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## Red Oak FD dissolved by county

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*"We hope that Red Oak will get to a qualified number of people needed to reopen the Red Oak Fire Station. That, I think, is every councilman's wish here."*

**- Barnwell County Council Chairman Jerry Creech**

Fire trucks have been moved from the station, the roster has been dissolved, and the region once responded to by the Red Oak Fire Department (ROFD) will continue to rely on other departments.

The deconstruction of ROFD comes after nearly a year of the county addressing issues regarding member certification,

management of funding, and meeting operational requirements such as creation of bylaws.

Barnwell County Council unanimously approved a motion recommended by the county's health and safety committee at their June 13 meeting to turn ROFD

into a substation of Barnwell Rural Fire Department 11.

This motion comes with dissolving the roster of ROFD and turning over the department's accounts payable from the county administration to Barnwell Rural 11.

On June 24, the council unanimously voted to retrieve and remove any and all vehicles, property, and equipment that belongs to the county from ROFD. County-owned fire trucks were

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Families enjoyed making memories during Barnwell's Independence Day Celebration at Veterans Memorial Park in Barnwell on Friday, June 28. Pictured is Paula Baxley with her grandchildren (clockwise from top): Grace Brant, Luke Baxley, Scarlett Baxley, and Sebastian Baxley. Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

## Red, White, & You

Barnwell's July 4th celebration brings community fun



Saylor Sanders enjoys a shaved ice treat at the Independence Day event.



Friends Carson Davis (left) and Carson Smith (right) were excited to watch the fireworks.



Antasha Armour holds daughter, Aubree Noelle Armour, as they wait for fireworks.

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## Suspect charged with deaths of Maylashia Hogg, unborn child

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Keel, a native of Barnwell. "Every case is important, and every victim deserves justice."

An arrest has been made in the death of 17-year-old Maylashia Hogg and her unborn baby, Londyn Charity, by the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED).

On July 1, 2024, 62-year-old Jacqueline Y. Reid of 31 Perry Street, Barnwell, was arrested. Reid was charged with two counts of murder.

"No matter where you live, no matter where you're from, everybody in this state deserves an equal level of law enforcement service," said SLED Chief Mark

Reid's Perry Street home is located on the same street where Hogg's body was found. The 17-year-old was found dead along the woods line at the corner of Perry Street and Main Street within the city limits around 3:45 p.m. on Sunday, February 18 by Barnwell Police Department officers. Hogg was last seen by her family around 9 p.m. on Thursday, February 8, nearly 10 days before her body was located.

"The defendant...did with malice aforethought, either express

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## 'Master of Birthdays' remembered for compassion, impact

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Birthdays and anniversaries won't be the same in Barnwell County.

Chuck McCormick, known to many as the "Master of Birthdays", died on June 15 following a long, brave battle with cancer. The Blackville resident, who had autism, had a gift for remembering people's special moments, particularly birthdays and anniversaries. He also memorized phone numbers and was known for calling people on special occasions to congratulate them.

"His death can never surpass the love and compassion he had for everyone he met. We are forever grateful to have been blessed with his friendship. Sadly, birthdays and anniversaries will never be complete without Chuck's call," said Karen Andrews.

Chuck not only had a gift for remembering the date someone was born, but the actual day of the week they were born.

"He had a memory for numbers. I met him when I was his dental hygienist. He asked me when my birthday was. When I told him the date,



Chuck McCormick always kept his faith and compassion for others, even during his health issues.

he immediately said, 'You were born on a Wednesday.' Needless to say, I spun around in my chair very quickly," said Stephanie Collins Brandt, who became one of the hundreds of people Chuck would call every year.

Anna Beth Randall said she, her husband, and her parents are thankful for the privilege of meeting Chuck and having him call them on their anniversaries and birthdays. He called her

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Hunter Harris, left, works on a roof while his brother Joshua, right, hydrates himself. During last week's heatwave, Hunter had to stay home for two days due to heat exhaustion.



An Allendale firefighter extinguishes a brushfire near a home in Allendale County during the recent heatwave.

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# Climate change made recent heatwave in Barnwell & Allendale four times more likely

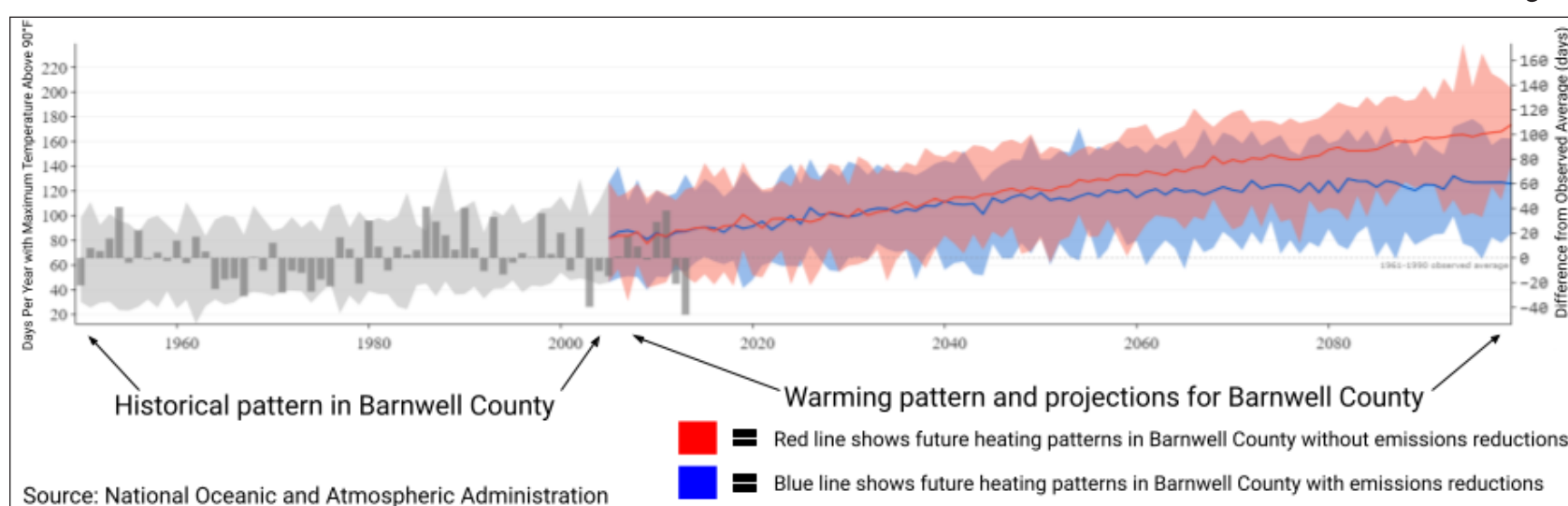
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The late June heatwave that sweltered Barnwell, Allendale and other regional counties in triple-digit heat was made four times more likely due to climate change, according to climate modeling reviewed by *The People-Sentinel*.

Historically, Barnwell and Allendale counties would experience 71-75 days per year with temperatures above 90°F on average, according to data from the National Integrated Heat Health Information System (NIHHIS). By 2050 — unless greenhouse gasses from fossil fuels are reduced — the NIHHIS projects that residents of Barnwell and Allendale counties will experience 123-128 days per year with temperatures above 90°F on average.

The heatwaves currently blanketing the United States and South Carolina have exacerbated public health issues, such as heat-related illnesses. On June 21, over 100 million Americans were under heat advisories.

Hunter Harris, a local roofer, typically manages the heat by taking frequent breaks, staying hydrated and wearing a wide brimmed hat, sunglasses and a wet bandana. But



The above graph shows how the number of days with heat above 90°F has increased and will continue to increase through the end of the century. Warming patterns can be slowed by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels.

on June 24, while working on a roof with his brother Joshua, he began to feel dizzy and went home with heat exhaustion, an illness that can quickly lead to organ damage and heat stroke.

"I stayed home for two days," Harris said. "It was like having a fever where your body is aching and you feel weak. Your body gets so hot."

Across the United States, heat-related illnesses and deaths are on the rise, according to the Centers for Disease Control. During periods of extreme heat, children, elderly people, outdoor workers and poor people are at higher risk of contracting a heat related illness, the CDC warns.

Rural communities face additional challenges in

dealing with the effects of extreme heat, according to Chris Uejio, associate professor of public health at Florida State University who studies the effects of extreme heat on the human body.

"In rural areas there's a higher percentage of outdoor workers ... who are not in air-conditioned spaces," Uejio said, noting that rural areas have higher rates of heat-related illnesses as a result. "Combine that with your normal rural health challenges like being geographically distant from healthcare providers and it taking longer for EMS services to reach you."

In May 2024, the South Carolina office of the National Weather Service updated its criteria for heat advisories, making

heat advisories and heat watches easier to declare. It attributed the change to "recent excessive heat episodes."

In addition to making the heat wave four times more likely, climate change also extended the heat wave's duration, according to meteorologist Shel Winkley.

Winkley is the weather and climate engagement specialist for Climate Central, a non-profit that uses meteorological and climate data to create real-time analysis of weather patterns and the extent to which they are influenced by climate change.

"It's South Carolina, so it's always hot, but this is a different kind of heat than what our parents and our grandparents

and generations before us experienced, especially with the heat we saw last week," Winkley said. "That human caused carbon pollution, that's what made those temperatures even more excessive."

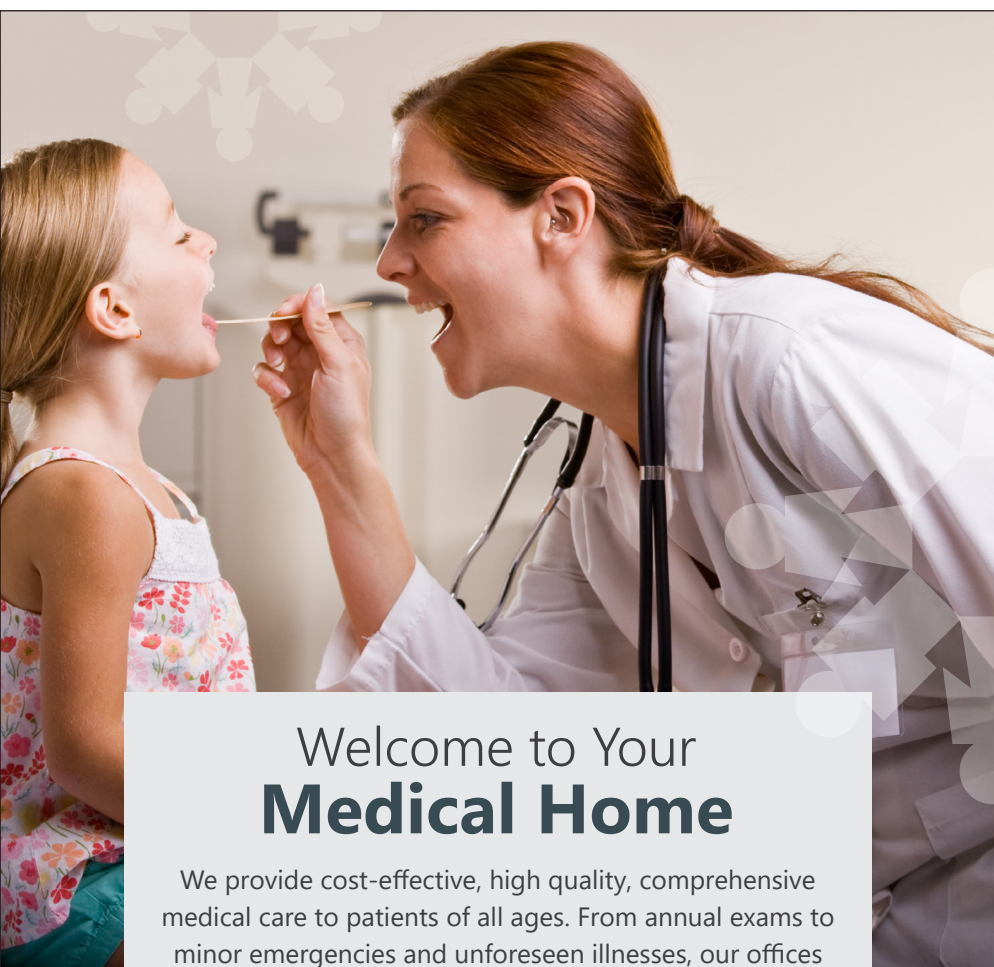
With hotter days and hotter summers comes the increased risk of bushfires and wildfires; the number of wildfires in South Carolina is increasing, which the scientific journal *Geophysical Research Letters* recently attributed to warmer, dryer conditions brought on by climate change. On June 24, the Allendale County Fire Department responded to a brushfire near several homes on the north side of the Town of Allendale.

"If we continue down the path that we're on, springs

will become shorter, summertime heat will come sooner and the heat will last longer," Winkley said. "All of our seasons are starting to warm up."

In addition to affecting outdoor workers, periods of extreme heat also affect crops and livestock. At Oakley Farms, a small family farm in Barnwell County, Rodney Oakley's chickens stopped laying eggs. Heat stress prevents chickens' from laying eggs, according to The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension.

"It's the animals that have some challenges when it comes to the temperature," Oakley said. "It's not just us, it's a lot of our friends too that are having the same issue. It's like the chickens went on strike."



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# D45 board remembers legacy, looks to future

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**B**arnwell School District 45's last board meeting before consolidation included memories, messages of gratitude, and a few tears.

The board met June 13 for the final time. On July 1, District 45 (BSD45) merged with the Barnwell County Consolidated School District and the Barnwell County Career Center to form the new Barnwell County School District (BCSD).

"There are so many stories and so many legacies," said BSD45 Superintendent Dr. Crissie Stapleton, who will lead the BCSD.

To honor the legacy of BSD45, the district worked with a professional film crew to produce a documentary. Many current and former employees and board members were interviewed.

"Thank you for your service and contributions to this great district," said board member Rosey Anderson to both current and former board members, alumni, and employees.

### Board Reflections

The three board members each took a few minutes to share what it meant to them to serve, as well as what the district has meant to them. Two of the three members are alumni while the other is a retired D45 educator.

"I wish everybody could serve on the school board. It's been an enlightening time of my life. I don't think you can fully appreciate what it takes as a team," said board



Some current and former members of Barnwell School District 45 attended the final board meeting June 13. Pictured from left: (front row) current members Rosey Anderson, Rhett Richardson, and Felicia Devore; (back row) former members Sue Black, Abraham Sexton, Chad Perry, Becky Huggins, and Teresa Spence.

Photos By: Jonathan Vickery / Publisher

member Rhett Richardson, who has served for 14 years. He cited bus drivers who get students to school safely, custodians who keep facilities clean, lunchroom staff who feeds everyone, teachers and aides who teach, and coaches who "teach not only sports skills but how to win and lose with dignity."

Fighting back tears, Richardson said BSD45 has meant so much to his family. His father graduated from Barnwell High and his mother was a teacher and librarian there. He and his own children have all attended BSD45 schools.

"My teachers transformed my life in their own way," said Richardson of teachers like Louise Mazursky.

*"I love District 45, but as of now I love the Barnwell County School District just as much."*

- D45 board member Rhett Richardson



A reception was held before Barnwell School District 45's last board meeting, complete with cupcakes forming "45".

Board member Felicia Devore, who has served on the board for seven years, also grew up in BSD45.

"When I started this journey, I just wanted to give back to a district that has meant so much to me and brought so much positivity to my life," said Devore.

She also teared up as she reflected on the work she and fellow board members did over the years. "We can disagree, but at the end of the day we come back together," said Devore. "We do it for them, the kids, and we never lost sight of that."

Devore also thanked all the teachers who've made an impact in not only her life, but that of her children and countless others. This includes Joyce Landrum and Kelly Shealy, who were in the audience. She also acknowledged retired educator and coach

Carol Massengale who always offered life advice, something Devore has tried to do when she's coached recreational sports.

Though board member Rosey Anderson didn't attend BSD45 schools as a student, her children did. She also dedicated 28 of her 44 years in education to Barnwell High.

"Those were 28 great years," she said.

During her time as an employee, Anderson saw a lot of family connections and got to meet many amazing people. After retiring 10 years ago, she wanted to give back to the district that gave a lot to her. That's why she ran for school board eight years ago.

### Looking Forward

Though BSD45 board members were not originally sold on the idea of consolidation, they said it's time to move forward.

"Most of y'all know I fought it, but I can say now we're gonna move on. I hope everybody else will too. We're moving forward," said Richardson.

Anderson said she is sad to no longer be able to serve on the board, but is happy to help any other way possible.

"We are going to make this the best we can and love on all our kids from all three schools," said Devore.

The three board members agreed it was a pleasure having Dr. Stapleton lead BSD45 and they are excited she will continue to serve the BCSD.

"You know what needs to be done and do it," said Anderson. "You know how to deal with people in a compassionate way."

"I love District 45 but as of now I love the Barnwell County School District just as much," said Richardson.

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## CHUCK: Blackville man remembered for remarkable memory, blessing others on special occasions

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every year since 2012 and later added her husband to his list of calls after Randall got married in 2022.

"I'm thankful he was able to call us on our anniversary June 4 and I was able to hear from him one last time. He will be missed by a lot of people, but I will be forever thankful for him making my birthday and anniversary a lot more special," said Randall.

Valenda Black said Chuck made memories through his phone calls for people's special days. He always kept the focus on the person he was calling.

"The last time I spoke with Chuck was June 2 when he called asking me to tell my sister happy

birthday from him. His voice sounded weak but, as always, he told me he was fine. What a wonderful world we would have if more people were as humble, loving, caring, and thoughtful. Our birthdays and special days won't be the same," said Black.

Britt Pender said Chuck was an "amazing soul and an absolute genius. Birthdays and anniversaries will never be the same without Chuck and his phone calls. In a world full of constant change and uncertainty, Chuck was a constant bright light for us all. Thank you for touching the lives of so many, you will always be remembered and missed dearly."

"You loved everyone and made everyone feel important. You loved like Jesus. May I imitate you in that. Many may hear, see

and respond to the gospel even today because of your life of childlike faith and love," said Adrian Burnette Swain.

Speaking on behalf of Chuck's family, his cousin, Heather Peters, said the "outpouring of love and prayer has been a blessing to all of us and most especially Chuck in his final days. To see the impact that he has had on each of you is beyond anything any of us could imagine. He genuinely loves all people and to know that you loved him as well is a blessing to all of us."

Chuck's passing serves as a reminder that everyone has God-given gifts. "Chuck chose to use his given talents to bless countless others. He didn't hide them under a basket. He truly was a

light in a dark world. May his inspiring testimony remind us to do the same," said Jake Kilgus.

That's exactly what Chuck's family hopes as well. In lieu of flowers, the McCormick family asks people to consider doing an act of kindness on Chuck's behalf and then post about it on Chuck's Facebook page.

"I felt like the world would be darker without you here, Chuck, but it seems you left us all with much joy and love! We will go forth with kind words and deeds to others in your memory! I will miss hearing 'Hey pretty girl, do you know who this is?' on future days of celebration," said Kimberly Kanagy.

While there was only one Chuck McCormick, his memory and legacy live on through those he impacted.

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Notice is hereby given by the County Council of Barnwell County ("County Council") that a public hearing for the below-titled Ordinance will be held at the Council Chambers of the County Council, 54 Irving Street, Barnwell South Carolina 29812, at 6:00 p.m. on July 16, 2024, in conjunction with a special called meeting of the County Council. Such Ordinance is titled as follows: "TO LEVY AND IMPOSE A ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX, SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM IN BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 4-10-300, ET SEQ., FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE AND FOR A DESIGNATED AMOUNT OF TIME; TO PROVIDE FOR A COUNTY-WIDE REFERENDUM BY THE BARNWELL COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTION COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, TAX-EXEMPT OR TAXABLE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE AGGREGATE OF \$14,000,000; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO PRESCRIBE THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS AND PLEDGE OF REVENUES RELATED TO THE BONDS AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR BORROWING IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY RELATED TO THE BONDS; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS."

Subject to the normal rules of County Council regarding appearances, members of the public are invited to attend and make comment concerning the proposed Ordinance. Any persons wishing to submit written comments may submit them to the County Administrator at 57 Wall Street, Room 126, Barnwell, South Carolina 29812 no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 9, 2024.

If special accommodations are needed to participate in the public hearing, contact the Barnwell County Council office at 803-541-1000, at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date.

By order of the County Council of Barnwell County, South Carolina.

## BIRTH



Reagan Edward Bolen was born on June 26, 2024.

### Reagan Edward Bolen

Cullen and Kristen Bolen of Barnwell are proud to announce the birth of their son, Reagan Edward Bolen.

He was born June 26, 2024 at 1:37 p.m. at Lexington Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 19 inches long.

He has two older siblings - Ryland and Raylenn Bolen.

Paternal grandparents are Eugene Edward Bolen of Walhalla and Patti Boyce Funderburk of Mt. Pleasant.

Paternal great-grandparents are the late Eugene Edward Bolen Sr. & Frances Bolen of Williston and the late Betty Joyce Funderburk & Marion Funderburk of Barnwell.

Maternal grandparents are Donna Augustine & Scott Augustine.

Maternal great-grandparents are the late Bob Augustine and Ginger Augustine of Williston and Donald Youngblood and Peggy Jamison.

## BIRTH



Lucas Cruz Mezinko was born on May 24, 2024.

### Lucas Cruz Mezinko

Travis and Shannon Mezinko of Nashville, Tennessee are proud to announce the birth of their son, Lucas Cruz Mezinko.

He was born May 24, 2024 at 12:55 p.m. at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He measured 19 inches long and weighed 5 pounds, 4 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are JJ and Missi Cruz of Barnwell, S.C.

Paternal grandparents are Ray and Sherry Thompson of Toledo, Ohio and Vince Mezinko of Toledo, Ohio.

### Blackville senior center celebrates International Women's Day

The Blackville Golden Retreat Center held an International Women's Day Program on March 8. Pictured are the members that were in attendance. Mrs. Mattie Felder, seated, is the center's Woman of the Year for 2024.



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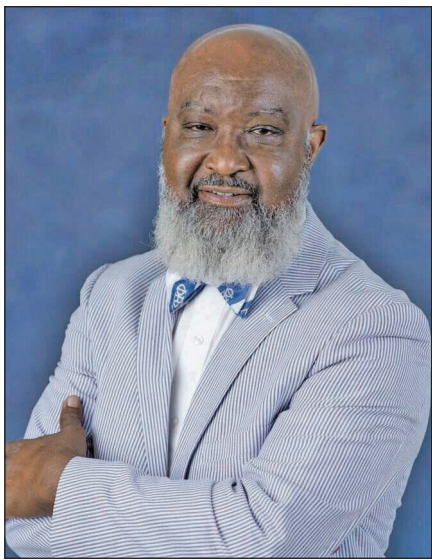
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## John Chaney wins primary runoff for Allendale County Council District 1

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Former magistrate judge John Chaney has won the Democratic Party Primary runoff for Allendale County Council District 1.

Former magistrate judge John Chaney has won the Democratic Party's primary runoff for Allendale County Council's first district, which represents the Town of Fairfax and other parts of southeast Allendale.

Top issues raised by voters at a Democratic Party candidates forum were public safety, Fairfax's food desert, local development and the relationship between the Yamassee Indian Tribe and the local government, as previously reported by *The People-Sentinel*.

"We haven't had a grocery store in a lot of years, we've gotta get some kind of store down there for the citizens of Fairfax," Chaney said. "We need to get grants for law enforcement, fire, EMS and things for the kids so they have something to do so when they get out of school they can stay focused and out of trouble."

Chaney defeated decades-long incumbent council member Theresa Taylor, who has served on county council since X. Taylor received 84 votes to Chaney's 99, a 15 vote margin of victory. Voter turnout was 22.1%, with 698 of the district's 884 registered voters not voting.

The runoff was triggered by a

three-way primary between Chaney, Taylor and educator Keith Brownning in which neither of the candidates received a majority of the votes cast. Taylor received the highest number of votes in the primary. Yet, the runoff saw an increase in the number of ballots cast, rising from 165 cast in the first vote to 183 in the runoff.

"I think some of the citizens of Fairfax were wanting change," Chaney said. "Councilwoman Taylor did a great job, I have nothing bad to say about her. But I think the citizens wanted to see a change. I'm glad the citizens came out in the heat to support me a second time."

## Denmark Technical College graduates first class at Allendale Correctional Institute

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Denmark Technical College

Denmark Technical College is providing hope for the future to incarcerated individuals in South Carolina. On May 8, nine individuals representing the first class of students to graduate from the college through the Second Chance Pell program participated at a ceremony at the Allendale Correctional Institute.

Family, friends and loved ones gathered to celebrate, as Willie L. Todd Jr., Ph.D., president and CEO of Denmark Tech, offered words of inspiration.

"I'm honored to have the opportunity to share in this special occasion. I wanted to encourage our newest alumni to continue forging onward in their quest for success and to let them know that their current situation does not define them," said Todd. "I commend each and everyone of them for taking this bold step in securing their future."

"Working directly with each of the scholars throughout this process is a true testament of their commitment to pursue academic excellence. The collaborative efforts between South Carolina Department of Corrections and Denmark Technical College solidifies the impact of a cohesive partnership," added Leslie Holman-Brooks, Denmark Technical College execu-

tive director for career and student success.

Also in attendance were Dr. Cynthia Cash-Greene, superintendent of the Palmetto Unified School District; Dr. Emanuel Alston, regional principal of the Palmetto Unified School District, Allendale Correctional Institution administrators associate wardens Yvonne Wilkins-Smith and Shawanda Washington and Major Selma Brabham, head of security; Al Jenkins, regional director for Senator Tim Scott; and leadership from the South Carolina Department of Corrections and Denmark Technical College.

Denmark Tech, in partnership with the South Carolina Department of Corrections and the Palmetto Unified School District, opened access to higher education for incarcerated individuals at the Allendale facility in 2022, as part of the newest cohort of Second Chance Pell institutions which include 73 colleges, 24 of which are HBCUs.

The partnership provides degreed courses, fostering educational opportunities for incarcerated individuals. Recognizing the potential benefits for both institutions and the wider community, the partnership offers incarcerated individuals at Allendale Correctional Institution access to higher education opportunities.

Aligning with the goals of the Second Chance Pell



Several students celebrate their graduation from Denmark Technical College.

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Program, the collaboration aims to reduce recidivism rates while enhancing the employability of incarcerated individuals upon reentry into society. By extending educational opportunities to incarcerated individuals, DTC and SCDC aim to contribute to a more skilled and productive workforce in South Carolina.

Dr. Delores Dacosta, executive director of the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs, noted her support for the program.

"Educating individuals while incarcerated reduces recidivism by almost 43% after returning to their communities," Dacosta said. "It also creates better-

paying job opportunities for the formerly incarcerated. I salute Dr. Todd and his team at Denmark Tech for their commitment to educating our justice-involved individuals and giving them the tools needed to become productive citizens. Their pioneering efforts in building bridges and closing gaps are truly commendable and serve as an inspiration to us all."

"Armed with a solid educational foundation, our graduates are less likely to reoffend, as they are now equipped to be more employable. In alignment with our strategic priorities, this impactful program directly supports our social justice efforts," added Todd.

The 2022 expansion of

the Second Chance Pell is part of the Biden-Harris Administration's effort to encourage equitable access to high-quality postsecondary education to inmates in an effort to support reentry and empower formerly incarcerated individuals while complimenting public safety initiatives.

The nine graduates each earned an associate of applied science in business administration and as well as a certificate in applied science in accounting.

"These degrees aren't just a piece of paper to hang on the wall. They represent countless hours of hard work and dedication. It's no easy feat, especially when you take into account the challenging situ-

ations many of these students come from," said Tia Wright-Richards, vice president for academic affairs at Denmark Technical College. "When considering what degrees to offer, we wanted to make sure they were relevant to workforce needs and that they could take what they learned at Denmark Tech and apply it in a tangible way as they seize the second chance to build a brighter future."

The second class of the Denmark Tech Second Chance Pell recipients is already underway and is set to graduate next spring.

"This inaugural class represents an important accomplishment for the South Carolina Department of Corrections and Denmark Tech's efforts to improve employability and quality of life for formerly incarcerated individuals. We are excited to see the long-term impact it has on the community and how it grows from here," said Todd.

### About Denmark Technical College

Denmark Technical College is a two-year HBCU in rural Bamberg County, South Carolina. With a mission to engage, educate and empower students, Denmark Tech serves over 1000 enthusiastic learners, focusing on technical career training, associate degrees and a four-year college transfer program. Additional information about Denmark Tech can be found at [www.denmarktech.edu](http://www.denmarktech.edu).

## Allendale local Logan Fullington selected for Girls State

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A resident of Allendale County was chosen as a Palmetto State Delegate for the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Palmetto Girls State program.

Logan Fullington, who resides in Allendale, has commuted to North Augusta High School for the past year for more opportunities and a better education geared towards her academic journey.

Logan says she is "eager to have been interviewed and chosen by the ALA unit of North Augusta, because attending Palmetto Girls State is an honor and a privilege."

Palmetto Girls State is a prestigious one-week leadership and citizenship training program, created to educate outstanding high school students about state and local gov-



Allendale County resident Logan Fullington selected for Palmetto Girls State.

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ernment and citizenship. Girls attending Palmetto Girls State experience governmental procedure by simulating political campaigns, elections, and the political process. They also learn about the principles of citizenship and public service from guest speakers, expert panels and staff members.

The delegates, who are rising seniors, are selected for the program based on outstanding leadership skills and involvement they have shown in their respective schools and communities. The leadership training dates are June 9th-15th on the campus Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina.

## Two Allendale men elected to state positions



Allendale County Council Member Bill Robinson (left) was elected President of the SC Association of Counties. His one year term starts in August. Robinson was elected to County Council in 1995. Probate Judge Keith Smith (right) was elected President of the SC Association of Probate Judges. His one year term started in October. Judge Smith was elected Allendale Probate Judge in 2015. Two men who have been honored as trusted leaders, because of their service to the county and the state.

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## Helen Lott

The family has asked that memorials be made to Folk Funeral Home, P.O. Box 367, Williston, S.C. 29853.

Born in Barnwell County, S.C., she was the daughter of the late Tom and Peggy Campbell and was married to the late Thomas Terry Lott. Helen attended New Harvest Ministries and Green Branch Pentecostal Holiness Church; she had a love for Jesus and heart for people. She enjoyed the Christmas season, lemon meringue pies and watching her favorite shows on TV, The Little House on the Prairie and The Waltons. One of her most favorite pastimes was reminiscing about the memories she had of her parents and telling the stories of how she would take care of her family as they were growing up.

Survivors include her children, Robin Suzanne

Lott of Barnwell and T. Jeffrey (Claire M.) Lott of Gilbert; grandchildren, Thomas Ethan Lott, Keith Vincent, Mark Kruger and Miles Gabriel; a brother, Grady (Marie) Campbell of Williston; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her sister, Doris Campbell Croft.

The family would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to the Edisto Hospice nurses and staff for all of the love, care, and compassion that was shown to Ms. Helen.

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

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BARNWELL - Funeral services for Helen Campbell Lott, 79, of Barnwell, S.C. were held at 11 o'clock a.m., Saturday, June 29, 2024 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Timmy Gunnells officiating. Burial followed in the Barnwell County Memorial Cemetery by the airport. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Saturday.

Helen passed away at home on Thursday, June 27, 2024.

## Carolyn Jane Moody Livingston



laugh, had a heart of gold, and never met a stranger. Known to many as "Mama C.," she joyfully ministered to her Hagood Avenue Baptist Church family. She will be dearly missed by family and friends.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, Doyle Livingston; daughters, Cynthia Jane (Mark) Griffitt and Melinda Sue (Jesse) Wilson; grandchildren Jessica Lynn (Michael) Peschell, David Patrick (April) Kinard, Jordan Andrew (Brittany) Wilson, and Melody Suzanne (Daniel) Brady; great-grandchildren Kylie Grace Peschell, Rhett Benjamin Kinard, Lucas Elijah Peschell, McKenna Rose Brady, and Connor Doyle Kinard; sisters, Lynda (David) Brown and Sue Cox; nieces and nephews, William Cox, Adrienne (Steve) Burger, Michael (Debbie) Cox, Laura (Wes) Fenters, Brian Brown, and John Cox. She is also survived by many great-

nieces and nephews, as well as her best friend, Deloris Smith. A visitation was held Friday, June 28th, 2024 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Hagood Avenue Baptist Church located at 120 Franklin Street, Barnwell. A service immediately followed at 3 p.m. with Dr. Kenneth Catoe and Dr. Brandon Sandifer officiating. Afterwards, a graveside service was held at Barnwell County Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to the Rebuild and Restore Fund for Hagood Avenue Baptist Church's new sanctuary. To donate in loving memory of Carolyn Livingston, please visit <https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/hagood>. Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell assisted the family with arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at [molefh.com](http://molefh.com).

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## Johnny Lee Brewer

four grandchildren: Joseph (Rachel) Caulder Oswald IV, Jacob (Samantha) Brewer Oswald, Janie (Pierson) Cecile Oswald Birt, and Attis Jackson Brewer. He adored his great-granddaughter, Magnolia Jane Birt, and was eager to meet Rosemary Page Birt, born just four days after his death. He was excitedly anticipating the arrival of another great-grandchild due in October.

After graduating, he and Joan moved back to Lake View where he farmed with his father for a time. They then moved to Chesterfield, S.C. where he taught agricultural education at the high school. They moved to Conway next where he became an assistant county agent for the Clemson Extension Service. The family moved to Allendale, S.C. in 1970 where he was promoted to county agent, a title he retained for 23 years. In 1981 he received the Distinguished Service Award. After retiring Johnny spent many of his days shrimping and fishing at Lands End on St. Helena Island, S.C. He enjoyed playing golf with his golfing buddies, bicycling across town, avidly completing

crossword puzzles, reading novels, and watching westerns and golf on TV, but mostly he enjoyed time with his family. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Allendale where he served as a deacon. He will be always loved and cherished and greatly missed.

Please join us for a celebration of life which will be held at the Lands End Community Church at 63 Bay Point Road on St. Helena Island on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 11 a.m. Visitation will follow the service. We encourage you to wear golf and/or snappy, casual attire. Johnny had a knack for his quick wit and his ability to elicit a smile or laughter from others. We would love for you to share your fond memories and anecdotes with the family. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Allendale or the Lands End Community Church.

Keith Smith Funeral Service of Allendale is assisting the family with arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at [www.keithsmithfuneralservice.com](http://www.keithsmithfuneralservice.com).

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ALLENDALE - Loving husband, adoring father, grandfather, great-grandfather, avid golfer and Clemson College graduate of 1963, Johnny Lee Brewer of Allendale, South Carolina passed away peacefully on June 10, 2024, at the age of 83.

He was born to Jewel and Amos Brewer on January 8, 1941, and reared in Lake View, S.C. along with his siblings Linda (Billy) Canada, Dianne (Jimmy Ingram) Brewer, and the late Jerry (Adah) Brewer.

During his time at Clemson, he married the love of his life, Joan Cecile Page. They were blessed with a joyful 62 years together. They reared two children, Guy (Sandra) Alan Brewer and Gina (Joseph III) Dee Brewer Oswald. He was the very proud grandfather, affectionately called Gran, to

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# The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints donates 14,000 pounds of food to tri-county region

Alexandra Whitbeck  
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Four food distribution sites in Barnwell, Allendale, and Bamberg counties stocked their shelves after local organizations and businesses came together on June 25 to unload 14,000 pounds of food and non-perishable items.

"A lot of people came together to help do this," said Teresa Bowers, adult Sunday school teacher at the Barnwell branch.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) purchases food and receives donations from growers and producers in Idaho and Utah, according to Rick Berry, who handles LDS outreach across the state.

"For a year, the church itself did not have a surplus...earlier this year it appeared they were going to have a surplus so they started planning several of these truck loads throughout the southeast and other places in the country," said Berry.

That's how a truck carrying 10 pallets of powdered milk, macaroni, beans, diced tomatoes,



Volunteers from Crane Company, Anovotek employees, and members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) joined forces to distribute 10 pallets of food and non-perishable items secured by the LDS to help residents in Barnwell, Bamberg, and Allendale counties.

laundry detergent and more arrived in Barnwell County. Another 10 pallets were delivered to Aiken County food distribution sites, as Aiken is part of this region's LDS stake.

Berry began coordinating with church member and Crane Company employee Talbert Black, who coordinated transporting the truck and bringing volunteers as part of the company's frequent community volunteer days.

Another community partner came into play when

Berry asked Bob Snead at the Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber of Commerce if he knew of a business with a loading dock who might be willing to serve as a drop-off site. Snead suggested Don Alexander with Anovotek on Patterson Street.

The Anovotek team provided a dock to unload the pallets, a facility to temporarily house the food items, and manpower to help organize the stock.

LDS volunteers, including Barnwell County missionaries Waiatea

Kanonohi from Hawaii and Treven A. DeFriez from Utah, assisted in loading and transporting the food to its final destination: The Well in Barnwell, The Smart Box in Fairfax, The Cheez and Cracker Box in Bamberg, or the Barnwell Community Soup Kitchen in Barnwell.

For all of these groups who feed those in need, a donation of this size "means a whole lot," said Phyllis Smart, founder of The Smart Box.

"Right now, you are having more and more

people that don't have food, that don't have essential goods, so I jumped when I saw the laundry detergent because those are the things that we would like to fully supply as well," said Smart.

In addition to running The Smart Box, Smart operates the Smart Bowl Eatery, a soup kitchen feeding at least 100 seniors per mealtime.

This donation "helps us to be able to prepare those hot meals for them," said Smart.

Cindy Kilgus, board chair and president of The Cheez and Cracker Box in Bamberg,

## Community Resources

- The Well:** 1644 Jackson St., Barnwell
- The Cheez and Cracker Box:** (803) 245-2545 / 383 McGee St., Bamberg
- The Smart Box:** (803) 508-5837 / 202 Hampton Ave., Fairfax
- Barnwell Soup Kitchen:** (803) 671-0022 / 161 Allen St., Barnwell

described this donation as "fabulous" for those they serve.

"This is the most awesome thing that has happened to us," said Kilgus.

This food pantry and donation site was started in the 1980s by Enid Bishop, and is being reimaged after falling to disrepair over time. Food insecurity within the Bamberg community did not lessen, so Kilgus and other dedicated volunteers came together to fill the need.

"It had really gone down over time, but we have turned it around," said Kilgus.

Kilgus has a personal connection with The Cheez and Cracker Box, as her family donated the building which they currently operate from.

Each of these food distribution sites received their share on June 25 to then be given to those in need.



Phyllis Smart (left) and Teresa Bowers (right) smile for a picture after loading food items headed for The Smart Box.



LDS missionaries Waiatea Kanonohi (left) and Treven DeFriez (right) assisted in the distribution.



A volunteer for The Smart Box loads cans into the transport vehicle headed to Fairfax.

## CHARGED: Jacqueline Reid, charged in deaths of Barnwell teen, unborn baby

or implied, murder the victim, Maylashia S. Hogg, who was 40 weeks pregnant, by stabbing her multiple times with a sharp-edged weapon," stated an affidavit released by SLED.

During the 5-month investigation, SLED released

a tip-line with an 803 area-code designated for tips pertaining to Hogg's case.

"SLED's investigation into the death of Maylashia Hogg and her unborn child, a baby girl to be named Londyn Charity, includes a team of people working

together tirelessly to find answers. This team consists of specialists with the SLED Special Victims Unit (SVU), as well as scientists from the SLED Forensic Services Lab, SLED Regional Agents from the Low Country Investigative Unit, SLED

Crime Scene Unit, SLED Behavioral Science Unit, SLED Computer Crimes Unit, SLED Victim Services, the Fusion Center, and SLED K9s, as well as law enforcement and community partners, including: Barnwell Police Department, Barnwell County Sheriff's Office, Barnwell County Coroner's Office, Barnwell County Fire Department, Charleston County Sheriff's Office, and the South Carolina

Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services," states a SLED press release.

Reid is set to appear in Barnwell County court for a first appearance on August 26, according to online court records.

An autopsy determined the cause of death of Hogg and her unborn baby to be "multiple sharp force wounds and multiple stabs and incisions. The manner of death was homicide," states

the affidavits for the two murder charges.

Reid was booked into the Barnwell County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 2nd Circuit Solicitor's Office.

SLED's investigation is active and ongoing. Anyone with information should call the MAYLASHIA HOGG TIP LINE: (803) 896-0281, or email SLED at tips@sled.sc.gov.

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## 'Stag' needs surgery, donations & forever home

Stag is in need of surgery, donations, and eventually a forever home. The Animal Advocates pulled Stag from the Barnwell County Animal Shelter.

"He needs femoral head ostectomy surgery on an old injury to his leg. Without the surgery, his leg will have to be amputated. Please assist us in providing the care this 2-year-old sweet guy needs by donating to his surgery," said Missy Platts with the Animal Advocates.

Stag is currently on pain medication and joint support medication in preparation for his surgery. "We are hoping after his surgery, Stag will be looking for his forever home," said Platts.

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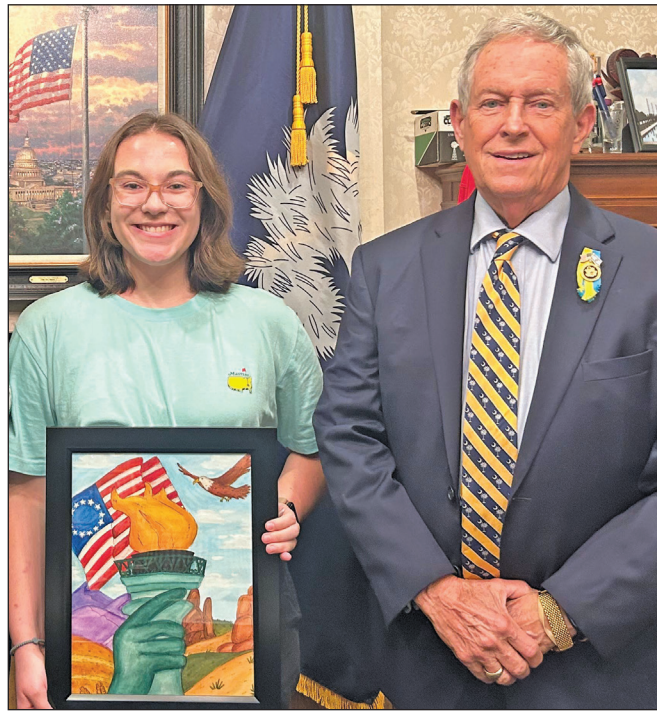
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# 2024 Congressional Art Competition winner has ties to Barnwell County



S.C. Rep. Joe Wilson (right) congratulates Kinsleigh Ringus for winning the Congressional Art Competition for his Second Congressional District with her piece, "The Light of Freedom" (at left).

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The winner of the Second District of South Carolina's 2024 Congressional Art Competition has a connection to Barnwell County.

Congressman Joe Wilson (R-SC) announced Kinsleigh Ringus of Lexington High School as the winner. She is the daughter of Adrian and Ashleigh Ringus, who are originally from Barnwell.

"The Congressional Art Competition is a way to recognize the talent of young artists in the Second Congressional District of South Carolina and across the nation. I congratulate Kinsleigh for her wonderful submission. The piece, entitled 'Light of Freedom,' is a talented and colorful use of watercolor and ink to convey a patriotic message. A special thank you goes to her parents, Adrian and Ashleigh, as well as her art teacher, Jade Griswold. I look forward to showing her artwork to all of our visitors in the U.S. Capitol



Kinsleigh Ringus (center) was the winner of the Second District of South Carolina's 2024 Congressional Art Competition. She's pictured with her parents, Ashleigh and Adrian Ringus, at the awards show in Washington, D.C.

over the coming year," said Congressman Wilson.

Each year, Rep. Wilson and his colleagues in the House of Representatives participate in a nationwide high school art competition sponsored by the Congressional Institute.

"The Congressional Art Competition is a way to recognize the talent of young artists here in the Second Congressional District of South Carolina and across the nation," said Wilson.

Open to all high school

students in the Second District, each submission must be original, two-dimensional and represent this year's theme: America the Beautiful.

Kinsleigh's winning artwork will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol with art from all participating districts around the country.

"This is truly a spectacular exhibit - one that I encourage all to come and see if you are ever in Washington," said Wilson.

Kinsleigh and her parents recently traveled to Washington, D.C. for the awards presentation. Kinsleigh's piece is in the Cannon Tunnel leading into the Capitol.

"What a beautiful place that was to visit and to know that Kinsleigh has work hanging there is such a treat," said Ashleigh Ringus.

The Congressional Art Competition has inspired and encouraged young artists for the past 40 years.

## DISSOLVED: Red Oak Fire Department now a substation under Barnwell Rural 11 district

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then removed on June 25.

Parts of this June 13 motion were later postponed at the June 24 meeting, such as establishing a 30-day deadline for ROFD management to "voluntarily relinquish ownership of the department's structure, property, and related assets to the county," states the motion. If management opted not to do so, the county would move forward with purchasing property and infrastructure to establish a new location for the substation.

Other postponed parts of the motion included requiring the current chief, Bobby Lingard, to "relocate within a designated period" as he "is rumored to be living at the department," states the motion, as well as establishing training requirements and related

criteria to allow the county council to explore reinstating the department in the future.

At the June 24 meeting, Councilman David Kenner asked "that those in leadership do an overview of all the departments to make sure everybody is functioning properly and all certifications are held by those firefighters that are acting on our behalf," he said.

"County Council does not, in any way, were trying to abolish the Red Oak Fire Department, all we are trying to do is hold them to the same standards as the other fire departments in the county," Chairman Jerry Creech said.

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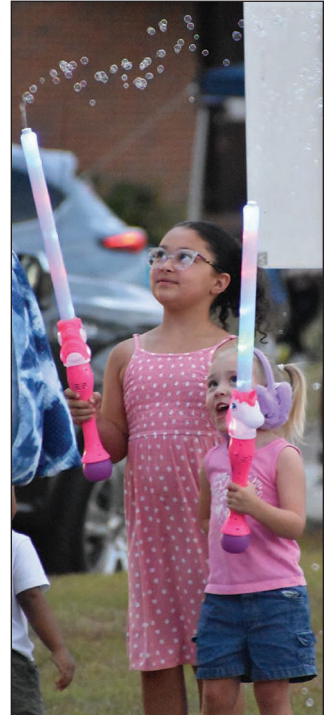
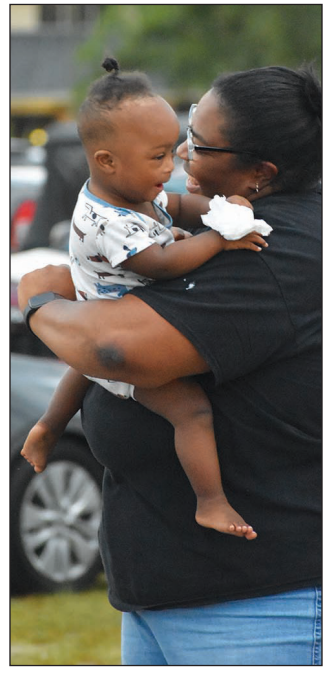
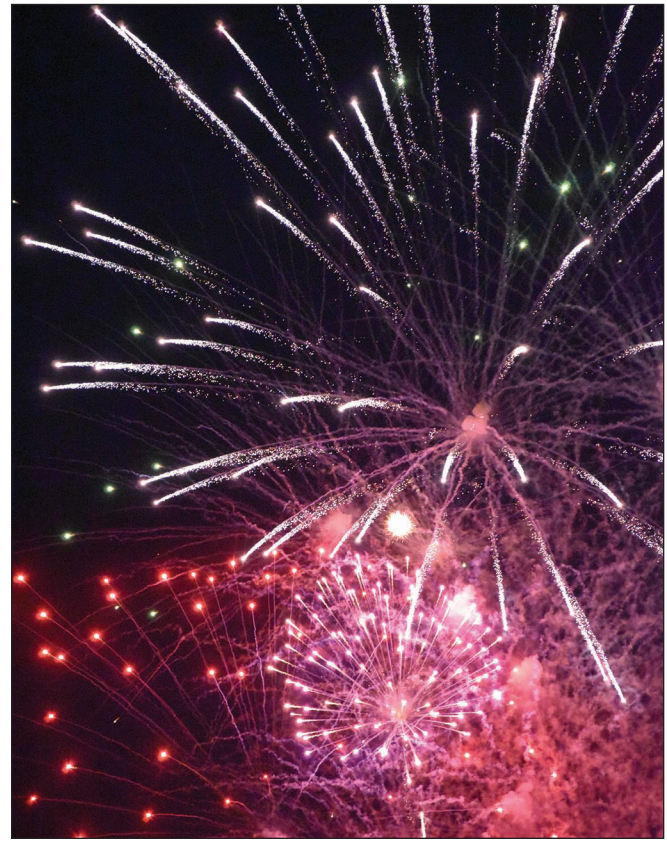


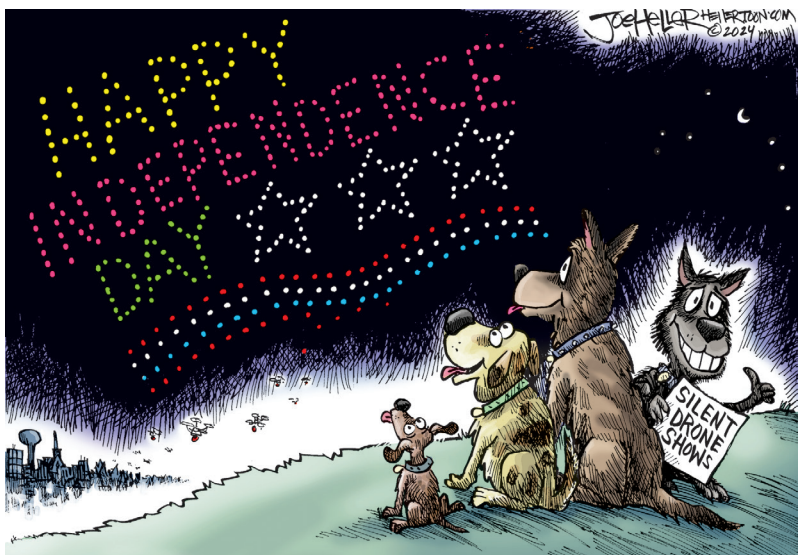
# Fireworks & community fun on display at Barnwell's Independence Day Celebration

The City of Barnwell's Independence Day Celebration brought food, music, fireworks, and plenty of community fun to Veterans Memorial Park in Barnwell on Friday, June 28. The annual event is co-hosted by the city and the Barnwell Development Association.

Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter & Jonathan Vickery / Publisher







## Letters to the Editor

### Resident wants tax dollars to provide “best opportunity” for kids to be successful

Dear Editor,

In reading the June 19 article in *The People-Sentinel* about the four consolidation opinions for a joint high school, nothing was said about having a football field. I guess it was assumed. Barnwell has the only stadium that would come close to accommodating the expected crowds.

At this point with the info I learned from the paper, I am in favor of Opinion 2.

I heard on the TV news that some parents are concerned about the distance their students will have to travel. I think we need to be more concerned about the quality of education each child will have available to him/her.

I grew up in a small town in the bottom of Greenwood (SC) County. We lived 5 miles from McCormick but because we lived in Greenwood County we went to Greenwood District 50 schools. In the late 60's every student from my hometown of Troy was bussed 20 miles (one way) to Greenwood schools (buses could only go 35 miles per hour at this time). No one complained. That was the way it was. I had time on the

bus ride home each afternoon to do my homework, talk with the guys, or flirt with the girls.

The best thing is that District 50 had excellent schools and I was blessed to have benefited from this. I found when I attended college 9 years after graduating from Greenwood High that most of my first year of coursework had been covered in high school.

Again, it's not the distance that should be an issue. It's the quality of the education that counts.

The school location, school colors, and school mascot are issues but having a state-of-the-art facility where students are afforded the best learning experience possible, in my opinion, should be our focus.

I want my tax dollars to give the student the best opportunity to be successful whether it's learning a skill or preparing him/her for college.

Forest Gump: “That’s all I’ve got to say about that” for now.

**John Young,  
Barnwell**

### Blackville resident says central location for new school ensures “fairness and equity”

Dear Editor,

The new consolidated high school should be built in a centralized location, not in Barnwell, Blackville, or Williston—even though Blackville has enough school district property to build the new school without purchasing more land. We all know that would never happen; however, land can be acquired for the new high school. I am certain additional time would be provided, if necessary, to acquire the property and go from there.

A centralized location was determined to be the best option decades ago when the Career Center was built in anticipation of a new high school being built nearby. The best option remains a centralized location to ensure that all the students will be able to feel they are just as important as all the rest of the student body. That is the only option that can ensure fairness and equity.

**Kathy Orr,  
Blackville**

### Barnwell pastor opposes Oklahoma’s Bible mandate in schools

Dear Editor,

It may surprise many, but I do not support the Bible mandated in the Oklahoma education system.

Who will be teaching these classes, what curriculum will be approved and how will fidelity to biblical truth be assured? Spiritual discipline was given to the local church in the New Testament (Matthew 18:15ff) and civil discipline to the civil government (Romans 13).

What needs to happen in Oklahoma (and everywhere in the USA) is that fathers of families install into their normal routine devotional discipleship of their children while local churches return to in-depth biblical preaching and teaching rather than sensational ministry programs meant to allure the world to a soft gospel message.

Families make time for ‘travel ball’ in this intensively busy lifestyle. Are you making time to ensure your children are learning biblical truth? Are you an accountable

member of a local church where biblical discipleship is equipping you to teach your children truth?

Modern Christianity views church as a pep rally where you show up for a ‘Jesus fix’ that you expect to pump you up for the week. If God is so simple that you don’t need to study who He is, we don’t need a Bible that takes a lifetime to study Him. Ask yourself, “When will I know everything I need to know about God?” The answer helps you understand how much time you need to be engaged in discipleship every week.

It is not the government’s responsibility to ensure your children know who God is. It is your responsibility. If you give that responsibility to the government, the government will teach the god they want your children to know.

**Rev. Joe Wilburn,  
Pastor of Ashleigh Baptist  
Church in Barnwell**

## New history dives into importance of S.C. role in Revolutionary War



Andy Brack

Statehouse Report

It's not uncommon for visitors to Charleston to revel in one history when it really might be richer to absorb another.

Too many forget the critical national importance of Charleston and the Carolinas in the colonial effort to become free from Great Britain.

Instead, they want to tour Fort Sumter and see the cannons in White Point Garden that they think bombarded the fort (nope; those cannons didn't have the range at the time.)

With this week being full of Revolutionary War history – South Carolina celebrated the war's first patriot naval victory over the British on June 28's Carolina Day and the Declaration of Independence on July 4 – it's the perfect time for a new look at what happened here from 1776 to 1783.

And so enters Virginia historian Alan Pell Crawford whose new book, “This Fierce People: The Untold Story of America’s Revolutionary War in the South,” comes out July 2.

In the 382-page work, he elegantly reminds us of one big thing: Had patriots in the Carolinas not fought in as many battles and pesky skirmishes during that war for independence, the colonists might not have won. In turn that means one thing to all of those

tourists who flock in because of the Civil War – it wouldn't have happened if not for the zeal for liberty by South Carolinians like Christopher Gadsden, Henry Laurens and his son John, Francis Marion, Thomas Sumter and William Moultrie.

Most people, Crawford incisively writes, think of the War for Independence as something that Virginian George Washington waged and won in the Northeast.

“The problem is that much of the war took place not in the North but in the South, and that is where the most decisive battles – those that forced the British surrender at Yorktown – were fought,” Crawford writes.

Key battles were here at Camden, Kings Mountain, Cowpens and Eutaw Springs, just an hour away from Charleston. The British also spent precious time and resources fighting to seize Charleston, the second richest colonial city during the time of the war. All of this stretched supply lines and diverted British attention, often giving Washington's northern troops time to rest, recover and resupply.

Part of the reason the South's crucial role in the Revolutionary War has been glossed over may be because of the Civil War and slavery.

“Even in the immediate aftermath of the Civil War, historians were understandably reluctant to honor southerners who contributed so much to the War of Independence, knowing as they did the direct line from [Revolutionary War General] Henry Lee III, for example, to [Civil War General] Robert E. Lee.”

Nevertheless, Crawford's objec-

tive discussion of the South's role in the Revolutionary War makes for compelling reading. He tells the stories of events through captivating profiles of people like Marion, the hawk-nosed leader who essentially invented guerilla warfare in South Carolina's swamps. Or the moving and ultimately sad tale of John Laurens, the energetic leader, aide to Washington, buddy of Alexander Hamilton and son of the only man long held during the war in the Tower of London. John Laurens died late in the war – in August 1782 – after an impetuous skirmish with a large British foraging party along the Combahee River about an hour south of Charleston today.

Crawford's book gets its title from a speech made in 1775 by British statesman and philosopher Edmund Burke, who said of the colonists: “We cannot, I fear, falsify the pedigree of this fierce people, and persuade them that they are not sprung from a nation in whose veins the blood of freedom circulates.”

So this year as you celebrate freedom, watch fireworks and think about what's happening to this country 248 years later, recall the passion of colonists who risked their lives for an ideal – independence from a king – so they could become a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

Andy Brack is editor and publisher of *Statehouse Report* and the *Charleston City Paper*. Crawford's book is available for pre-order online until July 2, when it will be in bookstores. Have a comment? Send to: [feedback@statehousereport.com](mailto:feedback@statehousereport.com).

## Better Business Bureau

### BBB tip: How to choose a password manager



Kelvin Collins

Better Business Bureau

Some password managers only support certain types of devices, so make sure the one you choose can be used across all the devices you need it on.

• **Think about whether your family will use the password manager.** If you need to share individual or multiple passwords with family members, look for a password manager that gives you secure ways to share.

• **Look for multi-factor authentication (MFA).** MFA means you'll be required to use more than just a username and password to log in to your account. Usually, you have to verify each login with an authentication app or a code sent to your phone. MFA is a proven cybersecurity measure that a reputable password manager should offer.

• **Think about the features you'll need.** Every password manager has a different set of features, meaning you'll need to decide which features you want available to you. Some password managers can generate random, strong passwords for you, will flag weak or duplicate passwords, have autofill capabilities for online forms, and/or notify you if your credentials are in a data breach.

• **Understand how lockouts are handled.** Since password managers rely on you remembering one master password, you'll want to discover what happens if you forget it. With some password managers, a forgotten password means you're locked out for good and must reset all your passwords. Other managers have emergency access codes or offer hints to help you remember your master password.

• **Go with good customer service.**

If you have an issue with your password manager, you'll want to be able to reach out to customer service

right away, preferably by phone or chat. If a password manager's only customer support option is email, you could find yourself in a pinch if they take several days to respond about the issue. Look for companies that are responsive, helpful, and on hand whenever you need to contact them.

• **Test out password managers with a free trial.** Once you have a couple of password managers in your sights, sign up for a free trial and give them a spin. The best password manager for you will be one that works on all your devices, is easy to use, and is secure. However, be sure you understand the free trial terms, such as when to cancel, before enrolling.

• **Compare paid and free versions.** Many password managers offer free versions, which have certain limitations. They may only work for a single device or allow you to store a limited number of passwords. Depending on your needs, a free version might work for you. If you need a paid version, consider the pricing and your budget as you make your decision.

You can find more tips on keeping your data safe in BBB's article on data privacy; and review the other tips on creating strong passwords and avoiding risky password management at BBB.org.

Kelvin Collins is president & CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving the Fall Line Corridor, serving 77 counties in East Alabama, West Georgia, Southwest Georgia, Central Georgia, East Georgia, and Western South Carolina. This tips column is provided through the local BBB and the International Association of Better Business Bureaus (IABBB). The Better Business Bureau sets standards for ethical business behavior, monitors compliance and helps consumers identify trustworthy businesses. Questions or complaints about a specific company or charity should be referred directly to the BBB at Phone: 1-800-763-4222, Web site: [BBB.org](http://BBB.org) or E-mail: [info@centralgeorgia.bbb.org](mailto:info@centralgeorgia.bbb.org).

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Events

**Ongoing**  
**Local firefighter Missy Cato is collecting aluminum cans for the Southeastern Firefighter's Burn Foundation.** The money they receive for these cans goes toward helping with lodging for families of patients in the burn unit, transportation, medications, anti-scarring garments, and more. For more information, contact Cato at 803-671-4973 to make arrangements to pick them up.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Sat., July 13**  
**Musicians Appreciation!**  
 Second Baptist Church Barnwell. Honoring our Minister of Music, Marcus Elmore....Choir Director, Aviance Elmore and drummer Dante Barton. Special guest speaker will be Minister DaQuan T. Benford. Come and bring your praise party; it's gonna be a great afternoon of Praise and Worship!  
**Begins 3pm**

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



## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

**Wednesday, July 3 (Rescheduled)**  
**WILLISTON**  
 Academy Street ball field  
 8pm

**Thursday, July 4**  
**SNELLING**  
 Snelling Park  
 Music, food & drinks begin at 7pm  
 Fireworks  
 (rain date July 6 for fireworks only)



**Mon.-Wed., July 15-17**  
**Annual Revival Services, Silver Spring Missionary Baptist Church**  
 347 Woodrow Doby Road, Williston, SC  
 Rev. Rafor W. Roundtree, Jr., pastor at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, Jackson, SC & Second Hopeful Missionary Baptist Church, Hephzibah, GA. **7pm nightly**

**Fri., July 19**  
**AARP Drivers Safety Course**  
 Generations Unlimited, 11403 Ellenton Street, Barnwell  
 To register call: 803 300-9488. **9am-1pm**

**Sat., July 20**  
**Teens & Self-Esteem Summit**  
 Sponsored by Allendale County Clerk of Court & Auditor's Office in partnership with Allendale County Sheriff, Allendale Police Dept., & Fairfax PD. Allendale Courthouse Yard. Ages 13 & up. **9-11am break-out sessions**  
**11am-1pm picnic**

**Sat., July 27**  
**3rd Annual Lowcountry LevelUP Summit & Blood Drive**  
 Walterboro Wildlife Center  
 100 South Jefferies Blvd., Walterboro.  
 The Lowcountry's premier back-to-school event for high school students, families & the community. info@lowcountrylevelup.org.  
 (All blood donors will receive \$50 in rewards.)  
**Doors open at 10am**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**July 9, 10, 11**  
**Gateway Church**  
 "Let's Glow Crazy for Jesus."  
**6pm**

**July 10-12**  
**Healing Springs Baptist Church**  
 Missionary artist Kerry Jackson painting every evening.  
**Dinner at 5:30pm**  
**VBS 6-8pm**  
**Sat., July 13, 4:30pm**  
**Commencement**  
**5:30pm dinner and waterslide**

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

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

**July 15-19**  
**Second Baptist Church**  
 181 Church St., Barnwell  
 Hosted by SBC's Impact Youth Ministry.  
 Classes for all ages.  
 "Leading Out Loud" is the theme.  
 Refreshments will be served.  
**6-8pm**

**Sat., Aug. 3**  
**Back to School Lunch to Go**  
 Sponsored by the Town of Kline. Open to the public. **12noon-3pm**

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

**Wed., Sept. 14**  
**Cultivating Light in the Darkness Walk**  
 Sponsored by the Aiken-Barnwell Recovery Foundation. A walk to bring awareness to suicide prevention and support the Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health Center. Veterans Memorial Park, Barnwell. **10am**

**Sat., Sept. 28**  
**Law Enforcement Expo**  
 Barnwell Regional Airport  
 155 Airport Rd., Barnwell.  
 Fun for the whole family. Fun activities for kids. Variety of law enforcement agencies and BSCO community partners.  
 Contact Lt. Eric Kirkland, 803-300-9992. **10am-2pm**

**Fri., Dec. 6**  
**Stuff a Bus Barnwell County! Toy Drive**  
 Walmart Supercenter, Barnwell.  
 Pack a school bus full of toys. **8am-4pm**

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

### Barnwell Library Events

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

**Cooking Matters**  
**Tues., July 9, 16, 23**  
 Bring along the whole family to enjoy a fun 6 week cooking class. This class teaches school-aged children and their parents or caregivers about healthy eating as a family and the importance of working together to plan and prepare healthy meals on a budget. In partnership with Snap-Ed Clemson University Learning Institute. Registration required call 803-259-3612 or stop by the front desk to register. **4pm**

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

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

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

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

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

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



### Blackville Library Events

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

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### Crossword Puzzle Solution

Puzzle on Page 6B

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### Sudoku Puzzle Solution

Puzzle on Page 6B

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

## Local Directory

### Allendale Library

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

### Barnwell Library

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

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

### Williston Library

5121 Springfield Rd.,  
 Williston  
 (803) 621-6000  
 Hours of Operation  
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 10am-1pm  
 2pm-6pm

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**MOTION FOR SERVICE ON DEFENDANT BY PUBLICATION**  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF BARNWELL  
IN THE FAMILY COURT FOR THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
Case No. 2023-DR-06-62  
JAMES CARR,  
Petitioner,  
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. Shalonda Wilburn, Esquire Wilburn Law Firm 135 Chesterfield Street Aiken, S.C. 29801 Telephone: (803) 226-0479 ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER  
2024-110 4tc 7-3-24

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2024-111 3tp 7-3-24

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2024-113 3tp 7-3-24

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5. the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed. Submit the ABL-20 online at MyDORWAY.

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**IN THE PROBATE COURT**  
CASE NUMBER: 2023-ES-03-00081  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF ALLENDALE  
ESTATE OF CLARIES WASHINGTON WILLINGHAM, DECEDENT  
DOROTHY GILCHRIST, PETITIONER  
V.  
HEIRS-AT-LAW OF CLARIES WASHINGTON WILLINGHAM INCLUDING DOROTHY GILCHRIST, JAMES WASHINGTON, ROOSEVELT WASHINGTON, OLIVER WASHINGTON, GEORGE WASHINGTON, ROBERT WASHINGTON, RACHEL HUMPHREYS, ANNIE MAY YOUNG, MICHELLE MULDRON, LISA WASHINGTON, CAROLYN WATTS, FLOYD WASHINGTON, JOHN DOE AND MARY ROE FICTITIOUS NAMES REPRESENTING ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW, INCLUDING UNKNOWN PERSONS IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ANY MINORS, PERSONS NON COMPOS MENTIS AND PERSONS UNDER DISABILITY OF ANY KIND OR NATURE WHO MIGHT CLAIM TO BE HEIRS-AT-LAW OF CLARIES WASHINGTON WILLINGHAM, RESPONDENTS.  
TO THE RESPONDENTS ABOVE-NAMED:  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Petition in this action to determine the heirs-at-law of Claries Washington Willingham, which was filed in the office of the Probate Court for Allendale County, South Carolina, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Petition upon Petitioner's Attorney, at their office at 135 Chesterfield St. South Aiken, South Carolina 29801 within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such services, and if you fail to answer the Petition, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.  
**NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS, INCLUDING PERSONS UNKNOWN, MINORS, INCOMPETENTS, AND UNDER ANY OTHER DISABILITY**  
To the Respondents above-named: And to any thereof that may be residents or non-residents of South Carolina, and to the natural, general, testamentary or other guardians thereof, and to the persons with whom they reside or by whom they may be employed if any there be, and to all other Respondents whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained. TAKE NOTICE, that the Summons, Petition, Order of Publication, and Notice to Respondents were filed in the Office of the Probate Court for Allendale County, South Carolina on June 12, 2024.

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Shalonda Wilburn, Esquire Wilburn Law Firm LLC. 135 Chesterfield St. South Aiken, SC 29801 Phone: 803-226-0479 Email: scwilburn@wilburnlawfirm.com www.wilburnlawfirm.com Attorney for Petitioner Aiken, South Carolina June 12, 2024  
2024-117 2tc 7-3-24

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### SECONDARY HISTORY TEACHER

Secondary History Teacher at Allendale County School District in Fairfax, SC. To plan, organize, and implement an appropriate instructional program in a learning environment that guides and encourages secondary school students to develop and fulfill their academic potential. Mail resume to: KaKela Robinson, Allendale County School District, 3249 Allendale-Fairfax Highway, Fairfax SC 29827.

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(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. Estate: Kimberly Elkins Brock Date of Death: May 25, 2024 Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00116 Personal Representative: Jimmy O. Elkins Address: 628 Edisto Church Road, Williston, S.C. 29853  
2024-118 3tp 7-17-24

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### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER

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The hearing will be held in the J.W. Wall, Jr. Council Chambers at the Allendale County Courthouse, 292 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, SC 29810, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on July 17, 2024. At the time and place fixed for this public hearing, all taxpayers, residents or other interested persons who appear will be given an opportunity to express their views for or against the matters contemplated by the Ordinance. Any persons wishing to submit written comments may submit them to Judy Kinard, P.O. Box 190, Allendale, SC 29810, no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2024.

In compliance with ADA/Section 504, Allendale County is prepared to make accommodations for handicapped individuals needing special assistance. Special assistance requests should be made to the County Council Office at (803) 584-3438 seventy-two (72) hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Estate: Barbara D. Green  
Date of Death: May 3, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00053  
Personal Representative:  
William H. Green  
Address: 812 West Bay Street, Allendale, S.C. 29810  
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date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.  
Estate: Donald Edward Odum  
Date of Death: February 25, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00121  
Personal Representative:  
Jacqueline A. Odum  
Address: 1936 St. Paul Road, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
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Estate: Harry E. Jones Jr.  
Date of Death: February 25, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00054

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Personal Representative: Rosa Fullington  
Address: 637 Ashe Road, Allendale, S.C. 29810  
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Estate: George Martin Harter  
Date of Death: May 17, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00045  
Personal Representative:  
Stephen M. Harter  
Address: P.O. Box 34, Williams, S.C. 29493  
2024-122 3tp 7-17-24

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- ACROSS**
- UPS competitor
  - Banking convenience
  - Shape with an axe
  - Arctic floater
  - Court bargain
  - Dashboard window
  - \*Claude Monet's "Water Lilies," e.g.
  - Petri dish gel
  - Noble gas
  - \*Post-1919 drinking establishment
  - Not hit
  - More than a scuffle
  - "That is to say"
  - Jewish village
  - One's full DNA sequence, pl.
  - Interesting person, acr.
  - Cord made from animal intestines
  - Type of tide
  - No such thing as a free one?
  - Credit card rate
  - Boatload
- DOWN**
- They're often described as disc-shaped
  - Freudian error
  - \*Roald Amundsen's southern destination
  - The Muppets' street
  - Lake scum
  - Razz
  - \*\_\_\_\_ Pickford, "America's Sweetheart" of silent film era
  - Comforting gestures
  - Prima donna problems
  - Skin cyst
  - Saffron-flavored rice dish
  - Street urchin
  - \*48th State
  - Sailing vessel with two masts
  - Animal doctor, for short
  - Water balloon sound
  - Alluring maiden
  - St. Louis' Gateway, e.g.
  - Cast-off skin
  - U.N. working-conditions agcy.
  - \*"Unsinkable"?
  - Violent protester
  - Golfer's goal
  - Puts behind bars
  - Samoan money
  - \*Armed conflict (3 words) e.g.
  - \*Famous Bolshevik
  - Storm centers
  - Bob \_\_\_\_ of boxing world
  - Neural transmitters
  - High school breakout
  - Speech defect
  - 1968 hit "Harper Valley \_\_\_\_"
  - Trousers
  - Add a touch of color
  - Spiritual leader
  - \*Boy Scout's \_\_\_\_ badge
  - Two under par on a hole
  - Animal trail
  - After-bath powder
  - General Post Office
  - \*"Little Tramp" portrayer
  - Chef Julia \_\_\_\_
  - Address for a man
  - Salmon at a certain stage
  - Indian breads
  - Lee Harvey \_\_\_\_
  - \*"A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man" author James \_\_\_\_
  - Circus venue
  - Modern message
  - Dwarf buffalo
  - Lash mark
  - \*"Dulcin e!" of Massenet's "Don Quichotte," e.g.
  - Dry biscuit
  - Mischiefous sprites
  - Spot for luxury?

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## Sweet treats fit for summer celebrations

FAMILY FEATURES

As patriotic parties roll on throughout the day and fireworks light up the night, Fourth of July fun calls for favorite snacks that complement the excitement. Whether you're a pyro or prefer to leave the fiery entertainment to the experts, one thing you can take charge of is the dessert table.

Summer is a perfect time to make fruit the star of the show, and Fourth of July is no exception. These special occasions can be uplifted with the aroma and flavor of Envy Apples, a leading apple variety that offers an invitation to guests to favor memorable moments together.

Their versatility makes them ideal for sweet treats like these Apple and Berry Cream Cheese Tarts for a patriotic touch with red, white and blue pops of color. These tasty bites are shareable, handheld and festive, making them a savvy solution that keeps entertaining simple.

Just combine cream cheese, powdered sugar, vanilla and milk, pipe onto baked tart shells and top with raspberries, blueberries and star-shaped apple cutouts. Better yet, you can even swap out raspberries for preferred red fruits like strawberries or cherries, if desired.

If all the planning and entertaining leaves you short on time, turn to these Patriotic Apple "Donuts" that swap out traditional dough for thick, round apple slices topped with cream cheese and sprinkles. With just a few ingredients, you can slice the apples then let little ones in on the fun by spreading the cream cheese and decorating with sprinkles.

The craveable texture and crunch of Envy Apples provides balanced sweetness for these favorite desserts and beyond, giving guests the ultimate apple experience for all your Fourth of July festivities. They're an appealing backdrop for pops of red and white in patriotic recipes as their flesh remains whiter longer, even after cutting or slicing, so they look fresh and delicious throughout the holiday.

To find more Fourth of July salads, main courses, sides and desserts, visit [EnvyApple.com](http://EnvyApple.com).



### Apple and Berry Cream Cheese Tarts

- 1 cup diced raspberries
- 4 tablespoons sugar, divided
- 1 cup halved blueberries
- 1 package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup milk
- 12 frozen mini tart shells, approximately 2 inches in diameter
- 3 Envy Apples, cut into 12 large slices (around cores)

In bowl, stir raspberries and 2 tablespoons sugar. In separate bowl, stir blueberries and remaining sugar. Let sit 30-60 minutes.

Beat together cream cheese, powdered sugar, vanilla and milk. Spoon into piping bag and cut off small part of tip.

Bake tart shells according to package directions. Once baked and cooled, fill halfway with cream cheese mixture.

Using small star cookie cutter, cut shapes from apple slices.

Top half of each tart with spoonful of raspberries and other half with blueberries. Top each with apple star and repeat with remaining ingredients.

### Patriotic Apple "Donuts"

Servings: 6

- 2 Envy Apples
- 2/3 cup whipped cream cheese
- 6-10 tablespoons red, white and blue sprinkles

Cut apples horizontally to create thick, round slices. Use round cookie cutter to remove apple cores.

Spread cream cheese on "donuts." Top with sprinkles.



### Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

## Kid Scoop Junior

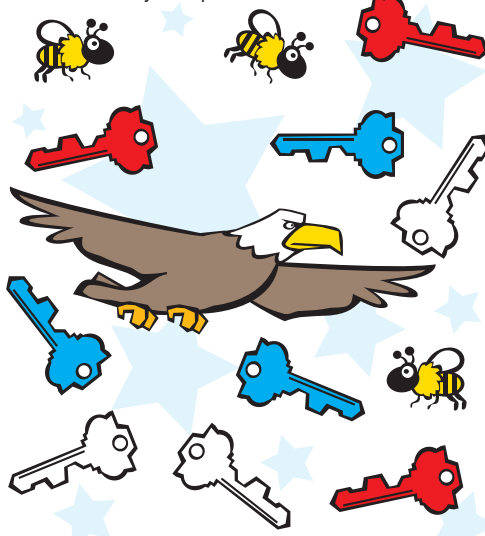
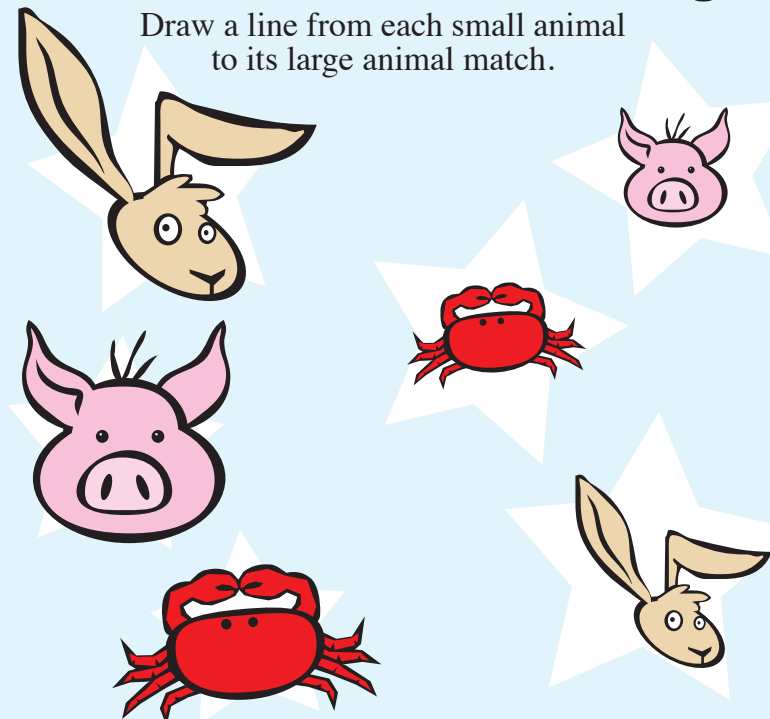
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### My name:

**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.

### Which one is small? Which one is large?

Draw a line from each small animal to its large animal match.



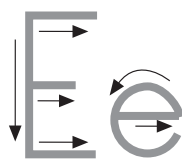
### My Rhyme Time

There was an Old Man who said, "Hush! I perceive a young bird in this bush!" When they said, "Is it small?" He replied, "Not at all! It is four times as big as the bush!"

### My Letters

E is for Eagle

e is for eagle



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

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that have the long E sound in them like the beginning of the word eagle?

### My Numbers

How many ?

How many ?

How many ?

How many ?



**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.

An eagle flies.



#### Sunday

##### Letter Identification

With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with or include the same sound as the letter E in eagle.

#### Monday

##### Math Play

Point to the number 3 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

#### Tuesday

##### Big E, Little e

On one page of the newspaper find and circle an uppercase letter E. Then find and circle a lowercase letter e. Have your child draw a line to connect the two. How many more big E, little e pairs can you find?

#### Wednesday

##### Large and Small

Show your child two or more newspaper pictures. Ask your child, "Which picture is bigger? Which is smaller?" Have your child circle or point to the large picture. Underline or point to the small picture.

#### Thursday

##### Happy, Happier, and Happiest!

With your child, find a newspaper picture of a happy person. Then find a happier person. Can you find a person who is even happier than that? Cut out the pictures and label them Happy, Happier and Happiest.

#### Friday

##### American Symbols

The bald eagle is a symbol of the United States. Look through the newspaper with your child for other symbols of the United States, such as the American flag, the Statue of Liberty, the White House, the Liberty Bell, stars and stripes, etc.

#### Saturday

##### Newspaper Flag Art

Use a newspaper page to make an American flag. Use blue paint to paint a square in the top left corner. Let your child use the columns of type as guides for painting red and white stripes. Your child can paint little white dots (stars) on the blue square.

#### 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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# America's Independence Day

## Too Bad, King George!

On July 4, 1776, people living in the American Colonies declared their independence. They wanted to be independent, or free, from the rules of King George III of England. They wanted to form their own country.

They wrote a document to send to King George. It was called the Declaration of Independence, signed on July 4, 1776. This famous document says that all people are created equal and with certain rights.

Unscramble the words to discover the rights mentioned in the Declaration of Independence.

**EFLI** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BILTEYR** \_\_\_\_\_

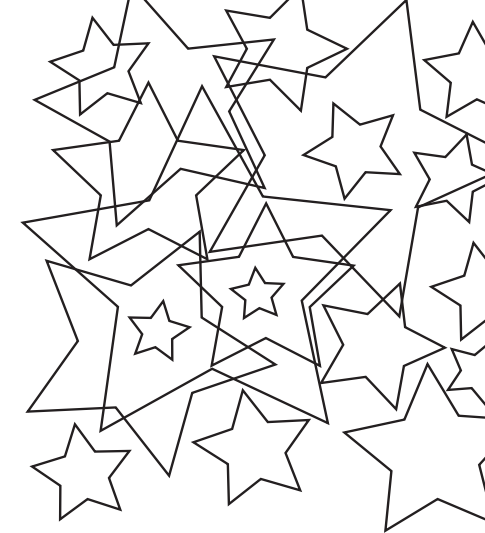
**PINESPHAS** \_\_\_\_\_

## Parade Puzzle

Can you find the letters L-I-B-E-R-T-Y hidden here?



How many stars can you find below?



**BONUS:** How many stars can you find on this page?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Which two picnic pictures are the same?

**Extra! Extra!**  
**POP! BOOM! ZING!**

Onomatopoeia describes words that sound like the sound they make when you say them. For example, when you say, "Pop!" it sounds a bit like a pop. Look through the newspaper. Can you find three to five examples of onomatopoeia?

Standards Link: Language Arts: Vocabulary development.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

### Founding Father Favorite Food

One of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence visited Europe and fell in love with pasta. He brought back a machine to make macaroni and later, he became the first president to serve macaroni and cheese as part of an official state dinner. Which Founding Father was this? Circle every fourth letter to find out!

ASDT**F**J**K**H**D**ZMOVWYMLNR  
 AQMP**S**L**W**BJVCT**E**K**O**LFDQN  
 FTRY**E**LO**S**R**G**B**X**S**U**T**R**O**M**B**W**N

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

## Double Double Word Search

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

MACARONI  
 ENGLAND  
 SIGNERS  
 PARADE  
 FATHER  
 CHEESE  
 GEORGE  
 PEOPLE  
 RULES  
 PASTA  
 EQUAL  
 WORDS  
 KING  
 FREE  
 LIFE

E	I	N	O	R	A	C	A	M	P
G	S	C	C	E	L	D	E	A	E
R	I	B	H	R	P	N	R	A	O
O	G	R	E	H	T	A	F	T	P
E	N	U	E	E	D	L	S	T	L
G	E	L	S	E	A	G	G	T	E
F	R	E	E	U	H	N	E	F	A
O	S	S	Q	U	I	E	F	I	L
R	T	E	H	K	S	D	R	O	W

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

## FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

### We the People

The Preamble to the U.S. Constitution starts with "We the People..." Find examples in the newspaper of people working together to improve something or accomplish a goal in your community.

Standards Link: Civics: Understand how a constitutional government has shaped America.

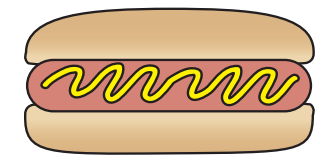
Why does the Statue of Liberty stand in New York Harbor?

**ANSWER:** Because she can't sit down.

## Fourth of July by the Numbers

Use this code to reveal some incredible Independence Day facts:

- |  |     |  |     |
|--|-----|--|-----|
|  | = 0 |  | = 5 |
|  | = 1 |  | = 6 |
|  | = 2 |  | = 7 |
|  | = 3 |  | = 8 |
|  | = 4 |  | = 9 |



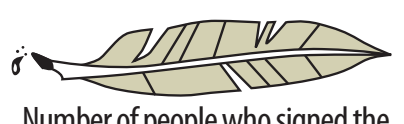
Number of hot dogs that are eaten by Americans on Independence Day:

million



Amount of money spent on watermelon for the July 4th holiday:

\$ million



Number of people who signed the Declaration of Independence:



Percentage of Americans who own an American flag:

%

Sources: History.com, WalletHub.com

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## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **INDEPENDENCE**

The noun **independence** comes from the adjective independent meaning not under the control or rule of another.

America gained **independence** in 1776.

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

## Write On!

### My Best Birthday

Write about the best birthday you have had. What made it feel so special? Be sure to give at least five details.

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

