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After more than 30 years of owning Sport's convenience store, Sport Holland (left) is retiring. He has sold the business to Parker Boehme. Photo By: Jonathan Vickery / Publisher

## Service with a smile: Sport Holland retires, sells convenience store

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A Barnwell legend and a pillar of the community has retired.

Lawson "Sport" Holland Jr. has retired and sold his iconic Sport's convenience store in Barnwell after more than 30 years, though his family's roots of serving the community goes back a lot further.

"I will miss my customers. They are the greatest people in the world," said Sport.

He thanks every customer for their support over the years. However, they were more than people who purchased gas, snacks, coffee, and cold drinks – they were family. That fact won't change even as he retires.

**LEGACY OF SERVICE**  
 The Holland family has been serving Barnwell County for generations.

Sport's grandfather, the late Theodore Ashton Holland, operated a grocery store that had two gas pumps on the site of the current Sport's building for many years. Sport's father, Lawson J. Holland Sr., took over the store in the 1950s and remodeled the store. The original building was later replaced in 1972 with a self-service station that had a small store with bathrooms and a canopy. After Sport took over the family business in the 1990s, he tore down the old building in 1999 and built the current building. Prior to taking over the station, Sport operated a tire shop behind the station, which is now operated by his son Chris. Sport also served more than 20 years as a magistrate judge.

Throughout all the changes, the Holland family's commitment to service never faltered.

"Faith and values are number one. We believe in treating everybody like we want to be treated," said Sport. "We don't exist without the customers.



Marie Walker has been an employee at Sport's since day one, though she's worked with Sport Holland (left) for nearly 40 years. Photo Courtesy: Holland family

I thank them for all the great times we've had."

Sport also thanks his loyal employees – past and present – who remain part of his extended family as well. His first cashier was Peggy Collins. Though employees have come and gone, one employee, Marie Walker, has been with Sport since the beginning.

"Sport's would not have been the business it was without her. She was with us since day one at the station, but has worked with my family for over 40 years," said Alison Holland Stevens, Sport's daughter.

**EXTENDED FAMILY**  
 After more than 30 years in business, Holland has a large extended family.

"He is a true man of God, loves his community, and loves his people! I grew going into this store. He was always the best therapist, a shoulder or a helping hand! He kept that store stocked with all the goodies that his customers love!" said Hannah Dixon.

Bernice Brooker said Sport is a "one-of-a-kind that never met a stranger."

"Sport is a man of honor

and respects his fellow man, regardless of who he/she is, or the need they represent. I have never seen Sport without a smile or a kind word. Everyone who knows him respects him. Here's wishing Sport a long peaceful retirement filled with happiness and joy as he steps into this new phase of life!" said Roxie Creech.

Scotty Mazzara met Sport after moving to Barnwell County four years ago. "This man has been beyond a store owner, beyond a local business owner. He has been a pal you can talk with about life and someone that took pride in not only his establishment but in his relationship with each and every person that walked through his door," said Mazzara.

"Thank you, Sport, for you and your family's dedication and service to the Barnwell community for so many years. You have gone above and beyond for us," said Beth Branham.

Savanna Still remembers Sport helping her in high

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## Blackville chief loses certification over 'doctored documents'

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An investigation by the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy (CJA) uncovered continued misconduct by the Blackville Police Department (BPD) and its former chief, resulting in a withdrawal certification and a tentative fine.

CJA investigators found evidence of misconduct in multiple instances within BPD, primarily in documents being altered to permit uncertified officers to act with full authority and while not under the supervision of a certified law enforcement officer. A date on one document was found to be altered physically using Wite-Out, a white liquid applied to paper to cover errors.

"That's the concern that we as a council have, that you have officers out there that are not certified, who are not eligible to be working at all," said Chief Mark Keel of the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED). "They met none of the qualifications to be working in the community they were working in."

On July 24, Blackville Mayor Ronnie Parnell, former chief Ray Crawford and his attorney,



Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter / File Photo

**Former Blackville Police Chief Ray Crawford speaks during a 2023 community forum. He is no longer chief after losing his law enforcement certification.**

Glenn Walters from Orangeburg, attended the South Carolina Law Enforcement Training Council (LETC) meeting at CJA headquarters in Columbia.

At this meeting, the status of Crawford's law enforcement certification and the overall continued departmental misconduct was on the agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

The first strike came on March 29,

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## City trash rates decreasing under new provider

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Trash rates are decreasing in the City of Barnwell after a new sanitation provider has been selected.

On July 15, Barnwell City Council unanimously approved moving forward with a contract with Good Ole Boys Sanitation based in Saluda. Trash and yard debris collection will be \$16 under Good Ole Boys compared to the current rate of \$18 with S&S Disposal.

The city's five-year contract with S&S Disposal based in Ehrhardt began on September 1, 2019, and expires on September 1, 2024, prompting the council to request bids in June.

The council received three bids in total; that of their former

provider S&S Disposal, a bid from Capital Waste Services, and a bid from Good Ole Boys Sanitation.

S&S Disposal had the lowest bid for rates in the first year at \$15.90 for both cart (\$13.95) and yard debris pick up (\$1.95). However, S&S Disposal was found to not be the cheapest option over the four-year term as the contract required the city to pay a four percent increase each year.

Good Ole Boys Sanitation proposed a \$16 rate for trash (\$14.50) and yard debris pick up (\$1.50) with no increase during a four-year contract term, and Capital Waste Services would cost \$18.47 for cart and yard debris pick up.

City Administrator Lynn McEwen presented the council with a breakdown of the cost between S&S Disposal and Good

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Residents in the City of Barnwell will soon see Good Ole Boys Trash & Sanitation trucks collecting their garbage. Trash customers will also see cheaper bills. Photo Courtesy: Good Ole Boys

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# Allendale County reporter meets other Report for America corps members at national gathering

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Since 2017, as the number of journalists and local newspapers has fallen sharply, the national service program Report for America has been placing emerging journalists in areas of the country with not enough news coverage, including Allendale County.

Between July 17-20, *The People-Sentinel's* Allendale County reporter Elijah de Castro attended Report for America's national gathering, which brought together Report for America reporters in Minneapolis, Minnesota. De Castro met with other corps members across the country who cover issues ranging from gun violence to education to climate change in news deserts across the country. The United States is losing two local newspapers a week, according to Northwestern University, and the collapse of local news has been connected to the rise of polarization, democratic backsliding and misinformation across the United States.

At the conference, hundreds of Report for America corps members shared how they

cover their communities and discussed the importance of community storytelling.

"You're part of what we're starting to call a movement," said Charles Sennott, the founder of The GroundTruth Project (the parent non-profit of Report for America) during a keynote speech. "We're coming up on 700 corps members placed in newsrooms since our founding. This is a growing body of power that is continuing to be effective every day in communities everywhere."

Although local media as an industry has been in decline for decades, state legislatures have begun passing laws in support of reviving local news. In June, the California state senate passed a bill that would tax large technology companies like Google, Meta and Amazon for data they use in advertising and use the revenues to help support local media; large technology companies bear responsibility for the decline of the advertising model that supports local news as well as the algorithms that spread misinformation on social media, according to research by the University of North Carolina Hussman School of Journalism and



Allendale County reporter Elijah de Castro (left) chats with other Report for America corps members at the July 17-20 Report for America National Gathering in Minneapolis.

Mass Media. During the conference, de Castro attended a roundtable discussion with other reporters covering rural communities.

"There's a lot of problems but there's also just not a lot of understanding," said corps member Joshua Yeager of the rural communities he covers in Kern County, California. "Being a reporter located in a place like that, a big part of

your job is complicating that image and making sure that people understand what's going on there from the perspective of the people that live there."

Building trust with local and rural communities was also a topic of discussion among rural reporters. Sophi Zeman, a corps member who covers education, safety and crime for the *Uvalde Leader-News* in Uvalde, Texas, spoke

of how she earned trust in a community in grief; in 2022, 22 people were murdered in a mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde.

"It was really tricky coming into Uvalde because it's been such a focal point of national media attention, ... so I think people had a really sour taste related to media," Zeman said. "They [felt] like, 'you're some person from a city

who's coming in and going to extract from our pain.' A lot of it was just being there and finding myself amid the spaces where people found themselves. ... Sometimes just setting aside the journalist hat is so important."

Now beginning his second year as Allendale's RFA corps member, de Castro has covered numerous issues facing Allendale. Gun violence, infrastructure, local government, agriculture, climate change, housing and other issues facing Allendale are all included in de Castro's rural communities beat.

"Many of the issues that Allendale faces are also present in other rural communities across the United States, and each community has different nuances in the issues they face," de Castro said. "It's critical that rural journalists connect with each other to discuss how we can best cover these issues within our communities, especially when rural areas are so frequently misunderstood. In my second year as a corps member, I want to deepen my coverage of the root causes of gun violence and cover the issues Allendale faces in the most constructive way I can."

## Amazing Chemistry Show will combine science, faith

Have you ever had a large ball of fire safely ignited from your hand? Or used a banana to pound a nail into a wooden plank? Or been slimed by a puking plastic pumpkin? Families attending The Amazing Chemistry Show will be entertained by these experiments and more.

FBC Barnwell Children's Ministry will host The Amazing Chemistry Show at 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 2 at The Merge on the campus of First Baptist Church Barnwell. Kids and adults will be entertained by explosions, colored foam, liquid nitrogen and glow-in-the-dark solutions.

"First Baptist Church KidMin is excited to sponsor this wonderful event for the entire community. Young or old, come on out and have fun with us! The Amazing Chemistry show is more than just entertainment, it is a fantastic experience that combines education and Jesus!" said Tori Huggins, the church's children's minister. Learn more at [www.theamazingchemistryshow.com](http://www.theamazingchemistryshow.com).

## TRASH: Rates decreasing in City of Barnwell

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Ole Boys Sanitation.

In the first year with S&S Disposal, the city would be paying \$32,595 per month and \$391,140 per year.

In the second year, the total cost increases to \$33,907 per month totaling \$406,785.60 for the year. The total cost for the third year of the contract would be \$423,159.36, and the fourth year would be \$440,044.80.

The total cost for the life of the contract would be \$1,661,129.76.

With Good Ole Boys Sanitation, the city would be paying \$32,800 per month and \$393,600 per year for the entire life of the contract, totaling \$1,574,400 for the

four-year term.

The difference between the total cost of the four-year contracts would be \$86,729.76, with S&S Disposal resulting in a higher total due to the annual four percent cost increase.

"Between the two, there was a dime difference when you look at the overall price," said Mayor Ron Still in reference to S&S Disposals rate of \$15.90, and Good Ole Boys rate of \$16. "But then when you go through and calculate everything over a four-year period, Good Ole Boys didn't have any increase."

Initial concerns of

city administration and personnel included damage to the roll out carts.

According to Phillip Stanley, the city's director of public works, the city was purchasing between 50 to 70 roll out carts per year as replacements for damaged carts prior to contracting with S&S Disposal.

While with S&S Disposal, Stanley found the city was purchasing between 250 and 500 carts per year "due to damage that is being done to the carts by S&S," he wrote.

In the last several years, the cost of roll out carts has increased from roughly \$60 per cart to \$80.

According to Stanley, the

city was spending roughly \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year prior to S&S Disposal being awarded the contract in 2019. In the past two years with S&S services, Stanley found the city to have spent nearly \$42,000 in replacements leading him to suggest future providers be liable for damage done to carts.

Councilmember Ricky Dixon expressed concerns about the distance from the City of Barnwell to Good Ole Boys homebase in Saluda. According to Mayor Ron Still, Good Ole Boys has equipment staged in Williston near the Barnwell/Aiken County line.

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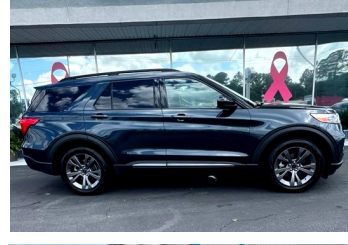
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## BIRTHDAY



Betty Ann Keel is pictured with her cousin, Shelby Hiers Kittrell, and her friend, Jennings Owens.

### Betty Ann Keel celebrates 92nd birthday

On July 1st, 2024, Barnwell resident Betty Ann Keel celebrated her 92nd birthday with friends and family at the social hall of Kline Baptist Church. She was joined by her children, grandchildren, and close friends. Betty Ann was born on July 1st, 1932 in Barnwell, S.C. The theme of her party was "92 and still not through." She has three sons - Robert Keel, Jody Keel, and Mike Keel.

## BIRTH



Kasey Alayah Elmore was born on July 21, 2024.

### Kasey Alayah Elmore

Angela Dawn Buckmon and Trenton Lamar Elmore are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kasey Alayah Elmore. She was born on July 21, 2024 at 9:07 a.m. at Aiken Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches. Maternal grandparents are Willier Mae Buckmon of Monroe, N.C. Paternal grandparents are Laranja and Mary Elmore of Barnwell.

## Ivy Garden Club inducts new officers for 2024-25 year



The Ivy Garden Club of Williston held its final meeting of the 2023-2024 gardening year with a gathering at the home of Diane Wilson. New officers inducted for the 2024-2025 gardening year are (pictured at right): President - Dana Byrd, Vice President - Rhonda Bolen, Secretary - Sandra Ridgeway, and Treasurer - Hope Greene.



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# Chief: Former Blackville police chief loses certification, department fined

2024 when the department received a non-compliance letter from CJA for not submitting an updated roster. According to CJA investigators, the roster was later submitted.

The second strike came on May 22, 2024 when an investigation was initiated against BPD Lieutenant Brian Gray. In the letters sent to Crawford, Gray, and Mayor Pernell, it states Gray was "willfully falsifying material information" provided to CJA.

Another May 22 letter sent to Crawford detailed how the department is still not in compliance with LETC orders, CJA requirements, or state law regarding properly submitting new hire and firearms forms.

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

The letter continues to state BPD was "allowing the same individuals to work alone and not while accompanied by a certified law enforcement officer. Therefore, you have violated South Carolina Code of Laws Ann. Section 23-23-40(A) in two ways."

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

An uncertified officer is someone who has interest in being a law enforcement officer and is in the beginning stages of becoming fully certified through training

at CJA and approval from LETC. They are not able to perform the same duties as a certified officer, and must be accompanied by a certified officer per state law.

"More problematically... the May 22 letter expressly said to stop working the individual that was not certified. They kept working that individual 34 days after they were told to stop working that non-certified individual," stated a LETC member, noting another point of non-compliance within the department.

On June 20, another letter was sent to Attorney Walters, Crawford, and Mayor Pernell suspending both Crawford and Gray's certification for "willfully falsifying material information provided to the Criminal Justice Academy."

The letter explains Gray and Crawford provided false statements to a CJA investigator, provided false documents to the investigator, and submitted false documents to CJA's certification unit.

An officer no longer possesses law enforcement authority with a suspended certificate. After June 20, this was the case for both Gray and Crawford.

**WHO IS THE LETC?**  
The 11-member LETC is the governing body of CJA and made of law enforcement officials across the state, like Chief Keel.

The creation of this council, of CJA, and of many of the laws which they enforce is outlined in Title 23, Chapter 23 of S.C. Code of Laws. It is non-optional for police departments in the state to be non-compliant with CJA or LETC rules, as they are written into much of this state law.

A portion of this law was amended to require all

uncertified officers employed or appointed on or after July 1, 2022 by any department in the state, to be certified by the LETC to enforce state law, and operate in the physical presence of a certified officer when performing law enforcement duties.

According to CJA's investigation, the altered documents, including the document with a Wite-Out covered date, submitted by BPD "was an attempt to back-date documents because they were working alone."

**THE HEARING**  
During the July 24 hearing, an LETC member detailed how "Crawford lied to the investigator that the uncertified officers were not working alone."

Dates on hiring documents were altered to reflect new hires starting before the change in state law on July 1, 2022 to exempt them from being shadowed by a certified officer, according to investigators.

When CJA investigators asked Crawford if uncertified officers were working alone, he responded that they were assigned to certified officers.

Through interviews with past and present law enforcement officers of the department, CJA was able to prove this was not the case. In interviews with former law enforcement officers who served in the Town of Blackville, *The People-Sentinel* found similar results to that of CJA.

Before the LETC made their decision on the status of his certification, Crawford and Walters were invited to speak.

"I apologize I'm here today before you, I should not be here," said Crawford. He began his career in law enforcement in 2007 and joined BPD in July 2021

after leaving a resource-rich department in North Charleston.

"When I got there, it was chaos, so I had to find a way to get things structured," said Crawford. "There were only two officers at the time, and an admin lieutenant Brian Gray who was serving as chief at that time, who I leaned heavily on for the admin side."

Crawford explained to the council that he came to BPD knowing little about the administrative end, and relied on Gray because he "had someone in place who I thought was proficient," he said.

Walters shared a similar sentiment to his client, explaining that the approach the town took when hiring Crawford only made it more challenging for him to get the department in order.

According to Walters, Crawford was not given a typical leadership entrance. He was not able to restructure the department or handle much of the root issues.

However, Walters and Crawford both did agree and admit, respectfully, that altered documents were submitted to CJA regardless.

Some of the main issues in BPD is a lack of personnel, which was the ultimate reason for this entire debacle, and low pay scale in comparison to other regional departments.

According to Mayor Pernell, he was on the interview panel when hiring Crawford in July 2021 under former mayor Michael Beasley, and he too noticed the problems the chief was going to face.

"A town like Blackville, it's hard to get certified officers," said Mayor Pernell at the July 24 meeting. "They come in the system and we don't have the resources, we don't

have the funds."

"Anytime you suspend an officer or don't allow them to keep their certifications, it hurts the small towns," he said.

Chief Keel, a Barnwell native, explained he and the LETC are very familiar with the challenges rural communities face in regards to policing, but restated the importance of following the law.

"We certainly understand small town police problems, we see that there are many challenges. But at the same time, we've got to make sure that we hold this profession to a high standard and that's what all of this is about. While we understand that, again there is a standard and laws that we have to make sure are enforced," said Chief Keel.

**THE DECISION**  
The LETC unanimously voted to withdraw Crawford's law enforcement certification, meaning he no longer possesses law enforcement authority.

Gray will be appearing before the council at their August meeting.

In total, the department was noncompliant for 55 days with various CJA, LETC, and state laws. The maximum fine this could yield is \$1,000 per day of non-compliance, meaning a \$55,000 fine for the Town of Blackville.

In a decision described as "extreme mercy" by a LETC member, the town was not fined the large sum, but instead a motion was made for a \$3,500 fine to be suspended upon successful completion of a one-year probation period where the department remains in compliance.

Before the council voted, Chief Keel reminded the council of the town's inability

to pay.

"We're talking about a very small, rural town. Everybody on this council knows the challenges we have in trying to find certified officers to work in these jurisdictions," said Chief Keel.

The council unanimously approved the motion, and the department is now in a one-year probation period. The department is currently in compliance with CJA and LETC.

**WHAT'S NEXT**  
BPD is currently under the command of interim Chief Shawn Howze, who was brought in to the department in early July after Crawford was initially suspended.

Chief Howze, a native of Blackville, is operating with full support from SLED and patrol assistance from the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office.

At the July 24 meeting, CJA Director Lewis Swindler explained non-compliance is not exclusively to the Town of Blackville, and he has signed roughly 50 non-compliance letters for agencies across the state in this year alone.

According to both Swindler and Keel, CJA allows departments to fix mistakes before being deemed non-compliant. However, they are also finding that once this 'fix it' period is over, the departments are going back to old ways. Frequently, the officials found that departments in a similar situation to the Town of Blackville do not come into compliance until they are brought before the LETC.

Due to the high number of non-compliance letters sent in the past seven months, Swindler explained CJA will be looking into readjusting time restraints given to departments and officers.

## 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.

**Hasperth Gathers Akins**, 49, of 896 Highway 300, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 25, 2024 by the Barn-

well County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) for Unlawful Conduct Toward a Child. Akins was booked and released to the Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).

**David Joseph Debruhl**, 41, of 1740 South Boundary Street, Fairfax, S.C. was arrested on July 22, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Child

Support. Debruhl was booked and released to BCDC.

**Wesley Kenneth Delk**, 41, of 121 Farrell Street, Williston, was arrested on July 19, 2024 by BCSO for Possession of Meth and Failure to Pay Child Support. Delk was booked and released to BCDC.

**Dexter Lawrence Fitzpatrick Jr.**, 36, of 436 Moore

Drive, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 17, 2024 by BCSO for Kidnapping, Burglary, Assault & Battery, and Possession of Stolen Property. Fitzpatrick was booked and released to BCDC.

**Kenneth Luther Grubbs**, 45, of 192 Chavis Road, Blackville, was arrested on July 20, 2024 by BCSO for Resisting

Arrest. Grubbs was booked and released to BCDC.

**Felisha L. James**, 51, of 80 Berry Street, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 16, 2024 by BCSO for Assault & Battery. James was booked and released to BCDC.

**Damien Jamal Milhouse**, 19, of 578 Davis Bridge Rd., Williston, was arrested on July 19, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Milhouse was booked and released to BCDC.

**Marcus Alexander Moore**, 25, of 9400 Highway 39, Williston, was arrested on July 19, 2024 by BCSO for Driving Under Suspension, Operating an Uninsured Vehicle, and Failure to Turn in an Expired License PLate. Moore was booked and released to BCDC.

**Chrystal Gloria Simoes**, 35, of 436 Moore Drive, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 17, 2024 by BCSO for Kidnapping, Burglary, Assault & Battery, and Possession of Stolen

Property. Simoes was booked and released to BCDC.

**Clarence Rodriguez Williams**, 46, of 72 Hall St., Williston, was arrested on July 22, 2024 by BCSO for Resisting Arrest and Failure to Stop for Police. Williams was booked and released to BCDC.

**Nyah Reyn Joseph**, 23, of 2945 Hwy. 300, Barnwell, was arrested July 23, 2024 by BCSO for (2) counts of Attempted Murder and Attempted Arson. Joseph was booked and released to BCDC.

**Christopher Russel Dewitt Williams**, 35, of 481 Sweetwater Circle, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 24, 2024 by BCSO for Harassment and Unlawful Communications. Williams was booked and released to BCDC.

**Jessica Lee Whistin**, 37, of 747 Still Water Rd., Windsor, was arrested on July 26, 2024 by BCSO for Distribution of Meth. Whistin was booked and released to BCDC.

**Wadell Williams III**, 32, of 274 Elberta Circle, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 25, 2024 by BCSO for Grand Larceny. Williams was booked and released to BCDC.

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# Grief ministry at First Baptist Church of Barnwell is a new G.I.F.T. for women

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**Blessed are those that mourn for they shall be comforted. - Matthew 5:4**

This coming Sunday, August 4 at 3 p.m. Wanda Harelson and Marilyn Powers will host the first gathering of their new grief ministry located in The Nook at First Baptist Church of Barnwell.

The doors, like their welcoming hearts, will be open to all women in the community suffering from the loss of a loved one. The ministry, called G.I.F.T., is an acronym for Growing In Faith Together, offering an understanding and encouraging fellowship for women to share their feelings.

Not long ago, Harelson was in the midst of grief with extra time on her hands and yet couldn't ignore a call on her heart to speak with Senior Pastor Bart Kelley and Associate Pastor Jeremy Creech about an idea she had for a ministry. Unsure how it would all come together, but trusting God was leading her, she knew she wanted to volunteer her time to help grieving women in the community. Then one morning in Sunday School she strongly felt the Lord leading her to talk with Powers about developing the G.I.F.T. ministry.

"Marilyn Powers and I wound up sitting next to each other that morning and now we are co-leaders in this support group. She lost her husband, Steve, to Covid on October 20th 2020 and I lost my husband, Jim, to pancreatic cancer on February 27th of this year. She and I both have felt the need in this community for a grief and support group for women. Not just widows, but for all women in the community feeling any loss," said Harelson.

Powers shared, "Yes, this has been on my heart for some time as well." Harelson smiled and said, "That was her first response to me when I approached her with the idea." Both ladies agreed, nodding, "It's definitely a God thing."

"God clearly put us together. We both know that. I remember approaching Wanda after church one day in the parking lot right after Jim passed away. I just know that God has placed me in the paths of many people that are walking this road. And it's not just about husbands," said Powers.



Photo By: Donna-Maria Conzalina

Wanda Harelson and Marilyn Powers are the leaders of a new grief ministry launching at First Baptist Church of Barnwell, though it's open to any woman in the community. They are shown in The Nook of the church in front of a painting of Jesus done by Donna Lott.

"There's a lot of loss and grief and until you walk that road, you really don't know."

As emotions welled up in her voice, Powers said, "I can remember from that October till February, there was just so much sadness. I just missed him so terribly. We were together for 45 years. You don't feel alone because you know the Holy Spirit is there. You're talking to the Holy Spirit constantly. You're reading and studying His Word and I had a hunger to know everything I could about Heaven. But there was a sadness that I had a hard time shaking. And every month on the 20th, I would just relive that night he left. I can remember saying, 'Holy Spirit, I can't shake the sadness. Lord, just come and get me. The world's upside down.' But then The Holy Spirit clearly said, 'Remember what Dr.

Thompson told you, not once but twice. Once when Steve was in ICU', (we were both in the hospital at the same time,) 'and again after he passed away, Dr. Thompson said, your immune system numbers were so weak, you were the more likely of the two of you to be the one on the ventilator and not make it.' And He (The Holy Spirit) said, 'God has something else planned for you.' And I knew The Holy Spirit was right. I said, you could have taken me but you didn't, Holy Spirit. And I need to feel privileged that you chose me to stay and share the Good News of God with others."

That very day, the 20th of February 2021, Powers noticed life was different. The sun was shining again after a long period of winter dreariness. She thanked The Lord for the sunshine, including, "Thank you

Lord, that I know Steve is with you and I declare I will never again be sad on this day. I declare, proclaim and receive the goodness of God and I will rejoice on the 20th of every month that this is the moment that Steve met you face to face."

In proclamation and declaration, she sent those similar words in a message to her Bible study friends and said, "Within moments of sending the text, my mind was flooded with memories of when we were dating 45 years ago, memories that I'd completely forgotten about. I could see the clothes we were wearing, hear the music we listened to, and it was the most beautiful, sweet little kisses from Heaven. Spending time with God, doing daily devotions starting your day out with Him, abiding in God throughout the day and that's what changes and gets you to understand

*"We both have a heart for Jesus. We're excited to be a part of this ministry for our community and to share with ladies the power and grace, love and mercy, and the goodness of our God that we have experienced in our lives. Our prayer is that they will know that God loves them, and He is there for them."*

- Marilyn Powers, on the grief ministry

how the scripture says, 'See, I'm doing a new thing now.' And He is, 'I am your husband now.' And He is. And then, you can't be sad when you're praising Jesus. You just can't."

After that revelation, is when Powers, like Harelson, knew she wanted to be part of a ministry helping women build a closer relationship with God and not live with sadness. But she knew she'd have to wait on God's perfect timing because she needed to continue working full time, commuting back and forth for three hours to Columbia on a daily basis.

"Sweet, quiet time to enjoy with Jesus," Powers said. Yet, with every opportunity that came along, she was led to reach out, talk and pray with anyone God brought her way, those walking the same path. "God placed me here to do this and I knew it," she said.

"The wonderful thing about this (ministry) is Wanda's just taken control over moving it forward and getting things happening. She and I collaborate a lot together but it's nice because she does have the time that I don't have so I think we're making a good team," said Powers.

Their sisterhood in Christ was shining during the interview for this story as both ladies looked at each other, smiled, and Harelson said, "I do, too." Witnessing this unity and sisterhood already established between these ladies, by all means, it's evident, this ministry will bless each and every woman choosing to accept this G.I.F.T.

As the women spoke, Harelson reminisced upon a beautiful moment God shared with her. Such is the blessing of gathering together.

"Jim loved to work outside with the flowers and birds in the garden. We have six hydrangea bushes that never bloomed and after he passed away they have flourished. Jim passed away at our daughter's house and she does not ever have birds in her yard. But, her back yard, since he passed away, has been covered

with cardinals. I'm telling you, I have never seen so many cardinals in my life and they're just flocking in her yard. They were Jim's favorite bird. It's a blessing how God comforts each of us in unique ways," said Harelson.

"We both have a heart for Jesus," Powers said. "We are excited to be a part of this ministry for our community and to share with ladies the power and grace, love and mercy, and the goodness of our God that we have experienced in our lives. Our prayer is that they will know that God loves them, and that He is there for them."

Matthew 5:4 is their guiding Bible verse: Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

The ministry will have refreshments, time of sharing together, devotion and prayer at each meeting.

"We will include all the hugs needed," Harelson said. "We had planned to meet once a month, but we will ask the group if they would like the opportunity to meet twice a month. We will have special birthday celebrations once a month and we have crafts, games and even eating out together occasionally to celebrate just being together and supporting each other. We will introduce journaling and devotional time for the ladies to enjoy during their quiet time at home. I personally feel so blessed to have this opportunity to support these ladies and in turn they will support me as well because of my own recent loss."

Senior Pastor Bart Kelley, who is thankful for this ministry, said, "My hope is this ministry will be so overwhelming that God will have two men, they don't have to be members of this church, as long as they're God faithful men; that will be willing to move forward and start the same thing for men. Because women will comfortably open up to women and men will likewise open up to men."

For more information on the G.I.F.T. Ministry please call Wanda Harelson at 803-920-1451 or Marilyn Powers 803-315-7947.

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## Everette Sanders

367, Williston, S.C. 29853. Everette passed away at home on Wednesday, July 24, 2024.

Honored to serve as pallbearers are Evan Blankenship, Garon Blankenship, Randy Miller, Harold Moors, Kelly Still and Taylor Still.

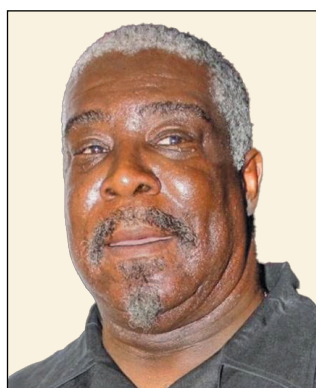
Born in Bamberg County, S.C., he was a son of Delma Omega Chavis Sanders and the late Norman Everette Sanders. He attended Green Branch Pentecostal Holiness Church. Everette loved spending time fishing at the Combahee River and enjoyed going to the Farmer's Market during watermelon season. He was a loving granddaddy "I-daddy" to his adoring grandchildren and cherished every minute that he got to spend with his family.

Survivors include his loving wife, Connie Gunnells Sanders of the

home; a daughter, Heather Sanders (Smiley); a son, Brent (Brittany) Sanders, all of Barnwell, S.C.; his grandchildren, Ryan, Matthew, and Noah Sutherland and Nolan and Creed Sanders; his brother, Mike Sanders of Olar, S.C.; his father and mother-in-law, Leighton and Sue Gunnells; brothers-in-law, Reverend Timmy (Teresa) Gunnells and Andy (Rev. Eileen) Gunnells, all of Barnwell, S.C.; sister-in-law, Brenda (Barry) Blankenship of Barnwell, S.C.; nieces, Misty (Brad) Atkinson, Heaven Sanders and a number of Gunnells nieces and nephews that he loved dearly.

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

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## Jerry Mack

and he loved playing his guitar. He started the Blues Brothers and later Jerry Mack and the Joy Gospel Singers. His music has been enjoyed by everyone for many years.

BARNWELL - Jerry Lee Mack, age 69, affectionately known as "Pretty Man," was born on May 24, 1955 in Bamberg, South Carolina to the late Dave Mack Sr. and the late Lou Ella Odom Mack. He departed this life on July 21, 2024 at his residence in Barnwell, South Carolina.

He was educated in the public schools of Barnwell County. At an early age, he joined New Home Missionary Baptist Church in Barnwell.

At the age of 21, he started his career as an international truck driver. In 2023, after 47 years of driving, he retired. Music was his passion

He was preceded in death by both parents; one son, Lavern Workman; one brother, Lugene Mack; two sisters: Doris Tooks and Mildred Harris. He leaves to cherish his fond memories, a loving and devoted wife of 42 years, Geneva Mack of the home; six children: Alfred (Kayla) Tooks, Jerrica Mack, Sophia Mack, Angel Ashley, Chasity Ashley and Devanta Ashley, all of Barnwell, S.C.; a special son, Hanspert "Buster" Akins; two brothers: Dave (Clara) Mack and Leon (Adelle) Mack, both of Barnwell, S.C.; two sisters: Elizabeth Johnson of Blackville, S.C. and Kitty Mack of Barnwell, S.C.; seven granddaughters, eleven grandsons and one great-

grandchild, all of Barnwell, S.C.; eight sisters-in-law; six brothers-in-law; special friends: George Brown, Vivian Workman, Johnette Tims, Mae Helen Hunter, and Barbara Rice; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving relatives and sympathizing friends. Jerry will be greatly missed by his family, friends and community.

Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Sunday, July 28, 2024 at Rosemary Baptist Church in Barnwell with Reverend Bennie Wiggins Jr. officiating. Burial followed in Barnwell County Memorial Cemetery. Visitation was held at Community Funeral Home of Barnwell (361 Jackson Street, Barnwell) on Saturday, July 27, 2024 from 3-7 p.m.

Community Funeral Home of Barnwell was entrusted with the arrangements.

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BARNWELL - Funeral services for Everette Sanders, 61, of Barnwell, S.C. were held at 11 o'clock a.m., Saturday, July 27, 2024 at Green Branch Pentecostal Holiness Church with the Reverend Timmy Gunnells officiating; burial followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. Memorial contributions may be sent to Green Branch Pentecostal Holiness Church, 220 Green Branch Rd., Barnwell, S.C. 29817 or Folk Funeral Home, P.O. Box

## Ronald (Ronnie) Parnell Davis



Calhoun Technical College.

Ronnie worked many years in the peach business with Dixie View Orchards and as a parts manager with Mabbett Transport, both of Allendale, South Carolina. He was a member of the Allendale Masonic Lodge #109 and a Past Master. However, he had a calling to lawn care and created his own business, Grasshopper Lawn Care, and he was known as "Grasshopper" until his death. If he wasn't out tending to lawns, he was on the ball field coaching one of his three children. No matter where you would find him, his two beloved dogs, Bailey and Lily, were right beside him.

He is survived by his son, Ronnie (Megan)

Davis Jr. of Clayton, North Carolina, and daughter, Callie (Kevin) Faile, of Darlington, South Carolina; three granddaughters, Hailey Davis, Emory Davis, and Leslie Faile. He is survived by one brother, Timmy Davis; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents; sister, Rebecca (Becky) Chastain; and son, Robert Tyler Davis.

A memorial service will be held at a later date by Keith Smith Funeral Service of Allendale.

Sign the online guestbook at [www.keithsmithfuneralservice.com](http://www.keithsmithfuneralservice.com).

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ALLENDALE - Ronald (Ronnie) Parnell Davis Sr. passed away Tuesday, July 16th, 2024, at the age of 63.

Ronnie was born on June 14, 1961, in Allendale, South Carolina, to James Martin Davis and Mary (Toby) Williamson. He was a graduate from Allendale Academy and earned his Mechanical Engineering degree from Orangeburg-

## John "Jack" Hal Connor III



FRANKLIN, N.C. - John Hal Connor III, "Jack," died suddenly on July 12, 2024 at his home in Franklin, N.C.

He was born January 26, 1949 in Champaign, IL to the late John Hal Connor Jr. of Dekalb, IL and Martha Ayer Harley Connor of Barnwell, S.C. Upon the elder Connor's completion of law school at the University of Illinois in 1950, the young family moved to Winter Haven, Fla., where Jack was raised and, according to local legend, raised a considerable amount of, well, Cain.

He was a legendary risk taker, "jeeping" in Central Florida's phosphate pits and pulling water skiers frighteningly close to alligators that were prevalent in Winter Haven's chain of lakes. Upon returning from Vietnam in 1969, he famously led local police on high-speed chases along rural, two-lane highways, at times with the assistance of long-haul truckers who had heard of the "blue phantom," as he was described in the local newspaper, and would pull over onto the center

line to block police cars in pursuit. Jack's father, a former city attorney, judge, and respected attorney, who had promised Jack any car he wanted if he made it home alive from the war, was never the wiser. Eventually bored with his anonymous infamy, Jack one day drove his 1967 Plymouth GTX, known as a "muscle car," to the police department, parked in the lot, left the key in the ignition, and walked away. Jack, as he was known to family and friends, was a man of many interests and hobbies, all of which he seemed to master with ease. He was a competitive sporting clay shooter, an avid waterman, a semi-pro golfer, an artist, gardener and epicurean. He began cooking during childhood and loved inventing fresh combinations of ingredients to create a cuisine no one appreciated more than he. He was also a successful real estate appraiser, who lived for several years on a boat. He was happiest on the water but retired from the boating life five years ago to seek higher ground. This was, perhaps, an instinct likely honed during his time with the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam, where he served in 1968. Jack was proudest of being a Marine, an identity that defined his life, especially in his later years. Most of his comrades predeceased him

from the effects of Agent Orange. Semper fidelis was his operating principle both as a Marine and as a friend to many.

He was a patriot, a relentless wit, a devoted father to three children, and brother to two sisters, including Kathleen Parker, the Pulitzer Prize winning columnist for The Washington Post. Despite a divorce from the mother of his children, Anne Attaway Connor of Winter Park, Fla., the two remained close friends, working together in real estate, sharing two granddaughters and talking often by phone.

Jack is survived by his daughter and son-in-law: Kathryn and Campbell McCrary of New York City, N.Y.; two sons: Christopher Connor of Longwood, Fla. and Tradd and Kelsey Connor of Henryetta, OK; sisters and brother-in-law, Kathleen "Parker" Cleveland and Sherwood McKissick Cleveland of Camden, S.C. and Sarah Heithaus of Tampa Fla.; and grandchildren, Eugenia McCrary and Aubrey McCrary.

A graveside service will be held in Barnwell, S.C. at the Baptist Cemetery at 11 a.m. on August 1st. Online condolences may be left at [BryantGrantFuneralHome.com](http://BryantGrantFuneralHome.com) of Franklin, N.C. or [www.molefh.com](http://www.molefh.com) in Barnwell, S.C.

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## Angela Fanning Brown



2024 at Rosemary Baptist Church Williston with the Reverend Dan Fogle officiating.

Angela passed away on July 17, 2024.

Born in Augusta, Ga., she was a daughter of the late Benjamin Franklin "B.F." Fanning Jr. and Iris Hardin Fanning Turner. She previously worked as a receptionist in the medical field. Angela was sweet, kind and loved her family.

Survivors include her brother, Frank (Linda)

Fanning of Williston, S.C.; sister, Nanette (Robbie) Stabler of Gaston, S.C.; daughter, Kelli Bush; two nephews, Landon Stabler and Scott (Suzanne) Fanning of North Augusta, S.C.; and a number of cousins.

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## Valerie Cone Whatley



FAIRFAX - Valerie Cone Whatley, 67, of Fairfax, passed away Monday, July 22, 2024. She was the daughter of the late Edward Terrence Cone and Bonnie Sears Cone.

She attended USC School of Nursing and was a

school nurse at Allendale County Schools. She later joined the family business at Fairfax Pharmacy where she ran the Balloon Corner. She was active in many community groups and loved helping others. She enjoyed animals and volunteering with rescues, many of which became her own dogs and cats.

She is survived by her sons, Benjamin "Ben" (Julie) of Lexington and Nicholas "Nick" of Williston. She also leaves 3 grandchildren, Haley, Turner, and Mary Katherine; two sisters, Bonnie Simmons and Carol

Davis; and four nieces.

The family received friends from 4-6 p.m. Monday, July 29, 2024, at Keith Smith Funeral Service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Partners for Pets, P.O. Box 678, Fairfax, S.C. 29827.

Keith Smith Funeral Service, 128 Water Street, Allendale, is assisting the family with arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at [www.keithsmithfuneralservice.com](http://www.keithsmithfuneralservice.com).

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# SPORT: Barnwell's Sport Holland retires, sells convenience store

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school after her car ran out of gas near his store. "I didn't know what to do so I left with a friend. I came back to him and another guy pushing my car to his store where he filled me up," she said.

Amy Coto said Sport has "always had a smile and such a kind heart!" She remembers when she took the kids from her Sunday school class to get a drink and snack after church that he would not allow her to pay, telling her it was taken care of.

"I remember before the new store was built, he would give a hand filling up your tank or washing a windshield. He has done so much for so many folks and will be missed. Truly the last of a certain breed of man," said Sam Grubbs.

Leslie Platt said Sport helped her many times with car issues, including going to the auto parts store to get her oil and then putting the oil in her car. "You don't see people like him offering to help the patrons like that anymore," she said.

However, Sport not only helped her with car issues, but also encouraged Platt to quit smoking every time she'd stop by Sport's to buy cigarettes. "He would tell me a story about a family member who had bad health problems from smoking. And then tell me, 'You need to quit those things.' I would say, 'I know...I will someday.' He was so happy the day I came in to buy some water and he said, 'That it?' I said, 'Yes sir, I quit smoking,'" said Platt.

Though he moved away from Barnwell in 2005, Joel Sanders will always remember Sport's commitment to service and hard work. "I still remember him running out and pumping gas and cleaning the windshield for my grandmother as a kid. He always seemed to be an example of what was good in a small town - hard-working and self-made."

"Many people came to your store not to just buy



Photo Courtesy: Michelle Black

**ABOVE:** Natalie Black has gone to Sport's convenience store every Saturday for years to get her favorite snacks. She had to go one more time on Saturday, July 27 to see Sport Holland (left) before his retirement.

**AT RIGHT:** Parker Boehme (left), the new owner of Sport's, poses for a photo with Sport Holland in front of the store that Sport owned for over 30 years. Jonathan Vickery / Publisher



*"Faith and values are number one. We believe in treating everybody like we want to be treated. We don't exist without the customers."*

## - Sport Holland of his mission while he owned Sport's convenience store

gas or something inside, but to see you. Others would come to you for advice, because they knew you would give suggestions. No one will ever know how many people you helped through the years," said Rev. Billy Vaughn.

As a kid, Anderson Corder remembers going to Sport's with his parents to buy Coca-Cola in a glass, penny candy, and the newest edition of *The People-Sentinel*. As a young adult, he worked nearby and would stop in Sport's for refreshments and advice. "Sport was always working hard but always had a moment to give a greeting with a smile. Gave great advice too. His wisdom, kindness and great customer service

will be missed. They don't make them like Sport Holland anymore," said Corder.

"He always made you feel welcome and appreciated. That is how all the businesses should operate. May God continue to bless you," said Vickie Smith.

Chris Macomber started working for Sport earlier this year. In that short time, she said she's witnessed Sport be "giving" and "loving" to others. "Anytime he could help someone, he never hesitated. It didn't matter who you were. I have been truly blessed to have worked and get to know a man that is a true legend in Barnwell," said Macomber.

**LEGACY CONTINUES**

PGB Petroleum, the new owners of Sport's, plans to continue the legacy the Holland family provided for decades.

"I'm excited for Mr. Holland to be entering this new chapter and giving me opportunity to continue his legacy," said Parker Boehme, who owns PGB Petroleum.

Boehme said he shares a lot of the same values and priorities as Sport, including treating people with kindness and respect. He attributes much of this to his Christian faith.

"A lot of the values I try to bring to the company definitely come from God," said Boehme.

Many people pass through a convenience store like Sport's each day.

Boehme said this provides an opportunity to touch people's lives in a positive way, such as praying for people who are having a bad day or going through a tough situation.

"You never know what somebody is walking through. We have the opportunity to play a big role in their life," he said. "Our God, above all, will take care of rest."

In 2019, Boehme started his own small chain of convenience stores. Though Boehme lives in Charleston, he is familiar with Barnwell and Sport's.

Boehme's father-in-law, David Mixon, owns Allendale-based Mixon Oil, which supplies fuel to Sport's. Boehme's grandfather-in-law and

Sport's father also played a weekly poker game for many years.

"It's in good hands," said Sport of Boehme taking over the store.

Just like Sport, Boehme said he wants to build relationships with residents, businesses, and the towns. "I take pride in being part of the community," said Boehme.

The store will continue to be open from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday. However, Boehme is bringing back Sunday hours of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Though the ownership is changing, their commitment to service is not. Plus, they still plan to have the "coldest drinks in town."

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# WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS!

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The third time proved to be the charm for the Barnwell Ponytails All-Star softball team as they are the 2024 Dixie Softball World Series Champions!

Head Coach Brad Whitehead's squad of 11- to 12-year-old girls not only won the World Series, but they did so in dominating fashion, going 5-0 over the course of the three-day tournament held in East Ouichita, Louisiana.

Coach Whitehead and his Ponytails earned this third straight visit to the Dixie Softball World Series after winning the South Carolina Dixie Softball State Championship. The 2022 team finished as World Series runners-up while the 2023 group came away with a respectable third place finish. This year, the team was focused on one goal, and that was to bring the World Series Championship trophy back to Barnwell, South Carolina. That is just what this talented team did.

In game one, Barnwell faced a good Topsail team from North Carolina, but our local sluggers saw nine different batters getting at least one hit on the way to a strong 11-1 win. Along with the powerful offensive performance, the Ponytails pitching absolutely shut down their neighbors from North Carolina. Kensley Terrapin struck out five Topsail batters and Sadie Whitehead added two more in relief.

The second game saw no letdown from the Barnwell offense on the way to another big offensive performance and a 12-1 victory over Moore County, N.C. Triples from Harper Still, Brinkley Taylor, and Shalayah Badger and doubles from Kensley Terrapin and Brinkley Taylor were the big swings, but this was another team effort with eight different batters connecting for hits. Mary Sanders Reece struck out three to help Barnwell's defensive effort.

Game three turned out to be the toughest game for Barnwell as they faced a familiar foe in the Saluda County team, also from South Carolina. The 5-3 win was a hard-fought battle and the hits were limited for both teams due to some great pitching and good defensive work. Barnwell made hits from Genesis Walker, Ashby Heltibridge, and Shalayah Badger count. These hits and several



The Barnwell Ponytails are the 2024 Dixie Softball World Series Champions!

Photo by Brooke Taylor

walks helped Barnwell take the victory. Kensley Terrapin had a big night, striking out seven Saluda batters.

Topsail was Barnwell's fourth opponent in a rematch of game one. The North Carolina team played a better game this time around, but Barnwell still was too strong, winning 7-3. The Barnwell bats were alive and swinging again as seven different players recorded hits. Mary Sanders Reece got a strike out and Shalayah Badger added three more to hold the Topsail team to three runs.

In the championship game, Barnwell was matched up with Saluda County, again. The results were the same as the last time they met, with Barnwell taking the victory 6-1 and completing the tournament with a perfect 5-0. With the

win, Coach Whitehead's team had finally realized that almost unreachable dream and were crowned the 2024 Dixie Softball World Series Champions!

In the championship game, Rekeya Roberts, Genesis Walker, and Kinsley Bridges each had multiple hits and the team had eight different players collect hits. Kensley Terrapin pitched another outstanding game, striking out four on the way to the win. This team consistently showed that this was a true team effort and not some team with only one or two stars. Everyone contributed offensively, defensively, or most often, both.

Coach Whitehead was asked about his team winning the World Series and said, "This is simply amazing. Six years together and the last three years we have come so close, coming in

2nd in 2022 and 3rd in 2023 and now champions in 2024. They have never given up, constantly fighting to get better, practicing like warriors and playing on the weekends. They have given up a lot for this sport and it's finally paid off. These girls are all like my daughters so to finally see the joy on all of their faces makes it all worth it to me. These girls' bats got hot at the right time and they've done an amazing job. I'm speechless. I'm searching for words to say but amazed is all that comes to me. It's been a long time and it finally happened. The trophy is coming home to South Carolina with us this year!"

The 2024 Barnwell Ponytails Dixie World Series Championship team is made up of Emily Vanacore, Brinkley Taylor, Kensley Terrapin, Harper Still, Mckaylee Padgett, Ashby

Heltibridge, Mary Sanders Reece, Rekeya Roberts, Genesis Walker, Kinsley Bridges, Sadie Whitehead, and Shalayah Badger. Brad Whitehead is the head coach and Michael Terrapin and Reggie Walker are assistant coaches.

Ponytail player Kinsley Bridges was asked about this experience and said, "Winning the championship was one of the best feelings in the world! We worked so hard to get to this point as a team. Playing softball with my friends and teammates and our coaches is something I'll never forget."

Congratulations Coach Whitehead and the entire Barnwell Ponytails team on winning the 2024 Dixie Softball World Series! Barnwell County is proud of you!



"The trophy is coming home with us to South Carolina this year!" said Coach Brad Whitehead.

Photo by Brooke Taylor



Coach Brad Whitehead and his Barnwell Ponytails team were on a mission to win the 2024 World Series.

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# Wishville Warriors football returns for 2024



The Wishville Warriors 12 and under team was crowned champions of the Deep South Carolina Youth Football League in 2023. Photo Contributed

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The Wishville Warriors football team is back for a second season after a successful 2023 football season in which the 12 and under Warriors were crowned Champions of the Deep South Carolina Youth Football League.

The DSCYFL is a tackle football league and consists of the Wishville Warriors, Wagener Bulldawgs, Calhoun County Young Saints, Swansea Kuntry Boyz and the Legion City Generals out of Columbia, S.C. The Warriors other two teams both made it to the championship games and finished as runners-up. This marked the return of tackle football to the Williston area for the 7- to 8-year-old group.

The Warriors are holding registration for the upcoming 2024 football seasons. There are three

teams for players ages 7-12 years old. The 8 and under team is for players aged 7-8 years old, the 10 and under team is for those aged 9-10 years old, and the 12 and under team is for players aged 11-12 years old as of August 1st. Registration is open until August 5th and the cost is \$125 per player. Go to [www.wishvillewarriors.com](http://www.wishvillewarriors.com) to register or for more information.

Games will be played at both Blackville-Hilda High School and Williston-Elko High School. All games are played on Saturdays, with the season starting on August 31st, which is the 2nd Annual DSCYFL Jamboree to be held in Swansea. The regular season starts September 7th with the Warriors going on the road to face the Swansea Kuntry Boyz.

The league was started by John L. Smalls, a 1992 graduate of Williston-El-

ko High School where he played three sports and was later a member of the Orangeburg Ruff Riders semi professional football team.

"Our organization started out with basketball in 2022 and 2023 before finally getting our football program started in the fall of 2023. We are not associated with other town recreational programs. This is a more competitive level of youth football where we are competing against other advanced programs," said Smalls.

Coach Smalls went on to say that "our 12U team was arguably the best in the state of South Carolina after going 12-1 overall."

If you are interested in registering your 7- to 12-year-old kids for any of the Wishville Warrior teams, you may go to [www.wishvillewarriors.com](http://www.wishvillewarriors.com) or contact John Smalls at (803) 300-6516.

# Junior golf championship tees off at Sweetwater Club



Top: Rebecca Richardson was the girls champ and Landon Brown was the boys champ. Bottom: Lexi Deans and Alli Deans were the winners of the kids division. Photo Contributed



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Sweetwater Country Club in Barnwell held its first-ever Junior Golf Championship.

Nine participants took part in the inaugural event on July 10. There were two age groups, including kids division (12 and under) and championship division (ages 13-18).

"The event had really good spectator attendance plus great family participation as caddies and spectators. The Sweetwater Country Club members graciously allowed the use of their course and clubhouse for the event. We welcome all of the area's youth to come and enjoy the great game of golf," said Chip Cochran, general manager and head

pro superintendent of the country club.

For the championship division, Rebecca Richardson was the girls champ and Landon Brown was the boys champ.

Lexi Deans and Alli Deans were the winners of the kids division.

Cochran said they plan to build this event in the future. It is open to all area youth.



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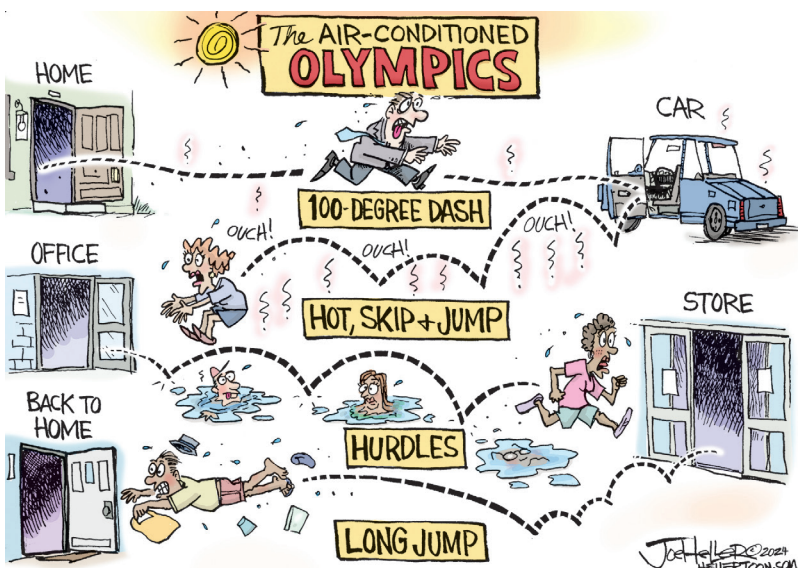
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## Column

### A new day is dawning for public health in South Carolina

On July 1, the new South Carolina Department of Public Health (DPH) officially launched as the state's official public health agency, devoted to advancing and improving the health of South Carolinians and the communities in which they live.

This is a new day for public health in South Carolina, a state with a proud history of public health innovation going all the way back to 1712, when the then colony of South Carolina created the first health officer position in all of North America.

As the needs of South Carolinians change, we in public health need to adapt as well. Coming out of COVID-19, the governor and legislature recognized a need to reevaluate the structure of public health and environmental services in our state. Act 60, which created the Department of Environmental Services and Department of Public Health from the former Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), was the culmination of the assessment, and one we are very excited to advance.

DHEC's health component provided us with a strong, 50-year legacy of dedication and commitment to the well-being of the people of South Carolina. We will build off that legacy as we launch DPH with the goal of becoming stronger than ever. We will carry forward the ideals of innovation, collaboration and the incorporation of best practices to achieve our long-term goal of South Carolina becoming the healthiest state in the nation.

We're not there yet. But I'm convinced that working together with community groups, faith-based organizations, health care providers, nonprofits, and other state agencies across our state, we can move the needle toward ensuring that every South Carolinian has access to the care, resources, and information they need to make decisions to enhance their health and the health of their families.

One major change we are making is to significantly increase our community outreach and engagement, with local groups like those listed above with the goal of partnering

with them to develop community-based solutions that will address the many issues that impact health. We know that local solutions, with resources and assistance from the state level work best, and we are dedicated to supporting local communities to help them thrive and optimize their health.

We will also work with other health agencies in our state to make it easier for the public to access services and develop a more coordinated approach to health challenges.

We also are continuing our regulation of licensed health care facilities, from nursing homes to hospitals. Not only will we continue to ensure that the facilities South Carolinians use are safe and high quality, but we will also use this opportunity to innovate as well. Beginning this year, we will be posting health care facility reports on our website.

This innovation will allow families to view complaints, investigations, and enforcement actions taken against facilities in addition to positive reports. We believe making this unbiased information available to the public is a service that will provide immense value to those making critical decisions about care for themselves and their families.

Though there are changes, what will not change are the services we provide at our county health departments; the people you trust there to deliver them; and our commitment to helping South Carolinians and their communities thrive. If anything, the future of public health in South Carolina looks brighter than ever.

Our mission at DPH is to protect, promote, and improve the health and well-being of everyone in South Carolina. With the opportunities provided by having a new state public health agency, and working with many others, we will make South Carolina the healthiest state in the nation, and a better place to live, work and play. We look forward to doing this together with you.

Sincerely,  
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DPH Interim Director

## Better Business Bureau

### BBB scam alert: With used cars in high demand, look out for too-good-to-be-true prices



Kelvin Collins

Better Business Bureau

Used cars are in high demand, and scammers know it. Con artists are taking advantage of shoppers who turn to online platforms in search of a reasonably priced used vehicle. Be wary of this latest twist and too-good-to-be-true prices.

#### How the scam works

You are shopping for a used vehicle on Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, eBay, or another online platform. You find the make and model you want at an excellent price. Amazing!

However, when you contact the seller, you find out that the vehicle is in another city. Fortunately, the seller knows a transport company that can deliver it to you. All you need to do is pay the transport company, which will hold the funds in escrow until the vehicle is delivered. Many scammers will add a sad story meant to tug on your heartstrings. For example, they may claim the car belonged to a rela-

tive who has passed away.

In one example recent report, the scammer claimed to be selling a car on behalf of their aunt, who inherited it from her recently deceased father. "The 'Auntie' claimed she was a nurse and worked shifts, and that my daughter's original email had fallen into her junk folder. The 'Auntie' had moved thousands of miles from us. But if my daughter wanted to purchase the car for the stated price (which was well under the going price for a vehicle of this type, year and mileage), the Auntie had a contract with an automotive transport company."

Once you've paid the third-party company, usually by a wire transfer or prepaid debit card, your vehicle won't be delivered. The sale was a scam, and the con artist was in cahoots with the third-party transport company. Unfortunately, your money is gone for good.

#### How to avoid car sales scams

• **Watch out for prices that are too good to be true.** It's probably a scam. Scammers know that used cars are in high demand, and they will tempt shoppers with great deals.

• **Contact the seller by phone.** As early as possible, speak to the seller on the phone and ask plenty of questions. If you get very vague answers, if the seller gets defensive or aggressive, or if they can't confirm their location or the location of the

vehicle, you're probably dealing with a scammer.

• **See the car before you buy it.** Always make an in-person inspection and take a test drive before you purchase a vehicle.

• **Don't give in to threats or pressure.** Resist the urge to act immediately. Always take time to consider a purchase, especially if it's a vehicle that costs thousands of dollars.

• **Don't wire funds for a car.** Scammers often ask for wired funds because they are hard to track, and there's no way to get your money back. It's best to make large purchases by check or credit card.

For more information, see this BBB Investigation on vehicle shipper and escrow scams. You may also want to read the BBB Tips on buying a used car and buying a car online.

If you see a car sales scam, report it at [BBB.org/ScamTracker](http://BBB.org/ScamTracker) and to the online marketplace where you found it.

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## Natural Affections

### Blowing in the Wind



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"...The answer my friend is blowing in the wind, the answer is blowing in the wind." ~Bob Dylan

I was talking with a friend the other day about how, lately, responsibilities involving paperwork, lots of paperwork, have left my mind swirling around like a hurricane. I'm convinced some of us just weren't naturally cut out for dotting i's and crossing t's.

As the youngest daughter, middle child in rank, growing up between two sisters and two brothers it was easy to see how each child is uniquely different. My mother, occasionally frustrated with my laid-back ways, mentioned a few times that it wouldn't hurt me to mimic her more organized child; the one who did dot every "i" and cross every "t." A neat and levelheaded gal among gals my sister has always been. And hearing my mother's comments, of course this sibling gave it her best shot to mold me into her "mini me," an exasperating experience for all concerned in our younger days. In the echoes of my mind, I can still hear my sister say, with great annoyance in her voice, "take off those rose coloured glasses and look at the real world."

Our "real world" views were very

different though. For years I felt like a triangle in a world of circles. These days however, my edges are smoothing and my sister's actually beginning to get my "point" of view.

Looking back I can appreciate the frustration she had with me and admit, she was right. I have always had my head in the clouds. But, even as a child, something in my heart believed the answers weren't really blowing in the wind. Rather, they'd be found in the hands of The One who makes the winds blow. As far back as I can remember, I was always seeking Him. His ways. The Great Creator of Everything. And these days, I can actually see the beauty in why He made each of us so different. And why He gave us the beautiful gift of family. Even if it's not immediate or extended family surrounding us. He does give us, as children of God, through neighbors and friends, brothers and sisters to lean on. To learn from. To care for.

And caring for each other is definitely a God thing. You see, these current responsibilities and paperwork I've been feeling overwhelmed with;

well, the purpose of it all is to help my sister who, sadly, can't quite dot all the i's and cross all the t's like she used to. She's going through some heavy stuff presently and only God foresaw how He'd use me at this time to help her. And because I do keep my eyes on Him I can see, it's all gonna be all right. We really can "do all things through Christ who strengthens us." (Philippians 4:13) And ya know, a huge part of what I see as His strength for our family, ironically is the blessing of a beautiful, intelligent daughter He gave me to help me help my sister. To help her favorite Aunt. Her second mother. And one of the most beautiful things when talking about uniqueness is, God made my daughter a perfect combination of triangle and circle all in one! She cadot every i, cross every t and also sees the gift of love above all.

I don't know what questions or answers may blow our way in the wind as the days go on, but I do know, I trust and thank the keeper of us all.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Events

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Every Fourth Monday**  
**Barnwell County Republican Meeting**  
 2269 Ashleigh Road  
 Blackville, SC  
 6:30-7pm social time  
 7-8 pm meeting

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

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

**First Sunday Monthly GIFT: Growing In Faith Women's Group.**  
 An all-women's small group offering support and encouragement after the loss of a loved one. First Baptist Church, Bldg. A Room 200 (nook).  
 3-4pm

**Wed., July 31**  
**DEADLINE for Submission for Back to School Hair Service Drawing**  
 Williston-Elko Class of 1995 is giving away a Back to School giveaway for hair care services for a Kelly Edwards Elementary, W-E Middle or W-E High School male or female. 1 winner. The prize is \$100 in value to a stylist/barber of your choice. Please email your child's name, age, school's name and phone number to email address: WillistonElkoClassof1995@gmail.com to be submitted into the drawing. The deadline to submit is July 31, 2024 11:59 PM EDT and the live drawing will be August 1, 2024 8:00 PM EDT. (The student has to attend one of the 3 schools listed above to qualify.)

**Wed. & Thurs., July 31-Aug. 1**  
**Annual Revival Services**  
 St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church of 7110 Bay Street Elko., Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, 803-266-4282.  
**7pm nightly**

**July 31 & Aug. 1**  
**Summer Revival**  
**Rosemary Baptist Church**  
 Barnwell  
**Wed., July 31**, Rev. Tyriq Harley, associate minister of Bethany Baptist, Blackville  
**Thurs., Aug. 1**, Rev. Tyriq Harley, associate minister of Bethany Baptist, Blackville  
**7pm nightly**

**Sat., Aug. 3**  
**Springfield Missionary Baptist Church Family & Friends Day**  
 Lemon Park, Barnwell  
 Everyone is invited.  
**8am-2pm**

**Barnwell County Democratic Party Meeting**  
 Barnwell Community Activity Center (699 Calhoun St., Barnwell)  
**5pm**

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

**Mon., Aug. 5**  
**National Alliance on Mental Illness Recovery Support Group** Meets the first Monday of every month.  
 Young Rosemary Baptist Church, Williston, www.namiaiiken.org  
**6-7:30pm**

**Tues., Aug. 6**  
**National Night Out**  
**Take a Stand Against Crime Together**  
 Veteran's Memorial Park in Barnwell. **4-7pm**

**Sat., Aug. 10**  
**Annual Community Health Fair/Baby Shower**  
 Richard Carroll Elementary School, 1980 Main Hwy., Bamberg  
 Free to the public. For more information: 803-290-5671.  
**10am-2pm**

**Mon., Aug. 12**  
**DEADLINE for Submission for Back to School Kees/W-E Teacher Giveaway**  
 Williston-Elko Class of 1995 will purchase supplies for one teacher at KEES, WEEMS, or WEHS. To enter email your name, school name, and phone number to: WillistonElkoClassof1995@gmail.com. Deadline to submit is Aug. 12. Live drawing is Aug. 15.

**Thurs., Aug. 15**  
**Registration deadline for Entrepreneur Day 4 Kids Pop-up Market**  
 Kids pop-up market Vendor application form: <https://form.jotform>. (See event information below.)

**Sun., Aug. 19**  
**The Hodsdons in Concert**  
 Long Branch Baptist Church (3223 S.C. Hwy. 37, Williston)  
 Love offering will be collected. Fellowship following the concert. Learn more about the group at [www.thehodsdons.com](http://www.thehodsdons.com).  
**6pm**

**Sat., Sept. 7**  
**Allendale County's 2024 Community Day**  
 Fun and games for the whole family. Renewed Faith International Ministries, 470 Water St., Allendale  
**11am-6pm**

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

**Sat., Sept. 21**  
**Entrepreneur Day 4 Kids Pop-up Market**  
 Fuller Park in Barnwell. Children 16 & younger will have an opportunity to set up booths to sell crafts, jewelry, artwork, baked goods, home decor, and other fun products. (\$25 booth fee). Vendor application form: <https://form.jotform>.  
**11am-2pm**

**Sat., Sept. 28**  
**Law Enforcement Expo**  
 Barnwell Regional Airport  
 155 Airport Rd., Barnwell.

Fun for the whole family. Fun activities for kids. Variety of law enforcement agencies and BSCO community partners.  
 Contact Lt. Eric Kirkland, 803-300-9992. **10am-2pm**

**Oct. 12**  
**Williston Craft & Vendor Event**  
 Williston Hope Lodge, 13088 West Main St., Williston  
 Jo Owens 803-300-0404  
 Tammi Butler 803-480-3416  
**9am-3pm**

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

### Barnwell Library Events

**Barnwell County Library Board Meeting**  
**Mon., Aug. 6, 3:30pm**


**Friends of the Libraries of Barnwell County Board Meeting, Mon., Aug. 6** following the Barnwell County Library Board Meeting.

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

**CHILDREN/FAMILY**  
 All programs are on break until September.

**STORY TIME**  
 All programs are on break until September.

**JUST READ**  
*Things We Left Behind*  
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**BARNWELL COUNTY NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**  
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 BARNWELL, SC 29812

For more information contact:  
**Lt. Eric Kirkland**  
 803-300-9992  
 or  
[ekirkland@barnwellcountysheriff.net](mailto:ekirkland@barnwellcountysheriff.net)

BARNWELL COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER INTRODUCES

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### Crossword Puzzle Solution

Puzzle on Page 6B

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### Sudoku Puzzle Solution

Puzzle on Page 6B

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

## Local Directory

### Allendale Library

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

### Barnwell Library

40 Burr St., Barnwell  
 (803) 259-3612  
 Hours of Operation  
 Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.  
 10am-6pm  
 Thurs.  
 10am-7pm  
 Sat.  
 10am-2pm

### Blackville Library

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

### Williston Library

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

## MUSEUMS

### BARNWELL CO. MUSEUM

9426 Marlboro Ave.,  
 Barnwell  
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 (803) 259-1916

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Mondays-Fridays  
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 803-259-4599

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 Golden Retreat Activity Center  
 (59 Callahan Circle, Blackville)  
 803-219-7056



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**2024-138 2tp 7-31-24**

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**Notice to Creditors of Estates**  
All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371ES with the Probate Court of Barnwell County, the address of which is 141 Main Street #108, Barnwell, S.C. 29812, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.  
Estate: Ida M. Johnson  
Date of Death: June 18, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00126  
Personal Representative: Kevin Bey  
Address: P.O. Box 1159, New York, New York 10002  
**2024-127 3tp 7-31-24**

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Estate: Artie Lee Bowers  
Date of Death: June 17, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00056  
Personal Representative: Allen Bowers  
Address: 254 Calvin McTeer Street, Fairfax, SC 29827  
**2024-128 3tp 7-31-24**

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Estate: Johnny Lee Brewer  
Date of Death: June 10, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00057  
Personal Representative: Gina B. Oswald  
Address: P.O. Box 217, Allendale, S.C. 29810  
Co-Personal Representative: Guy A. Brewer  
Address: P.O. Box 711172, Oak Hill, VA 20171  
**2024-129 3tp 8-7-24**

### Notice of Title

To all persons claiming an interest in: 1969 13'11" Jon Boat SCZD8446b469. Amelia Weber will apply to SCDNR for title on watercraft/outboard motor. If you have any claim to the watercraft/outboard motor, contact SCDNR at (803) 734-3699. Upon thirty days after the date of the last advertisement if no claim of interest is made and the watercraft/outboard motor has not been reported stolen, SCDNR shall issue a clear title. Case no. 20230914950740  
**2024-130 3tp 8-7-24**

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
Notice is hereby given that Dolgencorp, LLC, intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and off premises consumption of beer and wine at Dollar General Store # 25703, 36 Seay Street, Barnwell, S.C. 29812. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than August 9, 2024. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:  
(1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person filing the protest;  
(2) The specific reasons why the application should be denied;  
(3) That the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);  
(4) That the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and  
(5) The name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed  
Protests must be mailed to: **SC Department of Revenue, ABL SECTION, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, S.C. 29214-0907.**  
**2024-131 3tp 8-7-24**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
Notice is hereby given that El Fogon Mexican Grill, LLC, intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and on premises consumption of beer, wine and liquor at 509-511 Main Street, Blackville, S.C. 29817. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than August 9, 2024. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:  
(1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person filing the protest;  
(2) The specific reasons why the application should be denied;  
(3) That the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);  
(4) That the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and  
(5) The name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed  
Protests must be mailed to: **SC Department of Revenue, ABL SECTION, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, S.C. 29214-0907.**  
**2024-132 3tp 8-7-24**

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Estate: James Hugh Plunk  
Date of Death: June 14, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00128  
Personal Representative: Beverly Ann Plunk  
Address: 200 Greenbriar Cove, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
**2024-133 3tp 8-7-24**

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(FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.  
Estate: Carolyn Moody Livingston  
Date of Death: June 24, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00124  
Personal Representative: Cynthia L. Griffitt  
Address: 180 Sherwood Drive, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
Co-Personal Representative: Melinda S. Wilson  
Address: 81 Sherwood Drive, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
**2024-134 3tp 8-7-24**

**Notice to Creditors of Estates**  
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Estate: Arthur Fitts  
Date of Death: June 3, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00048  
Personal Representative: Eva Fitts  
Address: 173 Mixson Street, Allendale, S.C. 29810  
**2024-135 3tp 8-7-24**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
Notice is hereby given that Dolgencorp, LLC intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license and/or permit that will allow the sale and off premises consumption of beer and wine at Dollar General Store #25578, 224 Maude Street, Allendale, S.C. 29810. To object to the issuance of this license and/or permit, you must submit Form ABL-20, be postmarked no later than August 9, 2024. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing and should include the following information:  
1. the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing the protest;  
2. the specific reasons why the application should be denied;  
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4. that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed

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place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,  
5. the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed. Protests must be submitted online at MyDORWAY.dor.sc.gov or emailed to ABL@dor.sc.gov.  
**2024-136 3tp 8-7-24**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
Notice is hereby given that Redcross Dining LLC intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license and/or permit that will allow the sale and on premises consumption of beer, wine and liquor at 414 Main Street S., Allendale, S.C. 29810. To object to the issuance of this license and/or permit, you must submit Form ABL-20, be postmarked no later than August 9, 2024. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing and should include the following information:  
1. the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing the protest;  
2. the specific reasons why the application should be denied;  
3. that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);  
4. that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,  
5. the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed. Protests must be submitted online at MyDORWAY.dor.sc.gov or emailed to ABL@dor.sc.gov.  
**2024-137 3tp 8-7-24**

**Notice to Creditors of Estates**  
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Estate: Tony G. Zorn Jr.  
Date of Death: June 20, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00137  
Personal Representative: Melissa Z. Rutland  
Address: 684 Wellington Road, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
**2024-139 3tp 8-14-24**

## JOB OPENING - CITY OF BARNWELL

**Job Title:** Patrol Officer  
**Department:** Police Department  
**Reports To:** Police Chief or Designee  
**FLSA Status:** Non-Exempt

### SUMMARY FULL-TIME POSITION:

- Respond to and investigate criminal acts as a first responding officer.
- Patrol their assigned jurisdiction/zone to reduce overall criminal activity.
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- Maintain knowledge of federal and state statutes and court cases related to work performed and agency rules and regulations.
- Performs other duties as directed by the Chief or his designee.
- Conducts traffic enforcement operations.
- Makes decisions related to Patrol Division Shift activities that are legal, moral, and ethical; being in compliance with State Law, Federal Constitution, and Departmental Policy.

### EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE:

Must be, or have the ability to obtain, a Class I certified Law Enforcement Officer certified through the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy within one (1) year of beginning employment. If candidate is not a certified officer, then he/she must also pass a reading comprehension test and a physical abilities test.

Applications are online at: [cityofbarnwell.com](http://cityofbarnwell.com) or City Hall.  
Resumes are accepted but an application is required.  
The City of Barnwell is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE).

## NOTICE OF GRANT APPLICATION

Allendale County ALIVE is submitting an application for Housing Preservation Grants funds with the Rural Housing Service (RHS), a Rural Development agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (henceforth referred to as USDA RD).

Allendale County ALIVE's purpose with these grant funds is to perform critical home repairs for citizens to repair or rehabilitate their homes with roof repair, window replacement, door replacement, and floor repairs for residents who reside in low and very low-income households within Allendale County, Bamberg County, Barnwell County, and Hampton County.

Pursuant to 7 CFR part 1944, subpart N, individuals wishing to review the intended use and the statement of activities, should Allendale County ALIVE be awarded funds, may do so by providing comments regarding whether Allendale County ALIVE should receive these grants funds and why by contacting DeWayne Ennis, 413 Barnwell Highway, Ph: 803-584-3600, Fax: 803-584-0700, Email: [dennis@acalive.net](mailto:dennis@acalive.net).

Public comments will be accepted from July 19th, 2023, through August 4th, 2024. The deadline for submitting a support letter is August 1, 2024.

Allendale County ALIVE's request is for a competitive application process under the USDA RD's Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) pro-gram. This action is being taken to comply with USDA RD regulations. Allen-dale County ALIVE is a nonprofit housing organization.

The mission of Allendale County ALIVE is to foster self-sufficiency through the support of programs that enhance the educational, economic, health, housing, and social development of all citizens of Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, and Hampton counties.

Allendale County ALIVE strives to deepen our citizens; commitments to each other and our county with kindness, selflessness, and respect. Allendale County ALIVE abides by EOE and federal fair housing regulations.

## INVITATION TO BID

Qualified General Contractors are invited to submit a bid for renovations of approximately 1,250 SF of existing brick veneer structure for a Pharmacy with a drive-thru window and the addition of 10 parking spaces in the adjacent parking lot. The project is located in Barnwell, SC.

Digital copies of Bid Documents may be obtained from Hughes, Beattie, O'Neal, Law & Associates at 1075 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, SC 29803, phone (803) 648-9612 or [dharp@hbolarchitecture.com](mailto:dharp@hbolarchitecture.com). Bids will be accepted at Low Country Health Care System, Inc. Administrative Office in Barnwell, SC on August 29, 2024.

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Estate: Joseph Collins  
Date of Death: November 29, 2023  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00136  
Personal Representative: Eva R. Collins  
Address: 1500 Dunbar Street, Greensboro, N.C. 27401  
**2024-140 3tp 8-14-24**

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Estate: Calvin O. Wilson III  
Date of Death: July 8, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00138  
Personal Representative: Diane R. Wilson  
Address: 6481 S.C. Hwy. 39, Williston, S.C. 29853  
**2024-141 3tp 8-14-24**

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Estate: James Pinckney  
Date of Death: July 7, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00062  
Personal Representative: Zachary Pinckney  
Address: P.O. Box 275, Brunson, S.C. 29911  
**2024-142 3tp 8-14-24**

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Estate: Shep Andrew Lott  
Date of Death: July 7, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00140  
Personal Representative: Roxanne C. Lott  
Address: 133 Walsh Street, Williston, S.C. 29853  
**2024-143 3tp 8-14-24**

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Estate: Lightsey M. Brabham Jr.  
Date of Death: July 3, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00065  
Personal Representative: Joann Brabham  
Address: 411 Saluda Avenue S., Fairfax, S.C. 29827  
**2024-144 3tp 8-14-24**

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**STATEPOINT CROSSWORD**  
THEME: THINGS WITH BUTTONS

ANSWERS ON PAGE 4B

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE CLUES**

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  - Gaelic language
  - Big-ticket \_\_\_\_
  - Flowerbed cover
  - Western Samoan money
  - Agrippina's slayer
  - Literature class homework
  - "The Curious Case of \_\_\_\_ Button"
  - God of thunder
  - Tight or rigid
  - Blunder
  - \* \_\_\_\_ control
  - \*Alarm clock delay
  - Edible tuber
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  - Crew propellers
  - Often follows dark or back
  - \_\_\_\_-Town, or Chicago
  - Friend, south of the border
  - Singular of #25 Down
  - Containing uranium
  - Rip off
  - Sleeping sickness vector
  - Che Guevara's hat, pl.
  - Roman road
  - "And Then \_\_\_\_ Were None"
  - Hillside, in Scotland
  - \*Home ringer
  - Raccoon's South American cousin
  - Debate side
  - Spring in a mattress
  - Ar, atomic number 18
  - Black-tie occasion
  - Golfer's aim
  - Group with pressure
  - Stallone
  - Semiprecious variety of agate
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- Collector's goal
  - Kuwaiti, e.g.
  - \_\_\_\_ of Man
  - Shanty
  - Flower trunks
  - American Eagle's intimates brand
  - "Oh \_\_\_\_!"
  - \*Edible button
  - "The Sun \_\_\_\_ Rises"
  - "The Lion King" villain
  - Olden day "your"
  - More asinine
  - City area
  - Bulwark
  - Ems follower
  - Aimless walk
  - "Bravo! Bravo!"; e.g.
  - Pall \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ of America
  - Largest organ of human body
  - Mobutu Sese Seko's nation
  - Cereal killer
  - Land measure
  - \_\_\_\_-cha-cha
  - Walls
  - \*Tall building people-mover
  - Of sour taste
  - All 50 states
  - Spanish airline
  - Make a logical connection (2 words)
  - Repeat an echo
  - Opposite of atonal
  - In a heated manner
  - Dull one
  - Angry display
  - Entertainingly eccentric people, Down Under
  - "On Golden Pond" bird
  - \_\_\_\_ of the valley
  - \*A baseball one has a button on top
  - Lexington airport code

**CROSSWORD**

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**BARNWELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given by the County Council of Barnwell County ("County Council") that a public hearing for the below-titled Ordinance will be held at the Council Chambers of the County Council, 54 Irving Street, Barnwell South Carolina 29812, at 6:00 p.m. on August 13, 2024, in conjunction with regular scheduled meeting of the County Council. Such Ordinance is titled as follows: "AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY OF BARNWELL, BY BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL, TO PURCHASE THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED ON ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" WHICH IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE UPON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A."

Subject to the normal rules of County Council regarding appearances, members of the public are invited to attend and make comment concerning the proposed Ordinance. Any persons wishing to submit written comments may submit them to the County Administrator at 57 Wall Street, Room 126, Barnwell, South Carolina 29812 no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 6, 2024.

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

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# Promote Safe Sharps Disposal This Back-to-School Season

## Guidance to help students thrive this school year

### Sharps Disposal is as Easy as 1-2-3

Because household sharps disposal rules vary state to state, it's important to check your area's requirements as some states prohibit disposing of sharps in household trash or recycling, instead requiring sharps to be transported to a collection center in an approved container. In general, disposal is as easy as these three steps:

1. Place used sharps in a strong, plastic container like an empty laundry detergent or bleach bottle.
2. When the container is 75% full, seal it tightly with duct tape and label it "Do Not Recycle."
3. Place the sealed container in regular household trash, if permitted in your area.

**FAMILY FEATURES**  
**G**oing back to school means new classes, new supplies, new friends and sometimes even new schools – all of which can be overwhelming. The annual back-to-school routine takes on an added layer of complexity for millions of students nationwide managing health conditions that require the use of medical sharps, such as needles, syringes or epinephrine autoinjectors.  
 Parents and school staff can promote safe disposal of sharps so students, faculty and other staff can focus on a happy and healthy school year with this help from SafetyIsThePoint.org.



**Navigating Children's Needs**  
 Educating children about safe sharps disposal at school starts at home. Parents can use resources to help teach children about sharps, including the different types, with the use of online videos. Inform them on how to manage sharps, like where they should be disposed of, with a clickable map and ZIP code finder that provides local disposal rules and nearby disposal sites.

A school nurse or health services office can be a source of safe sharps disposal information and point to a designated place for used sharps. It is also essential to communicate with these offices about medical needs prior to the school year to ensure they are aware of students' sharps usage.

**Equipping Classrooms and Offices**  
 Teachers and staff play a crucial role in promoting safe sharps disposal among students and colleagues. Educators can download and print posters and fact sheets that can be integrated into lesson plans or displayed in classrooms and offices.

These materials not only educate students about household sharps and their proper disposal but can also raise awareness about the various health conditions that require their use.

For school districts with an active social media presence, sample posts can be shared online to educate students and parents alike. By leveraging digital platforms, schools can reinforce the importance of safe sharps disposal even beyond classroom walls.

**Ensuring a Safe and Healthy School Year**  
 Millions of children across the country use sharps to manage chronic health conditions like diabetes, allergies and more. Knowing how to properly dispose of used sharps is just as important as knowing how to administer them. Parents, teachers and other school staff play an invaluable role in ensuring students are protecting themselves and others from getting hurt. Students deserve to concentrate on the main point – being students – without being at risk while in the classroom.

Learn more about safe household sharps disposal this back-to-school season at SafetyIsThePoint.org.



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### Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!



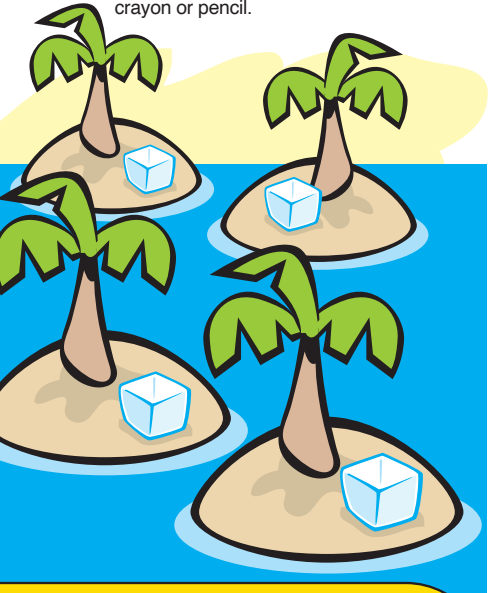
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**My name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

### What's between?

Write the number that comes between.



### My Rhyme Time

If all of the sunbeams  
 Were bubble gum and ice cream,  
 Oh what a life I would lead!  
 I'd stand outside  
 With my mouth opened wide;  
 Oh what a life I would lead!

### My Letters

**I** is for Ice Cream  
**i** is for ice cream

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

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

### My Numbers

How many ice cubes?

How many islands?

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

### My Sentence

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

I eat my \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Letter Identification</b> With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter <b>I</b> in the word <b>ice cream</b> .	<b>Math Play</b> Point to the number <b>4</b> in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	<b>Classifying</b> Ask your child, "What color is chocolate ice cream? Strawberry? Vanilla?" With your child, find pictures of things in the newspaper that are the same color as these flavors of ice cream.	<b>Big I, Little i</b> With your child, find every uppercase letter <b>I</b> on one page of the newspaper. Draw a small circle around each one. Then try to find a lowercase letter <b>i</b> for each uppercase letter <b>I</b> . Draw a line to connect the letters.	<b>What's between?</b> Show your child the page numbers on the pages of the newspaper. Point out the numbers on two pages that are only one page apart, for example, pages <b>3</b> and <b>5</b> . Ask your child, "Which page comes between page <b>3</b> and page <b>5</b> ?"	<b>Find Four</b> Look through the newspaper to count and circle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 noses</li> <li>• 4 eyes</li> <li>• 4 mouths</li> <li>• 4 tummies</li> <li>• 4 knees</li> </ul>	<b>Ice Cream Cone Toss</b> Roll a section of the newspaper into a cone shape and tape it. Then wad another sheet of paper into a ball. Put tape around the ball so that it holds its shape. Have your child try to catch the ball in the cone.
<p><b>Learning Buddy Sign Here</b></p> <p>I have completed _____ activities with my Learning Buddy.</p> <p>Learning Buddy's signature _____ Date _____</p>						

**Learning Buddies!** Kid Scoop Junior comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning readiness skill. **Step by Step Success** 1. Read the activity instruction aloud. 2. Show how to do the activity by doing it yourself first. 3. Ask your child to copy what you do.

# The People-Sentinel

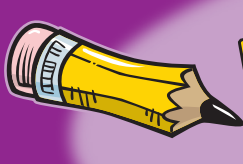
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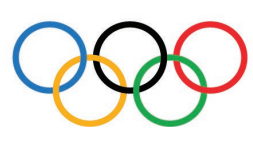
**Kid Scoop Together: Olympic Quiz**  
 Read these questions to a family member. How many did they get right?

# The Summer Olympic Games Are Back!

This summer, the world turns its eyes to Paris, France. Why? That's where the Summer Olympics will be held starting on Friday, July 26 through Sunday, August 11, 2024.



PARIS 2024



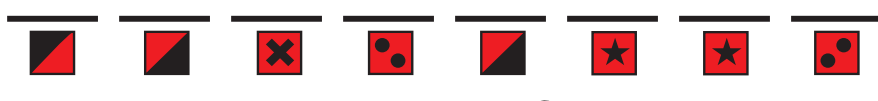
## Who's there?

Take a look at the logo for the Paris Summer Olympic Games. At first, you'll see the Olympic flame and the Olympic rings. But take a closer look.

Do you see a face and hair? This is the face of a goddess that is seen as the symbol for liberty and wisdom in France.

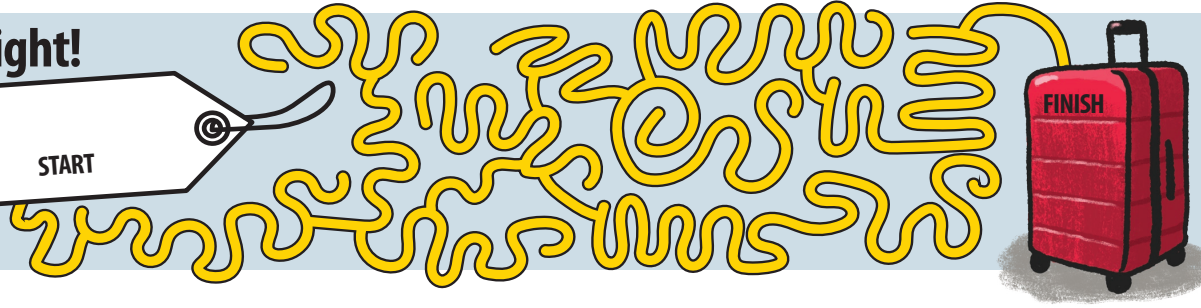
Use this code to reveal her name.

= A     = I     = N  
 = E     = M     = R



## Don't Miss Your Flight!

Imagine you're flying to Paris, but you forgot to attach your nametag to your suitcase. Write your name on the tag, then follow the maze to find your suitcase.



## Pictograms

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. At the Olympic Games, a picture is worth a thousand words in hundreds of languages.

**Pictograms** are simplified pictures or symbols. There is one for each sport to help people from all over the world understand what is happening. For example, this pictogram represents the Olympic sport of judo.



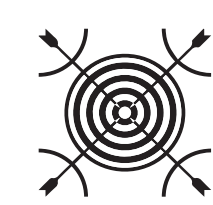
Do the math to match each pictogram to the name of the Summer Olympic event that it represents.



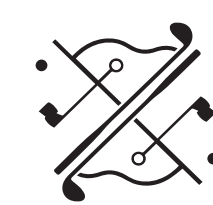
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24 + 6 =



41 - 9 =




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9 + 9 + 9 =

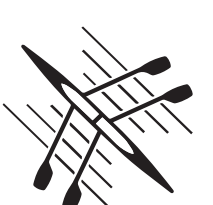


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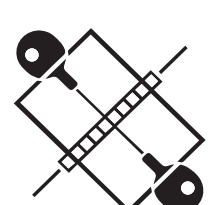
- 12 = Rowing
- 11 = Football (Soccer)
- 13 = Table Tennis
- 18 = Breaking
- 7 = Artistic Swimming
- 33 = Badminton
- 28 = Marathon Swimming
- 30 = Archery
- 27 = Basketball
- 10 = Weightlifting
- 32 = Golf
- 15 = Boxing



8 + 9 + 1 =



3 + 3 + 6 =



17 - 4 =



22 - 12 =

**Extra! Extra!**  
**The Great Symbol Search**  
 Look for five symbols in today's newspaper. Show them to a friend to see if they can tell what the symbol represents.  
 Standards Link: Connect artistic representations to meaning.

Explore more at [olympics.com](http://olympics.com)

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

### The 2024 Paralympic Games

This is the logo of the 2024 Paralympic Games. Athletes with physical disabilities from around the world compete in the Paralympic Games every four years alongside the Olympics. In fact, Paralympics means "alongside the Olympics."



PARIS 2024



The Paralympics began 64 years ago. What year was that?

19

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences to 100.

## ATHLETIC WORD SEARCH

- GYMNASTICS
- WATER POLO
- BASEBALL
- SWIMMING
- SURFING
- SAILING
- KARATE
- TENNIS
- SOCCER
- TRACK
- CANOE
- GOLF
- JUDO

Find the words in the puzzle by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.



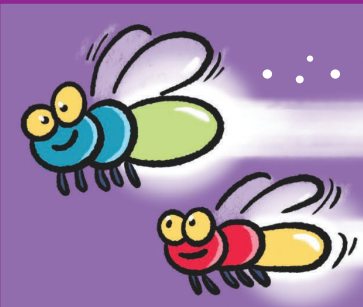
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

### Sports Team Mascots

Sports team mascots (often an animal or object) give personality to their teams. Look through today's sports section. Select one team and make a list of characteristics you think that team wants to convey. Create a new mascot for that team.

Standards Link: Display meaning through a variety of artistic representations.



## How do fireflies begin a race?

ANSWER: "On your mark, Get set, GLOW!"

## Write On!

### Sports Story

Write a sports story about something that happened in a game you played or watched.

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