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Ricardo Patterson stands up to his thighs in rainwater while checking on his family after Tropical Storm Debby flooded Fairfax Garden Apartments 1.  
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## Tropical Storm Debby floods Allendale & Barnwell counties

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Waist deep in fresh rainwater, Ricardo Patterson is wading across the parking lot-turned-pond of the Town of Fairfax's Garden Apartments 1 to check on his cousins, who like many others, put sandbags in front of their doors to prevent flooding. "I just want to make sure my family's alright and [that] everybody's alright," said Patterson after the first round of Tropical Storm Debby's rainfall waterlogged Allendale. "It's still raining, so we don't know how it's gonna get over the next 12 hours." That was the scene for those in Allendale and Barnwell counties living in low-lying areas, as Tropical Storm Debby dumped record rainfall on communities across the lowcountry and the southeast United States. Schools in Barnwell and Allendale were closed for several days.

The National Weather Service recorded 8.72 inches of rain in Allendale, between 9.93-10.59 inches of rain in Hampton County and between 9.13-13.78 inches of rain in Beaufort County; the level of rainfall Debby brought was exacerbated by human-caused climate change, according to meteorologists. As ditches, creeks, parking lots, farms and other depressed land areas swelled with water, first responders arrived. In the Town of Fairfax, Allendale County Fire & Rescue — with the help of Mayor Butch Sauls and several Fairfax Town Council members — pumped water out of the Fairfax Garden Apartments' parking lot and helped residents prepare and place sandbags in front of their doors to prevent flooding. "The places that we got the most rain were the historically flooded areas," said Kara Natasha Troy, Director of Emergency Management for Allendale County. Troy noted that wind damage was not as bad as expected, and the county did not have to open any shelters.

In Barnwell, several areas in the countryside near dirt roads were flooded, according to Roger Riley, Barnwell County's Director of Emergency Management. "We had several dirt roads to wash out, and that's what kept schools from being able to pick up students," Riley said. "We had a couple pond dams we were concerned about, ... but in general we fared a lot better than Dorchester [County] and Colleton [County] and those areas." Garden Apartments resident Barbara Gill said flooding has been a frequent problem in the low-lying parking lot of the Garden Apartments 1, which had over three feet of water even after having been pumped. "I done seen it so many times, I guess I've got numb to it," Gill said after getting home from work during a break in the rain. "But this time it takes the cake because it did more than what it usually do. ... And guess what? The rain is still going to

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## More details released in fatal hit & run

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Newly released details provide more perspective on a fatal hit and run from August 2. Samantha Leigh Cannon, 19, of Barnwell, turned herself in to law enforcement on August 3. She is charged with hit and run with death, said Lance Corporal Brittany Glover with the S.C. Highway Patrol (SCHP). "She did stop (after realizing she hit something) but did not report it," said Glover of Cannon. Law enforcement didn't specify whether Cannon realized she hit a person. According to an arrest affidavit, Cannon was traveling west on Highway 64, near Bon Accord Place (near Sweetwater Country Club), when she "hit a pedestrian, resulting in his death. Major

damage and bodily fluid was identified on the vehicle (2020 Toyota RAV4)." The victim, 69-year-old Charles Eugene Brabham, was pronounced dead on Saturday, August 3 after being struck while walking east on Highway 64 on the westbound side. Though Brabham was struck by the vehicle late Friday night, August 2, his body was not discovered until early Saturday morning, August 3. A driver, who was traveling down Highway 64 on Saturday, August 3 around 4:53 a.m., called 911 after he "noticed a Walmart buggy broken apart on the side of the road and turned around to check on it due to him thinking someone might have been hurt that was pushing it. He then noticed the victim in the ditch not breathing," according to an

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## Driver of fatal 2018 wreck sentenced six years later

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The driver in a fatal 2018 car wreck pleaded guilty in late July. Brian Michael Gibson, 23, of Barnwell, was charged with one count of felony driving under the influence (DUI) resulting in death and two counts of felony DUI resulting in great bodily injury after a car wreck claimed the life of a local teen and injured others. In the early morning of July 14, 2018, Gibson, who was 16 at the time, was driving a 2005 Chevy Avalanche on Ehrhardt Road in Bamberg County with four other passengers. The collision occurred when the vehicle ran off the roadway and struck a building. The front seat passenger, Matthew Steven Renew, an 18-year-old recent Barnwell High School graduate, was killed in the wreck. Renew's death led to Gibson's charge of felony DUI resulting in death. The other two charges relate

to the injuries sustained by passengers Brittin Ray, who was 20 at the time, and Luke Pickering, who was 18 at the time, both of Barnwell. A third passenger, a juvenile male, was also injured. According to previous reporting by *The People-Sentinel*, defense attorneys believed a local convenience store sold alcohol to minors in the vehicle prior to the accident. In April 2023, the case went before the Bamberg County Grand Jury where Gibson was indicted, meaning the Grand Jury found there was probable cause and enough evidence to lead to a conviction for all three charges. Partly due to the backlog of court cases created by the COVID pandemic, Gibson was sentenced on July 29, 2024 — over six years after the car wreck and over one year since the indictment. Gibson was sentenced to 10 years. This sentence will be suspended upon serving two years at the S.C. Department

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## Filing underway for Barnwell County School District board

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Filing is underway for the first elected Barnwell County School District board. All five school board seats will be on the Nov. 5 General

Election ballot. Candidate filing closes at noon on Thursday, Aug. 15. "Even-numbered Districts 2, and 4 will be filled for two-year terms. Odd-numbered Districts 1, 3, and 5 will be filled for four-year terms," according to a recent election notice posted in the newspaper. The five members who are elected on Nov. 5 will replace the appointed 5-member transition board that has overseen the consolidation process since lawmakers created the district in 2023. That board includes Becky Huggins, Abraham Sexton, Ronnie Brown, Dr. Andy Sandifer, and Terry Richardson. Residents who want to be a candidate must file with the Board of Voter Registration & Elections of Barnwell County (367 Fuldner Rd., Barnwell) on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are no filing fees. The Statement of Intention of Candidacy (Nonpartisan) form required for filing is available in the "Candidate Information" section of scVOTES.gov and at the Voter Registration and Elections office. Candidates are required to file a Statement of Economic Interest and a Campaign Disclosure online with the State Ethics Commission at <http://ethics.sc.gov>.

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# Kathy McCall celebrates 90th birthday by giving to local homeless dogs, cats

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Plenty of presents were brought to Kathy McCall's 90th birthday party, but they weren't for the birthday girl.

The long-time Barnwell resident celebrated turned 90 on August 4. On August 3, around 100 friends and family gathered at Sweetwater Country Club in Barnwell to celebrate McCall, complete with a catered dinner, music, and cake.

"She decided she wanted to have a big birthday party, but she insisted on no gifts," said McCall's granddaughter, Shelley McCall Hunt.

Instead, guests were encouraged to donate items to help animals at the Barnwell County Animal Shelter.

"Grams has always been passionate about animals. She's always loved dogs



The Barnwell County Animal Shelter's van was packed with donated food, toys, beds and other items for the animals they care for. These items were donated by attendees of Kathy McCall's 90th birthday party.

and cats," said Hunt.

Guests brought food, toys, beds and other items for dogs and cats. Some also made a monetary donation to the shelter. Representatives of the shelter were there to accept the donations as guests entered the party. Shelter officials left the party with a van full of donations to help the animals in their care.

"She really appreciated everybody's donation and

was blown away by what everybody brought," said Hunt.

In addition to the donated goods, \$530 in cash was donated. After matching donations from Hunt and her employer, over \$1,500 was donated to the shelter.

Animals have always had a special place in McCall's life. After retirement, she and her husband, the late Homer McCall, opened Toby Creek Boarding



Kathy McCall was all smiles at her 90th birthday party on August 3 as friends and family gathered at the Sweetwater Country Club in Barnwell. PHOTO BY: HEATHER SAPUTO PHOTOGRAPHY

Kennels in Barnwell. They operated it for 15 years.

"She really loved getting to know more people through keeping their pets," said Hunt.

Originally from upstate New York, McCall moved to Barnwell in her early 20s.

She now enjoys relaxing at home where she takes care of her cat and feeds the deer and birds.

The animals weren't the only ones to benefit from McCall's party. Flowers from the party were donated to the residents of

PruittHealth nursing home in Barnwell and to teachers at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School on their first day of school.

Though her birthday is over, her love for animals and helping others are year-round gifts.

## Barnwell County Arrest Reports

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

**Justine Sherriann Babb**, 31, of 65 Creech Road, Barnwell, was arrested on July 30 by Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) for 2 counts of Failure to Pay Court Fines and Failure to Appear. Babb was booked and released to Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).

**Jacky Alan Blackwood**, 42, of 124 Cooper Drive, Aiken, was arrested on August 1 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Blackwood was booked and released to BCDC.

**Audrey Brooks**, 62, of 86 Colony West St., Apt. 29, Barnwell, was arrested on July 30 by BCSO for Disorderly

Conduct. Brooks was booked and released to BCDC.

**Amanda Lee Goldsmith**, 41, of 117 Roger Drive, Blackville, was arrested on August 1 by BCSO for Distribution of Meth and Distribution of Fentanyl. Goldsmith was booked and released to BCDC.

**Dana Knopf Hammett**, 50, of 155 Opal Road, Olar, was arrested on July 30 by BCSO for Assault & Battery. Hammett was booked and released to BCDC.

**Tiffani Renee Jones**, 42, of 67 Vaughn Street, Barnwell, was arrested on August 9 by BCSO for Obstruction of Justice. Jones was booked and released to BCDC.

**Jhiyahn Ty'Rez Platts**, 22, of 1140 West Bay Street, Allendale, was arrested on August 6 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Platts was booked and released to BCDC.

**Tamala Ann Ray**, 53, of 2444 Galilee Road, Barnwell, was arrested on August 11 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Ray was booked and released to BCDC.

**Brook Leah Shearin**, 18, of 539 Heathwood Street, Barnwell, was arrested on August 4 by BCSO for Assault & Battery and Malicious Injury to Personal Property. Shearin was booked and released to BCDC.

**Jayshawn Machai Thomas**, 18, of 123 Jay Street, Barnwell, was arrested on August 8 by BCSO for Resisting Arrest. Thomas was booked and released to BCDC.

**Quanterris Jaquan White**, 20, of 152 Rapp Road, Springfield, was arrested on August 8 by BCSO for Prisoner in Possession of Contraband. White was booked and released to BCDC.

## Clarifications

The article by Alexandra Whitbeck in the July 31 edition of *The People-Sentinel* headlined "City trash rates decreasing under new provider" may be misleading to readers. Rates will not be decreasing for residents living within city limits. The city uses the difference in cost to recoup funds from purchasing roll out carts and other equipment.

In the July 24, 2024 edition of *The People-Sentinel*, Tifphanie Lawshanda Brown appeared in the arrest reports for shoplifting. *The People-Sentinel* did receive a booking report for Brown pertaining to this incident from the Barnwell Police Department (BPD). However, after clarifying with Chief Michael Butts, Brown was not arrested, but issued a traffic summons for shoplifting. A system error at the Barnwell Police Department marked Brown as arrested, rather than having received a traffic summons.

## SENTENCED: Gibson in court

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of Corrections (SCDC), followed by 48 months probation for the first charge resulting in death. He was sentenced to 12 months each for the remaining two charges, to run concurrently, or at the same time, to the first charge.

Due to the charge of felony DUI being deemed a violent and most serious crime, Gibson will serve 85 percent of his two-year sentence, and receive one strike.

Gibson was granted a \$25,000 personal

recognizance bond by a Bamberg magistrate judge on August 13, 2018. Since this hearing, Gibson has spent 60 months on pretrial house arrest leading up to his July 2024 sentencing.

Gibson must also pay a \$43,304.81 fine; \$21,701.59 for the charge of felony DUI resulting in death, and \$10,801.61 for each charge of felony DUI resulting in great bodily injury.

Part of Gibson's probation includes 200 hours of community service, speaking

publicly to local youth about the impact of alcohol and drug use, and random drug and alcohol testing.

With the conviction of felony DUI, Gibson's drivers license is suspended. After serving the allotted time at SCDC, he will have to attend an alcohol use class, obtain an SR-22 proof of insurance, and purchase and install an ignition interlock on any vehicle that he drives for the next five years to potentially regain a driver's license.

## Izzie Brandt crowned 2024 Young Miss Teen South Carolina

The Little Miss & Teen Miss South Carolina Pageant recently celebrated their 53rd pageant in Florence at the beautiful Francis Marion Performing Arts Center.

Contestants from across South Carolina competed for over \$30,000 in scholarships, along with other prizes. The pageant also presented a check for \$50,000 to Prisma Health Children's Hospital and has raised over \$660,000 for PHCH since partnering with them in 2002!

Isabella Riley Brandt, the 14-year-old daughter of Shaun & Stephanie Brandt of Barnwell, was crowned Young Miss Teen South Carolina 2024! Izzie received \$3,000 in winnings plus many other prizes and will travel the state this year representing the pageant.

The Little Miss & Teen Miss South Carolina Pageant promotes community service, academics and friendships!

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# Cheryl Long receives statewide award for volunteerism

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United Way of Allendale, Barnwell, and Bamberg Counties (UW-ABB), where she serves as chairperson on the board of directors.

"When I got the award, I was overwhelmed, but I also knew if it helped us understand we have to work together, it was worth it," said Long.

The Governor's Volunteer Awards are issued annually to volunteers across the state working to better the lives of South Carolinians.

"Cheryl Long's record of volunteer service in Barnwell County goes back more than 50 years. Cheryl works tirelessly to bring resources to Barnwell County that will improve the community," states a press release from Together SC about the annual awards.

Long has volunteered with countless organizations in Barnwell



Cheryl Long with S.C. Representative Lonnie Hosey and Representative Justin Bamberg.

*"Cheryl Long works tirelessly to bring resources in Barnwell County that will improve the community."*

**- Together SC**

being appointed as chair of the Generations Unlimited board last year.

She has served with The Lions Club, Barnwell County First Steps, Barnwell County YMCA, Barnwell County, United Way of Allendale, Barnwell, and Bamberg Counties, Axis I, Generations Unlimited, and many more.

Long was also the inaugural director of Axis I, where she served for over 40 years. Long was a driving force in establishing the county-wide resource, and she still remains active even six years after her retirement.

Her drive to be a part

of continuous change in the county and state is motivated by God, who she believes has helped her help others.

Other categories in the Governor's Volunteer Awards include AmeriCorps Volunteer Award, Community Leader Award, Direct Service Award, Family Volunteer Award, Robin Burns Volunteer Administrator of the Year Award, Workplace Volunteer Award, and Youth Volunteer Award.

Each of these awards were given to volunteers across the state for all they have done in their respective regions.

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## STORM: Tropical Storm Debby drenches area

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be going on." Although first responders managed to clear some of the water from Fairfax's Garden Apartments 1, Troy said, the parking lot still pooled with multiple feet of water up to residents' doors. "The fire department went out [to Garden Apartments 1] and tried to siphon out some water; it just was too much water at that time," Troy said.

Hotter ocean waters and atmospheric temperatures as a result of human-caused climate change are quickly making hurricanes and tropical storms wetter, according to Jeff Masters, a meteorologist who formerly worked at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"Every degree Celsius the atmosphere heats up, it can hold seven percent more water vapor," Masters said. Since 2023, climate change has caused ocean temperatures to reach levels never before experienced in modern human history. "Burning fossil fuels produces



Parking lots, farms and other low-lying areas throughout Allendale and Barnwell counties were flooded by the rainfall of Tropical Storm Debby.

Elijah de Castro / Report for America

carbon dioxide, and it acts to trap heat. A lot of the extremity we're seeing with events like Debby is [because] you've got a warmer atmosphere, a warmer ocean, [so] there's going to be more water falling and more flooding."

In some places, climate change increased the amount of rainfall brought on by Debby by 42 percent, according

to estimates by Jeff Berardelli, a meteorologist at WFLA Tampa Bay. More hurricanes and tropical storms are on the way, with NOAA predicting 2024 to be an above average year for hurricanes as a result of climate change and the La Nina weather pattern.

Although parts of Fairfax experienced high levels of flooding, Mayor Sauls believes the town

managed to avoid the worst effects. But, Sauls said, improvements to the town's infrastructure will need to be a priority to manage future flooding.

"Most of the town held up pretty good," Sauls said. "We've got some storm drains that need some cleaning out. We've got some storm drains you can stand a stick up in since it's so packed [with debris]."

## Aiken wreck claims life of Barnwell man

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A Barnwell man was killed this weekend in an Aiken County wreck.

The wreck occurred around 7:15 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10 on Edgefield Hwy. (Hwy. 19 N.) near Old Friar Rd., approximately 10 miles north of the City of Aiken.

"The driver of a 2015 Freightliner semi tractor-trailer, identified as 38-year-old Larry L. Priester, was pronounced dead on the scene at 8:30 a.m.," said Aiken County Coroner Darryl M. Ables.

Priester was driving the tractor-trailer north on Edgefield Hwy. when it "went off the right side of the road and overturned near the intersection with Old Friar Road," said Master Trooper William Bennett with the S.C. Highway Patrol (SCHP).

The wreck remains under investigation.



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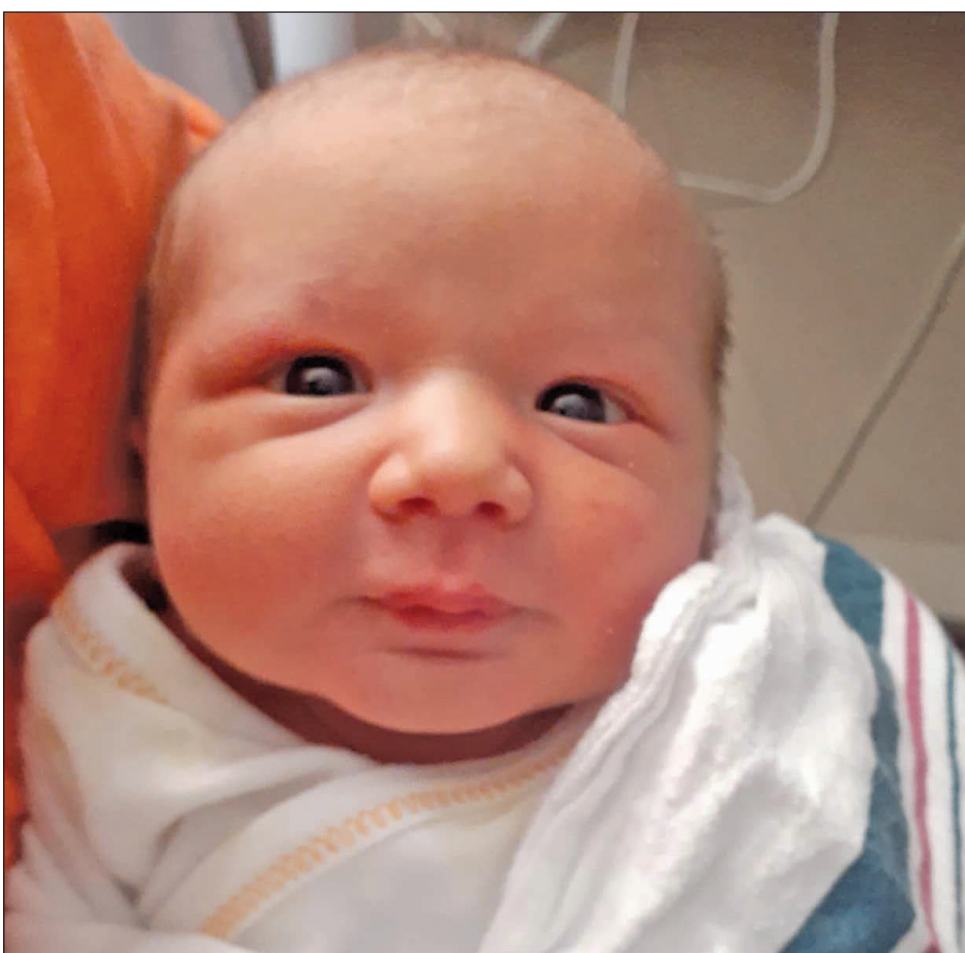
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## BIRTH



Stephen Russell Sanders was born on July 29, 2024.

### Stephen Russell Sanders

Jacob and Rebekah Sanders of Barnwell are proud to announce the birth of their son, Stephen Russell Sanders. He was born on July 29, 2024 at 5:40 p.m. at Colleton Medical Center in Walterboro. He measured 19.25 inches long and weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Jay and Ruth Johnson of Branchville. Paternal grandparents are the late Don Sanders of Blackville, Gene Hester and Vana Sanders of Barnwell. He is named after family friend Russell Hodges of Barnwell.

## BIRTH



Grady-Quinn Kinard was born on July 18, 2024.

### Grady-Quinn Kinard

Skyler and Cord Kinard of Sycamore, S.C. are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Grady-Quinn Kinard, born on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 4:52 p.m. at Lexington Medical Center, Lexington, S.C. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches in length. Maternal grandparents are Ski and Wendy Hooper of Barnwell, S.C. Paternal grandparents are Stephen and Wendy Kinard of Sycamore, S.C. *Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I set you apart. Children are a gift from the Lord. They are a reward from Him. - Psalms 127:3*

## WEDDING



Mallory Padillo and Lane Walling were united in marriage on April 13, 2024.

### Mallory Padillo, Lane Walling

Mallory Padillo of Cope and Lane Walling of Cope were united in marriage on April 13, 2024 at Holly Oak Farms in St. Matthews, S.C. The Rev. Brad Hudson officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her parents, Bill and Joy Bonnette and Mike Padillo. The bride's dress was elegant with lace, tulle, and beading with a long train and matching veil. The bride carried a bouquet of greenery with pink and white flowers. Windi Carson served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Rebecca Bamberg, Mari Bridgmon, Kaitlyn Watkins, and Lauren Fail, all friends of the bride. Honorary bridesmaids were Raven Santino and Brittini Slabaugh, sisters of the bride. Junior bridesmaids were Payton Padillo and Sophia Santino, nieces of the bride. Flower girl was Teigen Walling, daughter of the bride and groom. Dreyton Rosier was best man. Groomsmen were Houston Kirkland (brother of the groom) and friends of the groom Evan Williams, Cris Mena, Joey Kitrell, and Deandre Horry. Ushers were Aaron Padillo, Caleb Padillo, and Parker Bonnette (brothers of the bride) and Landon Santino (nephew of the bride). The bride is the daughter of Bill and Joy Bonnette of Barnwell and Mike Padillo. The groom is the son of Dwayne Kirkland and Kelli Walling of Bamberg. Following the honeymoon trip to Key West, Florida, the couple resides in Cope.

## AWARD

### Ivy Garden Club announces July Yard of the Month winner



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## Christ Presbyterian Church revamps image, focus, & ministry model



### CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Christ Presbyterian Church has been undergoing a transformation.

The Barnwell church recently adopted a new vision, goals and logo. They've also added new opportunities and hope to soon welcome a new permanent pastor. "We are trying to overhaul our image, focus, and ministry model," said interim pastor Al Rivett, whose last day is Sept. 1. "We are in our transition from who we are to who God wants us to be."

Since coming to the church in September 2022, Rivett has worked to prepare the congregation for their next senior pastor. "We've done a lot to engage the family here at church. Our goal is to celebrate successes and milestones. We want to spiritually flourish together," said Rivett, citing the church's new motto.

However, the congregation is now focused on how they can engage with the community, including those who do not go to church.

"There is fertile ground for sharing God's love here in Barnwell," said Rivett. The church has a variety of mission and outreach programs, including partnering with the Community Soup Kitchen in Barnwell, holding drive-thru

prayer events, attending the Sundial Festival, and supporting various charities. They are also launching two new transformational initiatives.

Launching Oct. 2 will be an 11-week class called ALPHA to help people with unanswered spiritual questions, such as "Why does God allow certain things to happen?" The class will look "through the lens of Jesus and one's faith," Rivett said. A launch party is being planned for Sept. 18.

A new parent support group is being planned as well, though an exact launch date hasn't been set. They are waiting for a new pastor to start before setting a date.

"The idea is to give parents the support they need to build stronger relationships with their children," said Rivett. "There are all sorts of things parents are going through that we want to help with. We understand the importance of being together." The group is "not overtly Christian," Rivett said, but provides parents with an outlet to discuss ways to better relate with their children while giving them resources to help. Collaboration will be key. The group will cover topics like bullying and gender dysphoria.

Christ Presbyterian Church has also undergone a rebranding thanks to help from Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber of Commerce,

which designed a new logo and did the coding for a new church website. The new logo featuring the new motto of "Spiritually Flourishing Together" is posted on all materials, including new signage. The church also printed bookmarks that feature a spiritual health assessment.

As they grow their community outreach, the church is planning for their long-term financial future and for future growth in their congregation. This includes planning for a nursery.

"We don't need it now, but there will be a time," said Rivett.

Christ Presbyterian Church has a sister church, the Boiling Springs Chapel. They are looking at how to have a more unified congregation at two locations. This could include more praise and worship to Boiling Springs on Sunday nights.

The church is actively looking for its next senior pastor and could soon make a decision.

Services are held at Christ Presbyterian Church's Barnwell location (848 Hagood Ave., Barnwell) at 10:30 a.m. following Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Sunday services are held at the Boiling Springs location (5079 Boiling Springs Rd., Barnwell) at 5 p.m.

For more information about the church, including its initiatives, services and more, call 803-259-5653 or visit [www.christpresbyterian.org](http://www.christpresbyterian.org).

## Faye Ferguson honored for 29 years of service to FBC Barnwell's children



A long-time children's ministry volunteer has retired after nearly 30 years of service. On May 26, First Baptist Church of Barnwell honored Faye Ferguson for 29 years of service volunteering in the children's ministry programs, including teaching the 4- to 5-year-old Sunday school class.

"Mrs. Faye has been a huge blessing to children, parents, and the church," said Trina Burt, a church member and former children's minister.

Church member Margo Huggins, a mother of two daughters, thanked Ferguson for her "Godly service to generations of little ones."

## By Grace Alone, Through Faith Alone, In Christ Alone



**Joseph Sanders**

Lead Pastor  
First Baptist Church of Williston

Christ as broken people, knowing we will never be perfect, but seeking to become more like Christ every day. His love for us is not based on what we do, for we

know "God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). God does not need our deeds, nor do our deeds mean anything apart from our relationship with Christ. To God, "all our righteous acts are like filthy rags," for there is nothing we can do that will ever bring our righteousness close to His standard of perfection (Isaiah 64:6). This is not to crush our hopes of becoming good enough for God, but to bring us joy knowing that we will never be good enough, but God chooses to love us anyway. The righteousness required for salvation is not from ourselves, but "this righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe" (Romans 3:22).

My heart was broken last fall in a booth at the McDonald's in Barnwell, SC. I had agreed to meet with two young men from the local LDS church, and I asked them a simple question: If you were to die today, do you believe you would be with God in heaven? The younger of the two men looked down for a minute, then answered, "No. There is still a lot I have to work on first."

His response sticks in my mind to this day. Having the weight of salvation on our own shoulders will wear down the strongest men and women. Unfortunately, there are many people who walk through life claiming to have the security of the Christian faith, but lacking the foundational principles of salvation by Grace alone, through Faith alone, in Christ alone.

Ephesians 2:8-9 tells us, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourself, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast." This means that, although good deeds are the fruit of our salvation, they are not the determining factor of our salvation. We follow

for your life, and that is made possible when you believe that He is who He says He is. This heart transformation is simple, straightforward, and easily comprehensible. That is the beauty of the Gospel. God is not waiting in heaven for you to pass any tests, say any magic words, or give him a secret handshake, but He simply is looking for the righteousness of Christ imprinted on the hearts of His children.

Look at the thief on the cross who died alongside Jesus in Luke 23. He had never been to a Christian church. He had never been baptized. He had lived a life with such a drought of good deeds that society saw fit to publicly execute him for his crimes. Still, he looked to Jesus and said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). The response of Jesus, as He suffered the wrath of God for the sins of the world including those of the thief beside Him, shows the true love of the Gospel. He did not focus on how many things this dying man needed to work on. Instead, Jesus saw that this thief believed in His identity as the Christ and made this request to Jesus as his King. With love, Jesus responded with the same grace He offers to each of us, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43).

If salvation is a gift from God through faith in His Son, our role in salvation becomes a lot simpler. Romans 10:9 says, "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Jesus being your Lord (Greek word Κύριος meaning "master") means that you submit to His will

## Central Circuit Charge gives to Cumbee Center to help battered women, children



Left to right: Jessica Coach, Mary Jean Williamson, Cheryl Murdock, Bobby Elmore, Lawrence Deloach, Mary Frederick, Vickey McCreary (kneeling), Verna Harney, Joyce Landrum, Marion Jennings, and Pastor Lisa Way.

The Central Circuit Charge believes that faith without works is dead. Each year the Central Circuit Charge gives back to the community. This year as part of our Maundy Service we collected donations and purchased items to donate to the Cumbee Center to help battered women and children. In the words of Pastor Lisa Way, "Faith is a gift from God, and the Christian's work is something that God has prepared for us because we have been saved by faith." Pictured are members from New Hope, Simpson, and Union United Methodist Churches along with Pastor Way presenting the donated items to Mrs. Jessica Coach, Executive Director of the Cumbee Center.

# Obituary

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## Mozelle McBryde

in Barnwell, from 4-6 p.m., and one hour before the service starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at St. Mary Baptist Church in Martin.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at St. Mary Baptist Church in Martin. Burial will follow in the Hope Memorial Park Cemetery (1730 Yale Rd., Barnwell) followed by a repast at Two Moon Junction in Barnwell.

The family will receive friends at the home in

Barnwell (1054 Patterson Mill Rd.).

Contributions may be made to the Mozelle B. McBryde Scholarship Fund in lieu of flowers. You may make your contributions at <https://gofund.me/8f325c77>.

Fax resolutions to 1-877-421-4840 or call B.F. Cave Funeral Home at 803-584-3110.

Condolences and flowers can be sent online at [BFC.AVEFH.COM](http://BFC.AVEFH.COM).

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# County school employees unite at inaugural Barnwell County School District opening



The Barnwell County School District, which is the new countywide district following consolidation, held an opening lunch for all employees from across the county on August 1 at Blackville-Hilda High. There were food trucks, prizes, balloon artists, and more.

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## Facility naming requests divide BCCSD board at last meeting

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The Barnwell County Consolidated School District board spent most of its final meeting renaming – or not renaming – several facilities.

The June 17 meeting was the board's final meeting before the district consolidated with Barnwell School District 45. The main topic of business was three renaming requests for facilities.

"I think the new board should decide. I haven't seen much documentation. I think there's a lot of people in our history that need to be honored," said board member Liana Orr, citing how a "lame duck board" should not make such decisions at its last meeting.

The first request was for the pickleball court at Blackville-Hilda High School to be renamed for the late Andre Jamison. This was approved by the board without



The Barnwell County Consolidated School District board is pictured at their final meeting June 17 before the county's districts consolidated on July 1. From left: Ethel Faust, Liana Orr, Tim Scott, Teresa Hughes, Catrena Hughes-Parker, Ken Beatty and superintendent David Corder.

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many comments due to it previously being presented at the May meeting.

The Together Sisters requested the Blackville-Hilda High School auditorium be renamed for Harry Lee Brown. He served on the school board for over 20 years and contributed to the recreation department.

"He represented Blackville. Right now, we don't have anything to represent black excellence and black legacy," said daughter Fonda Patrick.

The request was approved by the board, though Orr voted against it.

The third request was to rename the Williston-Elko High School auditorium

for Linda Alsept, a beloved science and theater teacher who died of Covid in 2021.

In order to consider this request, the board would have to suspend Policy FF, which governs the naming of facilities, due to the request not meeting the length of time someone has to be deceased before a request can be made. The policy requires three years.

"Policy allows the board to suspend policies in case of emergency," said superintendent David Corder.

The board suspended the policy, with Orr and Faust voting no.

"This policy was created just a few months ago. What was the point in creating it if we are just going to suspend it. This is the first time I've been in a school where they said rules can be broken," said Orr.

Ferlecia Cuthbertson, a member of the district's naming committee and a former student of Alsept's, said Alsept returned to Williston-Elko High School to teach during the pandemic and got sick.

"She took science to a new level. She had a passion for

giving her all. She sacrificed her life for education, science and drama in Williston. Her life's work still exists in the community," said Cuthbertson.

Mary Ann Walkup, a friend of Alsept's, said Alsept started Williston's theatre department. Walkup said so many students were impacted by Alsept's theatre program throughout more than 20 years, including her own two kids and current theatre teacher David Edwards.

"So many kids went into careers in broadcasting, theater and public speaking because Linda Alsept gave them that opportunity. To see those students shine was just amazing. Many have said it doesn't matter the name on it because it is forever her auditorium," said Walkup.

Board chair Ethel Faust said she was told a request was made to rename the auditorium for Daisy Robinson, another beloved teacher. However, Corder said the request for Alsept was the only one he received in writing by the deadline, as required per policy.

"I got a call from a

gentleman about two weeks ago about Mrs. Robinson. I never got anything in writing," said Corder.

He said he is concerned that someone called the board chair instead of him, since his information was listed in all newspaper and social media ads for the renaming request.

"We put this committee together so we'd have a unified way of doing it," said Corder of the renaming committee. "We went through the procedure. There's not much more I can do. I'm getting frustrated about getting questioned over the process. I followed the process."

While Robinson was also a great teacher, Cuthbertson said the request for Alsept is the only one that met the verification process. She also said there's a monument outside the school in Robinson's honor that was placed by the NAACP.

Board member Catrena Hughes Parker suggested a dual naming for Alsept and Robinson, despite not knowing either of the educators.

Board member Teresa Hughes agreed with Parker's suggestion "since both of those ladies touched lot of students' lives."

"Mrs. Robinson was a great teacher, and I had her. She didn't impact theatre. Something does need to be named after Mrs. Robinson but not this," said board member Ken Beatty.

Beatty made an initial motion to approve the renaming request for Alsept, which was seconded by board member Tim Scott. However, Parker offered a motion to rename the auditorium for Alsept and Robinson.

In the end, no motion was approved, so there will be no renaming at this time.

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

Allendale County Schools 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  
**Shawana Busby** for additional information.

Parents or guardians that do not want their child/children to participate in CEP may wish to discuss this matter with **Shawana Busby, Food Services Coordinator**, on an informal basis.

Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to Allendale County Schools, whose address is:

3249 Allendale-Fairfax Highway,  
Fairfax, S.C. 29827

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.

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## Eddie Sutton, U.S. Army Ret. SSgt.



WILLISTON - Jerry Eddie Sutton, 85, of Williston, SC passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, August 10, 2024. No formal services are planned at this time. Memorial contributions may be given to First Baptist Church Williston, P.O. Box 366, Williston, SC 29853.

Born in Lenoir County, NC, he was a son of the

late Jerry Zorn Sutton and Ceba Jones Sutton and was married to Pocahontas Harper Sutton. Eddie joined the U.S. Air Force at the age of 17 and served one tour in Vietnam then later joined the U.S. Army and served two tours in Vietnam as a Green Beret in the special forces. Upon living in South Carolina, he joined the National Guard in order to receive his military retirement. He was a self-taught artist who never really shared his paintings until he was encouraged by Jim Harrison to share his talent with his friends. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Williston.

Survivors include his loving wife of 40 years, Hontas Sutton of the home; his sons, Jerry

Eddie (Debby) Sutton Jr. of Mesa, AZ, Mauri Stuart (Tracie) Sutton of Gilbert, AZ, Jeffrey Jerrel (Theresa) Jernigan of Dothan, AL and James Clay (Erin) Jernigan of Summerville, SC; 14 grandchildren; 1 great-granddaughter; a brother, David (Julie) Sutton of Kinston, NC; sister-in-law, Judy, wife of the deceased brother Douglas Sutton; nieces, Dee Sutton and Kelly King; nephews, Timmie Sutton, Kennie Sutton, David Sutton Jr. and Casey Sutton.

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

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## Roy Wattie Mixon

ALLENDALE - Roy Wattie Mixon, age 67, died Friday, August 2, 2024.

Mr. Mixon was a native of Hampton County and the son of the late Jessie W. Mixon and the late Loraine Altman Priester. Roy was a self-employed plumber and a friend to many.

Family members include two sons, Jason R. Mixon and Jessie A. Mixon; one

daughter, Heather Mixon Giles (Calvin); one sister, Louise Gray Gomez (Danny); two brothers, Clyde Altman (Linda) and Ralph Mixon; 15 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by one sister, Ida G. Tuten.

Graveside services were 11 a.m. Thursday, August 8, 2024 at Sandy Run Baptist Church Cemetery with the

Reverend Richard Poston officiating.

The family received friends 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at Keith Smith Funeral Service (128 Water St., Allendale; 803-584-2492). Sign the online guestbook at [keithsmithfuneralservice.com](http://keithsmithfuneralservice.com).

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## Charles Eugene Brabham

BARNWELL - Charles Eugene Brabham, 69, passed away on August 3rd, 2024. He was born on September 24th, 1954 in Barnwell, SC to the late Harold Dean Brabham and Marie Penwell Brabham.

He is survived by his son, Brock Brabham;

brother, Albert (Sharon) Brabham; and sister, Sheila Satterthwaite. He is predeceased by his brother, Pat Brabham.

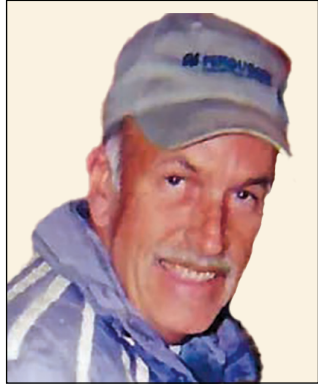
A graveside service was held on Saturday, August 10th, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Kearsse-Brabham Cemetery, 8797 Low Country Hwy.,

Ehrhardt, SC 29843, with Rev. Timmy Gunnells officiating.

Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell was in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at [molefh.com](http://molefh.com).

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## Ronald George Abbott



BARNWELL - Ronald G. Abbott, 80, born in New York on May 6th, 1944, passed away peacefully at home on August 7th, 2024. He was a dad, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was a Vietnam veteran. He worked at SRS as a truck

driver for 28 years.

He is survived by three children, Todd (Melissa) Strock of Barnwell, SC, Robbie (Alicia) Strock of Barnwell, SC, and Holly (Stacey) Reese of Gibson, GA; six grandchildren, Brooke Strock, Jaime (McKenzie) Strock, Candace (Eldon) Kennedy, Josh Strock, Preston (Jordan) Reese, and Tiffany (Adam) Martin; five great-grandchildren Jayden Boltin, Kensley Boltin, Caden Kennedy, Callie Kennedy, and Adeline Martin; two sisters-in-law

Charlotte (Ray) Sweatman, and Judy (Danny) Mishoe.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathy M. Abbott, his mother and father, and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held on Monday, August 12th, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Seven Pines Baptist Church Cemetery, with Pastor Bill Clarkson officiating.

Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell was in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at [molefh.com](http://molefh.com).

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## Sean Smith



WINDSOR - A Celebration of Life Service for Sean Daren Smith, 56, of Windsor, SC was held at 1 o'clock p.m., Saturday, August 10, 2024 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, SC with the Pastors Jason Rentz and Jody Jackson officiating. The family received friends after the service at the funeral home on Saturday.

Sean passed away on Monday, August 5, 2024.

Born in Aiken County, SC, he was a son of Katherine "Kathy" Widener Bivens and the late Orville Raymond Smith. Sean

loved helping people and was an exceptional father, brother and grandfather. Before his motorcycle accident, he was very independent and was grateful for his family who took care of him after his accident. He looked forward to riding his motorcycle on the weekends and was always willing to ride in bike runs to raise money for people in need. He would give you the shirt off his back and was a protector. He loved eating at Waffle House and Mi Rancho and he also enjoyed drinking chocolate milk and eating Blue Bell ice cream. He previously worked as a truck driver for CDJ Trucking Company.

In addition to his mother, Kathy Bivens, he is survived by his daughter, Desiree Maltby (Mitchell Prescott) of Aiken, SC; a son, Dylan Whitlock of North Augusta, SC; one

grandson, William Prescott; sisters, Shannon Smith and Christy (Darrell) Craig; brothers, Brent Smith and Chad Smith, all of Windsor, SC; his life-long best friend, Dwayne (April) Ingram; nephews, Jesse Smith (Beth Wright), Blaze Baxley, and Cody Smith; nieces, Emma Thompson, Phoenix Maltby, Raya Smith, and April Smith; eight step-grandchildren, Chase (Libby) Stone, Garrett Stone, Natlie (Scott) Moore, Grace Rushton, Jeffrey Stone, Hailey Stone, Wesley Rushton, and JoJo Stone; two step-great grandchildren, Huxley Stone and Stetson Moore.

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

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(October 1, 1943 - August 3, 2024)

Father, Farmer, and Friend ALLENDALE - Joseph (Joe) John Gallagher of Allendale, a dedicated American farmer, passed away on August 3, 2024, at Brookdale Senior Living in Charleston, SC.

He is survived by his daughter and biggest fan, Rebecca (John Brandon) Gallagher of Meggett, SC; his bonus son, Lt. Col. William E. (Gracyn) Myrick IV of Southern Pines, NC; and his cherished grandchildren: Tristan Mole, Josephine Brandon, Wilkins Brandon, Liam Myrick, and Walker Myrick. Joe also leaves behind his lovely companion and sweetheart of 13 years, Gaynell McCaskey, whom he adored.

He was born on October 1, 1943 in Washington, DC, and raised in Arlington, VA. He graduated from St. Francis University in Loretto, PA, in 1966 with a BS in Business and was a state champion in the St. Francis Competition Gun Club.

In 1971, while exploring

## Joseph "Joe" Gallagher

Hampton County looking for a home in the country, the family set down roots and embraced farm life. As a manager of USS Agri-Chemical, and haying part-time, he became an active member of the Brunson United Methodist Church and Lions Club. Planting forage grasses began in the 80's while working at Goldkist, before farming full-time for 33 years. Farming and the community were his life. He looked up to his many industry mentors and gave support and advice to all that asked. If it grew out of the dirt or ran on gas, "Dr. Dirt" was at your service.

For 12 years, he was also the finest purveyor of Christmas trees this side of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Christmas Corner was a holiday jewel on a corner lot in Fairfax, SC. Always ready with a handshake and a smile, he would invite all to warm up by the barrel fire, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, and offer the children a candy cane from the tree. After hours were spent setting up trees for churches and charities throughout the area.

Joe lived for summer weekends water skiing on the Savannah River and boat trips exploring the Carolina coastal waterways with his longtime friends and fellow party revelers. If you ever made it onto his boat, you belong to "Cap'n

Joe's" lifelong crew of fun-loving friends. During each season he enjoyed Sundays taking turns at the grill with his fellow cutups. His rapid-fire wit and sense of humor was his calling card.

Generous and loyal, he was always calling to check on us or showing up at the door with a week's supply of paper towels from Costco, ready to mow grass, paint trim, haul trash, hold babies, wash dishes, or fluff hundreds of feet of Christmas garland. But, if it was Saturday afternoon, he would smile and say he had to get home soon because it was date night with Gaynell. He was an adoring PaPa, giving tractor rides to his grandkids, breaking in a new generation. At every holiday, birthday, graduation, game, wedding, baptism, recital and BBQ, he created memories our family will treasure forever.

A graveside service will be held at Great Salkehatchie Cemetery in Ulmer, SC, on Saturday, August 17, at 11 a.m. In honor of Joe, please bring a handful of soil from your farm or place to sprinkle over his urn.

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

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## In Loving Memory

### Ruth Young



ELKO - Ruth was born on January 1st, 1937, in Williston, SC to her parents, Ralph and Nellie Porter Bolen. She married Carlton Schumpert, in 1954. They shared two beautiful children, Cindy and Mark. Ruth worked many jobs in her life, including working at her and Carlton's restaurant and country store, Bolen's Groceries, Chill Chest, the Williston Telephone Company, and Williston Family Practice. After high school, Ruth went on to earn a degree in secretarial work. Ruth has always been a member of Edisto Baptist Church and was a member of the Woodmen of the World.

Ruth married Neal Young in 1982. She helped do the bookwork for his Masonry business until he retired. Ruth and Neal raised his granddaughter, Crystal Jackson, and then also raised his great-grandson, Stephen Jackson. She always loved everyone's children and enjoyed taking care of them.

Ruth was a beautiful woman inside and out. She had the most caring heart and loved people. Ruth loved to dress up. She always had her hair, nails, and make-up done, and loved to go shopping. Ruth loved her family more than anything, especially her children, grandchildren

and great-grandchildren. She was involved with everything in their lives since their birth. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren affectionately call her Momma Ruth. That started with the first grandchild, Kimberly, and continued with Carl, Cameron, Isabelle, Isaiah, and Stephen. She was also called Momma Ruth by many others, young and old alike. By far, her most favorite job ever, was taking care of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She would rock those babies and sing "You are my Sunshine" and "Amazing Grace," which is one of their favorite memories of her. She enjoyed going on vacations with her daughter and family. They took many vacations through the years. Momma Ruth always wanted to be with her family and would have carried us all around in her pocket if she had it her way.

Ruth passed away on August 8, 2024, at her daughter's home, surrounded by her family and friends. She will be missed so very much and our lives here on earth will never be the same. We do know that she is watching over us and will be waiting in Heaven for each of us when we get there, with her arms wide open as we run as fast as we can into her sweet embrace.

Survivors include her loving daughter, Cindy Schumpert Terry (Eddie); her son, Mark Schumpert (Elizabeth); grandchildren Kimberly Terry Norton (Anthony), Carl Schumpert, and Cameron Schumpert;

great-grandchildren Isabelle and Isaiah Norton, and Stephen O'Neal Jackson; sister-in-laws, Rivie Bolen and Barbara Ann Young; and many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Nellie Porter Bolen; brothers, Lothell and Marvin Bolen, dear sister and her best friend, Dot Bolen Cathey; infant brother and sister, Morris and Virginia Bolen; sister-in-law, Nellie Bolen; the daddy of her children, Carlton Schumpert; and husband, O'Neal Young.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 11, 2024 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, SC with the Reverend Carl Kleinholz officiating. Burial followed at the Barnwell Memory Gardens on Reynolds Road. The family received friends from 2 p.m. until the time of the service on Sunday at the funeral home.

The family would like to thank everyone who has loved Ruth throughout the years. There are so many of you and we appreciate it from the bottom of our hearts for helping and loving her. A special thank you to those who helped take care of Ruth, from Just For You Home Care, Pruitt Nursing Home of Barnwell, Pruitt Hospice Care, and DayBreak.

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

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# Leadership Salkehatchie celebrates class of 2024, alumni

**Stephanie Gruber**  
USC Salkehatchie  
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The University of South Carolina Salkehatchie celebrated the accomplishments of the Leadership Salkehatchie class of 2024 and alumni of the program at a reception held at the Walterboro Wildlife Center on June 27.

"I look forward to seeing the impact that the class of 2024 will have in their local communities and the Salkehatchie region and how they will continue to grow in their personal leadership journeys," said Shelby Broomfield, director of the USC Salkehatchie Leadership Institute.

Leadership Salkehatchie is an economic development leadership program offered by USC Salkehatchie in partnership with Southern Carolina Alliance. The program provides participants an opportunity to enhance their leadership skills while becoming aware of and involved with community dynamics and issues facing the Salkehatchie region.

For Broomfield, one of the highlights of the evening was meeting alumni from the 20+ years that the program spans.

Blake (2022) shared that the program inspired her to seek political office. Nico Aguilar, a member of the inaugural cohort (1999), says the program provided him the opportunity to not only network with very impressive people, but it also gave him the tools to be a leader.

"One of the important lessons that I learned was that to lead people, you need to help them to become future leaders. As a manager, all you're doing is just giving them instructions. As a leader, you provide others the opportunity to become future leaders," Aguilar said.

Cliff Warren (2020) served as the evening's keynote speaker and shared Leadership Salkehatchie's transformative effects not only on him personally, but also for the region's communities.

"As a retired school administrator, I am very aware of this program's impact. The emphasis the program places on community dynamics encourages participants not to just observe from the sidelines, but to roll up our sleeves and to contribute," Warren said. "Whether it is advocating for improvement, supporting small businesses, or volunteering in our communities, we learned



Members of Leadership Salkehatchie's Class of 2024 pose for a photo at the June 27 reception in Walterboro. The event also brought together alumni from previous years.

that true leadership requires not only vision but also action."

This year, 19 participants completed Leadership Salkehatchie. They are: Jennifer Bryant, Gehl Foods Southeast (Colleton); Shanda Crawford, Dreams Imagination & Gift Development Program (Barnwell); Tricia Gordon, Barnwell County First Steps (Barnwell); Victoria Gunnells, SRP Federal Credit Union (Barnwell); Nancy Gutierrez, City of Hardeeville (Jasper); Jodi Kearse, Allendale County E911 (Allendale & Hampton); Enterick Lee, Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber of Commerce

(Barnwell); Stewart McAdoo, Colleton County Chamber of Commerce (Colleton); Alisha Moore, Bamberg County (Bamberg); Tammy Rimes, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (Barnwell); Victoria Rizer, Enterprise Bank of SC (Colleton & Bamberg); Keelie Robinson, SC Lowcountry Tourism Commission (Colleton, Jasper, Beaufort & Hampton); Lish Sabb, Allendale County Rescue Squad (Allendale); Monique Smalls, Barnwell County Consolidated School District (Barnwell); Meagan Stoner, HCA Healthcare (Colleton); Karen Terry, Hampton County Regional Medical Center (Hampton); Josh

Urwick, Southern Carolina Alliance (Barnwell); Melanie Wooten, Hampton County Regional Medical Center (Hampton); and Meredith Wright, Barnwell County (Barnwell).

John Fleming, COO of Southern Carolina Alliance, said that all of the alumni are now ambassadors for economic development in our region.

"When somebody from a company comes to the region, they walk around, and they notice how the people react to their own community. Think about that. You're all ambassadors," he said.

One common theme from the class of 2024 was that even though the sessions have been completed, their journeys are just beginning.

"I've made friends I'll be able to rely on to ask questions and to bounce ideas off. We can actually work with each other to figure out how to make our communities flourish," Stewart McAdoo (2024) said.

Tammy Rimes (2024) said that the class has been a wonderful opportunity.

"The program allows us to interact with the other team members from around the region to look at common issues that we have and to discuss possible solutions," she said.

Leadership Salkehatchie includes workshops designed to empower participants with the economic development knowledge and the skills needed to cultivate progress within our region. The program highlights the strengths of the Salkehatchie region and explores the obstacles facing small-town America.

Nominations for the class of 2025 opened on Aug. 1. For more information, contact Shelby Broomfield at sbroomfield@sc.edu or 803-812-7354.

## DETAILS: Law enforcement officials, documents shed more light on fatal hit and run

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incident report provided by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO).

The responding deputy checked for a pulse but did not detect one. "The victim was cold to the touch and appeared to have been there for a while," stated the BCSO report.

The deputy also noted in his report that he did not notice any vehicles around nor any parts to a vehicle. However, there was food items "slung all over the road."

SCHP troopers soon arrived on scene and took

over the investigation due to it being a hit and run, but sheriff's deputies helped troopers search nearby Snelling for any vehicle with "consistent damages," states the report. While patrolling the area of Seven Pines Road, a deputy was flagged down by the driver of a pickup truck, said Barnwell County Sheriff Steve Griffith.

"While patrolling Seven Pines Road near Seven Bridges Road, Deputy Kirby was flagged down by a truck. The driver of

the truck reported that he saw about the accident on Facebook and reported" he knew who was driving the vehicle that hit Brabham, according to the BCSO report.

Deputies and troopers followed the witness (truck driver) to Cannon's home where "she turned herself into a deputy" around 10 or 11 a.m., said Glover.

Sheriff Griffith said there were no other 911 calls regarding the wreck, other than the one made by the driver who noticed the Walmart buggy and the

body. Though other people possibly saw the buggy, "he was the only one who took the initiative to stop," said the sheriff.

Cannon was transported to the Barnwell County Detention Center but was granted a \$25,000 surety bond by the magistrate judge on Sunday, August 4. She posted bond the same day and was released, according to online court records. She will appear in court on Oct. 14.

This collision remains under investigation by the SCHP.



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## Veterans Legion Post #253 sponsored four Palmetto Boys State Representatives



Mr. Timothy Beard, Mr. Al Jenkins (Senator Tim Scott's office), Mr. Jalen Brown, Mr. Andrew Brown.



Vice Commander Leroy Williams, Mr. Andrew Brown, Mr. Jalen Brown, Mr. Timothy Beard, Commander David Kenner.

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Veterans Legion  
Post #253t

Veterans Legion Post #253 is a division of the South Carolina American Legion located at 20471 Solomon Blatt Avenue SC, 29817. The June 23, 2024, regular meeting highlight of the afternoon was to honor and recognize four Palmetto Boys State Representatives. Veterans Legion Post #253 proudly sponsored them to attend the annual weeklong 2024 convention at Anderson University held from June 9-14. Their names are Mr. Jalen Brown, Mr. Andrew Brown, Mr. Timothy Beard and Mr. Namir Anderson.

We heard from them about their expectation, experience and how excited they were to have attended the conference.

Mr. Al Jenkins from Senator Tim Scott's office was on hand to extend words of encouragement and direction as they continue through high school and life. He also presented them with a congratulatory letter from Senator Scott's office and wished them well.



Mr. Namir Anderson

Mr. Jenkins also recognized Mr. Frank Washington, a member of the Post for his service to the country and gave a special recognition from Senator Scott's for 50 years of continual service to the American Legion as a follow-up from the National American Legion who had previously recognized Mr. Washington.

Veterans Legion Post #253 in Blackville is striving to be a benefit to the Veterans and the Community. For membership information and or how to contribute to the Post please feel free to contact Post Commander David Kenner at 803-284-4621.



Commander David Kenner, Mr. Timothy Beard, Mr. Al Jenkins (Senator Tim Scott's office), Vice Commander Leroy Williams, Mr. Jalen Brown, Mr. Andrew Brown.



Mr. Frank Washington (Post #253 member), Mr. Al Jenkins (Senator Tim Scott's office).

## Blackville twins enjoy unique summer experience in Washington, D.C.

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Two sisters from Blackville were among more than 1,600 students selected to attend a unique gathering in the nation's capital.

Twins Macey and Madelyn Respass of Blackville were among 57 student delegates selected to represent South Carolina electric cooperatives at the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) has hosted the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour every June in the nation's capital since the 1950s. The Respass twins along with Grayson Hodge of Harleyville were the delegates for Edisto Electric Cooperative.

"We believe that students should see their nation's capital up close, learn about the political process and interact with their elected officials. Students gain a personal understanding of American history and their role as a citizen by meeting their representative and senators. While student groups are orga-

nized at the state level, they all come together for Youth Day, where they get to meet each other and hear featured speakers who provide insight to the important roles electric cooperatives play in their communities," according to the NRECA's website, www.electric.coop.

The Respass twins applied for the trip after seeing an advertisement. They were then interviewed and selected to attend.

"Thank you for a great opportunity," said Macey of Edisto Electric. "This experience checked off a lot of my bucket list. It taught me a lot about our country and politics. We made a lot of lifelong friends along the way."

Joining nearly 1,600 student delegates from 44 states, the Respass twins journeyed to the nation's capital from June 15-20.

"I think the greatest thing I learned was the history of our nation," said Madelyn.

The student delegates visited many educational and historical sites such as George Washington's Mount Vernon, the National Museum of African-American History &



Madelyn Respass



Macey Respass



Senator Lindsey Graham met with Macey and Madelyn Respass, along with other South Carolina students, on the steps of the U.S. Capitol.



The Pentagon Memorial was one of many sites in Washington, D.C. the group toured.



South Carolina's student delegates pose for a photo in front of the White House.

Culture, the National Mall, and the National Pentagon 9/11 Memorial.

"My favorite moment was going to the Holocaust Museum because it was really eye opening. You know how bad it is, but you don't know how bad until you see all that," said Madelyn, who also enjoyed seeing other sites like the Lincoln Memorial and the White House on her first trip to Washington, D.C.

The sisters also enjoyed learning about leadership and meeting lawmakers, including senators Tim Scott and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina who spent time answering questions on the steps of the Capitol.

"Meeting the senators taught us about how you can be your own person and take ownership of things," said Madelyn.

Sen. Scott talked about how he started at the bottom, including some failed classes, but he didn't let his hardships stop him from reaching his goals.

"He pushed through it. It was a really inspiring story," said Macey.

Madelyn said Sen. Scott's story shows anybody can do the same.

Throughout the trip, stu-

dents participated in the student-run Soda Pop Co-op, which sold snacks and drinks out of the charter bus's luggage compartment between stops and at the end of each day. Macey was hired to manage the cooperative.

"It taught me how to work with people, how to run a business, and how to work alongside people," said Macey.

Other highlights included a riverboat dinner cruise along the Potomac River, meeting new friends, and trading state pins with one another.

"I didn't realize how much of an accent we had til we met students from other states," said Macey.

The students also gathered for National Youth Day where they learned about the rich history of electric cooperatives and the important role of being an active participant in America's democracy.

Macey and Madelyn are the twin daughters of John and Stacey Respass of Blackville. Macey and Madelyn are seniors at Jefferson Davis Academy in Blackville. Macey plans to major in criminology after graduation and Madelyn plans to get her bachelor's degree in nursing.



Macey Respass of Blackville is pictured beside Sen. Tim Scott.



Taco Salad

# Simple Recipes that Make School Days a Cinch

## FAMILY FEATURES

Resisting the weeknight urge to call for takeout or order delivery starts with an approachable at-home menu with recipes you can prep in an instant. Especially during back-to-school season when schedules are jam-packed with activities, easy meals and desserts you can rely on allow you and your loved ones to ease tension in the kitchen.

Simplicity is the key to putting dinner on the table in 30 minutes or less, and these Taco Salad and Taco Mac and Cheese recipes offer mealtime solutions that make cooking duty a breeze. Make all that classroom effort worth it with a kid-friendly dessert you can prepare over the weekend and keep refrigerated for weeknight treats with these No Bake Dragon Fruit Cheesecake Bars.

Find more recipe ideas to simplify hectic back-to-school schedules at Culinary.net.

## Make Dinner Happen in 30 Minutes

If you're looking for a go-to meal for your hungry family, search no more. This Taco Salad calls only for pantry staples so you can spice up busy evenings in just half an hour.

Visit Culinary.net for more quick dinner solutions.

## Taco Salad

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Total time: 30 minutes

Servings: 6

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans
- 1 can (15 ounces) corn
- 2 cans (14 ounces each) diced tomatoes with chilies
- 1/2 cup half-and-half or milk
- 2 tablespoons onion powder
- 2 tablespoons garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons mesquite seasoning
- 1 tablespoon black pepper
- salt, to taste
- 1 lime, juice only
- 1 cup chopped cilantro
- romaine lettuce
- 2-3 cups shredded cheese
- 1 tub (16 ounces) sour cream
- crushed tortilla chips

In pan over medium heat, brown beef until cooked through; drain. Add black beans and corn. Stir in tomatoes with juices and half-and-half. Add onion powder, garlic powder, mesquite seasoning and pepper. Season with salt, to taste. Bring to simmer.

Add lime juice; stir. Sprinkle with cilantro.

Wash and chop lettuce. Place cheese and sour cream in bowls for toppings.

On plates, top crushed tortilla chips with meat sauce, lettuce, cheese and sour cream, as desired.



No Bake Dragon Fruit Cheesecake Bars

## A Sweet Treat to Make School Days Special

Sometimes a long day in the classroom and tough homework assignments call for a cool treat. Rewarding all that studying can be a cinch with a no bake cheesecake bar that lasts throughout the week.

These No Bake Dragon Fruit Cheesecake Bars allow you to keep things cool in the kitchen without cranking up the oven. Plus, they're made with C&H Sugars that are perfect for adding a little something special to school days.

Find more back-to-school desserts at chsugar.com.

## No Bake Dragon Fruit Cheesecake Bars

Prep time: 35 minutes  
Rest time: 6 hours  
Yield: 16 bars

### Crust:

- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons C&H Light Brown Sugar
- 1 pinch salt

### Bars:

- 1 small fresh dragon fruit, peeled and cubed small

- 1/4 cup C&H Granulated Sugar
- 12 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature

- 1 1/2 cups C&H Powdered Sugar
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt, full fat, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream, cold

To make crust: Line 8-by-8-inch baking pan with parchment paper. Leave 2-inch overhang of paper on both sides. In medium bowl, mix graham cracker crumbs, butter, brown sugar and salt until well combined. Pour mixture into prepared pan and press into even layer. Place in freezer.

To make bars: In small saucepan over medium heat, cook dragon fruit and granulated sugar until sugar is completely dissolved, dragon fruit is soft and mixture reduces in size, 10-12 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and cool completely.

In large bowl, beat cream cheese until soft. Add powdered sugar and mix until fluffy. Scrape sides of bowl. Add vanilla and yogurt. Beat until combined.

In separate bowl, beat heavy whipping cream until stiff peaks form. Fold cream into cream cheese mixture. Pour half of mixture into prepared crust. Add 5 tablespoons dragon fruit mixture to remaining cream cheese batter. Mix until well combined. Pour over plain cream cheese mixture. Place in refrigerator to set at least 6 hours, or overnight. Cut into 16 bars.

## Spice Up Weeknights

Macaroni and cheese is a beloved comfort food that's easy to make on busy weeknights. With just a few extra ingredients and steps, you can turn boxed mac and cheese into a filling dinner.

To make this Taco Mac and Cheese, simply prepare your favorite boxed mac and cheese according to the package instructions and stir fry the meat and vegetables together. (Hint: You can even chop vegetables the night before to make cooking the next day even easier.) Then add taco seasoning and combine for a new take on a classic dish.

Visit Culinary.net to find more quick and simple recipes.

## Taco Mac and Cheese

- 1 box macaroni and cheese
- 1/4 cup milk
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 pound ground turkey
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1 yellow bell pepper, diced
- 1 orange bell pepper, diced
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 teaspoons taco seasoning

Prepare boxed mac and cheese with milk and butter according to package instructions.

In skillet, brown ground turkey over medium heat. Add bell peppers and onion. Add taco seasoning.

Stir turkey mixture with mac and cheese to combine.



Taco Mac and Cheese

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to business.

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Answer: Budgets

## Guess Who?

I am an actress born in New York on August 29, 1986. I began as a child star on the Broadway stage, and starred with fellow musical theater icon Jonathan Groff on Broadway as well. Fans probably know me best for my role on a TV show about a glee club.

Answer: Lea Michele



## Editorial

### Why we don't turn off Facebook comments

"You need to delete those comments."

"Can you please turn off comments on that Facebook post?"

These are a few things we hear from time to time when certain stories are shared on Facebook, particularly ones about crimes. The most recent example was last week's story of a 19-year-old arrested for a fatal hit and run.

Our team understands these concerns.

We want to take some time to respond to these concerns because we value your opinions. We also value transparency and communication.

Last week's post, like many others before it, led to various comments from members of the public.

Some offered prayers for the victim and suspect. Some offered gossip and rumors. Others were just downright mean, judgmental and salacious.

Sadly, social media platforms like Facebook have made it too easy for anyone to post their opinion on anything. It doesn't matter whether the information is true.

That's why some have asked us to delete comments or just turn off commenting. The reality isn't that simple.

Yes, we could delete every mean and nasty comment. But we don't.

Why?

That could be seen by some as limiting free speech, which is a foundation of our democracy. It could also be seen as taking one side over another, whether it be the victim, the suspect, or law enforcement. That goes against our ethics, beliefs and standards as journalists, which include being unbiased and fair.

Being factual is also important. That's why we do not include rumors and hearsay in our reporting. We only report information received by official sources.

We don't delete every comment, but that doesn't mean we don't have procedures in place. We utilize Facebook's filters to catch some derogatory comments. We also monitor comments, to the best of our ability, and delete any that go against our posted standards, particularly

those that have vulgar language, threats, etc.

We also don't turn off commenting. Why?

Well, that also limits free speech and makes it look like we are trying to hide information or possibly protect one side.

It also doesn't make us look credible and trustworthy. Would you trust a news organization – or any organization – that doesn't allow commenting on certain posts?

We are the community's main source for news and information. Our Facebook page is a place for the community to come together and communicate.

Also, turning off commenting wouldn't turn off the gossip and comments. People would find another outlet for that, whether it be their own pages, people they run into around town, or other ways.

Just because we don't delete every negative comment or simply turn off commenting, doesn't mean we don't care. It saddens us, just as it does many of you, to see the negativity some post online. These comments do nothing but cause division in our amazing little community.

Many people post comments on Facebook they'd likely never say to someone's face. However, social media makes it easy and tempting to post our thoughts and opinions.

I was raised to treat others as I wish to be treated. I was also taught to keep my mouth shut if I didn't have anything nice to say. The Boy Scout Law also taught me to be Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent. I try to remember those lessons and values whether I'm talking to someone face-to-face or online.

Over the weekend I was scrolling through Facebook and a video of Dolly Parton singing "Put a Little Love in Your Heart" popped up. I thought it was a poignant reminder for us all.

"Put a little love in your heart. And the world will be a better place. For you and me. Put a little love in your heart," sang Dolly.



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## Columns

### What Google's monopoly ruling means for local newspapers



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Not that many years ago, the best way you could find out about businesses in town would be through your local newspaper. Your local newspaper is still a great source of advertising information, but if you're looking for something, chances are you're going to start by "Googling it." Have you ever wondered why that's become our go-to move? Well, a recent court ruling has shed some light on this, and it's not a pretty picture.

Recently a federal judge ruled that Google has been running an illegal monopoly in the search engine market. Now, you might be thinking, "So what? Google's just really good at what they do, right?" Well, it's not quite that simple. The judge found that Google has been using tactics that squash competition and keep themselves at the top of the heap.

This is admittedly a complex issue, but this monopoly hasn't just hurt other tech companies; it's been slowly suffocating your local newspapers and, by extension, your communities.

How? Well, a few years ago if a local business wanted to advertise, they'd come to the local newspaper, the most effective place to promote a local business. That advertising revenue was used to pay journalists to

cover your town hall meetings, high school sports and local events. Newspapers were the watchdogs, keeping an eye on your local government and celebrating your community's achievements.

Enter Google. As they exerted their influence on the advertising market, those local advertising dollars started flowing to them instead of your hometown newspaper. The impact was significant and newspaper advertising revenue has continued to decline. The result? Fewer reporters on the street. Less coverage of your local issues. Some newspapers have even had to shut their doors completely. And since Google has no local reporters (they take the content from local newspapers and other sources), local news and information gets harder to find.

Google's actions have had a very real impact on your community. When local news suffers, studies show that voter turnout drops, corruption goes unchecked and people feel less connected to their neighbors.

So, what's next? This ruling is a good start. It's a recognition that the playing field needs to be leveled. But it's just the first step. There are legislative efforts underway aimed at giving news publishers a fighting chance. The Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (JCPA) is a bipartisan bill in Congress that would allow news publishers to collectively negotiate with tech giants like Google for fair compensation for our content. And another bill, the Community News and Small Business Support

Act, would provide tax incentives to local newspapers based on the number of reporters they have covering the local market. With each of these bills it's not about handouts; it's about getting a fair shake for the value that newspapers bring to the table.

The next time you "Google" something, remember that convenience comes at a cost. And it's a cost we've all been paying, often without even realizing it. It's time to have a real conversation about how we can create a digital world that doesn't just work for Big Tech, but for our local communities, too.

Whether it's through antitrust actions, new legislation or a combination of both, we need to find a way to ensure that local journalism doesn't just survive but thrives in the digital age. Because at the end of the day, a Google search might tell you where to find the closest pizza place, but it's your local newspaper that's going to tell you what's really going on in your community. And that's something worth fighting for.

Our democracy depends on it.

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### Please hold your applause for someone who deserves credit



Phil Hudgins

Contributor

When I reached the motor pool, however, the sergeant said he needed someone who could type to work in his office. I volunteered. Suddenly, this worthy mechanic became a clerk typist. Being able to make A's on written tests does not make someone a worthy mechanic. I got more credit than I deserved.

In 1986, the newspaper I worked for sent me to the Washington, D.C., area to help *USA Today* get off the ground. (The Gannett-owned paper back home paid my salary, allowing an undetectable improvement in *USA Today's* bottom line.)

One of my first assignments was to fly to Dallas, Texas, drive to nearby Garland, follow an interior decorator around for a couple of days and write an understandable piece about a company that specialized in van-traveling decorators.

It didn't take long for the decorator to figure out that I didn't know a color palette from a plate of spaghetti. She had to explain everything to me. She was very patient, thankfully, and the story turned out okay. A *USA Today*

reader might have thought, wrongfully, that I was an expert in interior decorating. But I was not even a novice in interior decorating. I got more credit than I deserved.

When I was 15, I opened a book of matches and there inside was a picture of a woman. "Draw me," the matchbook seemingly demanded. I drew her and sent my wonderful creation to a learn-art-by-mail company looking for suckers.

"I want to take this course," I told my mother. "They said I have a lot of potential."

"Bonelle," my daddy said when presented the request, "I don't think he's cut out for this." But he relented after my mother argued my case, and I became a struggling artist. The more I drew and painted, the more I struggled to enjoy it.

It was over after six months. My mother gave me more credit than I deserved. And my daddy knew it all along.

Sometimes, we don't deserve any credit at all.

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

**Allendale County Council Regular Meeting**  
Allendale County Courthouse, J.W.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](mailto: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](http://www.thehodsdons.com).  
**6pm**

**Annual Missionary Program**  
New Home Baptist Church of Red Oak Community, Barnwell  
**9:30 a.m.**

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

**Sun., Aug. 25**  
**New Home Baptist Church of Red Oak Community, Barnwell, 3rd Pastoral Celebration**  
Honoring Rev. Bennie Wiggins Jr. Speaker will be Rev. Glenn Edwards and the Chapel Hill Baptist Church.  
**2pm**

**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**

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

**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.com>.  
**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**

**Town of Hilda's Festival Beauty Pageant**  
Barnwell Elementary School, 10524 Marlboro Ave, Barnwell. Beauty, Western Wear, hair, eyes, smile - \$60  
Groups: (Age as the day of the pageant)  
Boys: 0-1 mos, 12/23 mos, 2/3, 4/6, 7/9, 10/8up  
Girls: 0-1 mos, 12-23 mos, 2yr, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13-15, 16-19, 20/8up  
For more information or applications contact Melissa Goliver 803-300-8299 or Jeanette Knight 803-671-3570  
Email to [mbonnette@gmail.com](mailto:mbonnette@gmail.com).  
**Deadline for applications is September 14, 2024.**

**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.

**Sat/ 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**

**Sun., Oct. 13**  
**2024 Aiken Buddy Walk**  
Hosted by Upside of Downs of Aiken on the Quad on the University of South Carolina Aiken campus (471 University Parkway Aiken SC 29801). We hope you will join us for a fun and heart-warming day promoting awareness, acceptance and inclusion of individuals with Down syndrome. <https://charity.pledgeit.org/aikenbuddywalk>. The Aiken Buddy Walk is a free event. For more information about this event, please contact Jenny Hall at [info@aikenupsideofdowns.org](mailto:info@aikenupsideofdowns.org) or 803-646-4043. **Check-in and family fun activities start at 1pm with the walk starting at 3:21pm.**

**Sat. & Sun., Oct. 19 & 20**  
**Autumn Encampment**  
Ninety Six National Historic Site, 1103 Hwy 248, Ninety Six. Experience what life was like in the Carolina backcountry at the start of the American Revolution. Featuring guided tours, interpreters in period clothing, musket demonstrations, cricket games, National Park Museum & film. FREE event!  
864-543-4068 ext. 3, or email [Adrian\\_Stewart@nps.gov](mailto:Adrian_Stewart@nps.gov).  
Website: [www.nps.gov/nisi/](http://www.nps.gov/nisi/)  
**Sat. 9am-4pm**  
**Sun. 9am-3pm**

**Sat., Oct. 19**  
**Autumn Candlelight Tour**  
Ninety Six National Historic Site, 1103 Hwy 248, Ninety Six. Explore history by candlelight along the one-mile trail as living historians present historical scenes. Tours last about one hour and 15 minutes. Final tour starts at 9:00pm. A FREE event but reservations are required. **Reserve your spot through Eventbrite after September 8th.** Phone: 864-543-4068 ext. 3, email [Adrian\\_Stewart@nps.gov](mailto:Adrian_Stewart@nps.gov), website: [www.nps.gov/nisi/](http://www.nps.gov/nisi/)  
**6:30-10pm**

### Crossword Puzzle Solution

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S	P	E	A	K		T	E	G		S	A	S	H	
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### Sudoku Puzzle Solution

Puzzle on Page 6B

8	4	5	1	6	3	9	2	7
1	2	3	9	7	8	6	4	5
9	7	6	5	4	2	8	3	1
7	6	2	3	5	9	1	8	4
3	1	9	2	8	4	5	7	6
4	5	8	7	1	6	2	9	3
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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.  
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Register at the office building  
(803) 259-1916

### BLACKVILLE MUSEUM

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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

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(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](mailto: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](mailto:mtlebanoncc@gmail.com)  
Sunday School at 10am  
Sunday am worship 11am (blended music)  
Sunday PM Bible Study 6pm (mid July-April)  
[www.mtlebanonchristianchurch.com](http://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  
[www.facebook.com/SBCBarnwell](http://www.facebook.com/SBCBarnwell)

**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

**Springfield Missionary Baptist Church**  
132225 Hwy. 278, Barnwell  
11am Sundays, in-person worship services, masks are encouraged.  
Pastor Freddie Wright

**St. James Anglican**  
150 Pascallas St., Blackville  
Sunday Worship service with Holy Communion: 9:30am  
Evening Prayer: 6:30pm every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday.  
[stjamesanglicanblackville@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesanglicanblackville@gmail.com)  
803-671-0676 (mobile)

**St. Mary Baptist Church**  
474 Hwy. 125, Martin  
Mask and social distancing required.  
Pastor Rev. Freddrick Quattlebaum  
2nd & 4th Sundays - 10am

**St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church**  
Snelling  
Park & Praise Service  
2nd & 4th Sundays - 10am  
Face masks should be worn at all times.

**St. Peter Baptist Church**  
7110 Bay St., Elko  
Mask and social distancing required.  
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  
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Date of Death: June 20, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00137  
Personal Representative: Melissa Z. Rutland  
Address: 684 Wellington Road, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
**2024-139 3tp 8-14-24**

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

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

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

**Notice to Creditors of Estates**  
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description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Shep Andrew Lott  
Date of Death: July 7, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00140  
Personal Representative: Roxanne C. Lott  
Address: 133 Walsh Street, Williston, S.C. 29853  
**2024-143 3tp 8-14-24**

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

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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  
**2024-145 3tp 8-21-24**

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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  
**2024-146 3tp 8-21-24**

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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  
**2024-147 3tp 8-21-24**

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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  
**2024-148 3tp 8-21-24**

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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  
**2024-149 3tp 8-21-24**

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Date of Death: June 4, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00060  
Personal Representative: Thomas J. Reeves III  
Address: 928 Elm Street, Hampton, S.C. 29924  
**2024-151 3tp 8-21-24**

### NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development vs. ERNESTINE WASHINGTON, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR AT LAW OF CHARLES FRAZIER, DECEASED, AND ANY OTHER HEIRS-AT-LAW OR DISTRIBUTUTES OR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR SPOUSES, IF ANY THEY HAVE, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS WITH ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN; ALSO ANY UNKNOWN ADULTS AND THOSE PERSONS WHO MAY BE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ALL OF THEM BEING A CLASS DESIGNATED AS JOHN DOE; AND ANY UNKNOWN MINORS OR PERSONS UNDER A DISABILITY BEING A CLASS DESIGNATED AS RICHARD ROE, C/A No. 2018-CP-03-00224. The following property will be sold on September 3, 2024 at 11:00 AM at the Allendale County Courthouse to the highest bidder. ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND, WITH IMPROVEMENTS

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THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING ON U.S. HIGHWAY 321 IN THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX, COUNTY OF ALLENDALE, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND BEING SHOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT NO. SEVEN (7) CONTAINING 0.48 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, ON A PLAT PREPARED FOR ERNESTINE WASHINGTON BY RICHARD L. ALL, P.L.S., DATED NOVEMBER 3, 2004 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 21 AT PAGE 120 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT FOR ALLENDALE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA. IF FURTHER REFERENCE IS CRAVED AS TO METES, BOUNDS, COURSES AND DISTANCES, SEE THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF RECORD WHICH IS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE HEREIN AND MADE PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO ERNESTINE WASHINGTON ON 12/01/2004, BY DEED FROM J. BRYAN LOADHOLT, FILED FOR RECORD ON 12/02/2004 IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK: 170, PAGES: 280, REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR ALLENDALE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA. THEREAFTER, ERNESTINE WASHINGTON CONVEYED HIS INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY TO ERNESTINE WASHINGTON AND CHARLES FRAZIER BY RESERVING LIFE ESTATE DEED 02/05/2015 AND RECORDED 06/02/2015 IN BOOK: 254 AT PAGES: 223. THEREAFTER, CHARLES FRAZIER DIED ON 11/12/2018 THUS VESTING TITLE IN THE SURVIVING JOINT TENANT ERNESTINE WASHINGTON. TMS No. 137-01-01-006  
Property Address: 1830 N. HAMPTON AVENUE, FAIRFAX, SC 29827  
ELECTRONICALLY FILED - 2024 July 23 2:51 PM - ALLENDALE - COMMON PLEAS - CASE#2018CP0300224  
SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, AD VALOREM TAXES, EASEMENTS AND/OR, RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. TERMS OF SALE: A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 30 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 6.00% on the First Note and 1.00% on the Second Note. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Allendale County Clerk of Court at C/A 2018-CP-03-00224. Notice: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date.

Walter H. Sanders, Jr.  
Special Referee for Allendale County  
William S. Koehler  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
1201 Main Street, Suite 1450  
Columbia, SC 29201  
Phone: (803) 828-0880  
Fax: (803) 828-0881  
scfc@alaw.net  
A-4822431  
08/14/2024, 08/21/2024, 08/28/2024  
**2024-152 3tc 8-21-28**

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## INVITATION TO BID

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

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

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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: William Fraward Guinyard  
Date of Death: June 10, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00147  
Personal Representative:  
Shirley E. Guinyard  
Address: 359 Allen Street, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
**2024-153 3tp 8-21-28**

## SUMMONS

(Negligence- Automobile Wreck)  
(Jury Trial Demanded)  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
COUNTY OF BAMBERG  
CIA No.: 2024-CP-05-00091  
HELEN ROSS,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
STANLEY LANCE WILLIAMS,  
Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint on the Plaintiff or his attorneys, Lauren B. Dangerfield and J. Christopher Wilson at WILSON LAW GROUP, LLC, P.O. Box 1150 (3056 Railroad Avenue), Bamberg, South Carolina, 29003, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and, if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
Dated at Bamberg, South Carolina, on the 21st day of May, 2024.  
WILSON LAW GROUP, LLC  
s/ Lauren B. Dangerfield  
Lauren B. Dangerfield  
Bamberg, SC  
Bar no. 101111  
J. Christopher Wilson  
P.O. Box 1150  
Bamberg, SC 29003  
Telephone: (803) 245-7799  
Fax: (803) 245-0037

**NOTICE OF FILING**  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
COUNTY OF BAMBERG  
CIA No.: 2024-CP-05-00091  
HELEN ROSS,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
STANLEY LANCE WILLIAMS,  
Defendant.

TO DEFENDANT STANLEY LANCE WILLIAMS:  
Please take notice that a Summons and Complaint was filed on May 21, 2024 with the Bamberg County Clerk of Court and is available for your review upon request.  
WILSON LAW GROUP, LLC  
s/ Lauren B. Dangerfield  
Lauren B. Dangerfield  
P.O. Box 1150

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Bamberg, SC 29003  
Telephone: (803) 245-7799  
Fax: (803) 245-0037  
lauren@wilsonlawgroupsc.com  
**2024-154 3tc 8-21-28**  
**RFP: Multi-Location Electric Vehicle Charging Installation Project**  
Charging Fueling and Infrastructure Grant RFP issued on behalf of local applicants seeking project partners to design, supply, install and operate electric vehicle charging stations. 803-780-1019  
**2024-156 1tp 8-14-28**

## NOTICE OF SALE

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2020-CP-06-00239  
BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Forsythe Investors, LLC v. Butterfly House, Inc., I, the undersigned Special Referee for Barnwell County, will sell on September 3, 2024 at 11 a.m. at 141 Main Street, Barnwell, South Carolina 29812 to the highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit:  
All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land located in Blackville School District, Blackville, South Carolina, Barnwell County, containing approximately 1.34 acres as shown on a plat prepared by PinPoint Land Surveyors and certified by Charles D. Meeler, PLS recorded in the Office of the Barnwell County Clerk of Court in Book 2-E at Page 658 and which is incorporated by reference into the following description, and being bounded now or formerly as follows: On the NorthWest by state highway S-6-10, subject to the right-of-way as shown on plat, for approximately 582.21 feet; on the NorthEast by lands of Riley T. Shelton, Sr., for approximately 51.90 feet; on the South East by lands of Southern Railroad, including a railroad right of way as shown on plat, for approximately 585.76 feet; and on the South West by lands of Jerry Gleaton for approximately 131.88 feet. This being the same property conveyed to Butterfly House, Inc. by deed of Jerry Gleaton executed on April 27, 2001 and recorded in the Office of the Barnwell County Clerk of Court in Deed Book 497 at Page 298 on May 7, 2001.

AND  
All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, located in Blackville School District, Blackville, South Carolina, Barnwell County, containing approximately 5.408 acres as shown on a plat prepared by W.J. Webb P.L.S. recorded in the Office of the Barnwell County Clerk of Court in Cabinet A at Slide 293, Page 1-B, and which is incorporated by reference into the following description and being bounded now or formerly as follows: On the Northeast by lands of Butterfly House for approximately 131.86 feet; on the Southeast by lands of Southern Railroad, including a railroad right-of-way as shown on plat, for approximately 1041.37 feet; on the South by lands of Gleaton for a total distance of approximately 409.82 feet; and on the North and Northwest by state highway S-6-10, subject to the right-of-

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way as shown on plat, for approximately 1363.33 feet.  
This being the same property conveyed to Butterfly House, Inc. by deed of Jerry Gleaton executed on June 20, 2002 and recorded in the Office of the Barnwell County Clerk of Court in Deed Book 546 at Page 81 on June 24, 2002.  
TMS #: Both Parcels are Portions of 106-12-00-023  
Property Address: 488 Hampton Avenue, Blackville, South Carolina 29817  
SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, BARNWELL COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.  
**TERMS OF SALE:** The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee for Barnwell County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to cost and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Special Referee for Barnwell County may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder).  
For complete terms of sale, attention is drawn to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Order for Sale on file with the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County.  
A personal deficiency judgment being demanded, bidding will remain open for thirty (30) days after the date of sale. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 5.5% per annum.  
Should the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent fail to appear on sales day, the property shall not be sold, but shall be readvertised and sold at some convenient sales day thereafter when the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent is present. Plaintiff does not warrant its title search to purchasers at foreclosure sale or other third parties, who should have their own title search performed on the subject property. Purchaser is responsible for the preparation and filing of their deed.  
August 6, 2024  
Barnwell, South Carolina  
The Honorable James Martin Harvey, Jr.  
Special Referee for Barnwell County  
**2024-157 3tc 8-21-28**

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| 14. Ancient Chinese dynasty                          | 5. Kismet, pl.                                   |
| 15. Ringworm                                         | 6. Foolish one                                   |
| 16. Driver's license notation                        | 7. Even, poetic                                  |
| 17. Not outs                                         | 8. Useful contraption                            |
| 18. Like Cheerios                                    | 9. Lamborghini model                             |
| 19. *Piece of football equipment required since 1943 | 10. Unfavorable prefix                           |
| 21. *Peyton or Eli                                   | 11. "As ___ on TV"                               |
| 23. Napkin spot                                      | 12. Suspend                                      |
| 24. Eminem's 2002 hit "___ Yourself"                 | 15. Astrigents                                   |
| 25. Embargo                                          | 20. "The Iliad" and "The Odyssey," e.g.          |
| 28. Feed storage cylinder                            | 22. Venomous Egyptian snake                      |
| 30. Like house from a kit                            | 24. Deducible                                    |
| 35. Greek god of love                                | 25. *One of 2 NFL founding teams still in league |
| 37. Smokes                                           | 26. Lock horns                                   |
| 39. *Super Bowl I M.V.P. Bart ___                    | 27. Waterwheel                                   |
| 40. Taj Mahal locale                                 | 29. Outline                                      |
| 41. *Career rushing yards record holder              | 31. Et alii, abbr.                               |
| 43. Equals s squared                                 | 32. Got along                                    |
| 44. Regretting                                       | 33. *Like indoor eight-men football              |
| 46. *Highest college football level: ___ Division I  | 34. *Career NFL passing yards record holder      |
| 47. Extend credit                                    | 36. Without                                      |
| 48. *Seventeen games in NFL                          | 38. Wild guess                                   |
| 50. Somewhat (2 words)                               | 42. Israeli port                                 |
| 52. "Whatever Will Be, Will Be" singer               | 45. Errand-runners                               |
| 53. Mare's baby                                      | 49. Neither's partner                            |
| 55. Not a friend                                     | 51. Nuku'alofa language                          |
| 57. *55 of them                                      | 54. Meat jelly dish                              |
| 61. *Home of the NFL Hall of Fame                    | 56. Musician's exercise                          |
| 64. Hole-borer                                       | 57. "Go ___ Go!"                                 |
| 65. For every                                        | 58. Fishing decoy                                |
| 67. Color red on coat of arms                        | 59. Awestruck                                    |
| 69. Birds of ill omen                                | 60. Archery wood                                 |
| 70. Outrage                                          | 61. "Ship, Captain, ___"                         |
| 71. ___ shopping cart                                | 62. Cutlass or Delta 88, for short               |
| 72. Party barrels                                    | 63. Remaining after deductions                   |
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**FAMILY FEATURES**

Starting kindergarten is a major milestone, one that sets the stage for future learning. Ensuring children are well-equipped to enter kindergarten sets them up for a successful school year in the short term and academic career in the long term.

Kindergarten readiness encompasses a wide range of skills, including academic, social and physical abilities. Yet while many parents think of kindergarten as the formal start of their children's learning, 90% of children's brain development occurs during the first five years of life.

The brain is incredibly receptive during these formative years, making it a critical time for children to receive exposure and guidance in diverse areas. Enrolling them in a quality preschool or pre-K program is one way you can ensure they're creating building blocks for the future, but there are also steps you can take at home.

Try implementing these simple habits, recommended by Primrose Schools Chief Early Learning Officer Dr. Amy Jackson, into your family's day-to-day routine:

- **Read to your children daily to build early literacy skills.** This is a good habit to begin as early as infancy because it promotes language development, literacy and understanding of others. Make library trips and story times a special treat for toddlers and encourage preschoolers to read to you by describing what is happening in the pictures or making up their own stories. Keep books in the car so you have a fun way to pass the time on long trips or while waiting for appointments.
- **Schedule playdates for social development.** Once babies are able to sit independently, they'll likely enjoy playdates. At this age, playdates should be closely monitored since babies explore with their hands and mouths. At ages 1 and 2, young children tend to engage in parallel play rather than interacting, but organizing small groups of toddlers can continue to promote social development. Older toddlers enjoy more interactive play and begin to learn concepts like sharing.



- **Practice counting objects to 10 or more together.** It's easy to make "math talk" part of your everyday experience in other ways, too. When reading a story, ask children to count the objects on each page. When eating, encourage math connections by having children count the items on their plates. Children can also explore math through common toys and games, like shape sorters, knob puzzles and nesting cups for infants and toddlers; and large puzzles, sand or water tables and card games for preschoolers.
- **Encourage physical activities like playing on the playground.** Play isn't just for entertainment; it's a building block for healthy growth. It helps children learn from the world around them and develop traits like generosity and honesty. Because it helps children release their full range of emotions and has therapeutic benefits, play also has positive effects on mental health. In addition to supporting their social-emotional well-being, children learn to navigate the world and practice motor skills while at play.
- **Establish routines at home.** A structured school day is filled with routines that provide familiarity and comfort. Routines can serve similar benefits at home by helping children clearly understand what is expected of them and when. A morning routine makes it easy to check the boxes as you prepare for the day and work to get out the door on time. An evening routine helps everyone settle down and prepare for a good night's sleep.
- **Encourage self-regulation and social skills.** Self-regulation is the ability to understand and manage your own behavior and reactions, often displayed during actions like taking turns, transitioning from one activity to another or cleaning up for dinner. Social skills include interaction and communication abilities like speech, body language and facial expressions, as well as the ability to play with others and make friends. As a parent, you can model these skills and play games that involve taking turns and cooperation. Playdates also help facilitate positive social experiences for children.

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## Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

# Kid Scoop Junior

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## My name:

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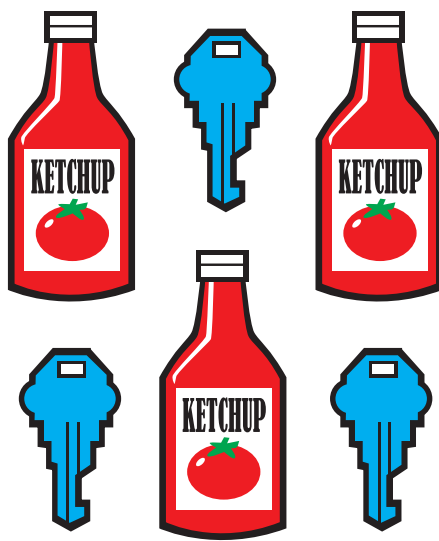
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**Learning Buddies:** Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or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

### Please Pass the Ketchup

Draw a line to connect each of the matching blobs of ketchup.



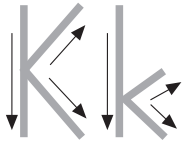
## My Rhyme Time

I like ketchup on tater tots.  
That is something I like a lot!  
Ketchup on ice cream sounds just awful,  
So does ketchup on a waffle!

## My Letters

**K** is for Ketchup

**k** is for ketchup



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

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

## My Numbers

How many  ketchup bottles?

How many  keys?



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

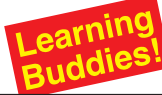
## My Sentence

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

Left **Ketchup is** \_\_\_\_\_



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Letter Identification</b> With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter <b>K</b> in <b>ketchup</b> .	<b>Math Play</b> Point to the number <b>3</b> in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	<b>Big K and Little k</b> On one page of the newspaper, search for an uppercase <b>K</b> and a lowercase letter <b>k</b> . Draw a line to connect the two. Can you find more uppercase and lowercase <b>K-k</b> pairs?	<b>Lost and Found</b> Read a <b>Lost and Found</b> advertisement about a lost animal. Ask your child to pretend to be that animal and tell how it feels to be lost. Next, ask your child to pretend to be the person who lost the animal and tell how he feels.	<b>Action!</b> Look at pictures of people in the sports pages. Talk about what action the person in the picture is doing, such as running, kicking, throwing, etc. Name the action and then have your child act it out.	<b>Spell Mom's Name</b> Show your child how to spell his/her mother's, grandmother's or special adult friend's name. Then find the letters that spell that name in the newspaper. Draw a line to connect the letters from beginning to end, saying the letters out loud.	<b>My Mom Likes</b> Have your child look through the newspaper to find pictures of things he/she thinks his/her mother, grandmother or special adult friend likes. Cut these pictures out and glue them on a piece of paper to make an "I Love You!" card.
<p><b>Learning Buddy Sign Here</b>                      I have completed _____ activities with my Learning Buddy.</p> <p>_____ Date</p>						



**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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# The Monk Seals of Hawaii

## Endangered Marine Mammal

Swimming in the warm, clear waters of Hawaii is a cute animal with large eyes. It's called the monk seal.

Unfortunately, the Hawaiian monk seal is one of the most endangered marine mammals in the world.

Hawaiians call the seal 'Ilio holo i ka uaua.

Circle every other letter to find out what 'Ilio holo i ka uaua means.

DA O L G Z T N H V A P T O R W U C  
 N J S T I A N M R I O A U K G I  
 H R W I A J T L E U R Y

DO \_\_\_\_\_ ER \_\_\_\_\_

## Why is it called a monk seal?

The folds of skin around the seal's neck look like a cowl, or hood. Also, monk seals spend a lot of time alone, or in small groups.



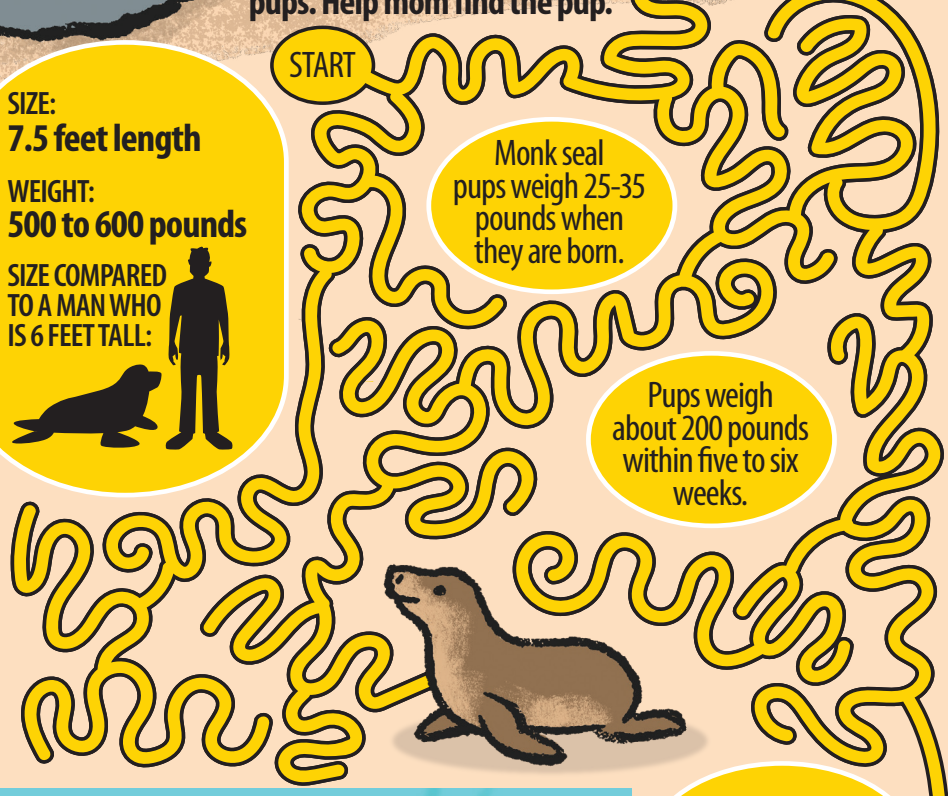
Baby monk seals are called pups. Help mom find the pup.

SIZE: 7.5 feet length  
 WEIGHT: 500 to 600 pounds  
 SIZE COMPARED TO A MAN WHO IS 6 FEET TALL:



Monk seal pups weigh 25-35 pounds when they are born.

Pups weigh about 200 pounds within five to six weeks.



Monk seal nostrils are small vertical slits. They close when they dive.

## The Good News

When people realized that the number of Hawaiian monk seals was getting smaller, they started taking actions to protect them. In 2022, the Hawaiian monk seal population was estimated to be between 1,512 and 1,743. This was the first time in over 20 years that the population surpassed 1,570.

Standards Link: Understand people impact other living things.

## Deep Divers

Monk seals can hold their breath for up to 20 minutes as they forage in the coral reef. They can dive deep under the sea to more than 1,800 feet!

How many fish can you find in the coral reef?



## Extra! Extra! The Adjective Hunt

The word **marine** is an adjective, which describes the noun that comes after it in a sentence. Select one page of the newspaper and circle 10 adjectives. Underline the nouns that they each describe.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify adjectives in use.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

Monk seals are **generalist** feeders and eat different kinds of marine animals. Circle the animals that you think a monk seal will eat. Then, check your answers by doing the math. The items that add up to even numbers are what monk seals will eat.

<p>crab</p> <p>7 + 4 + 1 =</p>	<p>fish</p> <p>5 + 3 + 2 =</p>	<p>seagulls</p> <p>3 + 4 + 2 =</p>	<p>octopus</p> <p>2 + 2 + 2 =</p>
<p>urchins</p> <p>4 + 8 + 4 =</p>	<p>eels</p> <p>8 + 3 + 3 =</p>	<p>corn dogs</p> <p>5 + 5 + 7 =</p>	<p>shrimp</p> <p>6 + 8 + 2 =</p>

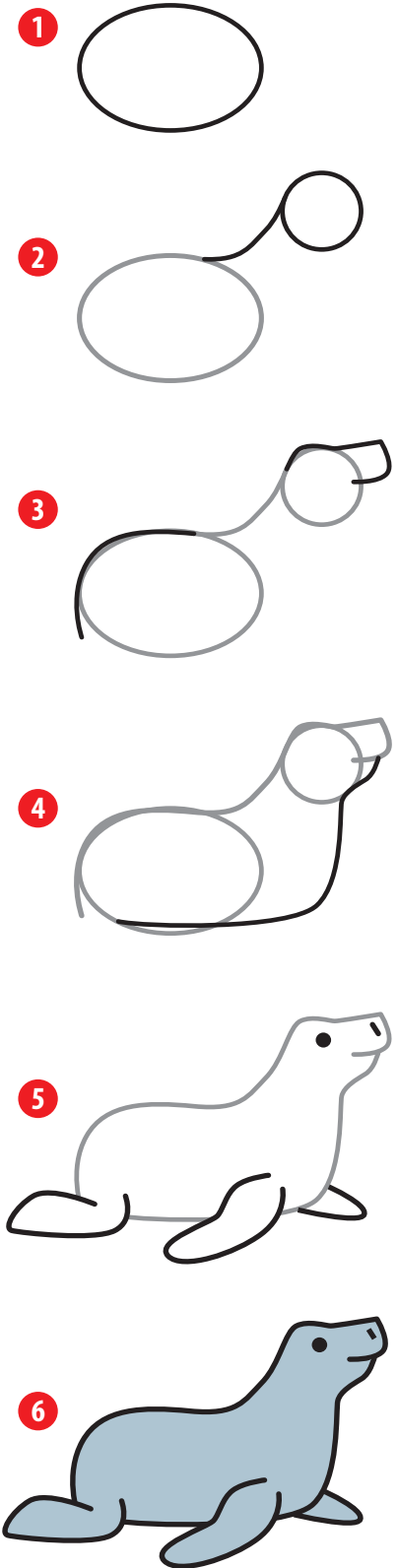
Standards Link: Life Science: Understand that some animals are generalist feeders.

## Double Double Word Search

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

BABY BREATH CORAL CUTE EYES FIRST HAWAII HOLD HOOD MAMMAL MONK REEF SEALS UNDER YEARS	U N E T B P D L O H N S R Y U C O V H T D L E B K N O M A B E Y E A R S H R W C R O N B L A M M A M E Q F I R S T Z I L E Y P W V H S J I A F U E T U C X O Y J L N H S H T A E R B
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



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## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **MARINE**  
 The word **marine** is an adjective that means living in the sea.  
 The monk seal is a **marine** mammal.  
 Try to use the word **marine** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

## FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

### Animal Athletes

Look through the newspaper to find four sports. For each one, select an animal that would excel at this sport. Write a story about your four animal athletes.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write stories that have a beginning, middle and end.

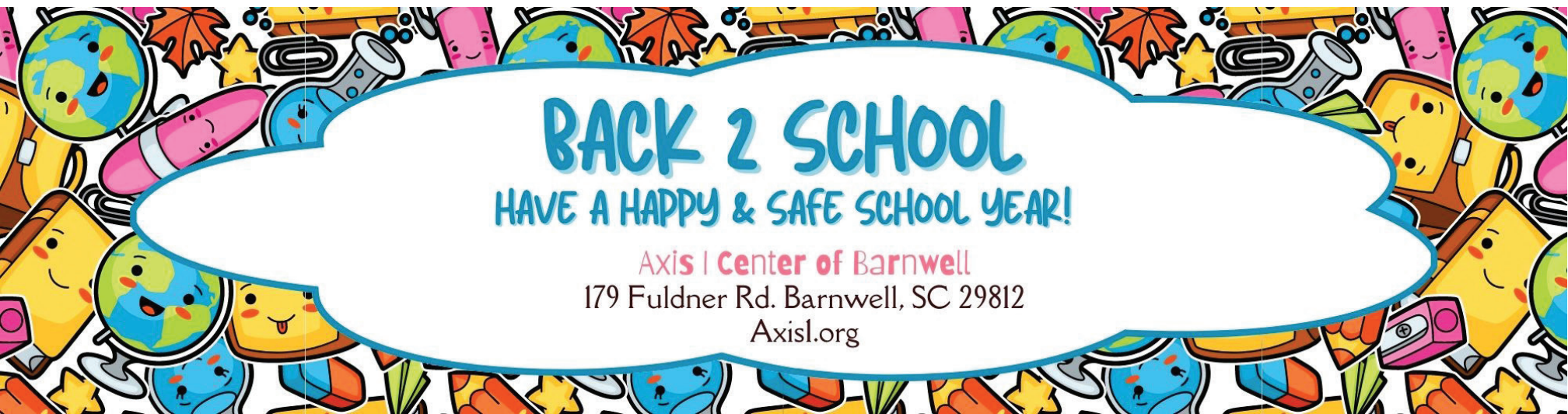
What kind of music do seals try to avoid?

ANSWER: Orca-straw music!

## Write On!

### Animal Family

If you were an animal, which would you be and why? Which animals would be in the rest of your family?



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