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Tanya Anderson (center) is embraced by her mother, Patricia Washington, and husband, Calvin, after being named BSD45 District Teacher of the Year. Photos by: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

CHEERS & TEARS: District 45 recognizes teachers of year, retirees

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The Barnwell School District 45 (BSD45) Warhorse family came together to hold their end-of-year celebration. Administrators and fellow educators shared kind words about new retirees, each school's Teacher of the Year, and the District Teacher of the Year.

Superintendent Dr. Crissie Stapleton described the 2022-23 school year as a whirlwind ending in this celebration. The breakfast buffet was brought back this year by the BSD45 Teacher Forum to further show the district's appreciation for its educators.

"To all of our staff members, we thank you again for all you do," said Dr. Stapleton. "Thank you for being the light for those around you, and please continue to shine bright. We look forward to seeing you again at the start of the 2023-2024 school year!"

Under the theme "See the Good, Be the Light, and Make the Difference," executive assistant to the superintendent Tina Smith decorated each table with a lightbulb centerpiece and goodie bags with words of wisdom speaking to the theme.

BARNWELL DISTRICT 45 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Tanya Anderson was named the Barnwell Elementary School (BES) Teacher of the Year as well as the BSD45 District Teacher of the Year.

Cheers and tears erupted from the crowd when Anderson's name was announced as the new District Teacher of the Year.

According to Anderson, "it is pressing that the public understands that it truly takes a village, and we need to work together for the good of the students."

She grew up with family members who exemplified this. Dr. Stapleton read a bit



Tears of happiness began to flow when Barnwell Elementary School teacher Tanya Anderson was named District Teacher of the Year.

about where Anderson's love for teaching began before announcing the district-wide recognition.

"Our new District Teacher of the Year recently talked about what factors influenced her to become a teacher," said Dr. Stapleton. "She told of her grandparents who encouraged her to achieve greatness and they both supported her dreams. She told of her aunts fostering her love of teaching and how her younger family members were forced to be her students. She also told how her grandparents were the administrators of her school."

Anderson taught her younger cousins and children in the neighborhood by writing lesson plans and keeping track of grades in a grade book.

Her grandfather would do observations of her classroom and her grandmother would evaluate her lesson plans.

"It was known by everyone that I was going to become a teacher," said Anderson.

Anderson's grandfather passed away before he was able to see her fulfill her dreams and graduate college.

"I smiled knowing that my first administrator prepared me well," said Anderson. "I am truly a blessed child because most children looked up to movie stars and entertainers, but I had my very own stars right there beside

me. My grandparents told me that it was my calling and I still know that it is almost 25 years later."

"That story speaks to my heart, and those are powerful words from a dynamic educator. We are so glad that this individual's grandparents guided her to be a dynamic presence in the lives of so many students," said Dr. Stapleton.

Anderson finds teachers often become who their students need and encourages educators to work together to "improve the journey of our youth."

When named District Teacher of the Year, Anderson also received gifts, a planter full of flowers, a picnic basket with special treats, a Teacher of the Year ring, and a \$1,000 check.

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Jenny Raines, the BSD45 Teacher Forum president, and outgoing BSD45 Teacher of the Year Deanna Grubbs presented each school's Teacher of the Year with a gift bag, a charcuterie board, and a plaque.

Lisa Collins was cheered on by her family as she was named the BPS Teacher of the Year.

"We asked each school-level Teacher of the Year what their message to teachers would be," said Dr. Stapleton.

Collins responded, "I would tell

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Bond granted to kidnapping, rape suspects

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All four suspects in the rape and kidnapping of a 39-year-old Barnwell woman have been granted bond.

Bryce Tolliver, 19, Tyree Tolliver, 25, and Preston Reed, 46, were arrested and charged with criminal sexual

conduct and kidnapping earlier this year after a two-month investigation by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO).

Alvin Brown, 24, later turned himself in to authorities after BCSO released a surveillance image on social media resulting in an anonymous tip provided to the Barnwell County Tip

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Brown



B. Tolliver



T. Tolliver



Reed

Co-assistant principals named at GBMS

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Guinyard-Butler Middle School (GBMS) will have two new assistant principals when classes resume in August.

The school has not had a permanent assistant principal since Henrietta Williams was promoted from assistant principal to principal when Principal Michael Beasley moved to a district office job. Barnwell High Athletic Director Derek Youngblood temporarily filled in for the rest of the school year.

"Mr. Youngblood will continue as the athletic director for the 2023-2024 school year, which is an integral part of Barnwell High School. He has been working to hire the needed coaches and prepare schedules for the program. The district thanks him for serving in this additional capacity during the 2022-2023 school year," said Superintendent Dr. Crissie Stapleton.

The middle school recently completed the application and interview process for the new assistant principal position.

"The GBMS principal and district office leadership, as well as the interview team composed of various stakeholders, have given great consideration to having an experienced assistant principal who is familiar with the staff and students to fill the vacant position. In considering the best plan moving forward, the middle school principal worked with the district office to determine a creative way to fill the position, while playing on the strengths of the strong candidates that were considered," said Stapleton.

This resulted in two GBMS teachers, William Hammonds and Amanda "Mandy" Smith, being selected as part-time assistant principals. Each will teach two classes during the school day while adding on administrative duties.

"Both Mr. Hammonds and Mrs. Smith are dedicated, professional members of the



Smith



Hammonds

Guinyard-Butler Middle School faculty and staff, and they will be assets to the administrative team. It will be an honor to collaborate with them to continue to provide opportunities for our students, so that they may have options for the future," said Principal Williams.

Hammonds is a physical educator teacher and football/basketball coach. Additionally, he has completed additional training and certifications as an aspiring administrator. This is his first administrative role.

Smith was an English language arts educator and MTSS lead teacher during the 2022-2023 school year, and has eight years of administrative experience. She previously served as assistant principal at GBMS.

"Both Mr. Hammonds and Mrs. Smith are champions for Barnwell School District 45 students and families, and they will be wonderful additions to the administrative team at GBMS. Barnwell School District 45 looks forward to welcoming them both into their new roles, and we have no doubt they will positively impact both the staff and students at the middle school," said Stapleton.

According to a press release, Hammonds and Smith are "teacher-leaders" at GBMS and have a "passion for helping students and assisting staff in providing the best possible environment and education for our middle school students."

The new team of GBMS leaders are excited about this opportunity and look forward to the upcoming school year.

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32 Heavenly Angels graduate from Blackville day care

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The love the staff of Heavenly Angels Day Care in Blackville have for the children in their care was evident at the June 1 graduation celebration.

Every child in attendance was cheered on as their parents steered through the drive-thru event with balloons and posters decorating their cars. Heavenly Angels staff handed them goodie bags and diplomas.

Thanks to the Blackville Police Department, traffic was rerouted around the Solomon Blatt Avenue day care so children were safe to wave out of car sunroofs and windows while being applauded by staff and family.

Many of the children will be returning to Heavenly Angels Day Care in the 2023-2024 school year as they serve ages six months to six years old. Director Kadejaha Joyner is going to miss those leaving the center and taking the next step in their academic journey, but feels good knowing she was a part of laying a solid foundation.

"It just really warmed my heart," said Joyner. "I was so proud of the ones that are moving on. It feels good knowing you were a part of the foundation to help build their education."

Kennedy Isaac, Jaxon Reed, Andrea Santimaria, Ishmael Black, Alexander Joyner, and Edward Jones are all taking the next step in their education and beginning 4K.

Heavenly Angels Day Care center was established in 2010 when founder Latonya Conelly moved her business from her home to their current location on Solomon Blatt Avenue.

"I've always had a passion to work with children ever since I was young, and I've always wanted to open a child care facility," said Conelly.

Conelly ran the daycare from her home for two and a half years before purchasing the center. Here is where her daughter, Joyner, grew her passion for childcare and teaching by "growing up watching [Conelly] do it."

When Conelly became the director of the new Williston child care center in January, Joyner was promoted director of Heavenly Angels. Joyner began in the infant room and then the toddler room, allowing her to become attuned to the needs of all ages.

The youngest student at Heavenly Angels Day Care is only three months old. Both Joyner and Conelly are proud to serve as a place where parents can "bring their children here and not worry about them being in harm's way and know we are going to care for them as if they were our own," said Joyner.

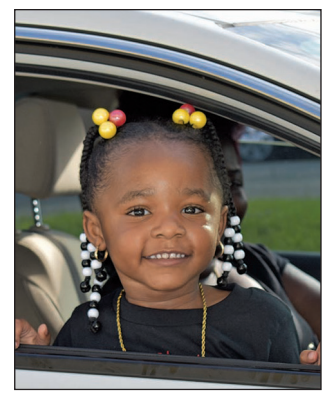
Building this trust with the community came naturally, according to Joyner.



The staff of Heavenly Angels Day Care center in Blackville held an end-of-year graduation for their 32 students. From left to right: Alisha Joyner, Tykera Kinard, Destini Williams, Darlene Walker, Kadejaha Joyner, and Aretha Joyner.



Kobe Lary excitedly waves to his grandfather who is there to support him at his graduation.



Kali Mole excitedly awaits receiving her goodie bag and diploma after completing the 2022-23 school year.



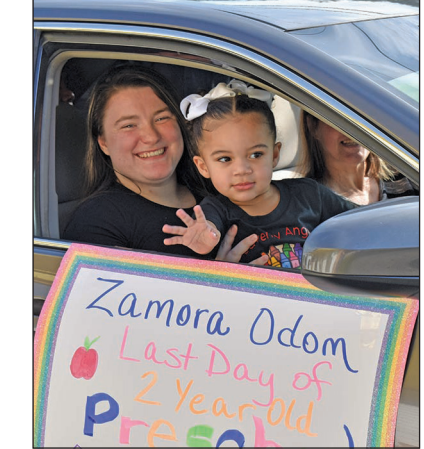
Blesson Fraizer holds hands with Alexander Joyner.



Tykera Kinard congratulates Kali Mole on finishing the school year at Heavenly Angels Day Care.



Toryan James is supported by his family as he is celebrating finishing the school year.



Zamora Odom waves to her teachers as they cheer her on for finishing the school year.



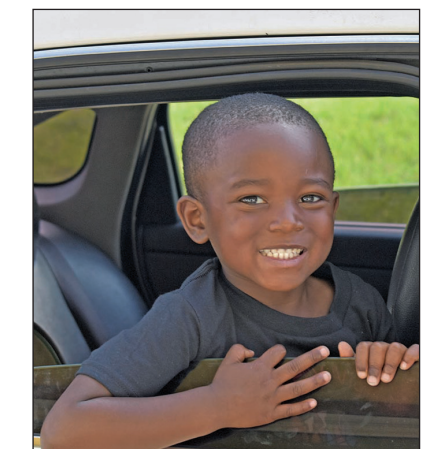
Darlene Walker hands student Zamora Odom her goodie bag and diploma for finishing up the year.



The staff of Heavenly Angels Day Care wave to their graduates and returning students.



Cross Thompson rides with his mother LaTonya Thompson as he is celebrated.



Quavon Johnson is all smiles. He is starting preschool in the upcoming school year.

During the graduation the Heavenly Angels staff cheered on the students just as much as they did the parents - knowing it takes a village to raise a child. Joyner and Conelly are proud to be a part of their parents' villages.

Often parents will have such a good experience with their first child at the center that they bring their second.

"It is so great watching siblings and the different personalities," said Joyner, who is always amazed to see how unique each sibling is despite coming from the same household.

"We watch them come in, some of them being screaming toddlers, to growing up to be talkative preschoolers," said Joyner. "It's hard watching them leave."

Although it is difficult to say goodbye, they never really leave permanently. The nurturing and love a child receives from Heavenly Angels stays with them their whole lives.

Conelly recounts times when she is working in schools or is in public and a child will come running up to her with open arms.

Joyner and Conelly aim to instill confidence and self sufficiency in their students. Both women find it important for these traits to be developed alongside growing their mind academically and socially.

One student in particular

they have watched grow is Blackville-Hilda High School class of 2023 salutatorian Jakori Williams who started at Heavenly Angels at kindergarten age. Joyner has Williams' high school graduation announcement displayed proudly in her office.

Students from all neighboring counties are wel-

come to Heavenly Angels, but only Barnwell and Aiken county residents are able to enroll in their Head Start program as it is partnered with Barnwell County First Steps.

Head Start ready scholars are Ma'el Isaac, India Mallory, Tristian Mayes, and Reimah Walker.

Heading into the tod-

dlar room in the upcoming school year is Blesson Frazier, Harmony Joyner, Autumn Chapman, and Zamora Odom. Cross Thompson, Alaia Robles, Romina Rodriguez, and Jamari Sanders will be returning to the toddler room.

Students ready for the preschool room are Kali

Mole, Quavon Johnson, Amiyah Thomas, and Isadora Truax. They will be joining current preschool students NyKeva Odom, Chance Rivera, Toryan James, Kobe Lary, Karsyn Mike, Kyzir Corley, and Layla Jones who are all returning in the upcoming school year.

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Gym dedication honors legacy of Willie E. Landrum



Joyce Landrum and DeWayne Eubanks unveil the placeholder plaque dedicated to beloved Barnwell educator, Willie E. Landrum. A permanent bronze plaque will be installed in the coming weeks.



The wife and children of Willie E. Landrum stand proudly supporting their late husband and father's legacy at their alma mater, Barnwell Elementary School. From left to right: Dr. Rosalie Natakhi Pettigrew, Nneka Noni Landrum, Dr. Willie Earl Landrum II, and Joyce Landrum.

Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

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Guests entered the newly named Willie E. Landrum Gymnasium on Hagood Avenue through raindrops to honor the dedication and acknowledge the legacy of a beloved educator.

"With all the rain that is coming down look how many people showed up for Mr. Landrum," said DeWayne Eubanks, dedication project coordinator, during the May 27 ceremony.

Willie E. Landrum is described as "a man who exemplified honesty, empathy, and strength," said his son, Dr. Willie E. Landrum II.

For 25 years, Landrum served as an assistant principal at Barnwell Elementary School (BES) administering kindergarten through fifth grade before Barnwell Primary School was established for kindergarten through third grade students.

Although his signature, booming laugh is no longer heard on the school's campus, Landrum's legacy lives on through the stu-



dents and staff he impacted.

Landrum served as a "school father" to many students, according to retired BES teacher and re-dedication project committee member Jane Hunter.

"If I were to go outside and write the names of every child and every teacher Mr. Landrum had a positive influence on, I would run out of brick," said Hunter. "God put him here in this school, and we were lucky enough to have him here."

After his death in February 2021, Landrum's everlasting impact contin-

ued to live on in those he taught.

"When I made the decision to go into administration, I remember all of the things my dad taught me," said Landrum's daughter, Dr. Rosalie Natakhi Pettigrew. "One of the biggest lessons he ever taught me was that it matters how you treat people."

Dr. Pettigrew continues to pass on this message of treating others with respect and kindness she learned from her father, which he learned from his parents.

Dr. Pettigrew attributes her father's greatness to

his parents, Harvey and Vernell Landrum. She hopes every time you pass the Willie E. Landrum Gymnasium you think of them too.

Landrum was one of eleven children. He attended school in Walterboro before furthering his education at Claflin University in Orangeburg and then onto Virginia Tech to earn his Master's of Education in school administration.

Barnwell was not his original home, but upon coming to BES in 1979 he quickly developed a family.

"My dad bloomed where he was planted, he smiled through every obstacle, and he gave his best to everything he touched," said Dr. Pettigrew.

Hunter remembers when Landrum would come into the newly named Willie E. Landrum Gymnasium and the children's faces would light up. She recalls he was rarely in his office and preferred to be with the stu-



The Willie E. Landrum Gymnasium (above) on Hagood Avenue was packed (at left) on May 27 for the dedication ceremony to rename the gymnasium after the late educator.

dents and teachers.

"The spirit of Mr. Landrum circulates here," said Representative Lonnie Hosey. "I feel something that tells me his spirit is looking down upon us right now."

Many kind words were said of Landrum at the dedication ceremony.

Wilbur Cave, former Barnwell School District 45 (BSD45) transportation supervisor, referenced a song by The Commodores and Lionel Richie saying, "Willie Landrum was easy like Sunday morning."

"He was really a great man. It was an honor and pleasure to meet Mr. Landrum," said Sergeant Donald Danner followed by a song.

"He longed to see his students' hearts change and grow," said Vickey McCreary. McCreary was taught by Landrum at BES as well as Union United Methodist Church where he led Sunday school.

Nneka Noni Landrum,

Landrum's daughter, read a poem by American poet Amanda Goreman titled "Closure."

Landrum's wife of 52 and a half years, Joyce, was the last to speak at the event.

"How can I express what I need to express? I just need the right words," said Joyce, who then listed all those involved in bringing this to fruition. "What can I say that would make a difference and they would really know how I feel?"

"It all came down to two words...thank you," she said.

"On behalf of my family and myself, I truly thank you for your affirmation of Mr. Landrum's leadership and his loyalty and his commitment to Barnwell Elementary School," said Joyce. "I know that my wonderful husband is looking down, and he is smiling, and he is satisfied, and pleased with the work he did while on this Earth."

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BHHS Class of 1977 celebrates 46th reunion

Blackville-Hilda High School Class of 1977 held its 46th reunion on May 26-28. The reunion started with a fish fry on Friday night, May 26 (venue provided by Ronnie Thomas and Gloria Hammond) and continued Saturday night, May 27 with a banquet (venue provided by Joe and Sarah Thomas). The reunion concluded Sunday, May 28 with worship at Macedonia Baptist Church. Pictured left to right: (sitting) Jerry Mt. Joy (teacher), Ronell Thomas, Bertha Johnson, Queenie Byas, Mary Louise Bell, Diane Washington, Wanda Hunter Brown, Mitzi Weeks, and Ronald Hinnant (teacher); (standing) Robert Corley, Tommy Gardner, Billy Still, Ricky Huggins, Terry Sandifer, Willie L. Thomas, Timothy Still, Leon Peoples. Not pictured: Cynthia T. Mole, Dennis Williams, Ronnie Martin, and Ms. Zepher Fredrick (teacher).



BIRTH



Connor Doyle Kinard was born on May 25, 2023.

Connor Doyle Kinard

David and April Kinard of Aiken are proud to announce the birth of their son, Connor Doyle Kinard. He was born on May 25, 2023 at 6:06 p.m. at Piedmont University in Augusta, Ga. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 22 inches long. Connor was welcomed home by his brother, Rhett Kinard. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mark (Cynthia) Griffitt of Barnwell; Mr. and Mrs. Marion (Joyce) Dwight of Bamberg. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Doyle (Carolyn) Livingston of Barnwell; Mrs. Marian Griffitt of Barnwell; Mrs. Frances Bigham and the late Mr. Robert Bigham of Blair, the late Mr. and Mrs. Franklin (Betty) Hutto of Branchville.

BIRTH



Arielle Kateri Walker was born on April 13, 2023.

Arielle Kateri Walker

Harold Ashton Walker and Yolanda Shawna Dicks of Barnwell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Arielle Kateri Walker. She was born April 13, 2023 at 12:25 p.m. at Prisma Health Baptist Parkridge Hospital in Columbia. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 20.5 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Harold and Marie Walker of Barnwell. Maternal grandparent is Sandra Dicks of Williston.

BIRTH



Nolan O'neal Chavis was born on May 16, 2023.

Nolan O'neal Chavis

Alexander Chavis & Josie Birt of Hilda are proud to announce the birth of their son, Nolan O'neal Chavis. He was born on May 16, 2023 at 12:56 a.m. at Aiken Reginal Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds and measured 21 inches. Maternal grandparents are Charlie & Darlene Birt of Olar. Paternal grandparents are Rodney & Angela Chavis of Hilda.

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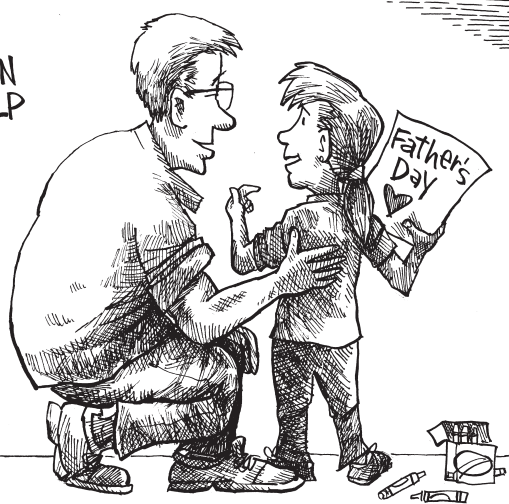
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Homemaker's Column

Kitchen safety tips for children



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Many children make their own snacks. Parents should establish guidelines to follow when children prepare their own lunches and snacks.

Make sure children know how to operate any kitchen equipment they will use to prepare food, especially microwave or conventional ovens, toasters, can openers or other electrical equipment. Discourage children from using fats and oils for frying. The dangers from splattering and the chance of fire are too great. Fires can occur in the microwave oven, too. Make certain children take the time to read and follow instructions on the packages of microwavable foods they prepare. Remind children not to use aluminum foil in the microwave, because sparks and fire may result. You should always cover food properly with microwavable covers, plastic wrap, or waxed paper before cooking to avoid splattering during the heating process. Make sure steam and pressure can escape through loosely placed covers or by poking holes in the plastic wrap.

Here are some other recommendations on safety in the kitchen:

- Make sure hands are dry when connecting an electrical plug to or disconnecting from an outlet.
- Handle sharp edges of aluminum can lids carefully after using an electric or manual can opener.
- Use a knife on a cutting board and turn the knife's sharp edge away from the body. Cut slowly and carefully. Wash knives cautiously and never put them into soapy dishwater to wash later. The person washing the dishes may not realize knives are in the water.
- Avoid putting extremely hot water into the sink to wash dishes because burns to hands may result.

- Watch for dangling appliance cords and make certain the handles of cooking pots on the stove are turned toward the center of the appliance.
- Don't leave the kitchen when cooking, especially if younger children are in the home.
- Also, always wash your hands before you prepare food and to promptly refrigerate leftover foods after you finish

HEALTHY SNACKS FOR CHILDREN

Snack foods should be a part of children's regular dietary pattern and provide nutrients that they need. Try these healthful, no-cook snacks.

Fruit Slices: Spread peanut butter on apple or banana slices.

Veggies with Dip: Cut carrots, celery, cucumbers, or zucchini into sticks or coins. Then dip them into prepared salsa.

Snack Kebobs: Cut raw vegetables and fruit into chunks. Skewer them onto thin pretzel sticks.

(To prevent discoloration, dip cut pieces of fruit in orange juice.)

Salsa Quesadillas: Fill a soft tortilla with cheese and salsa, fold over, and grill.

Banana Pops: Peel a banana and dip it in yogurt. Roll in crushed breakfast cereal and freeze.

Pudding Shakes: Mix ½ cup low-fat or fat free milk with 3 tablespoons of instant pudding mix. Put in a non-breakable, covered container. Make sure the lid is tight. Shake and pour into a cup.

Peanut Butter Balls: Mix peanut butter and bran or cornflakes in a bowl. Shape the mixture into balls with clean hands. Roll balls in crushed graham crackers.

Ice Cream-Wiches: Put a small scoop of ice cream or frozen yogurt between two oatmeal cookies or frozen waffles.

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Chiropractor puts smile on dog's face, a spring in his step



Phil Hudgins

Contributor

Otto is not your ordinary dog. For starters, he's a Pembroke Welsh Corgi, a sophisticated little pooch with a big heart. Queen Elizabeth owned a passel of them. You may have seen them on TV, parading around the palace grounds with their stubby legs like they owned the place.

Otto is not that uppity. Still, he's not the kind of dog that would lie around under a 1957 Ford pickup, rubbing his back against the greasy crankshaft to ease the itch from a bad case of mange. He carries himself as though he's special, and he knows it. He has no tail, but he shakes what he's got, like a hula dancer.

This boy was the pick of the litter when his owners, Patrick and Marcia Brock, brought him home

from the Corgi farm nearly three years ago. He loves to run and play, and he's never met a squeaky toy he didn't like. If there's no toy around, one of those plastic bottles minus the two dollars' worth of water will do nicely.

After about a year at his new home, Otto—named after a town in North Carolina—started holding up his right front paw constantly. At first, the Brocks thought he wanted to shake with everyone he met.

Turned out, though, his brain apparently wasn't telling that paw it was usable just like the other three. Or a nerve was pinched. Or something.

Eventually, Otto underwent surgery. Everything then looked fine on x-rays. But he continued to hold up that paw as though he'd stepped in something.

Then Marcia heard about a chiropractor who might be able to help. A people chiropractor, one who works on people, not dogs.

Patrick had the honor of taking Otto for his first adjustment. "Here we go again," he must have thought, "more money down the canine drain." But it was worth a try.

Otto was a little apprehensive—

if dogs can be apprehensive—but he submitted willingly. The chiropractor worked on his shoulders, his neck, his back, and Otto just lay there quietly. No whimpering. The problem, the man said finally, is in his neck. Who knew?

Once outside, Otto put that right front paw on the ground with the other three and ran around smiling like a spirit had cast out a demon lurking in his faulty strut.

Marcia has taken Otto for three more adjustments, and she wondered briefly if this man could treat her migraines while Otto awaited his turn. No, this was Otto's time, not hers.

Otto still reverts to his old three-legged gait occasionally, but he's much better. And he looks forward to every treatment by the chiropractor.

It's important that Marcia and Patrick want the best care for their special dog. That's because they're my daughter and son-in-law, and if it falls their lot to look after me or my wife one of these days, we want to know they'd spare no expense to get whatever needs fixing fixed.

Just what they did for their cute, little doggie.

Better Business Bureau

BBB offers tips for a problem-free Father's Day shopping experience



Kelvin Collins

Better Business Bureau

With Father's Day quickly approaching on June 18th, many loved ones are actively searching for and purchasing gifts for the father figures in their lives. The National Retail Federation (NRF) is estimating a total spending of \$22.9 billion on Father's Day gifts and celebrations this year, based on the responses to their annual survey. That's more than 10% higher than 2022, and on track to be a record year. They anticipate the most money will be spent on special outings, clothing, electronics, and gift cards.

According to NRF, 43% of Father's Day shoppers will be searching for their gift online and the average total spending per person is expected to hit a record \$196.23, up from \$171.79 last year. BBB reminds consumers to be wary of online purchase scams and all-inclusive packages advertised at steep discounts while shopping for Father's Day purchases.

When purchasing gifts online, for Father's Day or any other celebration, it is essential to exercise caution and carefully read the limitations of the purchase, expected delivery date, and source of the product. BBB's 2022 Scam Tracker Risk Report identified online purchase scams as the No. 1 riskiest scam affecting consumers in North America across all age groups. Online purchase scams comprised 31.9 percent of all scams reported to BBB Scam Tracker in 2022, with 74% of submissions reporting money loss. Scammers often capitalize on marketplace trends, and Father's Day provides an opportunity for fraudulent sellers to advertise products and services disguised as gift ideas.

"If it's too good to be true, it is," one consumer reported to BBB Scam Tracker. "I tried to order my husband a gift for Father's Day and got taken for \$98. I ordered some tools I found online and paid through PayPal, then my receipt said I was paying a person instead of a company, which seemed strange. I contacted PayPal immediately, but they could not return my money. It was that

fast! The website was no longer active the very next day, but they already have a new one that looks the same and they always say 80% off."

While shopping for Father's Day gifts this year, BBB recommends the following guidelines to avoid issues:

- **Read the fine print.** When buying gift cards or outing packages, check the terms and conditions before purchase to ensure that the expiration date and any other limitations will not be problematic. Pay close attention to any policies that may void the transaction if not followed, such as arrival times, cancellation/rescheduling processes, and if there are physical restrictions or requirements. If you give a gift card to someone who will make online purchases, be sure it is valid for in-store and online purchases.
- **Watch for signs of tampering.** When purchasing gift cards in stores, carefully check the packaging to be sure there's no signs that someone has been able to access the card's numbers and pin. If someone fraudulently captures and records this information, they could steal loaded funds once they've determined that a gift card has been activated.
- **Do your homework.** Before ordering electronics, clothing, or other gifts for Father's Day, check out the company's BBB Business Profile at bbb.org. Be sure to check for the 'lock' icon in the web address and that it begins with 'HTTPS,' which indicates a secured system before placing an order or inputting credit or debit card information. Gifts that include personalization options, such as names, are popular purchases for Father's Day but can sometimes be made with low-quality materials that will not last. Read reviews and complaints from previous customers before placing an order to ensure the product received is similar to the advertised product.
- **Allow time for shipping and delivery.** Check with the retailer or website to ensure you have allowed enough time to deliver any purchased gifts. Make sure that your preferred delivery date is specified clearly and guaranteed when you order. For expensive items, you may want to consider requiring the package to be signed for on delivery to prevent package theft.
- **Be responsible with rentals.** Sometimes to create a unique gift, rentals are involved. Before

renting ATVs, campers, motorcycles, or other recreational equipment for excursions this Father's Day, be sure you get a written contract that includes details such as the base rental cost, daily fees, insurance, and time restrictions for any equipment. Also, take the time to visually inspect the rental and get written proof of any existing damage to avoid disputes over unexpected maintenance and repair fees.

• **Have a backup plan.** Take the time to understand a store or service's guarantee and other policies. Find out how the business handles customer complaints and what options you will have if the arrangement is unsatisfactory. It is best to use a credit card when ordering online due to the added protections credit cards have to dispute charges. Charges made on a debit card, wire transfer or mobile banking app are often the same as cash, and you may not be able to dispute charges if there is a problem.

• **Don't click online coupons.** If you see a post on social media or receive an email with an offer, don't click on the link unless you're sure the source is legitimate, as it could take you to a malicious website. Suppose you see an advertisement for a product or sale online, especially on social media. In that case, search for it independently by going directly to the company's website to verify the offer is legitimate. Learn more about social media scams on bbb.org.

If you're shopping online, check BBB's Tips for Smart Shopping Online and additional tips at bbb.org/onlineshopping.

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 or E-mail: info@centralgeorgia.bbb.org

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“Magic” is happening in Barnwell County

David B. Corder
Contributing Writer

Have you ever wanted to be a wizard? Ever wanted to throw fireballs and ensnare the minds of your enemies? Want to summon powerful creatures such as dragons and dinosaurs to do battle at your command? Well, there's an option for you!

A group of Magic: The Gathering players are starting a local gaming community centered around

the famous trading card game. Brian Hall is one of the key players (pun intended) in starting this community and bringing it to Barnwell. Brian and his wife are avid fans of the game with lots of cards to their name.

“I was introduced to the game about two years ago,” Hall says. “I started with purchasing one preconstructed Commander deck, and so did my wife. We began to upgrade them which has progressed to having approximately 9-10 decks in our collection.”

After attending game nights in Evans, Ga. at a game store and seeing the relationships that were built using the game as a foundation, Brian wanted to start a MTG community in Barnwell, hoping to provide a local place for people to play the game. “My hope is that we bring people who play locally together to not only improve at the game by playing against different strategies but also to make new friends. Ultimately, I think it would be awesome to grow and get enough

involvement to where there is simply another reliable option to play Magic in the CSRA.”

The precursor to trading card games such as Pokémon and Yu-Gi-Oh!, Magic: The Gathering was created in the early 90s with millions of players around the world today. The game is based on the idea of players taking on the persona of wizards or “planeswalkers” and having a magical battle where they cast spells and summon creatures. A player builds his deck based around the

colors of blue, black, red, green, and white, employing strategy and chance in order to successfully win the game. The trading card game is a worldwide phenomenon and is even played by celebrities such as musician Post Malone and NFL player Cassius Marsh. For Hall, and many other players, the game is simply entertaining. “I enjoy that at its core it's a simple card game, but once you get into the weeds it's a very complex game where every game can be different, especially with the format of

Commander.”

The Barnwell County MTG EDH currently tries to meet twice a month to play Magic at the Barnwell County Library. Interested players can come to play, watch, and learn. If you'd like to learn more, feel free to check out and join the group's Facebook page at Barnwell County MTG EDH. The next meeting will be on Saturday, June 24 from 1-6 p.m. at the Barnwell library. We hope to see you soon, and to make some Magic happen!

Corder's Creative Corner: *My upcoming book*

David B. Corder
Contributing Writer

It's been almost a year since I announced *Project Nightshade*, a dark fantasy book about a young girl looking for her lost memories in a magical world. The plan was to publish the book in a year, however, plans changed, such is life. The biggest change is I'm not publishing the same book that I started out writing.

There were a lot of false starts as I started on the road towards publication. Having the idea for the novel was easy and starting to write it was easy. But finishing the book? That was really hard. I ended up not focusing on the original idea and looking at other possible things to write for my first book, all of it to no avail. One thing I've learned in the past year

is that I can crank out ideas and first drafts like crazy, but it's revising those ideas and drafts that I have difficulty doing, especially when they are in the form of a 50,000-word novel.

In the process of juggling project ideas, I came across a manuscript that I started on a couple of years ago which was an epic fantasy novel. I quit writing it because it was going to have to be close to 100,000 words if I wanted to effectively tell the story that I had in mind. But a 100,000-word novel is overwhelming, and fear and intimidation kept me from continuing the project.

Then I heard about something called short reads,

which are very popular on Amazon. Instead of writing full-length novels, many authors publish short stories and novellas and sell them as books. They come out with entire series of short stories consisting of books that are 20,000, 10,000, and even 5,000 words each. It's a viable option for someone who wants to get their feet wet publishing a book without having to go through the rigor of crafting an entire novel.

So I decided that I was going to publish a short read. I took the bones of my epic fantasy novel and started crafting shorter works out of it. I started writing new stories based on the world that

I created, and now I have several projects on my hard drive that can be used for short reads. They still need a good deal of editing, but the option is before me if I choose to take it.

By late August or early September, I plan to publish my first book. It will be a short read, a novelette, between 13,000 and 15,000 words, which I think will

put it between 35-50 pages. I have had several beta readers look at the piece, and I am now in the revision process. By next week I hope to send the book off to an editor and spend the rest of the summer editing it, formatting it for self-publication, and making a book cover for it.

I am beyond excited to have this project completed and to have my first book published.

The book is heavily inspired by Skyrim and Dungeons and Dragons, and if you are a fan of Tolkien, Salvatore, or the Sword and Sorcery genre, chances are that you will enjoy it. I'll have more about my book out soon, but in the meantime be sure to check my column to catch any updates on the book.

Feel free to contact David at dbcorderwriter@gmail.com.

Barnwell County Arrest Reports

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

Jamarr Antwan Livingston, 32, of 184 Tracy Street, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on June 11, 2023 by the Williston Police Department (WPD) for Driving Under Suspension, 2nd. Livingston was booked and released to the Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).

Jeffery Lewis Penley, 52, of 131 Jones Ray Circle, Williston, S.C. was arrested on June 10, 2023 by WPD for Petit Larceny (Enhanced). Penley was booked and released to BCDC.

Zachariah Clary Smith, 37, 625 Dunbarton Road Apt. C-2, Williston, S.C. was arrested on June 9, 2023 by WPD for False Information to the Police. Smith was booked and released to BCDC.

Pricalla Denise Walker, 42, of 634 Elko Street, Williston, S.C. was arrested on June 11, 2023 by WPD for Shoplifting. Walker was booked and released to BCDC.

BARNWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT 45 LAWN MAINTENANCE RFP

Sealed bids will be accepted Monday through Wednesday from 7:30am to 5:00pm and Thursday from 7:30am to 4:00pm beginning Monday, June 12, 2023 and ending Monday, June 26, at 12:00 noon.

A public bid opening will be conducted on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 770 Haggod Ave, Barnwell, SC 29812 in the PD Room at 12:00 noon. Sealed bids are to be received or delivered at 770 Haggod Ave, Barnwell, SC 29812 prior to 12:00 noon on June 26, 2023.

Scope of work and bid information can be found at <https://www.bsd45.net/Page/274>.

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Bid Documents may be obtained by contacting the Architect:
Hughes, Beattie, O'Neal, Law, & Associates, PC,
1075 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, SC 29803.
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or Email: dharper@hbolarchitecture.com.



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Date: June 29, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m.

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

Current Fiscal Year Revenues	Projected Revenue 2023-2024	Percentage Change in Revenue	Current Fiscal Year Millage
\$1,143,300	\$1,507,725	1.318%	79 Mills

Current Fiscal Year Expenditures	Projected Expenditures 2023-2024	Percentage Change in Expenditures	Current Millage for 2023-2024
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Dwayne Allen Liddle

on but he would give you the shirt off his back. He was a great fisherman and fishing was life. He loved coaching and watching his boys play baseball. He never missed an opportunity to take his family fishing, especially Logan on their late-night adventures. He went to the river often with his father and could be found hanging with his Daddy in the garage. He loved his Mama's cooking and no one else's could compare. He loved talking to Nellie and picking at her for being a clean freak and talking to Clint about cars. He cherished his Mema and Grandma. He loved his Buddyroe, Boo, Piper, and Everleigh. He loved grilling, watching hummingbirds, and his dogs. Dwayne was a wonderful golfer, helping the Warhorses win a state tournament.

Dwayne never met a stranger. At one point he wanted to be a preacher and worked as a maintenance technician and eventually a mechanic. He fixed everything and helped anyone.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at

12:00 noon in Mt. Lebanon Christian Church with Rev. Ron Franklin officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Lebanon Christian Church Cemetery. The family greeted guests from 11 a.m. until the time of service.

Dwayne is survived by his parents, his loving wife, Stacy Leann Noles Liddle; children, Noah Dwayne Allen Liddle, Nicholas Freeman Liddle, Jacob Ezra Gable, Gracelynn Angie Liddle, Lily Mae Liddle, and Laila Renee Gable; sisters, Nellie Renee (Clint) Kirkland of Barnwell and Logan Lane Liddle of Barnwell; grandmothers, Karen Liddle and Betty Marie McCoy; father-in-law, Jacky Wade Noles; mother-in-law, Mildred Renee Morrow; along with many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his grandfathers, Gerald Dwayne Liddle and Grover Harley McCoy.

Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell was in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com.

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Linda Birt Dicks

Blaikie officiating. The family had a private service prior to the graveside. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the St. Jude's Childrens Hospital or to the Animal Advocates of Barnwell.

Linda had the gift of hospitality. She loved nothing more than to bring her family and friends together for a meal, set a beautiful table and decorate with fresh florals picked from her yard. She was a wonderful cook, decorator and loved to sing. She was a member of Sandlapper League, Cherokee Garden Club, The Winton Assembly and the State Park Supper Club. She was a loving wife of 43 years, mother, grandmother, and friend and will be greatly missed

by many. She is survived by her husband, Hamilton Dicks III; son Hamilton (Michele) Dicks IV of Barnwell; daughter, Allison Dicks (Tim) Forehand of Barnwell; grandchildren, Caity, Emily, Anna Dicks; niece, Lisa Childers; nephew, Chris Sorrell; and her loving dog "Beau". The family would like to thank Diane Bodiford, Jennifer King and Lisa Childers for all their love and compassion.

She is preceded in death by her brother, Glenn Birt, and sister Faye Birt Sorrell.

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BARNWELL - Dwayne Allen Liddle, 33, passed away on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 in Barnwell. Dwayne was born on February 15, 1990 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Bart Allen and Angie McCoy Liddle.

Dwayne loves his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He loves his wife, Stacy, and his children, Noah, Nic, Gracelynn, Lily, Laila and Jacob. He loves his mother and father, Angie and Bart, and his sisters, Nellie and Logan. Dwayne's love for his family, like the love of his Heavenly Father's, is unending. Dwayne filled every room he entered, always smiling, laughing, joking, and dancing. He was the most generous person you could ever meet. He always had a hat

BARNWELL - Linda Birt Dicks, 75, went to be with her Lord on June 6th, 2023, at home surrounded by family.

She was born on August 4th, 1947 to the late Murray Lawrence and Gladys Bolen Birt.

A graveside service was held Friday, June 9th, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. at Barnwell County Memorial (Airport) Cemetery with Rev. Doug

Rickey Sargent

Rickey passed away at home on Wednesday, June 7, 2023.

Born in Barnwell County, he was a son of Betty Hammett Sargent Bannister and the late Roy Lamar Sargent. He previously worked in construction and operations and in his younger years, he was a volunteer firefighter in Snelling. Rickey was a devoted servant and dear brother of Bethany Baptist Church. He loved sports and was an avid Clemson fan. Rickey loved riding his motorcycle and enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

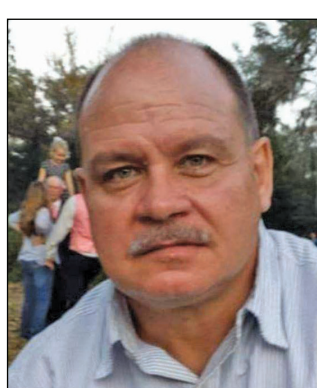
Survivors include his loving wife of 32 years, Katherine "Kathy" McElmurray Sargent; a daughter, Hannah S. (Joey) Kitchings, and two grandchildren, Rowen and Kallie Kitchings; his mother, Betty Sargent Bannister; a sister, Tonya (Marty) Carroll,

all of Barnwell; a brother, Trevor (Amanda) Bannister of Beaufort; step-father, William W. Bannister; brothers-in-law, Mike McElmurray and Danny (Jeffrey Hamilton) McElmurray; nephews, Ty (Ashley) Carroll, McCrae Carroll, and Draven Bannister; nieces, Jasmine Bannister, Megan Hampton, and Lisa (Doug) Wilkie; a special life-long friend, Ben Johnson Jr.; and numerous close cousins and friends that he loved dearly.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Laura McElmurray.

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

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BARNWELL - A Celebration of Life Service for Rickey Lamar Sargent, 62, of Barnwell, was held at 3 o'clock p.m., Saturday, June 10, 2023 at Bethany Baptist Church, Barnwell, with the Reverend Robert Altman and Todd Teems officiating. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 9, 2023 at Folk Funeral Home, Williston. Memorial contributions may be given in Rickey's memory to Bethany Baptist Church, P.O. Box 156, Barnwell, S.C. 29812.

Mary Beth Creech

faithful member of Friendship Baptist Church. She served on several committees, one of her favorites was Willing Hearts. She loved God, family, and church.

Although she was unable to have children, she made us feel more like her children and grandchildren rather than nieces and nephews.

She is survived by her brother, Elbert Creech; niece, Joy (Bill) Bonnette; great nieces and nephews, Raven (Jeff) Santino, Aaron Padillo, Caleb Padillo, Mallory Padillo and her fiancé Lane Walling, Brittini Bonnette, and Parker Bonnette; great-great nieces and nephews, Landon Santino, Sophia Santino, Payton Padillo, and Teigen Walling.

A visitation was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 11th, 2023 at Friendship Baptist Church. Funeral services followed at 3 p.m., with Rev. Jeffrey Ray, Rev. Kyle Hardin, and Rev. Marshall Still officiating. Pallbearers were Jeffrey Santino, Lane Walling, Blake Whaley, Colton Bolen, Doug Bragg, and Bryan Randall.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary Beth's memory can be made to Friendship Baptist Church or charity of choice.

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BARNWELL - Mary Beth Creech, 77, passed away at her home on June 6th, 2023. She was born on June 16th, 1945 in Barnwell to the late Clyde and Lauvenia Creech.

After 35 years of banking, she pursued her dream of being a caregiver. She was described by many as a very kind, loving, and compassionate person. She was a

Mary W. Ayer

OLAR - Mary Willingham Ayer, 69, passed away on June 6th, 2023 in Olar. She was born on December 8th, 1953 to the late Hammond and Jean Willingham.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur Earl Ayer; sons, Joey (Lois) Ayer and Jeffery Ayer; sisters, Yvonne (Paul) Taylor of Panama City, FL, Becky (Daniel) Miller

of Newberry, Linda (Tony) Hair of Batesburg Leesville, and Mary A. Benton; grandchildren, Aaron Logan (Rebecca) Ayer, Garrett Thomas Ayer, and Larry Joyner III; as well as a great-grandson, Gunner Lagrand Ayer. She is preceded in death by her son, Robert Earl Ayer.

A graveside service was held on Thursday, June 8th,

2023 at 5 p.m. at the Barnwell County Memorial (Airport) Cemetery, with Pastor Philip Renew officiating.

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Over 275 women unite in praise, prayer



Contributed Photo

Many attendees wore purple during the women's conference at Ned Branch Baptist.



Photo Courtesy: Shot by Rakiya Photography

The women's conference proved to be a joyful experience for the attendees.

Jonathan Vickery
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More than 275 women attended Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church of Barnwell's inaugural women's conference on Saturday, April 29.

Debra Kearse Young, a member of Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church, hosted the conference under the leadership and guidance of Pastor Bobby L. Dukes.

"Ms. Debra did an exceptional job coordinating the event, and God did exceedingly and abundantly above all we could imagine or think," said Pastor Dukes. "This event is one that will be talked about for years and years to come."

The purpose of the conference was to bring an event to the Barnwell County area that would be an inspiring, enlightening, and networking experience to all women who attended. The theme was "For Such a Time as This." This theme was



Hands were raised in praise while others were laid on heads in prayer during the event.

Photo Courtesy: Shot by Rakiya Photography

chosen by Dukes who knows life can be challenging, and these challenges can sometimes overwhelm us; however, God can help.

"Days later and I am still hearing comments from attendees about how inspired and motivated they were by the conference event. Their feedback ranged from feeling like they are

in a much better place as a woman, how powerful the speakers were, how networking managed to help them meet new people, and so much more," said Young.

The event began with a continental breakfast at 9 a.m. The conference started at 10 a.m. and lasted about four hours. Entertainment was provided by Jayliah

Collins, a recording artist from Williston, and praise dance performances were performed by D'Ondrea Frederick.

Next, attendees heard from two guest speakers that were chosen by Pastor Dukes. First, Pastor Treska Johnson preached and encouraged the women with a sermon titled, "They

Have Been in this Place Long Enough." Pastor Johnson is from Columbia. The second guest speaker was Prophetess Angel Williams, a native of Barnwell who resides in Augusta, Ga. She engaged the crowd with a sermon titled, "Girls Gone Wild."

"Both speakers were powerful, uplifting and

spoke encouraging words to the attendees," said Dukes.

The church thanks these sponsors for their generous support that made the event possible: DeShawn's Seafood & Chicken, Redefined Women's Empowerment Inc., Holloway Tree Service, Just for You Home Care Services, LLC, Bible Way Church of Aiken, Stay Focused Driving Academy, LLC, Bamberg/Barnwell Adult Education, Alexander & Alexander Attorneys at Law, Shanicki's Exquisite Travels, Trinity Outreach Ministries of Aiken, Brown's Barbershop, Johnson's Lawn Care Service, Mealings Realty, Dark Horse Staffing & Recruiting Agency, Chandia's Catering Service, State of Mind Tax Solutions & More, Walker Cleaning Service, Maurice Austin Wright's Houses Home Rental LLC, Patterson Signs and Damsel In Defense/Pamela Woods Alston.

The church plans to make this an annual event and is already planning next year's conference for April 2024.

Over 40 unite for National Day of Prayer in Barnwell



More than 40 people of different denominations gathered at noon on the Circle in downtown Barnwell May 4 for National Day of Prayer. Above, Rev. Mark Watford of Seven Pines Baptist in Snelling reads scripture about why this time of prayer was called. Also, Rev. Bart Kelley of Barnwell First Baptist gave a short history of how the U.S. Constitution was founded in Christian theology. This was followed by a time of prayer.

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From caterpillars to butterflies to new life in Christ

On Sunday, April 23, children at Barnwell First Baptist Church released butterflies with the help of children's minister Tori Huggins (left). The children had been watching the butterflies grow and change over several weeks. "We talked about how the caterpillars change into a new creation, just like we do when we accept Jesus as our Savior," said Huggins.

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Shelby Broomfield with her new Angel's Halo Beauty Collection vending machine.



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Devin Young (right) with his mother, Debra Young, in his new storefront.

Entrepreneurial cousins open Barnwell storefront

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Two first cousins have paired up for an endeavor as entrepreneurs.

Shelby Williams Broomfield of Barnwell is the owner of Angel's Halo Beauty Collection. Her cousin Devin Young, also of Barnwell, is the owner of Forever Young Clothing Brand. Both businesses now have a storefront at 538 Main Street, Barnwell.

"We are first generation business owners looking to change generations to come," said Broomfield.

Owning a business has been a dream for both young entrepreneurs. Their dream became a reality on May 20 when they held the grand opening of their storefront.

"Thanks to our family, friends, and new customers that came near and far to support us! Now the real work begins!" said Broomfield.

The response from the community on opening day was overwhelming, but very much appreciated by the cousins. They hope that support continues.

"Our businesses will only survive with the community's support. If the future is anything like today, we will be in business for decades to come," said Young on opening day.

ANGEL'S HALO
 Angel's Halo Beauty Collection is a vending machine selling an assortment of hair extensions and other beauty care products.

"It's the Red Box of hair extensions and beauty care products," said Broomfield.

The name and vision for the business are inspired by Broomfield's sister, the late Angel Williams, who loved wearing hair extensions and wanted to open a hair salon.

"I'm trying to carry on the legacy of my sister. She was the one with all the personality and was the one who introduced me to hair extensions. I hope she's proud of me," said Broomfield.

Hair extensions come in a variety of qualities and textures to meet various needs. Raw hair is the best quality. However, Broomfield said it is hard to find high quality virgin hair or raw hair locally,



Cousins Devin Young and Shelby Broomfield have joined forces to open a storefront for their businesses. Contributed Photo

This often means ordering bigger city. After seeing hair

extension vending machines in bigger cities, such as the Augusta Mall, Broomfield thought it could work in her hometown.

"Rarely does someone want to bring it to a rural area," she said.

Completing the Propel Business Lab through the Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber of Commerce gave her the knowledge and confidence to bring her business idea to life. This 12-week accelerator program taught her about business plans, marketing techniques, financial management, and more.

She hopes to offer hair extensions for other races, men, and products for people with natural hair in the future. Broomfield recently added new products like healthy hair vitamins, brushes, press-on nails, and wigs. She hopes to add shampoos, conditioners, facial products, and makeup.

The vending machine is accessible Sunday-Thursday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

She wants to add more vending machines in the future in other rural areas,

including colleges.

FOREVER YOUNG
 The clothing brand was started two years ago.

"I've always been into fashion. I've always wanted to own my own business," said Young, who works full time at the Savannah River Site.

The idea for the brand came about during the COVID pandemic when Young was stuck in the house. The name infuses his last name with the name of Rod Stewart's song "Forever Young", which his cousins, Shelby Broomfield and the late Angel Williams, used to sing when they were younger.

Young initially sold his hats, shirts, shorts, and visors at festivals and other events. Though he still does pop-up shops at some events, he's glad to have a storefront. It's even more special to share the space with Broomfield's business.

"I love working with my cousin," he said.

He thanks his friends, family, and customers for the support.

The business is open Fridays from 12 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

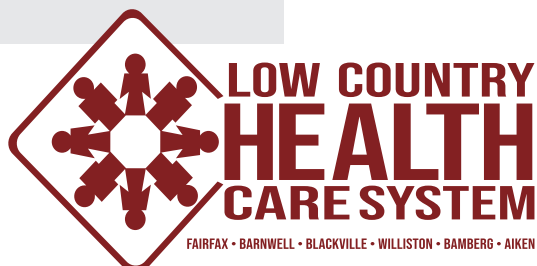


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CELEBRATION: District 45 thanks employees for being a "light"

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Barnwell School District retirees Joye Kinard (left), Sylvia Wallace (middle left), and Sherry Cooler (middle right) smile alongside Superintendent Dr. Crissie Stapleton (right). Not pictured is Dawn Searson who is retiring from the high school.

Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

teachers to stay the course. It's worth it. Teaching is not always easy and it has many ups and downs, but the rewards are plentiful. Continue to shine, even when you think your hard work is unnoticed. There is always a student somewhere that notices."

She states being a teacher requires a "love of children, lifelong learning, adaptability, empathy, and patience."

"Teaching is about knowing each child's individual needs and collaborating with everyone in that child's circle of love to help create a safe, secure, and engaging learning environment, where we can enrich and excite young minds and create a firm educational foundation for them to grow as successful, lifelong learners," said Collins.

Alex Kinard was named the GBMS Teacher of the Year after joining the district only at the start of the school year. Kinard teaches seventh grade science and STAR Academy science.

Kinard refers to teaching as "watering the garden of tomorrow."

"Our students are seeds

that are growing over time and we are sowing them. But, we may not be able to reap from their growth in our time but they will grow," said Kinard.

"Our experiences may be rough at times, but they make us a better teacher for our students. We have the opportunity to celebrate with our kids on the small things and the big things. We can make a difference in our kids' lives," said Kinard.

Lainey Burdge, an English teacher, was named BHS Teacher of the Year.

According to Burdge, teachers are thought of as 'world changers.' She explains how the pressure can feel overwhelming.

"How do we, mere teachers, administrators and staff members, manage to change the world?" asked Burdge. "We do it with a kind word, a quick check-in to see how that ball game went or if that sick family member is healing, a compliment, warm smile, a fist bump or a hug."

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RETIREES
The district also recognized several retirees for their years of service.

"On behalf of the district, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of the retirees. "I thank you for your commitment to our students," said Dr. Stapleton. "I feel truly blessed to play a part in honoring such an amazing group of educators and professionals that have dedicated their careers to making a difference in the lives of children. We wish you the best in your retirement and will always consider you an important part of the BSD45 family."

"It is an honor today to acknowledge our staff members who are retiring and have dedicated so many years of service to their careers in education," said Dr. Stapleton. "We will dearly miss these individuals and we



Teachers of the Year Tanya Anderson, Alex Kinard, Lisa Collins, and Lainey Burdge are recognized by Barnwell School District 45 administration for their dedication to their students and career. They are pictured with Superintendent Dr. Crissie Stapleton.

sincerely appreciate the difference they have made in the lives of our students each and every day."

Joye Kinard's retirement after 47 years of teaching was described as a "bittersweet moment" by Guinyard-Butler Middle School (GBMS) Principal Henrietta Williams.

Kinard has already retired once, according to Williams, but her commitment to the children brought her back.

As a special education department (SPED) specialist, Kinard enters the building every day and implements the individual learning plan she has created for each of her students.

Williams described her as "a light."

"If I had all day and all the words in the world, it still wouldn't be enough," said Williams.

Sherry Cooler guided GBMS using her 33 years of experience and commitment, which Williams finds irreplaceable. "She set her schedule based on the needs of our school," said Williams.

She described Cooler as a "lifeline" who supported her through it all and

mapped out unfamiliar ground.

"I wouldn't have made it without you," said Williams.

She is described as "dedicated to helping students get the most out of school and helping them handle all types of problems," according to a post by GBMS on Facebook.

"I am happy that I've had the opportunity to work with Mrs. Cooler," said former GBMS Principal Michael Beasley, who is now the district's director of operations. "She demonstrates what a school counselor should be."

Dawn Searson has been an educator for 31 years and spent the last five at Barnwell High School (BHS) as a SPED teacher.

"We will miss you tremendously but we wish you the best," said BHS

Assistant Principal Jared Thrasher.

Dr. Jessica Brabham-James, BHS assistant principal, said kind words of Searson, describing her as prepared, strong, kind, thoughtful, dedicated, and patient.

Sylvia Wallace has spent 33 dedicated years at Barnwell Primary School (BPS).

"She is just one of those amazing people," said BPS principal Donna Selvey of the teacher's assistant.

Wallace was described by Selvey as consistent, dependable, and reliable.

"Ms. Wallace is one who will take their hand and say, 'yes you will,' said Selvey.

Minnie Robinson was not in attendance at the event but is retiring from the transportation department after 33 years.

BOND: Rape/kidnapping suspects granted bond

Line on March 6.

On June 2, Brown was granted a \$20,000 surety bond for each charge by Judge Courtney Clyburn Pope during an appearance

at the Barnwell County Courthouse. Per the bond order, Brown is to have no contact with the victim.

B. Tolliver and Reed were both granted the same

bond terms as Brown.

T. Tolliver was granted a \$25,000 surety bond for both charges. Per the terms of the bond order, Tolliver will be electronically

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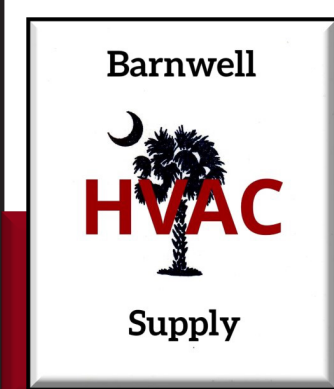
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Pickleball courts open in Barnwell and Blackville

Here's the 'dill' on the fastest-growing sport

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Pickleball courts have opened across the county giving residents another opportunity to get more active.

With four courts at the Barnwell County YMCA and another four courts adjacent to Blackville-Hilda High School, pickleballers no longer have to travel to play. The rain on May 18 did not halt the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Barnwell courts and the heat did not prevent a crowd from attending Blackville's ceremony. Both events had speakers to share the impact this new athletic opportunity has in the community.

"With this pickleball court we are opening doors to even more opportunities for our community," said community member and healthy lifestyle advocate Earnestine Gloster at the Blackville court's ribbon cutting. "By investing in this facility, we are investing in the wellbeing of our residents."

The courts were brought to fruition after years of conversations had by players such as Jackie Ramsey, Greg Walkup, Roger Stanton, Susan Birt, the late Andre Jameson, and many more. Ramsey was part of the initial push to get Barnwell County council to consider bringing courts to the county and has played a big role in growing the sport in this area.

Pickleball can be played by anyone regardless of age, making it not only a way to stay active but bring together different generations of the community.

Barnwell County Consolidated School District (BCCSD) Interim Superintendent Dr. Marcella Shaw feels this will "bridge the gap" between senior and younger citizens.

Gloster is already planning to form pickleball teams in both Barnwell and Blackville that will then play against each other.

"It has to start being a standard for us to make sure that we have healthy activities for our young people and also our older people," said Tykesha Jenkins, Blackville recreation director.

The funding to make these courts happen came from Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) and the HEALing Partners Coalition with guidance from Pam Rush, Axis I Center director and Barnwell County



The ribbons were cut in Barnwell (below) and Blackville (above) welcoming eight new pickleball courts to the county. All courts are open to the public.

Blackville photos by Alexandra Whitbeck/ Reporter; Barnwell photos contributed



recreation committee member.

Rush is excited for pickleball to become part of the culture of each area and give residents another opportunity to get outside.

"We are elated to be a part of adding this to the community, and it is our aim to arm the residents with the tools needed to make this intervention a longstanding access to physical activity," said Pamela McKnight, HEALing Partners project coordinator.

"This is amazing," said SRNS President and CEO Stuart McVean. "It is not often that I can provide somebody money and go quickly to see that there have been results."

Lisa Johnson, a USA Pickleball ambassador in the Atlantic region, described it as "from the ashes rode a phoenix."

Terra Excavating based in Augusta constructed the courts in Barnwell and

Blackville. Wayne Yost of Terra Excavating explained the previous court in Blackville had cracks up to two inches wide.

After the cracks were fixed, a cushioned court was installed in its place. Both locations have a cushioned court, which provides more shock absorption for the player's body and ultimately a more comfortable game.

Johnson, and County Councilman David Kenner, both spoke of the late Andre Jameson at the Blackville court opening and how he would have loved to be a part of bringing pickleball to the community.

"Had he been here with us today, he would have been overjoyed and tickled to know pickleball has finally made it to Blackville," said Councilman Kenner.

Jameson was a player and referee who

won awards and trophies in the sport. He mainly played in areas like Aiken and Augusta due to the lack of nearby courts before his death in 2019.

"While he is no longer with us, he remains an inspiration to many of us who have played pickleball both here and in Augusta, Ga.," said Johnson.

Dr. Shaw finds it to be a privilege to be one of the first rural communities to open pickleball courts, and believes this is "setting the stage for other rural communities."

The courts in both Barnwell and Blackville are open to the public.

At the Barnwell YMCA courts, the staff asks pickleballers first to check in at the front desk before playing. The courts will open at regular operating hours and equipment is able to be signed out.



Mindy Sandifer takes reins for Warhorse volleyball

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The Barnwell High School volleyball team will have a new leader as Mindy Sandifer takes the reins for the Warhorses as the head volleyball coach for the 2023 volleyball season.

Sandifer has been an assistant coach for the last two years under former head coach Ashleigh Anderson. Anderson was named the head softball coach at the University of South Carolina Salkehatchie, and Coach Sandifer has stepped right in and taken over the volleyball duties.

The 2022 volleyball team featured an unheard of 10 seniors. That is 10 of the 14 players were seniors. Replacing 70 percent of a team is almost any coach's nightmare. Coach Sandifer has a much brighter outlook saying, "I am looking forward to the coming year and building this young team that I have had the opportunity to assist with over the past two years. While we will not have the experienced senior leadership of the past years, we have several returning players who are already stepping up to lead the team during spring and summer practices. Ashley Barrett and Brooklyn Gordon will return this year and I have already seen their skills making an impact during spring practice."

When asked about summer workouts, Coach Sandifer said, "I'm looking forward to summer practices to grow skills and strength in players from last year, as well as, bringing in new students who are interested in learning and perfecting skills before our August tryouts."



Coach Mindy Sandifer takes over as the head volleyball coach for the Barnwell Warhorses.

Photo by Rilee Sandifer

The summer workouts have been on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and will continue Tuesday, June 20th and Wednesday, June 21st from 8:30 to 10:15 a.m. at the BHS gym, then July dates will be announced

soon. All interested girls should have all completed paperwork and a current physical before attending. Those forms can be picked up at the BHS main office.

Coach Sandifer will be looking for more help to replace all those seniors from last year.

"Several players from our JV team are showing promise as many will enter their third season of volleyball this fall, and some have gained additional experience

through travel teams and college camps," said Coach Sandifer.

Coach Sandifer is also coaching her daughter, Rilee. Rilee was a JV volleyball player for BHS last year and also plays for a travel team where she is the captain.

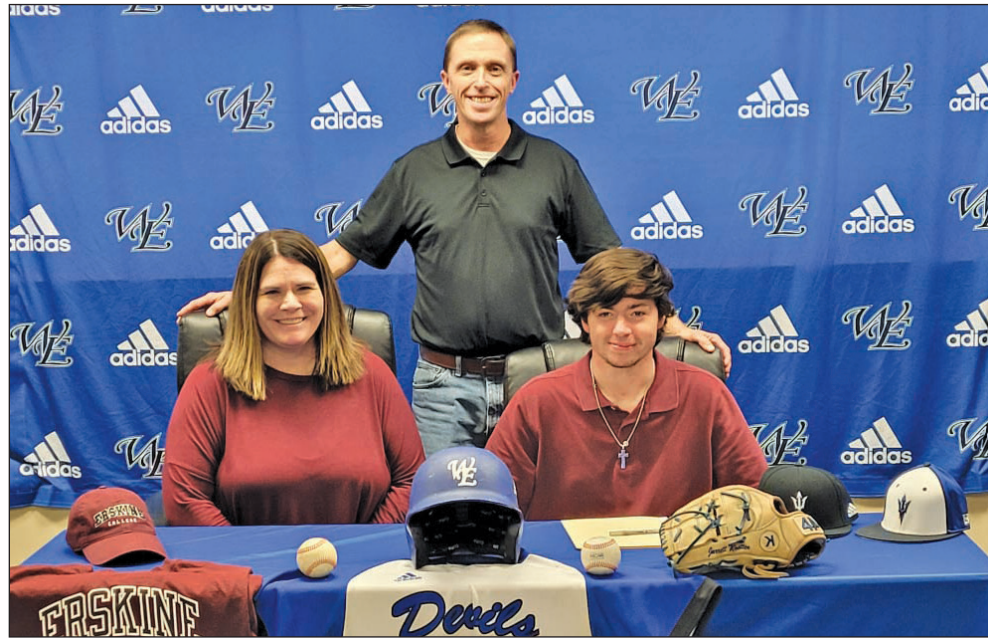
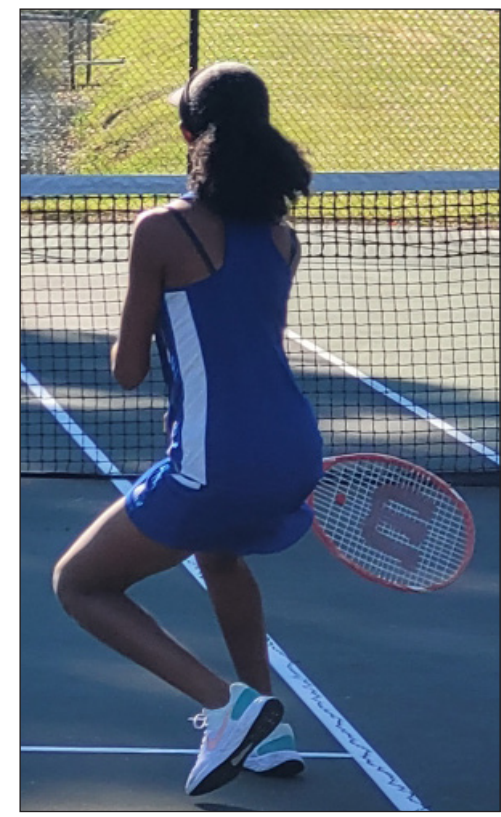
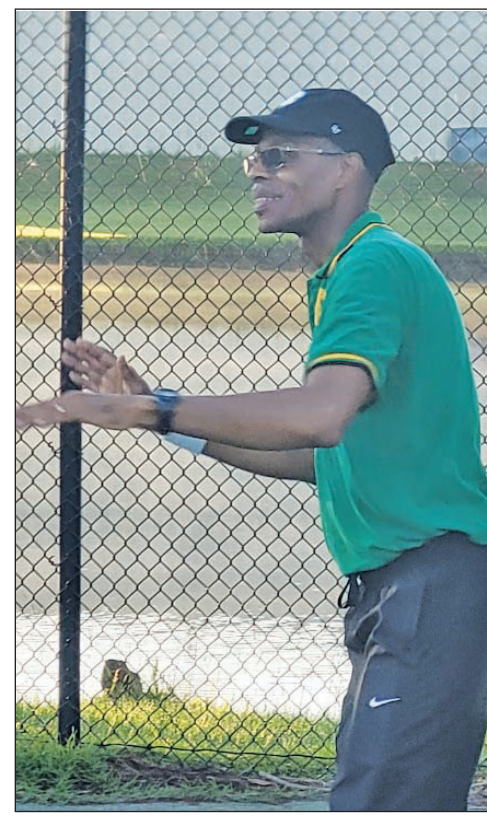
This may be a rebuilding year for the Barnwell volleyball team, but with Coach Sandifer leading the way, the future looks bright for the young Warhorses.



Coach Mindy Sandifer talking to the team last season.

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description of any security as to the claim Estate: Willow Mae Hammond Date of Death: December 24, 2022 Case Number: 2023 ES 06 00093 Personal Representative: George E. Carter

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2022 Water Quality Report Town of Williston System #SC0610002

We're pleased to provide you with this year's Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the water and services we have delivered to you over the past year.

If you have any questions about this report or concerns about your water utility, please contact Michael Beasley at 803-266-7015.

This report shows the results monitoring efforts to measure our water quality and what it means. The Town of Williston routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws.

The tables below show the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2022.

Action Level (AL) - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

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Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - Picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Table with 10 columns: Contaminant, Date Sampled, MCLG, Action Level (AL), 90th Percentile (mg/l), # Sites Over AL, Units, Violation, Likely Source of Contamination. Data rows for Copper and Lead.

Table with 10 columns: Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products, Collection Date, Highest Level Detected, Range of Levels Detected, MCLG, MCL, Units, Violation, Likely Source of Contamination. Data rows for Chlorine and Total Trihalomethanes.

Table with 10 columns: Radioactive Contaminants, Collection Date, Highest Level Detected, Range of Levels Detected, MCLG, MCL, Units, Violation, Likely Source of Contamination. Data rows for Combined Radium and Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium.

Table with 10 columns: Unregulated Contaminants, Collection Date, Highest Level Detected, Range of Levels Detected, MCLG, MCL, Units, Violation, Likely Source of Contamination. Data row for Sodium Unregulated Contaminant.

Table with 4 columns: Violation Type, Violation Begin, Violation End, Violation Explanation. Data row for CCR Report.

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**2022 Water Quality Report
 TOWN OF FAIRFAX
 System # 0310004**

We're pleased to provide you with this year's Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. The source of our water is ground water produced from the two active water wells located within the town's corporate limits.

A Source Water Assessment Plan has been prepared for our system. The source of our water is two active ground water wells. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Franklin Dunbar at 803-632-2100. We want you, our neighbors and valued customers, to be informed about your water utility. Feel free to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings on the third Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

This report shows our water quality and what it means. The Town of Fairfax routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes and chemicals. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

The table below shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2022. In this table you will find the following terms and abbreviations:

- Action Level (AL)** - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
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- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** - The "Goal"(MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Contaminant	Date Sampled	ALG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites All Over	Units	Violation (Y/N)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2020	1.3	1.3	0.026	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	2020	0	15	2.4	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems. Erosion of natural deposits.

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2022	RAA 0.00	0.07-0.48	MRDLG 4	MRDL 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2022	8.0	8.11-8.53	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-products of drinking water disinfections.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2022	29.0	23.61-34.60	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfections.

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Fluoride	2021	0.37	0.29-0.37	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizers and aluminum factories.

Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Beta/Photon emitters	2021	7.47	0.00-7.47	0	50*	µCi/L	N	Decay of natural and man-made deposits

*The MCL for beta particles is 4 mrem/year. EPA considers 50 µCi/L to be the level of concern for beta particles. Because the beta particle results were below 50 µCi/L, no testing for individual beta particle constituents was required.

NAME	REPORTED LEVEL	RANGE Low-High
Sodium 2021	20 ppm (average)	17-22 ppm

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
CCR ADEQUACY AVAILABILITY CONTENT	10/01/2021	2022	We failed to provide you our drinking water customers, an annual report that adequately informed you about the quality of our drinking water and the risks from exposure to contaminants detected in our drinking water.
CCR Report	07/01/2022	8/17/2022	We failed to provide you our drinking water customers, an annual report that adequately informed you about the quality of our drinking water and the risks from exposure to contaminants detected in our drinking water.

This violation is a reporting violation related to the Consumer Confidence Rule (CCR). After completing the delivery requirements under CCR, we are required to submit a Certification Form to the State. We did not complete this required action for CCR CY2020. The Certification was due at DHEC on or before 10/1/2021. We will be working with DHEC to resolve this open violation and implement best management practices in the future.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring, or man-made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

If you have special health needs
 Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Blackville Water System is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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THEME: 1970s

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- Aardvark's repast
 - Game official, colloquially speaking
 - In alignment
 - Tiny bottle
 - Big rig
 - ___ Apso
 - Fairy-tale opener
 - Arabian chieftain
 - Peter Pumpkin ___
 - *White House Plumbers' affair
 - Arrival times, acr.
 - *Gerald R. Ford and Nelson A. Rockefeller
 - Tolkien's Ogre-like creature
 - *Charlie's TV detectives
 - At sea but close to shore
 - Always, poetically speaking
 - Adjust
 - Cupid, to the Greeks
 - High
 - 9 to 5, e.g.
 - Bow-like structure
 - Hippocrates' promise
 - Struck in certain way, in baseball
 - Paleontologist's estimate
 - Like a kilt
 - English county
 - Boiling blood
 - ___, Stinky and Stretch
 - Shade of beige
 - *"Rainy Day People" singer Gordon ___
 - Things on a list
 - Rod of a hot rod
 - *Bee Gees or The Supremes, e.g.
 - Saintly glows
 - Never, poetically speaking
 - Pre-Easter period
 - Demeanor
 - *Banned insecticide, acr.
 - Oxen connector
- DOWN**
- Assert
 - *"Black Gold" singer Nina ___
 - Diplomat's asset
 - *Popular bell-shaped part of garment
 - Gerrymander
 - Gives off
 - *Earth and Wind partner
 - *First female British prime minister
 - Pro ___
 - Operates
 - Head canal locale
 - Wisest
 - Unfriendly looks
 - Track event
 - Buck
 - Famous fable-maker
 - *Kathmandu location and Hippie Trail stop
 - Heating outlet cover
 - Research facil.
 - Shamu and such
 - *Khmer ___
 - English county
 - Sound of impact
 - Coffee holder
 - *Mao's honorific
 - Sunbaked, archaically speaking
 - Busy flyer
 - * ___ Rolle of "Good Times"
 - Corbel
 - *"Killing Me ___ with His Song"
 - Spayed
 - End of a shoelace
 - Evening purse
 - Wrap in waxy cloth
 - It "was made for you and me"
 - Black and white cookie
 - Piglet sound
 - Carrying container
 - *Helen Reddy's " ___ Woman"

**ALLENDALE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
 PROPOSED 2023-2024 BUDGET**

	BUDGET 2022 - 2023*	PROPOSED BUDGET 2023 - 2024	PERCENT CHANGE
GENERAL FUND	\$ 8,551,622.68	\$ 9,112,956.00	
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ENTERPRISE FUND		\$ 455,844.00	
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	BUDGET 2022 - 2023*	ESTIMATED MILLAGE 2023 - 2024
CURRENT MILLAGE - OPERATIONS	213	212.94
COUNTY FIRE SERVICE		31.34
HOSPITAL	16	16.00
TOTALS	229	260.28

NOTE: ABOVE AMOUNTS AND MILLAGE RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON THIRD READING
 * = The last budget passed by County Council was in 2019. The amounts shown here are based on FYE 2019 figures, thus the higher percentage change.
 1 Mill = \$19,807.00

Happy FATHER'S DAY

Chris Morris!



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Allendale names District Teacher of the Year, honors many

Alexandra Whitbeck
Reporter
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Marilyn Davis was named the Allendale County School District (ACSD) 2023 Teacher of the Year at the end-of-year celebration held on June 7.

Davis, an Allendale County native and ACSD alumna, has been a school counselor at Allendale-Fairfax Elementary School (AFES) since August 2004.

"I wanted the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the children of Allendale County," said Davis. "What better way to grow in this profession than in the community in which I grew up."

As District Teacher of the Year, Davis is excited to represent Allendale County Schools "for my effective hard work both inside and outside the district."

The District Teacher of the Year is selected from the three Teachers of the Year for each school. While the Teacher of the Year award is voted on by peers, the District Teacher of the Year is selected through an extensive interview process, according to Superintendent Dr. Margaret Gilmore.

Davis was first selected as Allendale-Fairfax Elementary School (AFES) Teacher of the Year before continuing to be recognized on a district level.

When Dr. Gilmore called her name, Davis' first thought was her hard work, dedication, and passion for students and for her profession had not gone unnoticed.

"I am so excited and honored to be named Teacher of the Year for Allendale County Schools. This opportunity will give me the chance to let other school districts around the state of South Carolina know about the good things that are happening in Allendale County Schools," said Davis.

In Allendale-Fairfax Middle School (AFMS), Stephanie Weir-Cox was named the Teacher of the Year after only working with the district for seven months. Weir-Cox previously taught history at Estill High School in Hampton County where she was named Teacher of the Year in 2021.

At Allendale-Fairfax High School (AFHS), career and technical education teacher Uriah Lecky was named Teacher of the Year.

AFES Support Staff of the Year was paraprofessional MaKayla Brown. Brown has worked at AFES since early 2022.

At AFMS, Veronda Cohen was named Support Staff of the Year. Cohen serves as the principal's secretary and bookkeeper.

Butch Meyers was named Support Staff of the Year at AFHS in the last school year before his retirement.

Many retirees, including Meyers, were recognized for their dedication and hard work in ACSD.

Retirees Carl Love, Gina Oswald, Debra



Superintendent Dr. Margaret Gilmore was surprised with a plaque, trophy, and roses for her retirement from the Allendale County School District at the 2023 Staff Recognition event.



Allendale-Fairfax Elementary School teacher Marilyn Davis was named District Teacher of the Year at Allendale County School District.



Superintendent Dr. Margaret Gilmore received many hugs from teachers and staff at the 2023 Staff Recognition.

Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter



Class of 2023 Valedictorian Cameron Williams thanked educators and administrators at the end-of-year celebration.



2022 Teacher of the Year Willie Johnson provided the musical entertainment for the event.



Liza Price is recognized for 38 years of teaching at ACSD.



Superintendent Dr. Margaret Gilmore gets an unexpected hug from a smaller member of the ACSD Tiger den.

Thomas, Linda Jenkins, Lena Eady, Margaret McMillian, Pauline Badger, Sarah Davis, Linda "Tootie" Harris and Meyers were all awarded with an engraved trophy-vase and applauded heavily by their colleagues.

Many of these retirees have been in education for over 25 years.

"Thank you for your service to Allendale County School District," said Dr. Gilmore. "This is a milestone for you and I pray your retirement is the best ever."

Dr. Gilmore herself is also retiring after spending six years with ACSD and decades in education. She was surprised with a plaque, a trophy, and roses by staff.

"Allendale County School District won my heart in a significant way," said Dr. Gilmore, who is continually impressed with her ACSD family.

The People-Sentinel will be publishing a full story on Dr. Gilmore's career and retirement in the upcoming weeks.



Dr. Darrell Johnson, executive director of the Salkhatchie Superintendents Consortium, spoke some inspiring words at the event.



Teachers and staff with five to over 45 years of experience were all recognized at the event. Each and every individual was cheered on.



Superintendent Dr. Margaret Gilmore smiles next to finance director Angela Grant at the ACSD 2023 Staff Recognition.



Stephanie Weir-Cox was named the Allendale-Fairfax Middle School Teacher of the Year.



Debra Thomas (right) is retiring from ACSD.



Patricia Cohen was recognized for over 30 years with Allendale County School District.



Allendale-Fairfax High School (AFHS) teacher Uriah Lecky was named the school's Teacher of the Year.



Butch Meyers walks to the front of the cafeteria to be recognized as high school Support Staff of the Year.



Gina Oswald is retiring from ACSD. She previously taught many years in Barnwell.



Carl Love is one of the retirees recognized at the end-of-year celebration.



Linda "Tootie" Harris is retiring and recognized for over 30 years of service to ACSD.



Veronda Cohen, principal secretary and bookkeeper, was named the Allendale-Fairfax Middle School Support Staff of the Year.



Retired teacher Patricia Johnson provides words of exaltation at ACSD's end-of-year event.



Makayla Brown was named the Allendale-Fairfax Elementary School Support Staff of the year.

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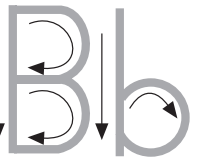
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Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

Which broccoli comes next in each row?



My Letters
B is for Broccoli
b is for broccoli



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

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the **B** sound like the word **broccoli**?

My Numbers

How many ?

How many ?

How many ?



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

My Rhyme Time

I think that I
 Shall never see
 Something as lovely
 As a broccoli tree.

My Sentence

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



Start

I like broccoli with _____



Finish

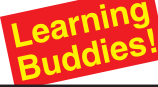
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Letter Identification With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter B in broccoli .	Math Play Point to the number 3 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	Hunt for Green Look through the newspaper with your child and say, "Touch everything that is green!" Then have your child find two or three objects in your house that are green .	Password for a Day With your child, find the letters in the newspaper that spell GREEN . Connect the letters as you say them. Make the word green a secret password for the day. In order to play, get a hug, or other privileges, have your child spell the word GREEN .	Big B, Little b On one page of the newspaper search for an uppercase letter B and a lowercase letter b . Draw a line to connect the two. Can you find more uppercase and lowercase B-b pairs?	Eat Green! Look through the newspaper for pictures of food that are green, like broccoli. Cut these out and glue them to a piece of paper or a paper plate. Talk to your child about the importance of eating vegetables.	Fitness Time Make newspaper reading time fitness time. Look through the newspaper for pictures of people doing something physical. With your child, imitate the exercise you see in the pictures.

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Learning Buddy's signature _____

Date _____



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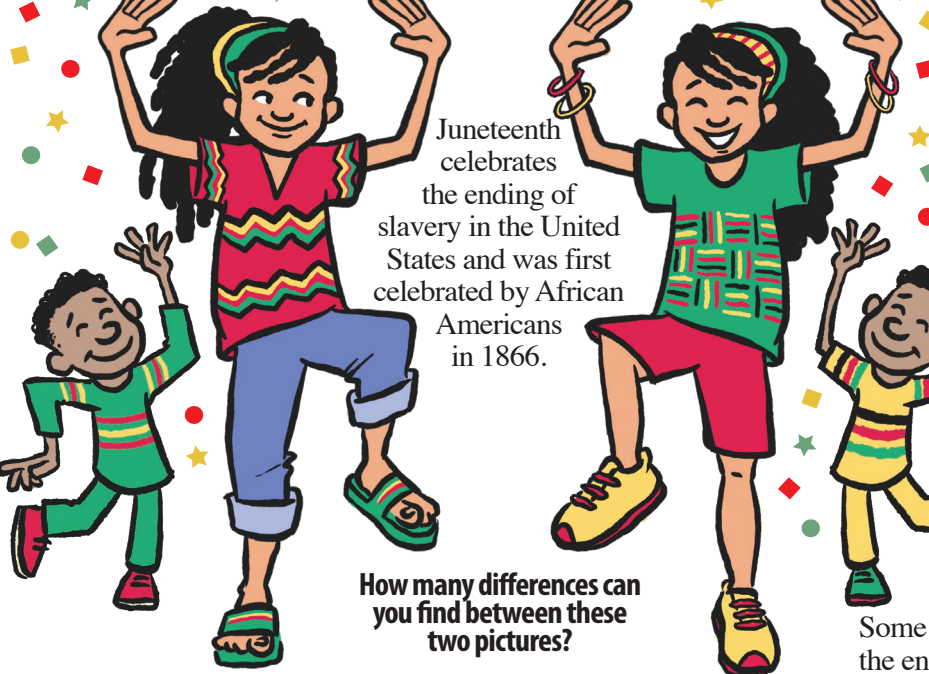
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America's Newest National Holiday

Juneteenth!

Juneteenth is the newest federal holiday in the United States. President Biden signed the legislation that officially made Juneteenth a federal holiday in 2021.



Juneteenth celebrates the ending of slavery in the United States and was first celebrated by African Americans in 1866.

How many differences can you find between these two pictures?

A Holiday with Many Names

Use the code to reveal some of the other names for Juneteenth.

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4 1		
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10	4	1
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4 1		
U	L	Y
8	16	2
7	9	5
5	4	1

1 = A	5 = E	9 = L	13 = P
2 = B	6 = F	10 = M	14 = R
3 = C	7 = I	11 = N	15 = T
4 = D	8 = J	12 = O	16 = U

Juneteenth Celebrations

People celebrate Juneteenth in many ways. Some people have parties and there are parades. Some make memorials thanking the people who fought for the end of slavery.

While Juneteenth celebrates the freedom, or **emancipation**, of enslaved African Americans in the United States, it's a great day for everyone to celebrate their freedoms.

Why is it called Juneteenth?

Juneteenth is celebrated on June 19th. Juneteenth combines the word **June** and the word **nineteenth**.

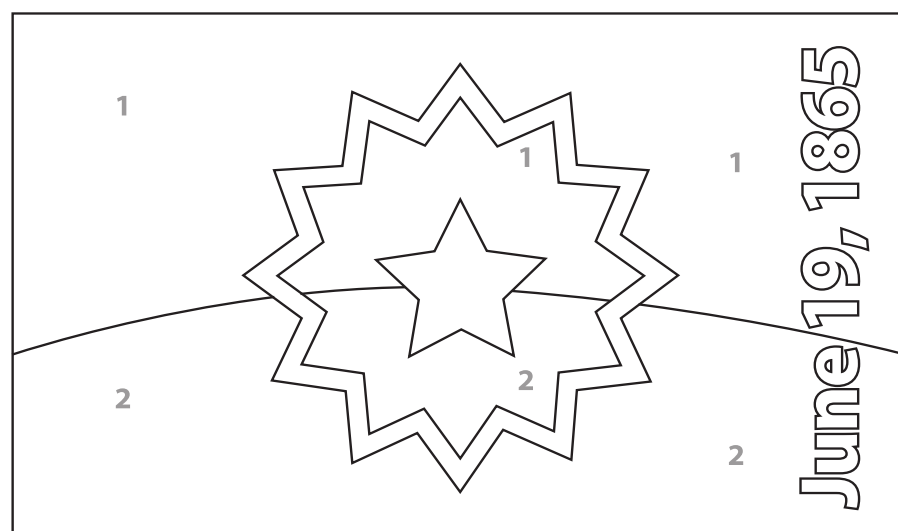
The Juneteenth Flag

The Juneteenth flag was created to celebrate the end of slavery and a hopeful future. Color by numbers to complete the flag.



Each year, the Juneteenth flag is raised in a special ceremony in this city in Texas. Circle every other letter to discover the name of this city.

B G H A F L T V R E W S V T J O L N
G



The Fight for Freedom

Replace the missing words.



Long ago, _____ your great-grandparents were born, some Americans could legally own other people. They called the _____ they owned **slaves**.

Slaves did not have freedoms that people enjoy today. They could not _____ where they wanted. They could not live where they

wanted. They could not work where they wanted. Slavery was cruel and _____.

Even though President Abraham Lincoln _____ the Emancipation Proclamation in 1862 freeing all slaves, it took three _____ and a Civil War to finally make it _____.

Juneteenth marks the day in 1865 that U.S. soldiers took _____ in Galveston, Texas and the last slaves were finally freed.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Juneteenth Scavenger Hunt

Look through the newspaper and find the letters that spell Juneteenth. Cut out the letters and glue them onto a piece of paper and decorate! Post your Juneteenth picture in a window so people outside can see it.

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Celebration!

How many balloons can you find?



Double Double Word Search

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

BORN	S	T	A	T	E	S	J	Y	G	H
END	E	N	D	J	B	A	U	F	A	O
FEDERAL	L	I	N	C	O	L	N	E	L	P
FLAG	P	F	N	L	P	H	E	D	F	E
FREEDOM	O	S	F	O	T	O	T	E	R	F
GREAT	E	A	S	E	Q	L	E	R	E	U
HOLIDAY	P	T	X	H	W	I	E	A	E	L
HOPEFUL	E	A	Q	O	K	D	N	L	D	O
JUNETEENTH	S	A	G	R	E	A	T	S	O	H
LINCOLN	N	R	O	B	Z	Y	H	K	M	W
PEOPLE										
POST										
STATES										
TEXAS										
WHO										

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

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **EMANCIPATE**
The verb **emancipate** means to free from slavery or other kinds of control.

In June 1865, the Civil War ended, and all slaves were **emancipated**, or freed.

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Celebrate Freedom

Think about the things that make freedom so important. Write a letter to the editor of this newspaper telling them why freedom is important to you.

Standards Link: Calculate sums to a particular amount.

What did one balloon say to the others?

ANSWER: "Hey guys! Watch out for the cactussssssssssssss!"

Write On!

How I Helped

Write about a time you helped someone else. How did it feel?

GO OUTSIDE FOR FAMILY FUN TIME AND GIVE ELECTRONICS A BREAK!



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