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Barnwell County Consolidated School District (BCCSD) Superintendent David Corder (left) is retiring on June 30 after 37 years in education. He's pictured at the district's end-of-the-year celebration on May 30 with his wife Lynette and son David Corder Jr., who are both BCCSD educators. Jonathan Vickery / Publisher

## David Corder retires after 37-year career in local education

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The "father" of Blackville-Hilda's public schools is retiring, again. Barnwell County Consolidated School District (BCCSD) interim superintendent David Corder has dedicated his entire 37-year career as an educator to Blackville-Hilda's public schools. Over the years, he's been a teacher, assistant principal, principal, alternative school director, director of federal programs, and interim superintendent. "You're not only our hero but a hero to the community that you have served for 30-plus years; generations of people have been affected by your hard work, dedication and loving heart. That's a career, life and love that any son would be

*"You're not only our hero but a hero to the community that you have served for 30-plus years; generations of people have been affected by your hard work, dedication and loving heart."*  
**- Anderson Corder of his father's impact as an educator**

proud of. If only superheroes in the comics could be as heroic as you. I love you, Dad," said son Anderson Corder.

Corder retired in 2022 after leading the consolidation of Barnwell District 19 (Blackville-Hilda Public Schools) with Williston District 29, forming the BCCSD. However, he stayed on in a part-time role with BCCSD as interim director of operations. Following the retirement of BCCSD Superintendent Dr. Marcella Shaw in June 2023, Corder delayed full retirement for a year so he could lead BCCSD for its final year before Barnwell County's school districts consolidate July 1. "I had no intention of coming back, but I'm so glad I did," said Corder. Kathy Witherspoon, whose daughter Laney Fox graduated from Williston-Elko High School this year, said she appreciates Corder's dedication to education. "I have known Mr. Corder since he was a

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## Blackville PD fails to submit body camera footage resulting in case dismissal

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Two cases were dismissed after the Blackville Police Department failed to supply all evidence to the state. At the June 10 proceedings at the Barnwell County Courthouse, presiding Judge Courtney Clyburn Pope dismissed the charges of two unrelated defendants after both the solicitor's office and defense attorney explained they had yet to receive body camera footage from the department. The first case dismissed related to the September 13, 2023 arrest of 24-year-old Daysha Rowe in Blackville. Rowe was charged with interference/hindering

officers serving a warrant. It is alleged in the warrant that on September 9, 2023, Rowe "knowingly and willingly attempted to prevent the Blackville Police Department and SLED from apprehending a fugitive from justice," said deputy solicitor David Miller. The warrant alleges Rowe shouted to the individual law enforcement was looking for, which she denies, according to her public defender, Wallis Alves. Alves sent the first email to the solicitor's office on November 21, 2023 requesting body camera footage from the incident. In gathering evidence to create a discovery (a case file with all evidence and reports), the

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## Meredith Wright hired as new county administrator

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The search for a new Barnwell County administrator is over. Meredith Wright will assume this role on June 17. "The people that I have had the privilege of working with and building relationships with since coming to Barnwell County are some of the most amazing people that I have ever met," said Wright. "This community has welcomed me with open arms, and I am excited to continue to work alongside everyone to keep Barnwell moving forward." Wright is currently the county's deputy administrator serving alongside current administrator Tim Bennett. Bennett is retiring after over six years with the county. "It's been an honor and



Meredith Wright is the new administrator for Barnwell County.

a privilege to work with outstanding department heads and with a supportive County

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## Yamassee chief advocates for stronger relationship between Allendale County leaders and reservation

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Tucked away in a remote corner of Allendale County is the Yamassee Indian Reservation, a place where rural solace and Indigenous tradition meet. But the Yamassee's presence in Allendale extends beyond the reservation; many residents of the towns of Allendale and Fairfax have Yamassee ancestry, as well as in many neighboring counties in the Lowcountry. Due to their complexion, the Yamassee are frequently mistaken as being of African ancestry. This conflation has been at the center of post-colonial Yamassee history; after Spanish conquistadors and

*"Ask us: 'How can we collaborate with you on something that can be progressively helpful for the area?' If anyone has had to learn progression and how to adapt, it'd be tribes."*  
**- Yamassee Indian Tribe Chief Se'Khu Gentle**

European imperialism arrived at their shores, the Yamassee spent centuries caught between the



forces of colonial land theft and chattel slavery. Since the creation of Allendale County in 1919, the

governments of Allendale County have struggled to establish a trusting relationship with the

reservation. Yet, on the weekend of May 3-5, the Allendale Town Council's community development committee and the Yamassee Tribe collaborated to host the Yamassee Green Corn festival, an Indigenous ceremony that celebrates the beginning of corn season. During the weekend, Allendale's streets were filled with children, locals and visitors from throughout the Lowcountry region. The celebration offered a glimpse into the reservation's vision for greater collaboration between the reservation and the local government. The People-Sentinel's Allendale County reporter Elijah de Castro spoke with Yamassee Indian

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# Career center board holds final meeting

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The Barnwell County Career Center (BCCC) board held their final meeting on June 3.

Effective July 1, the BCCC, Barnwell School District 45 and Barnwell County Consolidated School District (Blackville-Hilda and Williston-Elko schools) will consolidate into one district. Once school district consolidation takes effect, those boards will dissolve as the Barnwell County School District (BCSD) board assumes oversight of all the county's public schools.

"I know the heart you all have for our kids. You have shown a lot of service and dedication," said BCCC director David Augustine to the board. "Thank you for trusting me to lead this school."

Augustine especially cited board member Teresa Hughes of Blackville who has served on the board for close to 22 years. Other board members include Becky Huggins, David Reuis, Cathy Smith, Shelby Broomfield, Felicia Devore, and Teresa Hughes.

Though they won't be serving on the BCCC board after June 30, Augustine said he knows they will still be involved in the school system in some capacity.

Each member was presented a plaque made by the welding students.

### Budget Amendments

At the May 20 meeting, the board approved the reallocation of approximately \$7,000 in federal funds.

"With consolidation, the State Department of Education asked us to get all federal money spent before consolidation happens so that with the new district we are starting everything fresh," said Augustine of Perkins and EIA funds.

Those federal funds were originally intended to pay for things in the summer, such as camps and conferences. However, the BCCC will now use those funds to buy equipment. Other funds that were originally intended for equipment will now be used for the conferences and camps since they don't have to be spent before the July 1 consolidation.

"We are just swapping what we are using those funds for," said Augustine.



BCCC director David Augustine with board members Cathy Smith, Teresa Hughes, Felicia Devore, Becky Huggins, and David Reuis, business manager Angie Overton, and board member Shelby Broomfield.

The reallocation of funds was unanimously approved.

### In Other News:

- Work on the building that houses the building construction program is underway and expected to take 4-6 weeks to complete. "When it rains, it leaks really bad. There are holes in it. They have been sealing the metal roof this week and will be working on the back side roof this week," said Augustine at the June 3 meeting.

- The IT department is running new cables throughout the entire school building with the help of M&M Glass. PRTC is installing new switches, access points, and firewall. This will move the internet service from a 100-megabite circuit to a 250-megabite circuit. "This will provide a little better coverage for our students out here," said Augustine on June 3 of how the improved system will better go through

brick walls.

- Several BCCC students attended the first ever Hire Summit at Aiken High on April 23, joining students from Aiken and Edgefield counties. This event was for seniors looking for jobs after high school or who didn't know what they want to do next. "There were a couple of students

hired on the spot at the event. I thought it was a successful event with over 40 employers present and over 400 student candidates," Augustine said on May 20.

- On May 2, 140 students completed their respective programs and participated in the completer ceremony. Augustine said this was

one of the larger classes of completers they've had recently.

- Augustine recently met with EMD Electronics in Allendale County. "They wanted to know about the career centers in Barnwell and Allendale counties and what we offer our students. They are looking for potential candidates," said Augustine, who wants to set up tours and interviews next year with seniors who don't have a plan for after high school.

- AirGas, a supplier of industrial, medical and specialty gases, donated around \$6,000 worth of equipment and supplies to help keep the welding program running.

- Every health science student who took the patient care technician exam passed. "It's a really rigorous exam," said Augustine.



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# Students collaborate with city for mural, recognized for efforts

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Youth Advisory Council students Ke'Avian Drake-Childs, Zolahn Thompson, and Ellaya O'Berry stand with Axis I advisor Susan Ingram and council members after receiving recognition by the city for their efforts.

The Axis I Center's Youth Advisory Council is made up of 22 Guinyard-Butler Middle School (GBMS) and 13 Barnwell High School (BHS) students.

In February, four council members traveled to Maryland for the annual CADCA's National Leadership Forum – a four-day conference with youth oriented programs to learn the latest strategies to fight substance misuse, hear from nationally known experts and policy makers including a whole day dedicated to Capitol Hill events.

According to youth council member and BHS sophomore Ke'Avian Drake-Childs, the conference brought together more than 3,000 participants representing community anti-drug coalitions, government leaders, youth and faith-based leaders, addiction treatment professionals,

researchers, educators, and law enforcement professionals.

Barnwell County students inquired with senate staff and personnel about issues they have in their schools and the allocation of federal funding.

The Youth Advisory Council works with Axis I's Empowering Communities for Healthy Outcomes (ECHO) Coalition on ways to improve the overall community.

At Barnwell High School, the council funded and

installed vape detectors in all of the bathrooms, and planted a community garden with specific sensory areas.

Three students represented the Youth Advisory Council at the city meeting; Drake-Childs,

and GBMS eighth graders Zolahn Thompson and Ellaya O'Berry.

Susan Ingram, a coordinator at Axis I, is the advisor to the youth council and also present to support her students. "Congratulations on what

you guys are doing in your schools," said Barnwell Mayor Ron Still. "It is nice to see you young ladies and gentlemen taking these leadership roles starting out at such an early age."

**Downtown Mural Project**  
The Youth Advisory Council has also been tasked with the city's first downtown mural project as part of tourism and revitalization efforts.

The goal for this project is to create engaging space for the community that will create more foot traffic downtown, according to Councilwoman Jana Myers.

According to Myers, the mural would be built into an interchangeable frame. The content of the mural will be determined by the youth council and then brought to the city council for final approval.

After the meeting, funding was officially secured through the Southern Carolina Alliance to begin the mural project.

The design is still in the works, and must be approved by the building owner and council.

## Williston man killed in Aiken County collision

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A Williston man is dead following a traffic accident in Aiken County.

The wreck occurred Wednesday, June 5 around 1:40 p.m. on Highway 78/Charleston Highway near Clippership Loop, approximately two miles east of Montmorenci, said Lance Corporal Brittany Glover with the S.C. Highway Patrol (SCHP).

"The driver of a 2013 Ford Escape was traveling west on Charleston Highway when it crossed the centerline and struck an eastbound 2006 Chevrolet Malibu head-on. The driver of the Chevrolet, identified as 46-year-old Brian Corley (of Williston) was transported to Wellstar MCG (in Augusta, Ga.) where he succumbed to his injuries at 3:53 p.m.," said Aiken County Coroner Darryl M. Ables.

The driver of the Ford Escape was also transported to the hospital for their injuries, said Ables.

There were no passengers in either vehicle, said Glover. The coroner's office and SCHP are continuing the investigation.

## DISMISSED: Judge throws out two cases over lack of video

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solicitor's office is tasked with communicating with law enforcement.

"Each time we received communication from Ms. Alves, we contacted the Blackville Police Department and asked them for the body worn camera video, and they haven't given it to us," said Miller.

At the preliminary hearing on April 16, 2024, the Blackville Police Department (PD) had still not submitted the requested footage – nearly five months after the incident and Rowe's arrest.

According to Alves, at this preliminary hearing a responding Blackville PD officer said that officers were wearing cameras, but footage had not been uploaded to ProDocs: the e-filing system used to store

documentation regarding court proceedings available to both the defense and prosecution.

"The only way we can show what happened is the video," said Alves. "The state can't provide it if the officers don't provide it for the state... In this case, the state cannot comply because law enforcement is not cooperating with the state."

Commonly, the solicitor's office will return a case to law enforcement if all the needed material has yet to be provided or further investigation is needed. However, Miller explained he felt it would be "fruitless" to do so based on the extended timeline already given to the department.

Ultimately, Judge Pope dismissed the case and related charges.

The second case dismissed was that of 40-year-old Joshua Washburn, who was arrested on March 20, 2024 in Blackville. Washburn was originally charged with two counts of assault & battery first degree, and unlawful possession of a firearm.

Miller explained the Blackville PD has yet to submit the entirety of the body camera footage after numerous requests.

"We repeatedly requested that the videos be uploaded and we haven't gotten them," said Miller.

The solicitor's office did receive links to a Google Drive after Washburn's arrest, but the links were not accessible and anything they contained could not be downloaded.

The responding officer,

Captain L. Huggins, did successfully upload one 10-minute video of the incident. However, during Washburn's preliminary hearing, the state and defense was informed there are four to five more videos which have yet to be seen.

The Blackville PD's body cameras record in 10-minute spurts, according to Miller, requiring officers to upload separate videos spanning over one incident.

The department did upload an incident report, which Alves found "goes into a lot of details that are not on the video," she said, prompting her to request the rest of the footage from the state and therefore from law enforcement.

Judge Pope granted the defense's motion to dismiss the case.

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## BIRTHDAY



Nolan O'Neal Chavis celebrated his first birthday on May 16, 2024.

### Nolan O'Neal Chavis celebrates first birthday

Nolan O'Neal Chavis celebrated his first birthday on May 16, 2024. Nolan is the son of Alexzander and Josie Chavis of Hilda. Paternal grandparents are Rodney and Angela Chavis of Hilda. Maternal grandparents are Charlie and Darlene Birt of Olar.

## BIRTH



Hudson Paul Sandifer was born on May 16, 2024.

### Hudson Paul Sandifer

Josh and Lindsay Ritch Sandifer are proud to announce the birth of their son, Hudson Paul Sandifer. He was born May 16, 2024 at 3:14 p.m. in Covington, Louisiana. He weighed 7 pounds, 8.8 ounces and measured 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Paul and Cindy Ritch of Mandeville, Louisiana. Paternal grandparents are Mickey and Carol Sandifer of Barnwell, S.C.

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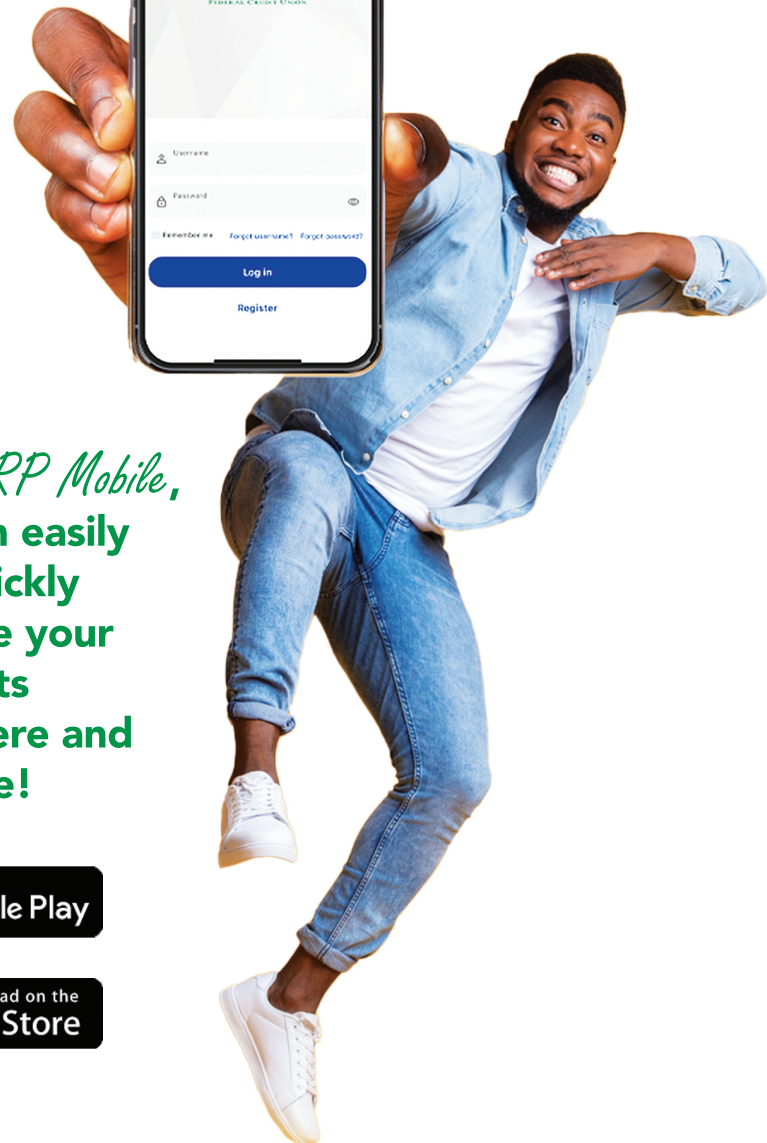
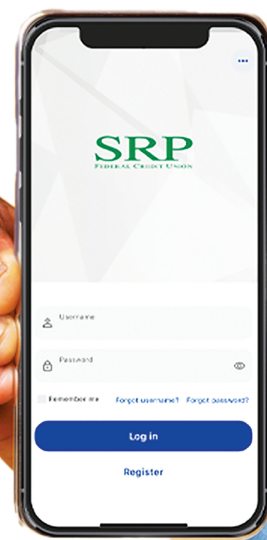
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The family of Markayla Roberts and several community members met with Representative Lonnie Hosey to discuss how to prevent future gun violence in Allendale.



S.C. Rep. Lonnie Hosey (seated, at right) speaks to the family of Markayla Roberts who traveled to Columbia on June 5 to rally, pray and speak about how to address Allendale County's high rate of gun violence.

Photos By: Elijah de Castro / Report for America

## Allendale community members gather at Columbia statehouse in memory of Markayla Roberts

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Markayla Roberts loved drawing Spider-Man. The 14-year-old was known by her family, friends and schoolmates for being artistic and creative.

Roberts, who was shot and killed on April 27 in Fairfax while sleeping in bed, was the center of an Allendale community trip to South Carolina Statehouse in Columbia. The family of Roberts, as well as leaders from the community gathered June 5 on the statehouse steps to rally, pray and speak with Representative Lonnie Hosey about how to address Allendale County's high rate of gun violence.

On the steps of the South Carolina statehouse, Roberts' family carried a three-foot-tall framed photo of Roberts, as well as a framing of Roberts' Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps uniform; Roberts was posthumously promoted to sergeant on May 8.

"She was one of the best artists I've ever seen," said Chauncey Mikell, Roberts' step-father. "We owe it to her to let her light shine and let it be known just how beautiful of a person she was. She was a model child, a model student. We don't get to enjoy her anymore. She was taken away for no



Allendale County community members join hands in prayer at the steps of the Columbia statehouse on June 5.

reason." No arrests have been made related to the killing of Roberts, part of a larger community issue in Allendale County of perpetrators of rural gun violence escaping capture. Many members of the community live in fear of retaliation, and as a result don't give tips to local law enforcement, as previously

reported by *The People-Sentinel*. "We lost her on our watch in Fairfax," said council member Phyllis Smart. Both Smart and Mayor Butch Sauls made clear the responsibility of local elected officials to fight for their constituents.

"My goal in all of this is not to just have this as a show but also have this be

the beginning of fighting to make Allendale County a better place to live," said Mayor Sauls. "The only way we can do that is to have a voice. It's better to fail trying than to fail without trying." In a discussion with Hosey, community members spoke about how the legislature should be helping communities like Allendale. Officer James Hall, who

was shot in the right arm five times while responding after Roberts' death, was also at the rally. Hall told Hosey that the recently-passed Constitutional Carry Law, which allows anyone 18 and older to open carry without a permit, will make the job of police more dangerous and challenging. "My problem is — and so are a lot of other law

enforcement officers — we have decriminalized, at the legislature [level], laws that are there to protect the communities, not just in Allendale but across the nation" said Hall, noting that he is a strong supporter of the Second Amendment. "I'm talking about not having to have a concealed weapons permit no more. Do you know how many cases alone just from October to me getting shot we've had from unlawful carry?"

Rep. Hosey responded, saying that he did not support the Constitutional Carry Law, and that he believes any response to gun violence must be led by the community itself.

"If you don't have cooperation with law enforcement from the citizens, you just got a law on the books," Hosey said. "In order to get what you want, you have to be aggressive."

Mikell said Roberts' killing should not have been the reason for the community to look for change, but said he hopes her death does not happen in vain.

"It's ridiculous that a community and a family should have to be traumatized by such an event because she was clearly going places and doing things," Mikell said of his step-daughter. "She didn't really need much work. She was already who she needed to be."

## YAMASSEE: Chief of Yamassee Tribe speaks on relationship with Allendale leaders

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Tribe Chief Se'Khu Gentle about the reservation's relationship with Allendale County leaders, the role the reservation can play in moving Allendale forward and Allendale's relationship

with the natural world. *This interview has been edited for length and clarity.*

**Elijah de Castro:** How would you describe the historical relationship between the reservation and Allendale's local government?

**Chief Gentle:** There's been a misunderstanding, but more so a lack of understanding of tribal rights. The lack of understanding is because we look Black and because of how we are identified. Once the local government understood those dynamics — and that we are protected by federal law — then the relationship changed. But then it became "well, what do they want?" We had to shift focus as a tribe because we understood that who we are was coming off as threatening to Allendale and the surrounding counties. So we just blended in. We started opening up businesses, we joined first responders and firefighters and EMTs. We wanted the community to realize that we aren't the bad guys here, we don't want to take land from you. Once we were able to connect with the community and start helping the community in areas like food, bills, businesses and other assistance, the community understood that we're here to help. Once that happened, then the leadership here understood the dynamics

of the tribe. They've never understood the advantage of working with a local tribe. We're not opposed to people being here, we're just saying work with us so that we can work with you to make this a better area. We need to come together and stop being fearful of what we're going to lose, because this land has already been colonized. We need to start figuring out how we can work with Native people, with Indigenous people, so we can take these counties to another level and start moving forward.

**Elijah:** I think people both in government and in the general population form an idea in their head of who Indigenous people are and what their communities want or want to change. Until conversations like these happen, how do those ideas hold us back?

**Chief Gentle:** We have a vested interest in the county and the towns as a whole. People are scared to have those conversations because they don't want to insult Indigenous people. They don't know what to say, what not to say, or what's insulting. If you're truly who you say you are as an Indigenous person, you're concerned about everyone around you. Yes, we have the ability to self govern, we have sovereignty here. But we also realize our people have to go into town to go to the store, our people have

to go into the town to get gas. So what happens in the community affects us. We can focus wholeheartedly on us and getting grants here and lifting our land and reservation up. But at the same time, if we're not concerned about the economic aspects or the security aspects of the community where our people still reside we're doing ourselves a disservice.

**Elijah:** Right, and we could name all of the issues that Allendale faces, but there's also been an interior struggle that the community has experienced. There's a lot of people in Allendale who are trying to better the community, but there's also a lot of people who don't believe that lifting the community up is even possible. How can we address that, and what is the tribe's role in that?

**Chief Gentle:** We're disconnected and we're looking at a bigger picture when we haven't even dealt with the basics. The basics are always the future generations. Tribes believe that everything that we fought for was for seven generations before us and seven generations after us. That's how tribes think. I'm thinking about respecting my ancestors seven generations back and what my seven generations here, my children, my grandchildren and my

great-grandchildren and what I'm doing to provide for them. If we thought that way, we could be providing teenagers with jobs working with the youth, so that children are still able to grow up being children. Our children can't be children.

**Elijah:** I wrote about this recently in an article, but there have been conversations in local government about getting Allendale a state park. Even though this is a rural area, there's very little places for young people to really get outside and experience the natural world.

**Chief Gentle:** The state park is a great idea, but let's add Native history there. Let's create a mock village so people and especially the children can learn more about the first people and how they lived. From the park we can build more on things and places our children can go and do. We need to think about the impact we have, not just on the economy but on the ecological system. As a tribe, we wholeheartedly respect the environment and everything that we have here. We live off the land, we grow, we worry about medicinal items. These are the cultural practices that we've maintained for a reason. If we don't change, and we don't understand that change is needed, the Earth will show us. Nature

will show us. If people here in the counties have a vested interest in the county and if they truly love the area they were raised in and grew up with, they need to be willing to make sacrifices. My tribe did. We made the ultimate sacrifice. All this land that people are claiming, this is our land. We don't mind people being on it. But what are you going to do with it?

**Elijah:** I think it's hard to make sacrifices when you've grown used to thinking and living in a certain way. How can you and others within your community help Allendale break past that?

**Chief Gentle:** People have to be willing to come to us and ask us "How can we help?" Anything we do almost comes off as an immediate threat to people, because it automatically comes off as "The Indians are doing XYZ, what do they want in return?" We can't get what you already have. We're not trying to take anything from you. People are scared to ask us and people are scared to cooperate with us. That's what hinders us. We're saying, "The doors are open for us to have a conversation." Ask us: "How can we collaborate with you on something that can be progressively helpful for the area?" If anyone has had to learn progression and how to adapt, it'd be tribes

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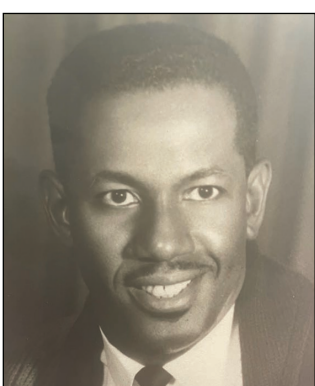
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## William Fraward Guinyard



BARNWELL - Mr. William Fraward Guinyard (Billy) of Barnwell, SC, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, June 10, 2024 at the age of 90 surrounded by family.

He was born July 28, 1933 in Orangeburg, SC. Mr. Guinyard was the oldest of seven children of the late Professor and Mrs. S.A. Guinyard. He was married for 59 years to Shirley E. Johnson Guinyard and they are the parents of two children, Belinda and Rodney (Ligia); and three grandchildren, Lionel Jr., Christopher and Brandon.

Mr. Guinyard held a degree in business administration with interests in economics, industrial relations, and biological science from South Carolina State University. He was also a graduate of the United States Air Force Management and Electronics School. Mr. Guinyard served as director and co-owner of Guinyard and Sons Funeral Home (756 Allen Street) and own-

er and operator of Hope Memorial Park Perpetual Care Cemetery (1730 Yale Road).

Mr. Guinyard was involved in many religious and civic affairs of which he served in various capacities. Religious and Christian duties and affiliations:

A. Child of God  
B. Member of Jordan Baptist Church, Red Oak Community

C. Adult Sunday school teacher, Jordan Baptist

D. Chairman, Jordan Baptist trustee board

E. Member, Young Discipleship Christian Association, Red Oak Community

Community and civic affiliations:

A. Advisor, Diamond Dale Community Recreational Association

B. Chairman, The Crystal Jenkins Benevolent Fund

C. Member, Barnwell Branch of the NAACP

D. Public Relations Officer, Barnwell Harley Butler American Legion Post #246

E. President Precinct #2, Barnwell Democratic Party

F. Member, Barnwell Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

G. Chairman, Barnwell County Grassroots Citizens Committee

H. Chairman, Lower Savannah Grassroots Citizens Advisory Council

I. Chairman, Board of Directors for Barnwell

County Child Daycare Program

J. Candidate Barnwell County Council

K. Scouting Coordinator, Harley Butler American Legion Post #246

L. Coordinator, Barnwell Community Development Housing Project

M. Coordinator, For Cub Scout Day Camp for several years

N. Member, Barnwell County Planning Commission

O. Member, Project Advisory Council and Board of Directors United Way

P. Member, Barnwell County Hypertension Control Group

Q. Member, Palmetto Lowcountry Health Systems Agency

R. Chosen Citizen of the Month in Barnwell

S. South Carolina Delegate to the National White House Conference on Families & Aging

The celebration of life services for Mr. Guinyard are scheduled for Sunday, June 16, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Jordan Baptist Church in the Red Oak community of Barnwell with burial at Hope Memorial Park (1730 Yale Road).

Guinyard and Sons Funeral Home, Hope Memorial Park and the Palmetto Mortuary of Charleston are assisting the family with arrangements.

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## Thomas Jefferson Reeves Jr.



ALLENDALE - Thomas Jefferson Reeves Jr., age 85, husband of the late Barbara Thames Reeves, died Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

Tommy was born on October 16, 1938 in Hampton County to Thomas Jefferson "TJ" Reeves and Margaret Ann Barnes Reeves. He attended Wade Hampton School and graduated in 1957 from Mount Berry School for Boys in Rome, Georgia. He served in the U.S. Air Force in Wisconsin, Illinois.

He married Barbara Ann Thames on April 14, 1961, and began a family.

Tommy was a mechanic and parts manager for Ulmer Chevrolet and Whatley Chevrolet; he worked in the parts business for years before

he established his own Car Quest Auto parts stores in Allendale and Hampton before changing them over to NAPA Auto Parts stores. He loved cars and was an avid classic car collector and hot rod builder. He had a passion for auto flea markets and was always going to a Rod Run somewhere, and loved playing his DOO WOP music.

He loved his family and friends dearly and would help anyone who needed help as well as donating to many charities. He was a volunteer firefighter with the Allendale Fire Department for 40 years. He was a Master Mason, a Shriner, a Past Grand Patron of the Eastern Star of Fairfax and Harmony Hope of Barnwell and he was a devoted lifelong member of the Allendale First Baptist Church.

He was predeceased by his parents; a sister, Betty Reeves Hope; brother-in-law, Johnny Hope; sister, Ann Reeves Lyons; and brother-in-law, Glenn Lyons.

He is survived by his daughters, Bobbie Reeves

Walker (Steve), Kim Reeves (Bill Terry); son, Thomas Jefferson "Ty" Reeves III; sister, Kay Reeves Thames (Jimmy); grandchildren April Walker, Tyler Walker, Brian Walker, Kaitlynn Elizabeth Mack (Devon), Aaron Henry Cook (Alexis Clifton); and great grandchildren Hunter Alay Mika and Autumn Grace Cook; along with special nieces and nephews. Special thank you to caregiver Tina Dobson.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 8, 2024, at Crockettville Cemetery with the Reverend Brien Flemming officiating. Masonic rights were accorded.

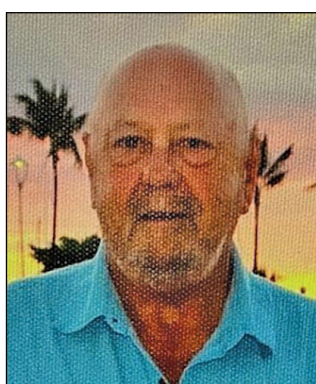
The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday, June 7, 2024, at Keith Smith Funeral Service (128 Water Street, Allendale, SC 29810).

Memorial contributions may be made to Allendale First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 582, Allendale, SC 29810.

Sign the online guestbook at keithsmithfuneralservice.com.

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## Larry Lamar Lingould



Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

The family would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to Amber Brown for all of the love, care, and concern that she has shown Larry.

Born in Milledgeville, GA, he was a son of the late Alton Lingould and Vergie Louise Benton Lingould and was married to Geraldine Anne Lingould. He was a Pipe Fitting Superintendent who retired in 2017 from Fluor Daniel Corporation after working over 50 years. Larry enjoyed traveling, fishing, and playing golf. Riding on his tractor was a peaceful pastime for him. He lived life to the fullest; he had many friends and a great deal of family that he loved spending time with; he especially enjoyed being with his children and grandchildren. His friends and family will miss him deeply. Larry also loved Suri, his Alaskan Spitz.

Survivors include his

loving wife of 48 years, Geraldine Anne Lingould of the home; daughters, Brandi L. Handberry (James) of Barnwell, SC; Alicia (Bobby) Jordan of Blackville, SC, and Lacey Lingould (Jake Anderson) of Williston, SC; a son, Ty McBride (Shannon) of Charlotte, NC; grandchildren, Kylan Handberry, Leah Anderson, Seger Jordan, Brynn Anderson, Mason McBride and Laney McBride; a sister, Mary Beth Branham; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Carol Ann-Martinson and Peggy Hogg; and a brother, Clyde Lingould.

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

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## Helen Dyches



with Rev. Arnie Shipp officiating. Visitation was held Thursday, June 6, 2024, from 6-8 p.m. at Dyches Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be private.

Helen was born in Barnwell County to the late Luther and Ruby Owens. She was a member of Hope Community Church of God. She loved painting, drawing, going to yard sales and fishing. She loved her dog "Bella". She was loved by everyone she knew. She was a loving mother, sister and friend and will be missed

by many. She is survived by her son, David Owens of Blackville; three sisters, May Holder of Hilda, Matlee Holder of Snelling and Annie Holder of Hilda.

She is predeceased by her husband, Henry Dyches; and two brothers; Luther and Willie Owens.

The family entrusted Dyches Funeral Home and Crematory with the arrangements. Sign the guestbook at dychesfuneralhome.com.

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## Mike Thomas



Born in Walterboro, S.C., he was a son of the late George Wheeler Thomas and Mildred Robinson Thomas. He was a University of South Carolina graduate with a Chemical Engineering Degree and a retiree after working over 30 years at SRNS.

Mike was an avid Carolina Gamecock fan and supporter who attended many football and basketball games and loved to tailgate at the games. Mike was such a Gamecock fan that throughout his household his décor was reflective of the school colors, maroon and black. He enjoyed playing golf, played with several different groups, and also played in foreign countries. Folly Beach was his favorite place to relax and

enjoy some peaceful time. He was a devoted husband and father.

Survivors include his wife of 21 years, Donna Jo Schmitt Thomas; two sons, Chris (Nicole) Thomas of Aiken, S.C. and Devin (Michelle) Lucas of Idaho Falls, ID; a sister, Gloria (Joel) Williams of Fairfax, S.C.; four grandchildren, Destiny Thomas, Allie Thomas, Leslie Lucas, and Millie Lucas; a number of nieces and nephews; and a special sister-in-law, Patty Schmitt (Lloyd) Ward of Williston, S.C.

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

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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 Blackville Council will hold a public hearing on the Municipal Budget for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

Date: June 27, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Town of Blackville, Blackville Community Center  
19464 Solomon Blatt Avenue, Blackville, South Carolina 29817

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## Chamber recognizes five businesses



The USC Salkehatchie conference center was packed for the May 9 Chamber event.



Moderator Shelby Broomfield (left) led a panel featuring entrepreneurs, including April Robinson, Farrah Maner, Mattie Bolen, and Adrian Crawford.

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Business, community and civic leaders united May 9 at the Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber's annual meeting.

Held on the Allendale campus of USC Salkehatchie, the event celebrated the past year's achievements and milestones. Several businesses were also awarded.

"2023 was such an incredibly special year for the chamber and 2024 is already shaping up to be one for the books!" said Bob Snead, CEO and president of the Chamber. "Our mission is not only to foster economic prosperity in our region but also to engage the community, encourage connection, reward good ideas, and build a positive future that would not be possible without all of you!"

After enjoying a charcuterie spread from Lucy's Lu's Café in Barnwell and catered dinner from Sammy's Choice Cut Meats in Allendale, guests listened to a panel entitled "Voices of New Ventures". Moderator Shelby Broomfield chatted with four business owners about their experiences, challenges, and successes. Entrepreneurs included Adrian Crawford of High Altitude Drone Service, Mattie Bolen of Sonshine Creations, Farrah Maner of Mirror Mirror Future Guys N Gals, and April Robinson of Low Country Açai Bowls.

The Chamber normally bestowed five Business of the Year awards.

"This year we received such an incredible outpouring of support for local businesses that we had a tie! Congratulations to all of the awardees, the positive impact you have on your community is immeasurable," said Snead.

**Allendale County Small Business of the Year**  
4 Brothers Auto Spa received the Allendale County Small Business of the Year award.

This family-owned business was founded by brothers Lonzado, Keith, Dimaggio, and Edric. They were participants of the Propel Business Lab.

"Born and raised in the community, Lonzado's dream of a top-tier car wash and detailing center for Allendale became a reality when the perfect location became available. Together, the four brothers joined forces to create 4 Brothers Auto



Barnwell County Impact Business of the Year is Atlas Carts in Williston.



Kinard's Kitchen tied for the Barnwell County Small Business of the Year award.



Jerome's Furniture & More tied for the Barnwell County Small Business of the Year award.



4 Brothers Auto Spa won the award for Small Business of the Year for Allendale County.



Petals & Pearls won the Allendale County Impact Business of the Year award.

Spa, offering a luxurious and thorough car care experience. Following the success of their Auto Spa, the Four Brothers embarked on a new venture, Four Brothers Lounge & Bar, which is a fun

and safe entertainment spot that offers live DJs, karaoke nights, delicious food, and much more," according to the Chamber.

The brothers thank everyone for their support

during the first year of business and look forward to many more.

**Allendale County Impact Business of the Year**  
Petals & Stars received the Allendale County Impact

Business of the Year. Founded by Shirl Cave, this Christian-based non-profit outreach program has a mission of spreading hope.

"They have been doing some incredible work here in Allendale County supporting youth entrepreneurship. They are fostering that next generation of entrepreneurs that hopefully will access our services at Propel Business Lab," said Snead.

The organization orchestrates several beneficial programs that impact their community and far beyond, including the Kindness Creations Project, G.R.O.W. 4 Kids, and Entrepreneur Day 4 Kids.

**Barnwell County Small Business of the Year**

Kinard's Kitchen and Jerome's Furniture & More tied for the Barnwell County Small Business of the Year award.

Kinard's Kitchen is a catering business that "combines the flavors and inspiration from Grandma's kitchen to create unique and flavorful recipes with a twist! They offer comforting, home-style cuisine that ranges from classic Southern dishes to delicious pasta and more," according to the Chamber.

It's owned by Felicia Summers Kinard and Tonja Alexander who won the \$10,000 prize through the Propel Business Lab in September 2023. Their slogan is "Cooking with Love."

"We are so blessed to have a great support system! Look for even more greatness coming soon," stated the business on Facebook.

Jerome's Furniture & More in Williston is much more than a used furniture store.

"This local treasure offers vintage, antique and secondhand furniture and home decor at prices that are almost too good to be true! With new inventory arriving every single week, there is sure to be something at Jerome's for everybody," according to the Chamber.

Owner Jerome Frederick said the award means a lot to him and his staff.

**Barnwell County Impact Business of the Year**

Atlas Carts won the Barnwell County Impact Business of the Year Award.

Located in Williston, they produce high (battery) powered, feature rich, incredibly stylish golf carts that are sold in dealerships across the nation. Snead said they are an "incredible corporate citizen."

"Not only does Atlas manufacture these awesome carts, but this incredible company also gives back to their community by lending carts to local schools and teaming up with local churches to orchestrate a community-wide food drive for which they donated over 10,000 pounds of food," according to the Chamber.

A post on the company's Facebook page said they will "continue to do our best to give back to the community that Atlas calls home."

The Chamber thanks the event's sponsors - Breezeline, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, and USC Salkehatchie.

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# 13th annual Blackville Music & Arts Festival brought two-days of fun

**Donna-Maria Conzalina**  
Contributor

The weekend of May 17th and 18th brought the continually growing, creative Blackville Music and Art Festival (BMAF) back to town for its 13th year. The annual springtime event produced two days of fun-filled family events for the more than 2,000 residents in the Town of Blackville and its guests.

As children played and adults gathered, the aroma of culinary arts provided by food vendors drifted through the air, enticing lines of customers despite a few early morning clouds and drizzles. Festival tents covered Main Street with an abundant variety of sale items catered for all ages to enjoy. Various community organizations handed out information and smiles while talented live performances took place. A growing number of local South Carolina artists showcased their works, displayed in the BMAF Art Exhibition, located for the first time in both the fire station and Blackville Museum.

"The public was treated to the artwork of James Wilson, Earnest Brown, Harry Williams, Earnest Lee, Donna-Maria Conzalina, Terrance Washington, and students from Macedonia Elementary-Middle School, Williston-Elko High School and (Orangeburg's) Felton Laboratory Charter School. Everyone displayed great artwork and we are so thankful for their participation and support during the festival. Those who came for the music enjoyed the sounds of people like Christian recording artist LouAnn Lee who arrived in town for a scheduled concert at Blackville First Baptist Church, Tim Sims, Chucky Man, Me Me Yashal, Marcus Allen, Pr3scott, Glyshae and ATL Dream Vision Band. This year we added two



Volunteers and board pictured from left to right: (front row) white suit David Rufin-Anthony, Ja'Air Washington, Nancy Perry, Lashonda Williams; (back row) Darius Washington, Ethel Washington, Teresa Williams, Charmane O'Berry, Terrance Washington, James Cook. Not pictured: Shellie Khatod, Zakia Nix, Chante' Washington.

All photos on this page by: Terrance Washington

new things to the festival: a puppet show and a full on cowboy fashion show!" said BMAF President Terrance Washington. "Everyone behind the scenes came together and worked hard to bring the community together for this annual event."

Washington was inspired to create the festival in 2011 as a way to give artists locally and within the CSRA a platform to display and showcase their talents via visual and performing art.

"It's a way to bring the community together to grow the importance of art in the community. It gives the community something to look forward to each year that they can come sit back and enjoy with their family while enjoying beautiful art and music," said BMAF secretary Charmane O' Berry. "Overall, the main purpose of the festival is to educate the community about the arts and for young people to know that they have the opportunity to make a career through the arts. 'Bringing Blackville Alive, A Place for Enjoyment.' We are proud to have had civil rights photographer Ceile Williams and the late artist Jim Harrison to showcase and be a part of



the Blackville Music and Art Festival," said O'Berry.

The program is a 501c3 non-profit organization. "We seek financial support through grants, sponsorships, community giving, donations, and out of pocket funding. For community members interested in volunteering, we welcome individual volunteers, community organizations, local schools, etc. This is definitely one of the areas in which we struggle to get support," said O'Berry.

Washington's goal for future festivals is to "expand and grow the community's knowledge, understanding, and love of the arts and its importance. It is a way to bring such a small community together through music and art," he said. "As an organization we continue growing and creating networking relationships with community leaders and comradery with the businesses in downtown Blackville and local schools."

BMAF hopes to inspire interested Barnwell County and Denmark High School graduating seniors to apply for the EEW Music and Art Festival Scholarship if they desire to major in music or art in college.

Scholarship information can be obtained through each school's guidance counselor department.

Washington and O'Berry, united partners in this program as well as being an engaged couple, wanted to conclude this year's festival by saying, "We are thankful and appreciative to everyone who believed, supported us and everyone who attended the Music & Art Festival. We thank God, the Blackville Music & Art Festival Committee, Blackville and everyone who loves & believes in the music and arts. Huge thank you to our volunteers this year and everyone who came out and supported us! Love & blessings!"

**The current team of BMAF Officers are:**

President: Terrance Washington, Vice President: James Cook, Treasure: Ethel Washington, Secretary: Charmane O' Berry

**BMA Committee Members:** Nancy Perry, Chante' Washington, Shellie Khatod, Teresa Williams, Zakia Nix

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# CORDER: Long-time Blackville-Hilda educator retiring after 37 years

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student teacher and I was a high school senior. The willingness he has shown when so many others would have walked away and retired is admirable," she said.

The 1981 graduate of Williston-Elko High School started his career in 1987 at the age of 23 as a civics teacher at Blackville-Hilda High School.

"I've spent over half of my life here. Blackville-Hilda High School is such a special place. A lot of great kids have gone through there," said Corder. This includes his own three sons who graduated from Blackville-Hilda's public schools.

### IMPACT OF FATHER

Corder's three sons credit their father with helping shape their lives. His commitment to education and his career has played a big role in that.

"I've always been inspired and influenced by the way he's always interacted with his community and peers. The respect he's always had shown to him, even his former students, despite how tough an educator he was often known as. A reminder to me every day that everyone should be treated equally and with the respect you expect in return," said Tommy Chambers, Corder's stepson.

Son David Corder Jr. is an English teacher at Williston-Elko Middle School. "In my five years of being an educator, I've always been happy to have him as someone I can talk and vent to, even though at times I've had to talk to him as my dad, and not my boss. He's always been understanding and supportive of my journey as a teacher, because he was once as young as I was, navigating the turbulent territory of public education. I couldn't have asked for a better father," he said of his father.

"You did more than any father could. You provided for your family, worked your whole life for what you have, and never let



David Corder with his wife and three sons at the wedding of youngest son Anderson in 2023. Pictured from left: stepson Tommy Chambers, son Anderson Corder, wife Lynette Corder, David Corder, and son David Corder Jr. Courtesy: Corder family

anyone take away the ethics and integrity that made you who you are. You believed in all your sons and encouraged them to go after their dreams and taught them to do what was right," said Anderson.

Tommy and Anderson both cited the value of hard work as the greatest lesson their father taught them.

"Nothing in life is given to us but earned," said Tommy.

"My dad taught me that hard work is the only way to succeed in life, that a man can be as smart as the encyclopedia and still not amount to anything. It's a man that gets up every morning and puts everything he has into his work that will see the fruits of his labor," said Anderson.

While it's important to work hard, son David Jr. said his father also values the importance of laughter.

"He's never been afraid to cut up, and I think that's what most people know him for--as being a huge goofball. But he always retains his professional persona as well. However, he has never let that be his defining characteristic. He has taught me to laugh with his infectious laughter, and that has passed through me

to people I work with and my students. To paraphrase the Bible, laughter is good medicine," said David Jr.

As a child, David Jr. remembers the bus taking him from the elementary school to Blackville's middle school where his father was principal. "I would go up to him and he would hand me my Batman action figure that he had been holding on to for me all day. After school was when I got to see my two favorite superheroes -- Batman and Dad," he said.

### IMPACT OF AN EDUCATOR

David Corder's impact as a father reaches far beyond the three sons he's raised. Throughout his 37-year career as an educator, he's also been a father figure to hundreds of students.

Some of his former students were in the audience for the BCCSD's end-of-the-year celebration on May 30 at Blackville-Hilda High School. This included Chelsea Calhoun, principal of Macedonia Elementary-Middle School, who had Corder as a teacher in 9th and 12th grades.

"He was one of the best teachers I ever had. But it wasn't because of how great a teacher he was, but rather how he made

us feel as students. He genuinely loved and cared about his students. We were like his own kids. I often thank Mr. Corder for the influence that he has had on my life. I know that part of my success as an educator is because of him. He has been an amazing teacher, mentor, and friend in my life, and I am forever grateful to him," said Calhoun.

Though many things have changed over the years, Calhoun said Corder "was exactly the same then as he is now, hilarious!" said Calhoun. She remembers her teacher cadet class going from class to class singing "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" as Corder, their instructor, played the guitar.

David Jr. said his father has always been a "hippie at heart." He remembers his father's office having posters of John Lennon and Yoko Ono along with several lava lamps. "He's always been the most laid-back man I've ever known, and he's instilled that character trait into me, as well as his sense of humor," he said.

Retired Barnwell District 19 Superintendent Dr. Andy Sandifer, who now serves on the Barnwell County School District

board, promoted Corder to principal and later director of federal programs in the district office. "He has been an outstanding leader and a solid educator during these times of transition," said Sandifer.

### REFLECTIONS

At the end-of-the-year celebration, Corder left his colleagues from Blackville and Williston with a final message as he prepares to retire for the final time and the district prepares to consolidate once again.

"It's been wonderful and beautiful," he said of leading the district and working with everyone.

He said it's been wonderful working with the team in Blackville, who he's known for years, but it's also been wonderful connecting with the team in Williston who embraced him. As a native of Williston, he said it was great coming home again and reconnecting with former classmates.

"We've had bad times and had good times, but we've always stood together," said Corder.

He also thanked the past administrators who helped him develop in his career. This includes former Barnwell District 19 superintendent Richard Huggins and principal

Danny Atkins who hired Corder as a teacher, plus Dr. Sandifer who promoted him to principal and later director of federal programs. These individuals recognized his leadership potential and taught him valuable lessons.

"I learned kindness and patience from Andy Sandifer. I learned business sense from Richard Huggins," said Corder.

He's tried to take the lessons he learned from other superintendents to implement during his time as a leader.

"I hope y'all have felt supported. I've always tried to treat folks kindly because I've been on the other side of the fence. I've been a teacher. I hope I've been a good leader; if I haven't, you're just going to have to complain to someone else because it's almost over," said Corder, jokingly.

### RETIREMENT

As he prepares to retire, Corder said his thoughts and prayers are with the team he's leaving behind. Though consolidation evokes many emotions, he said, "I really believe in my heart it will be ok."

As he concluded his speech at the end-of-the-year celebration, Corder teared up.

"It's alright, cry. We're gonna miss you, Corder," said one staff member in the audience.

After 37 years of dedicated service, Corder's sons, former students, and colleagues wish him a happy retirement.

"You've earned it. Enjoy it. Play guitar, listen to the Beatles, sit on the porch and watch the hummingbirds," said David Jr. to his father.

Tommy said he looks forward to more times hanging out and making memories.

As a child, David Jr. remembers his father teaching summer school. "He told me I used to say, 'Get the money, Daddy. Now I'm going to say, 'Get the rest, Dad.' I love you," said David Jr.



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## Warhorse Katelynn Ryan signs to cheer at Presbyterian College

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Recent Barnwell graduate Katelynn Ryan has committed to cheer for Presbyterian College this fall.

Katelynn had a signing ceremony at Barnwell High School on Wednesday, May 22. Barnwell Principal Franklin McCormack, athletic director Derek Youngblood, cheerleading coach Amy Williams, and several friends and family were in attendance.

Katelynn cheered for Barnwell High School in both sideline cheer and competitive cheer with Coach Williams, who was excited for Katelynn's signing with Presbyterian College. "Katelynn was a valuable member of both the Barnwell High School Varsity Sideline and Competition teams. She is a dedicated, hard worker who puts in the work to better herself both in and outside of practice. I have no doubts that she will be an asset to PC Cheer. They are lucky to have her," said Coach Williams.

Presbyterian College is located in Clinton, South Carolina, so Katelynn will not be too far from home. When asked what she liked about PC, Katelynn replied, "Last year, I had the opportunity to attend Palmetto Girls State at PC and fell in love with the campus. Every single person there makes me feel welcome every time I visit. The staff and students are incredible."

When asked if she knew anyone at PC, Katelynn excitedly said, "Yes! I got the opportunity to meet everyone on the team. I've even chatted with a few of them one-on-one, and I'm so excited to see them on campus



Katelynn Ryan will do competitive cheer for Presbyterian College this fall. She's pictured with her brother, Brantley Cobb, Barnwell High School sideline and competitive cheer coach Amy Williams, and her mother Denise Cobb.

Photo By: Donna Miley

next semester."

Katelynn plans to double major in political science and Spanish and minor in pre-law. She then plans to attend law school and eventually become a criminal defense attorney. Those are some high aspirations, but she has been a good student and a hard worker and those are two important components to help reach those goals.

Her days as a Warhorse cheerleader may be over, but she will take lots of fond memories of the sidelines on football Friday nights and traveling to competitive cheer competitions. When asked about her favorite Warhorse moment, Katelynn said,



Katelynn attended Palmetto Girls State at Presbyterian College. She fell in love with the campus and loves the people there.

Photo By: Donna Miley

"My favorite memory was the moment after our competitive cheer team performed at state this school year, and we realized we hit zero." For those not familiar with the competitive cheering world, competitive cheer has a similar scoring system to that used in some gymnastic events, where points are deducted for miscues and skills difficulty levels earn points. The expression "hitting zero" means a team had no deductions for that competition. It is a big deal at these competitive cheer events, where the few teams fortunate enough to do so, often take photos under the heralded "We Hit Zero!" banner or sign. For those meets

without such a banner or sign, the "We Hit Zero!" tag line would certainly be posted underneath internet postings and articles.

This is a great opportunity to be able to continue doing what she loves after high school.

Katelynn was asked if she had any advice for younger cheerleaders who might want to continue cheering at the next level, and she said, "Put yourself out there! Go to clinics and reach out to coaches. Your talent and skill make the team look good, so they will be happy to hear from you."

Good luck Katelynn and Presbyterian College! We wish you the best!

## Blue Devil Peyton Rimes signs to play with USC Salkehatchie

**Jonathan Vickery**  
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Williston-Elko's Peyton Rimes has committed to play baseball for the University of South Carolina Salkehatchie this fall.

On May 22, Rimes was joined by family, coaches, school administrators, and teammates from Williston-Elko High School (WEHS) in the school auditorium for a signing ceremony. On May 24, the Blue Devil graduated high school.

"I've enjoyed playing baseball. It's one of my favorite things to do. It's always been a dream to play college baseball," said Rimes.

WEHS head baseball coach Dalton Mundy said it is "very exciting" to see Rimes sign to take this next step. "I'm very proud of you," said Mundy.

Mundy highlighted some of Rimes' athletic accomplishments, including being a 3-time All-Region winner, the 2023 Region Player of the Year, and a 2-time All-State recipient. However, Rimes has also excelled academically as he finished 14th in his class with a grade point average of 4.177.

"It's always a great day when we get to do this because it represents their hard work on the athletic field and in the classroom," said WEHS Principal Tony Flowers at the signing. "We appreciate Peyton's hard work."

When asked about a favorite memory from his time as a Blue Devil, Rimes recalled his sophomore year when the team won region for the first time in a while. Later that season, he said they played their first playoff game in



Peyton Rimes is pictured with his family at the May 22 signing ceremony. He will play baseball at USC Salkehatchie in the fall. Pictured from left: (bottom row, seated) father Robby Rimes, Peyton Rimes, cousin Corbin, mother Tammy Rimes, brother Chase Morris; (top row, standing) WEHS baseball coach Dalton Mundy, brother Tres Rimes, sister-in-law Emily Rimes, and WEHS Principal Tony Flowers.

Photo By: Jonathan Vickery / Publisher

many years.

"We helped lay steppingstones for the future," said Rimes, who thanks his teachers, teammates and coaches at WEHS.

After meeting with the coach at USC Salkehatchie, Rimes said it felt like the right move to continue his baseball career. He is excited to meet new people and work with his new teammates and coaches.

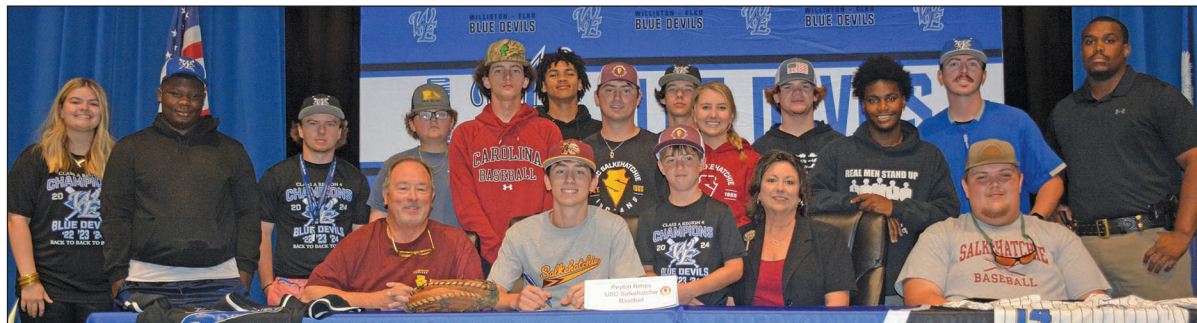
Speaking to his younger peers at WEHS who want to play college ball one day, he encourages them to work hard and stay

focused on their goals. "Even when you think no one is looking, someone is always watch-

ing," he said.

Rimes plans to major in engineering and hopes to

continue playing baseball at another college once his time at USC Salkehatchie is complete.



The Blue Devils baseball team joins Peyton Rimes and his family for a photo during his signing ceremony to play baseball at USC Salkehatchie.

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# Williston-Elko High School awards student-athletes

Photos By: Vickie Benjamin



**VARSITY FOOTBALL**  
Defensive Player of the Year - Kadin Wright  
Offensive Player of the Year - Peyton Rimes  
Special teams MVP of the Year - Willie Brown



**VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Defensive Player of the Year - Ashauna Hosey  
MVP - Jada Wilson  
Best All Around - Madison Wright



**VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Most Improved - Jakeran Cuthbertson  
Dedication Award - Da'montray Allen  
Most Outstanding Teammate Award - Landyn Sims



**VARSITY VOLLEYBALL**  
Most Improved - Tra'niya Josey  
Best All Around - Jondalyn Dunbar  
Most Sportsmanship - Gracyn Williams

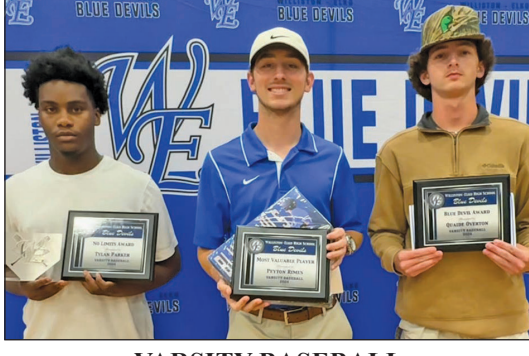
**VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY**  
  
Co-MVP - Maria Sotelo  
Co-MVP - Jaretzy Cortez



**VARSITY FOOTBALL CHEER:** Most Dedicated - Jondalyn Dunbar, Outstanding Personality - Nakiya Mercado, Best Work Ethic - Jakyia Mack.  
**VARSITY BASKETBALL CHEER:** Outstanding Leadership - Jondalyn Dunbar, Outstanding Personality - Jada Wilson, Showmanship - Jakyia Mack



**VARSITY SOFTBALL**  
Offensive MVP - Reese Yelton  
Pitching MVP - I'vana Robinson  
Home Run Record - Hailey O'Neal



**VARSITY BASEBALL**  
MVP - Peyton Rimes  
Blue Devil Award - Quaide Overton  
No Limits Award - Tylan Parker



**VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS**  
MVP - Madison Wright  
Most improved - Faith Irons  
Rookie of the Year - Makayla Barrett



**JV VOLLEYBALL**  
MVP - Dottie Still  
Defensive Super Star - Kamryn Creech



**BOYS JV BASKETBALL**  
Offensive Player of the Year - Corey Newman  
Defensive Player of the Year - Darrell Newman



**JV SOFTBALL**  
MVP - Kendall Adams  
Great Sportsmanship - Matti Bell



**JV BASEBALL**  
OFFENSIVE MVP - Bryce Thigpen  
Defensive MVP - Chase Creech



**MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL CHEER**  
Cheerleading Leadership - Aubrey Williams, Cheer Superstar - Savannah Moody, Outstanding Cheerleading - Ra'Jiah James



**MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
MVP - Aiyana Staley  
Outstanding Player - Lily Bellinger

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**MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL:** MVP - Jaylen Braxton, Defensive Player of the Year - Sherod Garvin, Floor General - Ahmad Brown

**GOLF**  
Most Improved - Ali Jenkins  
Blue Devil Award - Grant Whitman  
MVP - Ben Adams



**BOYS TENNIS:** MVP - Timothy Jameson, Most Improved - Hayden Duty  
Rookie of the Year - King Brown



**GIRLS TRACK**  
MVP - Nakiya Mercado  
Most Dedicated - Malayjia Youmans  
Most Improved - Ashauna Hosey



**BOYS TRACK**  
MVP - Willie Brown  
Most Improved - Kameron Brown  
Most Dedicated - Robert Wright



**ULTIMATE BLUE DEVIL AWARDS:** Jelisea Ruth-Hudson (Varsity Cheer, Volleyball, Basketball, Golf, Track)  
Tri'Naya Josey (Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Varsity Football Manager)



**TRIPLE THREAT AWARDS:** Tylan Parker (Football, Basketball, Baseball), Ben Adams (Football, Wrestling, Golf), De'ontae Holman (Football, Basketball, Track), Jakeran Cuthbertson (Basketball, Baseball, Track), Carlos Drayton (Football, Basketball, Tennis), Nakiya Mercado (Varsity Cheer, Basketball, Track), Ashana Hosey (Volleyball, Basketball, Track), Madison Wright (Volleyball, Basketball, Golf), Jada Wilson (Volleyball, Varsity Cheer, Basketball), Ky'Reona Brabham (Varsity Cheer, Volleyball, Basketball), JaKiya Mack (Varsity Cheer, Volleyball, Track), Hailey O'Neal (Volleyball, Softball, Varsity Football Manager), Iyana Robinson (Volleyball, Softball, Varsity Football Manager).



# Class of 2024 Tigers leave the den



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On May 30, students, parents and teachers in Allendale gathered for the Allendale-Fairfax High School's class of 2024 graduation ceremony.

In her speech, Fatima Cervantes, valedictorian of the class of 2024, praised her classmates and the school's faculty, and also reflected on her educational journey.

"I would like to offer my sincere congrats on your outstanding achievements as you are about to start a new chapter in your lives and set out on the adventure ahead," said Cervantes. "I would also like to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to the

faculty and staff who have guided and nurtured these bright minds. Their unwavering commitment to our educational excellence has played an important role in shaping us today."

Co-valedictorian Trinity Mickell thanked multiple teachers by name, and spoke about personal growth.

"Class of 2024, as of today, we have achieved the goal many have longed for. All of the tears and stress over procrastinated assignments were all worth it to get to this day. As I look at all of you, I see nothing but greatness. Always remember that slow motion is better than no motion," said Mickell.

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# Serve Up a *Summertime* Spread

**FAMILY FEATURES**

Few things complement warm weather like a summer spread with everyone's favorite foods. From fresh appetizers and classics like grilled hot dogs to skewered sides and sweet, sugary desserts, these summertime recipes are sure to bring friends, family and neighbors running to get in on the action.

To find more recipe ideas that bring the heat to summer cookouts, visit [Culinary.net](http://Culinary.net).

## Up Your Grilling Game with Beloved Toppings

Hot dogs and brats are summer favorites for a reason: the delicious (and personalized) add-ons. Make sure your spread fits everyone's taste buds with an assortment of tasty toppings like these:

- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Relish
- Hot sauce
- Onions
- Pickles
- Sauerkraut
- Cole slaw
- Jalapenos
- Diced tomatoes
- Guacamole
- Nacho cheese
- Shredded cheese



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## A Simple, Skewered Side

Keep your summer meals simple by leaning into versatile ingredients that can help you whip up a variety of side dishes.

These Grilled Red Potato Skewers display the delicious, nutritious, versatile qualities of Wisconsin Potatoes. With a multitude of varieties, they're a favorite among world-class chefs, home cooks, large and small supermarkets and even the pickiest of eaters.

It can be love at first bite with these 100% gluten-free potatoes that can add a touch of nutrition to summer cookouts. They're a good source of vitamin B6, high in vitamin C, rich in potassium and an excellent source of fiber.

Find more recipe ideas by visiting [eatwisconsinpotatoes.com](http://eatwisconsinpotatoes.com).

## Grilled Red Potato Skewers

Recipe courtesy of the Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association  
Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 20 minutes  
Servings: 4

- 2 medium russet or Yukon gold Wisconsin potatoes or 6 red Wisconsin potatoes
- 2 medium zucchini
- 1/2 smoked sausage rope
- 4 skewers (12 inches each)
- 1/2 cup Italian dressing

Preheat grill to medium heat. Cut potatoes in half. Cut zucchini and sausage same width as potatoes. Skewer potatoes, zucchini and sausage. Repeat for each skewer.

Place skewers in dish and cover with Italian dressing. Marinate 5 minutes.

Place skewers on grill and cook 5 minutes on each side, or until potatoes are done. Remove from grill and serve.



Grilled Red Potato Skewers

## Cap the Night with a Brown Sugar Delight

Summer meals from small plates to grilled fare may be tasty, but don't fill up entirely on the main course. Remember to save room for your favorite warm-weather sweets.

These Brown Sugar Meringues provide bursting summertime flavor in a little, handheld bite. They're ideal for sharing with loved ones after a weekend barbecue or birthday celebration and, with just a few ingredients, they're as easy to make as they are to enjoy.

To help bake this delicious dessert, you can trust Domino to deliver quality, consistency and results that only a century of experience can bring. Its Light Brown Sugar offers a buttery, caramel flavor, making it a perfect choice for sweets of all kinds.

Find more summery sweets at [DominoSugar.com](http://DominoSugar.com).

## Brown Sugar Meringues

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 1 hour, plus 1 hour rest time  
Yield: 3 dozen meringues

- Water
- 6 large egg whites, at room temperature
- 1 cup Domino Light Brown Sugar
- 3/4 cup Domino Granulated Sugar
- Easy Baking Tub
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons Domino Turbinado Sugar (optional)

Preheat oven to 225 F. Line three baking sheets with parchment paper. Set aside.

Pour 1 inch of water into medium saucepan and heat it until simmering. In heat-proof bowl, mix egg whites, brown sugar, granulated sugar and salt. Put bowl on top of saucepan and warm mixture until it reaches 125 F. Stir continuously and make sure mixture does not touch water.

Carefully remove from heat. Using electric mixer, beat mixture at high speed 8-10 minutes. Transfer meringue into piping bag fitted with star tip. Pipe 12 meringues per baking sheet.

Sprinkle turbinado sugar on top of meringues, if desired. Bake 1 hour. Turn off oven and allow meringues to rest inside oven 1 hour. Remove from oven and enjoy.



Brown Sugar Meringues



Citrus Spring Mix Salad

## Start Summer Meals with a Bright, Fresh Salad

Bright colors and fresh flavor bring out the best in summer meals, starting with seasonal salads that look as though the ingredients were just picked from a garden.

Orange, grapefruit and avocado are perfect accompaniments in this Citrus Spring Mix Salad when paired with Fresh Express Spring Mix. This garden-fresh blend combines carefully selected tender baby butter and red and green leaf lettuces with baby greens including spinach, arugula and kale that are picked when the tiny leaves are perfect and whole.

With more than 100 varieties of fresh, healthy and convenient ready-to-eat salads, as well as an assortment of salad greens you can use to create your ideal summer dishes, the kits and lettuce blends are available in the refrigerated product department of your favorite grocery store.

Visit [freshexpress.com](http://freshexpress.com) to discover more than 300 fresh recipes and find availability near you.

## Citrus Spring Mix Salad

Prep time: 5 minutes  
Total time: 10 minutes  
Servings: 2

- Dressing:**
- 1/4 cup orange juice
  - 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
  - 1 teaspoon white wine vinegar
  - 1/4 teaspoon Dijon mustard
  - 1/2 teaspoon sugar
  - 1/8 teaspoon salt

- Salad:**
- 1 package (5 ounces) Fresh Express Spring Mix
  - 1 navel orange, peeled and sectioned
  - 1 red grapefruit, peeled and sectioned
  - 1 avocado, peeled, pitted and sliced
  - 1/4 cup red onion, thinly sliced

To make dressing: In small bowl, whisk orange juice, orange zest, white wine vinegar, Dijon mustard, sugar and salt. Set aside.

To make salad: In large bowl, toss spring mix with salad dressing. Divide salad evenly among two plates. Top with oranges, grapefruit, avocado and onion.

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the great outdoors.

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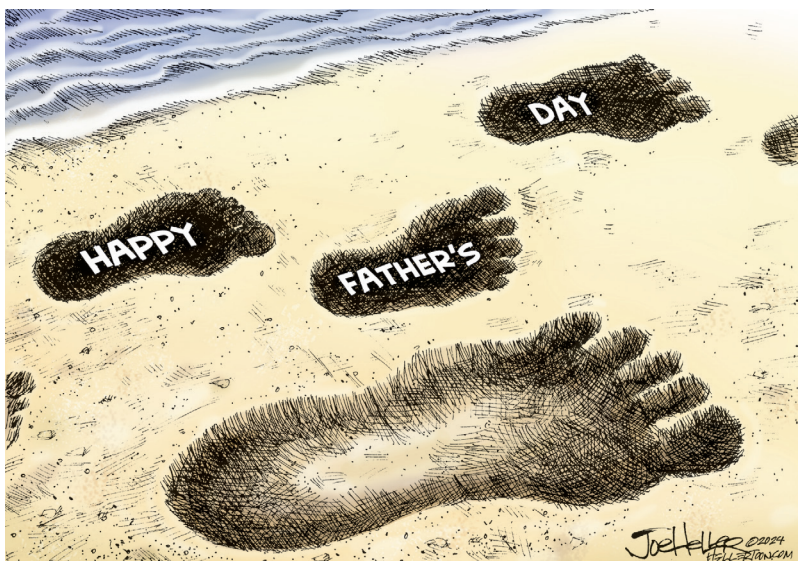
Answer: *Flowers*

## Guess Who?

I am an entrepreneur born in South Africa on June 28, 1971. I attended the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, where I studied economics and physics. I am an engineer who became a billionaire with my many innovative projects.

Answer: *Elon Musk*





## Letter to the Editor

### Former Generations Unlimited director is 'deeply saddened' by agency's current situation

**Dear Editor:**  
As former Executive Director of Generations Unlimited, I am deeply saddened by the recent newspaper reports of the agency's untenable situation. Cutting services to seniors and those who lack transportation access will have grave negative impacts on Barnwell County residents. Because I was mentioned, yet again, in the article, I wanted to respond. In February of 2022, County Council had the opportunity to support the Agency which was in need of one-time funding to help recover from the impact of pandemic related issues. At that time, GU was NOT IN DEBT and was just beginning to run into cash flow issues. GU was seeking help before the situation became as dire as it is today. We were taking a responsible course of action. Through detailed financial reports provided to County Council by County Council's own CPA, Neil Crider, Council members were well aware that there was no misappropriation or mismanagement of funds. They chose to use that as an excuse to "go in another direction" for reasons unknown to me. Here are some facts:  
• Under the leadership of the past Board of Directors, I successfully operated Generations Unlimited for a decade before the COVID 19 Pandemic.  
• I requested American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding, which was federal funding designated to assist agencies and businesses who were

struggling due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and which the County Council had.  
• Instead of providing the funding when needed, County Council took control of the Agency.  
• Bill Molnar, Executive Director of LSCOG, who is quoted in your article, was instrumental in the County Council's decision to "go in another direction". Also, for reasons unknown to me.  
• The Agency was directly under the control of County Council for 15 months after my dismissal. Prior to this, no member of County Council or the County Administrator, Tim Bennet, had any knowledge of the day-to-day operations of the Agency or, really, any other aspect of the Agency. They had absolutely no plan in place on how the Agency would run upon my departure.  
• The article states that County Council has invested a half million dollars into the Agency since they assumed control. GU received only \$30,000 annually for the decade that I managed the Agency, plus an additional \$50,000 prior to my dismissal. In summary, Generations Unlimited simply needed assistance to recover from the Pandemic and an increase in annual funding above the \$30,000. Two years and four months later, the Agency is in debt despite a huge infusion of money. They have cut services drastically, have no experienced staff or leadership, and are in danger of losing contracts to provide services.  
**Lisa Firmender, Barnwell**

## Better Business Bureau

### BBB scam alert: Scammers are impersonating road toll collection services



**Kelvin Collins**  
Better Business Bureau

If you have been on a road trip, then you're probably familiar with modern tolling systems allowing you to pay your toll fees online. If you anticipate paying for any outstanding tolls, watch out for this text message phishing scam where fraudsters impersonate toll collection services, trying to trick consumers into paying for fake outstanding tolls.  
**How the scam works**  
You receive a text message from what appears to be a state tollway collection service, like the Illinois Tollway or the Florida Turnpike. The text message says you owe a road toll fee of around \$12, but you need to pay it immediately to avoid a late fee of \$50. The message includes a link to settle your balance, which appears to be from the state's toll service, making the message look legitimate. However, if you click the link and provide your personal and payment information on the website, scammers could now have access to that information, and you may have lost some money. BBB Scam Tracker has received reports of text messages that appear

to be from toll collection services. One consumer recently shared, "I received a text message that stated I owed funds from using a tollway. It was not specific and since I do not use a tollway I knew it was a fraud. I deleted the message right away and blocked the number, but I believe it had included a web link." Another consumer shared, "I was sent a text message that I owe the Florida Turnpike fee of \$12.51 or face a late fee of \$50. I nor my husband have been anywhere near the Florida Turnpike."  
**How to avoid text message phishing scams**  
• **Verify your outstanding toll balance with the legitimate agency.** Instead of clicking on the link in the text message, go to your web browser, find the toll service's actual website, and log in to your account to verify if you have any outstanding toll payments. Another way to verify this is by calling the toll service's customer service line. Do not call the phone number that texted you or any phone numbers included in the text message. Instead, find the toll service's legitimate phone number on their website.  
• **Know the warning signs of a fake text.** If you receive an unusual text message, there are several things to look for to help you identify if it's fake. Read BBB's tips on spotting the red flags of fake text messages.  
• **Don't click on links or download files that are unexpectedly texted to you.** It may be hard to

identify if a link sent in a text message is safe. Scammers can disguise a URL to appear legitimate when it isn't.  
• **Block the number and delete the message.** Do not engage with the scammer if you think you received a fake text message. Instead, block the phone number and delete the text message. Refusing to engage and blocking the phone number can help prevent scammers from contacting you again.  
• **If you receive a text message impersonating a road toll collection service, report it.** You can file a report with BBB Scam Tracker to help warn others about this new scam. In addition, file a report with the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at ic3.gov. You can read the IC3's recent alert about this scam at www.ic3.gov and learn how to report these scams to IC3. Learn more about how to spot a scam by identifying common red flags in various scam types at BBB.org.

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## An hour later, we realize: Haven't we seen this movie before?

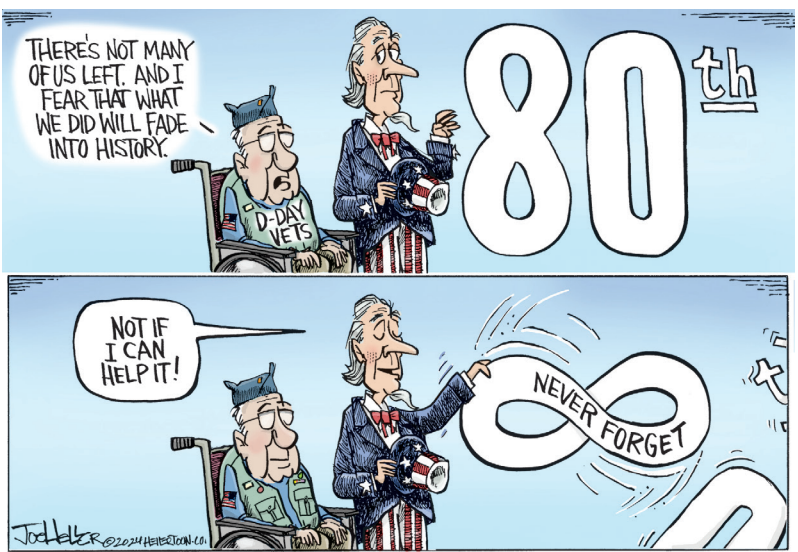


**Phil Hudgins**  
Columnist

No doubt you've heard the old joke that memory is the first thing to go, and I don't remember the second thing. There's much truth in that saying. I know that because my wife and I have reached the age when memory comes and goes, and when it goes, it stays out late, like the town drunk. We can watch a movie on TV and then realize, halfway in, that we'd seen it before. "I remember that guy saying that," I'll tell my wife. "We have seen this movie before. I know we have." "Well, let's watch the rest of it," she'll say, "because I don't remember what happened." "I don't either," I'll say. It's worse with names. Sometimes I can remember someone's first name, and she can remember the last name. Often we can't remember either one. "His name starts with a T," I'll say. "It's a short name, like Tom or Tim, but that's not it." "Seems like his last name starts with a J," she'll say. "Jones, James, Jordan. No, none of those." Then, about 2 in the morning, on a

trip to the bathroom, the name magically shows up in a memory bank. Sometimes it's her bank, sometimes it's mine. Keys, cellphones and glasses are the next things we forget. We forget where we left them. Dr. Arash Salardini, co-director of Yale's Memory Disorder Clinic, calls it "episodic memory," referring to memories with specific context in space and time. "Based on that," he says, "you can see what sort of memories usually go first. People misplace things. They forget appointments." My wife and I seldom forget appointments. Well, we do, but we both have calendars. Calendars can be wrong, however, when someone notes the appointment on the wrong date. I did that for a speech before the Rotary Club in Royston, Ga., several years ago. Unfortunately, no one in the club saw the humor in my forgetting. I know because I tried to make a joke of it when I finally did speak, and no one cracked a smile.

Several decades ago, my newspaper colleagues and I attended a memory clinic taught by a guy named William V. Nutt. Who could forget that name? And I didn't forget his explaining "associative memory" for remembering items. Let's say you memorize several words for association: one run, two zoo, three tree, four door, five hive, six sticks, seven heaven, eight gate—and so on. Then you picture an image, associating the word, or words, you want to remember with one of the memorized words. The more ridiculous your image, the better. So, for number one, you might picture a can of Campbell's tomato soup running through the traffic, a can opener in his tinny, left hand. And then you remember to pick up some canned soup at the grocery store. Unfortunately, the method doesn't work with names. Or keys. Or glasses. Or appointments. There are certain things, though, that'll I'll forget only one time—and never again. My wife's birthday comes to mind.



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J. Martin Harvey, Jr.  
Special Referee for Barnwell County  
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Attorney for Plaintiff  
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to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and 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.

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Date of Death: May 2, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00109  
Personal Representative:  
Phyllis C. Martin  
Address: 660 Deer Dust Drive,  
Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
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Address: 1289 Deering Road, Williston, S.C. 29853  
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JAMES CARR,  
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vs.  
JACQUALIN STRICKLIN,  
Defendant  
Shalonda Wilburn, Attorney for  
Petitioner, moves before this Court for an order of service by publication pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 15-67-30 for the following reasons: Petitioner does not know and has not known the whereabouts of Respondent, Jacquelin Stricklin, for quite some time. Attempts to locate Respondent, Jacquelin Stricklin, current whereabouts have been futile, and Petitioner is at a stand-still as to how to locate Respondent, Jacquelin Stricklin.  
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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.

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE CLUES

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  - Scarlett Johansson's 2013 voice only role
  - Jezebel's idol
  - Not silently
  - Pro vote
  - Italian bowling
  - Proclaimed as true without proof
  - Rob Manfred's org.
  - Savory taste sensation
  - \*Tom Cruise's 1986 blockbuster
  - \*It featured the song "What Was I Made For?"
  - Wrath, e.g.
  - Milton Bradley's "The Game of \_\_\_"
  - General Post Office
  - A woodwind
  - Group of trained professionals, pl.
  - Icy precipitation
  - Concert units
  - Charles Dickens' Heep
  - Scandinavian capital
  - Rebroadcasted
  - Khrushchev's domain, acr.
  - \*What the gang did in 1988's "A Fish Called Wanda"
  - Exploding star
  - Clarified butter
  - Airport surface
  - Highway hauler
  - Breed
  - Miss Muffet's repast
  - Not flow
  - \*Tim Burton's 1989 and 1992 title character
  - \*It featured the song "Summer Lovin'"
  - Popular fashion magazine
  - Road in Rome
  - Comment to the audience
  - Deposit the ashes
  - Giant Hall-of-Famer Mel \_\_\_\_
  - Canine skin infection
  - Humble and docile
  - Name badges, acr.
  - Streamlined
- DOWN**
- Bonkers
  - Sir Mix-\_\_\_\_-
  - Kind of boots in the '60s
  - One M in MMR vaccine
  - Slowly and gracefully, in music
  - Mass number
  - Snake-like reef dweller
  - Teacher of Torah
  - \*"Oppenheimer" subject
  - Popular smoothie berry
  - Pinnacle
  - Hula dancer's necklace
  - B in FBI
  - Open up
  - Half of NFL
  - a.k.a. Hansen's disease
  - \*1990 Swayze/Moore blockbuster
  - Trattoria staple
  - Petroleum tanker
  - \*It premiered in the U.K. on 6/6/76, with The
  - Chemical cure
  - Revered Hindu
  - Drawing support
  - \*2001 blockbuster ogre
  - Type of rich soil
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  - Name-chooser
  - Wyatt Earp and such
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## STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: SUMMER BLOCKBUSTERS

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**CROSSWORD**

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# Nurturing the Mental Health of Young Children

FAMILY FEATURES

The earliest years of children’s lives lay the foundation for their social and emotional well-being, setting the stage for success in school and beyond. For parents, caregivers and educators, it’s crucial to prioritize and nurture the mental health of children in their care.

Dr. Lauren Loquasto, senior vice president and chief academic officer at The Goddard School, and Dr. Kyle Pruett, clinical professor of child psychiatry at Yale School of Medicine and member of The Goddard School’s Educational Advisory Board, share this insight and guidance to support children’s mental well-being.

## Understanding Mental Health in Young Children

Mental health influences how everyone – including young children – thinks, feels and behaves, impacting the ability to cope with stress, build relationships and navigate life.

The development of mental makeup is influenced by both nature (inherited genetic and biological factors) and nurture (environmental factors). Each person is a combination of a unique temperament combined with life experiences, including family, culture and education.

In young children, there is no distinction between mental and physical health. The brain and body are growing and developing rapidly. By 6 months, children can begin to feel overwhelmed by negative experiences. It’s vital to understand that the earliest interactions with children can have lasting social and emotional consequences.

## Causes for Concern

When it comes to young children’s mental health, there’s no straight line dividing expected and worrisome behaviors. That line is wiggly and can shift. That said, it’s always concerning when children fall off their developmental tracks.

Infants are expected to partake in “serve and return” activities. They provide signals about how they feel or what they need and caregivers respond to those cues. When those signals stop and the child becomes exceedingly passive, that’s a concern.

Toddler troubles are among the most difficult to diagnose. Many are familiar with the concept of the “terrible twos;” deciphering between developmentally appropriate and worrisome behaviors can be challenging. Signs of concern – especially if they occur constantly – include excessive aggressiveness, a consistent lack of control and screaming instead of talking.



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For pre-kindergartners and kindergartners, tantrums should be over. They should be interested in making friends and mastering their vocabulary and language. If they aren’t displaying interests or are exhibiting a lack of self-regulation, such as hurting others or animals, seeking help is appropriate.

## Seeking Help

If concerns are identified, parents should contact their pediatric care provider. In some cases, they may recommend seeking assistance from a mental health provider, such as a therapist. Selecting the right provider – one with training and experience with working with children – is essential. Lean on your network, including your pediatric care provider, friends and family, to identify the best option.

## Supporting Early Social and Emotional Development

1. Understand your child’s behavior – particularly if they aren’t verbal – is their way of communicating. Narrate what your child is experiencing and label emotions. For example, “I see you’re angry. Can I help you put your shoes on?”
2. Model social and emotional self-control. For example, “I’m frustrated. I’m going to pause, take deep breaths then tell

you what I need.” This gives children coping techniques they can practice themselves.

3. Be a good example. Model, for instance, how to be a good friend, show respect and use good manners.
4. Partner with your child’s teachers. There should be two-way dialogue presenting potential concerns.
5. Don’t rush to diagnose issues. Remember children save their “toxic waste” – big, negative feelings – for their parents because they trust them. Your experiences with your child may be different than others’ experiences. Be cautious to avoid a quick reaction. Work to understand what your child is trying to convey. Seek information from others.
6. If a child is exhibiting anxious behavior, which is normal when encountering new situations, be present, listen, observe, answer questions, label emotions and provide reassurance. Don’t overreact to fears. Young children are learning to deal with the unknown and, just like learning to ride a bike, it takes time and comfort to develop the skills to manage those emotions.

To watch a webinar featuring Loquasto and Pruett providing additional guidance, and access actionable parenting insights and resources, visit the Parent Resource Center at [GoddardSchool.com](http://GoddardSchool.com).

## Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

# Kid Scoop Junior

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## My name:

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

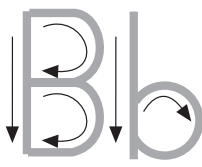
## Boot Patterns

Circle the boot that should come next in each row.

**My Rhyme Time**  
The other day, I met a bear,  
With cowboy boots, a dandy pair!  
The other day, I met a bear,  
With cowboy boots, a dandy pair!

## My Letters

B is for Boots  
b is for boots



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

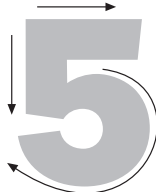
How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the sound the letter B makes in the word boots?

## My Numbers

How many butterdishes?

How many bugs?

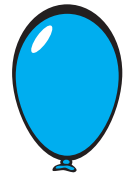
How many books?



**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.



Start

Boots are



Finish

### Sunday

#### Letter Identification

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

### 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

#### Boot Weather

Look at the weather forecast in the newspaper. Based on that forecast, talk about what clothes you both should wear. Do you need boots today?

### Wednesday

#### Weather Reporter

Have your child check the weather forecast in today’s newspaper. Cut out the symbols that show what weather is predicted. Your child can use the symbols to give a weather report to the family.

### Thursday

#### B Colors

Talk about colors whose names begin with the letter B (like blue, black and brown). Search the newspaper for colors, and tell your child the name of each one. Then ask your child if the name of that color starts with the sound the letter B makes.

### Friday

#### Dress for Weather

Draw a stick figure to represent your child. (You can glue a small photo of your child’s face onto the figure.) Then go through the newspaper with your child and cut out pictures of clothing. Let your child choose which clothes the figure will wear.

### Saturday

#### Make a Baseball Bat and Ball

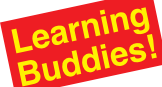
Make a baseball bat by rolling an entire newspaper lengthwise. Then cover the “bat” with masking tape. Make a ball by crumpling up one sheet of newspaper and covering it with masking tape. Play ball!

### 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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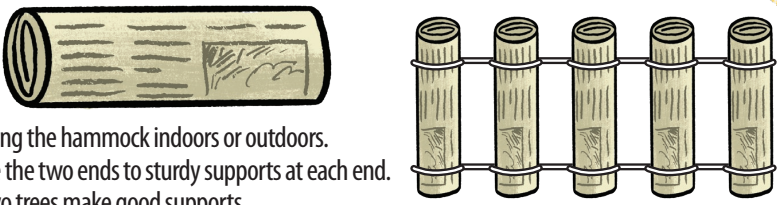


## Summer Fun With the Newspaper!

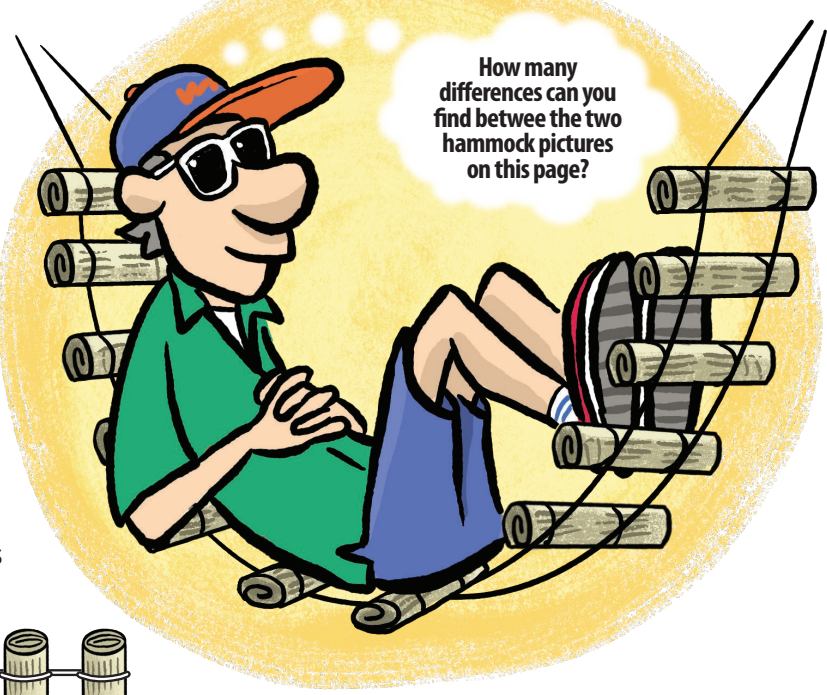
What is black and white and FUN all over? **The newspaper!** Summer fun begins with your local newspaper! It can be used to play games, to say "Happy Father's Day" and even to take a nap.

### Make a Newspaper Hammock!

- Starting at the narrow end, tightly roll about 50 pages of newspaper into a rigid tube. Tape it so that it stays rolled. Make about 10–15 of these tubes.
- Connect the tubes, using extra-strength clothesline. When the hammock is as long as your body, bring the rope ends together to form loops for hanging.



- Hang the hammock indoors or outdoors. Tie the two ends to sturdy supports at each end. Two trees make good supports.



How many differences can you find between the two hammock pictures on this page?

### First Father's Day

The first Father's Day was celebrated in 1910 in Spokane, WA. It was \_\_\_\_\_ by Sonora Dodd.

Replace the missing words in this story.

**SUNDAY MET CHURCH BROTHERS CARE SPECIAL STARTED**

She and her five brothers were raised by their father after their mother died.

After listening to a Mother's Day sermon in \_\_\_\_\_ one Sunday, she thought of her father's love and the many sacrifices he had made to raise her and her \_\_\_\_\_. And of the many ways fathers everywhere took \_\_\_\_\_ of their families.

Her idea of a Father's Day celebration in her community \_\_\_\_\_ with strong support.

Newspapers across the country told the story of the \_\_\_\_\_ day for fathers in Spokane. However, it was not until 1972 that Father's Day was set as a national celebration on the third \_\_\_\_\_ in June.

How many years after the first Father's Day was it made into a national celebration?

**Standards Link:** Understand the meaning of national holidays.

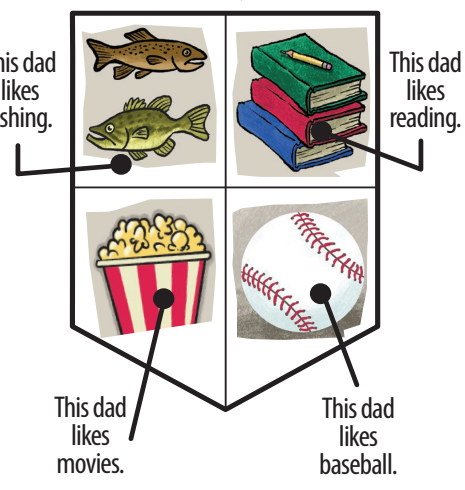


The newspaper hammock idea is from "The Invention Book" by Steven Caney. Read it for more inventive projects!



### What Is a Coat of Arms?

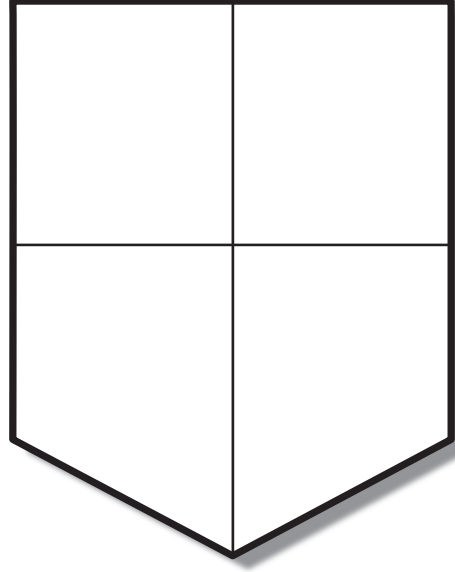
A coat of arms is a crest that uses symbols to describe a family or a person.



### Extra! Extra! Say "Happy Father's Day" with a Newspaper Coat of Arms

- Make a list of words that describe your dad.
- Pick the four you like the best.
- Find pictures in today's paper that represent the words you have chosen.
- Cut out the pictures and arrange them on the blank coat of arms. Decorate with markers or crayons, glitter, stickers, and ribbons.
- Mount the coat of arms on a heavy piece of paper and wrap it as a gift for Father's Day. Use newspaper to wrap the gift!

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



### Kid Scoop® Puzzler

Dario and his dad went to the donut shop for Father's Day. They wanted donuts that were the same. Circle the two donuts that are exactly the same.



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

### Double Double Word Search

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DAD  
FATHERS  
FORM  
GAMES  
GIFT  
JUNE  
LOVE  
NAP  
PAPER  
ROPE  
SPOKANE  
SUNDAY  
TAPE  
THOUGHT

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



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

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### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **SACRIFICE**  
 The noun **sacrifice** means the act of giving up something to show love and affection.

Her father made many **sacrifices** to raise his children.

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

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### Order in the News

Select one page of the newspaper. Find and circle 10 or more numbers. Write the numbers on another piece of paper, in order from smallest to largest.

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

### Why are dad jokes like pizza?

**ANSWER:** They're both very cheesy.

### Write On! My Day

What if there was a holiday in your honor? How would people celebrate YOUR day?

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

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