats sexual violence on many fronts. Foremost, if a person experiences a sexual assault and seeks medical attention, an advocate will meet them at the emergency room to provide support that is nonjudgmental before, during, and after a

forensic exam. Cumbee Center exists to believe, empower and educate. In doing so, we listen, validate reactions, and promote healing. Largely, Cumbee Center provides services to survivors and their families well after an experience of sexual trauma. In addition to hospital advocacy, Cumbee Center offers court and legal advocacy, case management, counseling, emergency shelter, community outreach, prevention education and a 24-hour crisis hotline. The key components to all services and actions by Cumbee Center follows a survivor-centered approach which seeks to empower the survivor by prioritizing their rights, needs and wishes.

In April, we ask that you join in our efforts to break the silence and bring AWARENESS to the critical public health issue of sexual violence. Awareness ribbons are frequently used to show support or raise consciousness for a cause. This month, Cumbee Center has adorned Laurens Street in Aiken, Georgia Avenue in North



Blue ribbons dot downtown Barnwell for sexual assault awareness.

Augusta, Main Street in Barnwell and Courthouse Square in Edgefield with teal awareness ribbons to represent the need for social change, a culture that reduces the tolerance of abuse and the support we offer survivors.

Please visit us at www.cumbeecenter.org or follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more information. If you or someone you know are in need of our services, an advocate is available to assist you 24 hours daily. The crisis hotline number is 803-649-0480.

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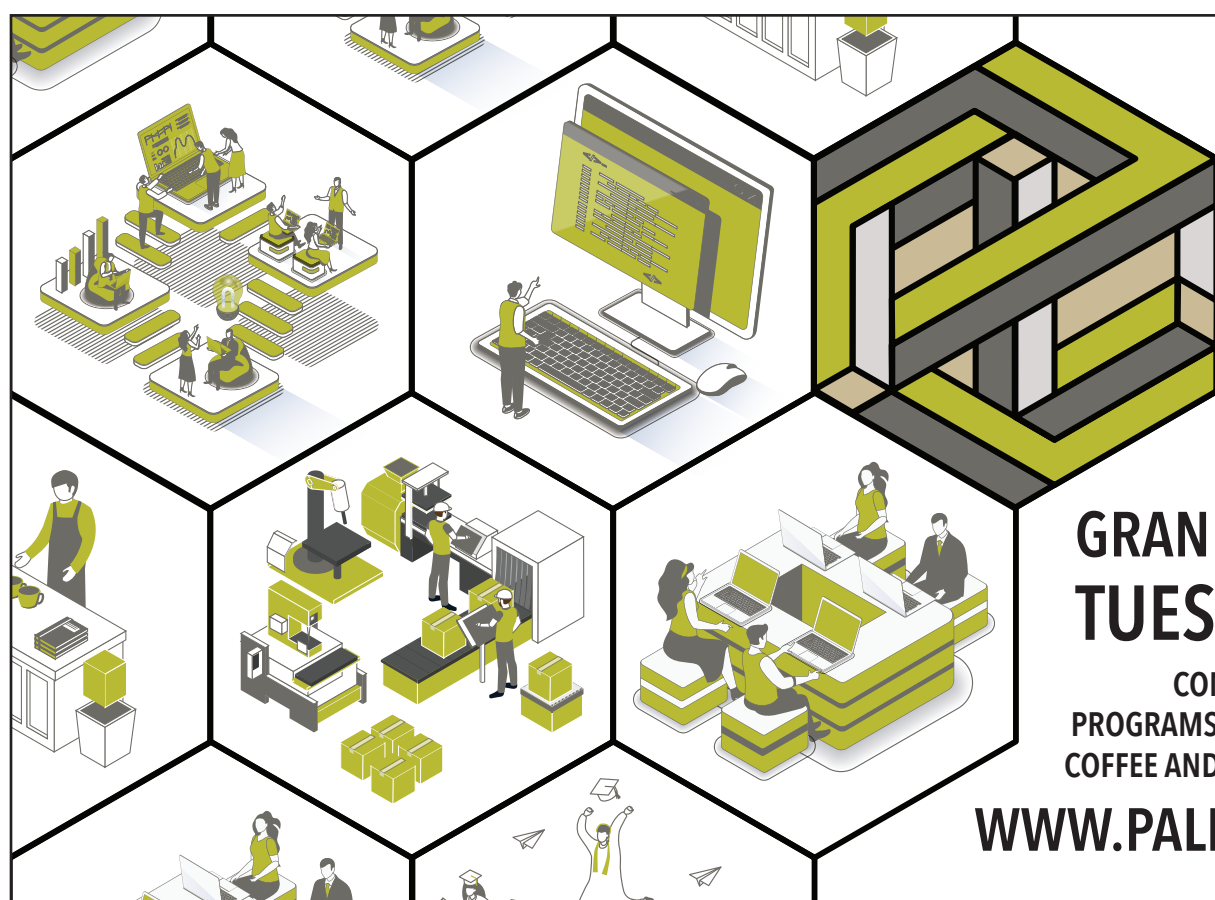


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Grandparent scams still target seniors

Kelvin Collins
Better Business Bureau

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) is still warning well-meaning seniors about "emergency" scams designed to fool them into thinking that their grandchild is hurt, has been arrested or is stranded, and in need of money.

According to recent FBI reports, the "Grandparent Scam" has been around since 2008, but they continue to plague well-meaning seniors. Retirees are an attractive target for financial scammers since they may have more disposable income and they are less likely to report being scam victims. Emergency scams play off of peoples' emotions and strong desire to help others in need. Scammers impersonate their victims and make up an urgent situation - "I've been arrested," "I've been mugged," "I'm in the hospital" - and target friends and family with urgent pleas for help, and money.

One victim reported sending four transac-

tions totaling \$4,400 over a two-day period. She was duped after receiving calls alleging that her grandson had been arrested after being in an accident. The money was initially to cover fines and representation to get the grandson released. Soon, the caller needed money to cover the medical bills for a person injured in the accident. The victim claims the scammer not only knew details about her grandson but also allowed her to briefly speak with someone that sounded like her grandson.

We also see this scam target families with loved ones deployed overseas, claiming to need the money to get back from a weekend pass. If you don't send money, they face being arrested for being absent without leave.

BBB offers the following tips to avoid the Grandparent Scam:

•**Communicate.** Loved ones should share travel plans with family members before leaving the state or country. Also, discuss this scam with older family members so

they are aware of how the scam works.

•**Share information.** Loved ones should provide the cell phone number and email address of a friend they are traveling with in the case of an emergency. Family members should remind students to be cautious when sharing details about travel plans on social media.

•**Know the red flags.** Typically, the grandparent receives a frantic phone call from a scammer posing as their grandchild or a so-called "officer of the court". The caller explains that the grandchild has gotten into trouble and needs help, perhaps caused a car accident, or was arrested for DUI or drug possession. The "grandchild" pleads to the grandparents not to tell his or her parents and asks that they wire thousands of dollars for reasons of posting bail, repairing the car, covering lawyer's fees, or even paying hospital bills for a person supposedly injured in a car accident.

•**Ask a personal question, but don't disclose**

too much information. If a grandparent receives a call from someone claiming to be their grandchild in distress, BBB advises that the grandparent not disclose any information before confirming that it really is their grandchild. If a caller says, "It's me, Grandma," don't respond with a name, but instead let the caller explain who he or she is. One easy way to confirm their identity is to ask a simple question that the grandchild would know such as their middle name or what gift they gave the grandchild for Christmas.

•**Discuss with family members.** Even though the scammer will plead with you to keep this a secret from the parents, discuss the situation with someone and chances are you will find that your grandchild is safe.

For anyone victimized by this type of distressed loved-one call, BBB recommends reporting the incident immediately to your local police department and BBB Scam Tracker. For more consumer tips you can trust or to report a scam, visit bbb.org.

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.

Jimmie Jaye Bishop, 43, of 83 Carter Circle, Barnwell, was arrested April 6 by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) for Trespassing After Notice. Bishop was booked and released to the Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).

Dustin Leighton Carroll, 31, of 1374 Double Pond Road, Blackville, was arrested April 6 by the BCSO for Driving Under Suspension, Possession of Burglary Tools and Unlawful Possession/Transportation of Nonferrous Metals in Vehicle. Carroll was booked and released to the BCDC.

Tymartin Maurice Dobson, 22, of 564 Duncannon Road, Barnwell, was arrested March 30 by the Barnwell Police Department (BPD) for Malicious Injury to Personal Property. Dobson was booked and released to the BCDC.

Christopher Dewayne Dunbar, 37, of 4055 Allendale Avenue, Williston, was arrested April 17 by the BCSO for Trespassing After Notice. Dunbar was booked and released to the BCDC.

Gregory Gilchrist, 40, of 220 Faison Drive, Columbia, was arrested April 1 by the BPD for Trespassing After Notice and Trespassing. Gilchrist was booked and released to the BCDC.

William Tyler Still, 22, of 127 Creech Road, Barnwell, was arrested April 8 by the BCSO for Distribution of Meth and Distribution of a Controlled Substance. Still was booked and released to the BCDC.

J'Kysha C'Rie Thomas, 25, of 340 Grayson St., #14C, Fslill, was arrested April 1 by the BPD for Driving Under Suspension. Thomas was booked and released to the BCDC.

Kevin Eugene Thomas Jr., 24, of 269 Canna Street, Barnwell, was arrested April 13 by the BCSO for Criminal Domestic Violence. Thomas was booked and released to the BCDC.

Robert Blake Watts, 33, of 2644 McRae Road, Camden, was arrested April 15 by the BCSO for Possession of Heroin and Possession of a Barbiturate. Watts was booked and released to the BCDC.

James Edward Williamson, 48, of 31 Perry Street, Barnwell, was arrested March 30 by the BPD for Domestic Violence (3rd degree). Williamson was booked and released to the BCDC.

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Michael Anthony Hutchens, 32, of 1225 Track Road, Pelion, was arrested April 11 by the BCSO for Failure to Appear. Hutchens was booked and released to the BCDC.

Gregory Antonio Isaac, 43, of 131 Raindrop Drive Blackville, was arrested April 11 by the BCSO for Failure to Appear. Isaac was booked and released to the BCDC.

Steven Ray Jones, 35, of 1110 Double Pond Road, Blackville, was arrested April 4 by the BCSO for Failure to Appear. Jones was booked and released to BCDC.

Sydney Ann Joyner, 19, of 438 Hemlock Road, Barnwell, was arrested April 6 by the BCSO for Operating Uninsured Vehicle and License Plate Tag Expired. Joyner was booked and released to the BCDC.

Kenneth Neal Lott Jr., 41, of 5011 Sara Marie Court, New Ellenton, was arrested April 7 by the BCSO for Failure to Appear. Lott was booked and released to the BCDC.

Kimberly Nicole Stanley, 19, of 1810 Lebanon Road, Barnwell, was arrested April 5 by the BCSO for Filing a False Police Report. Stanley was booked and released to the BCDC.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the County Council of Allendale County that a public hearing for the below referenced Ordinances (Project Mercury) will be held at the J.W. Wall, Jr. Council Chambers, Allendale County Courthouse, 292 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, SC 29810, 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2022 in conjunction with a regularly scheduled meeting of the County Council.

ORDINANCE 1.

CONSIDERATION RE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AND SPECIAL REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ALLENDALE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME AS PROJECT MERCURY WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

ORDINANCE 2.

CONSIDERATION RE: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK TO BE LOCATED IN ALLENDALE COUNTY, BAMBERG COUNTY AND BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK SO AS TO REMOVE PROPERTY IN ALLENDALE COUNTY FROM THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, AND INCLUDE PROPERTY FROM ALLENDALE COUNTY INTO A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK CREATED BY AND BETWEEN ALLENDALE COUNTY, BAMBERG COUNTY, BARNWELL COUNTY AND HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLIAN, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Subject to the normal rules of County Council regarding appearances, members of the public are invited to attend and make comment concerning the proposed Ordinance.

If special accommodations are needed to participate in the public hearing, contact the Allendale County Council office at 803-584-3438, ext. 2205 at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date.

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Fairfax Boundary Complex at Boundary Street, Fairfax, SC

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Kathryn Macklee Simmons was born on March 5, 2022.

Kathryn Macklee Simmons

Eddie and Meg Simmons of Barnwell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kathryn Macklee Simmons. She was born at 6:14 p.m. on March 5, 2022 at Aiken Regional Medical Centers. She weighed 6 pounds and was 18 3/4 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Bubba and Dianna Simmons of Allendale. Maternal grandparents are Danny and Sandra McCormack of Ninety Six.

BIRTH



Henry Kitt Moore was born on March 4, 2022.

Henry Kitt Moore

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Kitt Moore of Hilda are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Henry Kitt Moore. Henry was born March 4, 2022 at 3:21 p.m. at Augusta University Hospital in Augusta, Ga. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Taylor of Aiken. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Moore of Barnwell. Henry is the great-grandchild of Mrs. Annette Delk and the late Henry E. Delk Sr. Henry's family is so thankful to God for the precious blessing he is!



Wilsons win Yard of the Month

Congratulations to Diane and Calvin Wilson on winning the Ivy Garden Club's "Yard of the Month" for April 2022. Located at 6481 Hwy. 39, Williston.



Tamy Knight-Hudson (third from left) with newspaper employees Diane Bodiford, Shirley Elmore, and Jonathan Vickery on the last day of her work study program.

WEHS student learns about newspapers

Jonathan Vickery
Publisher
jvickery@thepeoplesentinel.com

A Williston-Elko High School senior is spending her last semester interning with *The People-Sentinel*.

Tamy Knight-Hudson, 18, is working with the newspaper as part of her school's Work-Based Learning program. She chose the newspaper because she has a passion for writing and English.

"I wanted to work with the newspaper so I could have a better understanding of my community and have this work experience. So far, it's been amazing. There are hard parts to cover and there are good parts to cover, but that's part of life," said Knight-Hudson.

The experience has been enlightening for Knight-Hudson, who wanted to gain a better understanding of what making a newspaper

is all about. She has learned about writing, editing, layout, photography, accounting, customer service, and other components of the newspaper business.

"I have learned you can't do it all on your own and that's okay. Also, what I learned is that you can learn a lot from making a newspaper. Like the layout, typing out what information you've gotten and proofreading it so it can be good to go," said Knight-Hudson.

She started writing stories when she was nine years old. She enjoys putting her imagination in a book or her thoughts in a poem and letting young adults read and enjoy her books.

"I want to write stories for young adults, but I also really want to be a voice actor in cartoons for children or dub in anime. I just love the fantasy world. It helps me escape from

reality and I want other people to feel that too," said Knight-Hudson.

She has lived in Williston for almost five years. She especially enjoys how most people are kind and welcoming.

"When we first moved here, we didn't know anyone. It was a new state, a new school, a new everything. But when we got to know some good people here it felt like we were going to be okay. And we're still okay," she said.

She and her four siblings were adopted nearly six years ago by their mom, Lisa Hudson. "She's a single mother but she's loving and caring. I am so grateful to have her in my life. Without her I have no idea where I would be," said Knight-Hudson.

After she graduates from high school in May, she said she will probably attend a technical college.

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Choose a story in this newspaper. Cut out the headline or write the headline in the box below.

HOW did the reporter find out this event had happened? (Who told the newspaper editors?)

What questions did the reporter ask for the story?

What other questions would YOU ask people involved in this event?

Attention Teachers!
Download the Kid Scoop Reporter's Corner Guide for Teachers at www.kidscoop.com.

Standards Link: Reading/Writing: Understand "newspaper" format for articles.

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS
This week's word: CAREER
The noun **career** means a job or field of work that someone does over many years.
My mom has a 20-year career in the banking industry.
Try to use the word **career** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

KID SCOOP CAREERS SERIES

JOBS POWERED BY THE SUN

What do you want to be when you grow up? Have you ever thought about working in the field of solar energy?

Replace the missing words.

Solar power is the _____ provided by the sun. There are many _____ for people working to turn the sun's energy into electricity to _____ homes, businesses and more.

The sunlight that hits the earth in just one day could power the _____ for more than 25 years! The sun has plenty of energy for us. Now there are jobs for people to capture it and turn it into _____.

In the field of solar power, there are different kinds of jobs. There are scientists who make tools and batteries for collecting and _____ solar energy. There are even more jobs for people who install solar power systems in people's homes and _____.



Find the two suns that match.



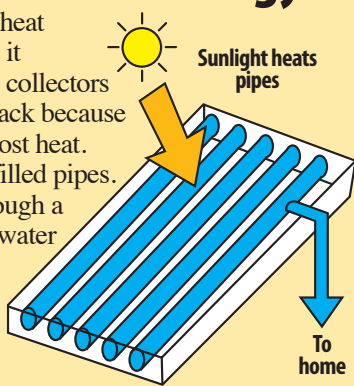
A Solar Power Job is a Good Career!

Replace the missing vowels to find out the many ways working in solar energy is a good career.

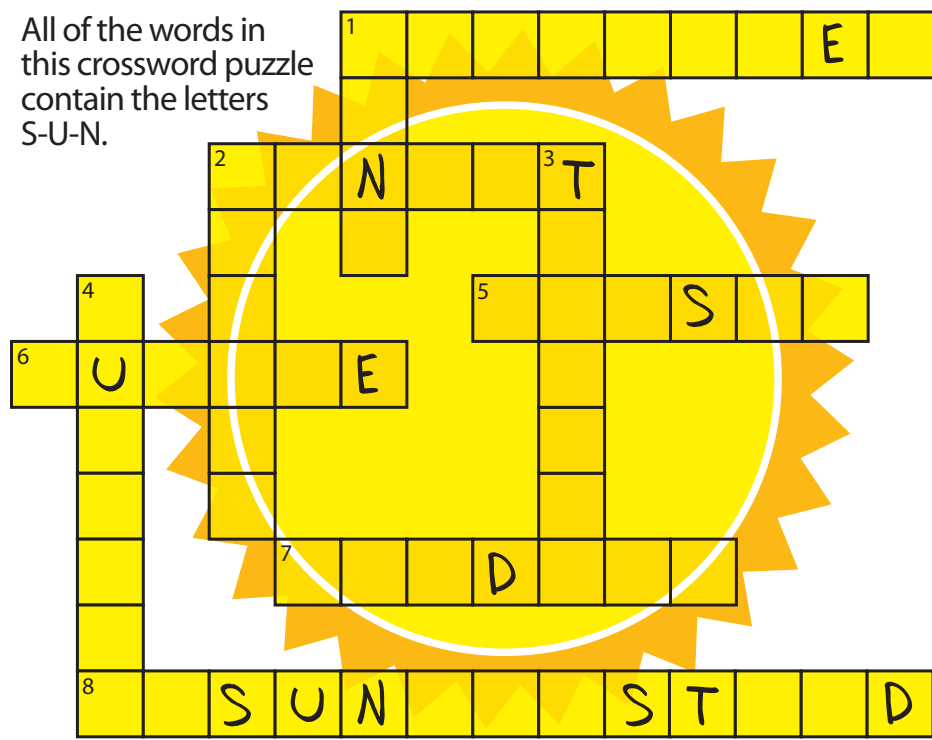
- You get to h_l_p supply people with the p_wer they n_d in th_r h_m_s, sch__ls and b_siness_s.
- Your w_rk h_lps to r_d_ce the imp_cts of cl_m_te ch_nge.
- The p_y is v_ry g__d.
- Th_re will be l_ts of jobs in this f__ld in the f_t_re.

Capturing the Sun's Energy

Solar collectors capture heat during the day and store it through the night. Often collectors are flat boxes painted black because that color absorbs the most heat. Inside are small, water-filled pipes. The sun heats water through a glass cover. The heated water is pumped into homes, providing hot water and heat. This is called **Active Solar Energy**.



All of the words in this crossword puzzle contain the letters S-U-N.



Across

- Tall plant with yellow petals and tasty seeds for snacking
- Lit by the sun
- When the sun goes behind the horizon in the evening
- Ice cream topped with fruit, syrup and whipped cream
- Device that tells the time of day with a shadow
- To take a wrong meaning

Down

- Made music with voice
- The first day of the week
- An unusually large ocean wave, often causes major damage
- A ray of light

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Extra! Extra! Sunny Words

Look through the newspaper for five or more words that describe the sun and what it does. Use these words to write a paragraph or a poem about The Sun.

Standards Link: Identify Adjectives; write in a variety of genres.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

The sun is covered with spots! Use the spots to solve the mystery questions.

How far is the sun from the Earth?

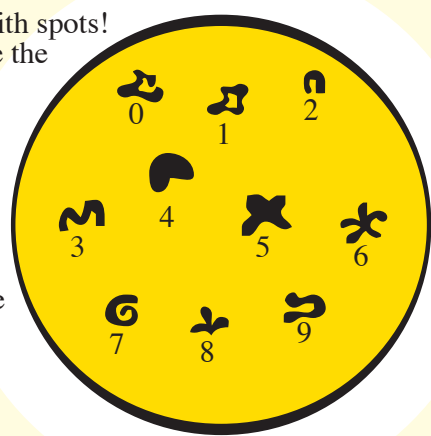
million miles (149.6 million km)

How long does it take the sun to make one complete rotation?

Earth days

What is the diameter of the sun?

miles. (1.4 million km)



WARNING!
Never look directly at the sun as this can damage your eyesight!

Double Double Word Search

- BATTERIES
- SUNLIGHT
- STORING
- SYSTEMS
- HOMES
- CLIMATE
- ENERGY
- FUTURE
- SOLAR
- POWER
- HEAT
- WORK
- HELP
- SUN
- PAY

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



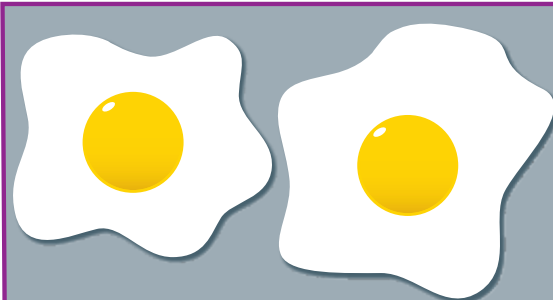
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Solar Energy Careers

Look through your newspaper for ads or articles about companies that install solar panels. Write a letter to the company and ask them what kinds of jobs they have.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Compose formal letters.



How do solar panels like their eggs?

ANSWER: Sunny side up.

Write On!

Tree Poems

What do trees mean to you? What do you love about them? Write a poem about a tree.



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WEMS students tour career center

Contributed
Williston District 29

On February 24, the guidance department and 8th grade teachers took 8th graders from Williston-Elko Middle School for a visit to the Barnwell County Career Center.

Students were able to talk with the center's director Mr. Augustine, school counselor Mr. Randall, and other teachers who teach classes on the different programs offered at the career center. Scholars were able to explore careers in Auto Mechanics, Mechatronics, Mechanical Design, Elec-



Travis Morehead, cyber security instructor, talks to prospective students from Williston.



Robbie Randall, guidance counselor at Barnwell County Career Center, gives Williston-Elko Middle School students a tour of the center.

tricity, Welding, Health Science, Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement, Cyber Security, Building Construction, Marketing Education, Cosmetology,

and Agriculture Education. It was interesting to see the students being poured into by the brilliant staff at the Career Center.

Most students can start taking classes in the 10th grade, but they have some programs available for 9th graders to start if they can show they are

mature enough to handle the equipment and have good behavior.

We hope to take our scholars on a college visit so they can see what op-

tions they have, such as if they want to go directly into the workforce after high school, attend a two-year or four-year college, or pursue a military career.



D19/D29 teachers of year

AT LEFT: Blackville-Hilda High Principal Christina Snider and TOY Lisa Nelson (business)

AT RIGHT: Williston-Elko High Principal John Bradley and TOY Mary Wright (special education)



ABOVE: Kelly Edwards Elementary School Principal Monique Smalls and TOY April Smith (kindergarten).



AT LEFT: Williston-Elko Middle TOY Doug Vincent. Not pictured: Principal Dr. Austria Bradley

AT RIGHT: Macedonia Elementary-Middle Principal Eryl Smalls and TOY Kendra Bryson (5th grade)



Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

My name:

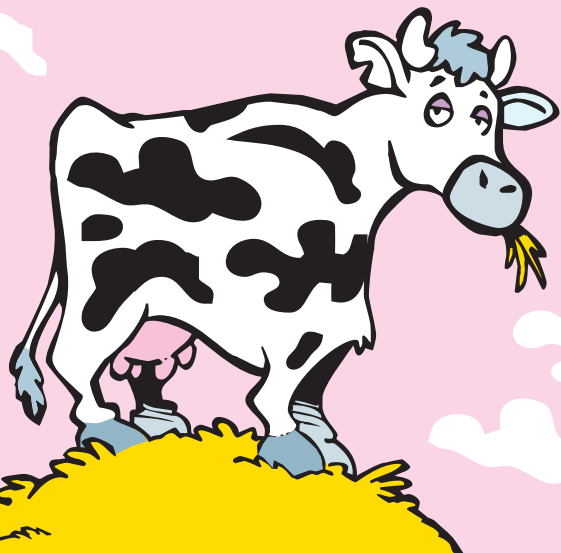
Kid Scoop Junior

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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.

Cows and Clouds

Look at the shapes of the clouds. Look at the spots on the cow. Draw a line from each cloud shape to the spot on the cow that it matches.

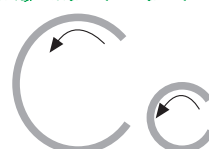


My Rhyme Time

Carla Cow shivered in the snow. The farmer said, "Get inside! Go!" Carla said, "I'm not as cold as I seem. And how else can I make ice cream?"

My Letters

C is for Cow
c is for cow

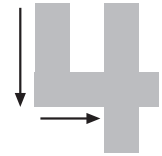


Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter C. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the C sound like the word cow?

My Numbers

How many cowboys?



How many cans?



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

My Sentence

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



Cows can



Sunday

Letter Identification

With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter C in cow.

Learning Buddy Sign Here

I have completed _____ activities with my Learning Buddy.

Monday

Math Play

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

Tuesday

Talking Pictures

Look through the newspaper for pictures of animals. (Remember, people are animals too!) Together, imitate the sounds the animals make. If it is a picture of a person, make up something for the person to say.

Wednesday

Counting Colors

With your child, find and circle the color red in today's newspaper. Then count the number of times you found the color red. Repeat with other colors.

Thursday

Big C, Little c

On one page of the newspaper search for an upper case letter C and a lower case letter c. Draw a line to connect the two. Can you find more upper case and lower case C-c pairs?

Friday

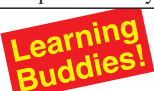
How Now Brown Cow

Cut out the letters O and W from the headlines. Then cut out the letters, H, N, B, and R. Show your child how you can spell the words how, now, brown, cow using the letters O and W.

Saturday

Catch It!

Wad up a newspaper page and wrap it with tape to make a ball. Tell your child to listen to you say a list of words. When you say a word that starts with the letter C your child should throw the ball into the air and try to catch it!



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

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

Learning Buddy's signature _____

Date _____

STEM: New lab opens new possibilities at Kelly Edwards Elementary

FROM PAGE 1A



A scholar explores virtual reality equipment.



STEM U Lab surprises KEEs with \$1,000 contribution.

through 5th grade revealed there was a 38 percent increase in reading levels and a 35 percent increase in math levels from the fall to winter.

"Our students and faculty have proved that hard work produces results. We cannot wait to see what next year

holds," said Principal Smalls.

Antira Roberts, parent of fourth grader Tyler Roberts, shared why she is so thrilled about the new STEM U Lab. "I'm excited about the opportunities [Tyler] will have to compete with other students in the state and

the nation. It's that extra push in the science, technology, and engineering department that he may have not gotten until middle school or high school." Although Tyler was initially unsure about the lab, he said he is also very excited to participate in the STEM

U lab and he is especially looking forward to learning more about science.

To learn more about STEM U, LLC, visit www.stemullc.com.

Priceless moment as scholars and attendees take their first glance in the new lab.



Blackville Museum preparing special WWII exhibit

Contributed
Blackville Museum

The Blackville Museum will be open on Saturday, May 28, from 2-4 p.m. to unveil its new World War II exhibit.

This exhibit will display photographs, information and artifacts connected to the local men and women who served

in the military during that time. This will not be a part of the permanent museum displays, but will be available for several months. Members of the public are welcome to make an appointment to visit if they are unable to attend the May 28th opening. Please call President Joan McDonald at 803-284-3267 or Vice President Marla

Jameson at 803-300-0520 for more information.

Most of the active participants in World War II are now deceased, and those still living who experienced life during that era were quite young at the time. It is important for us to document the participation of our citizens in World War II and make this information available to

our children. So many memories have been lost to time and neglect.

The sacrifices and heartaches of those who served as well as those left at home cannot be overstated. According to the statistics from the National World War II Museum, the United States suffered military deaths of 416,800.

It is sometimes difficult to put individual faces on such a large number of deaths. The Blackville Museum has tried, on a very small scale, to do just that.



Contributed Photos
Horry Hartzog was killed in action in France on September 26, 1944.



William Edward (Billy) Lancaster was lost at sea with the sinking of the USS Bates off the coast of Okinawa

ADOPTABLE PET OF THE WEEK

'Kelly' great with dogs, people

Kelly is this week's Adoptable Pet of the Week from the Barnwell County Animal Shelter.

Kelly is a unique mixed breed. She is grey and white and about one to two years old.

"She is good with other dogs but not cats. She is friendly to everyone she meets. She is awaiting an active family that will keep up with her energy," said shelter manager Marlena Ray.

Consider adding her to your family.

The Barnwell County Animal Shelter is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to meet and greet animals. Stop by to meet Kelly or any of the other adoptable dogs and cats.

Mail donations to 57 Wall St., Barnwell, S.C. 29812.

Contact the shelter at 803-259-1656 or animalshelter@barnwellsc.com.



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2022 Rifle Raffle

American Legion Post #253 in Blackville is selling tickets to a statewide rifle raffle as part of its 2022 fundraising campaign. They will raffle 52 rifles on 52 consecutive days between July 1 and August 24. Prizes to be provided by Palmetto State Armory. **TICKETS ARE \$25 EACH.**

Here is a list of the July prices, but more will be awarded through August 24th.

July 2	Benelli Nova 12/26 Bottomland 12 Ga	July 17	Rossi Gallery 22 Pump Wood 22 LR
July 3	IWI Zion Z-15 5.56	July 18	Benelli SBE3 12/26 Bottomland 12 Ga
July 4	Ruger Mini Thirty 7.62X39 7.62	July 19	Bergara B-14 6.5 Creedmore
July 5	Browning A-Bolt 308	July 20	Typhoon X12 AR Shotgun Green 12 Ga
July 6	Rossi Gallery Pump Wood 22LR	July 21	Stevens 320 12/18.5 12 Ga
July 7	Benelli Nova 12/28 Max 5 12 Ga	July 22	Ruger 10/22 RPF 1151 22 LR
July 8	Ruger American 6.5 Creedmoor	July 23	Beretta A300 Outlander Max-5 12/28 12 Ga
July 9	Browning A-Bolt 30-06	July 24	PSA PA-15 Rifle 300 Blackout
July 10	Savage Axis Timber Camo 243	July 25	Savage Axis Timber Camo 223
July 11	Rossi R522 Semi-Automatic Rifle 22 LR	July 26	Benelli M4 12/18.5" BLK 12 Ga
July 12	Rock Island VRBO 12 Coy Brown 12 Ga	July 27	Savage Axis Black 6.5 Creedmoor
July 13	Benelli Montefeltro 20x26 max-5 20 Ga	July 28	Typhoon X12 AR Shotgun Grey 12 Ga
July 14	PSA PA-15 Rifle 300 Blackout	July 29	Ruger 10/22 RB 1103 22 LR
July 15	Savage AXIS-XP Blk 243	July 30	PSA PA-15 Rifle 300 Blackout
July 16	Browning A5 12/26 Timber Camo 12 Ga	July 31	Benelli Nova 12/26 Bottomland 12 Ga

For more information, call Mr. James Dunbar at 803-707-2931, Mr. David Kenner at 803-383-1337, Mr. Albert Pressley at 803-541-1815, RJ Brown at 803-541-2799 or contact any member of the American Legion Post #253.



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Barnwell County Veteran's Memorial Park
April 29th 6-8pm

PROM



Barnwell High School held its prom on Friday, April 8 in the school gym, which was elegantly decorated for the occasion.

Photos by: Jonathan Vickery / Publisher



BHS PROM COURT 2022

Princess Cici Tyler, Prince Christian Smith, Queen Britoria Grayson, and King Russell Branch.



CORDER'S BOOK CORNER

My infatuation with the Gothic

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



Dark, gloomy woods. Misty graveyards. The silver light of a full moon dappled upon the crumbling turrets of an ancient castle. The mournful lament of a raven-haired woman in a black dress. These are just a few elements of the Gothic that my heart adores.

For me, "Gothic" is more than just a genre of literature. It is an art form composed of visual art, music, and literature. My first exposure to it was in my early teens when I started listening to Gothic rock and metal bands, such as Evanescence and Nightwish. With their vicious guitar riffs, moody synthesizers, and beautiful female vocals, I was soon drawn into the aesthetic that these bands evoked. The band members would often wear black, with deep eye shadow, displaying somber, melancholic expressions. Very cool stuff.

As the years passed, and I listened to these bands, I was taken more and more with the aesthetic. I became fond of dark art depicting grave, sorrowful images, both provocative and thoughtful. Stone crosses in graveyards, ravens perched in trees, skulls gleaming in the moonlight. All of these things stirred something in my blood.

Over the past few years, my reading and writing have both become darker. I started reading more gloomy tales. "Salem's Lot" by Stephen King, novels by Neil Gaiman, and the works of Edgar Allan Poe. I just posted a video on my new YouTube channel (Corder's Creative Corner) where I go over a pile of books that I purchased from Second and Charles, all of them being Gothic or Horror in some sense. These are all books that I'm beyond excited to jump into.

I also started writing ominous and foreboding tales, surprising myself at how easily the stories of horror and chilling situations flowed from my fingertips. I started a horror novel and wrote short stories about the consequences of unrestrained sin, all of these writings fueled by a love for the Gothic art form.

Gothic art evokes so many things that other genres do not. While many of us are afraid of the dark, the Gothic allows us to engage it. Not to avoid or hide it, like a wine stain on the carpet we covered with a chair. With music, art, and literature dealing with darker themes, we can face the fears that pervade our hearts. We can enter a safe space where we can tell ourselves, "Yes,

this character struggles with this thing. It is very similar to something I struggle with. However, we can both overcome it." That thing can be a fear, a vice, a sin. Only by entering the dark can we face the dragon that lurks there and drag it out into the light where we can finally slay it.

If you haven't exposed yourself to some Gothic art, I highly recommend it. Start with a poem by Poe, listen to Danse Macabre by Saint-Saens. I'd also say be wary, because literature and art of this ilk are not for the faint of heart, and delving into these dark castles may reveal some very disturbing and taboo things. However, if you have a strong soul, the insight gained from experiencing it may very well be of invaluable worth.

Interested in seeing more of David? Subscribe to his YouTube Channel, Corder's Creative Corner, or send him an email at dbcorderwriter@gmail.com.

Salk professor shares history with Daughters of American Revolution

Stephanie Gruber
USC Salkehatchie

USC Salkehatchie Assistant Professor of History David W. Dangerfield presented a lecture to the Rebecca Motte Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the Old Exchange Building in Charleston. His lecture, "Liberty and its Limits: Free People of Color, the American Revolution, and South Carolina," surveyed how African Americans experienced the Revolution and their interactions with both the British and American sides.

"British policies offered freedom to any enslaved person held by a colonist who was in rebellion against the Crown. Yet in South Carolina, American leaders sometimes paid new recruits for service by giving them an enslaved person after 10 months in uniform," Dangerfield said. "Still, there were enslaved and free persons of color fighting for the Americans."

Dangerfield recognized



SHARING HISTORY: David W. Dangerfield presented "Liberty and its Limits: Free People of Color, the American Revolution, and South Carolina," to the Rebecca Motte Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the Old Exchange Building in Charleston. His lecture surveyed how African Americans experienced the Revolution and their interactions with both the British and American sides.

some such men from Charleston, Moses Irvin and William Davis, who became free after serving with the patriots. Long after the war, these two free Black men used their prior military service to improve their standing in the community.

The lecture was part of a series of guest

speakers hosted by the Rebecca Motte Chapter of the D.A.R. The chapter's regent and USC Palmetto College alumna, Catherine Hyman, also gave an informative biographical sketch on a Revolutionary War figure from the Barnwell area, Tarleton Brown.

Professor Danger-

field will return to the Charleston area to present research on antebellum free people of color for the Daniel Island Historical Society on May 17 at 7 p.m. at Daniel Island's Church of the Holy Cross.

For more information, see dihistoricalsociety.com.

Wanted: Police seek Frank James Davis Jr.

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identify Davis as the suspect shown in the video, the police made it known that they wanted to talk to him. Someone claiming to be Davis called Barnwell County Dispatch, but it's unclear if that was him, according to police.

This isn't the first time Davis has been in

trouble with the law, according to a SLED background check. Between 2004 and 2006, he was convicted on multiple counts of armed robbery and kidnapping in Richland County, which led to a 15-year sentence. In 2021, he was arrested in Orangeburg County for possession

of a firearm by a convicted felon and armed robbery with a deadly weapon. Those charges are still pending. Other charges over the years include financial identity fraud, check fraud, and driving under the influence, according to the background check.

Bi-Rite management

is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the subject.

Anyone with information about the whereabouts of Davis Jr. should contact Barnwell County Dispatch at 803-541-1080 or the Williston Police Department at 803-266-7011.



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Garden grows fresh produce, family bonds

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A Williston family is sharing tips from their experience as home gardeners.

Bradley and Margo Huggins work hard to

live off the land by growing a variety of fruits, vegetables, and herbs throughout the year. They also raise chickens to provide fresh eggs and meat. Additionally, they buy local beef and Bradley hunts.

"It's powerful to be able to grow your own food and very humbling to go through the learning process of it," said Margo, who works in the agricultural field and has concerns about food shortages. Bradley is a property claims adjuster with Liberty Mutual.

The couple started gardening when

they were dating in Lexington. They moved to Williston in the summer of 2017 after purchasing a home with two acres of land. While Bradley's job as a property claims adjuster prompted the move, the couple was excited to move to a small town that is family oriented. Though they downsized their home, the move gave them a much larger yard.

Over the last five years, the couple has transformed the bare backyard into a sprawling garden known as Rivendell Farms, named for their old street in Lexington.

"It's fun to learn about your own property, and there's a lot of teamwork that goes with having



Bradley and his daughter work together.

a farmette," said Margo. From last year's greenhouse to the new 1,000-gallon rainwater catchment system coming later this year, there is always a project to do. Margo said Bradley works hard to bring her ideas to life.

The farm is a labor of love and hard work.

The couple documents their farm adventures



Bradley Huggins carries some fresh carrots.



Margo Huggins prepares the soil for planting.



Mae and Evie Huggins help pot plants.

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created his first batch of compost in 2006. After that batch didn't turn out very good, Tim sent his son Kevin to a class in Florida where he learned more about the proper elements and techniques needed to make compost.



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Humble Acres Farm in Blackville is a fourth-generation farming operation that dates back to 1923. It is owned and operated by the McCormick family. Hatching eggs, organic compost and bio-fertilizer are the major commodities produced on the farm today. "Sustainable environmental practices are

include crop rotations, reduced tillage, compost applications, and planting cover crops," states humbleacresorganics.com. Humble Acres Organic Compost started as a way to use chicken poop from the family's chicken houses. Owner Tim McCormick began to study composting and soon

They learned they were drying out their compost and needed more carbon sources to go with manure, a source of nitrogen. "You really have to have a recipe like a cake," said Tim. The McCormicks revamped their recipe to include more carbon sources, such as coffee



Ryan Delk, Kevin McCormick, and Tim McCormick keep Humble Acres running.

beans, wood ash and sawdust. This made a significant difference in the compost.

Batches of the compost are made in rows. Ingredients are blended regularly, and water is added when the recipe is too dry. As the batch heats up, good bacteria help break down the ingredients while bad bacteria are killed. A minimum of three months is needed for the process.

"It gets better the longer you wait. Most companies want fast, and the quality is not always as good if it's not cooked as long," said Tim. "Everybody told me they couldn't believe it had chicken manure because it didn't smell."

Many other compost products are peat based, which can lead to mold issues. That's not the case for Humble Acres' products which have higher levels of phosphorus and calcium from the organic ingredients. This leads to extra blooms on plants and is what led to the Bloomin' EZ name.

"Organic compost makes for a healthier plant. Our product is

tested through Clemson," said Ryan Delk, Tim's son-in-law, who is involved in the family business.

Humble Acres Organics sells three products - Bloomin' EZ Organic Compost, Bloomin' EZ Organic Potting Soil, and I Can't Believe It's Chicken Manure compost. They are used in many farms to grow sod, conventional and organic produce, and organic pastures.

"Amazing results in just 10 days! On April 8 we planted two identical tomato plants, one in I Can't Believe It's Chicken Compost with perlite added and the other in Our Triple Crown Compost with perlite added - no other fertilizer was added. The chicken compost has 2.5 percent calcium, which is great for growing tomatoes. It is fully composted and will not burn - nor does it have any odor," stated a review by All Seasons Mulch Charleston.

Humble Acres Organics started small by selling locally in Barnwell County, but now has more than 100 retail part-

ners in South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee. Annual production is more than 3,000 tons.

"We've doubled our production in the last few years. A lot of people are gardening," said Tim, who believes the COVID-19 pandemic led more people to start gardening as they were stuck at home.

The McCormick family thanks their customers for supporting them over the years. "Our goal is to see them prosper as well," said Tim, who gives back to the Barnwell community garden and other projects.

They hope to continue growing the business, including partnering with more industries who want to keep organic waste out of landfills and promoting the importance of agriculture to lawmakers.

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Garden: Williston family shares gardening tips

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Starting Small

The garden started small but has been extended over the past two years.

The couple's Lexington garden was a 4-foot by 8-foot raised bed on their quarter-acre lot. Their garden in Williston now spreads across an 1/8 acre space in the couple's backyard, sectioned off into quadrants to separate the different crops. Raised beds of herbs and flowering perennials form a colorful border around the garden's exterior.

"I prefer raised bed gardening because there's less weeds," said Margo, a member of the Ivy Garden Club.

They start most of their plants from seed, but also constantly buy and rehab plants for fun. However, for those who don't want to grow plants from seeds, she said the local farm and garden stores offer a great selection of plants. They often sell any extra plants they have started.

Their beds are currently filled with carrots, onions, sugar snap peas, broccoli, potatoes, lettuce, cucumbers, loofa, tomatoes, squash, and basil, plus a variety of flowers.

Learning & Growing

Though Margo works in the agricultural field selling NexGen cotton seed for Americot, she and her husband are not expert gardeners. They've learned everything through research and trial and error.

"You're always going to fail and learn from it," said Margo. "Learn from your successes and mistakes."

The failures only make you stronger.

After seven years of gardening, the couple has learned a thing or two about proper gardening techniques.

"Be mindful of what, when, and where.

Some plants need a solid six hours of light while some want shade.

Some types of plants do not mix well with other types of plants. It's important to know frost dates and what to plant when," said Margo. For example, strawberries should be planted in the fall, and lettuces do not do well in our hot South Carolina summers.

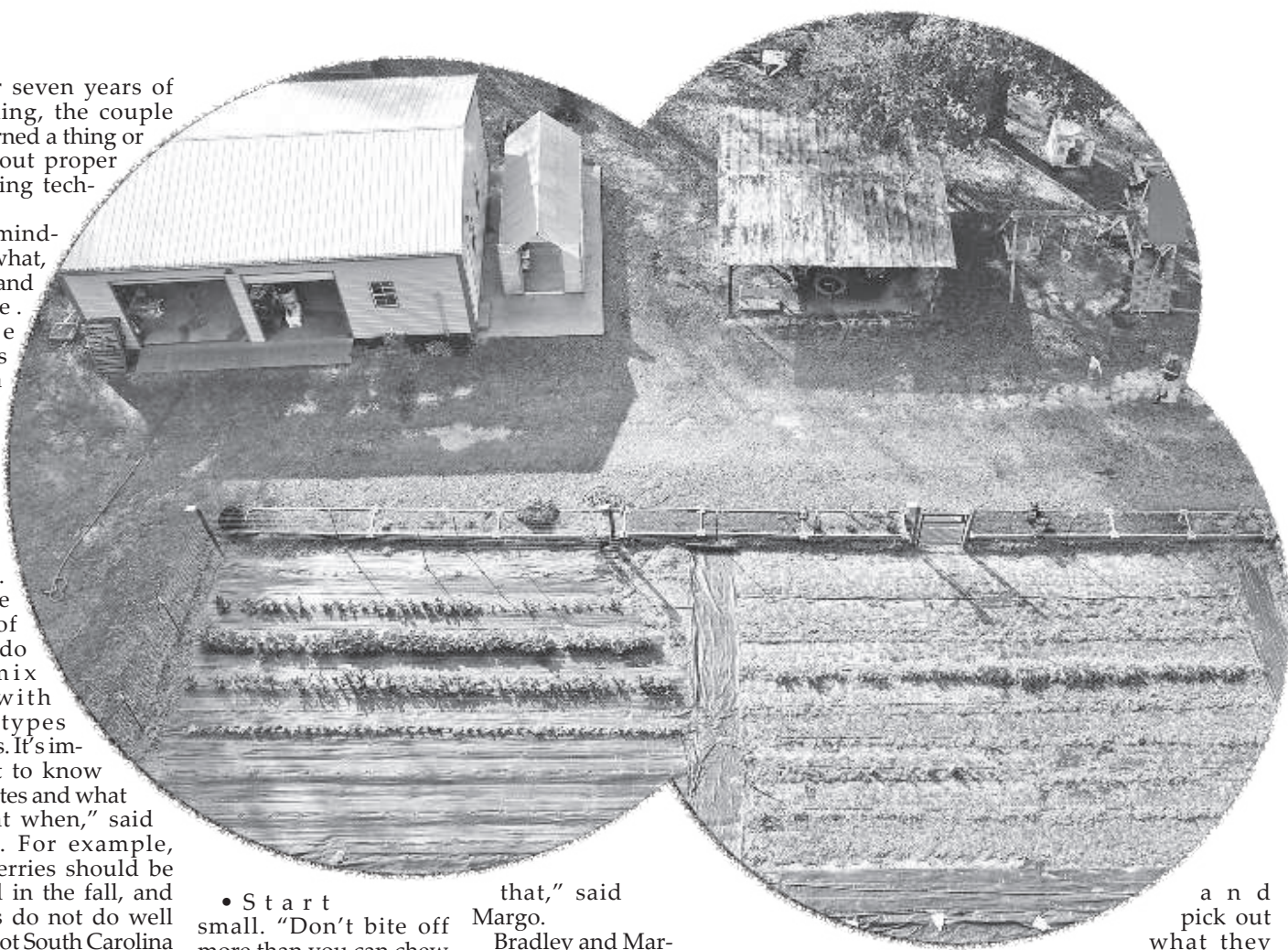
For others interested in starting a garden, Bradley and Margo have a few quick tips:

- You don't need a bunch of acreage. Pots and other containers can allow people in small spaces, such as apartments, to have their own garden.

- Start with a good base. They use Humble Acres organic compost and potting soil, which is made in Blackville.

- Start with easy-to-grow plants like banana peppers.

- Plant flowers and other plants to attract pollinators. Zinnias are super easy to grow from seed sown directly into the soil.



- Start small. "Don't bite off more than you can chew because then it becomes very stressful and labor intensive," Margo said.

- Beware of insects and diseases that can devastate a crop.

- Make it a family affair. The Hugginses include their two young daughters in their garden adventures.

- Search Facebook Marketplace for used gardening equipment.

- Utilize the free resources from Clemson University/Clemson Extension, local garden clubs, and Facebook gardening pages. Scan the QR code on this page for tips from Clemson to plant your garden.

"Even if you only grow three cherry tomatoes, you need to be proud of

that," said Margo.

Bradley and Margo said their passion is to empower others to give gardening a try.

Satisfying Results

Gardening isn't easy and it involves a lot of hard work. However, the end result is worth it.

The Hugginses enjoy gardening most days, although the blazing summer heat can make some days downright tough.

"It's hot, nasty work to pick in June and July. It's way more fun to garden in the fall because it's not as hot and there is often less insect pressure to contend with," said Margo.

Though it's dirty, hard work, it is very rewarding to harvest the fruits of your labor.

"It's satisfying to know

and pick out what they want. Gardening gives you a new appreciation for where food comes from, and fresh food in general.

"I can raise this whole plate of food," she said of eating the crops they grow.

One thing Margo and Bradley enjoy making is fresh pesto. They use the basil they grow and add in pecans, olive oil and parmesan cheese. They freeze it so they can enjoy homemade pesto all year.

The couple grows enough food for their family and sells extra to other people. To enjoy their fresh produce all year, they freeze and can what they can't readily eat or give away.

Many people don't think about food production or the food supply chain because they just go to the grocery store

ing gives you a new appreciation for where food comes from, and fresh food in general.

"It makes you appreciate what time and physical labor go into food production," said Margo.

While they grow as much as they can, the Hugginses still grocery shop for some items. However, Margo said it's important to check food labels to see where produce is grown and where meats are raised. The Hugginses constantly check to make sure that the food they purchase at the grocery store is American grown and American raised.

Their love and garden continue to grow.

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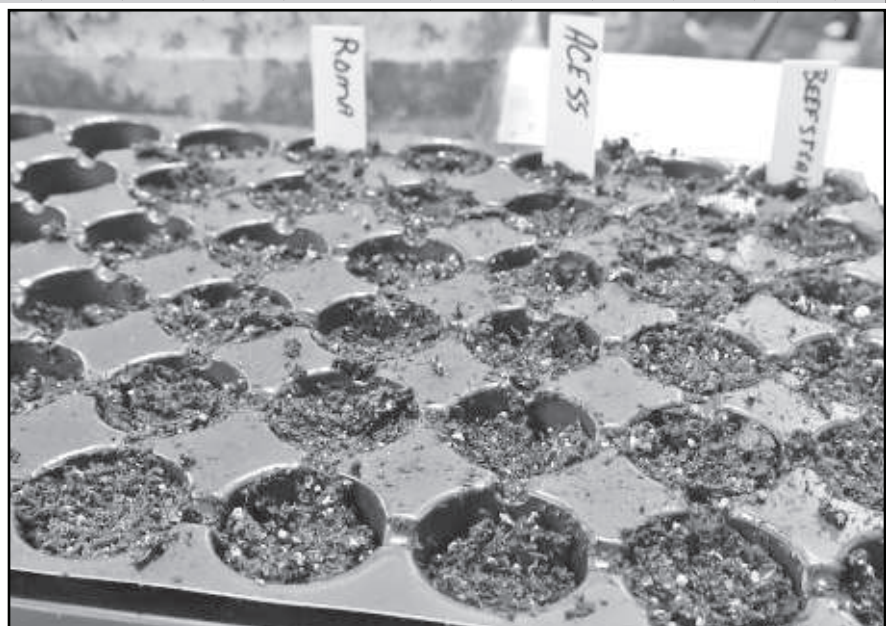
(StatePoint) Starting a garden for the first time or expanding an existing plot is easier than you may think. With a little love and care, your green space will bloom and thrive.

"For anyone with the inclination, a beautiful lawn and garden is always within reach," says Jamie Briggs, director of marketing, Exmark, a leading manufacturer of commercial mowers and equipment for landscape professionals and homeowners with a lot of lawn to cut.

This is the driving idea behind "Backyard Smart," a free online video series. These short explainer videos are full of facts and relevant information to answer your most common lawn and garden questions. The following planting strategies come directly from two recent "Backyard Smart" episodes:

- **Start With Seeds:** Looking to add new

plants to your garden and flower bed? Try starting from scratch. While most nurseries have limited species of mature plants to select from, there are literally thousands of varieties of seeds available at dirt cheap prices. A quick trip to the seed kiosk in your local hardware store offers the potential for you to enjoy flowers you've never seen and



Seeds are a cost-effective way to start or expand a colorful, eclectic garden.

vegetables you've never tasted.

"It's easy to be intimidated by the prospect of growing plants from seeds but the truth is that all you need is soil, just the right amount of water and lots of sunshine," says Briggs. "Nature will handle the rest."

- **Practice "Companion Planting":** Whether it's growing marigolds alongside tomatoes to block bad bugs or planting corn next so squash to

provide shade, plants are kind of like people, they do better with a buddy. Companion plants help block weeds, prevent pests, create fertile soil, promote pollination and offer plants a place to climb. In fact, people have been practicing this technique for centuries to create vigorous gardens.

For more entertaining, easy-to-understand approaches to making the most of your outdoor spaces, check out the Ex-

mark Backyard Life site at exmark.com/backyard.

If you've always dreamed of having your own, homegrown, fruits and vegetables in your cooking, or brightening your home with fresh-cut flowers, there is no better time than the present to pursue this dream. The long sunshiny days of summer are ideal for developing your green thumb.

Home & Garden

Tips to Add Farmhouse-Style Elements to Your Home Design

(StatePoint) When it comes to home design, farmhouse style represents a total intersection of beauty and practicality, making it no surprise that many are embracing this traditional look today. Whatever architectural style your home is, adding key design elements can help you get in on best aspects of the farmhouse trend. Here are a few renovations to consider:

- **An updated porch:** Adding a front porch or expanding an existing porch will not only add charming farmhouse-style curb appeal, but extend your outdoor living area as well. Be sure to take as much care decorating your porch as you would any other room of your home. Include comfy furniture, like rocking chairs and a porch swing, complete with cushions. Add potted plants for a touch of vibrant greenery, lantern wall sconces for illumination, and outdoor rugs for coziness. Don't forget the entryway. Make it more inviting with seasonal wreaths and a cheerful welcome mat.

- **Board 'n batten siding:** Imparting a rustic, handmade quality to any home, even those built-in contemporary styles, "board 'n batten" is a centuries-old siding design that encapsulates the appeal of farmhouse-style homes. The term "batten" refers to the strip of molding placed across the joint between boards. The resulting look boasts an attractive geometry of strong vertical lines balanced by a sense of texture across the horizontal face. While the look is traditional, you can pair it with the very latest in siding technology. For example, CedarMAX Insulated Siding from ProVia comes in many styles, including board 'n batten. This complete thermal cladding system offers continuous insulation for maximum energy savings. With five times greater impact resistance than regular siding and a weather barrier shield, this is not just a charming aesthetic upgrade, but one that will improve the comfort of your home for years to come.

- **Metal roofing:** There's a reason metal roofing plays prominently into the design of authentic farmhouses -- they are built to last. That's truer than ever today, thanks to advances in metal roofing technology. Offering superior color retention, long-term reliability, energy efficiency and environmental friendliness, architectural-grade metal shingle roofing is an upgrade that can add both beauty and value to your home. In the case of ProVia's Metal Slate Roofing, which is designed to look like classic quarried slate shingles, you can draw on the beauty of nature in shades of gray and brown, while enjoying proven protection from hail, wind, rain, and corrosion.

- **Interior touches:** Restyle your home's interior to be farmhouse-inspired with a few renovations. Classic looks include neutral walls, such as matte shades of beige, grays and creams, shabby chic furniture -- think wicker, distressed wood and reclaimed lumber -- and hardwood flooring. Consider dusting off a few hand-me-downs or visiting antique shops and estate sales for one-of-a-kind finds. Above all, be sure to prioritize comfort, warmth, and practicality.

To embrace everything that a home should be -- an inviting place to gather with friends and family -- add farmhouse-style touches to your home, indoors and out.



5 Exterior Home Upgrades That Deliver a Return on Investment

(StatePoint) Want to make some serious exterior home upgrades that improve your safety and comfort, add beauty to your home and deliver a return on your investment? Here are five projects that do just that:



1. **Install storm doors:** Storm doors give you the option of letting in more light and ventilation on fair weather days, while protecting your entry door from harsh conditions and weathering. There are many ways to customize this upgrade to meet your aesthetic and functional needs. Options from ProVia include retractable screens at the top and bottom for more venting options, as well as stylish designs and colors for instant curb appeal. Families might want to consider storm doors featuring heavy-duty, non-removable stainless steel screens ideal for keeping children and pets safely inside.

2. **Get summer-ready:** Extend your home's outdoor living area just in time for summer -- plus substantially increase your home value -- with the addition of a deck, patio or porch. Whether you add a small hibachi grill or get as involved as installing a full outdoor kitchen, be sure to include an area to prepare and enjoy meals. A few key touches, like string lights and potted plants, along with cozy furniture, can make the space feel homey.

3. **Replace patio doors:** If your patio doors are drafty or get stuck easily, it may be time for an ENERGY STAR-certified replacement. Endure sliding glass patio doors from ProVia come standard with ComforTech Warm Edge Glazing, a high-tech glass package that measurably improves thermal performance for greater efficiency and reduced interior condensation.

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4. **Lower bills:** Did you know that you can lower your bills and add natural beauty and privacy to your property by planting trees strategically? In summer, the shade that trees create can help keep your home cool. In winter, they can help block wind and prevent drafts. The Utah State University Forest Extension recommends locating trees no closer than 2.5 times their mature height to the south of a building to avoid winter shading. They also suggest knowing the size and other characteristics of a particular species before planting to avoid future problems, such as hitting power lines.

5. **Protect your home:** If you live in an area prone to extreme weather -- heavy rain, hail, driving wind, frigid temperatures, or scorching heat -- your home needs protection against the elements. CedarMAX insulated vinyl siding provides defense against these harsh conditions and improves energy efficiency as well. The insulation contributes to the rigidity of the panel, increases durability, and provides five times greater impact resistance over hollow siding, protecting against damage by hail, high winds, or contact with your child's fastball. Color and beauty are also huge factors in this home improvement decision; CedarMAX offers many options to customize the look with both neutral and bold colors and coordinated accessories. It's resistant to fading, chalking, cracking, peeling, and thermal expansion and contraction, making it a sound investment for years to come.

It's important to see a tangible return on larger home upgrades. The best projects to consider are those that increase your home value, save you money, and add beauty and comfort to your home.

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Seeking 2nd Shift Millwright or Heavy Maintenance Technician

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