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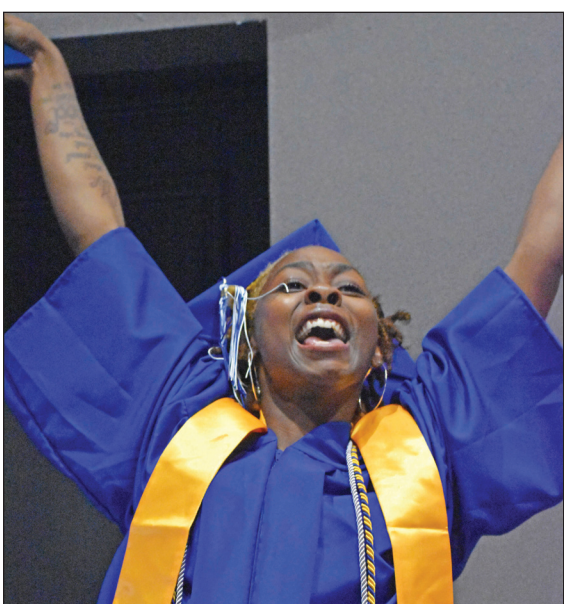
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## Con'grad'ulations

Blackville-Hilda High graduates Heven Dowling and Tamari Daniels release confetti as they celebrate with classmates at the end of the May 24 commencement ceremony. Elijah de Castro / Report for America



Ci'Tira Bell celebrates her graduation from Williston-Elko High School on May 24. Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter



Kah'miyah Williams celebrates earning her diploma from Barnwell High School on May 24. Jonathan Vickery / Publisher

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## Barnwell County unites on Memorial Day to honor, remember those who paid ultimate sacrifice

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A sea of patriotic colors filled the Veterans Memorial Park in Barnwell on May 27.

Veterans, community leaders, and residents of all ages united at the park for the annual Memorial Day program hosted by the Marine Corps League (Barnwell County Leathernecks) and Salkehatchie Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans Association.

"We don't fight for politicians; we don't fight for money. A lot of us never thought about serving for our family. We serve for each other and the comradery



Sgt. Sean Grilley died in 2003 in a firefight in Iraq. Memorial Day is a time to remember the sacrifices of men and women like Grilley who die while serving their country.

with the men and women that you serve with is such a strong bond you can't tear apart," said speaker Sergeant First Class Jerry Smith, a JROTC instructor at Barnwell High School who recently returned from a deployment.

Smith devoted his speech to Sergeant Sean Grilley, who he called a "special young man that impacted my life."

In 2000, Smith was working as a recruiter for the U.S. Army in San Bernadino, California. That's where he met Grilley, who wanted to join the military and become a military policeman. Smith spent 12 years as a military policeman

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## Three teens, one residence shot in Blackville

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Numerous shots were fired on Friday and Saturday in Blackville, leaving three teenagers injured and one residence damaged. Details are limited as the Blackville Police Department (BPD) investigates.

On Friday, May 24, 2024, individuals leaving a graduation party went to an area off of Robinson Street in Blackville where law enforcement later responded to calls of shots fired. According to BPD Chief Ray

Crawford, one individual was shot in the buttocks, one was shot in the hip, and another was grazed. All were teen-aged.

On Saturday, May 25, 2024 shortly after midnight, BPD responded to shots fired at a residence on Legion Road. No one was injured.

Upon arrival, law enforcement found evidence of gunshots hitting the front and side doors of the home. According to Chief Crawford, witnesses saw people fleeing the scene on foot, but did not have a good description.

BPD is the only agency currently investigating both incidents.

## BPD awards officer for exemplary performance, recognizes widow

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Since being sworn into the Barnwell Police Department (BPD) in March, officer Xavier Trumpler "has kicked it into high gear," said Chief Michael Butts. Specifically for his dedication while on a welfare call.

Chief Butts explained Officer Trumpler responded to the home of an individual who had not been heard from by their church members for a couple days. The individual was not able to come to the door, so the officer spoke to them through a nearby window.

Although he could hear their voice, he did not leave their residence until he could physically see that they were okay. Due to the individual's inability to unlock the door, he found a window and crawled in.

He found the individual laying on the shower floor, where they had fallen over two days earlier.

Officer Trumpler lifted them to a sitting position and promptly called EMS.

Chief Butts presented him with a plaque of recognition from the chief's association, the

"You'll always be part of our family."

- Barnwell Police Chief

Michael Butts, speaking to Janell Jones, widow of PFC Stephen Jones who died in 2021

department, and the city itself for his dedication to duty.

Officer Trumpler was recently promoted to Sergeant and has taken the lead on training newcomers, such as the four that were sworn in at the May meeting - James Thorpe, Justin Thomas, Joshua Newman, and William Beard.

Beard was promoted to Corporal and Thomas was promoted to Lance Corporal. With the addition of these officers, BPD is now fully staffed.

Also recognized at the meeting was Janell Jones, the widow of PFC Stephen Jones who died in September 2021 from complications from contracting COVID-19 in the line of duty. Jones received a plaque from the S.C. Criminal Justice

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Barnwell Police Chief Michael Butts (left) presents Sergeant Xavier Trumpler an award for exemplary service to the City of Barnwell in relation to a welfare check he performed. Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

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# MEMORIAL DAY: Community remembers those who gave their all in service

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Attendees of the Memorial Day program chat after the event. The event was attended by veterans, public officials, and residents of all ages.



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The Barnwell County Leathernecks perform the rifle salute at the event.



Local veterans display the flags of the branches of the military.

and was able to share his experiences.

As with any possible recruit, Smith said he never lied about the expectations of a soldier. "I told them all the time if you can get up early, be told what to do 24 hours a day, and don't mind being away from home, you can be a soldier." He also was upfront about the potential for deployment, particularly among military policemen.

Grilley joined the Army in search of a better way of life for him and his family, including his new wife. "He joined the Army because he wanted to serve," said Smith. "He didn't join to become a millionaire; he didn't join to travel; he didn't join to party; he didn't join for college money."

In 2003, Grilley graduated from the Special Forces Assessment and Selection Course. Though he could have left Fort Campbell to attend Special Forces school, he chose to remain and deploy to Iraq with his platoon.

"He took that charge, the NCO (non-commissioned officer) creed, to heart. He knew he didn't want a new leader coming in to train his team," said Smith.

On Oct. 16, 2003, Grilley was killed in action in Iraq. He was just 24 years old.

"Grilley distinguished himself with an exceptional display of valor above and beyond the call of duty during a fierce firefight. Grilley entered the zone of the firefight to recover a wounded comrade. Just as he had positioned the wounded soldier behind cover, Grilley was shot and killed," said Smith.

In recognition of his brave, selfless actions, Grilley was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Valor and the Purple Heart.

Though Smith is the only person in Barnwell County who knew Sgt. Grilley, it's important for everyone to remember his sacrifice and bravery because that's what Memorial Day is all about.

"When you're doing your barbecue or eating your meal, take a time out to



Barnwell County Veterans Affairs Officer Joyce Brooks hugs a local veteran after the ceremony.

pray for the Grilley family and his wife Lucy," said Smith.

The event also paid tribute to the late Elbert Timothy "Tim" Moore Jr., who was well known around Barnwell County. The military veteran, retired educator/coach, attorney, and community leader died in a wreck in February.

"This Vietnam Veterans Chapter and the Barnwell County Veterans Park meant quite a lot to him. He devoted countless hours of work and attention to help develop this setting into a fitting monument for our veterans and something everyone in



SFC Jerry Smith (left) shakes hands with Ed Moore. Both spoke during the event.



Members of the Barnwell County Leathernecks, the local chapter of the Marine Corps League, co-hosted the event.

Barnwell County can be proud of," said Ed Moore, one of Tim Moore's two sons.

Tim Moore served his country as an infantryman in the 199th Light Infantry Brigade in Vietnam.

"His unit, like many others of the time, faced many horrors of war. They were on the front lines so to speak and endured some of the harshest conditions and activity of the war. The stories, memories,

and photos he shared only confirmed the brutality of warfare," said Ed, who is an Army veteran.

Many veterans have a hard time sharing and discussing their experiences during war, even to loved ones. This was true for Tim as well. However, Ed remembers his father opening up during a family trip one

Memorial Day weekend to Washington, D.C. for the "Redcatcher Reunion" – an annual gathering of those who served in the 199th.

"Dad was able to connect with people who experienced and endured the same harsh reality that he did. He was able to open up to people who understood exactly what

he went through. He was able to listen to others as they opened up to him. Together, they offered a chance to heal, and to grow, and to bond. I don't think Dad ever missed another reunion after that. He developed lifelong friendships that spanned all across our nation," said Ed.

This also led Tim to become active in other veteran organizations, such as the local chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

"As a result, the pain, the nightmares, and the fear that had always been present slowly faded. I was fortunate enough to

join him at several of these reunions. I saw a different side of Dad there. I saw him open up and speak about things I had never seen before. I was watching deep wounds heal in real time. I was watching pain go away. I was watching a new and positive spirit being born and developed," said Ed.

Just as it's important for veterans to have a support system, Ed said that's also true for non-veterans because everyone has trials and tribulations.

"Paul wrote in his second letter to the Church in Corinth that God comforts us in all our troubles so that we may comfort others. We are not meant to walk through life alone. There are people who have experienced similar troubles to us. We must remember not to try to fight these alone. We should seek help from our community and offer the same to others," said Ed.

Another concept Ed learned from his father was service.

Though he could have found a way out of serving after being drafted at the height of the Vietnam War, "Dad believed in service. Service to others, service to our community, service to our nation," said Ed.

After coming home from war, Tim went on to serve his community.

Whether serving on the front lines of war or serving behind the scenes at a soup kitchen or other community organization, everyone can learn from the examples of Grilley and Moore.

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# Chamber welcomes new opportunity for women entrepreneurs



Female entrepreneurs, Chamber leaders, and community leaders watch as the ribbon was cut on May 21 naming the Southern Palmetto Chamber of Commerce a Women's Business Center.

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The Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber of Commerce was selected by the U.S. Small Business Association (SBA) to be designated as a Women's Business Center (WBC) – a federal funding initiative aimed at expanding opportunities for women-owned businesses.

According to chamber president Bob Snead, this designation will “support small businesses, women owned and women driven initiatives throughout the region for the next five years, and hopefully forever,” said Snead. Funding is renewable after the five-year term.

This designation will help offer one-on-one services, training, networking opportunities, technical assistance, and mentoring for women entrepreneurs on topics such as financial management, marketing, and procurement.

“At the SBA, we’re always looking to reach out to those rural areas like Barnwell. I think that is a great partnership that we’re going to have,” said SBA Deputy District Director Michael Corp. “We’re looking forward to working in the Barnwell community.”

SBA Administrator Usabel Casillas Guzman announced the 17 WBCs established in this initiative on March 29, 2024.

“Under the Biden-Harris Administration, we have seen a historic small business boom, with women, especially women of color, filing new business applications at double the rates of men,” said Administrator Guzman in a press release. “The SBA’s expanding network of Women’s Business Centers is meeting these new and established businesses where they are with resources to help them get funding to grow, create jobs, and strengthen our economy.”

The chamber is also established as a Minority



Rebekah Grubbs, director of women driven initiatives, was one of the speakers at the ribbon cutting ceremony.  
Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

Serving Institution by SBA. A ribbon cutting was held on May 21 welcoming guest speakers and the chamber’s Rebekah Grubbs in her new role as Director of Women Driven Initiatives.

“We have a couple great speakers who are joining us from all over the state,” said Snead. “I am going to leave it to the incredible and powerful women that I am surrounded by to talk

about that work that we are doing here.”

Grubbs described this designation as a landmark for Barnwell County; “This is going to be where we see generational changes in Barnwell,” she said.

Grubbs directs the women’s branch of the chamber, EmpowHer, where the focus is on women entrepreneurs, and women looking for direction in both.

“I know when women own businesses, your community is better. You have more economic growth, you have more job creation, you have community investment,” said Grubbs. “When women own businesses, the community wins.”

Grubbs explained the trends showing increased investment from women-owned businesses into their local parks, schools, and organizations compared to investment from women working a traditional 9 to 5.

In addition, women entrepreneurs serve as role models for others hoping to do the same.

Executive Director for the Barnwell County Economic Development Association Tommy Boyleston talked about the vision and effort it takes to bring this level of opportunity to rural regions.

“It’s not always easy to get things done in a small area like this, but the effort is great and the leadership is just getting better all the time,” said Boyleston. “What a great day for Barnwell County.”

WBCs were designated across the country in California, Connecticut, Washington, D.C., Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Aside from the Barnwell resource center, other statewide WBCs are located in Charleston, Columbia, and Greenville. Described as a

“powerhouse” by Snead, Alicia Davis is a city councilwoman, small business owner, and facilitator of the chamber’s 12-week Propel Business Lab, which will be supported by the funding from this designation.

The Propel Business Lab has graduated 60 participants and written multiple checks for \$10,000. If only 40 are successful business owners and are making \$40,000 per year, that equates to \$2.4 million dollars of impact on the community annually, according to Snead.

Davis covers everything an entrepreneur might need to know in this course from selecting insurance to forming an LLC.

Sonja Barkley, manager of Small Business in the U.S. Department of Commerce, explained the national impact of the regional work done by the chamber.

“The great work of the Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber not only benefits the local businesses here in Barnwell and Allendale counties, but its work also complements the mission and vision of the U.S. Department of Commerce as well,” said Barkley.

Increasing economic opportunity and bringing sustainable advantages will be furthered by the chamber’s recent award from the Dept. of Commerce to bring monthly workshops supporting the digital needs of small businesses.

For more information on the Southern Palmetto Chamber of Commerce’s upcoming initiatives and events, visit <https://southernpalmettochamber.org/>.

## Barnwell County Consolidated SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Barnwell County Consolidated School District is currently accepting comments and/or requests for the naming of the Williston-Elko Auditorium. Naming requests must come from a school or community group. Individuals are not permitted to submit requests. As it stands, we have received one request. The Williston-Elko Arts Department has requested to name the auditorium in memory of Mrs. Linda Asept, a beloved teacher and Drama Coach at Williston-Elko High School.

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**Comments and or further request should be addressed to:**  
**David W. Corder, Superintendent via email at [david.corder@bccsd.net](mailto:david.corder@bccsd.net)**

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## BIRTH



Teagyn Elizabeth Delk was born on April 22, 2024.

### Teagyn Elizabeth Delk

Morgan Youmans and Stacy Delk are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Teagyn Elizabeth Delk. She was born on April 22, 2024 at 3:28 p.m. at MUSC Shawn Jenkins Medical Center. She weighed 5 pounds, 9.6 ounces and measured 19.5 inches long. She joins siblings Duncan, Brayden, Corbin, and Jordon. Maternal grandparents are Faith Zeigler of Williston and the late William Neill Youmans Jr. Maternal great-grandparents are Carroll and Barbara Zeigler of Williston. Paternal grandparents are George Allen and LaWanda Delk of Denmark. Paternal great-grandparents are the late George "Roddy" and Ida Delk and the late Rev. B.T. "Buster" and Elva Huggins.

## BIRTH



Mei'Lona Dior-Marie Owens was born on May 8, 2024.

### Mei'Lona Dior-Marie Owens

Miranda Marie Owens of Williston is proud to announce the birth of her daughter, Mei'Lona Dior-Marie Owens. She was born May 8, 2024 at 4:17 a.m. in Augusta, Ga. She measured 20 inches and weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces. She was welcomed home by her aunt, Mariana Marie Bartley, and uncle, Mason A'mar Bartley. Grandparents are Danielle Marie Owens and Gregory Denzel Bartley of Williston. Great-grandparents are the late Glenda Marie Owens of Arcadia, Florida, William Allen Owens of Williston, Norma Jean Owens of Williston, James Allen Owens of Williston, June Florice Harrison of Arcadia, Florida, Harold Richard Livingston of Arcadia, Florida, and Mary Baxley Livingston of Arcadia, Florida.

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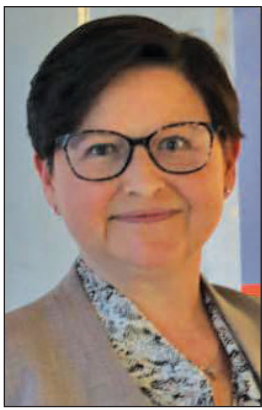
# Meet Your

# LOCAL CANDIDATES

## 2 Republican candidates vye for S.C. House District 90 seat

Two Republican candidates are seeking the District 90 seat in the S.C. House of Representatives. This seat represents all of Barnwell and Allendale counties, plus a portion of Orangeburg County. Demaris Johnson and Ben Kinlaw, who both reside in Barnwell County, will be on the June 11 Republican Primary ballot. The winner of the primary will face Rep. Lonnie Hosey, a Democrat who lives in Barnwell County, who has held the seat since 1999.

### Demaris Johnson



Demaris Johnson grew up in Williston and currently lives there with her husband and son.

"My mother and father instilled in me Christian values, honesty, integrity, and a desire to serve others. As children we were taught the value of patriotism and the great sacrifices of our forefathers," she said.

As a teenager, she worked in the family's bakery in Barnwell. During her senior year of high school, she worked at the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office as a data entry clerk and assisted with the training of the Explorers.

While studying criminal justice at USC Salkehatchie, she continued her work at the sheriff's office.

"My education in criminal justice and my work at the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office taught me the moral and ethical values that are essential for public service," said Johnson.

After college she relocated to Jacksonville, N.C. and became a Nationally Certified Pharmacy Technician. Upon completing her training, Johnson worked at the New River Air Station Medical Clinic as a pharmacy technician. After her son was born, she moved back to Williston and worked for a local bank as a teller and later as a financial services representative.

She is a member of Rosemary Baptist Church, in which her father grew up attending. She is also a proud member of the National Rifle Association. For many years, she has volunteered as a poll worker for local elections.

### Ben Kinlaw



Benny "Ben" Kinlaw and his wife Peggy have been residents of Barnwell since March 2000. They moved here from their native state of North Carolina after he accepted a job with Mohawk as site manager.

He is completing the final year of his second term on Barnwell County Council (District 5). He serves on several boards through county council.

"We are members of Citizen of Nuclear Technology Awareness and represent Barnwell County as a member of Energy Community Alliance. We set a goal of elevating Barnwell County's profile with the Savannah River Site's leadership and attended conferences with them through ECA," said Kinlaw.

He is executive director of Keep Barnwell County Beautiful, an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, which celebrated its first year of affiliation on March 20, 2024.

Kinlaw is a retired businessman who proudly served his country. He joined the U.S. Air Force on March 22, 1968.

Peggy currently is in her second term serving Barnwell City Council District 2, and as mayor pro tempore.

The couple have one son, Jonathan, who is married to Katie Tilley Kinlaw. They have two grandsons - the oldest is Thatcher, age 11, and the youngest is Harrison, age 9. They live in northwest Georgia, one and half hours north of Atlanta.

The Kinlaws attend First Baptist Church of Barnwell.

### Why have you chosen to run for this seat?

**JOHNSON:** Sometimes it is necessary to answer a question with a question. Are you pleased with our current state of affairs in our local, state, and federal government? Do you believe our current elected officials at the state level truly represent the voices and needs of our local communities? I believe the answer to these questions is a resounding "no!" It is my desire to connect with the citizens in our local communities to hear their voices and hear their needs. I intend to make your voices heard in the South Carolina House of Representatives. Economic development has evaded our communities for far too long, negatively impacting the quality of life and the financial success and independence of our citizens. I intend to fight tirelessly to make our area and the quality of life for our citizens something we can be proud of.

**KINLAW:** I made the decision to run for HD-91 to move our district forward. This district is comprised of all Allendale and Barnwell counties, and the western portion of Orangeburg County. In the 2020 Census, 24 out of 46 counties lost population. The smaller and rural counties lost population, and larger areas grew at ten percent rate.

Allendale is one of 24 mostly rural counties that saw population declines over the past decade, and saw its population decline 22.8%, down to 8,039 people in 2020. Barnwell saw its population decline 8.9% down to 20,589. Orangeburg is a larger county, but their population declined 8.9% down to 84,223.

The March 2024 unemployment rate for Allendale County was 6.5%, second highest in the state, Barnwell County was 5.4% fifth highest and Orangeburg County was 4.9%, the tenth highest.

The infrastructure of our district is Allendale County has four lane road and rail, Orangeburg has two four lane roads, two interstates, rail and just over one hour from a port and Barnwell has no four lane road or rail.

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

**JOHNSON:** The three most important issues affecting our state are :

1. Poor distribution of state funding and resources to rural areas compared to urban areas
2. Infrastructure to support and promote economic development in the rural areas. (Example: An interstate highway from Columbia to Savannah that would be a corridor for economic growth for industry with port access.)
3. Education reform that mandates efficient use of public funding that will prepare our children for a prosperous future without them being saddled with debt. Example expand the state's technical college system by adding additional campuses in rural areas that lack access for rural citizens to earn an education that will prepare them to be competitive job candidates for trade and industrial jobs.

**KINLAW:**

1. A common problem we see not only in our district, but in our state and across America is not enough labor to fill jobs. On top of this worker shortage, those who may be available do not have the soft skills industry requires. Workforce development and adequate funding for our technical schools to assist in the development of a pipeline of workers to satisfy the requirement to fill jobs.
2. Infrastructure need assessment is needed to determine future economic development in the district.
3. Affordable housing is a critical need as new industries locate to our region and for people moving to the district.

### What is your first priority if elected?

**JOHNSON:** I am compiling a list of priorities and issues in the town hall meetings I am hosting. This data will reveal the true needs and desires of my constituents. The people will decide! I am merely their voice.

**KINLAW:** Our existing industries are facing a worker shortage, and this sends a message to any new industries coming to our region. We have already had a discussion with William Floyd, Executive Director of S.C. Department of Employment Workforce.

S.C. ranks 48th in terms of Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR) and our district ranks low in comparison to other counties. The General Assembly passed H.4710 legislation and this will become effective on October 1, 2024. If we increase the LFPR by 1% in the state it means \$1.2 billion in extra payroll. The LFPR in October 2022 for S.C. was 56.7% and the U.S. was 62.2%.

### What are some of your short-term and long-term goals if elected?

**JOHNSON:** Political power and economic success are very evident along the I-26 corridor, however, these things are clearly lacking in the more rural parts of the state. It is my belief that our state is stronger if the rural areas that are stricken with poverty begin to grow and prosper. My short-term goal is to assist in planting the seeds for this change to occur. My long-term goal is for these rural areas to become places that are desirable to live in.

**KINLAW:** Short-term is to work with SCDEW on increasing the Labor Force Participation Rate and workforce development. Long-term is to assess the district's needs for quality-of-life issues.

### How will you ensure the issues of the rural areas you represent are prioritized on a state level? (access to healthcare, gun violence, increasing rates of overdose, etc.)

**JOHNSON:** I will cultivate strong relationships and promote participation with the citizens in our communities. My town hall meetings in our communities will be a forum for the people to express their concerns and needs. Your voice will be heard on the floor of the S.C. House of Representatives. I will not sit idly by and allow the larger metropolitan areas like Charleston, Columbia, and Greenville to continue to have their needs met while ours are not. I believe every South Carolinian deserves to live in a community that is safe, and has adequate access to health care to include quality mental health care services and substance abuse treatment. Violent crime and drug abuse are destroying our youth. I will fight for additional law enforcement resources to combat these problems. Additionally, I intend to push for legislation that will mandate mandatory minimum sentencing for violent crime and the manufacturer and distribution of illegal substances.

**KINLAW:** Building foundational relationships with other legislators whose counties face similar challenges is a good starting point in moving our district forward. Over the years I have developed good working relationships with the Executive Branch and many legislators in our General Assembly.

The examples you've listed require our state government to implement these programs to ensure the funding is established and is sustainable.

### Cast your ballot ahead of time for June primaries

As the S.C. State Election Commission (SEC) gears up for the upcoming June Primaries, they are encouraging registered voters to jumpstart their participation by voting early. "You don't have to wait until Election Day, June 11th, to cast your ballot," says Howie Knapp, Executive Director of the SEC, "You can vote at any early voting center in your county and vote just like you would at your polling place on Election Day."

#### Vote Early

The early voting period starts on Tuesday, May 28 and ends Friday, June 7.

Closed on weekends and state holidays.

Early voting centers are open 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the early voting period.

Voters will be asked to present a Photo ID when checking into vote.

Visit [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov) or contact your county voter registration office to find a list of early voting locations.

#### Vote Absentee

Qualified voters can vote absentee by mail. An example of a qualified voter could be a person with a physical disability or someone who is age 65 or older.

To see a full list of qualifying reasons to vote absentee, visit the absentee voting page on [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov).

To vote absentee by mail, get your application by contacting your county voter registration office.

The deadline to return your application is 5:00

p.m. on Friday, May 31.

Return your ballot by mail or personal delivery as soon as possible, but no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, June 11.

Visit [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov) to see a full list of qualifying reasons to vote absentee and to find more information about absentee voting.

#### Stay Prepped for the Polls

Get a copy of your sample ballot, voting locations and more elections information by visiting [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov) or by contacting your county voter registration office.

Download our Voter & Absentee Go-To Guides, Voter FAQs, and visit our Prep for the June Statewide Primaries page.

Stay connected with us on Facebook, Instagram, and X.

KEY DATES

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May 28

Early voting for Primaries begins at county voter registration offices and other early voting centers.

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May 31

Deadline for voters to apply for an absentee ballot for Primaries.

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June 7

Deadline to vote early in person for Primaries.

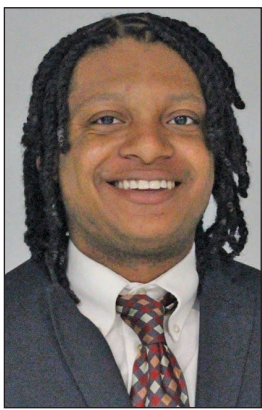
SOUTH CAROLINA  
ELECTION COMMISSION



# Sen. Brad Hutto faces Democratic challenger, Kendrick Brown, in primary

Two Democratic candidates will be on the June 11 primary ballot for the S.C. Senate District 40 seat, including incumbent Sen. Brad Hutto of Orangeburg County and challenger Kendrick Brown of Bamberg County. District 40 includes Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Colleton, Hampton & Orangeburg counties. The winner of the Democratic Primary will face Republican candidate Sharon Carter, who lives in Bamberg County, on the November General Election ballot.

## Kendrick Brown



**K**endrick Brown, a Bamberg County school teacher, is challenging Sen. Brad Hutto in the Democratic primary for the District 40 seat.

Born to a father from Denmark, South Carolina, and a mother from Midway (Bamberg), South Carolina, this area is the only home Brown has ever known.

"It is an honor to fight for the expansion of knowledge, opportunities, and resources future generations need to one day take on the responsibility of making the world a better place. I live my life with a keen awareness of the legacies and traditions of past community cultivators," said Brown.

He teaches English, coaches soccer and basketball, and helps advise the student council at his alma mater, Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School.

"I strive to be a positive role model for my children and students," he said.

When not involved in the community, he enjoys spending time with his wife, two sons, their corgi Chase, and their friends and family.

## Sen. Brad Hutto



**S**en. Brad Hutto seeks to continue representing District 40, just as he has since 1996.

"In the General Assembly, I have been an advocate for the rural communities and have led efforts to deliver critical increased funding for road improvements. I have advocated for increased funding for our public schools and teachers. I believe that it is important that we ensure that everyone, no matter where they live, has good health care options," said Hutto.

Born in Orangeburg County and raised on his family's dairy farm near Holly Hill, he graduated from the University of South Carolina and Georgetown University Law Center. He has practiced law in Orangeburg for 40 years with the firm of Williams & Williams.

Sen. Hutto has taught at the USC Honors College for over 10 years, serves on the executive committee of the Southern Carolina Alliance, and chairs the Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children. He is an Eagle Scout and has been a leader in the Boy Scouts of America for over 40 years.

He and his wife, Tracy Macpherson, a pediatrician, enjoy backpacking, pickleball, and traveling. Their son, Skyler, practices law with his father.

### Why have you chosen to run for this seat?

**BROWN:** This campaign aims to energize as many people as possible to maximize their potential. Like many undervalued teachers, I spend my workdays investing in the growth of the culture of the community. I am running to be part of the change our communities need. The youth need someone to represent their needs and concerns. My attempt to make a change will hopefully spark something in every individual who desires to make the world a better place. My sons are 5 and 4 years old. I intend to set a bar for them to reach for, thus elevating their unique legacies to inspire the next generation. I'm from District 40 and I think I embody the passion, ambition, and courage the next generation wants to be the foundation for the future of this area. Our people have a hard time being seen or heard here. I hope the light I am shining on our communities is bright enough for more people to give us a chance.

**HUTTO:** I am thankful for the citizens in my District entrusting me to serve as their State Senator for almost 30 years. As someone who has lived in rural South Carolina my whole life, I understand the challenges facing rural communities in our state. I am proud to have been instrumental in promoting funding for rural school districts, in allocating millions of dollars to improve our roads, schools, parks, and in bringing new industry into our area to allow our citizens to obtain good jobs.

### How will you ensure the issues of the rural areas you represent are prioritized on a state level? (access to healthcare, gun violence, increasing rates of overdose, etc.)

**BROWN:** For too long, rural areas across America have been overlooked and undervalued. Our state has the people, the potential, and the power to become a beacon of hope in a state that desperately needs to progress. Our citizens aren't seeing opportunities to better their lives and the lives of others. The jobs that would help young people overcome poverty, lead us away from our homes. Ambitious, educated young citizens are needed here, but there has to be a collective effort from state and local governments to help us change the culture. My campaign is an effort to put a voice to a generation of people who want their shot at making life better for everyone. I love where I'm from and want to advocate for the people of District 40 because I am confident that where we can go as a community will raise the quality of life of everyone here.

**HUTTO:** By continuing to introduce bills and vote for the best interests of our citizens. I have long advocated for Medicaid expansion. I was the leader in getting the funding for the Bamberg-Barnwell Emergency Medical Center and in ensuring that the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) took over its operations. I voted for sensible gun safety legislation and chaired the subcommittee to address gang violence. I chaired the committee to increase penalties for trafficking fentanyl and to make it easier for the prosecution of drug dealers in cases where a person dies from an overdose. I voted for teacher pay raises and have delivered funding to rebuild schools in rural South Carolina. I also fought against extreme attacks on women's health care access and have been a leading voice to protect women's access to birth control and in vitro fertilization treatment.

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

**BROWN:** Financial disparity, and its relationship to crime, health, and a lack of educational/youth resources are some of my major concerns for the future of the low country of South Carolina. It is difficult to separate the issues and rank them. The solutions are all connected. The many areas of South Carolina are producing citizens that have the potential to revolutionize their communities, yet have to live through the trauma of watching poverty dim their prospective perspective of the future. Our communities must unite to help cultivate a better environment for future generations. However, our communities also need support in providing positive spaces for citizens to thrive.

**HUTTO:**

1. Funding for rural education, including the recruitment, retention and increase in pay for school employees.
2. Attracting high-paying jobs to rural South Carolina and providing affordable housing in our area.
3. Improving access to health care in rural South Carolina and bringing more health care workers to our area.

### What is your first priority if elected?

**BROWN:** I want to first focus on establishing more relationships with all legislators and enacting the plan my constituents and I have for the future of South Carolina and District 40. As a teacher, listening and learning have always been my strongest tools in cultivating a sound educational environment. Those tools will serve me as I fight for the future of South Carolina. They are my priority.

**HUTTO:** To make sure that the voice of rural South Carolina is heard in Columbia.

### What are some of your short-term and long-term goals if elected?

**BROWN:** Our teachers in the area need better pay and resources to continue educating our youth at a high level. Our youth should be our primary focus when we think about our communities. One of my more salient goals is to help bring up-to-date recreational centers to as many rural towns that need them. Our people deserve a hub for community cultivation. We need more after-school programs, summer programs, and jobs that provide our youth with opportunities to contribute to their community, while also preparing them for the challenge of resolving the issues that plague our society. Empowering parents with programs for their children will open the door to creating healthier lifestyles. In the long term, these areas of concentration will produce a community of citizens who will foster the pride needed to participate in improving one's community.

**HUTTO:** To promote expanded health care insurance coverage, to increase public school funding, and to recruit high-paying jobs to our area.

## Are you ready to vote?

Go to [scvotes.gov](https://scvotes.gov) to check your voter registration information, see a sample ballot, find a polling place, etc.

### Barnwell County Arrest Reports

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

**Octavius Nathaniel Baynes**, 30, of 227 Murray Road, Orangeburg, S.C. was arrested on May 16, 2024 by BCSO for Driving Under Suspension, Failure to Appear, Possession of Marijuana With Intent to Distribute, and Unlawful Possession of a Pistol. Baynes was booked and released to BCDC.

**Kimberly Dyches**, 23, of 2752 St. Paul Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on May 25, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Child Support. Dyches was booked and released to BCDC.

**Shakeem Latasha Fudge**, 35, of 185 Thomas Street 27 A, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on May 14, 2024 by BCSO for Unlawful Use of 911 Number, Failure to Appear, and Failure to Pay Court Fees/Fines. Fudge was booked and released to BCDC.

**Christopher Bryan Godbolt**, 40, of 1137 Highway 39, Williston, S.C. was arrested on May 21, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Court Fines. Godbolt was booked and released to BCDC.

**Bobby J. Harley Jr.**, 31, of 52 Songbird Circle, Blackville, S.C. was arrested on May 18, 2024 by BCSO for

Failure to Pay Child Support. Harley was booked and released to BCDC.

**Jamarr Antwan Livingston**, 33, of 184 Tracy Street, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on May 20, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Appear and Failure to Pay Court Fines. Livingston was booked and released to BCDC.

**Walter Fate Lynch**, 45, of 421 Woodland Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on May 21, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Lynch was booked and released to BCDC.

**Deandre Amari Matthews**, 31, of 708 Seven Pines Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on May 25, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Child Support. Matthews was booked and released to BCDC.

**Sylvia Michelle McNeil**, 46, of 111 Highway 3, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on May 13, 2024 by BCSO for Possession of Heroin, (2) counts of Illegal Possession of Prescription Narcotics, Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute, Illegal Possession of Fentanyl, and Trafficking Meth. McNeil was booked and released to BCDC.

**Darien Milhouse**, 19, of 500 Highway 300, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on May 17, 2024 by BCSO for Assault & Battery, and Kidnapping. Milhouse was booked and released to BCDC.

**Griselda Mendoza Miranda**, 32, of 652 Aldrich Street, Aiken, S.C. was arrested on May 20, 2024 by BCSO for Driving Under Suspension, Reckless Driving, and Open Container. Miranda was booked and released to BCDC.

**Joseph Lee Samarco II**, 23, of 303 Academy Street, Williston, S.C. was arrested on May 22, 2024 by BCSO for Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Burglary. Samarco was booked and released to BCDC.

**Sunny Lynn Still**, 37, of 9745 Marlboro Avenue, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on May 21, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Still was booked and released to BCDC.

**Ashley Stowell**, 37, of 103 Keen Avenue, New Ellenton, S.C. was arrested on May 22, 2024 by BCSO for Driving Under Suspension and Open Container. Stowell was booked and released to BCDC.

**Dewayne Antonio Robinson**, 46, of 134 Rapp Lane, Springfield, S.C. was arrested on May 21, 2024 by BCSO for Distribution of Crack Cocaine, Trafficking Cocaine, (2) counts of Possession of a Firearm During a Violent Crime, Illegal Possession of a Prescription Drug, (2) counts of Possession of Stolen Property, Trafficking Meth, Distribution of Meth, and Possession of Marijuana

with Intent to Distribute. Robinson was booked and released to BCDC.

**Joseph Lee Walker**, 43, of 2002 Highway 64 Lot 83, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on May 17, 2024 by BCSO for Criminal Sexual Conduct. Walker was booked and released to BCDC.

**Pricalla Denise Walker**, 43, of 634 Elko Street, Williston, S.C. was arrested on May 21, 2024 by BCSO for Distribution of Cocaine, Illegal Possession of Prescription Drugs, (2) counts of Possession of Stolen Property, (2) counts of Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime, Trafficking Cocaine, Trafficking Meth, Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute,

Distribution of Meth, and Possession of a Stolen Vehicle. Walker was booked and released to BCDC.

**Shelton Leonard Walker**, 47, of 132 Emerald Lane, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on May 16, 2024 by BCSO for Criminal Domestic Violence and (2) counts of Failure to Pay Child Support. Walker was booked and released to BCDC.

**Senajia Laniyah Williams**, 23, of 128 Wingo Estates Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on May 20, 2024 by BCSO for Malicious Injury to Personal Property. Williams was booked and released to BCDC.

**Shanieria Debrie Whitney Workman**, 32, of 60 Flint Circle, Barnwell, S.C. was

arrested on May 20, 2024 by BCSO for Breach of Trust. Workman was booked and released to BCDC.

### Notice



**SOUTHEASTERN**  
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 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

## NOTICE

If anyone has their original will kept in the will safe at the **Law Office of Miles Loadholt** (25 Hugh Street, Barnwell), please call **803-224-8813** to make arrangements to have your original will picked up. Thank you!



## Public safety, education, nutrition top of mind for Allendale voters ahead of primaries

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Public safety, local development and nutrition were top issues for voters who attended the Allendale Democratic Party's Candidates forum on May 23. The forum, hosted at the Allendale County Courthouse, allowed Allendale voters to ask questions to the five Democratic candidates running for office.

The election will be held at a time of reckoning in Allendale; A recent string of shootings resulted in the killing of a 14-year-old girl, as well as multiple others injured, creating community-wide discussions surrounding the root causes of gun violence. Additionally, long-standing issues like community nutrition, job opportunities, the local housing crisis and the county's financial situation were also top of mind for voters at the forum. The forum was facilitated by former South Carolina representative Wilbur Cave.

### Voting and candidates

The statewide primaries for office will be held on June 11, with early voting having begun on May 28. Three candidates are on the ballot for the Democratic primary in Allendale County Council's District 1: incumbent Theresa Harvey Taylor, former magistrate judge John Chaney and educator Keith Browning. District 1 includes large parts of the Town of Fairfax, Barton and southern Allendale County.

In his opening speech, Browning criticized county leadership for the state of the county's finances.

"With our governing body, things are bad, [and] they may get worse," said Browning. "We may want to panic, but there's no time for panic in our communities, that time has long passed. Now is the time for action."

Chaney attributed the county's financial issues to its lack of an administrator

and encouraged greater cooperation between council members.

"I'm not going to put all the blame on the council," Chaney said. "When you have five people together, there's always going to be a little confusion. But when you're at a [council] meeting, the only thing you should be concerned about is the citizens of Allendale County."

Council member Taylor acknowledged the county's financial problems, but said getting new sources of revenue for the county will help with community development.

"We're making progress but right now the biggest problem we have in Allendale is finances," Taylor said. "I hope that y'all bear with us. ... We have a great team that's working together, we're trying to get funding for Allendale County to improve Allendale County."

For state senate, incumbent Brad Hutto and Kendrick Brown will be running as Democrats, while Sharon Carter will be running as a Republican. There are no third party candidates.

For the South Carolina house of representatives, Republicans Demaris Johnson and Ben Kinlaw will be on the ballot in the June 11 primary. Incumbent Democrat Lonnie Hosey, who attended the candidates forum, is running unopposed in the Democratic primaries.

Hosey argued against voting for candidates other than Democratic incumbents.

"We all need to work together to keep our legislators in place," Hosey said. "Why? Because we don't have many Democrats in Columbia, and that's why if you got feelings, you got issues, you better keep what you have before you go running for something else."

### Public safety

In response to a question from an audience member about public safety, Hutto said he has secured earmarked funds to increase



A crowd of voters listens to Democratic candidates at the forum.

Photos By: Elijah de Castro / Report for America

policing in Allendale County.

"We know that Allendale has been plagued by gun violence," said Hutto. "So we've got law enforcement funding for cameras — for both the sheriff's department and the city police — to try and make sure that we live in a safe community."

However, Chief Se'khu Hadjo of the Yamassee Indian Tribe pushed back against policing as the solution to gun violence within Allendale.

"The problem we're having here isn't the law enforcement, [it's that] our children aren't able to be babies," said Chief Hadjo. "They're not able to grow up and be children and play. We can have all the jobs we want here — and I'm saying this to the county and the town officials here — what are we doing for our babies?"

Hosey said he believes that gun violence cannot be solved through legislative changes, and that increased reporting to police by community members is the solution.

"This is a community effort, it's not a legislative effort," Hosey said. "You asking us to do something that we are unable to do."

### Fairfax's food desert

Since District 1 of Allendale County includes large parts of the Town of Fairfax, the town's food desert was a frequently mentioned issue.

"The county needs to work closely with the municipality of Fairfax to try and get them a

grocery store," Chaney said, arguing the county council should play a role in helping Fairfax with the issue. "We've been without one for years, and now it's time that they get one."

Browning, who also emphasized nutrition as an important issue, also mentioned that development efforts made by legislators and local governments must also be paired with improvements in the school system.

"It does not matter how many jobs we bring into this county, it does not matter how many opportunities we give, if we are not producing students that are employable," said Browning. "Many of our children are unapproachable, hungry or perpetually tired, which means that they are unteachable."

During closing statements, Taylor encouraged the community to be patient with the council and said the county is making progress.

"It doesn't happen overnight," Taylor said. "All I'm asking is that you give me a chance to be reelected for Allendale County Council and I assure you this county will be moving in the right direction."

Polling locations in Allendale County include the Voter Registration and Elections Office, the Brandt Building, the Allendale Community Building, the Fairfax Fire Department, the Fairfax Municipal Building, the Martin Fire Department, the Sycamore Town Hall, the Ulmer Town Hall and the Allendale Community Building.



Senator Brad Hutto speaks to a crowd of voters at the Allendale County Democratic Party Candidates Forum on May 23.



Representative Lonnie Hosey spoke about addressing gun violence in Allendale County.



Incumbent County Council member Theresa Taylor said one of the biggest problems facing Allendale County is its financial situation.



Candidate John Chaney said one of his priorities as an Allendale County Council member would be nutrition.



County council candidate Keith Browning said improving education in Allendale County would be one of his top priorities if he were elected.

## Keep Allendale County Beautiful awarded grants for litter prevention, beautification and community improvement

**Contributed by Graci Hiers**  
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Keep Allendale County Beautiful (KACB), an affiliate of the Keep America Beautiful (KAB) organization, recently was awarded three grants to help with litter prevention, beautification and community improvement throughout Allendale County. KACB became an official affiliate of KAB on February 16, 2023, as a result of SouthernCarolina Alliance's (SCA) Regional Beautification Marketing Program. SCA began leading the program, sponsored by Palmetto Pride, in 2021.

Palmetto Pride, South Carolina's anti-litter organization, has awarded KACB with the 2024 Litter Crew Grant in the amount of \$6,436, and the 2024 Keep South Carolina Beautiful Support Grant in the amount of \$10,000.

The Litter Crew Grant is open to counties, municipalities, KAB affiliates and community/youth groups. It is a competitive grant that provides funding of up to \$10,000 to pay for litter removal crews to routinely conduct clean-ups throughout a year-long period of time. Routine litter clean-up helps to reduce litter on the roads and to foster community pride. KACB has formed an agreement with USC Salkehatchie's Baseball team to be their designated litter crew. The Litter Crew Grant will also help to provide supplies for the clean-ups, as well as new litter prevention signs to be placed throughout the county.

The Keep South Carolina Beautiful Support Grant is awarded to certified KAB affiliates in South Carolina for

the purpose of creating and maintaining successful litter reduction and beautification programs. KACB will be utilizing this grant for a landscaping project at the Allendale County Animal Shelter. This grant will also be used



for radio ads during the "Chit Chat Show" on 93.5 The Big Dog radio station. The radio ads will provide education on litter, recycling and laws about littering, as well as helping to promote projects and events held throughout

the year.

KAB, the largest community improvement nonprofit in the U.S., recently awarded KACB with the Great American Cleanup (GAC) Grant in the amount of \$2,000.

The GAC is the nation's largest community improvement program to clean and beautify communities across the U.S. each spring. With a focus on community needs, the program activates KAB affiliates to remove litter and debris from roadsides, highways, shorelines, and waterways; plant trees, flowers, and gardens; beautify community spaces through art; lead community recycling efforts; and clean and restore nature trails, recreation areas, and playgrounds. KACB will be utilizing the grant to conduct a landscaping project at the Allendale Recycling Center on Miles Road in Allendale by installing windmill palms along the fences of the center.

"Receiving the three grants is very exciting for Keep Allendale County Beautiful," said KACB's Chairman Cindy Deer. "We are looking forward to improving the appearance of the county for our citizens and tourists that travel through our county. Palmetto Pride and KAB are both very supportive of our affiliate."

KACB's mission is to preserve the natural beauty of Allendale County through community involvement, citizen awareness, and litter prevention. To learn more or to sign up as a volunteer for future clean-ups, contact Cindy Deer at (803) 259-8210 or visit the Keep Allendale County Beautiful Facebook page.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Events

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

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

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

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

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

**Fridays**  
**The Gateway Church Food Pantry**  
 The Gateway Church food pantry is also looking for volunteers to help with food distribution activities. If you would like to volunteer, please leave Pastor Jamie Sheppard a message at 803-450-6825. **9am-12pm**

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

**Tues.-Fri., May 28-31**  
**Blackville First Baptist Summer Camp**  
 Ages 4-18  
 Sports, art, music, meal, Bible Study, fun.  
 To register call Pastor Ken, 803-709-0165. **5:30-8pm**

**Wed., May 29**  
**Allendale County Capital Project Sales and Use Tax Commission**  
 Allendale County Courthouse J.W.Wall, Jr. Council Chambers 292 Barnwell Hwy, **5:15 p.m.**

**Thurs., May 30**  
**Allendale Barnwell Counties Disabilities and Special Needs Board of Directors meeting**  
**12pm** via telephone conference

**Sat., June 1**  
**First Responder Photo Op**  
 Barnwell County Animal Shelter, 55 Diamond Road, Barnwell. **8am-12pm**

**June 4, 11, 18, 25**  
**Barnwell County Sheriff's Office GRITS Program**  
 presents **Story Time**  
 Come out for story time and an activity at the Barnwell McDonalds. Children of all ages welcome. **9am**

**June 4-6**  
**Spring Revival**  
 at Second Baptist Church. Special Guests: Pastor Desmond Antley and St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church of Allendale, Pastor Phillip Thomas and Zion Fair Missionary Baptist Church of Aiken, and Pastor William Robinson Jr. and Hayden Baptist Church of Aiken. **Service begins 7pm nightly**

**June 5, 12, 19, 26**  
**Barnwell County Sheriff's Office GRITS Program**  
 Children of all ages welcome. Barnwell YMCA. **10am**

**Sat., June 8**  
**Hampton County's 82nd Watermelon Festival Pageant**  
 Hampton Co. Recreational Center. Deadline to enter is

May 25, for applications or more details call Melissa Goliver 803-300-8299 or visit the festival website hcmelonfest.org.

**Sat., June 8**  
**Swiss Krono Cean Scarbeary Jr. Golf Tournament 2024**  
 Sweetwater Country Club, 571 Johnny George Lane, Barnwell. Ticket \$120. Prizes for Longest Drive & Closest to Pin. **8am**

**Fish Dinner Fundraiser**  
 Brickyard Lodge #55 & Pilgrim Chapter No. 7 OES  
 To place your order call 803-284-1111 or go to Blackville Christian Book Store, 19838 Solomon Blatt Ave. N, Blackville (store hours Wed. & Thurs. 12-4pm, Fri. 12-5pm, Sat. 10am-3pm). \*You may pick up orders from Brickyard Lodge (706 Oak St., Blackville) on June 8 10am-until. Prices: Fish ONLY \$7, Fish w/fries and hushpuppies \$10.

**Sun., June 9**  
**104th Church Anniversary**  
 Second Baptist Church. Guest preacher will be former SBC Pastor Rev. Isaiah Odum. 803-259-1385 or Facebook at SBCBARNWELL. Pastor Elder Lamonte Boyd  
**Sunday School 9am**  
**Worship Service 10am**

**Mon., June 10-July 1**  
**Faith @ the Fountain**  
 15 minute kids' praise & devotion on the Circle in Barnwell **10am**

**Tues., June 11**  
**Cancer Screenings**  
 Clemson Rural Health's mobile units will provide breast and cervical cancer screenings for qualifying women ages 21-64 regardless of insurance status. Walk-ups welcome!  
 Barnwell County Health Dept., 50 Dickson St., Extension, Bamberg. Learn more: clemsonruralhealth.org, 803-516-9992. **9am-3:40pm**

**Town of Hilda Town Council Meeting**  
 Hilda Town Hall Conference Room Open to the public. **7pm**

**Tues., June 11**  
**Allendale County Planning Commission**  
 James Brandt Building small conference room. **6pm**

**Sun., June 16**  
**New Home Missionary Baptist Church of Red Oak Community, Barnwell, will honor fathers on Father's Day. Beginning 9:30am**

**Sat., June 22**  
**The Daughters of the King will be celebrating their 35th Anniversary.** Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Barnwell. Contact any member of the group for tickets. **Doors open 3pm**  
**Program starts 4pm**

**Sun., June 23**  
**97th Usher's Anniversary**  
**Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church**  
 Guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. Cave, Pastor of Greater Sweet Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Olar We look forward to celebrating with each of you. If you are unable to attend, we solicit your prayers. **1pm**

**135th Anniversary New Home Missionary Baptist Church of Red Oak Community, Barnwell.** Rev. Dr. Floyd Hughes Sr. and Macedonia Baptist Church of Blackville will be the guests. **2pm**

**Thurs., June 27**  
**Generations Unlimited Board Meeting**  
 Administration Office, 10915 Ellenton St., Barnwell **5:30pm**

**Sat., June 29**  
**FREE! Clothing and Shoes Giveaway**  
 Maurice's Heart of Love, LLC. Contact Maurice Austin, Cashapp: \$REESEBABY50  
 All items will be FREE to Barnwell residents only. First come first serve. All kids MUST have an adult with them at all times. Ned Branch Church, 10620 Dunbarton Blvd., Barnwell **10am-2pm**

**Tues., Aug. 6**  
**National Night Out**  
 Veteran's Memorial Park in Barnwell. **4-7pm**



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**June 1**  
**Bethany Baptist Church**  
 9988 Dunbarton Blvd., Barnwell  
 Delve into a day filled with exciting activities and hands-on lessons, as we explore the theme of "Royalty" fit for young princes and princesses aged 4-12 years old. Snacks and lunch will be provided. **9am-3pm**

**June 2-5**  
**Double Pond Baptist**  
 357 Double Pond Rd., Blackville  
 5:30-8:30pm  
 VBS is for pre-K through youth. The theme is: "Breaker Rock Beach; God is rock solid in a world of shifting sand."

**June 2-5**  
**Friendship Baptist Church**  
 A meal will be served each evening at **5:30pm**, then we will have assembly at **6pm**, and classes will begin at **6:30pm**. Classes will range from the nursery to adults. Anyone who would like to participate is welcome. Any questions, call Gracie Zorn, 803-300-0709.

**June 2-6**  
**Mt. Calvary Baptist Church**  
 Theme: Breaker Rock Beach  
 5:30-8:15pm

**June 3-7**  
**Macedonia Baptist Church**  
 3572 Dexter St., Blackville  
 Theme: God's Super Heroes  
 Ages 4-18  
 Refreshments served nightly. If your child/children need a ride, please contact Mr. Jordan R. Gibson, 839-233-1844. **5-8pm**

**June 4-6**  
**New Home Missionary Baptist Church**  
 of Red Oak Community, Barnwell  
 Theme: "Vision to Reality: Winning God's Way"  
 Tuesday-Thurs. day **6-8pm**  
 Saturday VBS Fun Day **10am-2pm**

**June 17-21**  
**Long Branch Baptist Church**  
 3223 SC Hwy. 37, Williston  
 Classes for Nursery to Adults. Theme is Breaker Rock Beach. **6pm**

**June 24-26**  
**Ned Branch Church**  
 Monday-Wednesday **6-8pm**

**June 29**  
**Edisto Baptist Church**  
**Williston Town park shelter**  
 There will be crafts, lunch, Bible stories, snow cones, a fire truck hose-down, and much more. The event is free and open to all children school age and younger. **10am-1pm**

**July 15-19**  
**Hilda First Baptist Church**  
**145 Church Street, Hilda**  
 "SCUBA...diving into friendship with God"  
 Ages Toddlers to Teen

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

### Barnwell Library Events

**STEM for Kids**  
**Wed., May 29, June 26, July 31**  
 Who knew learning could be fun? We did! Drop in and learn a thing or two. (5/29) make your own Pokéball levitating contraption, (6/26) make fireworks in a jar, and (7/31) create a catapult to launch your Pokéballs. Registration requested call 803-259-3612 or stop by the front desk to register. **4pm**

**Tee off for Summer Reading**  
**Fri., May 31**  
 Bring the whole family and hang out at the library after hours for mini golf. In partnership with Friends of the Libraries of Barnwell County. Registration requested call 803-259-3612 or stop by the front desk to register. **5:30-7pm**

**Rocks for Rocko the Kindness Snake**  
**Mon., June 3**  
 Family Program. Help us grow Rocko our Kindness Snake. Decorate a rock or two then take them outside to add them to our friend. **10:30am**

**Growing Your Own Kitchen Herb & Veggie Garden**  
**Tues., June 4**  
 Join Veggie Cupboard Community Garden for an interactive workshop on cultivating your own kitchen herb and vegetable garden. We'll immerse ourselves in the wonders of herbs and explore how they not only enhance the flavor of your dishes but also offer a myriad of health benefits, alongside discovering simple yet nutritious vegetables that thrive in small spaces. Get your hands dirty as you plant your own herb and vegetable seedlings to take home. Registration required call 803-259-3612 or stop by the front desk to register. **3:30pm**

**MyPlate**  
**Wed., June 5 & 19, July 10 & 24**  
 Bring along the whole family to learn about the five basic food groups and identify foods associated in each group. All while you enjoy a small food demonstration. In partnership with Snap-Ed Clemson University Learning Institute. Registration required call 803-259-3612 or stop by the front desk to register. **11am**

**Crafter-Noon for Kids**  
**June 6 & 11**  
 Stop by to create themed crafts with us. (5/22) Decorate your own Pokémon Trainer Hat, (6/6) Make a gift for Dad, and (7/11) use recycled water bottles to make Pokémon themed planters. Registration requested call 803-259-3612 or stop by the front desk to register. Rising 5K-Grade 12. **4pm**

**Savannah River Ecology Lab**  
**Mon., June 10**  
 Learn all about local wildlife with live animals and a local expert. For rising 5k to 5th grade. **10:30am**

**Pokémon GO Math Games**  
**Tues., June 11**  
 Ages 8-12 can freshen up on their math skills. Enjoy a morning of fun Pokémon themed math games. In partnership with JJ's Learning Academy, LLC and their summer camp adventures. **11am**

**Cooking Matters**  
**Tues., June 11, 18, 25, July 9, 16, 23**  
 Bring along the whole family to enjoy a fun 6 week cooking class. This class teaches school-aged children and their parents or caregivers about

healthy eating as a family and the importance of working together to plan and prepare healthy meals on a budget. In partnership with Snap-Ed Clemson University Learning Institute. Registration required call 803-259-3612 or stop by the front desk to register. **4pm**

**Talewise, Science Heroes; Adventures of the Lost Treasure**  
**Mon., June 17**  
 Talewise is back for another interactive STEM show! Throughout the adventure, volunteers will help the performer conduct several exciting science experiments. For rising 5k to 5th grade. **10:30am**

**STORYTIME**  
**Thurs., June 20, July 18**  
**Read, Rattle and Roll Storytime**  
 Enjoy songs, stories, and sensory play for toddlers and preschoolers. Followed by free developmental screenings. In partnership with Help Me Grow S.C. **11am**

**Porkchop Productions**  
**Mon., June 24**  
 "The Totally Twisted Tale of the Three Little Pigs"  
 Live theater in your hometown! When Stanley (the cool pig on the block) is encouraged to invite Ralpie (the new sheep on the block) to his backyard camp-out, hilarity and chaos ensues! For rising 5k to 5th grade. **10:30am**

**Adult Craft Night**  
**Thurs., June 27**  
 Make and decorate wooden block firecrackers. These wooden blocks will look like patriotic fireworks—each one with a squiggly "fuse" on top. Registration required call 803-259-3612 or stop by the front desk to register. **5:30-7pm**

**Super Awesome Puppet Show**  
**Mon., July 8**  
 Hilarity ensues with puppets and stories. For rising 5k to 5th grade. **10:30am**

### Allendale County Library Events

**Fri., May 24**  
**Get a Leg(o) Up!**  
 Youth ages 2-17. **4:30-5:30pm**

### Blackville Library Events

**Super Awesome Puppet Show**  
**Mon., June 3**  
 Take an adventure with some extremely silly stories. **10:30am**

**Savannah River Ecology Lab**  
**Mon., June 17**  
 Learn about local wildlife with an expert and real live animals. Seating is limited and we are unable to accommodate groups. For rising 5k to 5th grade. **10:30am**

**Read, Rattle, and Roll Family Storytime**  
**Mon., July 1**  
 Fun stories, activities, and we can get you started with developmental screenings for ages 0 to 5. In partnership with Help Me Grow S.C. **10:30am**

**I Survived Fan Club**  
**Mon., July 15**  
 Love the series? We'll have cool activities tied to the books by Lauren Tarshis. For rising 5k to 5th grade. **10:30am**

### Crossword Puzzle Solution

Puzzle on Page 7B

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### Sudoku Puzzle Solution

Puzzle on Page 7B

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

## Local Directory

### Allendale Library

297 Main St., Allendale (803) 584-2371  
 Hours of Operation  
 Mon.-Fri. 9am-5pm  
 Sat. 10am-2pm

### Barnwell Library

40 Burr St., Barnwell (803) 259-3612  
 Hours of Operation  
 Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 10am-6pm  
 Thurs. 10am-7pm  
 Sat. 10am-2pm

### Blackville Library

19420 Solomon Blatt Ave., Blackville (803) 284-2295  
 Hours of Operation  
 Mon., Tues., Thurs. 10am-1pm  
 2pm-6pm

### Williston Library

5121 Springfield Rd., Williston (803) 621-6000  
 Hours of Operation  
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 2pm-6pm

## MUSEUMS

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 803-219-7056

### Williston Library Events

**I Survived Fan Club**  
**Thurs., June 6**  
 Love the series? We'll have cool activities tied to the books by Lauren Tarshis. For rising 5k to 5th grade. **10:30am**

**SuperAwesomePuppetShow**  
**Thurs., June 13**  
 Take an adventure with some extremely silly stories. For rising 5k to 5th grade. **10:30am**

**Savannah River Ecology Lab**  
**Thurs., June 27**  
 Learn about local wildlife with an expert and real live animals. Seating is limited and we are unable to accommodate groups. For rising 5k to 5th grade. **10:30am**

**Book Club**  
**Thurs., June 27**  
 Discussing *Midnight In The Garden Of Good And Evil* by John Berendt. **6pm**





## Jimmy Still

of all descriptions would come forward for prayers and forgiveness. Over the years countless lives were changed through his gospel music. He proudly served in the U.S. Army. Jimmy was a family man who always put God first in his life. He enjoyed coaching softball, watching his children and grandchildren playing sports and was their #1 fan. He also enjoyed fishing and coon hunting and going to football games.

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, June Still; 2 daughters, Crystal Vallentine and Candice (Robert) Hutto; his grandchildren, Cearstan and Drake Atkinson and Cameron, Cylee and Cade Gunnells and Colin and Kaylin Hutto; a brother, Glennon Still; a sister, Irene Pate; a very special, loving cousin, Gearldine Carroll; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Haywood and Cora Lee Still; sisters, Maddilee Still, Ethelee Croft and Evedell Still; and a brother, Larry Still.

Funeral services for Jimmy were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 23, 2024 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, with the Reverends Timmy Gunnells and Rick Powell officiating. Burial followed in the South End Cemetery in Bamberg. The family received friends on Wednesday evening from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home in Williston.

Honored to serve as pallbearers were Drake Atkinson, Shaun Atkinson, Moye Brandt, Shaun Brandt, Jerry Proveaux and Jimmy Sutton.

Honorary pallbearers were Gene Bryant, Cade Gunnells, John Pate and Steve Stanley Jr.

The family would like to thank Amedisys Hospice for all of the kindness and support shown to them during Jimmy's illness.

Folk Funeral Home, Inc. and Crematory assisted the family with arrangements. Visit the online registry at [www.folkfuneralhome.com](http://www.folkfuneralhome.com).

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**BAMBERG** - Jimmy Lenwood Still, 82, of the Bamberg Community, went peacefully to be with the Lord surrounded by his family at home early Saturday, May 18, 2024.

Jimmy was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. Jimmy was a well-known contractor for 60 years and was the owner of Still's Construction Company, Inc. in Bamberg. He attended Bamberg Church of God of Prophecy and was a member of the Denmark Church of God of Prophecy. A big accomplishment for him was to make his own gospel music CDs in Nashville, Tenn. Jimmy was a volunteer gospel singer at the Allendale Correctional Institute. Men



## Kim E. Brock

Saturday, May 25, 2024.

Born in Barnwell, she was a daughter of Jimmy Oneal Elkins Sr. and Rose Ellen Givens. She was a graduate of Barnwell High School and was a member of Ashleigh Baptist Church. She worked as Office Personnel for Rufus Orenduff Refrigeration. Kim loved music; she enjoyed singing, dancing and playing music. She also loved working out at the gym and previously worked as a licensed beautician.

Survivors include her mother, Rose Ellen Givens; her father, Jimmy (Denise) Elkins, all of Williston, S.C.; a son, Dustin (Brittany) Brock of Leesville, S.C.;

grandchildren, Sophia and Taylor Brock and Charles "C.J." Roy; two sisters, Kristie (Todd) Hutson of Norway, S.C. and Katina Beasley of Hilda, S.C.; a brother, Tommy (Mandy) Elkins of Williston, S.C.; a number of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins who will all miss her deeply.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Jimmy Oneal Elkins Jr.

Folk Funeral Home, Inc. and Crematory assisted the family with arrangements. Visit the online registry at [www.folkfuneralhome.com](http://www.folkfuneralhome.com).

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## Patt Abbott

Boy" Abbott Jr. and Alberta Porter Abbott. He was a member of Healing Springs Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. He retired from Savannah River Site having worked as a planner, machinist, and a Radcon Inspector. Patt loved spending time with his family and friends; usually, you would find him sharing a fine meal with his loved ones. He loved spending time fishing on the Edisto River and was an avid hunter. Patt's legacy lives on in the hearts of those he mentored and the dogs he trained, each carrying forward the lessons learned, and the love shared. Though Patt may have passed from this world, the impact of his superpower of mentorship will continue to inspire and uplift for generations to come.

All children were special to him, especially his nieces and nephews. He was an avid Clemson Tiger fan who hosted family and friends for every football game. He was a faithful member of Blackville Lodge #63 where he served as the Lodge's go-to coach. Everyone who knew Patt loved him, he was a friend to many, and all will miss

him dearly. He has left some wonderful memories for his loved ones to share.

Survivors include his brother and sister-in-law, Donnie and Donna Jean Abbott; sister-in-law, Peggy Abbott; aunts, Lois Barr and Louise Rollins; nieces and nephews, Lee (Laurie) Abbott, Jay (Holly) Abbott, Bobby (Alissa) Abbott Jr., Allison (Jason) Chatfield, Brittany (Jordan) Rhoton, Stephanie (Jason) Davis, Christina (Bobby) Collins, and Rebecca (Trey) Chavis; a very special "daughter", Lizann Bonnett; a number of great nieces and nephews that loved him dearly.

In addition to his parents, Sonny Boy and Alberta Abbott, he was preceded in death by his brother, Bobby Abbott Sr.

The family wishes to extend a heart-felt thank you to Erma Raber for all of the love, care and attention that she has shown Patt over the past 40-plus years.

Folk Funeral Home, Inc. and Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements. Visit the online registry at [www.folkfuneralhome.com](http://www.folkfuneralhome.com).

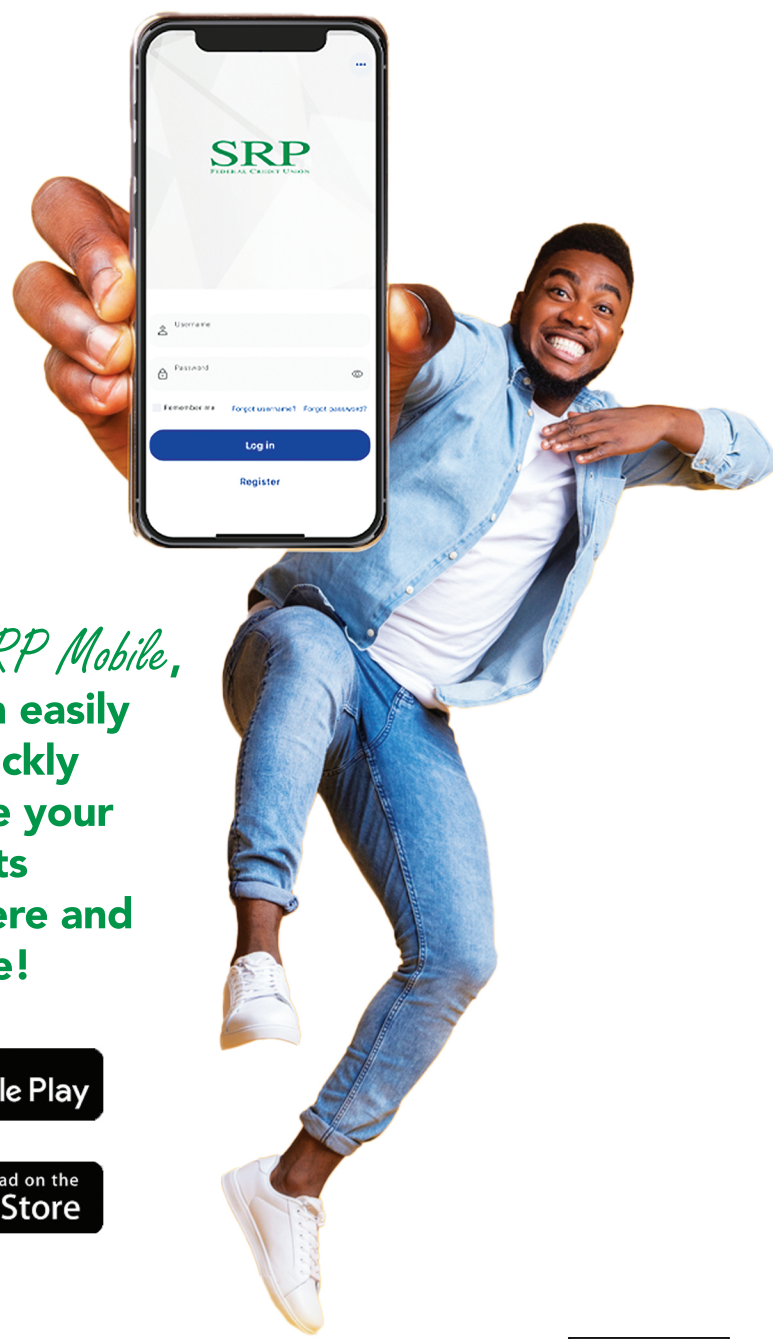
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**HEALING SPRINGS** - Funeral services for Patt Michael Abbott, 66, of Healing Springs, S.C. was held at 3 o'clock p.m., Sunday, May 26, 2024 at Calvary Mennonite School, 2436 Healing Springs Rd., Blackville, S.C. with the Reverend Jeffrey Ray officiating; burial followed in the Blackville Cemetery with Masonic Rites accorded. The family received friends from 5 to 7 p.m., Saturday, May 25th at Folk Funeral Home, Williston, S.C. and one hour prior to the service at the school on Sunday. Memorial contributions may be given in Patt's memory to Healing Springs Baptist Church, New Activities Center, P.O. Box 394, Barnwell, S.C. 29812.

Patt passed away on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

Born in Orangeburg County, S.C., he was a son of the late Jessie Lee "Sonny

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## Hand Shadow Puppets

Creating the shapes of animals, trees and faces using hand shadows is fun and sometimes challenging. You'll need a dark room and a flashlight or small desk lamp. Then, try to create some of the hand shadows on this page. See if you can make your hand shadow puppets speak or move realistically. It takes some practice!

Standards Link: Follow visual cues.

Match the hands to each of the animal shadows.

Can you create these shadow animals? Give it a try!

How many differences can you find?

Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

**Extra! Extra!**  
**Comical Shadows**  
 Look in the newspaper comics and find a character you like. On a piece of construction paper, carefully draw the character's outline. Cut out the shape and tape it to a popsicle stick. Use a flashlight to project its shadow on the wall and see if your friends and family members can recognize the character.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

**STUFF YOU'LL NEED:**  
 sunny day, modeling clay, pencil, sidewalk chalk

**STEP 1**  
 Make a ball of clay and place it on the cement outside. Stick the pencil in the clay so it stands upright.

**STEP 2**  
 Make another small ball of clay. Stick it on the top of the pencil.

**STEP 3**  
 Starting at 1:00 p.m., use sidewalk chalk to trace the shadow. Trace it once an hour for six hours to show how the shadow moves and changes as the sun gets lower in the sky.

Standards Link: Follow multiple-step directions

**Kid Scoop Puzzler**

Look carefully! Can you find each flashlight's exact twin?

Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

**Double Double Word Search**

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

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 CREATE  
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 FIND  
 FLASHLIGHT  
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 HAND  
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 SHADOW  
 TAPE  
 WALL

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

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**Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS**

This week's word: **CREATE**  
 The verb **create** means to make something.

I was able to **create** a small cow out of modeling clay.

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

**FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY**

**Highlighting Happiness**  
 Look through the newspaper for a story about a person or group of people making a positive difference in your community. Discuss with your family ways you can also help.

Standards Link: Social Science: Understand civic responsibility.

**Why do flashlights love pancakes?**

ANSWER: Because they're batter-y!

**Write On!**

**Where does your shadow go at night?**  
 Write about it. Be creative!

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write using descriptive details.

**SERVING ALCOHOL AT YOUR TEEN'S GRAD PARTY?**

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## Barnwell sending seven to Boys State & Girls State in June

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Barnwell High School will be well represented at both Boys State and Girls State.

The 2024 representatives going to Girls State are Timoni Howell and Rebecca Richardson. The Boys State representatives are Peyton Wood, Kaleb Wilson, Dustin Jones, Cameron Austin, and Nicholas Jones. The seven will travel to Anderson University for the boys and Presbyterian College for the girls for the week of June 9-15.

For those unfamiliar with Boys State and Girls State, the American Legion's Boys State and the American Legion Auxiliary Palmetto Girls State programs offer a distinctive opportunity for young men and women, between their junior and senior years, to understand the American system of government and politics by engaging in a mock governmental system. Both programs stand out for their multifaceted learning environment. Besides participating in a simulated government system, participants can explore potential career paths through various specialized schools. These include the Performing Arts School, Criminal Justice Academy, and Law School, each providing unique insights

and experiences.

Former speakers include Senator Strom Thurmond, Senator Ernest F. "Fritz" Hollings, Governor and U.S. Superintendent of Education, the honorable Dick Riley, former S.C. Governor and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, the honorable Nikki Haley, current Governor, the honorable Henry McMaster, Senator Lindsey Graham, and Senator Tim Scott.

Being selected to Boys State or Girls State is an honor in itself, but colleges and universities often see this a huge boost to those collegiate applications. Students can not "apply" to Boys State or Girls State, but must be nominated by American Legion representatives, principals, and school guidance counselors.

**Peyton Wood** plans to possibly attend the College of Charleston. He was asked about Boys State and said, "I wanted to attend Boys State because I feel it will look good when I go to apply for a college. My dad had attended Boys State during his time at Blackville-Hilda High school."

**Cameron Austin** just committed to play baseball for the University of South Carolina and plans to major in finance. "I wanted to go to Boys State because I heard it was just such an amazing experience and that it will be something you will remem-



Peyton Wood



Cameron Austin



Kaleb Wilson



Nicholas Jones

ber for the rest of your life! I know many people who have attended Boys State in the past including my dad who told me it was a week where you will meet many new faces and make memories that last for a lifetime," he said.

**Kaleb Wilson** is undecided as to which four-year college he will attend but plans to major in business. "I've heard it was a fun experience from a lot of different people and I would like to learn more about how our government works. My dad attended many years ago. He really enjoyed it and encouraged me to go," he said.

**Nicholas Jones** plans to earn a double major in political science and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), then go to law school. "I wanted to go because I have a keen interest in government. It also looks great on a college application. I actually don't know of anyone personally



Dustin Jones



Timoni Howell



Rebecca Richardson

who has attended Boys State. So we'll see what stories I can bring back," he said.

**Dustin Jones** plans to go to college and become a software engineer. He said he wanted to go because "it just seemed like a fun experience." He did not know anyone that attended Boys State, but is looking forward to the opportunity.

Representing Barnwell High School at Girls State will be **Timoni Howell**. She plans to attend college and

major in political science and minor in public administration. "I want to go to Girls State because it will help me get a better grasp at government and law. I know multiple people who have gone to Girls State," she said.

**Rebecca Richardson** plans to go to the University of South Carolina for nursing and looks to go into anesthesiology. "I wanted to attend Girl State because I want to meet girls my age that share similar goals.

Many of my aunts and cousins have attended. My brother was also a counselor at Boy State. I have heard many stories about making lifelong friendships over the week of Girl State!" she said.

Barnwell High School has a great group of young men and young ladies heading for a memorable week of Boys State and Girls State this June. The experiences will no doubt be memorable and hopefully help each participant in their future careers.

## Barnwell Primary School announces 3rd quarter awards

### First Grade

#### Principal's Star (All Subjects: 90-100)

Aiden Fralick, Ayden Brant, Virginia Harvey, Bryson Bolen, Alexis Smith, Mason Proctor, Emmalin Huber

#### Honor Roll

##### (All Subjects: 80-100)

Ryland Bolen, Carson Smith, Russell Still, Charlotte Zawacki, Peyton Curtis, Hunter Dluzak, Kady Gillie, Maxx Bodiford, Jayden Chavis, Aurionna Loadholt, Alona Sumpter, Xander Collins, Harper Klebe, Jaxon Stockton, Logan Wright, Crystal Johnson, Gabriel Johnson, Rowan Johnson, Cayden Dyches, Harlyn Grubbs, Jansen Lehman, Aalaynah Stapleton

#### Perfect Attendance

Ryland Bolen, Finley Bontrager, Jahiem Brown, Taygan Spell, Xander Collins, Lindsey Morales Saavedra, Marcus Robinson, Alex Searson, Kylan Still, Christopher Williams,

#### Cool Colt Awards

##### January (Open Minded):

Russell Still, Aiden Anderson, JaMaree Burgess, Remington Still, Crystal Johnson, Alex Searson, Zylar Williams

##### February (Principled):

Virginia Havey, Ethan Gatlin, Bryson Bolen, Taygan Spell, Aubrey Ray, Kayle Mendoza, Jansen Lehman

##### March (Reflective):

Charlotte Zawacki, Kennedy Holder, Brian Highsmith, Jayden Chavis, Arthur Walker, Colt Pipkin, Kaysen Aldrich

#### Second Grade

##### Principal's Star

##### (All Subjects: 90-100)

Mary Chilton Alexander, Addy Grady, Tyner Reece, Robert Altman, Heidi Baker, Christian Cook, Kyla Sparrow, Nathaniel Still, Dawson Abbott, Addie Mackins, Silas Nusz, Sharlese Braxton, Tarell Glover, Malachi Mixson, Ansley Kate Stanfield, Luke Towne, Jase Gatlin, Naomi Torres, Sawyer Altman, Maddox Ashby, Anasia Badger, Austin Bowers

#### Honor Roll

##### (All Subjects: 80-100)

Alyssa Galarza, Major Smokes, Brantley Whitehead, Beau Ashe, Harmonie Banks, Oaklynn Croft, Samuel Patterson, Corbin Schumpert, Jacob Williams, Hartley Williamson, Shelby Woodruff,

Knox Bolen, Robert Cobb, Alexa Jackson, Kinsley Wright, Chloe Holloway, Madeline Lancaster, Jamal Buxton, Legend Johnson, Cooper Catoe, Kinleigh Coker, Lanora Wooten, Rheya Albany, Lauren Brown, Joquon Davis, Kyndall Floyd, Jaycob Lehman, Lilly Nunez, Colby Perst, Kaiden Pressley, Donald Randall, Korin Tharin, Payas Kachchi, Brianna McKethan, Shyheed Wells, Ceth Baxley, Kysaan Brown, Josiah Meadow, Kenzley Woodley

#### Perfect Attendance

Austin Colley

#### Cool Colt Awards

##### January (Open Minded):

Avery Jones, Noah Fickling, Alexa Jackson, Sara Noonan, Erick Ortiz-Pacheco, Brianna McKethan, Avery Bontrager

##### February (Principled):

Tasha Hammond, Mason Workman, Mason Mayes, Abraham Chavis, Lilly Nunez, Payas Kachchi, Kysaan Brown

##### March (Reflective):

Addy Grady, Corbin Schumpert, Addie Mackins, Kolston Vaughn, Caden Holmes, Ahlaya Williams, Naveah Rojas

#### Third Grade

##### Principal's Star

##### (All Subjects: 90-100)

Amora Mckethan, Alexander Nguyen, Leigha Rivers, Ava Thompson, Hallie Augustine, Carielle Benjamin, Blakely LeRoy, William Morehead, Amerie Nguyen, Connor Still, Willow Outing, Christian Sanchez, Sunday Caldwell, Demonte Graham, Nehemiah Rouse, Cassidee Abney, Liam Causey, Kaise Hicks

#### Honor Roll

##### (All Subjects: 80-100)

Karter Edwards, Skyler Haughton, Harper Martin, Jeremy Walker, Lucius Arbour, Haley Doyle, Jaycee Snead, Autwain Worthy, Bentley Morris, Mckenzie Hildebrand, Christopher Miller, Roman Moreno, Payton Padillo, Braeden Scott, Liam Sullivan, Cyrus Baxley, Tionne Bradley, Skylar Creech, Kinsley Kate Delk, Noah Liddle, Starr Loadholt, Beckleigh Still, Kennedy Brooks, Claire Carter, Jordynn Geter, Jayce Mahuron, Jace Pickelsimer, Avery Renew, Khai Bellmon, Emme Bodiford, Phinnia Ford, Klein Mendoza, DeShawn Pierce, Ja'Nessa Tate, KaLev Babb-Hallingquest,

Drake Delk, Brooklyn Haddock, Daryn Johnso, Kiera Riley, Ty'Tiana Riley, Caleb Brown

#### Perfect Attendance

Jackson Renew, Gianni Reed, Alexis McCormick, Kensley Mayes, Skylar Creech, Beckleigh Still, Amy

Washington, Brody Lawson, Jayce Mahuron, Kayla Brooks, Peyton Doughtie, Isabella Moore, Rudra Patel, Mar'Quez Rhodes, Caleb Brown, Liam Causey

#### Cool Colt Awards

##### January (Open Minded):

Jaycee Snead, Mariyah Russ, Zayden Ross, Claire Carter, Harper Martin, Rylan Lee, Beckleigh Still

##### February (Principled):

Alexis McCormick, Payton Padillo, Payton Padillo, Sunday Caldwell, Ava Thompson,

Isabella Moore, Rashaw Anderson

##### March (Reflective):

Angel Smith, Angel Smith, Klein Mendoza, Bryson Highsmith, Jonah Johnson, Maddix Aiken, Trinity Pixley

## DIG recognizes April students, teacher of the month

The Dreams, Imagination & Gift Development Program recognizes the following Dreamers and staff for awards for the month of April 2024:



**DIG Teacher of the Month: Mrs. Traci Glover is the STEAM assistant teacher for all grades (4-6 at Barnwell Elementary School). Traci is very reliable always looking for new ways to engage the dreamers.**



**Guinyard-Butler Middle School Lead Dreamer Helen Overton - 7th grade**



**Williston-Elko Lead Dreamers: 8th grade Tyonna Armstrong; 7th grade Saskia Free; 6th grade Tyler Roberts; 5th grade Eli Roberts**



**Barnwell Primary School - Lead Dreamers: Carter Crawford - 2nd grade; Amora Mckethan - 3rd grade; Gage Smith - 1st grade**



**Barnwell Elementary School - Lead Dreamers: (left to right) Landen Evans 6th grade; Jaden Smalls 4th grade; Paige Priester 5th grade**



**Allendale Dig After School Dreamers: (left to right) 1st Grade Emma Peralta; 2nd Grade Karynth Grant; 3rd Grade Brianna West; 4th Grade Jahylen Riley; 5th Grade Neveah Tinsley-Hay**



# OFFICERS: Barnwell Police Department welcomes new officers, recognizes others

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Janell Jones, the widow of the late BPD Officer Stephen Jones, is presented with a plaque dedicated to her husband's service by Chief Michael Butts. Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

Academy and the S.C. Law Enforcement Officers Association.

PFC Jones served with BPD for two months before his death, and previously served with the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office and the Blackville Police Department.

"You'll always be part of our family," said Chief Butts to Jones. Chief Butts also presented Jones with a framed picture of her husband's former patrol unit decorated with flowers.

Chief Butts gave council a department report from April showing 50 warnings, 46 tickets, nine arrests, 220 reports, and 462 business and residential property checks.

On May 9, Lance Corporal Molly Curley was "moved into the animal control position as a permanent position. She is handling code enforcement, animal control, and going a little bit on the road, but she is straight animal control and code enforcement," said Chief Butts.

LC Curley moving into this position ends the over year long hiatus of a designated animal control officer in the City of Barnwell.



William Beard was sworn into the Barnwell Police Department in the rank of corporal.



Lance Corporal Justin Thomas is sworn into the Barnwell Police Department.



James Thorpe (left photo) and Joshua Newman (right photo) take the oath of office and are now officially sworn into the Barnwell Police Department.

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## TRAINING, KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE

### LAW ENFORCEMENT WORK HISTORY

- \*\* 1978-1980 - Barnwell County Sheriff's Office Dispatcher
- \*\* 1980-1982 - Barnwell City Police Officer
- \*\* 1982-1986 - UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS Military Police Officer:
  - Graduated from Basic Training -Parris Island, South Carolina
  - Graduated from the United States Air Force Law Enforcement Specialist Academy (Marine Corps) Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas
  - Graduated from the United States Marine Corps Military Police Combat Support Course
- DUTY STATIONS
  - \*\* USMC Logistics Base -Albany, Georgia
  - \*\* USMC Camp Foster -Okinawa, Japan
  - \*\* USMC Air Station -Cherry Point, North Carolina
  - \*\* 1986-1989 -Barnwell City Police Officer

### 1989—Present—Barnwell County Sheriff's Office

- Deputy
- Shift Sergeant
- Narcotics Investigator
- Criminal Investigator
- Lieutenant
- Captain
- Chief Deputy
- Sheriff (2021-Present)

### Law Enforcement Training and Instructor History

- Attended Criminal Justice Courses at Orangeburg Technical College
  - Graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy
  - Graduated from the United States Air Force Security Specialist Academy
- Trident Technical College Kinesics Technique of Interview and Interrogation Phase I and II
  - South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy Certified Basic Instructor
  - South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy Certified Investigator
- South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy Level I (Revolvers/Shotguns) Instructor
- South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy Level II (Semi-auto pistols) Instructor
  - Crime to Court Video Training Courses | The Line Up Courses
  - Annual Domestic Violence Courses | Annual Legal Update Courses
    - Police Crisis Intervention Course | Civil Process Schools
  - Fingerprint Core Classes | Governor's Criminal Justice Conference
    - Report Writing Core Classes
  - Criminal Apprehension & Interdiction - York Technical College
  - Bloodborne Pathogen Train the Trainer | Reserve Deputy Instructor
- USMC Military Police Combat Support Course | USMC Rifle Expert/USMC Pistol Expert
  - Glock Instructors Workshop & Armors Course
  - Cap-Stun Instructors Course/Taser Instructor Course
  - Action Target Academy Certified Patrol Rifle Instructor
  - National Rifle Association Certified Patrol Rifle Instructor
  - Instructed State Constables for Orangeburg Technical College
- Instructed Concealed Weapons Permit Classes for Orangeburg Technical College
  - Certified Concealed Weapons Instructor Since 1996
- Meth and Drug Endangered Children Class | Civilian Response to Active Shooter
  - Author and Instructor of the Barnwell Sheriff's Office Use of Force Policy
- Author and Instructor of the Barnwell Sheriff's Office SCCJA Approved Firearms Lesson Plan
- Author and Instructor of the Barnwell Sheriff's Office SCCJA Approved Patrol Rifle Lesson Plan
- Threat Management Training Program, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Glynco, GA.
  - International Association of Court Officers and Service Inc., Training Courses
  - Public Agency Training Council Drug/Narcotic Interdiction and Investigation
- Public Agency Training Council Raid & High Risk Warrant Planning & Execution School
  - Public Agency Training Council Policies and Procedures Course
  - HSS International Entry Team Combatives Class
- Caliber Press Street Survival/Tactical Edge (Officer Survival) Conferences
  - Emergency Vehicle Operations Classes
  - FEMA National Incident Management System (NIMS)
  - Criminal Justice Information System Security Awareness Course
- Mental Illness, An Officers Response Course | Domestic Terrorism Course
  - Police Community Relations Course
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2 WINNERS

GREATEST PERCENTAGE OF WEIGHT LOSS	MOST WEIGHT LOSS
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\$2,500 total prize money to be given away. Two winners of the challenge are the persons who achieve (1) the greatest percentage of weight loss will win \$500 and (2) the most weight loss will win \$500 by the end of the competition / 2nd Runner-up (2 winners) - 1) the greatest percentage of weight loss - \$250 2) the most weight loss - \$250 / 3rd Runner-up (2 winners) - 1) the greatest percentage of weight loss - \$100 2) the most weight loss - \$100 / \$800 Raffle Prizes - A raffle system cash and prizes for contestants that participate in HEALing Partners supported health workshops and physical activities outlined in the Lose To Win Challenge Handbook and at myhealingpartners.org. Contestants must be able to do in person weight in at the beginning and the end of challenge and weekly updates through text or email. For details and rules visit myhealingpartners.org or inquire in the Lose To Win Handbook.



## Blackville-Hilda football looks for another high-flying season



**Grade:** 11th (rising senior)  
**Sport:** Track and field  
**Favorites...**  
• **Pro Team:** Golden State Warriors  
• **Pro Athlete:** Noah Lyles (American track star)  
• **Food:** Steak  
• **Movie/TV show:** *The Lion King*  
• **Snack:** Airheads  
• **Free time activity:** Play basketball  
• **Musician:** Rod Wave  
**Goal for this season:** "To be the greatest I can be."

### Colton Rhoad Barnwell High School



**Grade:** Senior (just graduated)  
**College:** USC Salkehatchie  
**College major:** Physical education  
**Future plans:** Certified teacher and coach  
**Thoughts on USC-Salkehatchie:** "I am impressed with the coaching staff at USC-Salkehatchie and look forward to playing for them. Also, I am really drawn to the smaller class size and how close it is to home."  
**Favorite Warhorse memory:** Winning the Region Championship this year in baseball.  
**Any advice to younger student-athletes:** "Trust the process. Listen to your coaches. Work hard even when no one is watching."



Coach Kevin Jones and the Blackville-Hilda Hawks are ready to be one of the top teams in 1-A football in 2024.

Photo By: Jeff Miller / Reporter



Jaquel Holman (4), who just won 3 gold medals at the State Track and Field Championships, is just one of several Hawks who are big play threats any time they touch the ball.

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The 2024 Blackville-Hilda football team is looking to pick up right where they left off last year, by making a return deep into the 1-A playoffs.

The returning players and coaches have been working hard this spring to help make those hopes turn into realities later this fall. In order to advance deep into the playoffs, a team must be good, have some really good athletes, quality coaching, work really hard, stay healthy, and have a few breaks go their way along the journey. Blackville-Hilda is doing their part to make it back to the playoffs. With a little luck on the injury front and if the ball can bounce their way in a couple of tough situations, we just might

see these Hawks playing for the Upper State Championship and a trip to the State Championship game.

The 2023 Hawks team finished the season with a 10-2 record and a trip to the Upper State Championship game. The semi-final contest determined which team would get to move on to the State Championship game. The last four teams left standing in 1-A football last year were Christ Church, Southside Christian, St. Joes, and Blackville-Hilda. Blackville-Hilda is the only team from those final four teams that remains in 1-A football for the upcoming 2024 season. The South Carolina High School League reevaluated classification levels of their schools in order to make competition a little more fair for all. The other three teams not only moved up a classification,

but they all moved up to 3-A for this coming season.

Do not think that realignment makes for an easy path to the State Championship. Perennial powerhouse Abbeville has returned to the 1-A rankings this year. There are other teams like the always strong Bamberg-Ehrhardt Red Raiders and maybe a surprise team or two that has all the pieces fall into place, that stand in their way. However, if things do go well for the Hawks, we might see them make another final four run and possibly more.

In order to get to the playoffs and be successful there, Blackville-Hilda will need to find a few replacements for those big playmakers like Tamari "TD" Daniels. The Hawks will not be hurting in the skilled positions. They are returning Jaquel Holman who was one of the

state's leading rushers last season, averaging more than 130 yards per game. Holman is faster than ever, freshly back from winning three gold medals at the 1-A Track and Field State Championships. Holman won the 100-meter dash, the 200-meter dash, and was part of the 4x100-meter relay champions. Samari Williams is another track star for the Hawks and returns for his fourth season at quarterback for Blackville.

Hawks coach Kevin Jones was asked about his team's spring workouts and the outlook for the upcoming season. "The spring has gone well. The first stretch we were still missing a lot of kids that were competing in track. So, we were able to focus on some of the younger kids until those guys got back on the field."

See HAWKS, 10B

## Barnwell looking to be AA football powerhouse again in 2024

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The Barnwell Warhorse football team has just wrapped up spring practice and will begin summer workouts soon.

For some teams, spring practice signifies a new beginning and a chance to forget about last year. For other teams, spring practice marks the next step on the way to another great year. This 2024 Warhorse spring practice is hopefully that next step towards another deep playoff run.

The 2023 Barnwell Warhorses, led by new head coach Brian Smith, was not picked to be a championship contender. They surprised many by not only advancing past the first round of the playoffs, but making it to the third round and being one of the final eight teams playing in AA football. The Warhorses defeated a very athletic Woodland team, then knocked off the heavily favored 10-1 Marion Swamp Foxes

at their home field.

This year, Coach Smith and his Warhorse football team looks to repeat as AA championship contenders. Last year's final eight teams contained perennial powerhouses like Abbeville, Oceanside, Gray Collegiate, and Silver Bluff, along with Barnwell. Oceanside and Silver Bluff will now compete in AAA. Gray Collegiate has moved all the way up to AAAA and Abbeville has dropped to 1-A.

The AA classification will still be strong with teams like Hampton County and Strom Thurmond leading the way. Whale Branch has also moved back to AA. Now, the unfair advantages of the Oceanside and Gray Collegiate teams are gone.

Barnwell has a very good core of returning players. All-State quarterback Cam Austin was a huge part of the Warhorse offense last year. Austin just committed to play baseball at the University of South Carolina, but looks to add another year of Warhorse



The Barnwell offense should be exciting this fall.

Photo By: Jeff Miller / Reporter

football to his resume before that. The Peoples brothers, Jordan and Ja'Quan, also return as very athletic skilled players who can play several different positions as needed. Kahzeer Wesley is another very talented player that can play a lot of different roles for

Barnwell. Put this together with a solid offensive line and a defense that started to play really well as the season progressed last year, and you have a great chance to win a lot of football games.

Coach Smith was asked about his team's spring practices and said, "We had a great spring. I really felt like the kids worked hard daily and continue to excel. It was great to go out and have most everything installed as opposed to last year when we were teaching everything brand new. We were able to get a lot more accomplished and work a lot faster. We are hopeful that that will translate to better performance on the field. I believe we are blessed with a large number of skill players who we are hopeful will lead us in the fall. Almost the entire team is returning, and when you add the JV kids that have moved up, we are very fortunate to have a large number this season. Our plan for this summer is to focus

on overall team speed and then finalize schemes and personnel in all areas."

Coach Smith was asked if any players stood out during spring or if they had any new players making an early impact. "Kahzeer Wesley had an amazing spring! Jayden Rollins has transferred to us and really had a good spring, also."

Most of the coaching staff is returning. Coach Thomas Davis will return to the Warhorse defense after serving overseas this past year. Former Newberry running back and Byrnes assistant football coach Jon Burdge will join the staff and coach defensive line.

A lot of things must fall into place to have a great team. Players have to have a great year; you need to have the ball bounce your way a few times at key moments, you need good athletes and coaches. Barnwell looks ready to have another great year if all goes well.

Good luck Warhorses for a great 2024 football season.



Coach Brian Smith and the Warhorse football team look to go deep into the playoffs again in 2025.

Photo By: Jeff Miller / Reporter





# Warhorse grads gallop into future

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As the class goes their separate ways, salutatorian Madison Doughtie and valedictorian Andrew Waller gave classmates advice for a successful future.

"We all have the capability to be successful," said Waller, who proudly cited that he beat both his mom and aunt who were salutatorians of their respective classes.

He imparted five qualities that will help the graduates in their journey to success. This includes being on time, making an effort, having a positive attitude, being prepared, and having a strong work ethic.

"These attributes have been instilled in our heads throughout our journey here at Barnwell School District 45. The teachers and staff have always been there to help guide us and support



**Barnwell High School Principal Franklin McCormack hugs Aubrey Hankins, sister of Shaniah Hankins, a member of the Class of 2024 who was killed in a wreck in 2021. Also pictured is Shaniah's mother, Ann Fulmer.**

us through our endeavors. Thank you for pushing us and showing us what we are capable of doing," said Waller.

Graduation is not the end. Instead, Waller said it's the beginning as everyone embarks on the next step of their journey, whether it

be college, military, or the workforce.

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose," said Waller, quoting Dr. Seuss.

Doughtie also cited Dr. Seuss. "Why fit in when

you were born to stand out? Instead of going with the crowd and making choices that will affect your future, follow the path you choose to follow."

To accomplish this, Doughtie shared three rules she follows.

"Put your faith in God over it all; over the stress of college or work, over the stress of adulthood, over the stress of life; over everything," she said.

Next, Doughtie told classmates to "find your own identity and place in the world" rather than letting others dictate what they should do in life. "Focus on the goals you set for yourself and find your joy in the Lord rather than the world," she said.

Her final rule is to "never forget the ones that helped you get where you are

today," Doughtie said of family, teachers, pastors, and other supporters.

"Life will throw many challenges at us. Whether financial burdens, sickness, accidents, or any other event, we need to stay true to our faith, true to ourselves, and remember the advice and skills that we have been taught," said Doughtie.

In the benediction, third honor graduate Diya Patel prayed for God to give the graduates "strength and determination to navigate the journey ahead with integrity, resilience, and compassion. Help us to embrace each challenge as an opportunity, each setback as a lesson, and each trial as a testament of your faithfulness."

The BHS Class of 2024 has earned an estimated \$2,906,600 in scholarships.



Photos By: Jonathan Vickery / Publisher





# Blackville-Hilda celebrates graduating class of 2024



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On May 24, hundreds of members of the Blackville community gathered to celebrate Blackville-Hilda High School's Class of 2024.

In her speech, valedictorian Breanna Carrigg described graduating as "a bittersweet farewell," and encouraged the class to remember the support of "our families, friends, teachers, and mentors."

"My fellow graduates, as we bid farewell and step boldly into the future, let us carry with us the lessons of the past, the blessings of the present, and the hopes of the future," Carrigg said. "Congratulations to each and every one of you on

this momentous occasion. May our paths be filled with success, fulfillment, and happiness."

Salutatorian Mahyla Nickens thanked her classmates, the school's faculty and her mother for their support.

"My mother always pushes me to do the best I can and she will always be my number one fan," Nickens said. "I wouldn't be who I am here today without her. I may not show it all the time but I love you and you are appreciated."

Brence Pernell is a graduate of Blackville-Hilda High School's Class of 2004 who now teaches law at Columbia Law School in New York City. He gave a speech in which he spoke of the importance of self-education.

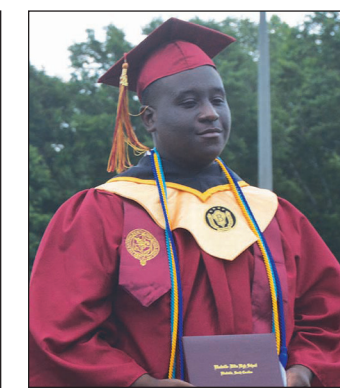
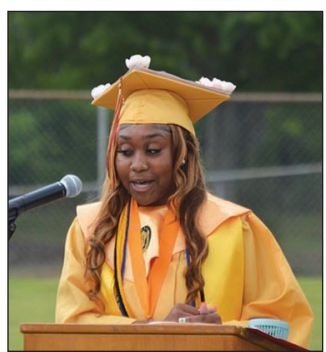
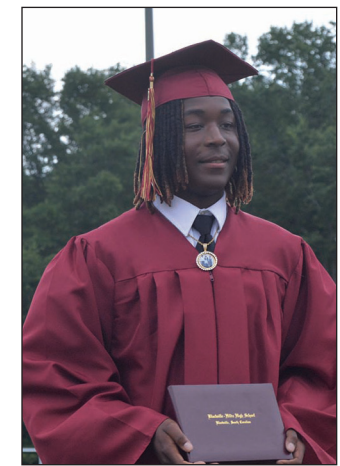
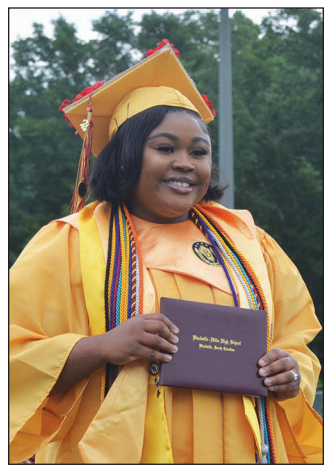
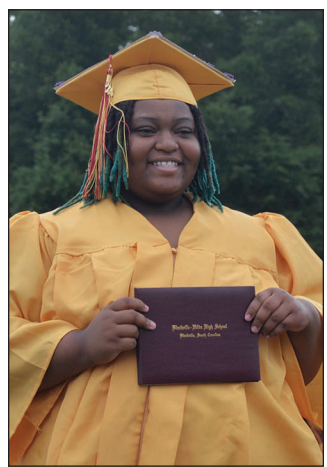
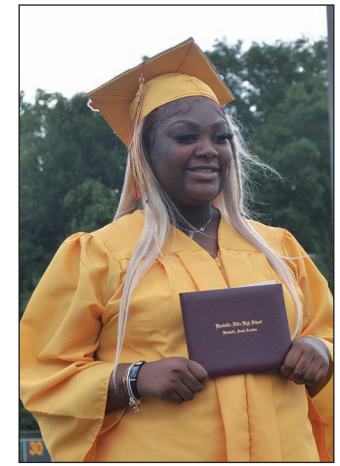
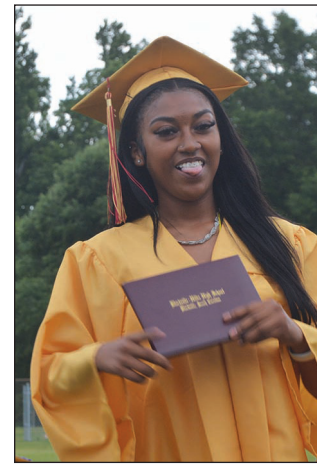
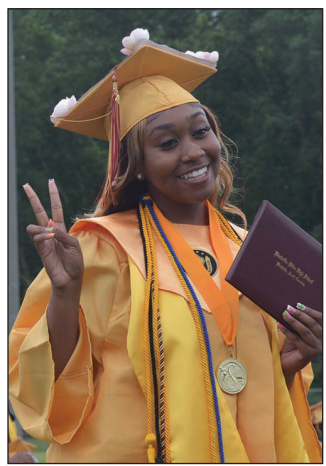
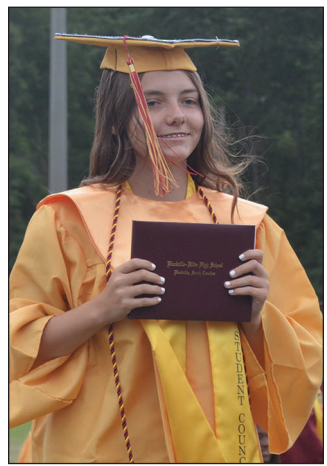
"It's important to cultivate and maintain your curiosity beyond the world of Black-

ville," Pernell said. "It's important to let the world change you. From now on, you are responsible for your own education. The only questions about the world that you have to answer are the questions that you create for yourself."

Pernell's speech was cut short by a thunderstorm that sent the crowd inside for celebration and photos.

"The last time I was here on this football field was 20 years ago when I gave my own speech as Blackville valedictorian for the Class of 2004," Pernell said. "And with several of my classmates here tonight 20 years later, watching their own children and loved ones celebrate, it all feels so wonderfully full circle."

Photos By: Elijah de Castro / Report for America







# Blue Devils graduates class of 2024

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A delay and a change of location did not stop the next generation of Williston-Elko Blue Devil alumni from walking across the stage on May 24, 2024. Junior marshals led the graduates into the auditorium where proud family members and friends applauded each as they walked down the aisle to music by Elisabeth Davis. Student body president Nakiya Mercado provided the welcome for the event followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jondalyn Dunbar and an invocation by senior class representa-

ive Kaitlyn Redd. Valedictorian Gracyn Williams spoke about change in her speech. "We stand here on the edge of our new beginnings, ready to embark on this next chapter of our lives with endless possibilities lying ahead of us. As we come together one last time to celebrate our achievements, look back on all of our memories together, and prepare for our future endeavors, I can't help but be reminded of a timeless truth: The only constant is change," said Williams. She recounted their first days in kindergarten together and many of those that led up to this very moment.

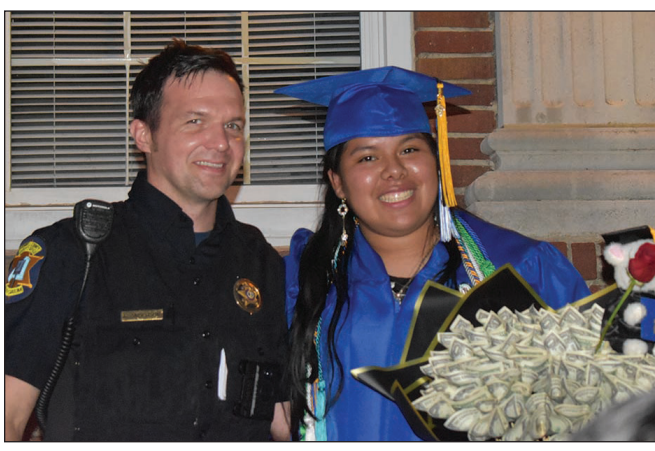
"Yet as we sit here with our future in our hands, we must remember to embrace change, not as a challenge or something to be afraid of, but as an opportunity to grow and become stronger and more successful in our many pursuits," said Williams. "Change is inevitable whether we prepare for it or not, so instead of cowering from change, we should learn to use it to our advantage," she said. Williams referenced Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" to remind her classmates of a constant amongst change. Class speaker Tyra Stroman shared a

similar sentiment in her commencement address. "Most of the class of 2024 started together and are finishing together," said Stroman. "I have known the majority of my classmates since Kelly Edwards Elementary. Williston has allowed us to get comfortable. Everyone knows everyone and within these two traffic lights, word gets around fast. So for those of us going away to college, there will be a huge change." Stroman asked her fellow graduates to take a look at the person sitting next to them and remember the moments they have shared over the past 13 years of school. "The truth is this may be

the last time you sit together, because in a few moments, we'll be going our separate ways," said Stroman. "Nonetheless, we will always have the great memories we made with each other." Salutatorian Nathan Causey reminded his classmates of some cherished memories in his speech; "field trips we have experienced together, clubs we have participated in, friend groups we have been in or even left; even something as simple or as meaningful as having lunch with your group of friends, and the memories we have all made from that, and will forever cherish," said Causey.

Causey imparted some words of wisdom to his fellow classmates before leaving the stage; "Nothing ahead of us is going to be easy, and nothing ahead of us is going to be smooth sailing, and sure, there will be some sad and some bad moments, but you will get through it. I was always told growing up that to succeed at something to its fullest potential, you have to fail first," he said. The WEHS Class of 2024 received over \$660,000 in scholarships with more to come with the final S.C. Life scholarships and Meeting Street scholarships are determined.

Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter





# Volunteering Together



## Building friendships and strengthening bonds

### FAMILY FEATURES

Volunteering has always been a big part of Shelley Brosnan's life, whether she was serving in her children's school or in their Fairfax, Va., community. When Brosnan retired, increasing her volunteer efforts was a natural next step. Serving with Volunteer Fairfax, an AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP program, she spends about 10 hours a week teaching new volunteers about helping older adults age in place, providing food for those in need and extending the capacity of local nonprofits.

"There's so much to love about volunteering," Brosnan said. "Providing purpose and serving the community are obvious reasons, but the connections I make with others are one of the greatest benefits. I just really love helping people and I've made friends through volunteering."

Brosnan's experience with volunteering is backed by science. According to the Mayo Clinic, having a solid social network improves both physical and mental health as it can boost happiness, increase your sense of belonging and improve self-confidence. As people age, many social avenues from earlier phases of life, such as school and work, no longer exist and making friends can be difficult. The Mayo Clinic suggests volunteering as a beneficial way to make friends and improve social well-being.



in mentoring and tutoring relationships. Lastly, the Senior Companion Program is a way to give a helping hand to other older adults and those with disabilities, assisting them with day-to-day tasks, such as grocery shopping and transportation to appointments. They also support caregivers through respite services."

The time commitment for all programs is flexible, ranging from a few hours to 40 hours per week.

Research studies like the Harvard University Study of Adult Development, found that older adults who invest in, care for and develop the next generation are three times as likely to be happy as those who did not. Volunteers Francois Mwabi and Jerome Menyo, based in Kentwood, Mich., are two more examples of the difference it can make to serve.

Mwabi and Menyo attest to the joy of impacting youth by passing on their wisdom and sharing their culture and language with students, many of whom are refugees from different parts of Africa just as Mwabi and Menyo themselves were several years ago. The two volunteers are so popular among the students and staff that teachers had to work out a schedule for all their students to be able to spend time with them.

One of the reasons the program has such a positive impact is the intergenerational connections it helps establish. Benefits abound not only for the young, but particularly for the volunteers.

"We love being here because of the environment and the students who study here," Menyo said. "The teachers like us. I enjoy it and they enjoy it, too."

Intragenerational pairings are fruitful and fulfilling, as well.

Masa Hunley of Philadelphia eagerly anticipates the time she spends with Deborah Washington, a Senior Companion Program volunteer.

Washington, a retired mail carrier with the U.S. Postal Service, was active before retirement and saw no reason to slow down after leaving full-time work. She was paired with Hunley three years ago.

Washington thinks of Hunley warmly, "almost as a grandma." She spends a few hours twice a week with Hunley, helping her with meal prep, getting to appointments, watching television or playing cards together.

Serving as a companion to Hunley is "just something that I enjoy doing, as if it was my mom or my grandmother, who have both passed," Washington said. "It's like serving them and praying that, if it was my mom or my grandmother, someone would be doing the same thing. It has to be in your heart."

Washington is also thankful for the opportunity Hunley provides for "loving up on her" and feels fortunate to be able to soak up the wisdom that Hunley has learned and earned.

To be matched to rewarding volunteer opportunities near you, visit [AmeriCorps.gov/YourMoment](https://www.americorps.gov/YourMoment).

"Volunteering fosters more connected and less isolated older adults," said Atalaya Sergi, director at AmeriCorps Seniors. "Our research, focused on the impact of our programs, finds volunteering can provide positive health and well-being outcomes. In our study, 84% of participants reported stable or improving health and 88% had lower feelings of isolation within one year of volunteering. Each year, we match more than 143,000 Americans with volunteer opportunities, helping build connections and address societal issues, nurturing real relationships that help people become both happier and more fulfilled."

Adults ages 55 and up, like Brosnan, can be matched with local volunteer organizations fitting their interests, skills and availability through AmeriCorps Seniors, the nation's largest national service program for older adults, which offers three signature programs. Brosnan and other volunteers nationwide play crucial roles in community resilience and connectedness.

"RSVP volunteers, such as Shelley, take on diverse activities based on community need such as delivering meals, supporting veterans and military families, cleaning parks or helping with tax prep and financial literacy," Sergi said. "Our Foster Grandparent Program pairs volunteers with youth,



## Guess Who?

I was born on May 4, 1979 in Mississippi. I had early plans to study engineering so I could work for NASA. However, I ended up in a multi-platinum pop boy band. I also advocate for human rights.

Answer: Lance Bass

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to gardens.

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Answer: Compost



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Date of Death: March 11, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00079  
Personal Representative: Noreen T. Jennings  
Address: 596 Old Whiskey Road, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
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Date of Death: March 16, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00037  
Personal Representative: Altovise Ritter  
Address: 3584 Concord Church Road, Allendale, S.C. 29810  
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### NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Carrington Mortgage Services LLC, vs. Joseph Randolph Still, United States of America Acting through Commissioner of Housing and Urban Development, C/A No. 2023-CP-06-00275.

The following property will be sold on June 3, 2024 at 11:00 AM at the Barnwell County Courthouse to the highest bidder. ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN BLACKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE TOWN OF BLACKVILLE, COUNTY OF BARNWELL, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, MEASURING 100 FEET, MORE OR LESS ON ITS NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN BOUNDARIES AND 130 FEET, MORE OR LESS ON ITS EASTERN WESTERN BOUNDARIES AND BEING BOUNDED. NOW OR FORMERLY AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTH BY IZLAR STREET; ON THE EAST BY EAST BOUNDARY STREET; ON THE SOUTH BY LOT NOW OR FORMERLY OF THE ESTATE OF W.A. STORNE; AND ON THE WEST BY LOT NOW OR FORMERLY OF H.S. GRIMES. THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO REBECCA EVANS STILL FROM HIRAM A. EVANS A/K/A H.A. EVANS, DIED TESTATE, DOMICILED IN BARNWELL COUNTY, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, ON FEBRUARY 25, 1968, LEAVING AS HIS SOLE BENEFICIARY UNDER HIS LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, HIS WIDOW, WILLIE FRANCES EVANS., BY DEED RECORDED: 08/03/1981 IN BOOK: 16-0, PAGE: 797, IN THE REGISTER OFFICE OF BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA. THEREAFTER REBECCA E. STILL DIED ON 01/13/2009, LEAVING HER INTEREST TO JOSEPH RANDOLPH STILL AS SHOWN IN DEED OF DISTRIBUTION RECORDED: 11/06/2009 IN BOOK: 902, PAGE: 247. TMS No. 123-07-02-002  
Property Address: **454 Izlar St., Blackville SC 29817**

SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, AD VALOREM TAXES, EASEMENTS AND/OR, RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. TERMS OF SALE: A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 30 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 5.037%. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Barnwell County Clerk of

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Court at C/A 2023-CP-06-00275. Notice: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date.  
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### MASTER IN EQUITY NOTICE OF SALE 2024-CP-03-00017

**BY VIRTUE** of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for GS Mortgage-Backed Securities Trust 2022-RPL2 vs. Cynthia A. Streater; et al., I, the undersigned Walter H. Sanders, Master in Equity for Allendale County, will sell on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 11:00 AM, at the County Courthouse, 292 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, SC 29810. The property to be sold to the highest bidder: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with any improvements thereon, situate, lying, and being in the Town of Allendale, County of Allendale, State of South Carolina, containing 0.277 acre, more or less, shown and designated on a plat entitled "Plat Prepared for Cynthia A. Streater" prepared by Richard L. All, PLS, No. 16497, dated March 16, 1996, and recorded April 1, 1996, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Allendale County in Plat Book 17 at Page 385. The aforesaid plat is incorporated by reference and made a part of this description.

This being the same property conveyed to Cynthia A. Streater by deed of Lance, Inc. recorded April 1, 1996 in Book 106 at Page 139 in the Office of the Clerk of Court/Register of Deeds for Allendale County.  
TMS No. 089-03-01-019  
Property address: 242 Short Street, Allendale, SC 29810

**TERMS OF SALE:** The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of said bid is due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding, in certified funds or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. In the event of a third party bidder and that any third party bidder fails to deliver the required deposit in certified (immediately collectible) funds with the Office of the Master in Equity, said deposit being due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding on the day of sale, the Master in Equity will re-sell the subject property at the most convenient time thereafter (including the day of sale) upon notification to counsel for Plaintiff. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to comply with the balance due of the bid within 30 days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder).

No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Master in Equity's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 6.000% per annum. The Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

This sale is subject to all title matters of record and any interested party should consider performing an independent title examination of the subject property as no warranty is given.

The sale will not be held unless either Plaintiff's attorney or Plaintiff's bidding agent is present at the sale and either Plaintiff's attorney or Plaintiff's bidding agent enters the authorized bid of Plaintiff for this captioned matter. In the alternative, Plaintiff's counsel, if permitted by the Court, may advise this Court directly of its authorized bidding instructions. In the event a sale is inadvertently held without Plaintiff's Counsel or Counsel's bidding agent entering the authorized bid of Plaintiff for this specifically captioned matter, the sale shall be null and void and the property shall be re-advertised for sale on the next available sale date. Neither the Plaintiff nor its counsel make representations as to the integrity of the title or the fair market value of the property offered for sale. Prior to bidding you may wish to review the current state law or seek the advice of any attorney licensed in South Carolina.  
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Date of Death: April 6, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00099  
Personal Representative: Jennifer L. Barnes  
Address: 309 Cottonwood Drive, Orangeburg, S.C. 29118  
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Date of Death: February 26, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00036  
Personal Representative: Angela Youmans  
Address: P.O. Box 1239, Fairfax, S.C. 29827  
Co-Personal Representative: Dwydella Walker  
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Date of Death: April 28, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00100  
Personal Representative: Terri B. Sanders  
Address: 507 Twin Oaks Drive, Blackville, S.C. 29817  
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Date of Death: June 27, 2023  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00075  
Personal Representative: Leroy Orr  
Address: 1252 Hwy. 300, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
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Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC,  
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Danny E Perry; Rhonda L Perry,  
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TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:  
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  - \*"Breaking Bad" father
  - \*"The Lion King" father
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  - \* \_\_\_\_ Anderson, he knew best?
  - The Supremes, e.g.
  - Subject matter, pl.
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  - Final, abbr.
  - Medicated shampoo ingredient
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  - Same as genie
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## Editorial

### A letter to the Class of 2024

Dear Class of 2024,  
It's hard to believe your high school career is over. We're sure your parents and guardians feel the same way.

We may not know all of you personally, but we know you've earned your diplomas. We've watched you grow up before our eyes over the years as many of you have been featured in the pages of this newspaper for athletic achievements, academic success, and community service efforts.

The road to graduation isn't easy. It took hours of studying, practicing and dedication. You also overcame the unique challenges of COVID. Be proud of this achievement because not everyone reaches it. But you made it!

As you head off to college, the military, or the workforce, we hope you'll use what you have learned so far in life. Remember the advice given to you by those who care about you, including your teachers, pastors, parents, and grandparents.

We know life will present you many opportunities and take you many places. We hope many of you will return home to Barnwell County to make it a better place to live, work and play. Sure, our community is small and doesn't offer all the big city amenities, but it is home.

We bet a few of you told yourselves "I'm never coming back to Barnwell" once you graduate. Some of us have been there, but we are glad to be back home.

God has a plan for each and every one of your lives. You may come from a small town, but that doesn't mean

you aren't destined to do great things.

Our hope for you as you all go your separate ways is that you will be contributing members of the communities you are in, whether it's here in Barnwell County or half-way around the world. While we'd love to have all of you come back to Barnwell one day, we know that simply isn't reality. However, we encourage you to show the people you will meet in your journey how great Barnwell County is by going the extra mile, displaying that Southern hospitality, and never compromising your values.

As your neighbors, we pledge to stand behind you and support you in your endeavors. Barnwell County has produced countless citizens who are doing phenomenal things, including a Hollywood stuntwoman, chief of the State Law Enforcement Division, professional athletes, college provost, internationally recognized musicians and artists, and chief strategic officer for the S.C. Baptist Convention.

We also know people who are doing phenomenal things in Barnwell County as government officials, educators, and business and industry leaders. They are improving the lives around them.

Like many have done before you, we encourage you to leave your mark on the world and make it a better place. Show the world what Warhorses, Blue Devils, Hawks and Raiders are capable of!

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## Better Business Bureau

### Employment scams target college students



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Better Business Bureau

Many college students seek flexible, part-time employment to help cover school expenses. Finding a job can be challenging, and students may feel pressure to find work quickly. If this situation describes you or a student in your life, watch out for scams. BBB Scam Tracker has gotten reports of employment scams impersonating professors and university departments.

#### How job scams work

You receive an email to your school email address encouraging you to apply for a job. The message appears to come from your school's job placement office, student services department, or even a specific professor. The position, which may be anything from pet sitting to mystery shopping, sounds perfect for a college student. The work is easy, has flexible hours, and offers excellent pay.

When you reply to the message, things start to get strange. The "employer" hires you without an interview. Then, they send you a check with instructions to deposit it before you've even done any work. You are instructed to use this money to purchase gift cards, money orders, prepaid debit cards, or other supplies you'll need for your new job. Part of what you purchase should be sent to your new employer. The rest of the money will be your payment.

However, the check is a fake. I can take weeks for your bank to discover

the fraud. By then, any money you send to your "employer" is gone for good, and you're stuck paying back the bank. In addition, the scammers now have your personal information.

One student reported this experience: "I received a message via my school email about a job opportunity with a professor. I reached out to the number and was asked for my resume and a non-school email. When I asked questions about the position, I was told the school would pay for my expenses and I would receive materials from them. They asked what bank I used and if I could deposit checks into my account. When I asked for the professor's email, the person said they were the professor. However, when I reached out to the professor personally, he said he was not looking for a research assistant and that I must have been dealing with scammers."

Unfortunately, not all students who reported this scam to BBB Scam Tracker avoided losing money. Another student lamented, "I received a job offer from what I thought was my school. I was sent two checks in the amount of \$1,650. I withdrew cash as instructed and bought Bitcoin for the "employer" and sent them a receipt. The next day, the checks bounced and over drafted my account."

#### How to avoid employment scams

• Do your research. Before you say yes to any job, research the company that wants to hire you. Does the company have a professional website and legitimate contact information? Search for what others are saying about their experience with this company. Do an internet search with the employer's name and the word "scam" to see if there are reports involving job scams.

• Beware of red flags. Scammers often send emails with many typos and grammatical errors. They offer to hire you without an interview and even pay you before you've done any work. None of these are behaviors of a reputable business.

• Examine the email address of those offering jobs to see if it matches the domain used by an actual company. Be alert to Gmail business email addresses.

• Never send money to strangers. Never send funds in cash, checks, gift cards or wire transfers to someone you don't know or haven't met. No legitimate company will ask you to pay them to get a job.

• Be very wary of some positions. Some types of jobs are more likely to be scams, such as mystery shopping or secret shopper positions or work-from-home jobs that involve receiving and reshipping packages.

To learn more about how to avoid employment scams, visit [BBB.org/EmploymentScam](http://BBB.org/EmploymentScam). You can also find valuable information at [BBB.org/AvoidScams](http://BBB.org/AvoidScams). If you've been the victim of an employment scam, report it on [BBB.org/ScamTracker](http://BBB.org/ScamTracker). Your experience can help others to recognize suspicious behavior and stop scammers in their tracks.

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### Flash Shelton knows how to get squatters out of your house



Phil Hudgins

Contributor

was to get his mother to sign a lease agreement, making him the legal owner, and then drive north to claim his house. He slept in his Jeep until the occupants left and then entered the house.

He installed Ring cameras throughout the property, preparing to video the squatters' every move and to expose them on YouTube and social media if he had to. He didn't have to. He gave one of the squatters—there were five men and two women—until midnight to get their furniture out of the house; otherwise, he would give it away. The squatters didn't make the deadline, but they were out by 2 or 3 a.m.

Shelton published part of the encounter on YouTube, and suddenly he became—drum roll, please—the Squatter Hunter. His solution: squatting on squatters. His motto: "If they can take a house, I can take a house."

He made himself available for consultations with victims of squatters—he's done hundreds of them—requiring nothing more than a

contribution to a GoFundMe account advocating for squatter-law changes. If he takes a job, he charges.

"I've got trips coming up in New York, Seattle, Illinois, Arizona, Nevada," he said in a telephone interview. "It's crazy."

Why don't states declare squatting a criminal offense? I asked Shelton. "Figure that out and let me know," he said. "It defies all common sense." His best supporters, he said, are people in law enforcement. They want to do what he's doing.

Actually, Florida has a new anti-squatting law, thanks in part to Shelton. He was there to speak when the bill was signed.

If you watch Shelton at work on YouTube, you'll see that he's pretty nice to the squatters. "I have to be nice but stern," he said. His objective is to get rid of squatters. He's not looking for a fight.

And, by the way, he doesn't want to do this the rest of his life. At 56, he just wants to travel, but not to squat on squatters.

Several years ago, a friend's grandmother died, leaving her fully furnished house vacant and eventually going up for sale. But before my friend could list it, a couple broke in and set up housekeeping. They were squatters.

Local police in the small North Georgia town said they couldn't help because the house appeared to be occupied. Yes, it was. With trespassers.

The couple eventually left, and the house was sold.

But if Flash Shelton had been around then, he could have evicted the couple much sooner, possibly in one day.

Shelton faced a similar predicament after his father died and his mother moved from Northern California to live with him in the San Fernando Valley. The house was put on the market, but, before long, Shelton was receiving calls from realtors saying they wanted to show the house, but it was occupied.

Shelton spent a day coming up with a plan. He spent the next day confirming it was legal. His plan



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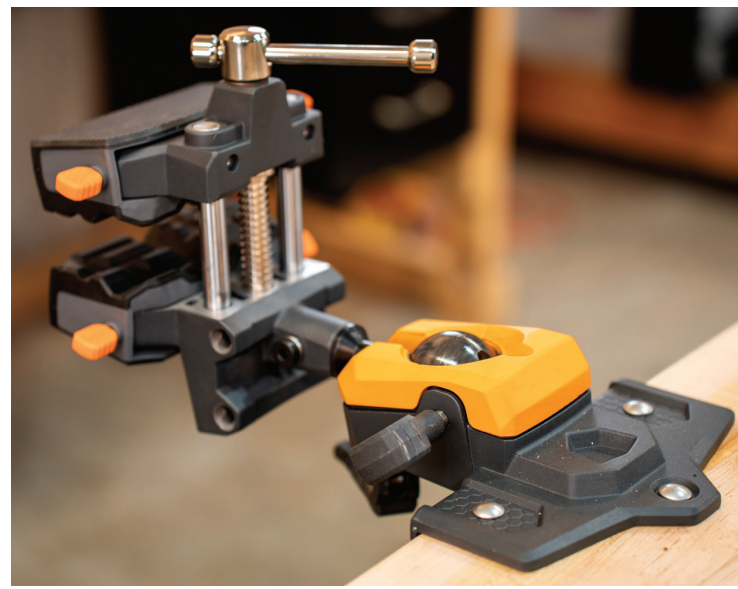
# PRACTICAL PRESENTS

## Father's Day gift ideas for hard-to-buy-for dads

FAMILY FEATURES

Shopping for your dad on Father's Day each year can be a challenge, especially when he says he doesn't want anything or claims he already has everything he needs. However, focusing on the things he enjoys such as music, exercising or hobbies like woodworking or metalworking can send you down the right path toward finding a gift to say "thank you" for all he's done and show him how much he means to you.

To help make the experience of shopping for your father less complicated, consider these practical options, and find more gift ideas to make his day at eLivingtoday.com.

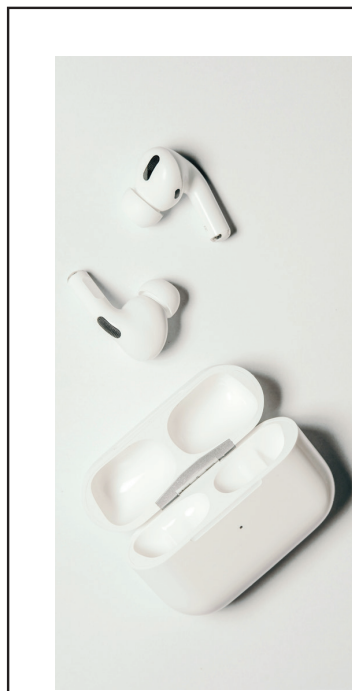


### Help Dad Transform His Workspace

When home projects abound, the right tools can help dad work smarter, solve problems and get more done easier and faster. With unprecedented adaptability and flexibility, the IQ Vise System by Work IQ Tools features a ball and socket design that allows articulation and 360-degree rotation at any angle for optimal work positioning while complementing task-specific jaws create the perfect grip for an extensive range of shapes and materials. Plus, IQ Connect plug-and-play accessories provide hands-free assistance on the vise and around your work area via three additional mounting options. Find more Father's Day gift ideas to help dad work smarter at workiqtools.com.



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### Let Dad Listen to His Favorite Tunes in Peace

The right set of wireless, noise-canceling headphones can be a gamechanger when it comes to listening to music or podcasts. Replacing those old, wired headphones with a pair of in-ear or over-ear Bluetooth-connected ones – whichever style he typically prefers – with an extended battery life can serve as an upgrade whether your dad is hitting the gym, walking the dog, taking a phone call on the go or just watching his favorite show on his phone while lounging at home.



### Give Dad the Gift of a Great Workout

If your dad is looking to get (or stay) in shape, skip the gym membership and give him the equipment he needs to complete his workouts at home. From strength training equipment like dumbbells to cardio equipment such as running shoes, a jump rope and more, plus essentials like a yoga mat and resistance bands, there are plenty of options available to help your dad create a fitness center in the comforts of home.

## Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

# Kid Scoop Junior

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## My name:

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

### Noise Z

Write a red Z on the objects below that make noise.

### My Rhyme Time

Zoom, zoom, zoom goes the fire truck  
Ding, dong, ding goes the ice cream truck.  
Red light stop, green light go  
Trucks are traveling fast and slow.

### My Letters

Z is for Zoom  
z is for zoom

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

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the sound the letter Z makes in the word zoom?

### My Numbers

How many zeppelins? 4

How many yellow Zs? 4

How many green Zs? 4

**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.

Zoom goes the

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Letter Identification</b> With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things with the same sound as the letter Z in zoom.	<b>Math Play</b> 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.	<b>Animal Sounds</b> Find pictures of animals in the newspaper. Have your child make the sound each animal makes. Can they make the sound the animal might make if it were angry? Can they make the sound the animal might make if it were sleeping?	<b>Loud and Soft</b> With your child, choose a picture of a street in the newspaper. Ask your child to point to objects in the picture that make loud sounds and then objects that make a soft sound. Have your child mimic the sounds.	<b>Scavenger Hunt</b> Look through the newspaper for five things that make sounds. Let your child go on a scavenger hunt through the newspaper to find those sound makers. Then reverse the process and have your child find sound makers for you to find.	<b>Find the Ears</b> Explain to your child that we hear with our ears. Play "Find the Ears" using the newspaper. Count all the ears in the newspaper. How many can you find. Explain that ears come in twos and that we call that a pair.	<b>Where's the sound?</b> Have your child sit in a chair with his/her eyes closed. With a page of the newspaper in your hand, walk quietly around your child. Stop and make a sound with the newspaper and see if your child can point in your direction.
<p><b>Learning Buddy Sign Here</b> I have completed _____ activities with my Learning Buddy.</p> <p>Learning Buddy's signature _____ Date _____</p> <p><b>Learning Buddies!</b> 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. <b>Step by Step Success</b> 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.</p>						

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5A/2A/1A NORTH VS 5A/2A/1A SOUTH



5A/2A/1A  
SOUTH

THURSDAY 30TH  
GAME #3 9:00AM  
L1 VS L2  
GAME #2 11:00AM  
W1 VS W2

### HAWKS: Looking forward to next year

They have competed hard in the weight room and on the field. We have a lot of returning starters from last year. On defense, we have nine kids that saw significant time last year. On offense, we return about 85 percent of our production and our guys up front have gotten bigger and stronger in the off season. One area that is strong for us is team speed. On both sides of the ball,

our kids can really run." Jones continued saying, "We hope to improve on our depth. As a smaller school that is never going to have 50 kids on the roster, we know that some of our key players will have to miss snaps for whatever reason during games and we have to have guys ready to come in and compete in those situations. When people talk about our strengths,

they start with our skill guys and I get that. Jaquel Holman is a major college prospect that at 6 feet, 2 inches tall and 205 pounds is the state champion in the 100-meters and 200-meters in track. He is big and fast. He rushed for over 1,700 yards on 170 carries last season. Namair Anderson is 6 feet tall and 180 pounds. Namair plays DB/WR and can really run as well. He has been receiv-

ing college offers. Our QB Samari Williams is starting for his fourth straight season. He is a smart kid that brings 4.5 speed to the field and poses problems for opposing defenses. We are excited about what transfer student Jamarian Kirkland brings to us. He is a kid that is 6 feet, 2 inches and runs really well. He will line up next to Messiah McFadden who is 6 feet, 4 inches and was

clocked at a 4.6 flat at the combine. At fullback, we will have a junior 5 feet, 9 inches and 200-pound Jaden Jackson that runs like a bull and has good speed. The offensive and defensive lines have really improved this offseason. Timothy Beard, Jayden Dash, Jalen Brown and Isaiah Greggs are all returning starters up front." The Hawks have also

Continued from page 1B made an addition to the coaching staff. Former Allendale-Fairfax head coach Corey Haynes has joined Coach Jones and staff. Put all of this together and hopefully the Hawks will stay healthy and get a few good breaks. If so, this will be a very exciting Blackville-Hilda Hawks football team to watch. Good luck Hawks!

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