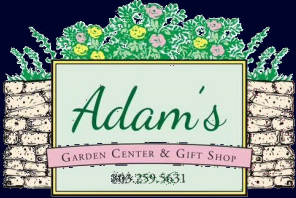


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## County cuts comments short

### Some not given full 3 minutes during public comments

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Voices were stifled at the September 12 Barnwell County Council meeting when Chairman Jerry Creech cut public commenters short – a violation of the council's own procedure. According to the county's rules

of procedure, "any person or group may speak to the council during public comment with permission of the chair and shall address the chair," with time limited to three minutes per person, or ten minutes per group.

Four individuals signed up to speak during public comment: Cole Page, Thomas Sharpe, Barbara Christian, and Norma Owens. All spoke regarding a

different topic, but the gavel was struck early on two commenters.

Cole Page, a district three resident, spoke about how he feels he was lied to by county officials for three minutes and 14 seconds.

*The People-Sentinel* records all public meetings, which is allowed per state law, and verified this time via the reporter's audio recording.

When Thomas Sharpe took to the podium to speak about alleged misappropriation of mills to the county rural fire service, Chairman Creech only gave him two minutes and 29 seconds – 31

seconds less than the allotted time per the county's rules of procedure.

Sharpe critiqued the council claiming, "since 2011, there has been \$450,857 withheld from the Barnwell County Fire Service in dedicated rural fire tax funds."

*The People-Sentinel* is currently looking into these allegations.

Barbara Christian only took one minute and three seconds during her public comment thanking the council for their support of the September 11 memorial in Calhoun Park.

Norma Owens spoke at the

last council meeting regarding concerns about the Barnwell County Cemetery such as what can and cannot be on gravesites. This time, Owens was given two minutes and 20 seconds in total before Chairman Creech hit the gavel.

During her two minutes and 20 seconds, Chairman Creech said he was going to "break protocol" to provide a response. He spoke for 17 seconds in total, which ultimately means Owens was given just over two minutes to

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## Propel Business Lab cooks up new food businesses



Felicia Kinard and Tonja Alexander hug Sunil Tch after all three entrepreneurs were named winners of the Propel Business Lab Pitch Competition on September 23.

Photos Courtesy: Laura J. McKenzie Communications

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In 2024, a new brick-and-mortar restaurant called Kinard's Kitchen will open in Allendale, becoming the latest community run business in town. Additionally, in Barnwell, a new food truck will serve as an extension of the multi-cuisine restaurant Eat Street.

These were the winners of the Propel Business Lab Pitch Competition, in which entrepreneurs pitched their businesses to the community at Allendale's Carolina Theatre on September 23. Several community leaders, like Barnwell Mayor Marcus Rivera, Fairfax Town Council member Phyllis Smart and Allendale's Lottie Lewis acted as judges of the competition. The judges then voted and the two winners of the competition, one from Allendale and one from Barnwell, received \$10,000 in seed money to help start their business.

"There are so many incredible businesses that took part in the 12-week program to level up their business skills. Go out and support these businesses," said Bob Snead, president and CEO of Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber of Commerce, which



Sunil Tch of Eat Street Restaurant and Felicia Kinard and Tonja Alexander of Kinard's Kitchen were the winners of the Propel Business Lab Pitch Competition on September 23. Each business receives \$10,000 to help kickstart their business.

sponsors the Propel Business Lab. The competition was a collaboration between the Chamber and University of South Carolina Salkehatchie that put local entrepreneurs through a three-month training that ended with their pitches for the \$10,000 grant.

In total, pitches for 16 businesses were made, and two were chosen; one for Allendale, and one for Barnwell. Although restaurants were the

winners of the night, pitches for non-profits and businesses regarding beauty, car cleaning, self-care, transportation, home improvement, youth activities and men's mental health were made.

"I'm really happy," said Eat Street owner Sunil Tch, shortly after winning the competition. "I always say this, [but] I'm an Indian guy who moved to

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## Outgoing police chief claims 'hostile work environment'

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Following the news that Lamaz Robinson was slated to leave the Barnwell Police Department (BPD) and be hired as the Town of Allendale's administrator, *The People-Sentinel* obtained a copy of Robinson's letter of resignation.

On September 12, Robinson sent a letter of resignation to City of Barnwell Mayor Marcus Rivera. In the letter, Robinson cited a hostile work environment caused by council members as one of the reasons for his resignation.

"Unfortunately, this resignation is due to a hostile work environment I have been experiencing since I was appointed Chief of Police but has since worsened with the swearing-in of some council members in January 2022 and further," states the letter.

In the letter, Robinson attributed his resignation to the actions of District 1 council member Ron Still, who began serving on the council in January 2022.



Lamaz Robinson claims a 'hostile work environment' during his time as chief of the Barnwell Police Dept.

"Per your letter about [a] hostile work environment - you were appointed in June of 2021. That was eight months before I took office in January 2022," stated Still in a letter to *The People-Sentinel*.

In Still's letter to the newspaper, he questioned why Robinson

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## Allendale Town Council yet to hire administrator

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At a September 25 meeting, the Allendale Town Council went into executive session to discuss the hiring of a town administrator. The employee slated to be hired for this position was former Barnwell Police Department (BPD) Chief Lamaz Robinson, as previously reported by *The People-Sentinel* and confirmed by numerous Town of Allendale officials.

However, when the council came out of executive session, it did not vote on the town administrator position as stated in the agenda.

Councilmember Lee Harley-Fitts told *The People-Sentinel* that the council has taken no action thus far regarding hiring for administrative positions. *The People-Sentinel* previously

reported the council was set to hire two administrative positions – a town administrator (Lamaz Robinson) and a deputy administrator. The deputy position was slated to be filled by Allendale County Councilman William Robinson. William Robinson confirmed this to *The People-Sentinel*.

Instead of voting on administrative positions as the agenda stated, the council voted to allow Allendale Chief of Police Lawrence Wiggins hire two new police officers for the Town of Allendale's Police Department – an illegal action without first amending the agenda to reflect this executive session conversation.

When *The People-Sentinel* spoke to Councilwoman Kathy Tharin last week, she explained the roles in which each individual will serve: "[William

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# Axis I Center staff recognized by grateful family

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Earnestine Holman is brought to tears when her brother, Joseph Daniels, presented her with an award for her courage and work toward turning her life around at the Axis I Center.



Earnestine Holman smiles with the team at Axis I. From left to right: Rebecca Mercer, Earnestine Holman, Courtney Barwick, and Pam Rush. Photo Courtesy: Winfield Heights Baptist Church

Earnestine Holman was presented with an award honoring her courage and dedication to sobriety at the Axis I Center of Barnwell on the morning of September 20. Holman's brother, Joseph Daniels, created and presented the award to his sister and thanked the team at Axis I profusely for their help in her journey. The siblings attributed her success to the dedication of the staff, who helped her every step of the way. "The event is intended to express appreciation and celebrate the importance of the work being done by the dedicated professionals at Axis I," said Daniels. "Thanks for saving the life of my sister

who had totally lost her way."

Daniels presented Holman with an award which stated, "You're only as strong as you allow yourself to be, Axis I helps and teaches those individuals

to be strong and embrace the happiness that follows."

"Courage is fearlessness in a fearful situation. Courage is doing the things you cannot possibly do," states the award.

Daniels and Holman both feel the team at the Axis I Center continue to pursue their vision of building a healthier community and empower the residents of Barnwell County to become the

best version of themselves away from the negative effects of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs.

The Axis I team was presented with a portrait showing Holman's progression from 2018 to 2023.

"We say thank you from the bottom of our hearts from my sister and me," said Daniels. "May God bless all of you at Axis I for the vital service you provide to the Barnwell community."

# Nitazene is a new synthetic killer

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A synthetic opioid found to be a thousandfold more potent than fentanyl has hit the streets. Nitazenes or novel potent opioid (NPO), a subclass of synthetic opioids known for their potency, are being found to add to overdose mortality rates. "The opioid epidemic is an ever-changing landscape," said Pam Rush, executive director of the Axis I Center of Barnwell.

Developed in the 1950s, nitazenes are a group of chemical compounds. Prior to recent years, the compound was not prevalent outside of academic research laboratories, according to Old Drugs and New Challenges: A Narrative Review of Nitazenes, a study published by the National Library of Medicine.

However, with the con-

stantly changing composition of street drugs for more potent effects, these otherwise forgotten compounds are making their way back into the illegal trade.

"Synthetic opioids, such as the fentanyl analogue and nitazene drug class, are among the fastest growing types of opioids being detected in patients in the emergency department (ED) with illicit opioid overdose," said Rush. "Sadly, each new fentanyl analog will continue to increase the number of fatal overdoses across the nation."

According to this study, nitazenes are often found mixed with fentanyl or other drugs in street supplies – although fentanyl and nitazenes are structurally unrelated. While the motive for combining these toxins is unclear, researchers link it to a need for more potent drugs.

These synthetic agents are alleged to have morphine-

like or psychoactive properties.

An August 2023 clinical study tried to test the Narcan (or naloxone) emergency departments requirements for patients experiencing NPO exposures.

In this study period, 537 patients were looked at. All of which experienced NPO overdoses that presented with opioid overdose symptoms and received multiple doses of Narcan. When compared with fentanyl overdoses, these patients required more Narcan doses overall to reverse these effects.

"These findings suggest that NPOs may have a higher potency than fentanyl due to the observed naloxone administration in the clinical setting of overdose," states the study.

NPOs like nitazene pose a challenge in the healthcare and emergency service fields as there is little expe-

rience on how to reverse an overdose from these substances. For example, a nitazene overdose comes with a high cardiac arrest rate.

"It began with the over prescribing/over use of pain medications, moved to lacking other substances like heroin and cocaine with fentanyl, to synthetic fentanyl pills and other synthetic forms of fentanyl like Nitazene. Persons who use illicit drugs are now more than ever at risk for overdose and death," said Rush. "Using drugs was considered risky when I was growing up. They are now deadly."

This new terrain of illicit drugs is causing first responders and healthcare professionals to broaden their research and find new solutions to reversing the effects of an overdose.

"The arrival of any new

drug or intoxicant into the illicit drug supply creates tremendous burdens for first responders and emergency healthcare providers as they encounter the first overdose cases without the benefit of knowing much about the pharmacology, toxicology, or potential use or interactions of these novel agents. The problem is compounded by the fact that many street drug users may not be informed or aware of exactly what substances they have taken," found the aforementioned narrative review.

Facilities like the Axis I Center and agencies like the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) are making active strides to get ahead of this 'new' substance now being interspersed in the drug trade.

"Given the emergence

of dangerous toxic drugs in the illicit opioid supply in the United States, future research should examine clinical outcomes from new potent opioids as the supply continues to evolve," says Alex Manini, MD, MS, Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York.

Sheriff Steve Griffith explained receiving drug results from the S.C. Law Enforcement Division (SLED) after apprehension takes time, but he has not yet seen reports of this drug in Barnwell County.

The Axis I Center of Barnwell continues to offer medication assisted treatment services for persons with opioid use disorders. For more information about those services, contact the Axis I Center at 803-541-1245."

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# Firefighters battle landfill fire over three days

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Firefighters from multiple departments work together with private contractors to extinguish a fire at the landfill.

Photo Courtesy: Tim Bennett

A fire at the Barnwell County Landfill kept firefighters busy for three days.

Firefighters from multiple departments started battling the blaze Sunday afternoon, Sept. 24 after a sheriff's deputy noticed smoke while passing by the landfill around 3:30 p.m. The deputy located the fire in the construction and demolition area. Fire departments were sent to respond along with county employees and private contractors.

"It was an honor and a privilege watching dedicated firefighters, heavy-equipment operators, and county staff join together to ensure this landfill fire didn't end up as serious as the one we had about 18 months ago," said Barnwell County Administrator Tim Bennett.

County Fire Coordinator Wesley Gatlin was first on scene Sunday afternoon and began organizing the response to the fire. He turned the on-scene command responsibilities over to Williston Fire Chief John Melton, who with Gatlin as his Operations chief, organized seven volunteer fire departments and numerous other assets in applying water and dirt to smother the fire.

Over the course of the next three days, firefighters and the others who responded continued to monitor the fire, which reignited or flared up several times. Emergency Management Director Roger Riley flew the county's infrared-capable drone over the site

mid-afternoon on Sept. 25 and found no hot spots.

"Tomorrow's task is to finish applying dirt to cover the portions of the landfill at risk of reigniting," said Bennett on Sept. 25.

The county anticipated ceasing operations on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

Though the exact cause of the fire is unknown, "debris goes through a composting stage as it deteriorates, causing heat that can ignite if it gets enough air. That's possibly what happened here," said Curtis Hogg, the county's public works director who assisted in

the response along with solid waste/landfill director Frank Williams.

Firefighting units included those from Williston, Blackville, Long Branch, Barnwell Rural, Elko, Windsor, Forestry, Aiken County, plus county Emergency Management and Fire Co-

ordinator personnel, Public Works / Landfill personnel, and EMS units from Thorne Ambulance Service.

Commercial haulers and individual haulers are able to dispose of construction and demolition debris at the landfill in an area unaffected by the fire.



Private contractors assisted in fire efforts by moving dirt.

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Firefighters douse the fire with water on Sunday, Sept. 24.

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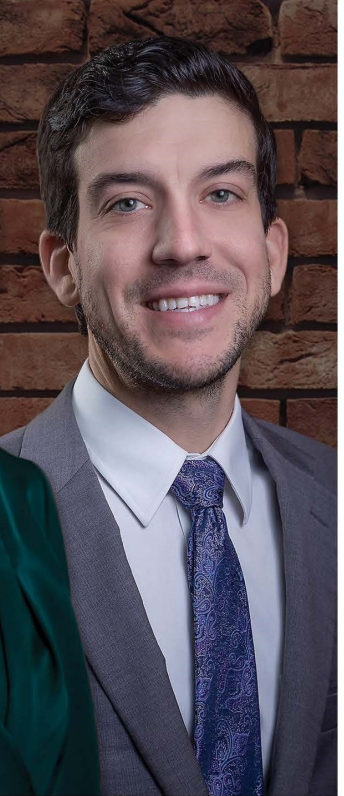


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## Homemaker's Column

### Does washing food promote food safety?



**Christine Patrick**  
County Extension Agent

We usually equate washing to cleanliness. We wash clothes, linens, cars, dishes, and ourselves. It is logical then, that many people believe meat and poultry can be made cleaner and safer by washing them before it is cooked. Is this true? Does washing meat and poultry make it safer to eat?

Studies related to washing meat and poultry indicate that there is no benefit. In fact, washing can allow bacteria on meat and poultry to spread to other ready-to-eat foods. However, cooking to a temperature of at least 145 degrees F for steaks and pork chops will destroy bacteria that are present on the surface of the meat. White meat poultry needs to be cooked to 170 degrees and dark meat to 180 degrees, while ground beef should be cooked to 160 degrees. It is the cooking step, not washing, that is important to kill bacteria present in raw animal products.

Bacteria in raw meat and poultry juices can be spread to other foods, utensils, and surfaces. It's called cross-contamination.

Washing your hands after handling raw meat or poultry or its packaging is necessary because anything you touch afterward could become contaminated. In other words, you could become ill by picking up a piece of fruit and eating it after handling raw meat or poultry, if you hadn't washed your hands.

It's important to prevent cross-contamination from raw meat or

poultry juices by washing countertops and sinks with hot, soapy water. If desired, you can follow up by sanitizing them with a solution of one teaspoon of liquid chlorine bleach per quart of water.

The packaging materials from raw meat or poultry can cause cross-contamination too. Never reuse them with other food items. Disposable packaging materials such as foam meat trays, egg cartons, or plastic wraps, should be discarded.

While washing meat is not necessary, washing produce is necessary. Before eating or preparing fresh fruits or vegetables, wash them under cold running tap water to remove any lingering dirt. This step reduces bacteria that can be present, especially if the produce is eaten raw. If there is a firm surface, such as on potatoes, the surface can be scrubbed with a brush. Simply use cold water to wash fruits and vegetables; it's not necessary to use detergent or soap. These products are not approved or labeled by the Food and Drug Administration for use in foods. You could ingest residues from soap or detergent absorbed in the product.

When you're preparing fruits and vegetables, cut away any damaged or bruised areas because bacteria that cause illness can thrive in those places. Refrigerate any fresh-cut items such as salad or pieces of fruit right away for the best food quality and food safety.

For more information about food safety, visit the Home & Garden Information Center website at <http://hgic.clemson.edu>.

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Let's spend some of the county tax money wisely and provide a stopwatch to go in the county council chamber so that Chairman Creech will stop cutting the naysayers off before their allotted three minutes is up. Council can approve a half million dollars on a compactor for the landfill. They should be able to afford a \$30 clock.

The taxpayers voted on and approved a dedicated rural fire tax in early 2000. Three mills were taken away in 2008 for public safety (not approved by taxpayers). One mill was returned in 2012. All dedicated fire tax money above the allotted annual fire commission budget (\$380,772.00) has gone unnoticed since 2011. Per Freedom of Information request results from Barnwell County treasurer, over \$450,000 is unaccounted for. Did this not show up in the last 12 years' annual audits for county accounts? Who sees the results of audits and approves /corrects them?  
Can our county councilmen and administrator be trusted?

Thomas Sharpe, Hilda

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## Better Business Bureau

### BBB Offers Tips to Keep Your Online Information Safe



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Better Business Bureau

Recently we shared information about data breaches, including ways to detect red flags that your data has been compromised, along with steps you can take if your data was part of an information breach. There are several additional ways you can be proactive year-round to keep your online information as secure as possible.

Quite a bit of personal information can be shared through cell phones, tablets, laptops, and any other device that connects through Wi-Fi or an internet provider. These access points make it easier to shop, bank, make travel arrangements, and keep in touch with friends or family, but also potentially open up access to others. That's why it's so important to safeguard your information.

Your Better Business Bureau and the National Cyber Security Alliance offer the following tips to help secure the privacy of critical information:

**Share with care.** Posts on social media last a long time. Consider who will see the post, how readers might perceive it, and what information it might reveal about the individual posting it. Avoid participating in surveys that collect information about you and your experiences.

**Manage privacy settings.** Check the privacy and security settings on web services and apps and set them to your comfort level for information sharing. Each device, application, or browser used will have different features to limit how and with whom you share information.

**Select security questions only you know the answer to.** Many security questions ask for answers to information available in public records or online, like your zip

code, mother's maiden name, and birthplace. That is information a motivated attacker can easily obtain. Also, don't use questions with a limited number of responses that attackers can easily guess – like the color of your first car.

**Personal info is like money: Value it. Protect it.** Personal information, such as purchase history, IP address, or location, has tremendous value to businesses – just like money. Make informed decisions about whether or not to share data with certain businesses by considering the amount of personal information they are asking for and weighing it against the benefits you may receive in return.

**Make your passwords long and strong.** A strong password has at least 12 to 14 characters mixed with uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols.

**Avoid easy passwords, like the word "password" or the numbers 123456. You'll also want to avoid using things like** your pet's name, your mother's maiden name, the town you grew up in, your birthday, your anniversary, etc. Surprisingly, the answers to these common passwords can typically be found online. Never use the same password for multiple accounts, especially for the most sensitive ones, such as bank accounts, credit cards, legal or tax records, or medically related files.

Consider being creative by using your favorite song lyrics or a passphrase that has been intertwined with random words, numbers, and symbols. Think of something that you will be able to remember, but others need help to come close to guessing, such as PurpleMilk#367JeepDog\$.

Keep a list of your passwords locked in a safe place, not on or near your computer. Consider using a password vault application but check their trustworthiness first.

**Keep tabs on apps.** Many apps ask for access to personal information, such as geographic location, contacts list, and photo album, before using their services. Be thoughtful

about who gets that information and be wary of apps that require access to information that is not required or relevant to the services they offer. Delete unused apps on your internet-connect devices and keep others secure by performing updates.

**Lock down your login.** For your online accounts, use the strongest authentication tools available. Your usernames and passwords are not enough; consider two-factor authentication for key accounts like email, banking, and social media, especially for access on mobile devices.

**Don't click on unfamiliar links.** Whether at home or at work, don't click on links from unfamiliar sources or unexpected correspondence. One false click can infect a whole computer...or a whole business.

**Pay attention to internet-connected devices.** Smart thermostats, voice control systems, cars, and even refrigerators are just the beginning of the growing list of devices that watch our homes and track our locations. Read the privacy policy and understand what data is being collected and how it will be used. Read BBB's tips on smart devices and cyber security risks.

**Shred outdated documents and destroy unneeded hard drives** that contain personal information. This is also a wonderful opportunity for residents to have electronics recycled and outdated or unneeded prescription drugs dropped off for safe disposal.

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## Two queens receive deserved honors just a few days apart



**Phil Hudgins**  
Contributor

Aunt Sarah, my last surviving Aunt, died five days before Queen Elizabeth. So, you might ask: Do those two people deserve to be mentioned in the same sentence?

Absolutely. Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor was queen over the United Kingdom, along with 14 Commonwealth realms.

Sarah Elizabeth Stevens, her granddaughter Jessica said in a funeral remembrance, was "prom queen of the Bell Minor Nursing Home" and presided at one time over a devoted husband and six children.

Both queens ruled with a smile, except when somebody didn't follow the rules.

Queen Elizabeth was widow of Philip Mountbatten, known for his quips, many of which offended his listeners. Prince Philip, he was called, was consort to

Queen Elizabeth, which meant he supported his wife in her duties as sovereign.

Queen Sarah was widow of James, known officially as James Allen Stevens, and as Jamie in our family. He also was famous for quips, but harmless ones. His town of Braselton, Georgia, didn't have any consorts, but Jamie did support his wife by supervising car-building at General Motors and buying cars at the lowest possible price and selling them at the highest.

While Jamie was known for repurposing things—he once turned a Merita bread truck into a camper and called it his Meritabago—Queen Sarah, unlike Queen Elizabeth, was known for her cooking. Her former pastor, Jack Chalmers, and her son Allen practically salivated onto the pulpit as they talked about Sarah's cooking.

I don't know how Queen Elizabeth's kids really thought about her and her royal protocol, but Queen Sarah was revered at her home. A huge poster was positioned beside her casket. "Greatest Mother Award," it read, and it featured photos of the kids and grands and great-grands and who-knows-who-else, along with their signatures and messages.

Neither queen was known as a complainer. Even when Queen Sarah was

sick and hurting, she managed to smile.

Queen Elizabeth no doubt gave her kids plenty of advice, but she was a private woman. She mostly kept her opinions behind closed doors.

Queen Sarah, on the other hand, was not bashful about her advice. "Don't leave the house without your makeup and lipstick on," Jessica said her grandmother told her.

The Stevens offspring returned their mother's love in spades after she ended up in a nursing home. At least one of them was there every day, even during Covid lockdown, when they were forced to stand outside her window and talk to her on a cellphone.

Abandoning physical contact with someone special would be hard for anybody. But for the Stevens family, it must have been painful. I've never known a more loving and gregarious bunch. I said one time if one of them met Queen Elizabeth—who is hands-off for the commoner—he or she would kiss her right on the mouth.

Queen Sarah never got the chance to greet the real queen. But she did hold her latest great-granddaughter—Jessica and Chaise Green's baby—not long before she died.

The baby's name is Sarah James Green.

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## Ethel Zoanne Geter Jacobs

with one granddaughter, Ella Adell Collins, all of whom she loved with all her heart.

Ethel's favorite mantra was "Love isn't what you say, it's what you Do", and she lived this creed in everything she did. She put others first in every aspect of her life. She would call them, give to them, and visit with them as sheer acts of kindness. She was so very supportive. She was a Great Woman of God.

Services for Ethel will be held September 30, 2023 at 11 a.m. at the Progressive Church of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Denmark. Bishop David Johnson Sr. will be officiating. A viewing will be held at the Ned Branch Baptist Church in Barnwell on Friday, September 29, 2023, from 4-7 p.m.

Ethel was a loving soul who would do anything for anybody. She loved the word

of God and would be a witness for HIM to anyone she met. She especially enjoyed spending time with family and would cook delicious meals at any given time and invite you over.

She loved singing, giving, and helping others. She was a caring wife for 48 years, mother, grandmother, sibling, aunt, cousin, in-law, and friend. She will be sorely, greatly missed.

She is survived by her husband "Greg" Jacobs; two daughters, Cheri and Astin; one granddaughter, Ella Adell; and a host of other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her father, James Geter Sr.; mother, Adell Geter; brother, James Geter Jr.; and sister, Thelma Mae Torian.

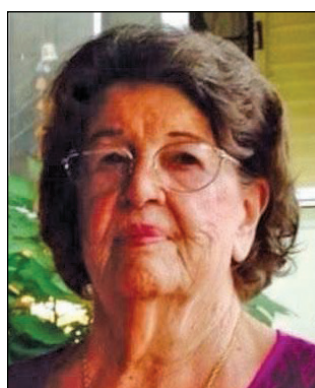
B. F. Cave Funeral Home of Allendale is in charge of arrangements.

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**BARNWELL** - Ethel Zoanne Geter Jacobs, 72, went to be with her Lord on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at Augusta University in Augusta, Georgia surrounded by her faithful family.

She was born on August 11, 1951 to the late James Geter Sr. and Adell Geter.

Later in life, she married her high school sweetheart, Gregory Jacobs, whom she loved and to this union two daughters were born, Cherise L. Jacobs and Astin T.C. Jacobs. She was also blessed



## Betty Lee Collins Sandifer

on Monday, September 18, 2023.

Born in Barnwell County, she was a daughter of the late Howell Collins and Alma Still Collins and was married to the late Joseph Rhett "Cotton Picker" Sandifer for 65 years. She attended school at the Hilda Community Center and graduated from Blackville School. During her youth, she was the pianist at Salem Methodist Church until Rhett proposed to her on the church steps; they married in 1954. She worked along Rhett's side on the farm and also at the Farmer's Produce Market in Denmark for many years. Betty was a member of the First Baptist Church of Denmark and was wonderful cook who loved to cook for her children and grandchildren especially for special occasions and holidays. She also enjoyed painting and coloring in books and working in her yard. She loved her four children deeply and they will miss her beyond measure.

Survivors include her daughters, Beverly Sandifer Martin and Donna Sandifer (Mike) Lott, all of Barnwell; sons, Steven Rhett "Steve" (Cynthia) Sandifer of Barnwell and Terry (Paula) Sandifer of Blackville; grand-

children, Stephanie Sandifer Yeary (Kevin) Rhoad, Steven Jeffery "Jeff" (Mindy) Sandifer, Courtney Virginia, NP (Bradford) Drawdy, Rebecca "Becky" (Chris) Zissett, Jessica Sandifer Hutto, LPN and fiancé Jackie Ray, Gregory Jason (Stephanie) Davis, David Joseph (Tara Berry, Brandon Mark Berry Matthew Foy Fields, Seth Logan (Tina) Fields; great-grandchildren, Leslee (Kyle) Baker, Harlee Yeary and fiancé Wyatt Bruner, Weston Rhett, Rilee, Jackson, Bhrettle, John Luke, Chandler, Chanston, Channing, Colin, Kaylin, Austin, Caylee, Harper, Hartlee, Natalee, Rowan, and Sawyer; a brother, Theron Collins of Barnwell; a foster sister, Gayle Gay of Columbia; along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins, and her loyal companion, Smokey.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Michael C. Martin.

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

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## Ione Hanks Broadwater

helped her daughters and other young girls develop skills and character traits they needed for the future. Though she never considered herself an artistic person, she wrote a play for her troop, painted scenery for the play, and performed in it. She was even featured on television news telling the story of Girl Scouting.

Her faith was always highly important in her life. She loved God and loved singing hymns, including in her church choir. Over the years, she and Cecil were involved in many activities at Eastlan Baptist Church in Greenville, including working with young people missions. Later in life, Ione served her Lord on international mission trips to Trinidad and Venezuela.

At the age of 14, Ione was editor and typist for a young people's weekly church paper in Louisiana, something she'd repeat in her 20s at Eastlan and for Girl Scouts. She later put those clerical skills to work professionally as a secretary at the Donaldson Center and for various lawyers. She later was a medical secretary for Dr. William Hawkins, who she remained close friends with after her retirement. She also sold World Book Encyclopedias.

After she and her husband retired, they spent years traveling, including in their RV. Ione spent a lot of time meticulously planning every trip, but also documented their travels through photos and notes. They traveled to every state in the United States and to every province in Canada. "It was a great deal of work planning the trips, but it was always worth it," Ione told her family.

When she was 70, her beloved Cecil passed away on August 27, 2001. This was life-changing and caused Ione to reflect on her life. Though she experienced bouts of disappointments, bitterness, and hardships that everyone goes through, Ione focused on how lucky,

blessed, and fortunate she was.

"I have lived a very full life, and I am ready to join your father and my Heavenly Father whenever my time comes," she wrote in a letter to her daughters in December 2001. Though she couldn't imagine more that she could accomplish, she said she hoped God was keeping her around because someone needed her.

For the next 22 years after that letter, Ione continued to use her money, time, and talents to help people and serve God.

Her greatest joy was her family. "I love you all so much," she wrote in her letter.

Left to cherish her memories are her four daughters, Linda B. (Robert) Hellams and Vicki B. (Doug) Chapman, both of Greenville, Sharon B. (Charles) Vickery of Barnwell, and Jeanine B. (Danny) Helms of Waxhaw, N.C.; six grandchildren, Chris (Heather), Rob (Barbara), and Ryan (Angie) Chapman, Michael (Christian) and Stephen (Ashley) Hindman, all of Greenville, and Jonathan (Dawn) Vickery of Barnwell; numerous step grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and niece and nephews in Louisiana.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her sister, Virginia Ann Hanks Passman; grandson, Lloyd Charles Vickery IV; and great-granddaughter, Naomi Christian Hindman.

Services will be held Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 2 p.m. at Graceland East Chapel in Greenville. Rev. Jerry Stepp, her former music minister, will lead the music and service. Visitation will follow.

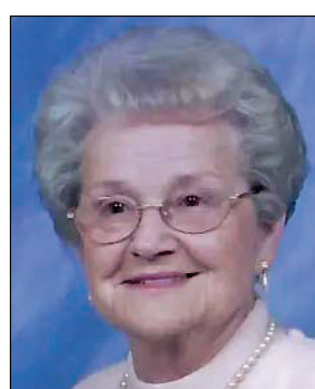
Memorials can be sent to Hunter's Hope (P.O. Box 643, Orchard Park, N.Y. 14127); the Barnwell County Animal Shelter (57 Wall Street, Barnwell, S.C. 29812) or to the charity of one's choice.

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**BLACKVILLE** - Funeral services for Betty Lee Collins Sandifer, 89, of Blackville, were held at 11 o'clock a.m., Thursday, September 21, 2023 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, with the Dr. Andy Sandifer officiating; burial followed in the Sandifer Family Cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Thursday. Honored to serve as pallbearers are her great-grandsons, Austin Davis, Colin Hutto, Jackson Hutto, Weston Sandifer, Chandler Zissett, and Chanston Zissett and honorary pallbearers were her great-grandsons, John Luke Hutto and Channing Zissett.

Memorial contributions may be given to Edisto Hospice of Orangeburg, 1180 Boulevard St., Suite C, Orangeburg, S.C. 29115.

Mrs. Betty passed away



## Frances Fields Hudson

Savior and was a faithful member of Seven Pines Baptist Church all of her life where she was the treasurer for many years. Frances was a member of the Laura Moore Sunday School class and served on many committees. She shared God's love by caring for the needs of others.

Frances enjoyed working in her yard, sitting out and enjoying God's beautiful world and visiting with friends. Her hobbies included sewing for her girls, making ceramics, cross stitching, and reading. Most of all, she loved being with her family.

Frances is survived by her daughters: Gail Hudson Paulk (Wendell), Columbia, Rita Hudson O'Neal (Jeff, deceased), Lexington; grandchildren Stuart Paulk (KC) Irmo, Hope Collins Montague, Lexington, Alison Hudgins Rumph, John's Island, Trey Collins, Lexington, Blake Collins, Lexington; nine great-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Sisters by choice are Margie Foy and Carolyn Beck, as well as many nephews and nieces which she dearly loved.

She was predeceased by her husband, Bill Hudson,

daughter, Wanda Hudson Bennett (Bob), granddaughter, Stacey Paulk Burns, grandson, Byron Martin, brothers: Louie, Bernice, Oliver, Hubert, and Roy; and sister, Lois Snider.

A visitation was held Tuesday, September 26th, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Seven Pines Baptist Church, with funeral services following at 11 a.m. Graveside was held at Barnwell County Memorial (Airport) Cemetery. Pastor Mark Watford officiated.

The family wishes to thank Generations of Irmo, assisted living, for all of their excellent care during the past five years. Also Three Oaks Hospice and Prisma Health Hospice for the compassionate care given to Frances during the past month.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Seven Pines Baptist Church, 14957 Dunbarton Blvd, Barnwell, S.C. 28912, or to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105.

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

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## Crossword Puzzle Solution

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# WEHS homecoming queens unite for 2023 parade



Past homecoming queens reunited to support scholars. The alumnus rode in style on a float made for royalty at the parade.



Smiling faces were had by all as the homecoming parade traveled down Main Street in Williston.



Helen Wilson was named the homecoming queen of Kelly Edwards High in 1970. She rode in style at the parade.

Photos by: Alexandra Whitbeck



Mayor Brett Williams, town clerk Kayla Jerkins, and councilman Scott Valentine tossed candy to children.



Families and kids waited patiently for the parade of Blue Devils to make their way down Main Street.



The Williston-Elko Blue Devils Marching Band put on a show while making their way down Main Street.



Russell Perry, owner of The Sandwich Shop, supported his local team at the homecoming parade.



Future Blue Devils cheered on the parade.



The Blue Devils football players rode on a blue and white covered bus in the parade.



WEHS Principal Tony Flowers, Class of 1998, supported his students at homecoming.



Lloyd Morgan with Morgan's Drugs in Williston handed out candy during the parade.



The Class of 1969 brought some melodies to the parade.



Barnwell County Councilman David Kenner came out to support the Blue Devils. Councilman Freddie Houston was also in the parade.



The Class of 1990 was one of the many classes present at the festivities.



The Wishville Warriors, a youth basketball and football team, walked in the parade to cheer on the senior players.



2023 homecoming queen NiKiya Mercado and king George Barrett made an appearance during the parade before being named.



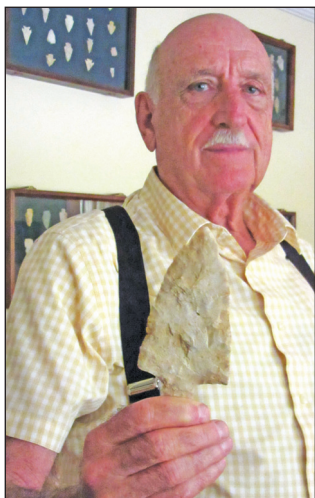
Williston Police Department Captain Roger Kaney directed traffic so the parade could safely proceed.



The late Alma Battle was remembered at the parade. Battle was a staple at Williston schools and forever a Blue Devil.



# Come learn about prehistoric cultures of Allendale County



**Dr. Larry Stone holds a spearhead from his collection.**

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**D**r. Larry Stone, a professor emeritus at USC Salkehatchie who is also an amateur archeologist, will present a program titled "Prehistoric Cultures of Allendale County" on Thursday, Sept. 28, at 6 p.m. in the iCarolina Lab and Academic Support Building on the USC Salkehatchie Allendale Campus. The event is free and open to the public.

His program relates to a set of exhibits in the Li-

brary and Academic Support Building. One exhibit, "Searching for our Beginnings: Public Archeology at the Topper Site," consists of artifacts in a display case, informational posters mounted on the walls, and an electronic kiosk that plays videos relating to the Topper Site. The exhibit at USC Salkehatchie is the first permanent display of artifacts from the Topper Site. The exhibit was prepared by the South Carolina Archeological Public Outreach Division under the direction of Dr. Al Goodyear. This exhibit contains artifacts crafted by the first human beings

to live in the southeastern part of the North American continent.

Another exhibit in the lobby features Dr. Strong's own collection of artifacts found in the Salkehatchie Region. A display case contains examples of the 17,000 specimens that he donated to the South Carolina Institute of Archeology and Anthropology.

"The Strong Collection is the largest single collection of Paleoindian artifacts in South Carolina, and includes Clovis, Redstone, and Dalton points, as well as hundreds of other stone tools," says a

poster in the display case. "The artifacts provide vital information about prehistoric human life in the southern Coastal Plain of South Carolina and will serve as a significant resource for future studies by scientists, students, and the avocational community."

The other exhibits are "Prehistoric Chert Quarries of South Carolina" and "Native American artifacts contributed by John Winthrop of the Winthrop Foundation and Groton Plantation."

Dr. Strong, who taught math at USC Salkehatchie

for nearly 50 years, has been named an Amateur Archeologist of the Year by the South Carolina Institute of Archeology and Anthropology. He has participated in the research of the Topper Site and has donated money to support the research. Dr. Strong also has provided some of the artifacts in the exhibit "Prehistoric Chert Quarries of Allendale County" in addition to the artifacts in the Strong Collection exhibit. He has presented many programs on archeology in general and the Topper Site specifically.

## WINNERS: Two food businesses win \$10,000 each to kickstart operations

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Barnwell about 10 years ago. The way they accept me and the way they cheer for me and support me in the crowd makes me happy. I appreciate people trusting me and giving me this because it is putting more responsibility on me, and I will rise up to that."

Tch said his new food truck and the \$10,000 is going to help him get Eat Street's cuisine on the road and into new areas, a business model that is increasing in number and popularity. According to the Census Bureau, the number of food trucks in America grew from 3,281 to 5,970 between 2013 and 2018, a number that has only grown further since the pandemic. Tch said his goal is to eventually have three food trucks on the road, expanding Eat Street's reach into nearby Aiken and Orangeburg counties.

"With the food truck, I can take my food to more people," Tch said. "I'm a businessman, so of course I make money, but what I enjoy the most is celebrating birthdays and anniversaries and high school banquets. With the food truck, I can go into the community and get more of a personal touch."

In Allendale County, it is



**Sunil Tch of Eat Street Barnwell and Felicia Kinard and Tonja Alexander of Kinard's Kitchen (seated, center) are surrounded by their fellow classmates from the Propel Business Lab. Pictured (left to right): Donald Bolen, Andrea Blackeney, Tabitha Blume, Tykesha Jenkins, Milisa Peachey, Todd Teems, Nadine Debrosse, Billy Baldwin, Stephanie Williams, Gibby Sanders Jr., Dominique Johnson, Farrah Maner, Latrice Culbertson, Shannece Mack, and Eric Badger.**

Elijah de Castro / Reporter / Report for America

increasingly difficult to start a new business, particularly a small business, as the county's depopulation has fueled a downward spiral. As a result of so many residents leaving the county, community members have seen main street businesses shutter. Although a handful of locally-owned restaurants remain, Allendale's food scene is dominated by fast food restaurants, which

have little stake in the local community.

The lack of locally-owned eateries is something that Tonja Alexander and Felicia Kinard, who aim to open Kinard's Kitchen in 2024, want to help address.

"It's hard to find a place — even after you go to church on Sunday — unless you travel 30-plus miles, sometimes an hour to get some place [to eat]," said Kinard. "We want to

bring the experience to the community. We say it's a rival to Chick-fil-a."

Alexander said that currently, Kinard's Kitchen mainly focuses on catering and community events, but can now expand and become more established.

"We started doing [Kinard's Kitchen] one summer, the summer of 2021," Kinard said. "We continued doing it on the weekends. In our business

plan, we talked about the elderly. We want to reach out to them, and make sure they have proper meals at a reasonable price."

Tch, Alexander and Kinard embraced shortly after winning the competition. Kinard said she was reminded of her grandmother, who taught her to cook when she was a child.

"I started in grandma's kitchen when I was 13

years old, and my grandma taught me how to cook," Kinard said. "She always told us that anything that y'all want to do is already here."

The next round of the Propel Business Lab will launch in January 2024 with a new group of entrepreneurs. Those interested in applying must do so by Nov. 6 at <https://palmettoinnovation.org/propel-business-lab>.

## Meet the Team at Low Country Health Care

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**Richard Boyles, M**  
Family Medical Center of Blackville  
803.284.1045

Dr. Richard Boyles is the founder of Barnwell Family Medicine, which merged with Low Country Health Care System in 2005. Dr. Boyles served as the Chief Medical Officer from 2012 to 2022 and now serves as the Director of MAT. Dr. Boyles has practiced medicine since 1988 and is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine. Dr.

Boyles has received numerous awards and honors, including Chief of Staff at Barnwell County Hospital, Barnwell County's "Best Doctor" Award, and SC Rural Practitioner of the Year. Dr. Boyles was born and raised in Allendale and is married to Angela Kennedy. He has two children, Amanda and Rick. His special interests include preventive measures, Opioid Addiction Treatment and an emphasis on patient centered care.

## Richard Wallace, PA-C

Williston Family Medicine  
803.266.0060

In 2010, Mr. Richard Wallace graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina. From 2010 to 2017 he worked as an Active Duty Air Force Physician Assistant at Tyndall AFB and JB Charleston Family Health Clinic. In January 2018 he joined Low Country Health Care System and began practicing at Barnwell Family Medicine. He currently works at Williston Family Medicine. He is also a reservist with the 315th AMDS at JB Charleston. He is married with 3 children.



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# Monthly event brings food, music to downtown Barnwell



The inaugural Thursdays on the Circle event was held Thursday, Sept. 14 on the Circle in downtown Barnwell. Rick Rudd (right) entertained the crowd. Several food trucks were also set up all day to feed the community for lunch and supper. This event is hosted by the Barnwell Development Association, *The People-Sentinel*, and Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber. The next event will be Thursday, Oct. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. with Brent Hall performing.



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## RESIGNATION: Former Barnwell police chief claims 'hostile work environment' during tenure

FROM PAGE 1A

chose to name only him, as other council members were elected in Jan. 2022. "I can't help but feel this is politically motivated."

On September 19, 2023, Robinson publicly endorsed Mayor Rivera for re-election on Facebook. Still is also running for the mayor's seat.

"I have been unable to make changes without being highly scrutinized or questioned about my decisions," Robinson wrote in the letter. "Like never before, we have a council member (Ron Still) who interferes with investigations of the police department and interjects himself into matters involving police work while trying to cause what I believe to be division among the citizens and police department employees."

Still responded to this point stating, "I have asked for one report of a closed case by the police department. I filled out the proper paperwork/FOIA request that any citizen would be required to fill out. This was a closed case that was reopened by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office."

"He comes to get reports from the Police Department

that don't involve him at all and try to use his position as a council member to circumvent the process and procedures that are in place for everyone regardless of their status in the community," states Robinson in the letter.

According to Still, he requested this information after being reached out to by a constituent as to why BPD closed a case days after a death with no arrest made. Once taken over by BCSO, two individuals connected to the victim's death were arrested.

According to state law, police reports are public record for 14 days after their creation. These documents are open to the public and do not require a FOIA or written request to be submitted.

In the letter, Robinson also mentioned that he had filed a complaint with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), which enforces federal laws against employment discrimination and harassment.

"This same council member (Ron Still) I feel has discriminated against me based on my gender and I say this

because he refers to me as 'he/she' in an email that was previously sent out on June 8, 2023, which led to the filing of an EEOC complaint against the city among with some other issues," states Robinson in the resignation letter.

*The People-Sentinel* obtained a copy of the June 8 email sent by Still to council members and city administrator Lynn McEwen. It pertains to an employee matter requesting a written explanation as to the issue at hand, which is not explicitly stated in the email.

The email does not name Robinson, and continues to refer to the "employee." In the last paragraph of the email, Still asks McEwen to reach out to the employee and ask for a written response with their concerns - stating "if he/she doesn't then this would be reducing what is being asked and this will be a separate issue that council would also have to address."

According to Still, the use of 'he/she' was to avoid

the use of a direct pronoun which could potentially give away the anonymity of said employee.

Robinson's resignation letter also details that Still "caused further problems with my agency and the Sheriff's Department by promoting negativity among the agency heads by encouraging the Sheriff to do things such as pen letters to the city council and request meetings with the city council without ever talking to me about issues."

*The People-Sentinel* has submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for "any and all communications from the past two years from any elected city official(s) or employee(s) of BPD that mention either Lamaz Robinson or Ron Still." The purpose of this FOIA request is to expand on the allegations that Robinson stated.

The letter says that November 30, 2023 will be Robinson's last day as chief of police; however, Barnwell City Council voted that his last day will be Sept. 26.

## ADMINISTRATOR: Allendale has not hired town administrator, despite previous statements

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Robinson] will be a reference point and resource for Lamaz Robinson when he comes into the office."

Tharin also explained why the council felt Lamaz Robinson was a good fit: "What we liked about Mr. Robinson was that he had come into the interview with a lot of good ideas about what direction he saw [the town of] Allendale going."

When *The People-Sentinel* spoke to Lamaz Robinson about this upcoming position, he explained some of his goals and aspirations for the Town of Allendale such as a "comprehensive evaluation." However, both Lamaz Robinson and William Robinson have yet to be

officially hired, according to councilmember Harley-Fitts, and no plan to take any action regarding these positions has been made thus far.

The City of Barnwell administrator Lynn McEwen has confirmed Lamaz Robinson's resignation with his last day with the department being Tuesday, September 26.

*The People-Sentinel* has been unable to reach Lamaz Robinson for comment at press time.

On September 19, Barnwell City Council voted unanimously to ask Robert Miller to serve as interim chief. Miller retired in July 2021 as assistant chief with BPD following 43 years of service.

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**11:00 am** Parade

**12:00 pm** Kid Zone opens, Train Rides begin, Touch-a-Truck begins

**1:00 pm** Hilda Volunteer Fire Department 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary presentation, Parade winners announced, Entertainment including Youth Karate demonstration, Rick Rudd, and Phil Falso

**4:00 pm** Vendor and Children's booths begin, Entertainment with Brent Hall Karaoke

**5:30 pm** Dance Music/DJ Gary Brantley

**6:45 pm** Raffle Drawings

**7:00 pm** Street Dance with Warren Peay Band

**8:30 pm** Meet & Greet with Warren Peay

**9:00 pm** PhoenixArts Fire Breather

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Sara Rudd  
Barnwell High School



**Grade:** 11th  
**Sports:** Varsity cheer, competition cheer and soccer  
**Favorites...**  
• **Coach:** Amy Williams  
• **Pro team:** Atlanta Falcons  
• **Food:** Chicken Alfredo  
• **Movie/TV shows:** Criminal Minds  
• **Snack:** Goldfish  
• **Free time activity:** Hang out with friends  
**Goal for this season:** "I just want to progressively get better, not only as a cheerleader but also as a person, and make new friendships with great people."

Slaton Ragsdale  
Barnwell High School



**Grade:** 12th  
**Sports:** Football  
**Favorites...**  
• **Pro Teams:** Broncos, Dodgers, and Thunder  
• **Athletes:** Lane Johnson, Zack Martin, and Tristan Wirfs  
• **Food:** Steak  
• **Movie/TV shows:** The Sopranos, Goodfellas, and No Country for Old Men  
• **Snacks:** Chips  
• **Free time activity:** Sleeping  
• **Musicians:** Travis Scott, Young Dolph, and Lucki  
**Goal for this season:** "To dominate."

## VARSITY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

### FOOTBALL

Friday, September 29

- HKT @ Blackville-Hilda - 7:30
- Williston-Elko @ Wagener-Salley - 7:30
- Holy Trinity Academy @ JDA - 7:30
- Barnwell @ Edisto - 7:30

### VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, September 28

- Edisto @ Barnwell - 7:00
- Holly Hill Academy @ JDA - 6:00

Monday October 2

- Barnwell @ Horse Creek Academy - 5:30
- Wardlaw Academy @ JDA - 5:00

Tuesday, October 3

- Bamberg-Ehrhardt @ Barnwell - 7:00
- Williston-Elko @ Calhoun County - 6:30
- JDA @ South Aiken Baptist - 6:30

### TENNIS

Thursday, September 28

- Williston-Elko @ Pelion - 5:00

Tuesday, October 3

- Aiken @ Williston-Elko - 5:00

Tuesday, September 26

- Whale Branch @ Barnwell - 5:00
- Williston-Elko @ Hampton County - 5:00

## JDA Raiders smash Crusaders 54-8



The Raiders score two points on the safety recorded by Nasir Void.

Photos by: Donna Miley

Jeff Miller  
Sports Writer

The September 22 kickoff of the Jefferson Davis Academy Raiders hosting the Laurens Academy Crusaders seemed like it might be a great night for JDA to cruise to an easy win over the Crusaders.

The first quarter was anything but easy for the Raiders. JDA had to compete against two opponents that first quarter, Laurens and themselves. At the end of the quarter, the Raiders had zero points on the board, due to a couple of JDA turnovers. Homecoming

festivities might have thrown the Raiders off a bit, early in the game. Maybe just a little bad luck. Either way, the Raiders' fortunes would change.

From the start of the second quarter and after was an entirely different story. JDA scored an incredible 54 points in the final three quarters to collect a 54-8 win over the visiting Crusaders.

"It is always good to be able to come away with the homecoming win. We had a really awful start to the night turning the ball over on the first few drives and scoring zero points in the first quarter, which is something I'm

not sure that we've done all year," said JDA head coach Anthony Reitenour. "But, we got it together and rallied to tally 54 points over the next three quarters with a running clock and shortened quarters the entire second half. Our defense played solid all night giving up only 71 yards on the ground and 39 through the air on an evening full of sacks, safeties and hard hits. Laurens' lone score came on a kickoff return late in the game. It was a great team effort all night. Nasir Void had a career night rushing. Tollie Fickling and Payton Payne made some big plays on the night

defensively and Colson Loadholt was picking the ball out of the sky on both sides of the ball. We are back to work Monday to keep progressing and improving as we open region play this Friday at home versus Holy Trinity Classical Christian."

The Raiders are now 5-1 on the season and will host the visiting 3-3 Holy Trinity Classical Christian Mighty Lions this Friday, September 29 with kick off set for 7:30. Come out and support the Raiders who are looking for their sixth straight victory!

## Hawks ground the War Eagles 34-8

Jeff Miller  
Sports Writer

On a beautiful night for football this past Friday, September 22, the Blackville-Hilda Hawks faced off with another usually high-flying team, the Wagener-Salley War Eagles.

Blackville entered the game at 4-1 and Wagener brought a 3-1 team into the battle of the birds, in what looked to be a pretty good football game. Apparently, no one told the Hawks as they easily grounded the War Eagles 34-8.

"I am proud of our guys for a tough win last night 34-8 over Wagener-Salley. We knew going in that stopping their offense would be tough because it is very difficult to prepare for and it also eats up a lot of clock. Add in the very physical nature of the offense and you get a bruising game...I was proud of our defense for holding them to 8 points after being on the field so long. Offensively, we were very efficient and had another good game rushing the football. We ran it 25 times for 237 yards. Jaquel Holman ran the ball 12 times for 113 yards and 2 touchdowns. Samari Williams added 2 touchdowns and Tamari Daniels carried it 3 times for 55 yards and a touchdown," said Hawks head coach Kevin Jones.

The Hawks have been improving in the kicking game and Coach Jones was very pleased to say, "Our kicking game was outstanding with our returners racking up 101 return yards on 3 attempts. Zyon Burnette was really good on his kick offs and made 4 out of 5 extra points. It was our third game of the season



Coach Kevin Jones and QB Samari Williams improve to 5-1 with a 34-8 win over Wagener-Salley.

Photo by: Kurtis Staley

where we didn't have to punt." Coach Jones also wanted to send a message to one of the Wagener-Salley players. "We want to send our thoughts to the young man injured last night for Wagener-Salley. He was just coming back from an injury and was injured again."

With this victory, Blackville-Hilda moves to 5-1 and will face a very good Hunter-Kinard-Tyler team who remains unbeaten at 6-0. "This is a huge week. HKT

is really, really good. They are undefeated and ranked ahead of us in the top 10. So, we will be the underdogs and need a huge crowd to make it a hostile environment for the Trojans next Friday night. This week presents a difficult challenge, but also an opportunity to see how our young men respond to such a big game," said Coach Jones.

Blackville is led by one of the top running backs in the state in Jaquel Holman. Along with

Holman, the Hawks have been getting great play from quarter-back Samari Williams and wide receiver Tamari "TD" Daniels. The Hawks offensive line has been very solid this year and the defense has been stingy, giving up less than 10 points per game. The match-up with HKT should be a classic high school football battle between two of the best teams in single A football.

Come out and support the Hawks in this huge game!

# Blue Devil alumni, queens return for homecoming



Queen NiKiya Mercado with first runner-up JaKyia Mack and second runner-up Taylor Croft.



NiKiya Mercado was crowned 2023 homecoming queen. Photos by: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter



Gabriel Hosey crowned her successor.



The Williston-Elko Blue Devils marching band performed the National Anthem before the game kicked off.



Left: George Barrett was named homecoming king. Right: 2023 Mr. Blue Devil is Willie Brown. Photos Contributed



Players lined up for an intense game against Ridge Spring Monetta.

### Staff Reports

The Williston-Elko Blue Devils had an action-packed homecoming weekend with a pep rally, parade, and an intense game against Ridge Spring-Monetta resulting in a 14-20 Blue Devils loss. The school along with the alumni homecoming committee worked together to plan this year's festivities. The theme was "Reunion of the Queens" which brought

nearly 30 past homecoming queens back to Williston-Elko High School. Throughout the week, a competition was held among the grades to see who could win the school spirit stick. Each class had to decorate a hall wing, make a banner, create and perform a chant, compete in relay races, and dress up for spirit days. Several businesses decorated their windows during the week to show their Blue

Devil pride. Held on the front lawn of the First Baptist Church of Williston, the community came out to support the football and other varsity teams entering their fall season at the pep rally on Thursday, Sept. 21. Vendors and food trucks allowed participants to shop and eat, and First Baptist Church staff hosted games. The festivities continued into Friday for the parade featuring all the past home-

coming queens on a float for royalty. Graduating classes from 1969 to 2015, local businesses, town officials, and a special memorial float honoring the late Alma Battle all participated in the parade, adorning their blue and white. At the game, many alumni enjoyed tailgating. The Class of 1990 won the spirit stick competition. No homecoming would be complete without the crowning of the homecom-

ing court. Prior to the game, alumni Vivian Reed Dicks and Denise Long provided lunch for the homecoming court girls and their sponsors. Also, alumna Tiana Hines, who owns Fancy Luxe, LLC, donated her time and talent to do the makeup for the homecoming court girls. Supported by the re-union of queens before her, Na'Kiya Mercado was named 2023 homecoming queen. George Barrett

was named homecoming king. First runner-up for queen was JaKyia Mack and second runner-up was Taylor Croft. Laney Fox and Tatum Miller were on the homecoming court. Willie Brown was named Mr. Blue Devil, CiTira Bell was named Sassy Senior, Madison Wright was named Jazzy Junior, Tra'Niya Josey was named Snazzy Sophomore, and Alyah Holmes was named Fancy Freshman.



The Blue Devils were called into a huddle during the game to talk strategy with Coach Kenneth Lipsey.



The Williston-Elko marching band kept the crowd entertained during the pep rally.



Whether playing on the field or cheering from the sidelines, the Blue Devil pride was prominent during homecoming weekend.



Kids of all ages came out to show their support at the pep rally.



The name of each Blue Devils football player was called and cheered for at the pep rally. Pictured is player Quaide Overton.



The WEHS cheerleaders maintained the enthusiasm at the September 21 pep rally.



The Blue Devils football team was supported by the community at the September 21 pep rally.



The WEHS football team joined together in prayer before the pep rally began, asking for a safe season.

# WEHS pep rally, parade, and homecoming game



Sassy Senior CiTera Bell was escorted by her family on the field.



Tatum Miller was escorted by her family on the field.



2023 homecoming queen NiKiya Mercado was escorted by her parents on the field.



First runner-up JaKyia Mack was escorted by her father on the field.



Fancy Freshman Alyah Holmes was escorted by her family on the field.



Jazzy Junior Madison Wright was escorted by her family on the field.



Second runner-up Taylor Croft was escorted by her father on the field.



Snazzy Sophomore Tra'Niya Josey was escorted by her family on the field.



Laney Fox was escorted by her stepfather, Jim Witherspoon, on the field.



Although they faced a loss to Ridge Spring-Monetta, the Blue Devils played hard.



Vickie Benjamin smiles alongside the team's mascot.



The Williston-Elko Blue Devils team is constantly lifting one another up, both spiritually and physically.



Players support one another on and off the field.



The sky was a fitting blue for the homecoming game.



Darrell Newman makes his way to the front while being recognized at the pep rally.



Many clapping hands were heard at the pep rally – by both the community and the athletes, with much to cheer for.



Each player was recognized at the pep rally. Some danced their way to join their teammates.



Cheerleaders kept the spirits high at all events.



The marching band kept the crowd entertained during the pep rally, parade, and game.



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Players supported and encouraged one another during homecoming weekend.



Players take a knee while school administrators speak.



Quaide Overton sits on the shoulders of a teammate during the pep rally.



Cheerleader Jikira Simmons cheers on her classmates.



A WEHS player is tackled by a Trojan during the game.

# Warhorse volleyball spikes Ridgeland-Hardeeville 3-0

Jeff Miller  
Sports Writer

of anticipating Ridgeland's next moves."

The Warhorses recorded a whopping 28 aces against the Jaguars. Brooklyn Gordon led the Horses with 7 aces. Rilee Sandifer and Rebecca Richardson each contributed 6 aces, while Laney Grubbs added 5 more. Jaidyn Devore and Rilee Sandifer led the team in kills with 5 kills each and Ashley Barrett was the team leader in assists with 5 assists on the night.

The Warhorses are 2-1 in region play, but have a tough schedule ahead. The Horses will have three matches this week against local rival Blackville-Hilda,

then region opponents Edisto and Hampton County, formerly known as Wade Hampton.

"Three matches in a week won't leave us a lot of time to practice in between, so we'll have to make corrections as we go. We always have a good time traveling to Blackville. Their crowd and upbeat energy always makes for a good game. After Blackville, we will have one day of practice and then two region games back to back. Both region games are at home, so I'm hoping our fans will help keep us pumped up after a long week. Our community has done a lot for us and we

are so thankful for every bit of support, meals, snacks, donations, and encouragement. We already beat Edisto once this season, but I'm sure they've been working hard to identify our weak spots. We've been working too, so we'll see what happens. We haven't played Hampton yet this season, so we're looking forward to hosting them Thursday," said Coach Furtick.

Come out and support the Warhorse volleyball team as they face foes, Edisto and Hampton County. Go Horses!



#3 Jaidyn Devore and the Warhorse volleyball team are 2-1 in region play. Photo by: Donna Milley

## Williston-Elko tennis bests Fox Creek 4-2



Williston's Madison Wright defeated Fox Creek's #3 by convincing 6-1, 6-0 score to help the Blue Devils earn the win. Photo by: Jeff Miller

## Barnwell falls to Silver Bluff 35-8



Barnwell's Jordan Peeples hits the corner at full speed in the Horses loss to the Bulldogs on Sept. 22. Photo by: Kelley Wood

## Cocky's Corner

Mississippi State Game (Home)  
Attendance: 78,311  
Score: 37-30 Win Record 2-2 (1-1 in SEC)

Stats of the day:  
\*Spencer Rattler 18/20, 288 yds, 3 TDs  
\*Xavier Legette 5 receptions for 189 yds and 2 TDs

Notes:  
\*Legette is SC's 1st player with 2 catches of 75 yds or more in a single game  
\*Carolina retired USC and NFL star Alshon Jeffery's jersey at half-time



Alshon Jeffery had his jersey retired at Saturday night's Mississippi State game at Williams-Brice Stadium. Photo by: Mike Beasley



Xavier Legette (left) and Spencer Rattler (right) connected for 5 catches, 189 yards, and 2 TDs vs. Mississippi State. Photo by: Jeff Miller

## Tiger Tales

Florida State Game (Home)  
Attendance: 81,500  
Score: 24-31 Loss Record 2-2 (0-2 ACC)

Stats of the day:  
\*Total yds- Clemson 429, Florida State 311  
\*Rushing yds- Clemson 146. Florida State 22

Notes:  
\*New Kicker Jonathan Weitz made a FG and 2 PATs, but missed a potential game winning FG in the 4th qtr.  
\*Clemson Athletics honored this year's Hall of Fame inductees, including football players Kyle Parker, DeAndre McDaniel, and Raymond Priester (Allendale-Fairfax graduate)



Raymond Priester was honored as a member of the Clemson Athletics Hall of Fame at Saturday's Florida State game. Photo by: Latonia Brown Priester



Raymond Priester, from Allendale-Farfax High School, was an Honorary Captain for last week's game. Photo by: Latonia Brown Priester



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# Jefferson Davis Academy celebrates homecoming



JDA Head of School Carla Jackson and students wear red, white and blue for Spirit Day on Sept. 21.



Students wore red, white and blue from head to toe for Spirit Day.



Photos Contributed



A parade was held Sept. 21 in celebration of homecoming.



Lower School students were excited to catch candy during the parade led by Upper School students.



School resource officer Lisa Carrigg and student Ellie Fogle were twins on Twin Day.



Second graders Paylen Stilling, Copelynn Ray, Kamrie Polk, Ellison Lott, Harper Donahue at the JDA homecoming parade Sept. 21.

Photo by: Kerrie Stilling



A friendly competition was held during the pep rally Sept. 21.



JDA cheerleaders smile before participating in the homecoming parade.

Photo by: Kathy Googe



JDA cheerleaders hold a sign before the football team enters the field.



JDA cheerleaders and football players on the field during the pep rally.

Photo by: Shirley Perry



Students wore their comfy pajamas on Sept. 19 for Pajama Day.



The Lower School celebrated Character Day on Sept. 20.

# Strengthen the Family Connection with Nostalgic Activities

## 5 ways to share childhood classics with your kids

FAMILY FEATURES

In spite of returning to busy school-day schedules and never-ending to-do lists, most families want to maintain a sense of connectedness all year round. Special moments with your family start by leaving behind that checklist, setting smartphones aside and saving responsibilities for tomorrow.

If you catch yourself reminiscing about the goodness you grew up on, turning back the clock and showing your kiddos what childhood was like for you is one way to foster a better connection with your kids. Throw it back to your childhood with these family-favorite activities to enjoy at the breakfast table, after school or over a weekend.

### Read Favorite Books

Take it a more educational route and hook your children on a favorite novel, short story or book series. You can introduce them to favorite genres, popular characters or specific authors then head to the library to search the shelves. In fact, you could be giving them a leg up on English class; literature from your days in the classroom might still be read in schools today.

### Share the Goodness You Grew Up On

Childhood in the '80s and '90s meant school-day mornings with cartoons and delicious breakfasts. Classics like Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Lucky Charms and Cheerios were good then and are even better now with 20% the daily recommended value of Vitamin D – twice the previous amount. Vitamin D is essential for building and maintaining strong bones but is often under-consumed, according to the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, with 96% of all Americans ages 2 years and older falling short on this key nutrient.

"Cereal has the same great taste as when parents were kids and now even better nutrition," said Amy Cohn, registered dietitian and senior nutrition manager at General Mills. "Affordable, accessible nutrition doesn't have to be complicated or break the bank – and it can be as easy as a bowl of cereal beloved by multiple generations."

### Get Outside and Explore

Tech devices from tablets to video game consoles often dominate kids' free time, but you can open their minds to a whole new world with a little outdoor exploration. Climb aboard bicycles (and strap on those helmets) for a cruise around the neighborhood or enjoy bird watching from the comfort of the backyard. If you're on the adventurous side, gather a tent and s'mores supplies for a night or weekend in the great outdoors.

### Watch Classic Movies

No VCR, no problem. A range of streaming services available at your fingertips means you can watch remastered classics just using a smart TV or casting device. Whether it's a Spielberg favorite, original superhero flick or comedy classic, an abundance of kid-friendly movies from the video rental days are ready to watch online.



Photo courtesy of Getty Images

### Play Board Games

Another way to turn kids' attention from screens to the physical world is to dust off those old board games for some fun at the dining room table. Start with the basics like

checkers or, with older children, jump straight into strategy-based brain games like chess for a dose of friendly competition.

For more ways to share your childhood with the next generation, visit [GeneralMills.com](http://GeneralMills.com).



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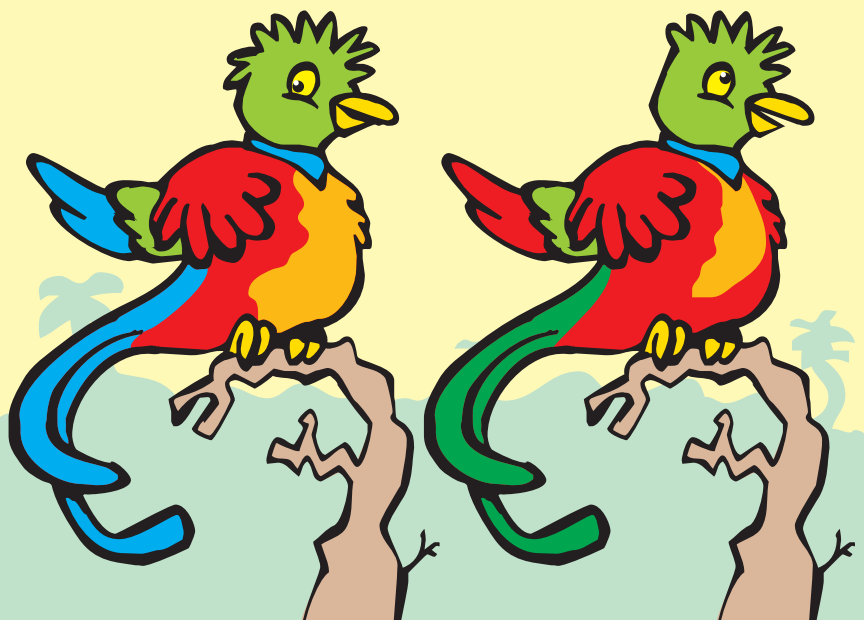
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My name: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

### Find the Differences

The quetzal is a beautiful bird that lives in Central and South America. Find the differences between the two quetzal birds.

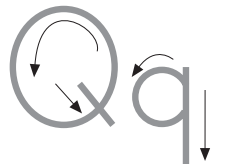


### My Rhyme Time

Quetzal bird, up high in banana tree,  
Quetzal bird, you sit all alone like me.  
You can fly away,  
In the sky away.  
You're more lucky than I.

### My Letters

Q is for Quetzal  
q is for quetzal



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

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that have the sound that the letter Q makes in the word quetzal?

### My Numbers

How many **Q**?  
yellow Qs  
How many **Q**?  
blue Qs  
How many **Q**?  
red Qs



**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.

The quetzal flew



#### Sunday

##### Letter Identification

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

#### Monday

##### Math Play

Point to the number 2 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and trace the number 2s that are large enough.

#### Tuesday

##### Big Q, Little q

With your child, look at one page of the newspaper. Say, "The big Q, called uppercase Q, is looking for his little brother (sister) called lowercase q. Let's see how many big Q, little q matches we can find."

#### Wednesday

##### Two by Two

Ask your child to find pairs of thing in the newspaper. For example: two eyes, two ears, two knees, two elbows.

#### Thursday

##### Find a Feathered Friend

Look through the newspaper for pictures of birds. Cut out one of the birds and glue it to a piece of paper. Give your bird friend a name and talk about how you would care for the bird, if it were real.

#### Friday

##### Pictures to Paint

Watercolor paints add life to black and white pictures in the newspaper. Have your child paint the pictures.

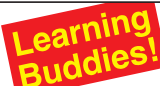
#### Saturday

##### What comes next?

Open the newspaper to one of the first 10 pages and tell your child the page number. Ask, "What page comes next? What page comes before?"

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

Learning Buddy's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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Below is a silly news story written by an imaginary reporter named I.B. Curious. It's a news report that could have happened in this fairy tale:



**Use the code!**

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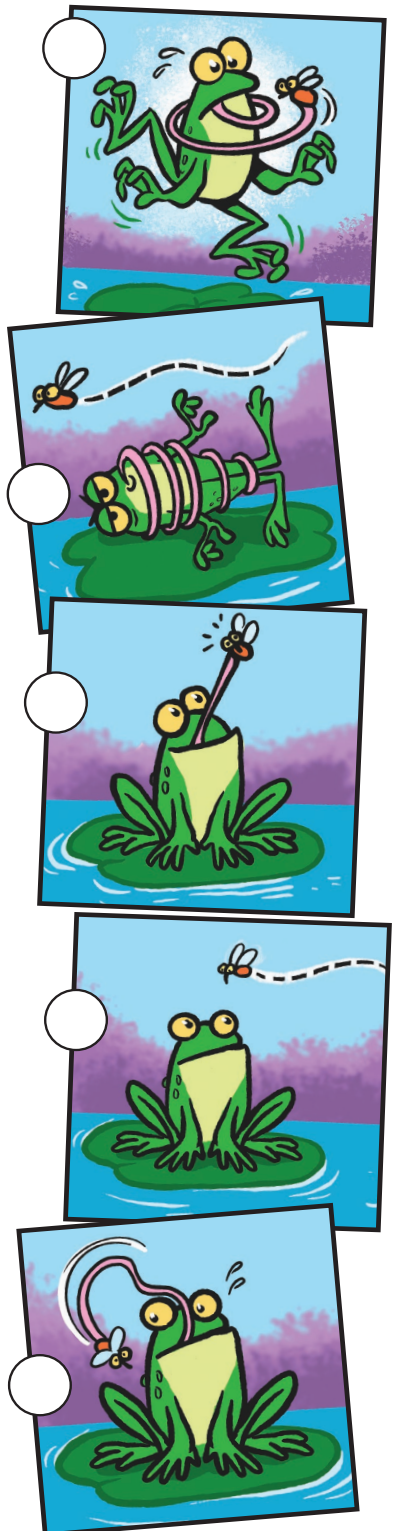
### What's a Reporter?

Reporters, also called journalists, gather facts to tell people what is happening.

Some reporters work for newspapers. Some work for online news. Some work for television news or radio news. There are many ways to be a reporter.

### Kid Scoop Together Scrambled Story

The pictures below tell a silly story, but they're out of order. Can you number them to show the correct order? On another sheet of paper, write the story in words.



## Fairyland Morning Post

# SHOE FOUND: PRINCE SEARCHES FOR OWNER

By I.B. Curious  
STAFF WRITER



His majesty Prince Kevin III.

**FAIRYLAND PALACE** – Just after midnight last night, the Prince of Fairyland found a glass slipper on the grand stairway outside the palace entrance, according to Captain Turret of the Palace Guard.

“Prince Kevin III met a young woman last evening at the Royal Ball,” said Captain Turret. “His majesty wished to ask her out on a date. But the young woman suddenly ran off, just as the clock struck midnight.”

Several guests reported seeing the mysterious woman speeding off in a beautiful, golden coach pulled by a team of white horses. Dozens of witnesses said that she appeared to be wearing only one sparkling shoe.

Captain Turret revealed that Prince Kevin III discovered a single glass slipper on the staircase moments later.

“His majesty has declared that he will lead the search to find the young woman, visiting every house in the kingdom to find the woman whose foot fits this tiny shoe,” said Turret.

An official announcement from the Prince’s assistant requested that anyone with any information about the identity or location of the unknown woman contact the nearest Palace guard immediately.

## Your News Report

Follow the steps below to write a news report about an event in your classroom, at your school, or in your neighborhood.

**STEP 1**  
Pick something to report about. It should be about an upcoming event. Answer each of the following questions about the event.

1. What is happening?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. When will it happen? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Where will it happen? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Why will it happen? \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 2**  
Ask people about this event. Write down what they say. You might find a way to include a quote from one or more in your news report.

**STEP 3**  
Use your notes to write a report about the event. Fill in the blanks or write it on another piece of paper.

\_\_\_\_\_ announced that \_\_\_\_\_  
*WHO* *WHAT*

will be happening at the \_\_\_\_\_  
*WHERE*

on \_\_\_\_\_ said, “\_\_\_\_\_”  
*WHEN (DAY OR DATE)* *WHO*

QUOTE SHOULD BE ABOUT WHY THE EVENT IS HAPPENING

**Extra! Extra!**

### Fact Check

Real news articles report on facts. Look through a page of a newspaper. Underline facts in green. Circle opinions in red.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow written instructions.

5. Who is involved?  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Add additional facts or details.  
\_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 4**  
Draw a picture or take a picture.

Below the picture, write a caption telling who or what is in the picture.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

## Matching Glass Slippers

Can you match each pair of glass slippers in under two minutes?

### Double Double Word Search

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

CLOCK  
DETAILS  
EVENT  
FACT  
GATHER  
MIDNIGHT  
NEWS  
PRINCE  
QUOTE  
RAN  
REPORT  
SHOE  
TINY  
WORK  
WRITE

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

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

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### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

**This week's word: CURIOUS**

The adjective **curious** means eager to learn or know.

Daphne was **curious** about the history of her school.

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

FROM THE **Kid Scoop** LESSON LIBRARY

### Find the Question

Read an article in the newspaper. What questions did the reporter ask to get the information in the article? What questions would you ask?

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Understand and interpret quotations in expository text.

### Why was it so difficult for Cinderella to improve her soccer skills?

ANSWER: Her coach was a pumpkin!

**Write On!**

### Report On It!

Write a report about some news in your life. Be sure to include facts about **who**, **what**, **where**, and **when**.

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