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## Troubles remain as GU director exits

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*"We got a problem and nobody can give us a solution to the problem. That's what I got out of this meeting today,"*

**- Barnwell County Council Chairman Jerry Creech,**  
speaking during the May 23rd GU board meeting about ongoing issues

Generations Unlimited (GU), Barnwell County's office on aging, is facing yet another structural change while battling over \$120,000 of debt.

Ethel Faust, who served as GU's executive director, resigned effective May 24.

"You should be advised that the insurmountable challenges presently before the organization

presents a dire need for more in-depth expertise, involvement and engagement to sustain it to a more functional and operable business," said Faust in her May 20 resignation letter to GU board chairperson Cheryl Long.

Faust's resignation comes a

day after the agency held their monthly board meeting where individuals spanning across numerous county and state agencies discussed the agency's trajectory within the last year.

"This conversation should have happened six months ago," said

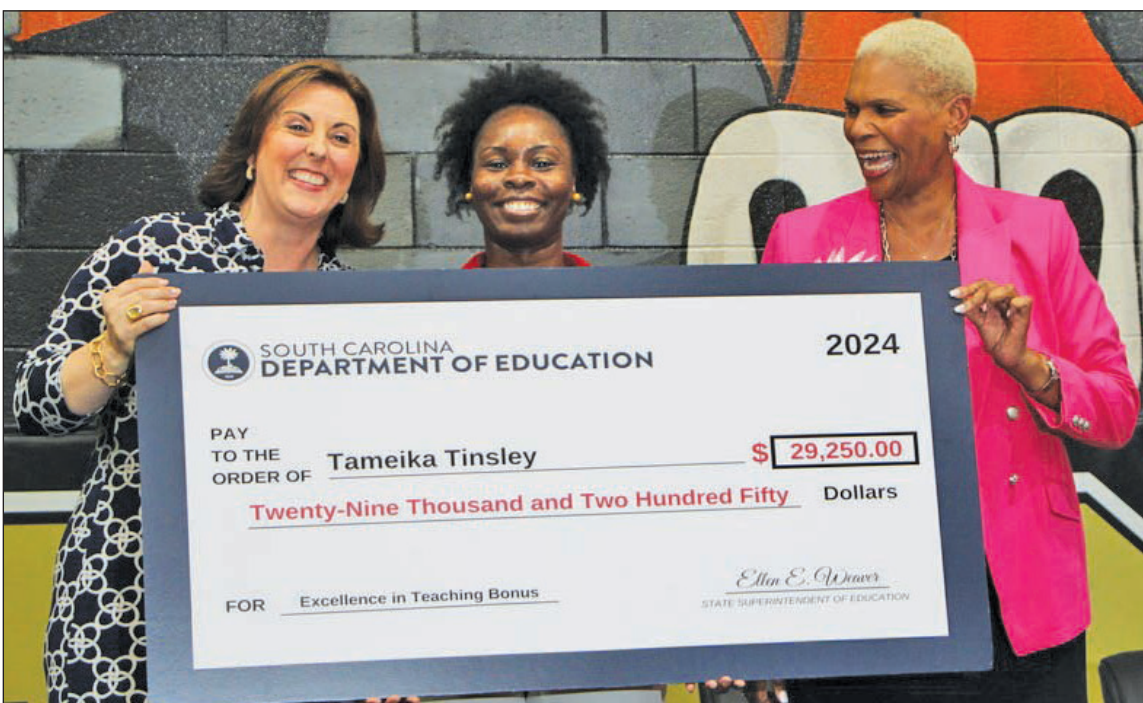
Bill Molnar, executive director of Lower Savannah Council of Governments (LSCOG). "This is not happening the way it needs to happen with the structure you have in place right now."

**BACKGROUND**

GU has faced financial



See TROUBLES, 6A



Allendale-Fairfax Elementary School teacher Tameika Tinsley won the largest bonus of \$25,250.

## Allendale County teachers receive nearly \$100,000 in teacher performance payments

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*"When you support teachers and give teachers recognition, it helps with recruitment and retention and it helps empower teachers to greatness."*

**- Superintendent Dr. Vallerie Cave**

Students and teachers cheered as nearly \$100,000 was awarded to 17 teachers at the Allendale County School District (ACSD) on May 29.

As part of the South Carolina Department of Education (DOE) Excellence in Teaching Awards, federal and state funds were used to give Allendale's teachers checks, ranging from as small as \$500 up to \$29,250. The ACSD is a teacher performance pay school district, meaning top-performing teachers are given bonuses based on student improvement.

"Teachers, I am so proud of you, and students I am even more proud of you," said ACSD superintendent Dr. Vallerie Cave. "[Teachers] make the change happen in classrooms and they are the reason that children are successful."

Following national trends, South Carolina is facing an acute teacher shortage; there were 1,613 vacant positions in the state at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year, according to a report by the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement. The shortage is driven in part

Weaver said at the celebration.

The need for teachers at some school districts is so severe that the South Carolina DOE has taken up virtual teaching, where educators are connected to classrooms virtually. Shawn Blanchard, an educator who lives in Atlanta, Ga., but teaches seventh grade math at Allendale-Fairfax Middle School, was one of the winners of the Excellence in Teaching Awards.

"I just came back to the classroom three months ago," said Blanchard, who drove three hours to be at the celebration. "I Zoom in in the mornings, Monday through Friday. I have the kids working really hard."

Concurrently, report cards released in October show that test scores have fallen sharply across the state of South Carolina since the pandemic, with test scores in Allendale County schools ranking below average in the state. Student improvement, Cave said, starts with championing teachers in the classroom.

"When you support teachers and give teachers recognition, it helps with recruitment and retention and it helps empower teachers to greatness," said Cave. "It's going to make a difference

See TEACHERS, 8A

## S.C. Criminal Justice Academy 'troubled' by Blackville PD's 'flagrant disregard' for state law

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The Blackville Police Department (BPD) has been found non-compliant with state law and one of its commanding officers is under investigation.

The Criminal Justice Academy (CJA) sent a letter on May 22 notifying Chief Ray Crawford and Mayor Ronnie Pernell that BPD was "not in compliance with either South Carolina statutes, South Carolina regulations, or Law Enforcement Training Council (LETC) orders."

A second May 22 letter from CJA informs Chief Crawford of the active investigation against BPD Lieutenant Brian Gray for "willfully falsifying material information" submitted to the

state agency.

This comes after three officers left the department in late April. Official resignation letters submitted to the town state these officers left for varying reasons.

**THE FIRST LETTER**

CJA first found BPD non-compliant in March when the department did not submit their roster upon request. Mayor Pernell and Chief Crawford were notified on March 29, 2024 the roster had not been submitted, and CJA granted an additional 30 days to do so.

According to Chief Crawford, CJA initially sent the roster request letter to an outdated email address on file, causing the oversight. CJA confirmed to *The People-Sentinel* roster requests are sent to departments via email.

See POLICE, 2A

## Community meeting to be held June 11 about countywide high school

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The community is invited to an informational meeting about the Barnwell County School District's facility plan.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, June 11 at 6 p.m. at the Barnwell County Career Center. The architect and contractor firms will be present to share plans for a new CTE-focused high school, which is a combination of a high school and career center.

"Once selected, the district board and leadership will work with the chosen firms to develop specific plans and a timeline for a new career center and consolidated high school. The district will seek community input with this plan," said BCSD Superintendent Dr. Crissie Stapleton of the current step of phase two of the facility study.

At a recent work session, the board discussed four options with the firms for a new high school:

1. A new comprehensive career center and high school on a site to be determined.



2. A new comprehensive career center and high school on the current site of Barnwell High School (already owned by the district) with the current high school being demolished following new construction.

3. Renovation of parts of Barnwell High School with the addition of a new career center and additional instructional spaces.

4. Full renovation of Barnwell High School with a career center addition built onsite.

At the May 29 regular monthly BCSD board meeting, Stapleton said the board had several takeaways from the work session held the week prior.

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# POLICE: Criminal Justice Academy investigating Blackville PD issues

It is the role of CJA to evaluate law enforcement departments and ensure they have proper policies established in correlation with state law, in addition to enacting civil penalties when they do not.

CJA requests rosters from departments across the state to ensure it matches with their ACADIS records. ACADIS, a management system which maintains training records and officer credentials, was established throughout 2014 and 2015.

CJA Director Lewis Swindler said the agency audits departments to ensure those listed on the roster are still employed by the department and in proper status. An investigation or an audit from CJA can be from random routine selection, or stem from a citizen or officer complaint.

According to an investigator for CJA, the department has since submitted an updated roster. However, this letter serves as the first non-compliance warning.

## OFFICER INVESTIGATION

On May 22, 2024, a letter was sent to Lieutenant Brian H. Gray to inform him of the investigation against him by CJA for "willfully falsifying material information provided to the Criminal Justice Academy," relating to submitting PCS of Hire and firearm forms - two documents required by the academy when a department is making a new hire.

In this letter, CJA cited S.C. Code of Regulations Section 37-026, which essentially states a law enforcement officer can have their certification withdrawn in the event such as this.

According to Chief Crawford, the material information stated is referring to documentation sent to CJA during the training process for new hires, such as these forms.

"I guess it was inaccurate, whatever he sent up there during the hiring process," said Chief Crawford. "They have a way you have to do it and Gray didn't know, and by him going to the training and that class, he now knows how to do it."

Gray has been working at BPD before Crawford was hired as chief in 2021 and has previously been employed by other departments. These CJA regulations and policies have been in place for a while, as the agency was created in the late 1960s.

## THE SECOND LETTER

When CJA begins investigating an agency they look for things such as:

"Do they have the correct officers? Are they trained correctly up to date? And do they have them working in the proper status and position for which they have a certification for?" said Swindler.

The May 22 letter outlines the laws in which CJA enforces, including S.C. Code Section 23-23-100 and the ways in which the state agency has found BPD to be non-compliant.

"It has come to my attention that you are not abiding by the requirements of submitting a PCS of Hire form within three working days of hire and a firearms verification form within three working days of the PCS of Hire, as required by law," states the letter signed by Swindler.

"You have to have certain things during the process of hiring, mainly just communication with the training officer with the academy, which he did it in a different way," said Chief Crawford, referring to Gray's submission of the PCS of Hire and firearms forms.

BPD not submitting these forms in the time frame means the department has "allowed individuals who do not have law enforcement authority to act in the capacity of law enforcement officers."

The letter continues to state the same individuals without proper authority were being allowed to "work alone and not while accompanied by a certified law enforcement officer." If the aforementioned forms are not filed properly during the hiring process, the officer is not fully able to patrol independently.

Other areas CJA takes note of is if a department is not following regulations as to proper paperwork and documentation or proper background checks, both areas cited in BPD's second non-compliance letter.

Regarding background checks on new hires, "on numerous occasions your agency has failed to contact a member of a previous agency's command staff to discuss the terms of the officer's separation," states the letter.

The second non-compliance warning letter states the agency's next violation of state law "will result in CJA seeking a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars per violation per day the agency is not in compliance."

Swindler also has the authority to hold all the certifications of BPD officers until the department comes

*"Your agency's flagrant disregard for following South Carolina law is troubling, as the citizens of this State demand better."*

**- from the non-compliance letter sent to Blackville Police Chief Ray Crawford by Lewis Swindler, director of the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy**

into compliance. In the event compliance is not met and certifications are pulled, it is the duty of the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office to police the town.

"The citizens in the towns are still our citizens and we're going to take care of them," said Sheriff Steve Griffith.

## COMMUNITY CONCERNS

At town council meetings and in conversations with *The People-Sentinel*, Mayor Pernell explained he is the conduit to address the department's complaints and rarely sees any validity in the complaints he is brought.

According to section 13.206 of the town's police policies, public discussion of the department is prohibited stating, "no personnel shall discuss the activities or employees of the department with the general public. Complaints shall be made in accordance with the chain of command established by the mayor."

Numerous complaints have been sent or called into the newspaper or directly to reporters regarding policing in Blackville; many of which were expressed at an August 2023 community forum held by the department.

At the forum, Mayor Pernell explained that since his election in June 2022, he has not received any evidence indicative of a BPD officer doing "anything illegally, immoral, or wrong," he said.

Mayor Pernell is still finding a similar sentiment today.

"All of the people that come in with complaints, and I go to look at the camera or the film, I can see how it escalates because of their behavior," said the mayor.

"Being a former police officer, when I investigate, the public sometimes their attitude is not the best," said Mayor Pernell to *The People-Sentinel* on April 25, 2024.

Mayor Pernell met with BPD command staff (Chief Crawford, Lt. Gray, and Captain L. Huggins) after the resignation of the three officers back in April.

"Basically there was a miscommunication between the command staff and them... if I would have

gap, and I think if I were to have gotten ahead of it it would have been resolved easily," he said.

Mayor Pernell said he asked the officers numerous times to come to him with any complaints, and they "didn't give him a chance to intervene."

*The People-Sentinel* asked Mayor Pernell what will be done to address future community or officer complaints.

After the three recent resignations, Mayor Pernell and Administrator Fonda Patrick plan to meet with new hires to see if they need more training; "Officers are not given the proper training sometimes to deal with situations, and I think that's where the overall police force is

trying to get to," said the mayor.

According to Swindler, CJA routinely offers additional training opportunities outside of an officer's initial academic training.

Mayor Pernell also explained "the chief still has some things he has to mature on" and how soft skills training might be beneficial.

"I think that's a lack of training that they should need to be able to be more sympathetic with the public," said Mayor Pernell.

Currently, BPD has the three command staff members, two recent hires, and two officers training to become certified, according to Mayor Pernell.

Dear Friends,

As a former Sheriff of Barnwell County, I am honored to endorse my good friend and law enforcement brother, Steve "Grits" Griffith, for the Republican candidate for re-election to the office of Barnwell County Sheriff.

Since leaving office as sheriff three and a half years ago, I have watched the office operations with Grits as Sheriff and am proud of his accomplishments. He has done what he promised and more involving Gang, Drug, and Community Relations Unit. I have watched him lead the Sheriff's Office units and continue to tweak and improve by working countless hours of his time in the office and in the field. With his training, knowledge, and experience in all aspects of how to effectively improve his operation, Grits knows how to and is unwavering in his goals for the Sheriff's Office and to the citizens of our county.

I highly encourage each of you to vote for Steve "Grits" Griffith for your Sheriff on June 11th.

Sincerely,  
*Ed Canou*

Dear Citizens of Barnwell County,

It is with heartfelt sincerity that I come to you publicly to endorse my husband, Steven "Grits" Griffith, as Sheriff of Barnwell County. I can honestly and openly tell you that he is, without a shadow of a doubt, the most qualified candidate to handle this tremendous job.

He has been extremely fortunate to have worked for, and with, some wonderful Sheriffs and other law enforcement officials over the last 40+ years.

Steve has remained a true public servant to this county, and its citizens. He has worked from being a dispatcher when he was too young to carry a weapon, up the ranks to his current position as Sheriff of Barnwell County, through hard work, long hours, dangerous situations, on minimal salary, receiving promotions to get to where he is today.

His unwavering dedication and service to Barnwell County is unmatched. Steve loves this county and its citizens and will continue to work for you all with professionalism, confidentiality and unbiased service. He will remain a Sheriff who is available, and will strive to interact with, and stay connected to you all.

Steve and I both grew up in Barnwell County, and after his service in the USMC, we chose to come back to Barnwell to raise our family. He has been a loving, devoted and supportive husband and father. Both of our children, Kelli Griffith Staton and her husband Brandon Staton (Baylor and Kannon), Dylan Griffith and his wife Alexis Bozard Griffith (Asher), have come back to live in Barnwell to raise our grandsons. They are all our pride and joy.

Steve has a vested interest in the safety and well-being of all children and young people in this county. He, along with some amazing people, has developed a Public Relations Department that is second to none. He will continue to work closely with his deputies on each level, and all local law enforcement entities, to ensure a connection to families and children so they feel confident in his department, and comfortable reaching out to them.

It is of utmost importance to him to have a well-trained staff, and maintain a good relationship with them, so that in turn they can work together as an efficient and strong team to serve and protect all citizens of Barnwell County. He has gathered the best team to create a Sheriff's Office you can trust and depend on.

The administrative employees at the Sheriff's Office are an amazing group of people that he has much respect and confidence in. They handle a great responsibility in their work and are knowledgeable and professional at their jobs.

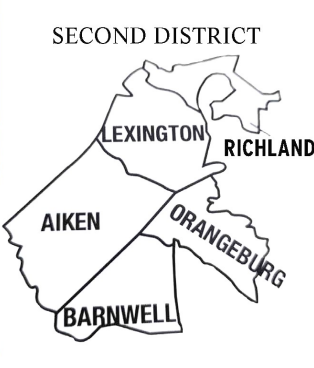
He has a great group of dispatchers who are the lifeline between you and the help you need. They are also the ones who communicate with all first responders to keep them safe. And I add, that when you call, you will never be asked your political affiliation, they ARE coming to help ALL citizens! On June 11, 2024, I urge you to RE-ELECT for the most qualified and deserving candidate. I humbly and respectfully ask that you VOTE STEVEN "GRITS" GRIFFITH as your SHERIFF of BARNWELL COUNTY!

Thank you!  
Sincerely,  
*Melome Powers Griffith*

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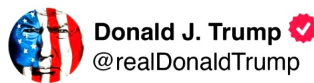
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# Tea & Testimony unites, inspires women of faith



Ladies were all smiles at the event which was inspirational and fun at the same time. Each table was uniquely and colorfully decorated with a theme.



Zoe McLean, Inell Waring, Supreethi Tadamatla, Nadia Segar, Sims Ragsdale and Debra Lemmond enjoy the Tea & Testimony event on May 4.

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The lovely month of May has notoriously recognized women with Mother's Day since 1908. It seems appropriately keeping with that honor that May has also become a time of celebration for the First Baptist Church of Barnwell (FBCB) Ladies Ministry to host their delightful Tea & Testimony event.

May 4 marked their second annual celebration recognizing women at FBCB. A dozen tables were creatively and colorfully decorated with different themes for the occasion.

"It's a good, wholesome way to fellowship with other ladies, hear a message, and share a good time celebrating women's hard work at home and church. Women are like glue helping hold things together. Planning, organizing, offering support wherever needed. The Tea & Testimony event is a great way to help ensure ladies know they are valued and appreciated for their time and hard work," said church member Carson Grubbs, who decorated a table.

Jennifer King, event co-organizer and Women's Ministry member, explained, "Each lady volunteers to sponsor a table, decorate it with their personal, family heirloom china, or however they want. Tammy Still was



The Merge student center on the campus of Barnwell First Baptist Church was packed for Tea & Testimony.

chosen this year's winner for her outstanding creativity."

Event attendance grew by 25 percent since last year's premiere. "Last year, 75 ladies from church and their guests attended. This year, we reached over 100. Our FBCB ladies are so wonderful. A lot of love!" said King.

Tonya Kelley, the pastor's wife, as well as developer and original organizer of the event, was so happy with the turnout and especially thankful. "It's wonderful



Guest speaker Nadia Segar (right), a native of Blackville, speaks with Tonya Kelley and Jennifer King.

to see the ladies work together so not one person is responsible to decorate the whole event. Jennifer King especially did so much work that I wasn't able to this year since I've been going through cancer treatments. Everyone working together made it a success. It's a great time that lets people show off their beautiful talents and creativity in decorating too."

The Tea & Testimony gathering was catered by South Edisto Catering

featuring chicken salad croissants, pimento cheese sandwiches, pasta salad, fruit salad and sweets. Beverages included tea, lemonade and water.

The ladies personally entertained the crowd by singing praise and worship songs and performing a comical skit. A motivational testimony was provided by speaker Nadia Segar; a Blackville native who now resides in Columbia with her family.

Segar said her "heart is to minister to the community" and the root of her brave testimony focused on trauma, child molestation and rape. "God took me from my Egypt into Canaan. He changed my worldview, transitioning it to His Biblical world. A sanctification cycle. A process. God does His greatest moves in our lowest hour," said Segar.

She quoted Psalm 46:5, which says, "God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved." The heart of the matter came when she asked the crowd, "The question is, will you trust Him? Can He trust you to find someone to minister to?"

If you'd like to learn more about Segar's powerful testimony and ministry, or invite her to speak at an upcoming event, her contact information is available at [www.nadiasegar.com](http://www.nadiasegar.com).



Tammy Still (far right), winner of the table decorating contest, points to one of the tables she decorated.



At left: Teens Abigail Eichman, Bevin Shaw, Tanner Shaw, Jayden Dellairo, and Maddie Lynch serve lunch at the Tea & Testimony event.

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Braelynn Nicole Boyle was born on April 27, 2024.

### Braelynn Nicole Boyle

Mariah Stone & Michael Boyle of Barnwell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Braelynn Nicole Boyle. She was born April 27, 2024 at 7:05 p.m. at Spartanburg Regional Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 19.7 inches long. She was welcomed home by her older sister, Brooklyn Teil Boyle.

## WEDDING



Riley Ridgeway and Josh Urwick were united in marriage on March 23, 2024.

### Ridgeway, Urwick

Riley Ridgeway of Barnwell and Josh Urwick of Clinton were united in marriage on March 23, 2024 at The Pine House in Trenton. The Rev. Brandon Sandifer officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents, Craig and Jeri Lyn Ridgeway. The bride's dress was a white, satin A line silhouette with a large bow accent and cathedral length train.

The bride carried a bouquet of white roses. Brittany Lott, sister of the bride, and Courtney Harris, best friend, served as matrons of honor.

Bridesmaids were Rachel Gregory of Michigan, Eliza Harris of Georgia, Maci Douthit of Alabama, Keely Urwick of Barnwell, Adrienne Kneece of Saluda, and Laney Bogard of Barnwell.

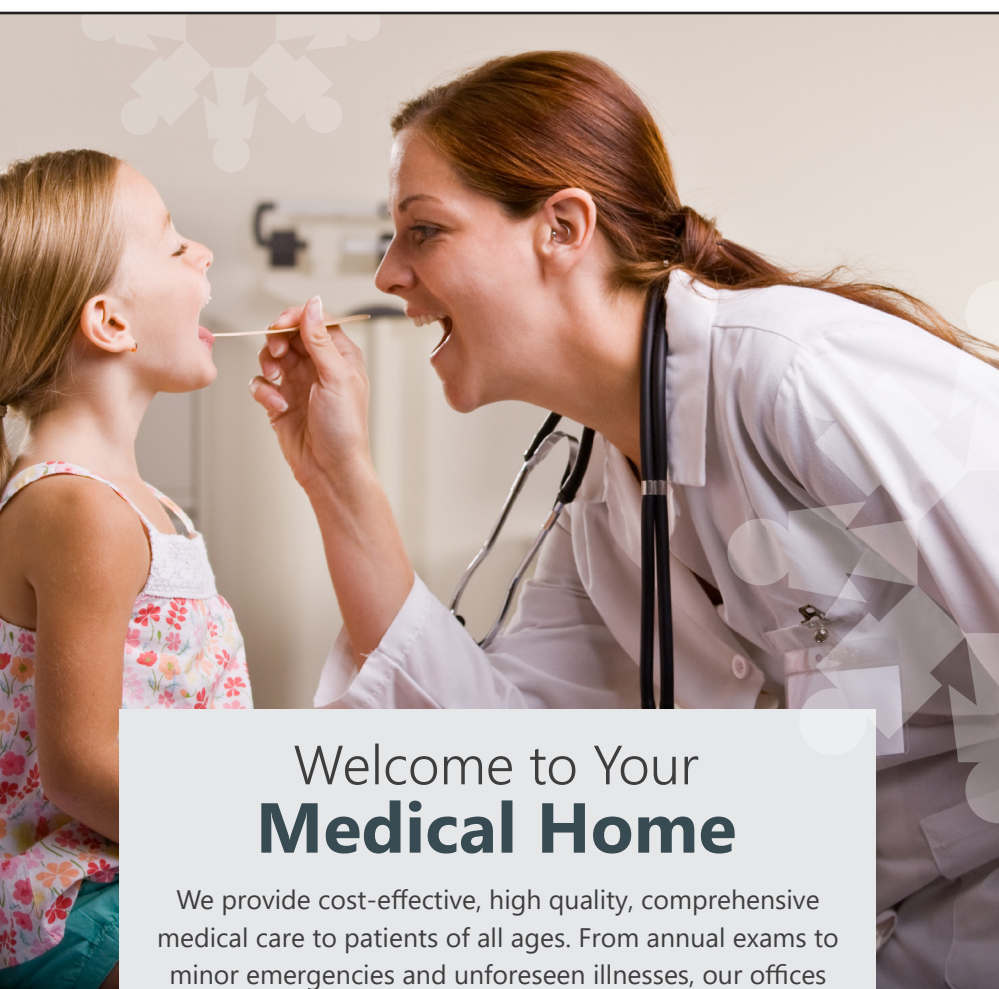
Matha Ellison Lott, niece of the bride, served as flower girl. Cash Lott and Bowen Kneece, nephews of the bride, served as ring bearers. Matthew Urwick, brother of the groom, was best man.

Groomsmen were Alan Urwick of Charlotte, N.C., Ryan Holmes of Greenville, Zach Davis of Greenville, Sam Doster of Athens, Ga., Austin Eaddy of Florence, Will Burroughs of Greer, Charlie Craven of Charlotte, N.C., Jake Fuller of Raleigh, N.C., and Brock Ridgeway of Myrtle Beach.

Following the wedding a reception was held at The Pine House, Trenton. The bride is the daughter of Craig and Jeri Lyn Ridgeway of Barnwell. She is the granddaughter of Dean and Joan Hartzog of Barnwell and Doris Ridgeway of Myrtle Beach. She is a 2018 graduate of The University of Alabama and is employed by Barnwell County School District as a teacher.

The groom is the son of Keith and Paula Flynn and Alan and Crystal Urwick of Charlotte, N.C. He is the grandson of Joe and Sally Weeks of Hilda. He is a 2022 graduate of Clemson University MRED Graduate program and is employed by SouthernCarolina Alliance.

Following a wedding trip to Ocho Rios, Jamaica, the couple now reside in downtown Barnwell.



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<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>

**\$800 Raffle Prizes**

A raffle system for contestants that participate in HEALING Partners supported health workshops and physical activities to be draw at the Winners Presentations.

The Barnwell County Lose To Win Weight Loss Challenge promotes healthier lifestyles through weight loss and wellness education over 16 weeks. Participants focus on improving physical health, nutrition, and mental well-being to cultivate lifelong wellness habits.

**Winners will be announced October 3, 2024**

**OTHER IMPORTANT DATES**  
Challenge starts June 3, 2024  
Weigh ins at The Well in Barnwell May 29-June 7  
Challenge ends September 24, 2024  
Final weigh in must be done at The Well between September 24-September 26, 2024  
Winners Presentations October 3, 2024 at a location TBD

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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](http://myhealingpartners.org). Contestants must be able to do in person weigh in at the beginning and the end of challenge and weekly updates through text or email. For details and rules visit [myhealingpartners.org](http://myhealingpartners.org) or inquire in the Lose To Win Handbook.

# Why legislation that could have increased turnout, sped up results in SC is dead

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## COLUMBIA

Legislation that could have increased turnout in South Carolina's local elections while speeding up Election Day tallying died in the final minutes of this year's regular session, despite both chambers approving it overwhelmingly.

Statewide, there are more than 300 scheduled local elections yearly. And that doesn't even include special elections to fill a vacancy for whatever reason, according to the South Carolina Election Commission.

"Literally almost every Tuesday is an election day in this state," Director Howard Knapp told the SC Daily Gazette on Wednesday. "I think there were two counties this week that had elections."

The bill would have consolidated all municipal elections to two days yearly — a Tuesday in early April or November — and required county election offices to take over running elections for towns and cities that want to transfer the responsibility.

The idea behind the consolidation was to reduce the time and money needed to run elections, while also improving turnout in contests that voters often simply don't know about because they're so sporadic.

It could have also possibly improved interest in candidates wanting to compete. In Barnwell County in 2022, a school board contest was decided by 24 voters — total — in a runoff after no one filed to run and two candidates who received one write-in vote apiece agreed to face off, according to *The People-Sentinel*.

The legislation also would've allowed winners in municipal elections to take office even if a challenge is filed, rather than leaving the incumbent in the seat pending a decision.

In Sumter, a challenge left a city council seat vacant for nine months. The incumbent had died, so there was no one to represent residents in that portion of Sumter while



A "Vote Here" sign outside a polling location at Dreher High School in Columbia on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024 (Abraham Kenmore/SC Daily Gazette)

a challenge from the last-place finisher in a five-way race filed multiple appeals eventually settled by the state Supreme Court last year.

House Speaker Murrell Smith, R-Sumter, vowed to prevent what he called a "unicorn situation" from ever happening again in South Carolina.

Another provision added by senators would've allowed early voting results to be uploaded at 7 a.m. on Election Day instead of 7 p.m. — allowing for a quicker turnaround of results once polls close.

Any or all of those fixes becoming law "would have been an improvement," Knapp said. "It would have cleaned up some issues. ... It would have improved elections in the state."

### Why did it die?

The House voted unanimously to pass the bill in April 2023. But the Senate didn't take it up for a floor vote until May 8. It cleared the chamber with a 38-4 vote a day later — the last day of the regular session.

But since the Senate made changes, the bill had to

return to the House for a final vote of agreement.

With the clock ticking toward the mandated 5 p.m. close of the session, the House needed unanimous approval to take up the bill. And Rep. Rob Harris, a member of the chamber's hard-right Freedom Caucus, objected, killing it.

Harris, a Spartanburg County Republican, noted he was among those voting 111-0 a year ago to approve the municipal changes.

"I voted for that bill when it came through the first time," he said.

But he said he wanted a discussion on the Senate changes allowing election officials to get a head start on counting ballots cast in person during the early voting window.

Early voting results are stored on secure thumb drives. It can take just minutes or up to an hour each to transfer data from them into the system. In large counties with multiple drives, waiting until polls close at 7 p.m. to upload the results can significantly delay election results. People across the state may go to

bed not knowing who won, according to Knapp and local officials.

The Senate's additions would have allowed the upload to start 12 hours earlier, at the same time election officials can start processing mail-in absentee ballots.

"They couldn't release any results, but it would have been, like, ready to go," Knapp said. "You've turned the car over yet, but it's like right there."

Senators also wanted to mandate that hand-audits be conducted publicly, something Knapp said election offices do not always do.

Explaining his objection, Harris said he wanted a full debate on the Senate's changes, and a full debate wasn't possible in minutes. So, the Wellford Republican was willing to let it die.

Isaac Cramer, director of the Charleston County elections office, said he's hopeful that legislators might resurrect the bill when they return in the coming weeks to finalize the state budget.

Amending the temporary law that governs what can be taken up during the extended session is possible with supermajority votes in both chambers. But legislative leaders aren't optimistic. Trying to add anything to the agenda can open the floodgates of legislators wanting other proposals to be added.

"I'm optimistic that it can be done," Cramer said. "We've been contacting our legislators, letting them know that this bill is really crucial to election officials. It would be a win ahead of a very busy summer and fall."

Cramer said his office has operated early voting hours almost nonstop since January, with few breaks, due to the presidential primaries, local and special elections. Having set days for municipal elections would help, he said, and being able to upload early voting data before polls close would allow prompt results.

"If the bill doesn't pass, expect long delays on election night and people not knowing the result of elections when they go to bed, which is not the normal

for South Carolina," he said.

Knapp is not hopeful legislators will take up the bill again next year, when presidential, congressional and Statehouse elections won't be on any ballots.

"I don't know if there's going to be a lot of priority put on election reform or election cleanup bills next year, when nobody is on the ballot and the election is over," he said.

### What's in the budget?

The one thing legislators must do in the extended session is finalize a state spending plan for the fiscal year starting July 1. Negotiations between the chambers' differing proposals officially started Tuesday.

A clause in the House plan would allow Knapp to step in and appoint an interim director for a county elections board if the local director leaves within 60 days of an election. That's not in the Senate plan after it was ruled out of order.

This November will be the first general election with a presidential contest for most of the local directors statewide, since 80% of them have been replaced since 2021, Knapp said.

In Saluda County, the entire staff left earlier this year, leaving the office illegally closed from Jan. 3-7, according to an Election Commission spokesperson. It was then open with non-regular hours from Jan. 8-19 — basically, whenever staff was available — just two weeks before the Democratic presidential primary.

State law doesn't give Knapp the authority to take over.

"I can't reach down into a county government office and run it," Knapp said. "I just can't. There's nothing in the law that allows me to do that."

Lynn Teague with the state League of Women Voters said more state funding for local elections would be helpful.

"The state, and to some extent the feds, call the shots, and then the counties get beat up if something goes wrong," she said.

"We believe more consistency is required in municipal elections," Teague said.

## How to Support Your Pet's Health

## During Summer

### FAMILY FEATURES

As a pet parent, you know your pet's needs are continually evolving. That's true during different stages of growth and even as the seasons change.

Part of supporting your pet throughout the year is understanding the specific risks that come with changing weather and special seasonal events. Supporting pets this summer can be easier with these tips:

### Summer Health Concerns

It may be an exciting time of year for humans with all the extra activities, seasonal celebrations and travel, but those summer pastimes can add up to a whole lot of stress for pets. In addition, environmental factors like allergens and heat can affect them more than you realize.

- **Allergies:** Pets can be affected by many of the same allergens as humans, including grass, pollen and other vegetation that is more prevalent during warmer months. Watch for signs of trouble such as scratching, chewing, watery eyes and general discomfort. Veterinarians can offer advice on allergy support and supplements appropriate for your pet's age, breed and size.
- **Fireworks:** Summer tends to bring more loud noise and commotion in general, but this is especially true around the Fourth of July when explosions become the norm. If pets are fearful, it's especially important to ensure they stay in well-secured areas since fireworks are a common cause of pets running away. If possible, find a safe spot within your house where outside noises are muffled. Provide some comfort items and check on them regularly. If they seem extremely distressed, vet-recommended anxiety treatments and supplements can help promote relaxation and soothe their nerves.
- **Travel:** If your pet suffers from separation anxiety, summer trips can be especially problematic. One solution is to take your pet with you, but that's not always practical or even possible. When pets with separation anxiety stay behind, it's a good idea to leave them with someone they know, and



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even better if that person can stay in your home so pets are in familiar surroundings. If that's not an option, introducing pets to their caretaker or doing a trial run at the kennel can help ease their nerves. In extreme cases, you may need to consult with a vet about supplements that can help soothe pets in your absence.

- **Dehydration:** Just like humans, hotter temperatures make it easier to get dehydrated, which can lead to myriad health concerns. Ensure pets have access to fresh, clean and cool water at all times and be sure to alert your veterinarian if you notice any changes in their interest in drinking, as that can signal an issue. Also watch for signs of dehydration, such as weakness, less energy, changes in appetite and panting.

### Managing Activity Levels

During the summer months, pets may be tempted to take it easy in the heat, or you may have the opposite problem: a pet that's a little too active for the elements. Monitoring their activity level is important to ensure they don't get overheated but also get adequate exercise to maintain a healthy weight and keep muscle tone strong. This may require getting creative about bringing playtime indoors or shifting your routine to accommodate walks early or late in the day when temperatures tend to be more forgiving.

### Introducing Health Supplements

Monitoring pets' health isn't a one-size-fits-all effort. In fact, different breeds have distinct needs when it comes to exercise, behavioral training and even nutrition. Supplements, from multifunctional solutions to those targeting specific issues, can help complement regular food to ensure pets are getting all of the nutrients and preventative support they need to thrive. One comprehensive option is NaturVet's Breed Specific Soft Chews supplement line, which is made up of five products that provide proactive support for distinct dog breed categories, including toy/small, bully, sport/working, doodle and giant.

The vet-formulated soft chew line was designed to offer a streamlined and personalized supplement approach for breeds with particular health needs. To support pets precisely as they are, each product offering is formulated for pure and mixed breed dogs alike, delivering tailored, wholesome ingredients to address joint, allergy, immune, heart, gut, anxiety and dental issues.

Find more advice for supporting your pet's health this summer and beyond at naturvet.com.



## 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.

**Leon Lamar Dorch Sr.**, 48, of 60 Garden Drive, Wil- liston, S.C. was arrested on

May 28, 2024 by the Barn- well County Sheriff's Of- fice (BCSO) for Fraudulent Check. Dorch was booked and released to the Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).

**Jemell Tyquan Dukes**, 32, of 4693 Legion Road, Blackville, S.C. was arrested

on May 27, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Dukes was booked and released to BCDC.

**Gary Floyd**, 54, of 367 Bombay Street, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on May 27, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Child Support. Floyd was booked and released to

BCDC.

**Pernell Macenzie Gill**, 36, of 446 Lawton Drive, Al- lendale, S.C. was arrested on May 28, 2024 by BCSO for (2) counts of Failure to Pay Child Support. Gill was booked and released to BCDC.

**Walter Fate Lynch**, 45, of 421 Woodland Road, Barn-

well, S.C. was arrested on May 29, 2024 by BCSO for Assault & Battery. Lynch was booked and released to BCDC.

**Bryan Keith O'Berry Sr.**, 60, of 931 Allen Street, Barn- well, S.C. was arrested on May 28, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. O'Berry

was booked and released to BCDC.

**Daniel Titus Woodson**, 68, of 6587 Reynolds Road, Blackville, S.C. was arrested on June 2, 2024 by BCSO for Pointing & Presenting a Fire- arm at a Person. Woodson was booked and released to BCDC.

# Bond revoked for man charged with assaulting officer

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Bond was revoked for a man charged with assault on an officer while resisting arrest.

The first incident occurred in November 2023 when Richard Sargent III, 33, of Barnwell, was in the passenger seat of his grandmother's car. Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) Investigator Matt Davis was on patrol and recognized Sargent, who had an active warrant at the time.

Inv. Davis confirmed the warrant through central

dispatch, initiated a traffic stop, and then tried to remove Sargent from the vehicle. According to deputy solicitor Leigh Staggs, this is when Sargent became combative, kicking at officers.

In the midst of the arrest, the defendant was unsuccessfully tased and wrestled to the ground before being detained.

Sargent was initially charged with solely resisting arrest until Inv. Davis noticed ample bruising on his arm later in the day. After seeking medical advice and care at Hampton Regional Medical Center, Inv. Davis learned his bicep was torn and he would need to have

surgery.

Sargent was granted a \$2,000 surety bond for this charge which was posted in December 2023.

In January 2024, law enforcement responded to Sargent's grandmother's residence after a call claiming he was busting the windows of a vehicle.

When officers arrived, they found reasonable evidence to believe Sargent was behind the broken car windows. In trying to detain him, he became combative and tried to flee. Sargent was tased three times before being handcuffed.

Sargent was charged with malicious injury to personal property, simple

possession of marijuana, and assaulting a police officer while resisting arrest for the Jan. 2024 incident.

A surety bond was set for these charges and posted in late February – the day before the state motioned to revoke bond for the Nov. 2023 charges.

Although the intent of this timing was argued by the defense, the solicitor explained this was the nearest term of court this motion could be heard.

The state sought to revoke bond after the initial charge of resisting arrest was dismissed and Sargent was directly indicted by the Barnwell County grand jury on charges of assaulting a

police officer while resisting arrest relating to the incident with Inv. Davis.

The initial charge of resisting arrest was dismissed, and true billed for the higher charge – which the state requested bond be revoked for.

Sargent was on community supervision, a program of parole, at the time of court. Sargent has been previously convicted of armed robbery in 2009. He served a 15-year sentence from which he was recently released.

"If we drug test you today, are you going to be negative?" asked presiding Judge Kristi Curtis.

Sargent explained the

drug test would only reveal THC to be in his system, a product of the legal CBD products he uses.

Judge Curtis requested Sargent take a drug test before she made a decision on his bond. When the results came back, he tested positive for more than THC.

Judge Curtis expressed she felt Sargent's outbursts were episodic, and said she worried "what is going to happen to you given that you seem to be self-medicating in some fashion. What's going to happen is you're going to end up getting hurt."

Judge Curtis revoked Sargent's bond and he was taken into custody by BCSO.

## TROUBLES: Frustrations voiced over GU's continued financial issues

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challenges since the COVID-19 pandemic which have led to limitations in services offered; public transit, home-meal delivery, senior support, and more.

As GU struggled to recoup from the pandemic, the county assumed control of the agency in February 2022 and fired then-executive director Lisa Firmender in effort to find a new direction for the agency; citing financial issues related to the operation of the public transportation system, Local Motion, as previously reported by The People-Sentinel.

During the time the county assumed control, the agency continued to struggle to operate. Faust was hired and a new board was appointed in June 2023 with hopes to reinvigorate the two senior centers, create an efficient and profitable public transit system, and become financially independent from the county regarding general operations.

In the past year of meetings held by the new board, they discussed how to achieve this goal. However, the finances of the agency continued to fall further into the red, public transit was cut leaving individuals without rides to work or medical appointments, and the county was asked to keep funding general operations.

By May 2024, the agency was in over \$120,000 of debt, their contracted financial consultant took leave after not being paid, transit is still an ongoing issue, and the director was on the verge of resignation.

"The data was there as far as finance," said the agency's financial consultant, Neil Crider of McGregor & Company LLP, who explained the managerial side of GU and the board had all the information they needed as to how much debt they were in for over a year. "Back in July of 2023, I am saying cash flow is going to be an issue."

"This was all on the table over two years ago when the agency was about to be shutting the doors, COVID changed a lot of things that had some effect on volume. The volume has never returned and so the county influxed a quarter million dollars into it," said Crider. "This was an emergency situation at that point."

However, problems grew and persisted until the present day.

A meeting was held on Thursday, May 23 to address some of these issues with the GU board, county council, S.C. Department of Transportation (SCDOT) personnel, Lower Savannah Council of Governments staff, and both financial and transit consultants.

**MAY MEETING**  
"If we haven't paid any

*"This conversation should have happened six months ago. This is not happening the way it needs to happen with the structure you have in place right now."*

**- LSCOG Executive Director Bill Molnar,**  
**on the continuous issues that are facing Generations Unlimited**

bill, where is this money going? Because I do the billing, and we make good money...I'm just confused as to why we have no money," asked a GU employee during the meeting. "The numbers, it's like no one knows what they are."

"I second that question," said Barnwell County Council Chairman Jerry Creech.

Faust explained much of incoming money was going toward paying the ample debt inherited by the agency's new director and new board. Debt is owed for vehicle maintenance, fuel, and many other operational expenses.

GU operates through a reimbursement structure, and due to the debt payments they do not have the money upfront to fund things such as transit to then be reimbursed for by state or federal entities.

At the time of the meeting, GU only had \$7,932.82 left in the checkbook to maintain operations.

Diane Lackey is the transit program manager at the Office of Public Transit at SCDOT. Their role is to ensure compliance with federal and state law to ensure agencies are operating effectively and efficiently pertaining to transit programs.

According to Lackey, the Office of Public Transit administers Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding and limited state funding to support rural public transit systems. The FTA appropriates funding to each state for rural public transit and the state then decides how to distribute based on a weighted formula.

Lackey explained GU does benefit from this funding; "On an average, I think they are receiving in the neighborhood of \$500,000 a year federal funds, and then from state mass transit funds, I think that's in the neighborhood of \$257,000."

Once the state sends the agency funding, it is up to the agency to allocate it properly. According to Lackey, reimbursements are processed within 30 days.

She explained GU has not invoiced DOT for state rural transit reimbursements from April or May – around the same time Crider put a pause on his services for lack of payment. This can also be attributed to limited staffing at the agency.

GU has not received a financial report or any financial data since March

31. Crider had stopped being paid in December 2023, but continued working with the agency for another three months out of good graces as he processes payroll, handles reimbursements, closes out each month, and produces financial reports for all the services.

He is currently owed over \$25,000 by GU.

Board member Vorise Peebles made a motion that was unanimously approved to ask the county to help GU address the outstanding debt. However, concerns still remained.

"My organization funnels about half a million dollars into Generations Unlimited a year, I've got a contract that is coming up and ending," said Molar.

GU is contracted with LSCOG to "provide for clients here in Barnwell County for meals, transit, and a number of other services to seniors and those with disabilities," said Molnar. "So for us, our concerns are very grave."

Molnar asked the board for answers regarding his main concerns; financial stability, the agency's staffing, and being able to fulfill the contractual obligations such as transit for the remainder of the month. The roughly \$500,000 annual contract is up at the end of June.

"These folks in Barnwell County are our clients, we have to make sure they receive their meals, I need to make sure those folks on dialysis get to their appointments. It's life or death," said Molnar to the board.

Molnar's main concerns are ensuring meals, transit, and public services getting to the clients he serves through LSCOG. According to Molnar, GU does not submit their reimbursement invoices to LSCOG, but an individual working in Orangeburg County's office on aging who has not been paid.

Faust explained private consultant Carol Wright Kenderdine of Wright Consulting will be visiting Barnwell County to aid in addressing GU's issues; however, "her coming in later doesn't answer my question now," said Molnar.

Molnar told GU their lack of staff and threats to transit equates to not properly serving clients, which is a breach of the contract between GU and LSCOG.

"This conversation should have happened six months ago," said Molnar.

"This is not happening the way it needs to happen with the structure you have in place right now."

Other organizations like LSCOG shared their concerns as well. Hundreds of Local Motion riding vouchers were purchased by entities such as the Southeastern Housing Authority and Bamberg-Barnwell Adult Education to ensure their clients had a trip to work or school.

A representative from Southeastern Housing Authority asked Faust and the board if these vouchers will still be honored, as Local Motion dropped back to only accepting Medicaid patients earlier this year and cut mass-transit riders.

The board could not provide a definite answer if these individuals will get to appointments, work, or school.

According to Edwina Creech, current board member and former GU finance director, she found the problems stem from program and contract management. Management at GU is troubled by lack of staffing and piling debt, in

addition to understanding how to use their own transit softwares.

GU switched to a new software to allocate rides, riders, and drivers in early 2024.

Molnar explained LSCOG offered opportunities for training on utilization of the new transit software program, as these sort of programs compile the needed data for GU to obtain reimbursement from local, state, or federal entities.

"If you don't understand the parameters that the software is built into... you might be sending out 10 vehicles with just a handful of people on them. You have to understand how the software is designed to manipulate what you need," said Creech.

**WHAT'S NEXT?**

At the meeting, county council members expressed their hope to continue the services offered by GU and understood the barriers being faced; However, they expressed their concern about the county continually footing the bill.

Ultimately, the county

will be held responsible for GU's debt. The county already has dealt out hundreds of thousands of dollars to GU in recent years.

Barnwell County Council met on Thursday, May 30 and voted to direct the county administrator to work with Long to "pay down debts and that the funds to pay down the debts are to come from the county's Evergreen Account."

The county has approved to fund the operation of Local Motion transit such as fuel cost until June 30. Local Motion is still operating for Medicaid patients, and according to Long, the intent is to continue services indefinitely.

According to Crider, the agency needs to yield an additional \$15,000 to \$20,000 monthly to stay afloat. This is something that will be addressed by Kenderdine impending her visit.

Kenderdine has over a decade of experience in public transit and senior services. Faust and others at the meeting hoped her expertise will help revive the agency. She plans to visit Barnwell County in early June.

In her resignation letter, Faust recommended the county council to contract with Kenderdine "for effective organizational assessment and strategic planning."



# BARNWELL COUNTY SC

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that Barnwell County, SC Council will hold a public hearing on the County General Fund Budget for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year on June 24, 2024 at 6 p.m., in the County Council Chambers located at 54 Irving Street, Barnwell, South Carolina 29812.

Current  
Fiscal Year  
Revenues  
\$23,097,570

Projected  
Revenues  
2024-25  
\$23,058,320

Current  
Fiscal Year  
Millage  
165.8 – Operations Countywide  
24 – Career Center Countywide  
11.7 – Debt Service Countywide  
11 – Rural Fire Protection  
4 – Rural Public Safety

Current  
Fiscal Year  
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Est. Millage  
Needed For  
FY2024-25  
165.8 – Operations Countywide  
11.4 – Debt Service Countywide  
11 – Rural Fire Protection  
4 – Rural Public Safety

165.8 Operations countywide mills are forecast to produce \$10,263,720.  
11.4 Debt Service countywide mills are forecast to produce \$705,795.  
11 Rural Fire Protection mills are forecast to produce \$418,515.  
4 Rural Public Safety mills are forecast to produce \$152,190.



## Joyce Polk Phillips

Joyce went to be with her Lord on Friday, May 31, 2024.

She was born in Norfolk, Virginia in 1943 to Willard and Blossom Polk. As a Navy family, they moved all over the country, but Barnwell held a special place in her heart.

Joyce will be missed by many, but especially by her loving family. She is survived by her daughters, Lauralee Townsend and Beth Cody; three grandchildren, Aralyn Townsend, Grace Cody, and Oliver

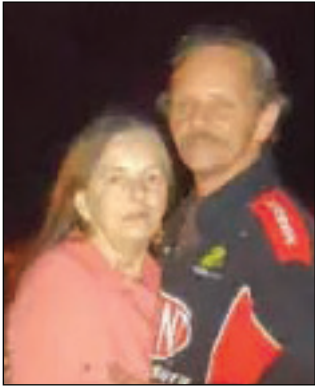
Townsend; her brother, Bill (Diane) Polk; and her sister, Patsy (Ronnie) Reece; and her beloved nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Port Royal Sound Foundation at [portroyalsoundfoundation.org](http://portroyalsoundfoundation.org).

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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**BARNWELL** - A Celebration of Life will be held for Joyce Phillips on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at the First Baptist Church Merge. The family will receive friends at noon, and the service will begin at 1 p.m.



## David Allen Mosier Sr.

Mosier; his mom, Betty Mosier Priester; and his brother, Bobby Mosier.

With his passing, David leaves behind his beautiful wife, Edie Mosier, whom he loved and cherished and who was always by his side.

In addition to his wife, David is survived by his children: David (Britney) Mosier Jr. of Crosshill, SC, Stacey Mosier of Vancouver, WA, Tracey (Travis) Morehead of Barnwell, SC, Nick (Melanie) Mosier of Blackville, SC, Jonathon (Autumn) Grubbs of Gastonia, NC, April (Phillip) Sparks of Auburn, AL, Josh Grubbs of the home, Brian Mitchum of Warrenville, SC, Frank L. Mitchum of Warrenville, SC and Bobby Mitchum of Graniteville, SC, who will forever carry his memory in their hearts. He is also survived by his siblings, Charles Mosier of North, SC, Joseph (Cydney) Mosier of Gaffney, SC, Karl (Kathy) Mosier of Clinton, SC, Sabrina Mosier of Warrenville, SC, Melissa (Rocky) Rockhold of Aiken, SC; and 23 grandkids and 2 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his immediate family, David leaves behind countless cousins, friends and

extended family members who will deeply miss his craziness, his generous spirit, and unwavering love.

David's love for NASCAR will forever be remembered, especially #24. Did we mention he loved Elvis, his 57 Chevy, his wife Edie and his children and grandchildren?

David would not want us to mourn his passing but he'd rather us celebrate the life he lived and the memories he leaves behind. He always seemed to bring laughter to those around him, leaving a lasting impact on all who knew him.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 31st at Mole Funeral Home in Barnwell, SC. The family received friends and family at 1 p.m. at the Mole Funeral Home Chapel which was followed by a brief celebration of life at 2 p.m. The family sincerely appreciates all of the prayers and support everyone has shown us during this time.

Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell assisted the family with arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at [molefh.com](http://molefh.com).

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**GRANITEVILLE** - David Allen Mosier Sr. passed away on May 27, 2024, at the age of 60 at Aiken County Hospital surrounded by family. He was born on March 5, 1964, in Fort Benning, GA, and most recently lived in Graniteville, SC.

David was a man of simple pleasures. He often found peace and happiness in fishing, listening to Elvis Presley, working on cars, or watching NASCAR. David was an auto mechanic by trade and really enjoyed it as it allowed him to make many friends over the years. He took pride in his work and found fulfillment in fixing cars and helping others, especially his family. Because above all, David cherished his family, and nothing brought him greater happiness than the love and laughter they shared.

David is preceded in death by his dad, Robert



## Frederick Burt Orr

Seminary; and Master of Ministry from Anderson University. He was ordained to the ministry in 2000.

Rev. Coach Orr, as he was called by many, was a skilled and caring teacher, coach, pastor, mentor, prayer warrior, and encourager. His purpose in life was to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ to humankind. He kept in touch with hundreds of students from his 40-year teaching career as well as others by calling and sending Facebook messages and texts on a regular basis. He often tutored students during his planning period and after school. Numerous students considered him to be a father figure.

Fred Orr loved people. He loved Christian doctrine, but he loved people more.

He taught middle school math and science in Swansea, SC, and coached girls basketball and football. He then taught and coached at North High School in North, SC. He was a football coach and taught AP Calculus, Statistics, Geometry, and Algebra at Blackville-Hilda High School for 19 years. He taught high level math courses at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High for seven years and at Williston-Elko High for two years.

Rev. Orr pastored three churches during his career and served as interim pastor when called. He loved each of his congregations and the history of the churches. He pastored Lower Three Runs Baptist Church in Martin, SC, for 18 years and Great Saltkehatchie Baptist Church in Ulmer,

SC, for 11 years. He was currently serving as pastor of Kline Baptist Church. He had served as a hospice chaplain. As a young man, Coach Orr served as a camp counselor at McCall RA (Baptist Royal Ambassadors) Camp for seven years. That was one of his most cherished memories. Coach Orr had taught an adult Sunday School class at Blackville First Baptist. Before becoming ordained, he was elected as a deacon at Swansea Baptist Church and at Blackville First Baptist Church.

He was elected to Blackville Town Council and served for over 10 years until his death.

Coach Orr never met a stranger. It appeared that he knew nearly half the people in Barnwell County a few months after moving to Blackville in 1988. He loved music. He played the piano by ear and enjoyed playing, especially in church. As an amateur radio operator (HAM operator), he had been a member of Salkehatchie Amateur Radio Society. He was an avid reader and a loyal Gamecock fan.

Surviving are his wife of 36 years, Kathy Berry Orr of Blackville; his daughter, Kathryn Liana Orr of Williston; and a number of cousins. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Clifton Kinder Orr.

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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## CWO3 Patrick Corley, USCG, Ret.



Born in Pelion, SC, he was a son of the late Odell Corley and Avis Wynona Gunter Corley and was married to the late Maxine Fesik Corley. Mr. Corley started his career in the U.S. Army and after four years he transferred to the U.S. Coast Guard where he later retired as an Electronics Technician. After his retirement, he went back to school and received his LPN degree and worked several more years in the nursing field. He enjoyed traveling the country with his beloved wife of 62 years and they loved to support their grandkids by attending their sporting events.

He is survived by two daughters, Patricia Corley Metheny (Craig Chevrier) of Windsor, SC and Virginia Corley (Mark) Burgess of Jacksonville, FL; his grandchildren, Matthew Thomas (Kami) Augustine, Casandra Kosnechski, Nicholas Gilder, Mirandie (Seth) Mathis, Jimmy

Brandon Payne and John Raymond Maximiek Sr.; great-grandchildren, Thomas Payne, Payton Payne, Jaxon Augustine, Nathaniel Augustine and John Raymond Maximiek Jr.; two sisters, Ann Norton and Faye Hunter; brothers, Blair (Kathy) Corley, Larry (Caroline) Corley, Kar (Linda) Corley and Roy Corley; his nieces and nephews, Bud (Sherri) Norton, Terry (Claire) Norton, Lisa Hunter, Danny Hunter Jr., Heather (Ray) Crumpton, Dell (Kyra) Corley, Carroll (Nicole) Corley and Karla Corley.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Lauren Augustine Payne.

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## Pearle O. Benedict

she was a daughter of the late Robert Young Owens Sr. and Mary Ann Randall Owens. She was married to the late Donald E. Benedict for 33 years. She was a life-long resident of Williston, SC and was an active member of Pleasant Hill Baptist where she taught the Florence Brown Sunday School Class for many years and was a devoted Christian and loyal church member. She was also a member of the Golden Age Group where they visited numerous churches during the year. She previously worked at Skyline Manufacturing for a number of years and she loved cooking for family gatherings. Mrs. Pearle enjoyed working in her garden and was devoted to her family. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Marsha Thompson and Dwight McNeely for their care and attention that

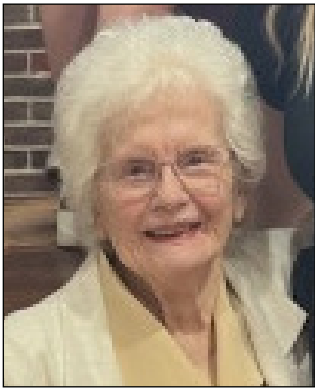
they bestowed upon Mrs. Pearl. They were wonderful friends to her.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Donald R. "Donnie" and Penny Benedict Sr. of Williston, SC; grandchildren, Marshall Gunnels of Minnesota and Haley Gunnels of Columbia, SC; and one great-granddaughter, Emmy Adaline Benedict of Barnwell, SC.

In addition to her husband, Donald E. Benedict, she was preceded in death by her grandson, Donald Robert "Robbie" Benedict Jr.; her sister, Alice (Sidney) Modgling; brothers, Norman Lee Owens Sr., Ernest E. Owens, Husey Owens, Aiken Owens and Robert Owens Jr.

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**WILLISTON** - Funeral services for Mary Pearle Owens Benedict, 93, of Williston, SC were held at 3 o'clock p.m., Tuesday, June 4, 2024 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, SC with the Reverend Charles Morris officiating; burial followed in the Williston Cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Tuesday. Memorial contributions may be given to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Music Fund, 1077 SC Hwy. 39, Williston, SC 29853.

Mrs. Pearle passed away on Saturday, June 1, 2024. Born in Williston, SC,

**WILLISTON** - A memorial service for CWO3 Patrick Lane Corley USCG Ret., 87, of Williston, SC will be held at 4 o'clock p.m., Wednesday, June 5, 2024 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, with Military Honors accorded. The family will receive friends from 3 o'clock p.m. until the time of service at the funeral home on Wednesday. The family has asked that memorials be made to the U.S. Coast Guard Alumni Association, [www.cgaalumni.org](http://www.cgaalumni.org).

Patrick passed away at home on Saturday, June 1, 2024.

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# TEACHERS: 17 Allendale County teachers awarded nearly \$100,000

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in the lives of those children and it's going to make a difference in the lives of those teachers."

South Carolina ranks 40th in the country for starting teacher pay, according to the National Education Association. In Columbia, various proposals to boost starting teacher pay have been floated, and in May 2023, the South Carolina DOE's Teacher Recruitment and Retention Task Force released a report with numerous recommendations for improving teacher recruitment. These included student loan forgiveness, stipends for critical needs teachers, and streamlining the teacher certification process.

"One of the ways to retain teachers is to ensure that we are paying them," said Weaver, who acknowledged that many teachers use



Seventeen teachers from the Allendale County School District received performance bonuses, including one that was nearly \$30,000.

money received through teacher performance pay to pay off student debt. "[Teacher performance pay] is certainly one of the ways

to retain great teachers in the classroom."

But in addition to attracting new teachers to the district, the ceremony

was about celebrating the district's current teachers, like third grade teacher Tameika Tinsley, who won the largest bonus of

\$29,250. "I made it to this point by working extremely hard with my students because I feel they have

the potential to be great," Tinsley said. "Sometimes they don't recognize their full potential, so I try to push them to it."



## Blackville residents create Memorial Day display

**Blackville residents Rich Olsen and Neil Khatod created this display for Memorial Day in front of the Blackville Museum.**

# Barnwell man killed in weekend wreck

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A Barnwell man has died following a Friday night accident. Bryce Tolliver, 21, of Patterson Mill Road, Barnwell, died at the hospital from injuries he sustained May 31 in a wreck on Patterson Mill Road. "He was ejected from the vehicle and sustained head and internal injuries," said Barnwell County Coroner Denise Gibson.

The wreck occurred around 7:40 p.m. on Patterson Mill Road near Cashew Drive, approximately one and a half miles south of Snelling, said Master Trooper Mitchell Ridgeway with the S.C. Highway Patrol.

The wreck involved a 2009 Chevy sedan that was westbound on Patterson Mill Road when it "went off the roadway to right and overcorrected. It then traveled off the roadway to left, striking an embankment, overturning and then striking multiple trees," said Ridgeway.

Tolliver was airlifted by medical helicopter to Augusta University Medical Center where he later died, said Ridgeway.

# County narrows down two candidates for administrator

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Two finalists are being decided for the Barnwell County administrator position.

Current administrator Tim Bennett is retiring after six years employed by the county.

"It's been an honor and a privilege to work with outstanding department heads and with a supportive County Council that enabled a significant amount of productivity," said Bennett. "Best wishes to the new county administrator who hopefully will build on our strengths and work on our weaknesses."

Bennett will be spending his retirement in Florida.

One of the candidates is currently employed by the county; deputy administrator Meredith Wright. Michael Brillhart, a city manager in Ohio with governmental experience across the country, also applied and is a finalist.

Meredith Wright was hired as the deputy county administrator in June 2023 and is now a candidate for the administrator position.

In her current role, Wright is responsible for managing the county's insurance needs, coordinates committee meetings, acts as accounts payable for various invoices, handles the county's risk management efforts, and much more.

Wright first came to the county with supervisor experience across the state. Her prior position was with the S.C. Department of Social Services (DSS) as a supervisor at the LowCountry Regional Intake Hub. Here, Wright supervised the

case management for 11 counties.

Previously Wright served as a child protective services case manager at DSS and has held numerous supervisor positions in retail.

Wright received a bachelor's of science degree in public service and public policy from Arizona State University as well as a master's degree in public administration from Clemson University.

Michael Brillhart is currently the city administrator/safety service director for the City of Wapakoneta, Ohio. He has been in this position since 2021 and is responsible for overseeing areas such as public safety, personnel, grants, intergovernmental coordination, media relations, and budget appropriations.

Prior to this position, Brillhart served as the administrator/county manager in the Village of North Baltimore in Ohio, Camden County in North Carolina, and in Barnstable County in Massachusetts. In these capacities, Brillhart handled economic and industrial development, dealt with utility services, and directed million dollar projects.

He has also held municipal administration positions in Florida from 1990 to 2013.

Brillhart has a bachelor of science degree in urban administration from the University of Cincinnati, Ohio and a master's degree in public administration from the University of South Florida.

Per the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Section 30-4-40 (a) (13), government entities are responsible for making materials relating to not fewer than the final

three applicants under consideration for a position available for public inspection and copying.

The final four candidates were Wright, Brillhart, current Barnwell County finance director Maria Williams, and current Barnwell County emergency management director Roger Riley.

Barnwell County Council meets later this week to discuss the hiring of an administrator, though it's unclear if any action will be taken.

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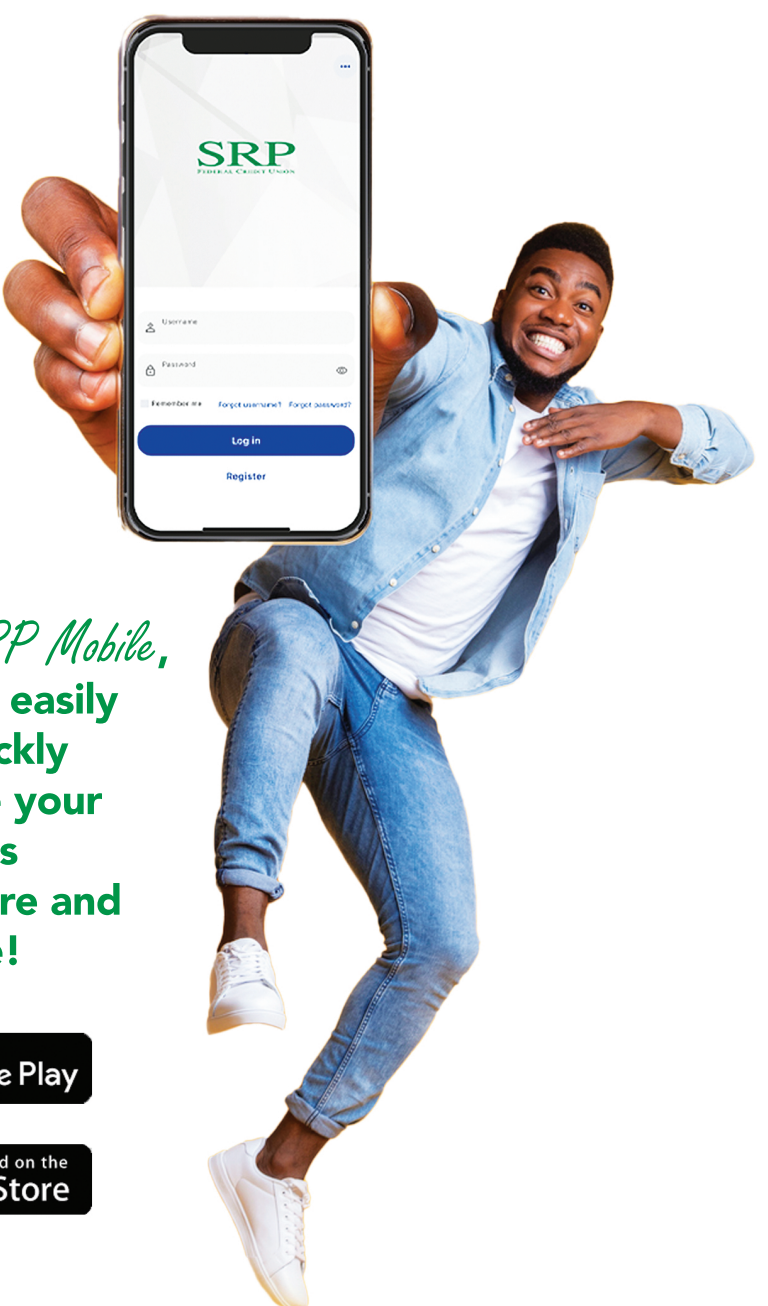
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## Circle Cuts closes after nearly 30 years

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A popular salon in downtown Barnwell has closed after nearly 30 years in business.

Circle Cuts served their final clients on Wednesday, May 15. The salon was owned by Sheila Folk for 29 years, but cosmetologist Deborah Jamison has been there 28 years.

"I've cried more tears in the last month and half than I have in years," said Folk of the bittersweet decision to close the salon and retire.

In 1993, Folk started renting a booth at the salon, which was called Hair Plus, after previously working for the Williston Post Office for over six years. She bought the salon in 1995 when the previous owner was ready to sell it. She then renamed it.

"I really just wanted better hours because my kids were very small," said Folk of being able to set her own hours as a business owner. It also allowed her to follow in the footsteps of her mother, who styled hair when Folk was younger.

Folk started out as the sole cosmetologist, but a



Sheila Folk (right) has owned Circle Cuts since 1995. Deborah Jamison (left) has been a cosmetologist there since 1996. The two have been friends even longer. The salon closed on May 15 and both Folk and Jamison now look forward to retirement, including more time with family.

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conversation with Jamison would change that. Jamison came into the salon one day in 1995 and noticed how busy things were. Folk told Jamison that she had a job if she would go to cosmetology school.

"Daddy always wanted me to be a cosmetologist," said Jamison, who enrolled

in Jack's Beauty College in North Augusta.

After graduating a year later, Jamison joined Circle Cuts in September 1996.

"She's put up with me all these years," joked Jamison.

The two ladies were friends long before they worked together. Their

sons were good friends and remain friends today.

When asked what they will miss about the salon, both Folk and Jamison said it's their clients who have become like family.

"I want to thank them for always treating me like family. They've watched my kids grow up and have

kids. I've watched their kids grow up and have kids," said Folk.

Just like a family, Folk and Jamison have also been there for their clients during many happy and sad occasions, including cancer battles. That's why Circle Cuts participated for many years in the "Look

Good, Feel Better" program that helps cancer patients deal with the appearance related side effects of cancer treatments.

"Both of you have made so many ladies' days brighter with your talent and love," said Barnwell resident Valenda Black.

Jamison said she will miss their clients. "They have been loyal to us," she said.

The downtown area has changed a lot throughout the past three decades. Folk and Jamison remember many other former staple downtown businesses, such as Stafford's, BC Moore's, Pacesetter Barbershop, The Bookworm, Evelyn's and Berley's. Now, Circle Cuts joins that list.

Jamison said it will be different to not work since she's been employed for nearly 54 years. She worked at Maxway and a bank before joining Circle Cuts.

However, Folk and Jamison are excited about retirement, including less stress and spending more time with their grandchildren. Folk also plans to continue doing hair for Mole Funeral Home.

Though Folk and Jamison are no longer colleagues, they will forever remain friends.



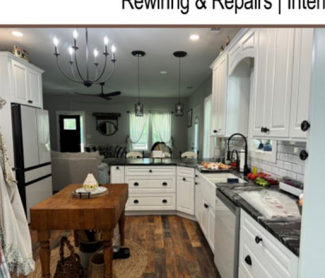
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## Crane donates \$25,000, sends volunteers to help soup kitchen

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The Barnwell Community Soup Kitchen received a \$25,000 donation from the Crane Fund for Widows and Children.

The soup kitchen was one of several local organizations to receive a donation in 2023 as part of this annual charitable giving.

"Matthew 19:19 tells us to 'Love your neighbor as yourself' and we want you to know that your donation is just one of the ways that you are doing exactly that," said Sherrie Still, director of the soup kitchen.

The donation will help the soup kitchen continue its mission of feeding people physically and spiritually.

"Their hearts and spirits may have a hard time being filled, if their stomachs are physically empty. This is one of the many reasons our ministry exists. These two fill-ups wouldn't be possible without compassionate people such as yourself who come alongside us in sharing the Love of Jesus," said Still.

Crane, which is located in Williston, not only donates monetarily to the soup



Crane employee Teresa Navarro (left) presents Sherrie Still of the Barnwell Community Soup Kitchen a check for \$25,000 to help the soup kitchen.

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kitchen, but sends a different team to provide the meal and serve on the third Thursday of every month.

"Being able to give back to the community is such a blessing, we had a great time working with each other, and nothing warmed our hearts more than seeing everyone's face light up with a smile as we served food to them!" stated one Crane employee.

Another employee said it's an "honor and privilege to be able to serve our community" and that volunteering instills a sense of pride in the

community.

"Each day I wake knowing how blessed I am to work for a company that allows me to serve the community - and allows me to pay it forward by preparing and serving food to individuals who might otherwise not have a meal that day...for most of us, a meal is something we unconsciously take for granted," stated another employee.

One employee said volunteering allows co-workers to bond as a team while providing an

important service to people in need.

"Without people having a heart and a passion to help others, it wouldn't be possible. There really aren't words that express how grateful we are for the generosity your company continues to share," said Still.

The soup kitchen operates Monday through Friday at lunch in the activity center at First Baptist Church of Barnwell. They always welcome new clients and new volunteers.

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# Leadership Salkehatchie group meets with legislators in Washington, D.C.

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The 2024 cohort of Leadership Salkehatchie spent its final session meeting with legislators in Washington, D.C. Shelby Broomfield, director of the USC Salkehatchie Leadership Institute, says the trip provided a chance for participants to reflect on topics discussed and lessons learned throughout the program.

"The Washington, D.C. trip is always exciting and provides an opportunity for the group to share what is happening in the Salkehatchie region," Broomfield said. "Sharing stories, best practices, the wins, and the challenges with colleagues from various parts of the region brings about a sense of pride, increases knowledge and builds relationships. The Leadership Salkehatchie class conveyed successes and concerns they have for the region directly with our legislators, while advocating for positive change for the region. I am proud of the members of the class of 2024 for their dedication to the communities they serve and their courage to use their voices for the betterment of the Salkehatchie region."

This year, the class met in person with Senator Lindsey Graham and Representative James Clyburn. The group also met with staff members from Senator Tim Scott's and Representative Joe Wilson's offices.

"The D.C. trip was a phenomenal way to conclude Leadership Salkehatchie. Being able to speak with representatives about the issues that rural South Carolina faces, and that we assessed throughout our classes, was a step in the right direction as leaders in our communities," Victoria Rizer Still said. "As a group, we were able to begin the process of effecting change, and I know that we are all grateful for this exceptional opportunity to be a positive influence for our communities."

Shanda Crawford said she is grateful for the opportunity to work together to bring opportunities to the region.

"We, as leaders, need to set aside differences and work together to bring opportunities such as quality education, jobs, health care, housing, and economic development to our region," she said.

Leadership Salkehatchie is a six-month, intensive leadership program sponsored by the USC Salkehatchie Leadership Institute and SouthernCarolina Alliance. Since its inception, more than 200 participants have

completed the program which empowers emerging leaders to improve their communities.

"Everyone in the class is just as passionate as I am about our communities," Victoria Gunnells said. "We all face the same obstacles. I learned what it takes to be a leader, and I look forward to utilizing the skills that I learned in my job and my community."

This year's cohort includes professionals from businesses and organizations within the region. They are: Jennifer Bryant (Colleton), Shanda Crawford (Barnwell), Tricia Gordon (Barnwell), Victoria Gunnells (Barnwell), Nancy Gutierrez (Jasper), Jodi Kearse (Allendale & Hampton), Enterick Lee (Barnwell), Stewart McAdoo (Colleton), Alisha Moore (Bamberg), Tammy Rimes (Barnwell), Victoria Rizer Still (Colleton & Bamberg), Keelie Robinson (Colleton, Jasper, Beaufort & Hampton), Lish Sabb (Allendale), Monique Smalls (Barnwell), Meagan Stoner (Colleton), Karen Terry (Hampton), Josh Urwick (Barnwell), Melanie Wooten (Hampton), and Meredith Wright (Barnwell).

If you are interested in participating in Leadership Salkehatchie or nominating someone for the program, please visit [uscsalkehatchie.sc.edu](http://uscsalkehatchie.sc.edu) or contact Shelby Broomfield at 803-812-7354 or [sbroomfield@sc.edu](mailto:sbroomfield@sc.edu).



The participants of Leadership Salkehatchie recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with lawmakers. The group includes business and community leaders from Barnwell, Allendale, and other counties in the SouthernCarolina Alliance 7-county region.

## MEETING: Barnwell County School District to discuss new high school

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"There is substantial savings to the district and taxpayers to build on a current high school site versus a new site, thus allowing the board to also expand on plans for the other schools in Williston and Blackville," said Stapleton. "The consensus of the board was elimination of the option

to renovate the current Barnwell High School and to partially renovate Barnwell High School."

During the work session, State Superintendent of Education Ellen Weaver committed another \$5 million to assist in building a new school. This is in addition to the district's current \$105 million.

"We were grateful that Senator Hutto and Representative Hosey were able to join us and provide their input and support into the plans moving forward," said Stapleton.

To keep the history of Barnwell, Blackville-Hilda and Williston-Elko high schools once they consolidate into one

school in the future, the district has formed historic committees to archive the history, including collecting memorabilia.

"We know in the future we will have one high school. We want to be careful to do it the right way and honor the legacy of each school that is combining," said Stapleton during the May

29 board meeting.

A chairman has been appointed over each committee, including Kelly Shealy for Barnwell High School, retired Blackville-Hilda superintendent and current BCSD board member Dr. Andy Sandifer for Blackville-Hilda High School, BCSD board member and Williston resident

Ronnie Brown for Williston-Elko High School, and Barnwell District 45 Director of Operations and former Blackville-Hilda educator/coach Mike Beasley for the new Barnwell County High School.

Consolidation of the county's school districts officially takes place on July 1.



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## Barnwell well represented at North-South All-Star tournament

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When it comes to high school softball, the Barnwell Warhorses have a reputation as being one of the best softball programs in the state.

It comes as no surprise that Barnwell might have a representative in the 2024 South Carolina Coaches of Women's Sports North-South All-Star Game that took place Wednesday, May 29 and Thursday, May 30 at Lexington High School. What makes this year a little different is that Barnwell was represented by a player, a coach, and even an umpire.

Barnwell head coach Mike Beasley was named to coach this super talented group of young ladies. Beasley was asked about being chosen to coach and said, "I appreciate the selection and opportunity to coach in the All-Star game. It's great to work with some of the best talent in the state."

Beasley and the 1A-2A-5A combined Team South came away from the two-day All-Star celebration as the big winning team, going 2-0 to claim the bragging rights. If you ask any coach or player involved, they will tell you that just being selected is an honor and when you get to compete with and against the best players in the state, everyone involved is a winner.

When Beasley was asked about this year's North-South All-Star tournament, he said, "The team's chemistry was excellent, contributing significantly to their success. It was a fantastic opportunity to see the best players



Bre'Anna Buckmon (catcher) and Mike Beasley (coach) represented Barnwell well as members of the 1A-2A-5A South Team at the North-South All-Star tournament.

Photo By: Donna Miley



Barnwell and North-South head coach Mike Beasley has a conversation with umpire Kim Cochran, also from Barnwell.

Photo By: Donna Miley

in the state come together and compete in an All-Star tournament. Lexington High School did an outstanding job hosting the event, providing a memorable experience for all involved."

Bre'Anna Buckmon represented the Warhorses as a player for Team South. Bre'Anna joined some of the state's best senior softball players, representing all school levels from 1A through 5A softball. She was selected as a catcher for the 1A-2A-5A Team South squad.

"The tournament went really well! It reminded me of playing travel ball growing up. My

favorite part was getting out of my comfort zone and being able to hold conversations with my teammates. I did make new friends! The girls were very nice and welcoming. I admired their ability to adjust to new teammates. Having Coach Mike with me helped me be comfortable with my environment. It felt like playing back at home," said Bre'Anna of the experience.

Bre'Anna will be heading to the United States Air Force soon, but can take the memories with her of defeating the 1A-2A-5A North team 9-6 and then winning 7-6 the next day against the 3A-4A

South squad.

You do not usually hear much about the umpires of all-star games, but they also try to select the best of the best umpires to call these all-star events. This year, Barnwell's Kim Cochran was invited to call games at the North-South tournament. Kim has 15 years umpiring experience at the recreation league and high school levels. He has also 15 years' worth of tournament experience.

"It was a pleasant surprise to be considered and asked! I knew earlier that Mike Beasley was chosen to coach in the tournament. I was extremely excited to

officiate this year's tournament with Coach Mike," said Cochran.

The 2024 South Carolina Coaches of Women's Sports North-South All-Star Game was a huge success for all involved. It is even nicer if you are a part of the "winning" team like Bre'Anna Buckmon and Mike Beasley, representing the 1A-2A-5A South team.

Barnwell was definitely well represented by Mike Beasley, Bre'Anna Buckmon, and umpire Kim Cochran.



Bre'Anna Buckmon may be known for her catching abilities, but can swing a bat with the best of them.

Photo By: Donna Miley



Bre'Anna Buckmon showed her defensive skills behind the plate at the North-South tournament.

Photo By: Donna Miley

### Two BHS softball players make Class 2A All-State team



Barnwell High School student Jaidyn Devore (left) and recent graduate Bre'Anna Buckmon (right) were recognized by the South Carolina Coaches Association of Women's Sports at the Softball North/South game for making the Class 2A All-State team.

### Jaevin Santos represents BHS at North/South All-Star game



Jaevin Santos represented Barnwell High School baseball as a member of the South All-Star team May 28-29. The final score was South-9, North-6.

### WEHS player Hailey O'Neal makes Class 1A All-State team



Rising Williston-Elko High School junior Hailey O'Neal was recognized on May 29 by the South Carolina Coaches Association of Women's Sports at the Softball North/South game for making the Class 1A All-State team. This means she was in the top 24 players in Class 1A. She's pictured with WEHS softball coach Jamie Wootten.

# Barnwell High School awards athletes



**2024 6-AA SOFTBALL ALL-REGION**

**LANEY GRUBBS**

AVG .318  
RBI 12  
HITS 21

**2024 6-AA SOFTBALL ALL-REGION**

**BROOKLYN GORDON**

AVG .299  
RBI 10  
HITS 20

**2024 REGION 6-AA SOFTBALL**

**COACHING STAFF OF THE YEAR**

**MIKE BEASLEY** HEAD COACH "COACH OF THE YEAR"  
**RICK ARNOLD** ASSISTANT COACH "ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR"

## Varsity boys basketball awards

- All-Rookie Award **Dahmajai Devoe**
  - All-Region **Jayden Pinkney**
  - All-Region **Vashahd Schofield**
  - 3pt Award **Jamarcus Coleman**
  - Warhorse Award **Mica Bradley**
- Congratulations and Thank You Warhorse Varsity Basketball Team 23-24.*

## NA softball banquet



**2024 6-AA SOFTBALL ALL-REGION**

**BRIANNA BUCKMOL**

AVG .375  
RBI 17  
HITS 27

**2024 6-AA SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**KAH'MIAH WILLIAMS**

AVG .563  
RBI 28  
HITS 40  
STRIKEOUTS 212  
ERA .99

**2024 6-AA SOFTBALL ALL-REGION**

**TIERA ARNOLD**

AVG .284  
RBI 22  
HOME RUNS 2

Carol Massengale Award **Kah'miyah Williams**  
Tony DeCosta Award **Bre'Anna Buckmon**  
6-AA Coach of the Year **Michael Beasley**

6-AA Assistant Coach of the Year **Rick Arnold**  
North-South Game **Coach Michael Beasley**  
Player **BreAnna Buckmon**



## Co-Ed JV soccer awards 23/24

- Defensive POY- **Landon Causey**
- Offensive POY- **Andres Santillan**
- Coaches Award - **Kaleb Clark**
- Most Improved - **Callie Burge**
- MVP - **Logan Perloc**

## Girls varsity soccer awards

- Co-MVPs: **Sara Rudd, Kaydrian Poplin**
- Warhorse Award (player who best represents the program on and off the field): **Samantha Arce-Carrillo**
- Coach's Award: **Samariona Mayes**
- Golden Boot (most goals): **Shelby McHenry**
- All-Region: **Sara Rudd, Kaydrian Poplin, and Samariona Mayes**

## Boys soccer awards

- Hustle Award: **Jay Vyas**  
Only for first year varsity soccer players:
  - Offensive POY: **Rashuan Buckmon**  
One the leaders on the team in scoring, assists and/or PKs
  - Defensive POY: **Landon Santino**  
Strong defender with multiple steals, saves, clears and low fouls
- Coach's Award: **Kaleb Wilson**  
Constant captain of the team both vocally and leading by example
- All-Region Selections (1): **Rashaun Buckmon**
  - Most Valuable Player: **Rashun Buckmon**

## Golf awards

- Most improved - **Mustafa Khan**
- Lowest stroke average - **Nick Jones**
- All Region **Nick Jones - medalist**
- Mustafa Khan**
- Hudson Harvey**

Former Warhorse star softball player and current assistant softball coach at North Carolina A&T **Nysha Arnold** returned to Barnwell as the guest speaker at the BHS softball awards night.

Freshman: **Laney Grubbs**  
Sophomore: **Brianna Croft**  
Junior: **Brooklyn Gordon**  
Senior: **Kah'miyah Williams**

## Barnwell Softball Awards

- 6-AA player of the year **Jaidyn Devore**
- 6-AA All-Region **Tiera Arnold**
- Brooklyn Gordon**
- Abigail Corley**
- Laney Grubbs**
- BreAnna Buckmon**
- Most Improved **Kendall O'Berry**
- Most Outstanding Player **Laney Grubbs**
- Warhorse Award **Brianna Croft**
- All-Rookie Team **Molly Wilson**
- Academic Awards
- Highest Rank by class

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## 4-H News: Tiger Town Bound Class of '28

**Shannon B. Herndon**  
County Extension Agent,  
4-H

Three Barnwell County students are Tigertown Bound. Barnwell High, Williston-Elko High and Blackville-Hilda High School students will attend Clemson University in the fall.

Students accepted to Clemson University are Kah'miyah Williams of Barnwell High School, Jondalyn Dunbar of Williston-Elko High School, and Mahyla Nickens of Blackville-Hilda High School.

Twenty-five students from

Barnwell County received Tigertown Bound signs through Barnwell County 4-H since the local program started distributing them in 2020. Over 70% of the students have participated in a 4-H program during their school-age years.

For information about 4-H, contact the Clemson Extension Office at 803-245-2661 ext. 2 or sbhrndn@clemson.edu. To subscribe to 4-H Clover Clips (an email update of local and statewide events) email sbhrndn@clemson.edu. Like Bamberg & Barnwell 4-H on Facebook.

The Clemson University Extension Service offers its programs to any youth between the ages of 5-19 regardless of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital or family status and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Barnwell County Students planning to attend Clemson this fall are Kah'miyah Williams of Barnwell High School, Jondalyn Dunbar of Williston-Elko High School, and Mahyla Nickens of Blackville-Hilda High School.



Mahyla Nickens



Kah'miyah Williams



Jondalyn Dunbar

## SRS educates more than 2,000 DIG STEM Festival attendees



Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Volunteers Blythe Waters and Brad Wilson led a hands-on binary code activity to demonstrate how computers communicate.

**Mackenzie McNabb**  
Savannah River Nuclear  
Solutions

On May 4, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) Education Outreach personnel and Savannah River Site (SRS) volunteers connected with

over 2,000 spectators at the annual Dreams, Imagination and Gift (DIG) STEM Festival in Williston, South Carolina.

DIG provides STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) opportunities to promote rural growth and development. This year, SRNS provided \$30,000

in sponsorship for both the annual Dreams, Imagination and Gift (DIG) Scholar Enrichment Academy (after-school program) and the DIG STEM Festival.

"This annual STEM celebration is a great opportunity to show students how their personal strengths and hobbies can cross over into STEM careers," said Cindy

Hewitt, SRNS Education Outreach Specialist.

"SRNS plays a pivotal role in DIG's ability to inspire, mentor and empower children in rural South Carolina and we often provide financial and volunteer support to engage more students in STEM."

The 2024 DIG STEM Festival showcased over 50 regional exhibitors who provided hands-on activities, live performances, interactive demonstrations and family-oriented STEM entertainment.

"We had some incredible exhibits this year, with representatives traveling from as far as Raleigh, North Carolina to support this event," said Steven D.K. Brown, President and Founder of DIG. "We appreciate SRNS' ongoing support, and we hope that more organizations see the value in our program to expand and reach more children in the community."

SRNS Associate Systems Engineer Brad Wilson and SRNS Systems Engineer Apprentice Blythe Waters volunteered at DIG STEM to teach budding students about the binary code. Dur-

ing their hands-on activity, students wrote the first letter of their name in zeros and ones, with each number represented by a different color bead. The activity allowed students to embed their own name in a binary code on each bracelet.

"Volunteering with SRNS Education Outreach is a great way to get involved within the community and meet people across the Site," said Wilson. "I loved engaging with spectators and introducing them to new concepts involving STEM and my career field."

"One of my goals this year was to expand my volunteer efforts," said Waters. "My favorite part of DIG STEM was getting to teach all different ages about a small part of the computer field and witnessing the different reactions from each child that participated."

Waters further explained, "When I was a kid, I attended many different STEM events that ultimately inspired my career decision. Making the time to volunteer and give back to the next generation helps to positively represent SRS and bring future prospects to the



SRNS Education Outreach Program Lead Kim Mitchell attended the DIG STEM Festival to showcase different career opportunities at the Savannah River Site to children in Williston, South Carolina.

Information Technology department."

Since 2015, SRNS has donated over \$171,000 to DIG's programs and festivals to help this grassroots organization make dreams a reality.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, a Fluor and HII partnership company, is responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

### Kelly Edwards Elementary students attend Greenjackets game



Some students from Kelly Edwards Elementary School in Williston recently received the chance to attend an Augusta Greenjackets baseball game at SRP Park in North Augusta.



### Meteorologist Von Gaskin visits Macedonia students

On Wednesday, May 15, 2024, meteorologist Shavon "Von" Gaskin from WIS News 10 in Columbia visited the third grade students at Macedonia Elementary-Middle School. She spoke to the students about careers in meteorology and weather basics.



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# Jefferson Davis Academy celebrates Class of 2024



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of my success, propelling me forward even in the face of challenges."

Family and friends packed the Jefferson Davis Academy gym on May 24 to celebrate the Class of 2024.

She also recognized her classmates "whose presence has been both a source of friendship and a spark for growth. Together, we have navigated the highs and lows of our academic journey, forming bonds that will endure far beyond these school walls."

"For many of us, the journey to this moment has been filled with challenges, setbacks, and moments of doubt. But through it all, we have persevered. We have faced every obstacle with courage and determination, knowing that with hard work and dedication, anything is possible," said student body president and valedictorian Reece Brown.

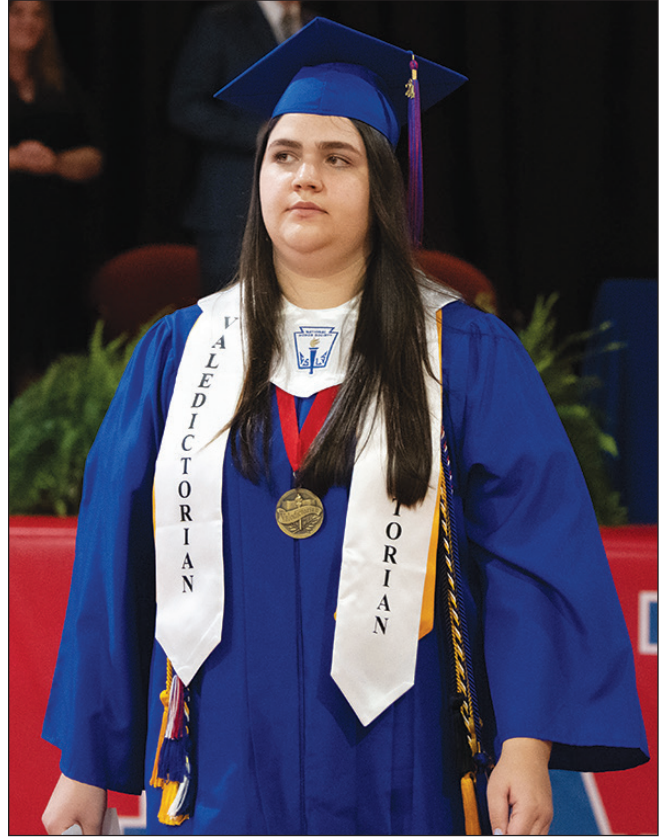
Salutatorian Cadence Lilian Carson also thanked the people who helped her along her journey, including her parents for their love, support, and guidance. She also thanked Reece, who is her friend. Though she has dreamed of being valedictorian since she was a young girl, Carson said she's happy to come second behind her friend.

"To our teachers and mentors, who have not only imparted knowledge but also served as beacons of inspiration and guidance, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for the lasting impact they have made on our lives," she said.

"We did what friends are supposed to; we pushed each other to succeed and so we succeeded together," said Carson.

Brown also thanked her parents for "their encouragement, guidance, and belief in my abilities have been the cornerstone

Brown encouraged her fellow graduates to look toward the future with "hope" and "optimism" as they embrace whatever challenges that come their way. Regardless of what path they choose for the future, she encouraged them to never forget their potential.



"Let us strive to be the architects of our own destiny, the champions of our own aspirations, and the ambassadors of hope and change. Let us be bold in our aspirations, courageous in our actions, and compassionate in our

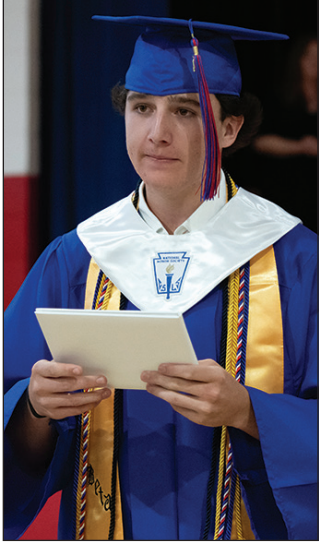
dealings with others," said Brown.

In addition to bestowing the diplomas, two graduates also were named to the JDA Hall of Fame. Each year, the faculty selects one male student and one female student based on

certain criteria, such as academic achievements, leadership abilities, high moral standards, and exemplifying the ideals of JDA's motto of "Dignity, Sincerity, and Devotion." Those selected will have their photo displayed

in our hallways for years to come as an inspiration for our future students," said JDA Head of School Carla Jackson.

The 2024 honorees are Stacey Newsome and Hunter Zorn.



# 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**

**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 Aiken, and Pastor William Robinson Jr. and Hayden Baptist Church of Aiken. **Service begins 7pm nightly**

**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**  
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**Sun., June 9 104th Church Anniversary**  
Second Baptist Church. Guest preacher will be former SBC Pastor Rev. Isaiah Odom. 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! Bamberg County Health Dept., 50 Dickinson 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 35 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**

**150th Church Anniversary St. Mary Baptist Church**  
474 Highway 125, Martin Guest speaker will be Rev. Christopher Holley, pastor of Four Mile Baptist Church, New Ellenton. For more info, call 803-584-4254. **11am**

**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.-Thurs., July 9-11 Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church Summer Revival Services**  
Come and be revived and refueled with the Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church Family! Tuesday Night - Rev. Desmond Antley, Pastor of St Mark Baptist Church, Allendale, SC Wednesday Night - Rev. James Holiday, Pastor of Bushy Pond Baptist Church, Norway, SC Thursday Night - Rev. Dr. Floyd Hughes, Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, Blackville, SC Everyone is invited to worship and praise the Lord with us! **The Nightly Services will begin at 7pm.**

**Sat., July 13 Wrestling with Weston Fundraiser for Weston Hutson**  
12889 Main St., Williston. Come shop auctions, touch a truck, silent vendor, raffles, good food and live music with special guest WARREN PEAY. For vendor info, please contact Dawn Nix, 803-709-1467, or Jo Ward, 803-300-0404, or Monica Maxwell, 865-803-2785. **10am-5pm**

**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 15-17 Ashleigh Baptist Church**  
Highway 3 Blackville, SC VBS Theme: Christmas In July Supper will be provided. **6-7:30**

**July 15-19 Hilda First Baptist Church**  
145 Church Street, Hilda "SCUBA...diving into friendship with God" Ages Toddlers to Teen **6-8:30pm**

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., 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**

**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**

**STORY TIME 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 Ralphie (the new sheep on the block) to his backyard camp-out, hilarity and chaos ensues! For rising 5k to 5th grade. **10:30am**

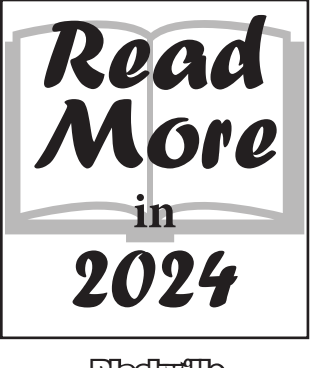
**Adult Craft Night Thurs., June 27**  
Make and decorate wooden block firecrackers. These wooden blocks will look like patriotic fireworks—each one with a squiggly "fuse" on top. Registration required call 803-259-3612 or stop by the front desk to register. **5:30-7pm**

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

**Chalk the Walk and Bubble Party Mon., July 15**  
Meet us outside for a fun bubble dance party, sidewalk decorating and of course popsicles. Registration requested call 803-259-3612 or stop by the front desk to register. For Preschoolers. **10:30am**

**Bookend Painting Mon., July 29**  
"END" Summer Reading with a bookend paint party. Paint a bookend with your favorite, character, super hero or book. Bookends will be displayed throughout the library. **10:30am**

**From Garden to Jar: Community Garden Field Trip and Pickling Demonstration Tues., July 30**  
Family program Join us for an interactive and educational exploration of the Veggie Cupboard Community Garden. Harvest fresh grown herbs and produce and Participate in a quick refrigerator method pickling activity showcasing how to preserve garden produce for later enjoyment. We will be walking from the Library to the Community Garden for the event. Registration required call 803-259-3612 or stop by the front desk to register. **3:30pm**



### Blackville Library Events

**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**

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### Allendale Library

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

### Blackville Library

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Mon., Tues., Thurs. 10am-1pm  
2pm-6pm

### Williston Library

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Hours of Operation  
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### 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**

## Crossword Puzzle Solution

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## Sudoku Puzzle Solution

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## Editorial

### Why should I vote? Because it is important

Laura J. McKenzie  
Retired Publisher

Even when he has been on the road, working to earn a living, he has tried to cast his ballot.

It is important to him.

As it should be. People in the United States have the right and the responsibility to vote.

That right is often taken for granted and the responsibility forgotten in the busy pressures of the day.

We are quick to argue over political choices but slow to show up at the polls.

We make plans to go vote and then get distracted, only to be dismayed that our candidate lost by a handful of votes.

I have seen candidates lose by a single vote. That single vote changed the tide of taxation and services for that political area for years.

Next week we have the opportunity to make choices. On Tuesday, June 11, there will be a primary held. Candidates for sheriff, county council, S.C. Senate, S.C. House, and U.S. Congress will be on the ballot.

The candidates will be different depending on whether you choose to vote Republican or Democrat in the primary.

Between now and then, we ask that you look over the candidate profiles we published in our May 22 and May 29 editions (also found at [www.thepeoplesentinel.com](http://www.thepeoplesentinel.com)), check out the websites, and talk to the candidates.

Make educated choices.

And then, make a choice.

Get your I.D. ready to take with you.

Plan your day around it.

Go to the polls.

Vote.

It is your right.

It is your privilege.

It is important.

*Publisher's Note: This "On the Rise" column from former publisher Laura J. McKenzie was originally published in June 2014. It's being republished because current publisher Jonathan Vickery thinks the message is still pertinent today, even 10 years later, and he couldn't have phrased it any better than his former boss. It has only been edited to update dates for 2024.*

"Why?" he asked.

"Why what?" I asked back, looking at the toddler pulling on my dress.

"Why are we here?" he countered?

"I'm here to vote," I said, holding his hand as we stepped one person closer to the voting booth.

"Why?" was the repeated question.

Boy, that was a simple question. How do you explain the rights and privileges of voting to a 3-year-old?

"Because we all get to have a say who will be our leaders. You play follow the leader? Well, we set aside a day to choose the leader we want to follow. Understand?"

His little blonde head bobbed up and down, but I am not quite sure he understood.

"Can I vote?" his innocent desire voiced.

"When you get older, son. In the meantime, why don't you help Mommy cast her vote?"

I picked him up and showed him which button I had selected.

As he grew older and became more interested in politics, I watched as this young man anticipated the day when his name would be on the voting rolls, his choices selected, and his ballot counted.

## Better Business Bureau BBB offers online safety tips for children



Kelvin Collins

Better Business Bureau

June has been designated as Internet Safety Month, which is designed not only to raise awareness about internet safety, but also to provide parents and guardians with resources to keep young people safe online. With school out for the summer, many children will likely be spending more time online, making this an important time to discuss concerns about online access on phones, gaming consoles, and computers with them. It's also an important time to verify safety measures are in place.

Here's several internet related topics that parents and guardians need to be aware of:

**Creating accounts on websites without permission:** Social media sites are ripe with strangers with intentions that may be quite different than yours. Many sites are designed to collect and sell unauthorized user details and behaviors to advertisers seeking targeted marketing. When creating an account, some kids may falsely create a birthdate to meet the minimum age requirement. It's important to know what your child is doing online and to keep track of the social media sites and accounts to which they have access.

**Contests and giveaways:** Contests and giveaways often collect a hefty amount of personal information on their entry forms. Many are thinly disguised ways of collecting personal or financial information that could lead to identity theft. Ensure your child doesn't have access to banking or credit card information and supervise the filling out of any forms.

**Phishing:** Adults are not the only ones who receive spam and junk mail. Kids often get spam, and since they don't have much online experience, they are more susceptible to clicking on links and answering questions they probably shouldn't. While some emails may be legitimate, the last thing parents want, or need, is a \$500 bill from a fraudulent website where a purchase may have been made - or worse, giving up personal information that can be tracked back to your home and your child.

**Understand the details associ-**

**ated with apps:** Certain apps might collect and share personal information about your child or target your child with ads. Even free apps may include paid features, and children may not understand that some apps or game features cost money since they were labeled free to download. They may click on these so-called free games and cost parents or guardians a hefty bill at the end of the month.

**File sharing sites:** Many websites allow children to download free media. A child may not realize that these sites often come with the risk of downloading a virus, allowing identity thieves to access the gaming device, personal computer, or cell phone that's being used. From there, the cyberthief might be able to track financial transactions, physical location, or even tap into the household Wi-fi without anyone knowing it.

**Here's resources that offer ways to manage online privacy for the family:**

**Children's Advertising Review Unit (CARU):** CARU's self-regulatory program provides detailed guidance to children's advertisers on how to deal sensitively and honestly with children's issues. These guidelines go beyond the issues of truthfulness and accuracy to consider the uniquely impressionable and vulnerable child audience.

**COPPA:** The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act protects the personal information of children under 13 on websites and online services—including apps. COPPA requires those sites and services to notify parents and get their approval before they collect, use or disclose a child's personal information. However, if your nine-year-old tells Instagram they are 13 (the age requirement to use the app), this law won't protect them.

**FOSI:** The Family Online Safety Institute brings an international perspective to our online lives' potential risks, harms, and rewards. The Good Digital Parenting web portal is an excellent resource for families looking to educate online safety measures in the Internet age.

**BBB offers the following tips to help your family stay safe while online:**

**Read privacy policies together and understand privacy settings:** Parents can have their children read the privacy policies and terms of use of any apps they want. While there might be a little grumbling that the policies "are too long" or that "it takes too much time," remind them of the importance of knowing what they are signing up for and insist that they are read. Then,

learn and understand the privacy settings on each app and game.

**Don't share your location:** Nearly every app automatically tracks a user's location. From placing an online order for groceries or fast food to playing an online game, review the apps on all your devices to see which ones are tracking your location. Then, if it's not needed, look in the settings to see how to disable this feature. Advise a friend or family member to avoid geo-tagging their posts with their location. Why? For example, you don't want to announce the fact your family is vacationing out of state while the house sits empty. A simple review of the geo-tagged post will reveal where you are.

**Use parental controls if necessary:** Although the best way to keep a child's online privacy safe is to teach them to manage it themselves, it doesn't hurt to have their backs by using parental controls. Today, Android, iOS, and most web browsers offer built-in features that allow parents to monitor their children's online activities, but third-party apps are also available. Research the option that works best. Follow through with the child to explain why you're monitoring their activities.

**Share with care, and remember, personal information is like money:** What is posted online can last a lifetime: parents can teach children that any information they share online can easily be copied and is almost impossible to take back. Talk to them about who might see a post and how it might be perceived and show them how anything they do online can positively or negatively impact other people. Sharing personal information can also give online thieves an idea of what login information or passwords might be used for banking or other online accounts.

BBB offers additional information on keeping children safe online at [BBB.org](http://BBB.org), and you can also visit the National Cybersecurity Alliance at [StaySafeOnline.org](http://StaySafeOnline.org) for up-to-date information.

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## Memories explode as we look back at brother's life



Phil Hudgins

Contributor

My brother, Kenneth, was good, maybe even great, at everything he did.

Well, nearly everything. Golf would be an exception, although he loved the game and would play with anybody, even really good golfers.

And then there's basketball, although he claimed to have the highest scoring percentage ever at his high school. His coach sent him

in for one minute in a game that couldn't possibly have been lost, and Kenneth scored two points. As far as I know, no one at Gainesville High School has ever scored more than two points a minute.

And then there's baseball, and he wasn't very good, either, at keeping up with his Marty Marion shortstop glove, which I kept perfectly protected with neatsfoot oil. It was my glove for decades after he married and moved away.

But he was great at officiating at baseball, basketball and football games, and he broke only one leg doing so, that being at a high school football game.

And then there's fighting. Kenneth wasn't afraid of anybody, and he couldn't refuse a dare. He might have won at least one fight if he'd weighed at least 50 more pounds.

I could go on, but... Okay, I will. For some strange reason, Kenneth was carrying a "torpedo" firecracker in his back pocket when he did something that displeased our mother. She fetched a razor strop, a tool for discipline at our house, and gave him a whipping, obviously striking the torpedo, which explodes when thrown onto pavement or hit by a razor strop. Mother cried harder than Kenneth when he exhibited his wounded rump.

All that aside, Kenneth was a perfect companion at the dinner table,

assuming you had something you wanted to talk about for 45 minutes, because that's how long it took him to eat a sandwich.

Now here's the great part.

Kenneth made excellent grades all the way from elementary to high school and beyond. He persevered for eight years to get a diploma in business and advertising from the University of Georgia. He was married with kids, eventually four, and could attend classes only at night.

Kenneth was a newspaper man to the core. He started delivering papers at *The Daily Times*, now just *The Times* of Gainesville, when he was a mere child.

He was everything from circulation manager to advertising director to publisher during his long career, most of it at *The Times* and *The Winder News* in Georgia and *The Franklin Press* in Franklin, N.C. His integrity was unquestioned.

He was a family man who was always there for his wife and children. He was the world's greatest fan of gospel music, the Atlanta Braves and University of Georgia football.

A few days ago, as I stood by his bed holding his hand, I sort of apologized for keeping his baseball glove for decades. And I thanked him for giving me his guaranteed-to-hit-straight golf clubs.

The sad part is he won't be there to help me swing them.



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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: April 6, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00099  
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Date of Death: June 27, 2023  
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address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Gertrude Wells Croft  
Date of Death: September 28, 2023  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00102  
Personal Representative: David Daniel Croft  
Address: 129 Hampton Avenue, Blackville, S.C. 29817  
**2024-100-3tp 6-5-24**

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Date of Death: April 27, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00042  
Personal Representative: Daniel W. Tharin III  
Address: 1874 Ulmer Road, Ulmer, S.C. 29849  
**2024-101 3tp 6-12-24**

### SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT (NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE) DEFICIENCY WAIVED

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
COUNTY OF BARNWELL  
C/A NO: 2024-CP-06-00150  
Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC,  
PLAINTIFF,  
vs.  
Danny E Perry; Rhonda L Perry,  
DEFENDANT(S)

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, or otherwise appear and defend, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscriber at his office, Hutchens Law Firm LLP, P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, except as to the United States of America, which shall have sixty (60) days, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, or otherwise appear and defend, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference of this case to the Master-in-Equity/Special Referee for this County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master-in-Equity/Special Referee is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this case with appeal only to the South Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1) of the SCACR, effective June 1, 1999. TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY: YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff immediately and separately and such application will be deemed absolute and total in the absence of your application for such an appointment within thirty (30) days after the service of the Summons and Complaint upon you.

**NOTICE OF FILING OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT**  
TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Summons, along with the Complaint, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court on April 29, 2024.

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, except as stated below in the instance of bankruptcy protection. IF YOU ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OR HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED AS A RESULT OF A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU PURSUANT TO

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P.O. Box 8237  
Columbia, SC 29202  
Firm Case No.: 20583-98953  
**2024-102 3tc 6-12-24**

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Date of Death: February 14, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00101  
Personal Representative: Darryl Brown  
Address: 491 Halford Street, Williston, S.C. 29853  
**2024-103 3tp 6-19-24**

### NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

To the owner of the 2013 NISSAN ALTIMA abandoned at 13885 Church St., Williston,

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S.C., 29853, please contact Jennifer by June 17, 2024 to claim the automobile. VIN is 1N4AL3APXDN455378. Our number is 803-266-7265. To the owner of the 2015 DODGE JOURNEY abandoned at 13885 Church St., Williston, S.C., 29853, please contact Jennifer by June 17, 2024 to claim the automobile. VIN is 3C4PDCBG7FT696785. Our number is 803-266-7265.  
**2024-104 2tc 6-12-24**

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Date of Death: April 17, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00096  
Personal Representative: Elizabethann Loadholt Carroll  
Address: 209 Tombee Lane, Columbia, S.C. 29209  
Attorney: Rita B. Caughman  
Address: P.O. Box 12127, Columbia, S.C. 29211  
**2024-105 3yp 6-19-24**

## TOWN OF ALLENDALE ADMINISTRATIVE/WATER CLERK NEEDED

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### CROSSWORD PUZZLE CLUES

**ACROSS**

1. House pest
6. Emergency responder, acr.
9. Meme dance moves
13. Below, prefix
14. Swimmer's distance
15. Not urban
16. Take a base
17. Grazing spot
18. Stressful or unnerving
19. \*Clint Eastwood's "Space \_\_\_\_"
21. \*First U.S. space station
23. Salty dog's domain
24. Fail to mention
25. Spermatozoa counterpart
28. Ukrainian person, e.g.
30. State of submission
35. Network of nerves
37. Muscle or strength
39. \_\_\_\_ Mara, Africa
40. Shapeless form
41. Cliffside dwelling
43. \*Saturn's environs, sing.
44. Poetic feet
46. Darn a sock, e.g.
47. Per person
48. Rendezvouses
50. Mine entrance
52. After-tax amount
53. Litter's littlest
55. French vineyard
57. \*Sun's outer layer, not beer brand
60. \*Second S in ISS
64. Ancient Celtic priest
65. Sun kiss
67. "Mea \_\_\_\_" or "my fault"
68. \*"From the Earth to the Moon" author
69. In the past
70. Judge
71. Education station
72. Order's partner
73. Food between meals

**DOWN**

1. Reduced Instruction Set Computer
2. "I'm \_\_\_\_ you!"
3. Not many (2 words)
4. Dungeness and snow, e.g.
5. \*Circles of light around sun and moon
6. 90-degree pipes, e.g.
7. \* \_\_\_\_ Jamison, the first African-American woman in space
8. Tetanus symptom
9. Two-fold
10. Diva's solo
11. Prickle on a wire
12. Sylvester Stallone's nickname
15. Johnny Cash's "Get \_\_\_\_"
20. Churchill/Roosevelt/Stalin meeting site
22. Model-builder's purchase
24. Gorge oneself
25. \*Planet's path
26. Type of consonant
27. Skeleton, archaic
29. Attention-getting interjection
31. Like pink steak
32. Of the Orient
33. Jousting pole
34. \* \_\_\_\_-year
36. Opposite of flows
38. \*Solar \_\_\_\_ , sun's emission
42. Authoritative proclamation
45. Walked with long steps
49. \*Solar System center
51. Parcels
54. Birth-related
56. One-eighty
57. Manitoba native
58. Couple's pronoun
59. Dorothy Hamill's turf
60. Jon of "Game of Thrones"
61. Pelvic parts
62. Petroleum-exporting grp.
63. Police informer
64. VHS successor
66. Palindromic title

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THEME: SPACE

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#### ALLENDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2024-2025 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Allendale County School District will hold a public hearing on the 2024-2025 General Fund Operating Budget at 5:00 pm, Monday, June 24, 2024, at the Allendale County School District Multi-purpose Room located at 3581 Allendale-Fairfax Highway, Fairfax, SC 29827.

Total revenue and expenditures from Allendale County Schools' current (2023-2024) general fund operating budgets are \$15,379,499. The local operating millage for the current year is 256.0 mills. The district's proposed revenues and expenditures for the 2024-2025 budgets are \$18,027,361. That is an increase of 17.22% compared to the current (2023-2024) budget. Operating millage will remain at 256.0 mills for the budget year 2024-2025. The estimated millage requirement for the 2024-2025 budget is \$4,919,296. This is a balanced budget.

#### WILLISTON SELF STORAGE FACILITY LIEN SALE

In accordance with the provisions of the South Carolina Lien Law, Title 39, Chapter 20, enforcement of the Self-Storage Facilities Owner's Lien at Williston Self Storage, physical address 13949 Church St. Williston, SC 29853, mailing address PO Box 65 Williston, SC 29853, the following property will be sold at online auction on Storage Auctions ([www.StorageAuctions.com](http://www.StorageAuctions.com)) on **Monday, June 17, 2024 at 11:00 AM EST**. All items of personal property, business property, household furniture, automotive equipment, gym equipment, tools, clothes, appliances, antiques, bric-a-brac, and miscellaneous items will be auctioned held for the account(s) of:

Andrea Byars; Laura Dicks; Jody Moody; Ladrettia Harley; Arthur Bing; James Chance; Carol Boyleston; Elasha Brown; and David Smalls



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#### Public Notice

Pursuant to Section 6-1-80 of the S.C. Code of Laws, public notice is hereby given that the Town of Williston will hold a public hearing on the municipal budget for the 2024-2025 Fiscal year:

Date: June 10, 2024  
 Time: 6:00p.m.  
 Location: Town Hall

Current Fiscal Year Revenue	Projected Revenue 2024-2025	Percentage Change in Revenue	Current Fiscal Year Millage Rate
\$2,675,000	\$2,877,104	7.56%	70

Current Fiscal Year Expenditures	Projected Expenditures 2024-2025	Percentage Change in Expenditures	Estimated Millage Rate
\$2,675,000	\$2,877,104	7.56%	72.5

Estimated Millage Equals \$72.5 per \$1,000 of Assessed Property Value

#### PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF BLACKVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the Barnwell County Board of Voter Registration & Elections will conduct a Special Election for the Town of Blackville on **Tuesday, August 13, 2024** to fill an unexpired term of Town Council. This is a nonpartisan election and no party affiliation shall be placed on the ballot. The polls shall open at 7:00 a.m. on Election Day and close at 7:00 p.m.

The early voting period for this election begins Monday, July 29, 2024 and ends on Friday, August 9, 2024. The following early voting centers will be open during the early voting period from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays).

- o Barnwell County Voter Registration & Elections office, 367 Fuldner Rd. Barnwell, SC

Precincts involved in this election are Blackville #1, Blackville #2, and Healing Springs. Polling places for this Special Election will be held at the Blackville Community Center, 19464 Solomon Blatt Ave., Blackville, SC.

Persons desiring to be candidates for the above listed office may file with the **Barnwell County Voter Registration & Elections Office** located at 367 Fuldner Rd., Barnwell, SC. Books will be open for filing on June 17, 2024 at **Noon** and remain open until June 28, 2024 at **Noon**. There will be a filing fee of \$75.00 for the office of Town Council.

Persons desiring to vote in this election must be duly registered on the County Books of Registration as an elector and a resident of the municipality, not less than 30 days prior to the date of election. The last day to register to vote for this municipal election will be **July 12, 2024**.

To register to vote in Barnwell County or update your address and/or other voter registration information, please visit the office of the Barnwell County Registration & Elections at 367 Fuldner Rd. Barnwell, SC. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Citizens with a current and valid S.C. Driver's License or DMV ID Card can register to vote and update their address online at [scvotes.gov](http://scvotes.gov).

At 9:00 a.m. on Election Day, the Barnwell County Election Commission will begin examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes. This examination will be held at the Barnwell County Voter Registration & Elections office located at 367 Fuldner Rd., Barnwell, SC.

On Thursday, **August 15, 2024** at 10:00 am, the Barnwell County Election Commission will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all ballots challenged in this election at the Barnwell County Voter Registration & Elections office located at 367 Fuldner Rd., Barnwell, SC.

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# Bring Joy to Mealtimes by Dining Together

## Benefits of a Mediterranean lifestyle

### FAMILY FEATURES

The renowned Mediterranean Diet, celebrated for its myriad benefits, has been rated as a top diet in the world for years.

Recognizing the benefits of the foods included in the Mediterranean Diet, it's important to broaden the understanding beyond its ingredients to embrace the elements of the Mediterranean lifestyle, which also contribute to these benefits. Essentially, it's not just about what you eat; it's also about how you enjoy it and with whom you share the experience.

Nutrition, physical activity, sleep and togetherness comprise this balanced way of living, with preparing, eating and enjoying food together being key elements of the Mediterranean lifestyle. You can immerse yourself in the vibrant spirit of the Mediterranean lifestyle simply by inviting friends or family to gather around the table for a meal – like a family favorite pasta dish.

The benefits of gathering around the table are abundant, ranging from fostering stronger connections and communication among family members to enhancing overall well-being. In fact, first-of-its-kind research conducted by researchers at the University of Minnesota and supported by Barilla, the world's leading pasta maker, demonstrates that people experience greater happiness when they share meals with others, highlighting the importance of togetherness.

Published in "Families, Systems, & Health," the research shows a strong positive correlation between how often people gather around the table during mealtimes and enhanced connectedness, reduced depressive symptoms and an improvement in overall mood.

Semolina pasta is a staple for many people in the Mediterranean region, playing a significant role in culinary history and making it a favorite ingredient in dishes aligned with the Mediterranean lifestyle and gathering around the table. For example, these recipes for Cellentani Caprese Pasta Salad and Linguine with Zucchini Carbonara are perfect for sharing, whether you're hosting friends and neighbors or enjoying a meal with someone special.

A high-quality, minimally processed carbohydrate, semolina pasta is naturally low in sodium, a good source of fiber and contains a variety of micronutrients.

"Eating together is a joyful and important practice of the Mediterranean lifestyle that truly contributes to overall well-being," said Michele Lefebvre, registered dietitian nutritionist and manager of nutrition and well-being at Barilla America. "As a traditional yet versatile food, pasta brings a sense of nostalgia to meals as people gather together around the table and connect in an impactful way."

Visit [barilla.com/recipes](http://barilla.com/recipes) to discover more dishes that can help you follow the Mediterranean lifestyle.



Cellentani Caprese Pasta Salad

### Cellentani Caprese Pasta Salad

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 15 minutes  
Servings: 7

- 1 box Barilla Protein+ Cellentani pasta
- 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 2 pints grape tomatoes, mixed color, halved
- 4 tablespoons lemon juice
- 8 basil leaves, julienned
- 2 cups small mozzarella cheese balls, halved
- salt, to taste
- black pepper, to taste

Bring large pot of water to boil. Cook pasta according to package directions and drain. Drizzle pasta with 1 tablespoon olive oil and place on sheet tray to cool. Set aside.

In large bowl, combine tomatoes, lemon juice, basil, remaining olive oil and cheese. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Add pasta and stir.

### Linguine with Zucchini Carbonara

Prep time: 5 minutes  
Cook time: 10 minutes  
Servings: 8

- 5 egg yolks
- 1 cup Pecorino Romano cheese, grated, divided
- 1/2 cup milk
- salt, to taste
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 medium zucchini, julienned
- 1 box Barilla Linguine
- 1 tablespoon fresh mint, chopped
- black pepper, to taste

Bring large pot of water to boil.

In bowl, mix egg yolks, 1/3 cup Pecorino Romano cheese and milk. Season with salt, to taste. Set aside.

In large skillet, heat olive oil and cook zucchini.

Cook pasta according to package directions. Reserve 1/2 cup cooking water.

Mix pasta in pan with zucchini. Add egg yolk mixture and 2 tablespoons cooking water. Combine well.

Add remaining cheese and mint; mix. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.



Linguine with Zucchini Carbonara

## Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

# Kid Scoop Junior

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## My name:

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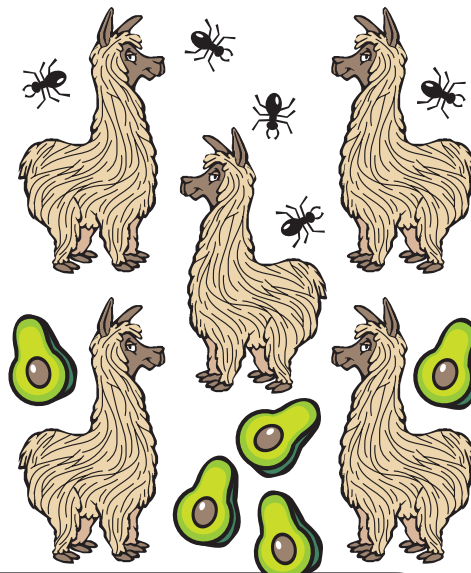
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**Learning Buddies:** Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or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

## Alpaca Maze

Alpacas are animals. They live high in the mountains where it is very cold. They have soft, warm fur to keep them warm. Help the baby alpaca find its mother.

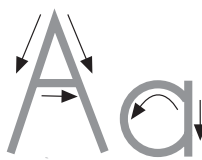


## My Rhyme Time

I went to the animal fair,  
The birds and the beasts were there,  
The big baboon, by the light of the moon  
Was combing his auburn hair.

## My Letters

A is for Alpaca  
a is for alpaca



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

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

## My Numbers

How many ants?



How many alpacas?



How many avocados?



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

## My Sentence

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

**GO** All alpacas have **STOP**

### Sunday

#### Letter Identification

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

### Monday

#### Math Play

Point to the number 5 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

### Tuesday

#### A-to-a Dot-to-Dot

With your child, find and circle six uppercase As on one sheet of the newspaper. On the same sheet of newspaper, find and circle six lowercase as. Have your child connect the "dots" to make a silly picture.

### Wednesday

#### Furry Friends

Explain to your child that alpacas have fur. That makes them part of a group of animals that have fur called mammals. With your child look through the newspaper and circle pictures of mammals.

### Thursday

#### Have 'AT' It

Cut out the letters A and T from the headlines. Then cut out the letters, H, C, S, B and P. Show your child how you can spell the words HAT, CAT, SAT, BAT and PAT simply by changing the first letter in front of the AT.

### Friday

#### Ankle Count

Show your child his or her ankle. Then look through the newspaper to find and count all the ankles you can find.

### Saturday

#### Action!

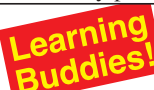
With your child, act out what is going on in some of the photos or comic strips in today's newspaper.

#### Learning Buddy Sign Here

I have completed \_\_\_\_\_ activities with my Learning Buddy.

Learning Buddy's signature

Date



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

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

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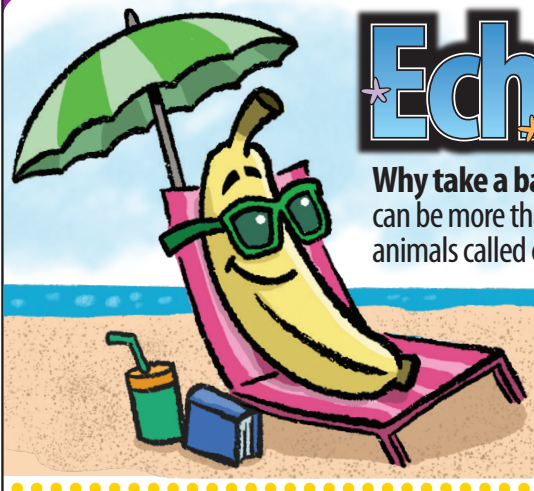
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## Echinoderms

**Why take a banana to the beach?** At the beach, a banana can be more than a snack. It can teach you about a group of animals called **echinoderms!**

Echinoderms are a group of animals that live on the ocean floor. Some examples of echinoderms include **sea stars (starfish)**, **sea urchins** and **sea cucumbers**.

**Standards Link:** Compare the diversity of life within an ecosystem.

### What's in a name?

Use the code to see what the name echinoderm means.

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### Banana and a Sea Star

Peel a banana. Carefully split a banana peel into five fairly equal strips. Leave them connected at one end.

Lay your banana peel out flat, and you have the design of a sea star.

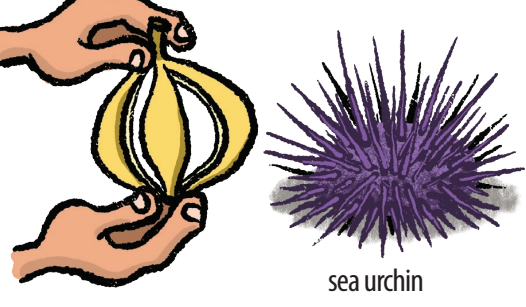


### Banana and a Sea Urchin

Pull the tips of your banana peel and hold them together on both ends.

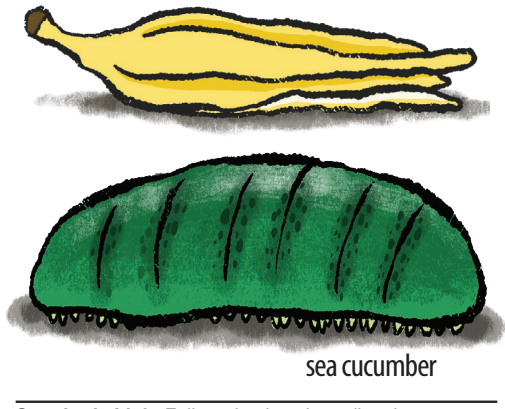
Imagine the empty spaces are filled in and that the whole thing is covered with spines.

What do you have? A sea urchin!



### Banana and a Sea Cucumber

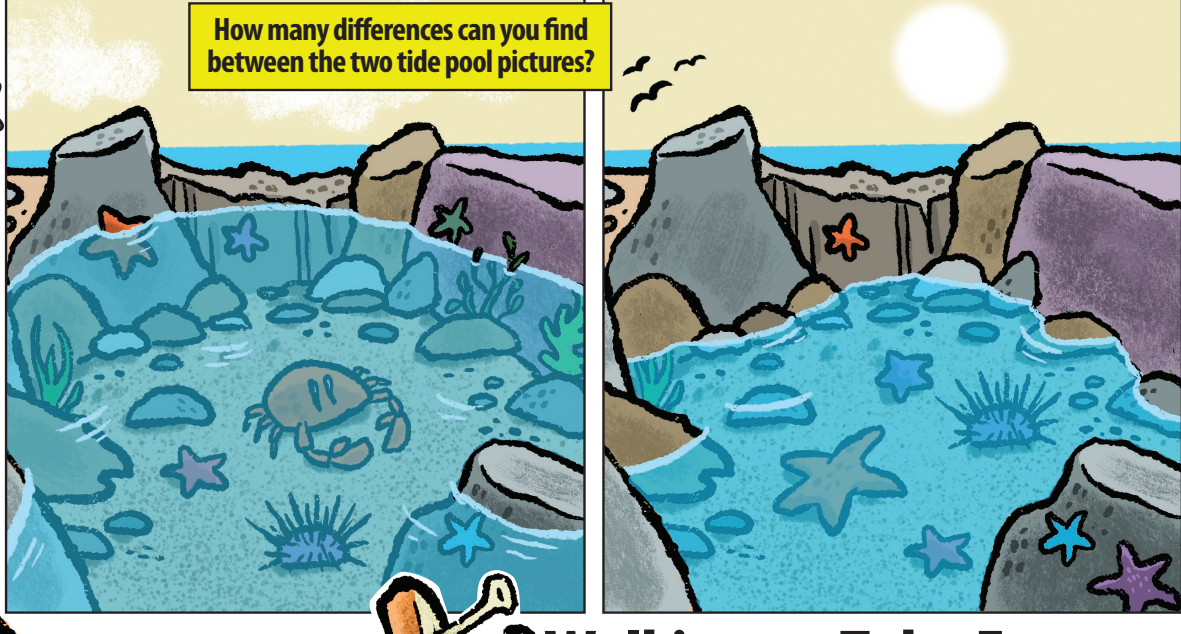
Turn your banana "urchin" on its side and stretch it out. You now have a banana peel sea cucumber!



**Standards Link:** Follow simple written directions.

### Where do echinoderms live?

Many echinoderms live in **tide pools**. Tide pools are pools that are left behind when the ocean moves away from the shore at low tide. Each time the tide returns, the tide pools are covered with water, and new plants and animals can get it. You can visit the same tide pool and see something different each time!



How many differences can you find between the two tide pool pictures?

**Extra! Extra!**

### The Power of Five

Dive into your newspaper to find:

- 5 words that describe water
- 5 five-digit numbers
- 5 five-syllable words

**Standards Link:** Follow simple written directions.

### Walking on Tube Feet

Echinoderms don't have legs or feet. How do they move from one place to another?

They have hundreds of tiny **tube feet** on the underside of their bodies. Tube feet are like tiny suction cups that help the echinoderms grip onto surfaces and move. They can move across the land and up and down rocky surfaces.



**Standards Link:** Animals have structures that aid in survival.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### What's inside a mermaid's purse?

Sometimes a strange, dark brown object washes into a tide pool. This is called a "mermaid's purse." These little pouches are actually the discarded eggcases for some familiar marine animals. **Circle every other letter to see which ones.**

D S R H L A T R O K J S B A  
K N T D U R V A W Y C S

S

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**Standards Link:** Understand the diversity of life within a habitat.

### Double Double Word Search

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

ANIMALS  
BANANA  
DOWN  
FIVE  
FLAT  
GRIP  
LAND  
OCEAN  
PEEL  
SEA  
SNACK  
TIDE  
TUBE  
UP  
WATER

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L A O L W N R E L V
Z A M C J S M V W A
S Q N W E N U I D N
P R A D T A L F O I
O E I Q R C N T W M
S T E Z S K P R N A
V A U L T U T Y O L
J W C B A N A N A S
P I R G E Z J V S L
  
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**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### Sea Star Patterns

In each column, draw the missing sea star that continues the pattern. Have an adult check your answers.

1	2	3

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### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

**This week's word: GRIP**

The verb **grip** means to hold or grasp firmly.

Sea stars use their tube feet to **grip** rocky surfaces and to move.

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

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Is it fun to be famous?

Find a newspaper photo of someone famous. Write a sentence telling why this person is famous. Write three things that would be **good** and three things that might be **bad** about being famous like this person.

**Standards Link:** Use a main idea and supporting details in writing.

### What do mermaids get from hungry sharks?

ANSWER: As far away as possible!

### Write On!

#### What's so special about the number five?

Write your thoughts about the number five.

**Standards Link:** Write descriptively using a main idea and supporting details.

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