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Weston Hutson (bottom right) poses for a photo with his family at the July 9 Williston fundraiser.

Family grateful for community after son's cancer diagnosis

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When the school year started in August 2023, Weston Hutson started getting intermittent fevers. The five-year-old had just started third grade, and teachers were telling his mother Lauren that he was struggling to focus during class.

Weston and his family quickly discovered that he had a stage 4 Wilms tumor, also called nephroblastoma, a type of kidney cancer that primarily develops in young children. Wilms tumors are rare, with approximately 650 cases in the United States per year, according to the National Cancer Institute. They are often caused by random genetic mutations, the National Institutes of Health says, but can

be made more likely by exposure to air toxins; Lauren said all of tests for genetic heredity came back negative.

In the year since Weston's diagnosis, he has gone through multiple surgeries and rounds of chemotherapy. Yet, Lauren believes Weston's diagnosis has brought her family closer together and the best out of the local community; on July 9, dozens of locals showed up at East Main Street in the Town of Williston for a blood drive and fundraiser for Weston that raised \$3,000. A GoFundMe for Weston has also raised \$13,730 of a \$20,000 fundraising goal. Americans spend more per capita on cancer care than any other country, the National Library of Medicine finds.

The People-Sentinel's Elijah de Castro spoke with Lauren about how her family has navigated her son's diagnosis, and their

reaction to the community event and fundraiser.

The following interview has been edited for length and clarity.

Elijah de Castro: How did you find out about Weston's diagnosis?

Lauren Hutson: It started with some low grade temperatures, which I thought was just him starting at school and being around other kids, just germs. He said that he had fallen at school in the hallway. It just kept getting weirder and weirder. I was thinking 'let's take him to the clinic.' That was August 19 last year. When [the nurse] laid him flat, we saw that there was a bulge on his stomach. ... They sent us over to the hospital to get some imaging. I didn't even know anything about the

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19-year-old driver charged in fatal hit & run

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A hit and run left a pedestrian dead and the driver charged.

Eugene Brabham, 69, was walking on Hwy. 64 towards Snelling on Saturday, August 3 when he was struck by a vehicle. His cause of death is multiple trauma injuries, said Barnwell County Coroner Denise Gibson.

Sheriff's deputies, the S.C. Highway Patrol, and Snelling firefighters responded to the scene around 5 a.m.

The incident took place one mile west of the City of Barnwell as Brabham was walking east on the westbound side of Highway 64. Meanwhile, an unknown vehicle was "traveling west and struck the pedestrian and left the scene," said Master Trooper Brandon Bolt with the SChP.



Samantha Cannon is charged in the fatal hit and run that killed Eugene Brabham.

The SChP arrested Samantha Leighan Cannon, 19, of Alcovoe Drive, Barnwell, on August 3. She is charged with hit and run with death, said Lance Corporal Brittany Glover with the SChP.

This collision remains under investigation by the SChP.

Barnwell man charged with murder after Denmark shooting

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One man is dead and another is in jail after an early morning altercation in Denmark.

Juston Erving, 33, died on Sunday, August 4, 2024 as a result of multiple gunshot.

The S.C. Law Enforcement Division (SLED) arrested Aubrey Priester Jr., 42, of 61 Azalea Street, Barnwell, on the same day. Priester was charged with murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime.

The altercation took place around 3:30 a.m. at a Sato Avenue

residence within the Denmark city limits in Bamberg County.

According to an affidavit provided by SLED, Erving, the victim, "produced a firearm and began firing at a trailer."

Through witness statements, investigators were able to determine Priester then shot Erving, causing him to fall to the ground.

"While the victim was on the ground, incapacitated, the defendant approached the victim and repeatedly shot him in the upper torso and head," states the affidavit.

Priester was booked into the Bamberg County Detention Center. The case will be prosecuted by the 2nd Circuit Solicitor's Office.

Bands of Barnwell County gear up for consolidated season

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While some sectors of the Barnwell County School District experienced growing pains throughout consolidation, that was not the case for marching band students.

The Bands of Barnwell County has woven together career band students with newcomers looking to learn from across the county. Regardless of what school a student attends, they move as a united front on the field.

During the week of July 22, band directors Dawn Vickery, Jessica Pym, and Taylor Clayborn led students in between raindrops on a practice field at Barnwell High School. The directors, who taught band at either the former Barnwell School District 45 or Barnwell County Consolidated School District before consolidation, are

continuing to share their passion with Warhorses, Hawks, and Blue Devils alike.

Not only does this year mark the first under consolidation, but the first for Blackville students involved in marching band. Two new band students from Blackville schools joined the team.

One of which is Kenya Tyler, a soon-to-be eighth grader at Macedonia Elementary-Middle School.

"It was hard for a couple of days but as soon as I got through my first week it just came to me," said Tyler, who plays flute in school band and color guard in marching band.

"When I first came here, I was like maybe I won't have anything in common with some of them, but some of them I do have things in common with," said Tyler.

Tyler comes to the band with a background in dance, and first

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The Bands of Barnwell County has brought Barnwell, Williston, and Blackville students together for the upcoming marching band season.

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Blackville honors two residents for years of 'dedicated' and 'selfless' service

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Two members of the Blackville community were recognized at the May 20 town council meeting.

Vivian Tobin Alston and Gwendolyn Ford Littlejohn were presented with appreciation awards by fellow Blackville Downtown Development Association (BDDA) members for their years of dedicated and selfless service to the Town of Blackville. Alston and Littlejohn have both served in many capacities for many years.

Theresa Hughes, secretary and now BDDA acting president, presented the awards alongside the town council.

Littlejohn has been involved with the BDDA since the early 2000s, when she began attending the meetings alongside her mother who shared a similar spirit for building the community.

She became president in 2011 and only recently retired. During her presidency, she focused on making the downtown BDDA office a center for tourists and providing visitors important information.

"I was excited, and glad they thought of me that way," said Littlejohn, who is glad to know her community feels she made a positive impact.

The BDDA has purchased banners for light poles across town and American flags for display. They have installed two library boxes at apartment complexes, and donate to the town's beautification efforts.

Local business owners have been recognized by



Gwendolyn Littlejohn and Vivian Alston were awarded for their dedication to the Town of Blackville. They are pictured here with past and present members of the town council and other BDDA members. PHOTOS BY: ALEXANDRA WHITBECK / REPORTER



Mayor Ronnie Pernell hands Vivian Alston a plaque for her years of service to the Town of Blackville through the Blackville Downtown Development Association.



Gwendolyn Littlejohn was presented with an award of appreciation for her dedication to the community. She is pictured here with Mayor Ronnie Pernell.

Littlejohn, Alston, and the BDDA and welcomed to receptions over the years geared toward sharing ideas on bettering the town.

Notably, the BDDA has hosted the Taste of Blackville food festival for 14 consecutive years.

Alston has been a member of the BDDA for nearly 20 years, and initially got involved to give back.

"I just wanted to be a part of the community," said Alston, who is always ready to "do what I can in the community and for the community."

She organizes the town's blessing boxes, manages the community garden, and ensures local seniors receive daily meals.

Blessing boxes are filled with non-perishable food items for individuals to take and give as needed, and Alston can often be

found stocking the shelves. The community garden serves as a one-stop produce shop in the summertime. Last summer, the okra Alston grew stood nearly as tall as her. She also organizes workdays for volunteers to stop by and help tend to the vegetables.

She is also a volunteer of the Community of Hope Ministry who distributes food locally from Golden Harvest Food Bank. Alston ensures seniors are delivered the meals they need.

She is thankful to the BDDA and the town for the recognition, stating she felt very honored.

The BDDA also has an ongoing memorial brick project, where community members can purchase an engraved brick in honor of a loved one to be placed around the town clock.

For more information on the BDDA, visit their Facebook page 'Blackville Downtown Development Association,' or visit their page on the Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber of Commerce's website.

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BAND: Bands of Barnwell County untied this school year

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Nicholas Jones, co-drum major, helps his bandmates during a band camp practice.



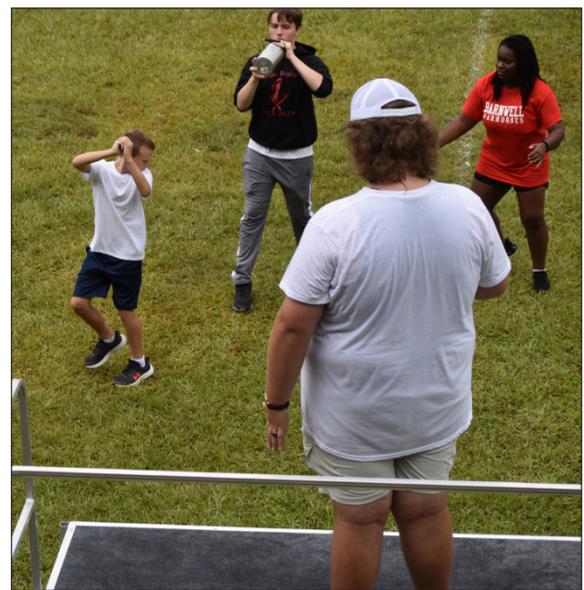
Seth Dorn, co-drum major, gives a thumbs up to a bandmate after helping them find their position on the field.

Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

became interested in color guard through girls she took dance classes with who also learned the field skill.



The marching band is larger than usual this year with 50 players taking to the field.



Co-drum major Seth Dorn makes sure the band is moving correctly during a camp practice.

Some of Tyler's favorite things about being a member of the color guard is learning new tricks and skills, as well as learning the choreography of the routine. Drum majors Seth Dorn from Williston and Nicholas Jones from Barnwell are leading by example when helping students navigate the field and understand musical terminology. Both seniors are focused on creating a welcoming atmosphere for their upcoming bandmates.

Being a drum major was summed up by Jones as helping anyone with anything, including marching, technique, instrumentation, and essentially "doing the small things so the directors can do the big things," he said.

Dorn and Jones are not only co-leaders for the first time, but they are guiding a larger-than-usual sized band of nearly 50 students. Jones describes the consolidation for band students as an adaptation, one that they are becoming accustomed to fairly quickly.

"It's been a change for everybody, not that anybody is against it, it's just they have to adapt to it," said Jones. "Usually when you're in band, you know the people the whole time because you joined with them in sixth or fifth grade... and then in high school to have a completely new group of people come in, it changes your perspective."

Both drum majors are looking forward to a winning competition season,

as in recent years a state championship was in sight for Barnwell High School.

"We were so close every single year we were there, and it made me want it even more," said Jones. "We want everyone who comes into the band to have that same want to keep getting better and better."

Jones and Dorn are aiming to set a new, unique precedent as they lead this consolidated band. Wanting students to have the drive to win in addition to developing the same sentimental memories they remember throughout their years involved.

"You can't really copy the precedent that you had at any of the three schools, you have to make your own precedent," said Jones.

In addition to this competitive drive, Dorn and Jones are passionate about giving back to the younger musicians the way their mentors gave to them.

One of those young musicians is Barnwell High School student Aiyanna Palmer, the marching band's wind captain. Palmer has been in band since fifth grade, started marching band in eighth grade, and is looking up to Dorn and Jones as she starts this season.

"Just as they are drum majors and they're trying to

mirror the band directors, us as leaders try to mirror them," said Palmer.

Dorn hopes to be an example for all those younger than him in the band; after all, the 'band family' is what keeps his determination strong - even during rainy, early morning band camp practices.

"The band captains and drum majors that have come before me allowed me to become the leader I am now," said Dorn. "I want to do the same thing for the younger ones."

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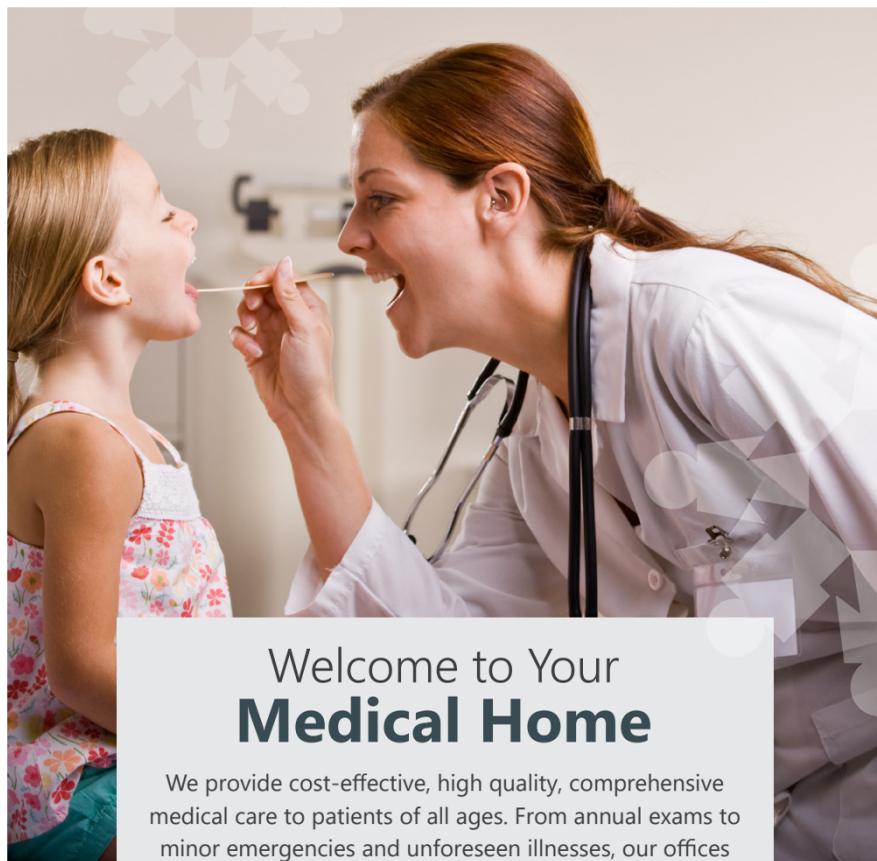
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Barnwell County principals share goals, advice for 2024-25 school year

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Barnwell Primary School



Jared Thrasher is currently in his fourteenth year in education, with the last five spent in educational administration. This is his first year as BPS principal, though he's previously held assistant principal roles at Barnwell Elementary and High schools.

Upon graduating from Clemson University with a degree in Secondary Education and a minor in Athletic Leadership, he taught Social Studies and coached football for one year at Barnwell High School. He then taught at T.L. Hanna High School in Anderson, S.C. for one year and served as the head football coach at McCants Middle School. Thrasher spent the next two years teaching and coaching at Northside Middle School in Lexington, S.C. before coming back to Barnwell.

His wife, Rebekah, is a proud Barnwell High School graduate, and they have three amazing children: Davis (10), Boone (4), and Sawyer Kate (1).

• *Question: What are your school's goals for the 2024-2025 school year?*

Our goals at Barnwell Primary School for the 2024-2025 school year are:

1. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care.

2. To embrace the unique opportunity to serve as the opening chapter in the story of our students' educational stories.

3. To serve the "whole student" by meeting each student's individual needs academically, socially, emotionally, and physically.

• *Question: What are you looking forward to about the new school year?*

I am most looking forward to working alongside our exceptional staff at Barnwell Primary School to love and serve our students to ensure their success, and then finding ways to celebrate these successes.

• *Question: What advice would you like to share with parents/guardians for the 2024-2025 school year?*

I would just like to encourage parents to walk together with us in their child's educational journey by establishing regular reading habits, ensuring a consistent routine for homework, and remaining engaged with their school activities. Parental involvement and positivity can make a significant difference in their child's academic progress. I look forward to working together with parents to do anything it takes to help their child be successful.

• *Question: What advice would you like to share with your students for the 2024-2025 school year?*

My advice to our students heading into the 2024-2025 school year is to be a leader, be a listener, and be a light. There are enough followers in this world already. Be someone who will lead others in the right direction. Listen to your parents and your teachers as we try to guide you in

the right direction. Lastly, be a source of light in the world, and let it shine brightly.

Barnwell Elementary School



Kay Gooding is beginning her 6th year as principal of Barnwell Elementary and is enjoying her 32nd year in public education.

With a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the University of South Carolina-Aiken, along with a master's degree and an Education Specialist Degree in Educational Administration from Cambridge College, Kay has had the privilege of working at various levels within the educational system—classroom, school, district, and state. She feels that her tenure at Barnwell Elementary has been the highlight of her career.

As Barnwell Elementary School's principal, Kay's mission is to build strong, meaningful connections with students, parents, and community. Through these connections, she strives to continue to cultivate a school culture that motivates and empowers students, faculty, and staff to achieve their fullest potential.

While she doesn't have children of her own, Kay enjoys spending time with and spoiling her nieces, nephews and two cats. In her free time, you'll find her reading, traveling, fishing, and cherishing moments with family and friends.

• *Question: What are your school's goals for the 2024-2025 school year?*

Our #1 goal at BES is to create a nurturing and inclusive learning environment that promotes the holistic development of every child.

• *Student Achievement Goal:* By the end of the 2024-2025 school year, Barnwell Elementary will increase the percentage of students who perform at or above state averages on SC Ready assessments.

• *School Climate Goal:* By the end of the 2024-2025 academic school year, the percentage of our students, parents, and teachers satisfied with the learning environment, physical environment, and home-school relations will increase in all areas.

• *Teacher Quality Goal:* By the end of the 2024-2025 academic year, the retention rate and professional growth of all staff will increase over the previous year.

• *Question: What are you looking forward to about the new school year?*

I'm most looking forward to continuing to build stronger relationships with students, parents, and teachers, and to see the community come together to support student success across the consolidated district.

• *Question: What advice would you like to share with parents/guardians for the 2024-2025 school year?*

My advice for parents/guardians for the 2024-2025 school year is to work together with our school to create a supportive environment that supports student success and well-being throughout

the year. Parents can help us by staying involved with the school through participation in school events, parent-teacher conferences and volunteering in the school. They can also keep the lines of communication open with teachers and families.

• *Question: What advice would you like to share with your students for the 2024-2025 school year?*

Be a good school citizen! Participate in school activities, be considerate, respectful and have integrity. Be a person who does the right thing, even if nobody is watching.

• *Question: Please provide anything else you'd like to share about your school or about the new school year.*

Barnwell Elementary is excited to announce our plans for a 6th Grade Ag in the Classroom program through our STEM classes, as well as an expansion of our Broadcast and Journalism Program. More information will be shared with parents and the community in the near future.

Kelly Edwards Elementary School



Krystle Speller is a highly accomplished educational leader who believes that every student contains boundless potential and is a gift perfectly crafted to meet some need in this world. Raised in poverty in rural South Carolina, she has devoted her life to lifting young people from poverty and despair through education.

Krystle, who is entering her first year as KEES principal, has extensive experience as a teacher, instructional coach, dean, and assistant principal. She has earned four degrees, including a Master of Divinity degree from Duke University and a Master of Education degree in Elementary Education from Alabama State University. Most recently, she completed the prestigious Summer Principals Academy at Teachers College, Columbia University where she earned a Master of Education in Public School Building Leadership.

In addition to her work in school buildings, Krystle has spent nearly a decade serving on school-wide and district-wide curricular and HR-related committees, mentoring fellow educators and students, and counseling and supporting students in community-based organizations. Krystle believes in educating and empowering students to actualize their full potential through rigorous, trauma-informed, and culturally relevant education aimed at challenging every student to unearth their gifts and make real-world connections to the curriculum.

Krystle's greatest joy is being the wife of Pastor Raymond Speller and mother of four.

• *Question: What are your school's goals for the 2024-2025 school year?*

Following great success for Kelly Edwards Elementary and intending to continue and even strengthen the legacy, our theme this year is #beyondexcellence.

We are focusing on:

- student growth—assuring that all students achieve

at least one year of academic growth, and that most students achieve 1.5 years of academic growth.

- student achievement—we will work to surpass the SC average for proficiency in all content areas.

- student leadership—we will increase opportunities for student leadership to fully realize our mission.

We will work to influence each focus area by strengthening our school-home relations.

• *Question: What are you looking forward to about the school year?*

I am looking forward to seeing all of our amazing students on Monday, August 5th.

• *Question: What advice would you like to share with parents/guardians for the 2024-2025 school year?*

Look out for multiple opportunities to engage with the school this year. Reach out to teachers and respond as teachers reach out.

Specifically, we will have monthly "Coffee with the Principal" opportunities to foster conversations with parents about the learning model at Kelly Edwards Elementary.

• *Question: What advice would you like to share with your students for the 2024-2025 school year?*

Take advantage of every opportunity to learn and grow this year, be kind to your friends, and don't be afraid to be different!

Macedonia Elementary/Middle School



Chelsea Calhoun is a native of Blackville and a 1992 graduate of Blackville-Hilda High School. She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of South Carolina. In 2005, she earned her Master's of Education degree from Lesley University, then earned a second Master's Degree in School Administration/Executive Leadership from Gardner-Webb University in 2020. Calhoun has been employed in the school district for 27 years as a teacher, instructional coach, assistant principal, and now principal. This is her second year as the principal of Macedonia Elementary-Middle School. She has been married to Mr. Terry Calhoun, for 14 years now, and they reside in Barnwell.

• *Question: What are your school's goals for the 2024-2025 school year?*

By spring 2025, the percentage of students scoring below grade level in reading and math will decrease by 30% from fall to spring, as measured by the iReady diagnostic assessment.

• *Question: What advice would you like to share with parents/guardians for the 2024-2025 school year?*

My advice to parents is to be your child's first teacher. I encourage parents to get involved in their child's learning process and take the time to find out what is going on in the school. It is important to us that we are able to work as a team to make sure that everything we do is in the best interest of our children. We need parents to help make

this a successful school year.

• *Question: What advice would you like to share with your students for the 2024-2025 school year?*

My advice to my students is to be the very best that you can be and do the very best that you can do and everything will fall in place. At MEMS we strive for EXCELLENCE daily. Our motto is Expectations of Excellence without Excuses! We expect nothing less.

• *Question: What are you looking forward to about the school year?*

This year, I am looking forward to the wonderful opportunities that will be afforded to our scholars, academically, as well as socially. I am also looking forward to the collaboration among administration and staff as we strive to make this the best year that we can for our scholars.

Guinyard-Butler Middle School



Henrietta Williams has always seen it as an honor to serve as principal of Guinyard-Butler Middle School, Home of the Warponies!

Williams has been an educator for more than 30 years! Williams earned her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the University of South Carolina-Aiken, a Master's Degree in Administration and an Education Specialists Degree in Curriculum from Cambridge College.

As an educator, Williams loves to teach and learn. Williams is the mother of DeAndrea, Alecia, Marquis, James, Jay and Treasure. She and her family love to eat, travel, sing and dance, and the beach is her favorite place to relax!

• *Question: What are your school's goals for the 2024-2025 school year?*

As principal, my goal is to foster meaningful relationships with our students, parents, faculty, staff and the community in order to provide a quality education for our students. I want to create a culture that inspires our students, faculty and staff to achieve their life-long goals.

I am looking forward to seeing our students, faculty and staff. I am excited to see all of the wonderful educational activities that will take place in the classrooms!

• *Question: What advice would you like to share with parents/guardians for the 2024-2025 school year?*

I would like to encourage our parents to contact teachers with questions and concerns.

• *Question: What advice would you like to share with your students for the 2024-2025 school year?*

The best advice I have for students is to arrive everyday with a positive attitude, ask questions, participate in class discussions and complete assignments on time.

• *Question: What are you looking forward to about the school year?*

I am excited about the new year!

Williston-Elko Middle School



Patricia Ulmer began her educational career at Williston-Elko Middle School and has been part of the staff since 2000. She's served in various capacities, including as a business education teacher, MTSS administrative specialist, and assistant principal, but is excited to start her first year as principal.

She received a bachelor's degree from South Carolina State University in 1994. She earned a master's degree from Cambridge College in 2011. After several years of teaching, she pursued her Administrative Certification in Educational Leadership from Western Governors University, which she obtained in 2020.

• *Question: What are your school's goals for the 2024-2025 school year?*

In the 2024-2025 school year, we will be focusing on GROWTH. Whether it's students, faculty/staff, or our partnerships with families and community members and groups, we want to continue to build on the upward trajectory that we have already been seeing at WEMS.

• *Question: What are you looking forward to about the school year?*

I can't even express how grateful I am to have the opportunity to lead this incredible school. I am looking forward to building relationships and setting an example of servant leadership as we continue on a path towards success for all students.

• *Question: What advice would you like to share with parents/guardians for the 2024-2025 school year?*

It is harder to be a parent than it has ever been. With that being said, it's no secret that we do our children no favors when we try harder to be their friend than their parent. Set clear and reasonable expectations, and be firm and consistent in holding them to those expectations! They will thank you later!

• *Question: What advice would you like to share with your students for the 2024-2025 school year?*

The first piece of advice would be that you are never alone at WEMS. You have all the support you need to achieve any goal. The second, and most important, is that you have within you the power to grow in any direction you choose—you just have to make that choice every day!

• *Question: Please provide anything else you'd like to share about your school or about the new school year.*

It's going to be a great year! The magic is most definitely in the MIDDLE at WEMS!

See PRINCIPLES 5A

About Us

Barnwell County School District educates approximately 3,200 students throughout our wonderful county. Over 550 employees serve our students, staff, and community members. Even though we are rural, we are proud to offer a variety of programs to our students. BCSD is poised to continue providing a high quality public education to the children of Barnwell County.

PRINCIPALS: 2024-25 School year

Barnwell County Career Center



David Augustine graduated from Williston-Elko High School in 2004 and then pursued an elementary education degree from University of South Carolina Aiken.

He started teaching 8th grade science at Williston-Elko Middle School in January of 2009. He received his master's degree from Western Governors University in Educational Leadership. In February 2016, Augustine moved into the Curriculum Specialist position in Barnwell School District 45 and then became one of the assistant principals at Barnwell High School in the fall of 2016. He became the director of the Barnwell County Career Center in July 2018.

David Augustine is married to Kristen Augustine and they have three wonderful children together.

Question: What are your school's goals for the 2024-2025 school year?

Our school's goal for the 2024-2025 school year is to intently help our students develop their soft skills to ensure they will be successful employees in the future, increase the number of students achieving success by successfully obtaining the certifications offered, and helping students find their passion for a particular career field.

Question: What advice would you like to share with parents/guardians for the 2024-2025 school year?

I would like to share with

our parents that our teachers are extremely passionate about teaching your children and want the best for them. They are going to go above and beyond to help their child and work towards making an impact on their lives.

Question: What advice would you like to share with your students for the 2024-2025 school year?

I would like to share with our students that our faculty and staff are going to be here for you and help you in any way possible. We want you to be successful and will help be the catalyst for starting a successful career path.

Question: What are you looking forward to about the school year?

We are looking forward to a successful school year and look to provide Barnwell County students with the best Career and Technical Education possible.

Barnwell High School



Derek Youngblood is a 1999 graduate of Williston-Elko High School and a 2005 graduate of USC-Aiken.

His first teaching job was at Ronald E. McNair Middle School in Lake City, S.C. and he was an assistant football coach at Lake City High School. In 2008, he moved back home to Williston and taught at Williston-Elko Middle School. He also served as an assistant football coach and was on the staff when Williston-Elko won the 2009 Class A State Championship. He became the athletic director and

head football coach at Williston-Elko in 2014.

After six years in that role, he came to Barnwell High School to be the athletic director. During his time in Barnwell, he has taught Driver's Education and served as an assistant principal at Barnwell High School and Guinyard-Butler Middle School.

His wife Christi teaches at Barnwell Primary and they have three children. Tagan is a junior at Barnwell High School, Keithan is an 8th grader at Guinyard-Butler Middle School, and Crawford is a 4th grader at Barnwell Elementary School.

Question: What are your school's goals for the 2024-2025 school year?

Our goals are to continue to provide a safe school environment where we build positive relationships with our students and help them achieve all of their academic goals. We want to provide them with the best high school experience possible while preparing them to be the difference makers of their generation.

Question: What advice would you like to share with parents/guardians for the 2024-2025 school year?

To our parents and students, we want to work together to ensure academic success for all of our students at Barnwell High School. To ensure that this happens, we must not only grab ahold of the rope together, but pull in the same direction. We want to pour into the lives of our students and equip them to be the best version of themselves when they graduate from Barnwell High School.

Question: What are you looking forward to about the school year?

In closing, we look forward to celebrating the success of our students and faculty with our community and we hope that all the schools in Barnwell County School District have a great school year.

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Blackville-Hilda High School



Christina Snider is a proud graduate of Blackville-Hilda High School, and is beginning her 26th year in education—all in Blackville. She has taught fourth, fifth, and sixth grade, and served as the district Science Coach and a district Master Teacher.

She is married to her husband, George, for 27 years, and they have one daughter and one grandson.

She has a love for science and anything outdoors, and she likes to spend her free time relaxing with family and her two dogs.

Question: What are your school's goals for the 2024-2025 school year?

Our goal for the 2024-25 school year is to prepare and motivate our scholars to be independent learners and critical thinkers who are successful for today and tomorrow.

Question: What are you looking forward to about the school year?

I am very excited for our new learning opportunities at Blackville-Hilda High School. We are now offering Barbering and Early Childhood Education on our campus. These programs will give students another opportunity to come out of high school with certifications to go into the workforce.

Question: What advice would you like to share with parents/guardians for the 2024-2025 school year?

Parents need to know that we have the best interest of their children, we treat them as they are our own and love each and everyone of them. Trust what we do and your child will be successful.

Question: What advice

would you like to share with your students for the 2024-2025 school year?

My advice to students is to be focused on learning, put in the hard work and effort required, get involved in sports and clubs. Make your time in high school the best.

Williston-Elko High School



Anthony Flowers is entering his 21st year in education, with 18 years spent at Williston-Elko High School as a teacher and principal.

During his tenure, he has helped to implement various programs to enhance student learning and foster a positive school culture.

He currently resides in Lexington with his wife, Bobbi Jean Flowers, and their three children, Addison (12), Easton (12), and Maddox (11).

Question: What are your school's goals for the 2024-2025 school year?

Our goal every year at Williston-Elko High School is to educate the whole student while ensuring that our scholars are college and career-ready. Academically, our objective is to increase our EOC scores from the previous year to meet or exceed state averages. We plan to achieve this through targeted intervention programs, enhanced curriculum offerings, and professional development for our teachers. Additionally, we aim to enhance Blue Devil Pride through success in arts and athletics and work with our BCSD companion high schools and career center to provide students with the best opportunities to succeed.

Question: What are you looking forward to about the school year?

Each new school year brings an opportunity for

students and staff to shine. Past challenges can motivate positive change, and the optimism of a new school year can serve as the catalyst for that change. I look forward to the successes and triumphs of our students and staff in the upcoming year. Williston-Elko High School is a small school that produces scholars capable of competing in multiple areas at the state and national levels.

Question: What advice would you like to share with parents/guardians for the 2024-2025 school year?

I encourage parents to be active in the lives of their scholars and in the community. Support the students in every way possible and collaborate with the students, teachers, and staff to ensure we all share the same vision of guiding our young adults to become successful members of our community and tomorrow's leaders. Practical steps include establishing a consistent homework routine, attending school events, and maintaining open communication with teachers.

Question: What advice would you like to share with your students for the 2024-2025 school year?

I want every student to have a plan and pathway for success in life. Students should focus on the big picture and prioritize what they are trying to accomplish at school for the year, avoiding pitfalls that may derail their journey. Utilize the resources available, such as tutoring services, counseling, and mentorship programs, to stay on track and achieve your goals.

Question: Please provide anything else you'd like to share about your school or about the new school year.

We are looking forward to a great school year at Williston-Elko High School, filled with student success both in and out of the classroom. Please join us throughout the year at any of our community engagement events, and work with us as we strive to "Be The Change" we want to see in ourselves, our school, and our community.

Community Eligibility Provision Effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

Barnwell County School District is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2024 – 2025 school year. Section 104(a) of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 amended section 11(a)(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(1))(the law) to provide an alternative to household applications for free and reduced-price meals in local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with increased levels of low-income students. This alternative is referred to as the Community Eligibility Provision. All students enrolled in the school/district may participate in the breakfast and lunch program at no charge to them. Families will not have to fill out meal applications.

Breakfast and lunch meals follow the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines for healthy school meals. Please encourage students to participate in the school meal programs.

You may contact your School Food Service (SFS) Director
Teresa Zorn, 803-541-3582 for additional information.

Parents or guardians that do not want their child/children to participate in CEP may wish to discuss this matter with Teresa Zorn, Director of Food Services, on an informal basis.

Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to Dr. Crystal Stapleton, Superintendent, whose address is:

Barnwell County School District
770 Hagood Avenue,
Barnwell, S.C. 29812
(803) 541-1300

for a hearing to appeal the decision.

The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

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This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

2023 Water Quality Report Blackville Water System System# 0610003

We're pleased to provide you with this year's Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is produced from four active wells in the Blackville service area.

A Source Water Assessment Plan has been prepared for our system. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Earthel Walker at (803) 284-2444. We want you, our neighbors, and valued customers, to be informed about your water utility. Feel free to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings on the third Monday of each even month at 6:30 pm at the Community Center.

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

The table below shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2023. In this table you will find the following terms and abbreviations:

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

Action Level Goal (ALG) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

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

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

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

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

LEAD AND COPPER TEST RESULTS								
Contaminant	Date Sampled	ALG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation (Y/N)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2021	1.3	1.3	0.10	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	2021	0	15	0.65	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems. Erosion of natural deposits

REGULATED CONTAMINANTS								
Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation (Y/N)	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2023	RAA 1.00	0.0-1.0	4	4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2022	1.0	1.20-1.20	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

Inorganic Contaminants								
Contaminant	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation (Y/N)	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	2023	0.19	0.069-0.190	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	2022	200	0.00-160	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium (unregulated)	2023	57	5.7-57	N/A	N/A	ppm	N	Naturally occurring.

Radioactive Contaminants								
Contaminant	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation (Y/N)	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	2021	0.516	0.516-0.516	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha (excluding radon and uranium)	2021	2.24	2.24	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

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 Together! Grief and Loss 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

Thru Mon., Aug. 26
Barnwell Soccer Club Fall 2024 Registration
Boys and Girls ages 3-12
3-8 year-olds \$50
9-12 year-olds \$75
Visit <https://barnwellsoccerclub.com>. Registration will not be accepted after August 26. Follow us on our new Facebook group: BSC Barnwell Soccer. Contact for questions 803-300-0221.

Thurs. & Sat., Aug. 8-10
Two Night County-Wide Revival and Saturday Fun Day
Sponsored by the Macedonia Congress of Christian Education. For all ages. Benefitting Barnwell County Consolidated School scholars. All churches & organizations are asked to contribute gift cards for Saturday. 803-300-2637 & 803-300-6599.

Thurs., Aug. 8 - Blackville
High School Auditorium **7pm**
Fri., Aug. 9 - Williston-Elko
Auditorium **7pm**
Sat., Aug. 10 - Barnwell
Elementary School Multipurpose Room
11am

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

Sun., Aug. 11
Deacon Ordination Services for Bro. Eddie Brown
(son of Minister Edward Brown Sr. & the late Rev. Sheldonia Brown)
Thankful Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 1810 Old Barnwell Rd., Williston
Rev. Dr. Freddie Bush, pastor.
Rev. W.J. Simmons guest speaker. Inviting all deacons and church family.

10am Sunday School
11am Worship Service

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, WEMS, 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.)

Allendale County Council Regular Meeting
Allendale County Courthouse, J.V. Wall Jr. Council Chambers, 292 Barnwell Hwy., Allendale
6pm

Sat., Aug. 17
7th Annual The Distinguished Men Who Cook
Blackville-Hilda High Cafeteria, 76 Atkins Circle, Blackville. Admission: \$20. For tickets contact the Blackville CDC, 803-264-0735 or email info@blackvillecdc.org.
4pm

Sun., Aug. 18
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.
6pm

Sun.-Tues., Aug. 18-20
Annual Summer Revival
Thankful Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 1810 Old Barnwell Rd., Williston
6pm, Sun., Aug. 18
Rev. Fredrick Quattlebaum, Christ Temple Outreach Ministries

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

7pm, Mon., Aug. 19
Rev. Freddie Pough, Victory Missionary Baptist Church
7pm, Tues., Aug. 20
Rev. Mickey Joyner, Brown Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

Sat., Aug. 24
Barnwell County Democratic Party is sponsoring a Fashion Show at the Barnwell County Career Center, 5214 Reynolds Rd. Blackville. Tickets: \$5.00 and \$8.00 at the door. For ticket information contact: Jean - 770-875-3401 or Betty - 803-300-9488
4pm

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

Sat., Sept. 7
Multi-family Yard Sale
841 Forrest Drive, Barnwell
Call 803-259-0323 or 803-943-3027 for more information. All proceeds go toward supporting Edith Ridling's dog, Sam, who is battling cushing syndrome. Sam is a 14-year-old terrier mix, and his owner loves him very much.
8am-5pm

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

Tues., Oct. 1
Barnwell County National Night 2024 Out Postponed
Due to inclement weather that was projected to impact our area, our Aug. 6 Barnwell County National Night Out 2024 has been POSTPONED. The new date is Tues., Oct. 1. We hope and trust that you can and will participate with us at the new date. Details will follow for this event later in the year.

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

Banners for Veterans

Does your family have a veteran or serviceman/woman that you would like to see honored on special occasions such as Veterans Day?

The Blackville Museum (Blackville Area Historical Society) would like to honor veterans of all wars with banners that would be displayed on Main Street in Blackville on special occasions. If you have a veteran you would like to see honored or remembered on a banner, you may order one through the BAHS. The cost of making the banners is \$60.00 each. We would need a good photograph of the veteran, his/her branch of service, and dates of service. If you are interested in purchasing a banner, please contact Marla Jameson at 803-300-0520, or Shellie Khatod at 828-302-7611. You can also email ednrsing@yahoo.com.

Crossword Puzzle Solution

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Sudoku Puzzle Solution

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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
Tues., Wed., Thurs.
Noon-4pm
Self-guided tours are offered
Register at the office building
(803) 259-1916

BLACKVILLE MUSEUM

655 Main Street, Blackville
Open by appointment only until further notice.
Please call (803) 284-3267 to schedule a visit.

BARNWELL SENIOR CENTER

Mondays-Fridays
Gail Reyes Senior Center/
Generations Unlimited
(11403 Ellenton St., Barnwell)
803-259-4599

BLACKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

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

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Your Community Church

Anglican Church of the Holy Apostles
228 Hagood Ave., Barnwell
Sun - Holy Eucharist service 10:30am
Sun School at 9:30am
Wed Morning prayer/breakfast 8am
Vicar Bill Clarkson

Barnwell United Methodist Church
236 Main Street, Barnwell
803-259-3331
Sun. Services & activities:
9:15am Coffee Fellowship in Crenshaw Hall
10am Adult Sunday School in Crenshaw Hall
10:15am Youth Sunday School
11am Traditional worship service and Children's Sunday School
Monthly activities:
United Methodist Women - date announced each month
Barnwell Soup Kitchen - 10:45am every 3rd Monday at First Baptist
Crochet Comforters - 10am on 4th Saturday

Bells Chapel Pentecostal Holiness
83 Week Ave., Olar
Sundays - 10:30am
Pastor Thomas Caldwell
calth02@yahoo.com
(803) 335-9121, (803) 671-6369

Boiling Springs Chapel
5475 Boiling Springs Rd., Barnwell
Sunday Worship 5pm

Center of Hope Community Fellowship
(542 Main Street, Barnwell; beside IGA)
Sunday School 11:30am-12:15pm
Sunday Worship 12:30pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7pm
Pastor/Founder Bishop Charlie D. Gillison

Christ Presbyterian Church
848 Hagood Ave., Barnwell
Sunday School 9:30am
Sunday Worship 10:30am
Bible Study Wednesday 6pm
803-259-5653

First Baptist Church of Barnwell
161 Allen St, Barnwell
Contemporary Service
Sundays 9am
Traditional Service
Sundays 11am
Sunday School at 10:10am
Watch on Facebook or listen in the parking lot over 90.5

Friendship Baptist Church Sunday School
5801 Friendship Rd., Barnwell
Sundays - Assembly 9:45am
Sunday School at 10am
Worship at 11am
Discipleship Training
Sundays - 6pm
Worship at 7pm

Hope Community Church of God
785 Main St., Barnwell
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Worship 11am
Wednesday Service 7pm

Jordan Missionary Baptist
200 Skyland Farm Road, Williston
Sunday School 2nd - 5th Sundays 9:30am
Worship 2nd-5th Sundays 10:30am

Life Tabernacle Church
1189 Clinton St., Barnwell
Sunday School 10am
Sunday worship 6pm
Wednesday service 7pm
Monday night prayer 7pm

Long Branch Baptist Church
3223 Highway 37, Williston
SUNDAY
9:45am - Sunday school
11am - Morning worship service
5pm - Bible study
6pm - Evening worship service
WEDNESDAY
6pm - Prayer service

Mt. Lebanon Christian Church
420 Christian Rd., Barnwell
(803) 259-1438
mtlebanoncc@gmail.com
Sunday School at 10am
Sunday am worship 11am (blended music)
Sunday PM Bible Study 6pm (mid July-April)
www.mtlebanonchristianchurch.com
Minister Ron Franklin

Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church
10620 Dunbarton Blvd., Barnwell
Inside Services: Sunday school at 9am and services at 10am.
Bible study is held Wednesdays at 6:15pm. Please wear a mask.

New Beginnings Fellowship
187 Ned Branch Ave., Barnwell
Sunday Service 10:30am
Wednesday Bible Study 6pm
Pastor Roger Allen

New Hope United Methodist Church
Sunday worship every second and fourth Sunday
9:30 a.m.
1120 Concord Church Road, Allendale
Pastor Lisa Way.

Rosemary Baptist Church
151 Emerald Lane, Barnwell
Join us every Sunday at 11am for a high time in the Lord.
CDC guidelines are still in effect.
Pastor Sarah Perkins

Second Baptist Church of Barnwell
181 Church St., Barnwell
In person worship service. Masks and social distancing is encouraged. Temp. checks upon entrance.
Sundays 10am
For more info: Pastor Elder Lamonte Boyd (803) 259-1385
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Seven Pines Baptist Church
Snelling
Small community church welcomes visitors.
Sunday School: 9:50am
Service: 11am, 6pm
Pastor Mark Watford

Silver Spring Missionary Baptist Church
347 Woodrow Doby Road
Williston, SC. 29853
Services — First and Third Sunday 10am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Services
Rev. Dr. Freddie L. Bush, Pastor

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11am Sundays, in-person worship services, masks are encouraged.
Pastor Freddie Wright

St. James Anglican
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Evening Prayer: 6:30pm every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday.
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474 Hwy. 125, Martin
Mask and social distancing required.
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2nd & 4th Sundays - 10am

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Pastor Rev. Anthony F. Gadson
Sunday Worship: 11am

Unity Baptist Church
Pastor Brian Howard
5504 Hilda Rd., Blackville
Sunday School: 9:45am
Sunday Worship: 11am & 6pm
Mid week service:
Thursdays JAM kids (supper provided) 6pm
and Adult service 7pm

Williston Presbyterian Church
207 Elko Street, Williston
Pastor: Doug Blaikie
Services - 11am Sundays
Adult Sunday School - 10am
Wednesday Bible Study - 11am

Word Of Life Full Gospel Ministries
6254 Hwy 278, Barnwell
Wednesday Bible study/prayer Service 7pm
Sunday school 10:45 am
Worship Service 12pm
Facebook @wordoflifefgm



Bennie Mae Amick

Her love for babies and children was always evident. She was a graduate of Blackville-Hilda High School, class of 1964.

She is survived by her daughter, Kimberly Amick Hair; grandsons, Will Hair and Mason Hair; and sister, Dolly Still (Roadell Bodiford.)

She is preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Cecil Amick; sisters, Jeanette Bessinger and Nita Bessinger; as well as her niece, Wendy Bessinger Sanders.

A visitation was held on Saturday, August 3rd, 2024 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Mole Funeral Home. Funeral services followed on Sunday, August 4th, 2024 at 6 p.m. at Unity

Baptist Church in Blackville, S.C., with graveside following in the Barnwell County Memorial Cemetery. Rev. John Jerkins officiated.

Pallbearers were Jeb Lott, Justin Lott, Jasper Lott, Don Amick, Seth Pritchard, and TBone Jerkins. Honorary pallbearers were Jamie Sanders, Preston Gunnells, Josiah Lott, and Joseph Lott.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research for cancer.

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

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BARNWELL - Bennie Mae Still Amick, 78, passed away on July 31st, 2024. She was born in Barnwell, S.C. on December 29th, 1945 to the late Bennie Still and Ila Mae Grubbs Still.

Bennie Mae loved her family and devoted most of her time to them, especially her grandsons. She was a member of Unity Baptist Church, where she kept the nursery for many years.



Dorothy "Dot" Ellis

may be given to the Leukemia Foundation, Donor Services, P.O. Box 22324, New York, N.Y. 10087 or the Gift Processing at National Kidney Foundation HQ, 30 East 33rd St., New York, N.Y. 10016.

Mrs. Dot passed away on Wednesday, July 31, 2024.

Born in Sylvania, GA, she was a daughter of the late Jesse Lynn Rountree and Bessie Mable Richardson Rountree. She was a member of the Williston United Methodist Church, was a homemaker and previously worked in real estate sales. She loved crafting and cross-stitching; she also loved her many dogs.

Survivors include her daughter, Kymlyn "Kym" Ellis; a son, Harold "Hal"

(Lisa) Ellis, all of Williston; grandchildren, Karalyn "Kara" Ellis, Shaun (Samantha) Ellis, Linsey (Aaron) Poston Williams, and Alexander Poston; great-grandchildren, Kayden, Brantley, Madison, and Easton Ellis, and Luke and Lincoln Williams; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Madelyn R. Furtick; and a brother, J. L. Rountree Jr.

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

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WILLISTON - Funeral services for Dorothy "Dot" Marie Rountree Ellis, 84, of Williston, S.C. were held at 2 o'clock p.m., Sunday, August 4, 2024 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, S.C. followed by burial in the Springfield Cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Sunday. Memorial contributions



Jack West

troubleshooter in Denmark, S.C. and Greensboro, GA until he retired. He enjoyed watching T.V. and being around the house with his loving dog "Bear"; he loved reading and studying the Bible and attended Word of Life Pentecostal Holliness Church in Bamberg, S.C. Jack was a U.S. Army veteran and served in Germany during the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his loving wife, Rita West of the home; his brother, Daniel Jay (Allison) West of Fletcher, OK; a sister-in-law, Keisha (Bruce) Stanley of Lexington, S.C.; a brother-in-law,

Johnny (Sandra) Carroll of Summerville, S.C.; his nieces, Cierra Faye Banks, Amanda (Andy) Draughn, Danielle West and Paula Faison; a nephew, Johnny Daniel Carroll Jr.; great-nieces, Angel (Ralph) Johnson and Abigail Draughn.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Debra Blocker.

Folk Funeral Home, Inc., Denmark is assisting the family with arrangements. Visit the online obituary at www.folkfuneralhome.com.

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OLAR - Jack Carl West, 72, of Olar, S.C., husband of Rita West, passed away on Friday, August 2, 2024.

Born in Charleston, S.C., he was a son of the late Hiram West Jr. and Dorothy Parrott West and was married to Rita Faye Carroll West for the last 50 years. Jack worked for Nibco as a machine operator and

In Loving Memory

Stephen A Dellairo

BARNWELL - Stephen A. Dellairo, 38, passed away at home. He was born on August 15th, 1985 in Barnwell, S.C. to Ted Padgett and Diane Marie Dellairo.

He was a loving father, son, brother, uncle, and cousin. He worked as an Auto Mechanic for DOT for 10 years, as well as working at other auto shops throughout his career. He enjoyed spending time with his children and his family. He loved to coach them in sports, he always took them swimming at Ray's Crossing. Their favorite things were swimming, arcades, and drag strips. He had wonderful, loving parents, Ted Padgett and Diane Dellairo. They

enjoyed going fishing together, liked to garden, and enjoyed listening to classic rock music. Stephen always enjoyed working on cars, fishing, and playing the guitar.

He has four loving kids, Jayden Dellairo, Ian Dellairo, Stephen Dellairo Jr., and Briar Dellairo. He was a loving brother to Lynn Padgett, Cheryl Dellairo, Melissa Padgett, and Janet Padgett, an uncle to Miley Padgett, Nathan Padgett, Dallas Padgett, Desiree Haley, Kenneth Haley Jr., Diante Rockenstine, Nakia Haley, Sylvia Haley, and Kayviona Washington, as well as a cousin to Josh Padgett and Ben Padgett. They enjoyed hanging out, playing the

guitar, and doing many outdoor activities. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Ralph and Anne-Lee Padgett, whom he loved so dearly.

Now you rest with the heavenly father, and you will be very well missed and loved as a father, a son, a brother, and cousin.

A visitation was held on Sunday, August 4th, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Mole Funeral Home followed by funeral services at 3 p.m. in the Mole Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside was held at Ghent's Branch Baptist Church Cemetery. Rev. Jeremy Creech officiated.

Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com.
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Rusty Peeples

1763, Anderson, S.C. 29622.

Rusty passed away on Wednesday, July 31, 2024.

Born in Allendale County, S.C., he was a son of Ruth Abigail Lain and the late Henry Dale Peeples and was a member of Friendship Baptist Church. Rusty lived life to the fullest, he had a great sense of humor, was a practical joker who was known for "picking" on his family and friends. He loved grilling and cooking with his children, family, and friends. His hobbies included hunting, fishing and farming; he learned to drive a tractor at 9 years old. Most of all he loved driving semi-trucks; he logged coast to coast for Bobby Hutson Trucking with Goofey as his co-pilot. Rusty loved swimming at Little Hell and Ray's Crossing. He was friendly, talked with everyone, and never met a stranger. He was loved by most and was revered as a friend to many.

Survivors include his mother, Ruth Abigail Piatt (Keith Thomas); children, Madyson Keller of Waynesboro, GA, Anna Knight (Santino)

of Neeses, S.C., and Cameron Allen Peeples (Taylor) of Deerfield, FL; grandchildren, Lance Keller and Lyle Sterling Knight; brothers, Brandon Dale Peeples (Christina) of Springfield, MO and James Ryan Peeples of Joplin, MO; sisters, Jessica Ann Peeples of Bellevue, WA, Christina Diane Cadwallader (Israel) of Joplin, MO, and Alana Howard of Beech Island, S.C.; aunts, Ruth Bronson (Bill) of Hilda, S.C. and Tammy Lain of Olar, S.C.; grandmother, Sybille B. Lain; and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his father, Henry Dale Peeples, he was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Jessie Russell Lain and Robert Peeples Sr.; grandmother, Martha Peeples; uncles, Barry Lain and Robert Peeples Jr.; and an aunt, Alice Still.

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

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BARNWELL - Funeral services for Rusty Dale Peeples, 48, of Barnwell, S.C. were held at 4 o'clock p.m., Sunday, August 4, 2024 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, S.C. with the Reverend Don McCormick officiating. Burial followed in the Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 3 o'clock p.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home on Sunday. Honored to serve as pallbearers are Jason Still, Justin Still, George Zorn, David Weeks, Stanley Zorn, Quentin Chavis, Bill Bronson, Connor Edwards, Keith Thomas, Santino Knight, Brandon Peeples and Cameron Peeples. The family has asked that memorials be made to The Bridge Center, P.O. Box



William Proveaux Jr.

away at home on Tuesday, July 30, 2024.

Born in Orangeburg County, S.C., he was a son of the late William Kearsse Proveaux Sr. and Edna Owens Proveaux Rice. Mr. Proveaux was an electrician by trade; he loved being outdoors fishing and hunting and was thankful for his son being able to take him hunting a couple of times last year. He enjoyed attending Allens Chapel Baptist Church when he was able and visiting with friends and family.

Survivors include his son, William Kearsse "Will"

Proveaux III; a grandson; Brandon Proveaux; his sister, Nancy (Dusty) Rhodes of Barnwell, S.C.; his brother, Steve Proveaux of Olar, S.C.; the mother of their children, Bobbie Jean Proveaux; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Brandon Proveaux.

Folk Funeral Home, Inc., Denmark, assisted the family with arrangements. Visit the online obituary at www.folkfuneralhome.com.

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OLAR - A memorial gathering for William Kearsse Proveaux Jr., 71, of Olar, S.C. was held Saturday, August 3, 2024 at 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Folk Funeral Home, Denmark, S.C.

Mr. Proveaux passed



James Morton Phillips

tion Just Cause" - the U.S. invasion of Panama to overthrow Noriega. He flew a number of medevac missions and many special operations as part of the Special Operations Lowlevel (SOL) squadron. When in Charleston on weekends he was able to return to Fairfax to crop dust with his dad's business, Phillips Crop Dusting.

When Pope John Paul visited the United States in 1987, Jim was honored to have been chosen to pilot the plane carrying the Popemobile throughout the United States.

He continued his service in the Air Force Reserves and retired as a Major after 20+ years of service. Jim finished his flying career as a Federal Express pilot, crop dusting on the side.

After his retirement, Jim moved back to his hometown of Fairfax where he was active in the First Baptist Church singing in the choir and playing drums in the praise band.

Jim is survived by his wife of seven years, Debbie Loadholt Phillips; two children: Jaime Danielle (Jake) Priddy, and Jack Adrian Phillips II, as well as a granddaughter, Danielle Taylor Priddy. He is also survived by two stepchildren: Angel

Elizabeth (Joseph) Lagare and Joseph Gregory (Mallory) McCaskey, five step grandchildren and his siblings, Betty Jo Phillips Whitson of Raleigh, N.C., Robert Adrian (Penny) Phillips, Saluda, N.C., and John Alan (Denise) Phillips, North Augusta, S.C. He leaves behind a number of nieces and nephews, as well as grand nieces and nephews, all of whom he loved dearly. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Lonnie Carlton (Butch) Phillips, and brother-in-law, Warren B. Whitson.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Saturday, August 10, 2024, at Fairfax First Baptist Church with the Reverend James Davis officiating. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the church prior to the service. Inurnment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be made to Fairfax Cemetery, Inc., Drawer 820, Fairfax, S.C., 29827.

Keith Smith Funeral Service, 128 Water Street, Allendale, is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at keithsmithfuneralservice.com.

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Flooring manufacturer donates to organizations



Leaders of local organizations pose for a photo with their \$3,707.62 checks.

Photo By: Elijah de Castro / Report for America

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elijah@thepeoplesentinel.com

Wood flooring manufacturer Swiss Krono, located on the outskirts of the Town of Snelling, has donated thousands of dollars to various organizations in Barnwell County.

The donations were made to the Barnwell County Animal Shelter, Barnwell County Sheriff's Department, the Barnwell County Community Engagement and Recreation Department and Golden Harvest Food Bank in a celebration on July 30. The funding for the donations were raised at a charity golf tournament Swiss Krono hosted

June 8 at the Sweetwater Country Club, and were divided evenly among the recipients; \$3,707.62.

"In our service area, which includes Barnwell, we're now seeing one in seven individuals that are facing food insecurity, an increase from one to nine previously," said Nathan Folks of the Golden Harvest Food Bank, a non-profit that fights food insecurity throughout the Central Savannah River Area. "So, this is very timely. [We're] trying to increase the amount of healthy fresh produce that we can get out of the community."

The donation to the Barnwell County Animal Shelter will be used to help the county address the increasing numbers of stray animals in need,

Marlene Ray, the shelter's director.

"We are seeing an increase in wild animals that are coming in needing medical care," said Ray. "This definitely will help in that area, there are animals coming in injured or shot or with all kinds of infections or skin diseases ... and we have a small staff."

For the Barnwell County Community Engagement and Recreation Department, the donation will be used in the department's efforts to increase local recreation opportunities.

"As we know, Barnwell County has high health disparities," said Hilary Hindman, the department's director. Hindman said the donation will be used to

further the department's mission. "The goal of our department is to improve quality of life through recreation. We want to do that through unique recreation experiences."

Public Notice of Candidate Filing

Allendale County

Any candidate seeking a political party's nomination for any office in the 2024 General Election must file with the appropriate county board of voter registration & elections or the South Carolina State Election Commission during the upcoming filing period.

Filing opens noon, August 5, 2024, and closes noon, August 16, 2024

Offices School Board Seats (3 seats) (Districts 1, 3 & 5)	Filing Location Allendale County Board of Voter Registration & Elections 158 McNair Street Allendale, SC 29810 803.584.4178
Town of Allendale: Mayor	Allendale Town Hall 196 Main Street North Allendale, SC 29810 803.584.4619
Town Council (3 seats)	

Pay fees at Town Hall and bring receipt to VR Office for filing package or you can find forms on <https://scvotes.gov>.

County Board of Voter Registration and Elections Filing hours:
Monday, August 5: Noon – 5:00 p.m.
Weekdays: 9 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, August 16: 9 a.m. – Noon

Filing Form: The Statement of Intention of Candidacy- Nonpartisan form required for filing is available in the "Candidate Information" section of [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov) and at the county elections office.
Filing Fee: Filing fees are paid at the time of filing by candidates.
State Ethics Filings: Candidates are required to file a Statement of Economic Interests and a Campaign Disclosure online with the State Ethics Commission at ethics.sc.gov. Failure to file these documents may result in a candidate fine but will not disqualify a candidate from the election. Contact the State Ethics Commission for more information.

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GRITS Reading & Literacy Program connects youth and law enforcement

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For the entire month of June, the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office conducted the Great Reading Influences Total Success (GRITS) Reading and Literacy Program.

This could not have been such a success without the community partners who played such a dynamic role. This event not only provided an opportunity for law enforcement to read to children, it also gave children the chance to have their up close and personal time with Sheriff Griffith and various members of the agency as well.

Special thank you to Barnwell County First Steps for attending every event and ensuring that every child left every event with free books.

To McDonalds of Barnwell, Barnwell Family YMCA, and Beautiful Beginnings Day Care for allowing us to host the events there and entrusting the youth to us for the entire month.

To JJ's Learning Academy, Clemson Snap Ed, Polly Best Center, Barnwell Offset Printing, P&K Discount and Thrift Store, the contributions that each of you made with your time



The Barnwell County Sheriff's Office summer reading program brought books to countless children across Barnwell County.
Photos Courtesy: Barnwell County Sheriff's Office



time we attended, we each received a free book from the library. We learned early the importance of reading.

and your talents were very appreciated.

"To see the badge not only for its strength but as a friend who can help me, even to read. As formidable as the badge may be, in its shape and glow, it can inspire a generation. Grateful to have been considered as a partner in this initiative. Thankful for all of the community's efforts to help children read more," said Jordan Jenkins, owner of JJ's Learning Academy.

Hannah Long, Clemson Snap Ed Health Educator for Barnwell and Allendale counties, felt this program "provided a chance for so many children to be exposed

to different information and also have a chance to interact with law enforcement helping with the program. Through my involvement specifically, they all got to learn and talk about different fruits, got a chance to taste some different ones and were presented with different ways to think about their food. It was a fantastic program and one that I hope I can be involved with again in the future."

To the parents and children that attended all the events, our agency cannot say enough. We know the impact that positive law enforcement interaction has

on children, so we constantly try innovative ways to connect with our youth. This event and others like it will continue to thrive and equipping our youth in a positive way will always be at the forefront.

This event was a remake of a program that I attended when I was a child. Barnwell County Library, when located on Hagood Avenue, used to host storytime with Mrs. Ellen Jenkins. As a child, I attended every one of them with my aunt Martha Gadson who was an educator at Guinyard-Butler Middle School. I looked forward to those events and every



Members of law enforcement read to kids during the event.

Weston: Community rallies around local child battling cancer

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children's hospital, or where to go. They told me they had found a mass tumor and that we were going to be admitted and put on the fifth floor of the Augusta hospital. They told me it was a Wilms tumor in the left kidney ... the surgeon came in and showed me the mass on the computer.

daughter] Lumley three or four months before. So I was still breastfeeding her and I was worried about him and my two year old daughter too. I was still working, I'm a nurse, [so] I actually was scheduled with a patient that Saturday and I had to call out of work. Whenever they told me about the tumor, they said it was about the size of a large baking potato. I was thinking it was just a little tumor. When I looked at the screen, [the tumor] was surrounding things like his aorta. It really

got concerning. They did the biopsy and he had an allergic reaction to the medicine they use for sedation. It was pretty traumatic. They decided to do six weeks of chemo before taking this big ol' tumor out. After that we got some images, and the tumor had shrunk in half. As a mom, [the scars] were one of my main concerns. I cried before the surgery. I was thinking, 'how big is the scar going to be?' Thankfully, it was even smaller than I was originally told.

Elijah: What was it like learning about all this as you went through the process?

Lauren: It's still very unbelievable. I struggled a lot with it to where I was driving myself crazy. I had never been to Atlanta in my life, I'm just a country girl. ... I don't even like driving in Augusta and here I was trying to drive in Atlanta. The city scared me.

Elijah: There were a lot of people at the fundraiser. What was your reaction

to the community's event and the success of the fundraiser?

Lauren: I cried and cried and cried. I got out of the car and couldn't even talk. [To Weston,] I was like 'all these people are here for you.' He didn't know how to react. That's a lot of this, you don't know how to react. You don't know how to react to your child having cancer and you don't know how to react when people are so generous. It feels unreal

still. We've met wonderful families throughout this process. We're so thankful he's going to be done and going back to school. I will eventually get back to work. It's going to take me a little time to emotionally be able to let go. ... It was shocking to see how people just stepped in and helped, even people we didn't know. There were people from Wagner, Barnwell, different churches out in Olar who heard about us and wanted to help.

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Jaquavian Bradley signs with Denmark Tech

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Barnwell's Jaquavian Bradley has signed to play basketball for Denmark Technical College.

The Carolina Shockers AAU guard had a signing celebration at the Barnwell County Public Library this past Friday, August 2. Jaquavian was joined by Denmark Tech basketball coach Patrick Scipio, AAU Carolina Shockers coach Marcus Rivera, family, friends, additional AAU coaches and sponsors.

Rivera, the former mayor of Barnwell and the Carolina Shockers AAU coach, was asked about Jaquavian signing to play at Denmark Tech and said, "I've had the honor of coaching Jaquavian since he was 12 years old. He is a small guard who can score from all three levels, but the skill that he'll rely on the most in college is his ability to defend. He has a mental toughness and a competitive spirit that will prove to be beneficial on the collegiate level."

Coach Rivera went on to say "he stayed focused and worked on his craft tirelessly. There were several nights we witnessed this kid nearly give up, but he understood what was at stake. Jaquavian will be the first in his immediate family to attend college...When I think of his journey and the path that he's on I can't help but think of Jeremiah 29:11: 'For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans

to prosper you, and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"

While playing for the Shockers, Jaquavian was a part of several championship teams. He played on two Elite Eight teams at the AAU World Championships. Bradley was also named the Most Valuable Player of numerous state and national tournaments along the way.

In addition to the Carolina Shockers organization, Coach Rivera points out that Jaquavian's older brother, Devin Creech, was instrumental in helping him get to this point. "Devin is the definition of 'MY BROTHER'S KEEPER.' He's the real MVP here."

When asked about his thoughts on signing to play basketball at Denmark Technical College, Jaquavian said, "It is a blessing. It feels really good. I like the atmosphere of the practices at Denmark Tech. I would like to thank God, Coach Rivera and all my other coaches, and my family for helping me get to this point."

Qua (pronounced "KWAY"), as his friends and coaches call him, said he will study business at Denmark Tech in hopes of "getting a good job that will help me survive in the world." He also went on to mention that some of his favorite memories came from competing at the AAU National tournaments each year.

Coach Rivera and Jaquavian wanted to thank everyone who has had a part on making his collegiate basketball dreams



Jaquavian Bradley was all smiles after donning the hat of Denmark Tech where he will play basketball.

Photo by Jeff Miller



Jaquavian Bradley scores for the Shockers at the 2024 AAU World Championships.

Photo by AAU- Amateur Athletic Union

come true. They wanted to say a special thanks to Befesa Zinc, Just for You Home Health Care, Wil Kearse, and Ned Branch Baptist Church. They also wanted to thank Kelly Edwards Elementary School, Denmark Technical College, and Andrew Jackson Academy for allowing the Shockers to use their facilities. Lastly, they wish to say a special thank you to Denmark Tech's basketball coach, Patrick Scipio, for giving Jaquavian the opportunity to pursue his childhood dream.

Good luck Jaquavian as you enter this next chapter of your life.



From Shockers to Panthers, Jaquavian Bradley of the AAU Carolina Shockers will be joining the Panthers of Denmark Tech.

Photo by Jeff Miller

Tri-County All Stars compete at DBB World Series

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The Tri-County All-Star team traveled a short distance to Beaufort, South Carolina for the 2024 DBB World Series.

The Junior division World Series was played at the Burton Wells Complex in Beaufort July 26th-30th. Teams from South Carolina, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia all competed for the 2024 DBB World Series title.

The Tri-County South Carolina team was made up of 13-year-old players from Bamberg, Barnwell, and Hampton counties. Barnwell had five players, including Ian



The Tri-County All-Star team made up of players from Bamberg, Barnwell, and Hampton counties competed at the 2024 DBB World Series on July 26th-27th in Beaufort.

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"All of the players were excited for the opportunity and worked hard to compete."

-Tri-County head coach Kevin Johnstone

Beasley, Chase Creech, Brycen Carnahan, Wyatt Altman, and Weston Altman. Bamberg added two players and Hampton had another five players. The combined Tri-County team was one of three teams competing from South Carolina.

Tri-County head coach Kevin Johnstone was asked about his team's World Series appearance and said, "Playing in the little league World Series was truly a neat experience. All of the players were excited for the opportunity and

worked hard to compete. We didn't finish with the results we wanted, but again, we were happy to be a part of an experience that I will remember and I'm sure the players will never forget it either. All the players will also have an opportunity next year to compete and possibly make the All-Stars for the Tri-County 14-and-under team and work back to it again. This year the World Series was held in Beaufort South Carolina. I think next year it will be played in Mississippi."

The Tri-County complete roster includes Trace Zorn, Weston Altman, Wyatt Altman, Ian Beasley, Wells Johnstone, Chase Creech, Chris Hannibal, Porter Lee, Joshua Evans Jr., Kai Sobey, Brycen Carnahan, and Caleb Corley. The coaches include head coach Kevin Johnstone and assistant coaches Nathan Corley, Barry Creech, and Joshua Evans.

Tri-County played the Troy, Alabama and Columbus County, North Carolina teams in the tournament. Despite coming up short in the two games, the Tri-County All-Stars' families, friends and other fans are proud of the boys' efforts. Congratulations to all the players and coaches involved and we hope to see these young men back at the World Series next year.

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First day of school

Barnwell Primary students welcomed with hugs, smiles

Barnwell Primary School kicked off the 2024-2025 school year on Monday, August 5. Students were welcomed by smiles, hugs and fist bumps from school staff.

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Welcome back to SCHOOL



Blackville Macedonia Elementary Middle School begins 2024-25 school year in style

The Macedonia Elementary-Middle School's 2024-25 school year began with welcome balloons and hugs as teachers and students reunited.
Photos By: Elijah de Castro / Report for America



School year kicks off at Kelly Edwards

Back to school

The doors to Kelly Edwards Elementary School (KEES) reopened for the 2024-2025 school year on Monday, August 5. Students, both excited and a little nervous, headed into the next stage of their academic journey.

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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
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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
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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.
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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:

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 - (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.
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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: 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
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Estate: Carolyn Moody Livingston
Date of Death: June 24, 2024
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00124
Personal Representative: Cynthia L. Griffith
Address: 180 Sherwood Drive, Barnwell, S.C. 29812
Co-Personal Representative: Melinda S. Wilson
Address: 81 Sherwood Drive, Barnwell, S.C. 29812
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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

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For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing and should include the following information:

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- Protests must be submitted online at MyDORWAY.dor.sc.gov or emailed to ABL@dor.sc.gov.
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- 2024-136 3tp 8-7-24**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Redcrows 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.

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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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Estate: Sherri Lynn Smith
Date of Death: July 9, 2024
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00063
Personal Representative: Jimmy W. Ray
Address: 208 Ewing Road, Allendale, S.C. 29810
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Estate: Ronald Earnest Renew Sr.
Date of Death: December 21, 2023
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00098
Personal Representative: Heather DeFreest
Address: 2002 Green Branch Road, Barnwell, S.C. 29812
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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: Patrick Lane Corley
Date of Death: June 1, 2024
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00142
Personal Representative: Patricia C. Metheny
Address: 361 Centerwood Road, Windsor, S.C. 29856
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Estate: Lucille Mae Corley
Date of Death: April 11, 2024
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00144
Personal Representative: Travis Corley
Address: 1736 Mimosa Bloom Court, Gilbert, S.C. 29054
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Estate: Debra L. Hughes
Date of Death: June 23, 2024
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00058
Personal Representative: Jangie L. Beasley
Address: 856 Shipes Bluff Road, Blackville, S.C. 29817
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Estate: Thomas J. Reeves Jr.
Date of Death: June 4, 2024
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE CLUES

- ACROSS**
- Soothing concoction
 - *The Magic School ride
 - Mama's husband
 - Dwarf buffalo
 - Moneyed one
 - "M*A*S*H" extra
 - Soon, to Shakespeare
 - Sheltered, nautically
 - *Abacus user, e.g.
 - *School jacket-wearer
 - TV classic "Happy ____"
 - What hoarders do
 - Speech-preventing measure
 - *Pencil end
 - Deep regret
 - Indian restaurant staple
 - What cobblers often do
 - Mother Earth, to Ancient Greeks
 - Embedded design
 - ____ Khan
 - Contending
 - *Don't forget to cross them
 - Plural of flora
 - Rolodex abbr.
 - Sultry or carnal
 - *Rydell High School movie
 - Defensive one on the gridiron
 - Oodles
 - *Some PTA members?
 - *It involves elements
 - Cuban dance
 - Burkina Faso neighbor
 - Opera solo
 - Boot-shaped European country
 - Oil org.
 - Review a service
 - Say "No!"
 - Animal's nose
 - Perceives with an eye
- DOWN**
- Jezebel's idol
 - Beheaded Boleyn
 - Plunder
 - Certain rays
 - Plural of #1 Across
 - Part of an eye, pl.
 - Witnessed
 - *Field of education
 - ____ Walker, American Girl doll
 - *Inspiration for circular charts, pl.
 - Acronym, abbr.
 - Zimbabwe's capital
 - Address to a woman
 - Nail salon file
 - Toothpaste type
 - *Marks in English
 - Hindu queen
 - "Hannah and Her Sisters" director
 - End of line
 - Yogurt-based dip
 - *Opposite side over hypotenuse, pl.
 - Bald symbol
 - *____ monitor
 - Bigheadedness
 - *All-school get-together
 - Giuseppe ____ of opera fame
 - Temporary craze
 - Parthenogenetic
 - Recant or retract
 - *English homework, pl.
 - *Circle, e.g.
 - Paparazzi's target
 - Remote control option
 - Middle Eastern sultanate
 - "Follow me!"
 - Genealogy plant
 - Agitate
 - Puppy barks
 - Antonym of keep

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THEME: BACK TO SCHOOL

ANSWERS ON PAGE 6A

CROSSWORD

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Go Meatless on Mondays to Carry Family Nutrition Into Fall

FAMILY FEATURES

Getting back into a routine during the fall can be a struggle. Consider a schedule that dedicates more nights to long-term wellness with easy, nutritious recipes. Registered dietitian Alexis Joseph recommends Meatless Mondays, which help her family create fruit- and vegetable-forward dishes with nutrient-dense ingredients. One ingredient to consider is California grown prunes from Sunsweet – a good source of vitamins and minerals that help maintain bone and heart health, keep you feeling full and are an all-natural source of fiber and healthy fat. “Dedicating time each week to your overall nutrition with ‘Meatless Mondays’ will motivate you to add healthful staples like California grown prunes from Sunsweet to your diet and make getting back into a routine easier,” Joseph said. “It can also yield results. Research suggests eating 5-6 prunes each day may help prevent bone loss and improve risk factors for heart disease and inflammation.”

Consider Joseph’s Cauliflower Tacos with Peanut Sauce or Veggie Stir Fry for your next weeknight meal. Both spotlight California grown prunes as a substitute for unhealthy fats and sugars to reduce calories and increase health benefits without losing flavor. Find more mealtime inspiration at sunsweet.com.



Photos courtesy of Alexis Joseph

Cauliflower Tacos with Peanut Sauce
Cook time: 30 minutes
Servings: 4

- 1 medium head cauliflower, chopped into florets (about 6-7 cups)
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 8 tortillas
- chopped green onions, for garnish
- California grown prunes from Sunsweet, for serving
- peanuts, for garnish
- lime wedges, for serving

Cabbage Slaw:

- 3 cups shredded red cabbage
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- 1/3 cup cilantro, chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 teaspoons pure maple syrup
- 1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt

Peanut Sauce:

- 4 California grown prunes from Sunsweet
- 1/2 cup unsweetened non-dairy milk
- 1/3 cup natural salted peanut butter
- 3 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 1/2 tablespoon maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon minced ginger
- 1 teaspoon sriracha
- 2 tablespoons water, plus additional for thinning (optional)

Preheat oven to 425 F. On large baking sheet, place cauliflower in single layer. Add olive oil and salt; toss well to combine. Roast 30 minutes, tossing halfway through. To make cabbage slaw: In medium mixing bowl, add cabbage, carrots, cilantro, lime juice, olive oil, maple syrup and salt. Toss to combine; set aside to soften. To make peanut sauce: In blender, blend prunes, milk, peanut butter, soy sauce, lime juice, maple syrup, ginger, sriracha and water until smooth. Taste and add more water, if desired. Warm tortillas, fill with roasted cauliflower and top with slaw, peanut sauce, green onions, prunes and peanuts. Serve with lime wedges.



Veggie Stir Fry with Prune Teriyaki Sauce
Cook time: 15 minutes
Servings: 4

- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil
- 1/2 large onion, diced
- salt, to taste, divided
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon minced ginger
- 2 cups shredded carrots
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced
- 1 medium zucchini, diced
- 8 ounces sugar snap peas
- pepper, to taste, divided
- 1/2 cup roasted salted cashews, plus additional for serving, divided
- 1 cup edamame
- 2-3 cups cooked jasmine rice, for serving
- 1/3 cup sliced green onions, for serving
- California grown prunes from Sunsweet, for serving

Prune Teriyaki Sauce:

- 1 cup canned pineapple, plus 1/4 cup pineapple juice
- 1/4 cup California grown prunes from Sunsweet (about 6 prunes)
- 6 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon pure maple syrup
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 1 garlic clove
- 1 teaspoon sriracha

In large skillet over medium heat, warm sesame oil. Once hot, add onion and pinch of salt; saute 5 minutes. Add garlic and ginger; cook 30 seconds, or until fragrant. Add carrots, bell pepper, zucchini, snap peas and pinch of salt and pepper. Saute 10 minutes, stirring often, until veggies are crisp tender. To make teriyaki sauce: In blender, blend pineapple, pineapple juice, prunes, soy sauce, maple syrup, rice vinegar, garlic and sriracha until smooth. Remove veggies from heat and stir in 1/2 cup cashews, edamame and teriyaki sauce to coat. Season with salt and pepper, to taste, and serve on bed of rice garnished with green onions, prunes and additional cashews.

Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

Kid Scoop Junior

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Where does it belong?

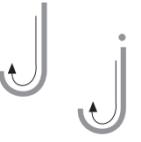
Look at each object in the circles below. Look at each picture in the boxes. Decide where each object belongs. Write its number in the correct circle.

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.

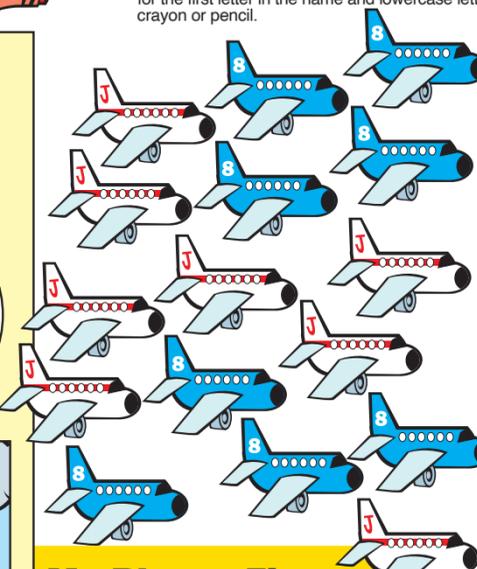
My Letters

J is for Jet
j is for jet



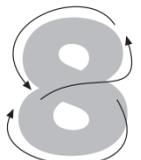
Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter J. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many pictures can you find on this page that start with the sound that the letter J makes in the word jet?



My Numbers

How many ?



How many ?

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

My Rhyme Time

Jerry Hall he is so small,
A rat could eat him,
Hat and all.

My Sentence

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



The jet



<p>Sunday</p> <p>Letter Identification</p> <p>With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter J in jet.</p>	<p>Monday</p> <p>Math Play</p> <p>Point to the number 8 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it’s large enough, have your child trace the number.</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Big J, little j</p> <p>With your child, find every uppercase letter J on one page of the newspaper. Draw a small circle around each. Then try to find a lowercase letter j for each uppercase letter J. Draw a line to connect each uppercase letter J to each lowercase letter j.</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Above or Under?</p> <p>Draw a line across the middle of a picture in the newspaper. Ask your child questions about which things in the picture are under the line or above the line. For example, if the picture has a person in it, ask, “Are the feet above or under the line?”</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>Make Room</p> <p>Find and cut out pictures from the newspaper of objects you would find in a house. On a blank sheet of paper, draw a box to represent each of the rooms in a house: kitchen, dining room, etc. Have your child put each object in the correct “room.”</p>	<p>Friday</p> <p>Come in for a Landing</p> <p>Fold up one sheet of newspaper and tell your child it is a jet. Have your child practice “landing” the jet in different places, such as on a chair, beside a cabinet, under a table, on a bed, etc.</p>	<p>Saturday</p> <p>Jet Trip</p> <p>With your child, pretend you are going to take a trip on a jet. Look through the newspaper for a place to go and find 8 things to pack in your suitcase. Fold a blank sheet of paper and call it your suitcase. “Pack” the objects in the suitcase.</p>
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Kid Scoop Junior comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning readiness skill. **Step by Step Success** 1. Read the activity instruction aloud. 2. Show how to do the activity by doing it yourself first. 3. Ask your child to copy what you do.

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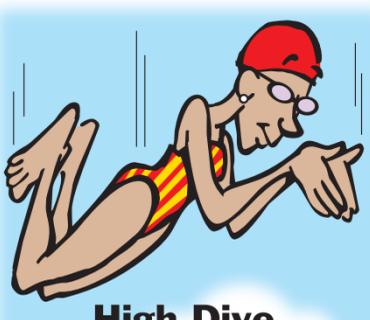
PENCILYMPICS!

Get your brain and your hands in shape with a pencil-grabbing, pencil-pushing, pencilicious workout!



Tally your score from each pencil event on this page. Then, have a friend try!

EVENT	ME	YOU
HIGH DIVE		
ARCHERY		
HURDLES		
RUNNERS		
BOXING		
SEARCH		
TOTAL		



High Dive

There are five differences between these divers. Score 1 point for each one you find.

Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.



Boxing

Look at the rows going up and down. Circle the things that the boxers have in common in each row.

Find all six things and score 5 points. Find 3-5 to earn 3 points. Find 1-2 and score 1 point.

ANSWERS:
 1: Bald boxers.
 2: Black gloves.
 3: Black hair.
 A: Facing same direction.
 B: All have beards.
 C: Stars on clothes.

Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

SEARCH: Get the Lead Out!

There are lots of pencils on this page, but only **one crayon**. Find that crayon in less than 30 seconds and you earn 10 points; 60+ seconds earns you 5 points.

Extra! Extra!

Go the Distance!

On one newspaper page, find and circle the letters that spell each of the following words:

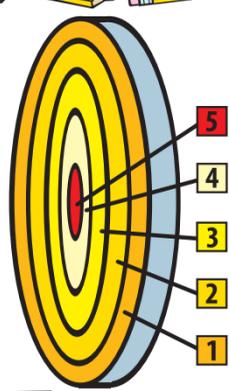
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Archery
- Cycling
- Pentathlon

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade level words correctly.

Archery

Place a pencil on the archer's bow. Close your eyes. Trace a path to the target. Open your eyes and check your score (the number in the ring of the target that you "hit"). Repeat two more times and add up your score.

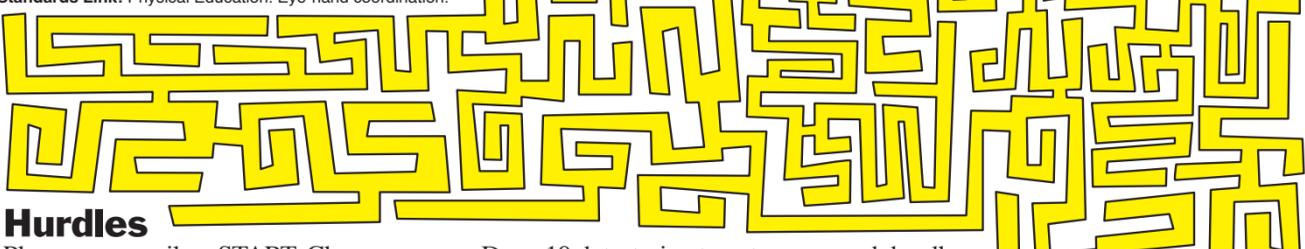
Standards Link: Math: Compute sums.



A-MAZE-ing Runner

Only one will take you to the finish. Find it in less than 30 seconds and score 5 points! 30-60 seconds earns 3 points. 60+ seconds earns 1 point.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Eye-hand coordination.



Hurdles

Place your pencil on START. Close your eyes. Draw 10 dots, trying to put one on each hurdle. Score 1 point for each hurdle that contains one, and only one, dot.

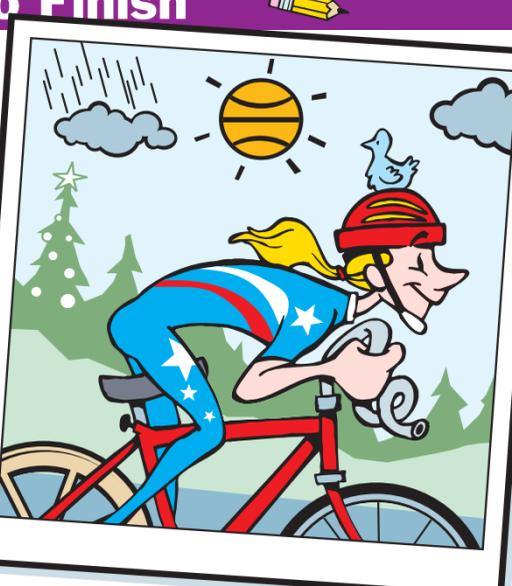


Photo Finish

Sonia took a picture of the bike races.

Find five or more silly things in Sonia's cycling photo.

Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.



Double Double Word Search

- ADD
- BOW
- CIRCLE
- CRAYON
- CYCLING
- DISTANCE
- DOT
- EARN
- HURDLE
- LESS
- ONE
- PENCIL
- POINT
- SCORE
- TARGET

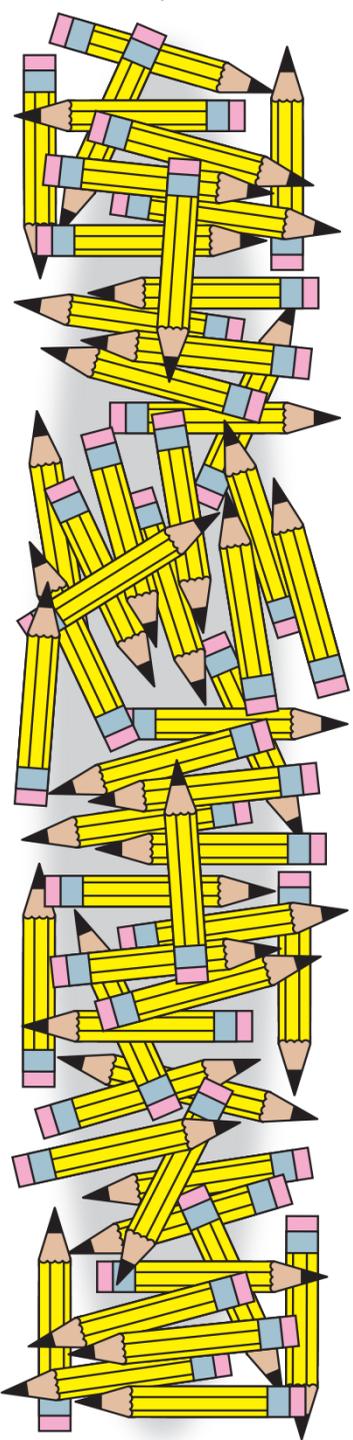
Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

M	W	L	C	I	R	C	L	E	A
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E	N	R	A	E	F	T	B	O	C
T	G	N	I	L	C	Y	C	P	E

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

PENCIL PUZZLER

Can you find the pencil with two pointed ends in less than 60 seconds? When you find it, share this puzzle with a friend or family member!



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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: PENTATHLON
 The noun **pentathlon** means an Olympic competition consisting of five track and field events usually sprinting, hurdling, long jump, discus and javelin.

Originally the **pentathlon** was competed for over four or five days.

Try to use the word **pentathlon** in a sentence today.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Build Your Muscles!

The newspaper has great tips for building your muscles! Look through your newspaper for running events, hikes and other outdoor activities. Sign up and go! Get the whole family in on the fun!

Standards Link: Health: Identify behaviors that promote healthy lifestyles.

Why don't pencils have erasers on both ends?



ANSWER: Because that would be pointless.

Write On!

My Olympic Achievement

Write about a time you did something really great—something you didn't think you could do, but you tried anyway and did it.



Welcome back to school for the 2024-2025 school year!

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2024 DIXIE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES CHAMPS

Barnwell Ponytails welcomed home after World Series win

Jonathan Vickery

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The World Series winning Barnwell Ponytails were welcomed home with sirens and cheers.

The All-Star softball team traveled to Louisiana for the third year in a row to compete in the Dixie Softball World Series. After coming in second and third, respectively, in 2022 and 2023, the Barnwell Ponytails brought home the first-place trophy this year after going 5-0 during the three-day tournament.

"You worked hard, traveled far, and prevailed against some very good competition," stated the announcer at the awards ceremony following the championship game on July 29.

Many of the 11- and 12-year-old girls had been to the World Series at least one of the prior two years. That's why bringing home the championship trophy was even sweeter.

"All 12 of y'all are like daughters to me," said head coach Brad Whitehead, who has led the team to the World Series all three years. "You have worked your tails off. You deserve this and I'm proud of you."

Welcome Home

On Thursday, August 1, the community welcomed home the Barnwell Ponytails.

Firefighters from the Barnwell Fire Department escorted the players and coaches to Lemon Park on fire trucks with lights and sirens blazing.

"You have truly made Barnwell very proud," said Barnwell County Councilman Daniel Alexander during the ceremony.

Williston Town Councilman Eric Moody thanked the coaches for investing in the lives of the girls. He also congratulated the players for showing the "whole southeast how awesome our athletes are."



Overcome with emotions after winning the 2024 Dixie Softball World Series on July 29 in Louisiana, Barnwell Ponytails hug and congratulate one another.

Photo Courtesy: Bigg Zigg Photography

Alexander read Galatians 6:9 from the Bible, which states, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

He said the players embody this due to their effort and countless hours on the practice field. "Your hard work and determination paid off. Being a champion means never giving up, believing in teammates and believing in yourself, working together as a team and always striving to be your best," he said.

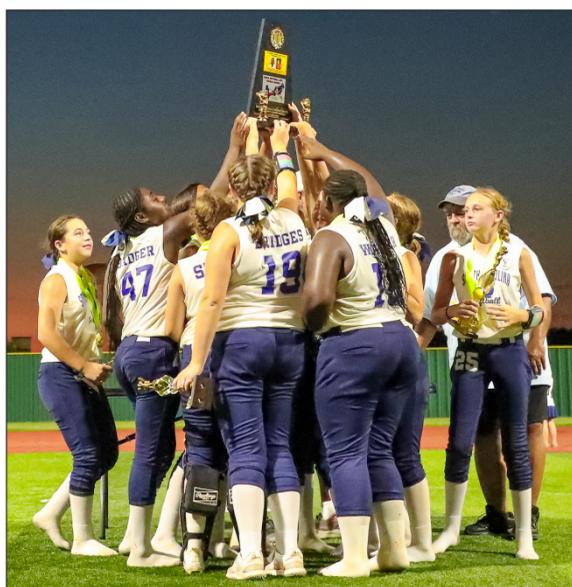
Alexander encouraged the players to apply the lessons from softball to their lives as they face challenges and setbacks. "With teamwork, faith and perseverance, you'll get the job done," said Alexander.

At the end of the ceremony, Coach Whitehead presented each player their official World Series championship ring.

Parental Support

Behind each player is a support system of parents, siblings, grandparents, and other loved ones. Many of them made the 10-hour trek to Louisiana.

Below is a Q&A with the parents of the players of the



The team displays their trophy.

Barnwell Ponytails.

What was it like to see your daughter win the World Series?

ASHLEY WHITEHEAD: I was extremely proud of her.

CHAD VANACORE: It was very gratifying not only for my daughter but for all involved. It was a really proud moment for this team and the entire community.

RANDY & ROBYN REECE: The victory was

sweet and it made all the sacrifices worth it.

ASHLEY PENDER: It was an unreal feeling! Full of joy and pride, I went from cheering to crying in two seconds.

ANTHONY & BROOKEY TAYLOR: We were very happy for her with this being her first year making it to the WS and to experience this once-in-a-lifetime victory. She played hard and gave her very best. We

are extremely proud of her!

REGINALD & LAKISHA ROBERTS: The feeling was indescribable, we could not put our emotions into words.

LAWRENCE & JAMIE STILL: It was an experience I will never forget. To see these girls with so much talent perform like little pros and watch how they stayed positive, never losing sight of that final victory, makes me a parent so proud. They kept their Jesus, their witness and their attitudes in check. Harper loves the game; she can be so hard on herself but in the end she knows it will make her strive to be better. She's determined to make that throw or catch a fly ball and I love watching her succeed and grow in this sport.

MICHAEL & HOLLIE TERRAPIN: It was so exciting! Super proud of her because we know how hard she has worked for it. It was amazing to watch her pitch the championship game and strike out the last batter to close the game for a team she loves so much.

RANDAL & HOLLEY PADGETT: It truly was a blessing as we have watched them for three years. The expressions they had on

MEET THE CHAMPS

PLAYERS

- Emily Vanacore #1
- Brinkley Taylor #2
- Kensley Terrapin #3
- Harper Still #7
- McKaylee Padgett #9
- Ashby Heltbridle #11
- Mary Sanders Reece #12
- Rekeya Roberts #13
- Genesis Walker #16
- Kinsley Bridges #19
- Sadie Whitehead #25
- Shalayah Badger #47

COACHES

- Brad Whitehead
- Michael Terrapin
- Reggie Walker

their faces and the love they share for each other.

SITEAKA & BRANDON BADGER: It was amazing seeing our daughter play in the World Series.

SOCHA WALKER: It was amazing and a priceless moment.

What was your favorite experience or memory from this trip?

WHITEHEAD: She got a great hit in the first game that brought in a run. She was so proud of herself and looked for me in the stands to help celebrate.

VANACORE: It was amazing to watch firsthand the love these girls share for one another. The bond these girls have is remarkable. They genuinely care for each other on and off the field.

REECES: Watching these girls have a good time while becoming champions was the icing on the cake.

PENDER: Watching our girls' faces after they won, seeing that excitement makes all those hot, long days at the ballpark worth it!

TAYLORS: It came in the championship game in the top of the first. There was one out, and the batter popped up in foul territory. Brinkley sprinted to make a sliding dive catch which

See CHAMPIONS, 8C



Genesis Walker, #16, and her father, Reggie, display the team's trophy. Reggie was one of the coaches.



The Barnwell Ponytails explored the new Barnwell Fire Department before riding a fire truck to their welcome home celebration August 1 at Lemon Park.



Shalayah Badger, #47, proudly displays her World Series ring.

Meet the Team



Mary Sanders Reece

#12

Daughter of Randy & Robyn Reece

Mary Sanders Reece, 12, lives in Barnwell. She has been playing softball for 8 years. This was her third trip to the World Series.

What do you love about the game of softball?

Spending time with my teammates, coaches, and family.

What are your thoughts on winning the World Series this year?

I was really excited and proud to be part of the team that made history in Barnwell.

Please describe the moment you realized your team won.

I knew we needed one more strike to win the game, and as soon as Kensley threw the pitch and I saw the strike, I was overcome with emotion.

What was your favorite moment from the World Series experience?

I was able to pitch a complete game and that's something I have worked hard to do.

What would you like to say to your teammates and coaches?

I am very thankful for all the time you have all devoted to me and my teammates. I am very proud of each of my teammates and thankful I got to experience this with each one of you. I pray for you all every day.

What would you like to say to your family for their support?

I'm very thankful that the Lord gave me parents and family that do all they can to help me. Thanks, Dad, for always sitting on the bucket.

What is your message to the community that has supported you along the way?

I'm thankful for this small town that comes out in our good times and bad times. We couldn't have done this without your support.

Anything else you want to add?

I'm grateful for everyone that has supported me and my teammates.



Genesis Walker

#16

Daughter of Reggie & Socha Walker

Genesis Walker, 12, lives in Barnwell. She has been playing softball for 7 years. This was her third trip to the World Series.

What do you love about the game of softball?

Making a statement for myself and showing people the talent God gave me.

What are your thoughts on winning the World Series this year?

Please describe the moment you realized your team won.

I am very proud of all the girls because we put in a lot of work to get to where we are today. I was very happy when I realized we won and excited to finally see all the work we put in pay off.

What was your favorite moment from the World Series experience?

Us putting the bat on the ball and working as a team.

What would you like to say to your teammates and coaches?

Thank you for showing me what it's like to be loved by people that aren't family and never giving up on me.

What would you like to say to your family for their support?

I thank my family for everything they have provided me with and the words of encouragement. I really want to thank my mom and dad for always being there for me, pushing me to keep going and never give up, and for all their hard-earned money they have put into me to make me better and never complaining about the long days of practices after work.

What is your message to the community that has supported you?

Thank you for all your support and making it easy for us to do what we love and never giving up on us even if we gave up on ourselves and lost hope.

Anything else?

Special thanks to my coaches for dealing with me and all my emotions and showing me the true definition of a coach. Last but not least, with God all things are possible.

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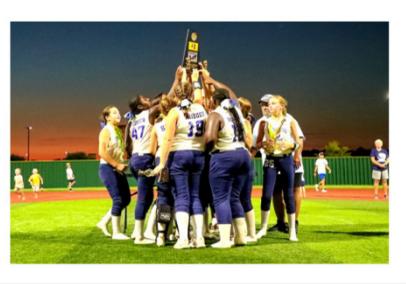


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Ashby Heltibridle

#11

Daughter of Ashley & Britt Pender and Bobby & Jennifer Heltibridle

Ashby Heltibridle, 11, lives in Barnwell. She has been playing softball for 7 years. This was her second trip to the World Series.

What do you love about the game of softball?

I love the excitement that it gives me when practicing and playing games. I love the coaches and teammates that I've had throughout the years.

What are your thoughts on winning the World Series this year?

I am so happy that we won! We've worked hard and our hard work has paid off. I realized we won the moment Kensley struck the batter out and everybody started cheering!

What was your favorite moment from the World Series experience?

My favorite moment was hitting a triple in both games against Saluda.

What would you like to say to your teammates and coaches?

Thank you Coach Brad, Coach Michael and Coach Reggie for helping me improve and be the best player that I can be. Y'all never give up on me and always encourage me! To my teammates, thank you for always having my back, bringing me up when I'm down, making me laugh, and encouraging me! I love y'all so very much!

What would you like to say to your family for their support?

I wouldn't be who I am without y'all! Thank y'all for supporting my dreams, cheering me on and loving me the way y'all do. Thank you Craig and Isabel for sharing the #11 with me.

What is your message to the community that has supported you?

Thank you everyone!

Anything else?

Never give up and never stop chasing your dreams. You never know when something big is going to happen for you!



Harper Avery Still

#7

Daughter of Lawrence & Jamie Still

Harper Still, 12, lives in Williston. She has been playing softball for 3 years but previously played T-ball, coaches pitch, and Dixie Youth baseball in Williston. This was her second trip to the World Series.

What do you love about the game of softball?

I love playing with my friends and the rush of catching outs and throwing people out. There's honestly nothing I don't love about the game, especially when you get to play it with all your best friends.

What are your thoughts on winning the World Series this year?

When we made that last out in the 5th game, I was catching, threw my helmet and glove off and ran to the pitcher. I gave Kensley (the pitcher) the biggest and longest hug. It was a feeling of pure excitement and joy and one I will never forget for the rest of life.

What was your favorite moment from the World Series experience?

My favorite moment was walking onto the field dominating every team we played and eliminating teams. The feeling of that victory is one I cannot explain or put into words. Also, to see Coach Brad tear up, because he was so proud of us. It means a lot when we can give back to him what he has invested into us to all these years.

What would you like to say to your teammates and coaches?

To Coach Brad, thank you for giving me the privilege to be on this team. You have encouraged and taught me so much about softball. I love softball even more because of what I've learned from you. Thank you for helping me be a better version of myself on the field.

To Coach Michael, thank you for your encouragement and direction both on and off the field. You always help me by letting me know when the short stop is backing up third. You keep me well informed on what I should be doing. I just hope I always listen and do the right thing. Thank you for always watching our backs when we are on the field.

To Coach Reggie, thank you for always being there to help me get that hit and help me steal those bases. You always have faith in me and tell me to never give up on myself and push forward. You make every situation positive and let me know I can do whatever is needed, and for this I am grateful.

To my teammates, thank you all for always being there for me when I strike out. You lift me up and encourage me to do better next time. I consider all 11 of you my sisters and I will always be there for you no matter what. We have a bond that cannot be broken. I love you all so much and I'm so happy to share this victory with y'all.

What would you like to say to your family for their support?

Thank you to my brother, Landen, for supporting me every single year and traveling all these miles to cheer on me and my teammates. Thanks to my mom and dad for taking me to practice, games and using all their money to get me the gear I need to play. Also, thanks to my grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and church family for rooting for me. I have lots of people that believe in me and it makes me happy to know they are cheering for me.

What is your message to the community that has supported you?

Thank you to everyone who has been there for us the whole time rooting for us to win. Whether it's prayers, money, or words of encouragement, we thank you because it takes all of this to get the job done.

Anything else?

I would like to thank God for getting us to and from Louisiana safely and protecting us from injuries on the field.



Brinkley Lora Taylor

#2

Daughter of Anthony & Brooke Taylor

Brinkley Taylor, 12, lives in Barnwell. She has been playing softball for 6 years. This was her first trip to the World Series.

What do you love about the game of softball?

Sportsmanship and the bond that's created between the players.

What are your thoughts on winning the World Series this year?

I am very proud of myself and my teammates for representing the state of South Carolina so well. I knew we had it in us to win this year. We all practiced and played very hard.

Please describe the moment you realized your team won.

I was playing left field. There were two outs and the batter had two strikes on her. I knew all it took was one more, and then, I watched the batter swing and miss. I saw all the girls run to the pitcher, jumping up and down, and that's when I knew. We won the World Series.

What was your favorite moment from the World Series experience?

I loved seeing all of our support in the stands - the parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends. They kept us encouraged. Seeing them just as happy as we were was awesome!

What would you like to say to your teammates and coaches?

To my teammates- we did it. Thank you for taking me in like I have been with you since the beginning, three years ago. Thank you for your encouragement and friendship. I am so grateful for the bond that we share through softball. To my coaches- thank you for making all this possible. Coach Michael, thank you for instructing me in my new position as catcher. Coach Reggie, thank you for helping me improve in the batter's box and showing me how to put the bat on the ball. Coach Brad, thank you for giving me the opportunity to play on your team, and the opportunity to go to the World Series. You all have put just as much work into getting here as us girls have. Thank you for your time and dedication.

What would you like to say to your family for their support?

Thank you for taking time out of your day to take me to practices, games, events, and fundraisers. I am only as good as I am because of your continuous love, support, and encouragement.

What is your message to the community that has supported you?

I know we would definitely not be in this position without the community's love and support through the fundraisers and events. You all got us there. The town of Barnwell has been a huge support even back to when we played for the State Championship.

Anything else?

I couldn't have asked for a better team and coaches for my last year of recreational softball. Thank you for this experience. I wish all of you the best.



McKaylee Padgett

#9

Daughter of Randal & Holley Padgett

McKaylee Padgett, 12, lives in Barnwell. She has been playing softball for 9 years. This was her third trip to the World Series.

What do you love about the game of softball?

It is my favorite sport. I love that I am a center fielder and the family I have.

What are your thoughts on winning the World Series this year?

I cried! I was proud of my teammates and the fact we won!

What was your favorite moment from the World Series experience?

When we won!

What would you like to say to your teammates and coaches?

I am very proud to be with a very supportive group of ladies. I love our time together more than they know.

What would you like to say to your family for their support?

Thank you for always taking me to practices and games.

What is your message to the community that has supported you?

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Rekeya Roberts

Daughter of Reginald & Lakisha Roberts

Rekeya Roberts, 11, lives in Barnwell. She has been playing softball for 7 years. This was her third trip to the World Series - 2 as a player and one as a fan.

What do you love about the game of softball?

The teamwork and the friendships I've made throughout the years.

What are your thoughts on winning the World Series this year? Please describe the moment you realized your team won.

It was very exciting and thrilling in the moment. The moment I realized we were going to win was when the slap hitter got up to bat with two outs, so I trusted our defense.

What was your favorite moment from the World Series experience?

The time we spent together outside of softball.

What would you like to say to your teammates and coaches?

To my teammates thank you for picking me up when I felt down, and to the coaches thanks for putting in the effort and work to make us the best players we can be.

What would you like to say to your family for their support?

I appreciate you for sacrificing your time to show up for us.

What is your message to the community that has supported you?

I thank the community for all their support.



Emily Vanacore

Daughter of Ashley & Chad Vanacore

Emily Vanacore, 12, lives in Barnwell. She has been playing softball for 8 years. This was her third trip to the World Series.

What do you love about the game of softball?

I love that we win together lose together and are always there for each other. The bond we have is unbreakable which makes the game so much better.

What are your thoughts on winning the World Series this year? Please describe the moment you realized your team won.

Winning the World Series was probably the best feeling for all of us. It will always be a core memory for me. Seeing that last pitch and running into each others' arms crying we were so happy has and will forever be one of the best moments of my life.

What was your favorite moment from the World Series experience?

Seeing everyone's face and hugging each other after we won it was priceless.

What would you like to say to your teammates and coaches?

I would like to thank them because even when I didn't have faith in myself, my coaches always had faith in me and as a softball player that means more than anything.

What would you like to say to your family for their support?

I would like to thank them because every year they use their summer to watch me and bring me to practice. Not everyone has the opportunity to get to go to practice but my parents bring me which I am so grateful for.

What is your message to the community that has supported you?

I want to thank the whole community! Without them we wouldn't even be able to go to Louisiana. They helped us endlessly and that means so much to me!

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Kinsley Bridges

Daughter of Jason & Kristine Bridges

Kinsley Bridges, 12, lives in Barnwell. She has been playing softball for 4 years. This was her second trip to the World Series.

What do you love about the game of softball?
 The thing I love most about the game of softball is teamwork which means we get to work together to win/be successful.

What are your thoughts on winning the World Series this year?
 My thoughts on winning were priceless because I knew that we could get three outs very quickly to win the game.

What was your favorite moment from the World Series experience?
 My favorite experience from the World Series was getting to play/win games with my friends and coaches.

What would you like to say to your teammates and coaches?
 They are the best people and are fun to hang out with.

What would you like to say to your family for their support?
 I would like to say thank you to my family for all they have done for me and my team.

What is your message to the community that has supported you?
 My message to our community would be thank you very much for being by our side and donating all of that money to get us to the world series because it would not have been possible without you all!



#47

Shalayah Badger

Daughter of Siteaka & Brandon Badger

Shalayah Badger, 12, lives in Barnwell. She has been playing softball for 7 years. This was her third trip to the World Series.

What do you love about the game of softball?
 Playing with my friends and making awesome plays.

What are your thoughts on winning the World Series this year? Please describe the moment you realized your team won.
 It was the best thing ever. Seeing all my friends smiling and not crying was amazing.

What was your favorite moment from the World Series experience?
 The best moment was when we won the championship game and seeing all the joy from everyone.

What would you like to say to your teammates and coaches?
 To my teammates, thanks for being there for each other and lifting each other up when done. To my coaches, thanks for believing in us and taking up the time to teach us everything we needed to know.

What would you like to say to your family for their support?
 Thank you to my family for supporting me, making sure I went to practice and practicing with me at home.

What is your message to the community that has supported you?
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Sadie Whitehead

Daughter of Brad & Ashley Whitehead

Sadie Whitehead, 12, lives in Barnwell. She has been playing softball for 7 years. This was her third trip to the World Series.

What do you love about the game of softball?
I love being part of a team.

What are your thoughts on winning the World Series this year?
I was very excited and thrilled to win.

What was your favorite moment from the World Series experience?
When I got my first hit.

What would you like to say to your teammates and coaches?

Thank you to my coaches for effort they put into the team. To my teammates, I'm happy that we got to do this together.

What would you like to say to your family for their support?

Thank you to my family for all the effort they put into it by taking me to games and practices and helping me at home when I was in my slump.

What is your message to the community that has supported you?

We couldn't have made it to Louisiana without y'all. Thank you for your generosity.



#3

Kensley Erin Terrapin

Daughter of Michael & Hollie Terrapin

Kensley Terrapin, 12, lives in Barnwell. She has been playing softball for 10 years. This was her third trip to the World Series.

What do you love about the game of softball?

Everything but mainly the competitiveness & my teammates.

What are your thoughts on winning the World Series this year?
It's like a dream come true.

Please describe the moment you realized your team won.

Very emotional and super excited for myself and my teammates.

What was your favorite moment from the World Series experience?

When I threw that rise ball and struck the girl out for the win!

What would you like to say to your teammates and coaches?

I love them all and I'm so proud of all of you.

What would you like to say to your family for their support?

That I love them and I'm thankful for everything they do for me and I love that they come to my games and watch me play.

What is your message to the community that has supported you?

I'm so thankful for them and all the support they give us and I'm glad it all paid off. The trophy is finally in Barnwell and I'm glad to be a part of the team that made history for Barnwell.



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CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: Loved ones cheer on the Barnwell Ponytails at the 2024 Dixie Softball World Series; McKaylee Padgett #9 slides to the base in one of the World Series games; Shalayah Badger #47 tags a player out at base.

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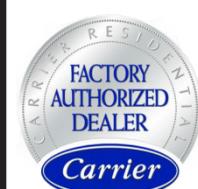
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Brad Whitehead



What was it like to see your team win the World Series?
 A relief for me. Going three years and being so close hurt. To finally win it lifted the weight off of me of how the girls worked so hard and they finally accomplished their goal. That moment was amazing. All these girls have worked and worked. All aspects of the game finally came together to solidify the win.

How have you seen the players grow as people & athletes?
 I've seen these girls grow literally. I've coached them since they were babies. I've watched them grow physically but also mentally, spiritually, and mentally in their game knowledge and skill level.

What were some highlights of this journey?
 We had some amazing at bats, not just hits but at bats as well. Fighting off pitches, battling at the plate, laying down bunts, getting the big hit to start the rally, aggressive base running and top notch pitching. Everything came together at the right time.

What is your message to the team?
 These tournament memories will fade, these friendships won't last forever, these memories will always have a small part of our life, but the love we have for Christ and our faith is what really matters. Without Him, none of this happens.

What is your advice to the team?
 While you are in this moment, keep it going, continue this into high school, or college if this is your path you want to take in life. Take this win and let it know you will always be good enough, but stay humble and remember your work ethic is what got you there.

What is your message to the community?
 Thank you! Without you this is a struggle financially. I know businesses get tired of being asked for sponsors but when they know it's for a great cause they donate and they do so generously. I'll never be able to repay everyone for all they've given. But not only financially, thank you for the support in coming to our ceremonies, watching our games, telling the girls they're special, and loving them as much as I do.

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Michael Terrapin



What was it like to see your team win the World Series?
 I was ecstatic to finally see their hard work pay off and their dream become reality.

How have you seen these players grow as people and athletes?
 I've had the wonderful opportunity to watch them grow from little girls to young ladies. They have all matured in their own way but have all turned into excellent people. I am so proud of each and every one of them.

What were some highlights of this journey?
 From the camaraderie between the girls and the coaches. Also the many moments shared outside the game were fun and special to me. All the laughter and joy from their families especially the late night volleyball games outside the hotel. It was amazing to see all the girls achieve their goals!

What is your message to the team?
 I love each and every one of you like daughters, never forget or break the special bond we all share. It was an honor to be your coach. Love y'all!

What is your advice to the team?
 Always remember the hard work and dedication you put into softball because if you put it into real life all your dreams can come true just like this one did.

What is your message to the community that has supported your team?
 I can't thank them enough for all of their support throughout this journey. We couldn't have done it without them. This truly means the world to me and the girls. Y'all are such a blessing. As a Barnwell native, I could never ask for a better place to live. This community is so supportive. Thank you again!

Reggie Walker



What was it like to see your team win the World Series?
 It was bittersweet because after competing for it for the last past three years and winning it this year was just awesome and to see the expression on the girls faces was just amazing.

How have you seen these players grow as people and athletes?
 They have grown tremendously because they gain a lot of self confidence over the years and each year the got better and less complaining about being pushed so hard.

What were some highlights of this experience/journey?
 Seeing my girls never getting down on themselves even after having a close game against N.C.

What is your message to the team?
 To never give up and remember you can do anything you put your mind to.

What is your advice to the team?
 To always be respectful and keep a positive attitude.

What is your message to the community that has supported your team in so many ways?
 Thanks for all your support and prayers. Continue to let these girls know how proud you are of them.

Anything else?
 To God be the glory!

"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."
- Coach Brad Whitehead

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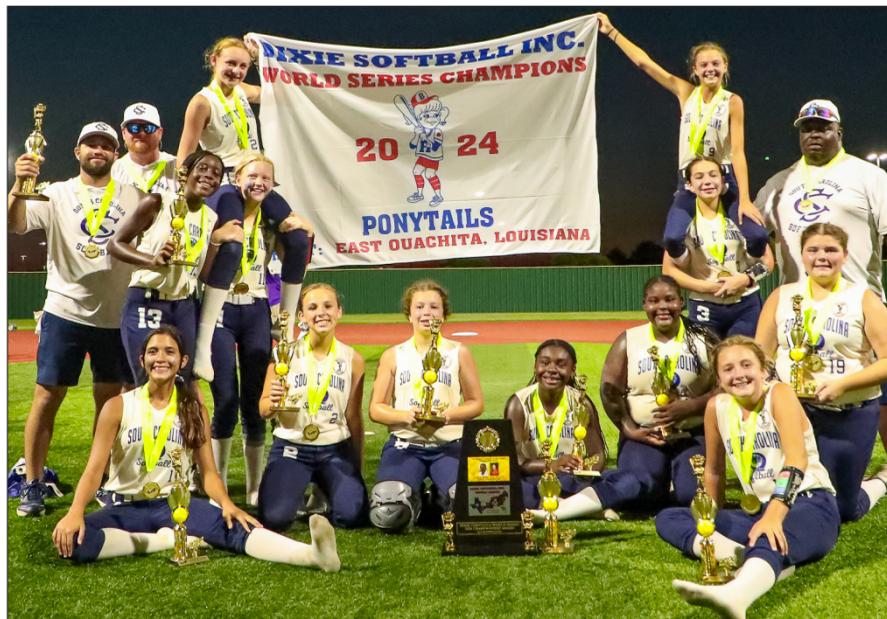


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Genesis Walker catches a ball during the Dixie Softball World Series.



The players and coaches for the Barnwell Ponytails All-Stars proudly display their trophies and medals after winning the 2024 Dixie Softball World Series. Photos By: Bigg Zigg Photography



Brinkley Taylor was a new addition to the Barnwell Ponytails All-Stars this year.

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showed her determination and enthusiasm for the game and her position as a catcher.

ROBERTS: Seeing the camaraderie between the girls and the families, and on the lighter side watching KeKe fall after a pickle and try to crawl back to 1st base.

STILLS: I enjoy watching the games, winning and eating out. Mostly I love being with my softball family. We always have a good time, whether it's sitting in the lobby of the hotel playing cards, waiting for our DoorDash, meeting up at Buc-ee's, sneaking in each other's rooms eating their snacks or slipping out to do a little shopping. We are a close-knit family and I love them all like they are blood.

TERRAPINS: Just getting to spend time with the girls and their families. We always have a good time!

PADGETTS: First our softball family is amazing and friends we will have for a lifetime. It has been amazing to watch our daughter grow into an awesome center field player. The talent she has and respect for the ball has made it enjoyable to watch.

BADGERS: The memories will last a lifetime. Our favorite was seeing our daughter on the mound. She did what she had to do to help her team win.

WALKER: Seeing everyone coming together as one and cheering these girls on.

What is your message to the community for their support throughout this whole experience?

WHITEHEAD: Thank you for supporting and loving our girls. The way you have supported them and made them feel during all of this is unreal. This support is the exact reason why I am glad my children get to grow up in the community.

VANACORE: I just want to thank the community for their unwavering support. There were so many that helped support us along the way and without their support these trips to Louisiana would not have been possible.

REECES: We know, personally, how difficult it can be to provide support to all the extracurricular things. The outpouring of encouragement and financial



The 12 members of the Barnwell Ponytails All-Star team are joined by their families on their field after winning the 2024 Dixie Softball World Series on July 29 in Louisiana.

support is unmatched and is one of the many reasons we are proud to raise our family here.

PENDER: I can't thank y'all enough for all the support given to these girls and our families! Barnwell County is a wonderful place to live!

TAYLORS: We're thankful for the prayers and support through donations, sponsorships and anonymous giving. It showed their love for the girls and confidence in their athletic ability to represent not only Barnwell but South Carolina.

ROBERTS: We would like to thank the community for all their support whether it was prayers, their thoughts, financial, or them watching the game.

STILLS: I cannot begin to thank everyone who has made this possible for all of us. Our community has pulled together and believed in our girls and this is truly amazing. I'm so happy the girls were able to bring home what you invested in. Hopefully seeing the ponytails win the World Series will encourage others to play ball (baseball or softball) and know they too can accomplish what the 12U did this year. Big things do happen in small communities and it can/ will happen again, just pour your heart into it.

TERRAPINS: We would like to thank the community for all of their support it truly is amazing. To see a small town come together to help these girls achieve their dream is truly a blessing.

PADGETTS: We would like to thank every person

who has helped donate and sponsor our girls. To see all of the followers on Facebook was amazing. We live in a special community who has cheered these girls on for three years and we believe they experienced our joy with us!

BADGERS: Thank you to all that helped in any kind of way. We really do appreciate everything. Y'all are the best. The community made it happen and the girls fought hard to bring the trophy back home.

WALKER: Thanks for all y'all have done. Keep believing in these girls and loving them and giving them encouraging words.

Anything else?
VANACORE: Really proud to be a part of this team and community. We moved here from Georgia 10 years ago and Barnwell quickly became home. For that we are forever grateful.

TAYLORS: We really appreciate all the support from the parents and the unity everyone had. We were very blessed to be a part of this experience as this sets a precedence for the years ahead as we follow Brinkley in her passion for softball. We're also very thankful for all the time sacrificed from the coaches and their families. All the hard work that was poured into this group of girls is priceless. We believe that's the reason these girls have succeeded and will continue to succeed at the game of softball. (Also looking forward to telling our grandchildren that their mother won the World Series when she was 12.)

ROBERTS: Special thanks

to the coaches and their spouses for their selfless dedication, and to the girls we are so proud of you all and each of you were crucial in winning the World Series.

STILLS: I would like to thank Jonathan Vickery for keeping everyone updated on Facebook. He has been a huge supporter for these girls for years and we call him family.

I would like to thank Brad, Michael and Reggie for loving Harper like their own. Thank you for the discipline, guidance, and the support you have shown her. When we started playing in Barnwell, Harper was the only "out of town" and you have taken her in and made her your own. She's never felt like an outcast or she didn't

belong. You will never know the positive impact you have had on not only Harper but to me, Lawrence and Landen. You three will always have a special place in my heart.

PADGETTS: We are very proud of our community and the support we all have received.

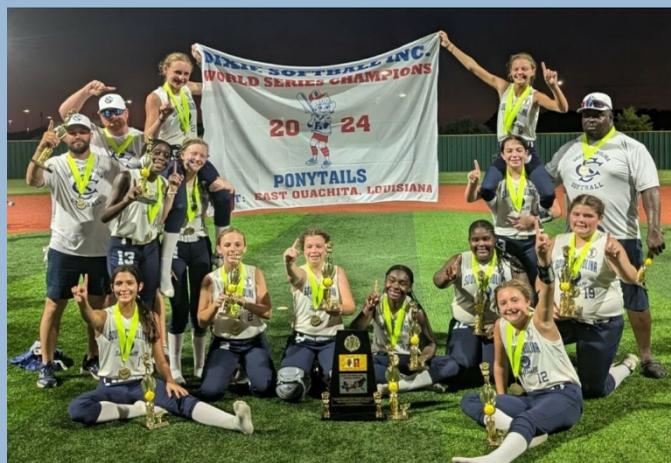
We are very proud of our girls as they have deserved this for a few years. They worked hard, diligently practiced, played positions they didn't know and learned from each other. Most importantly they have a strong unity and Christian faith that has led them through many practices and games. We watched them over the weekend pray for themselves and other teammates. We watch them cheer on the other teams and ensure they were OK if they were hurt! We are very proud to be a part of this experience. We love all of them!

WALKER: With God anything is possible.

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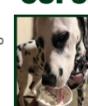
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