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Volunteers and town officials joined together to distribute water purchased by the Town of Williston during Labor Day water outages. Pictured are Councilman Eric Moody, Pastor Jaime Wootten, Recreation Chairman Joe Welch, and volunteers Allen and Alex Searson.

Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

## Water's out in Williston

### Community sprung into action over Labor Day water outages

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Williston residents were without water or with low water pressure throughout Labor Day weekend after three breaks in main lines. A quick response by town officials and crews brought repairs by Monday in what was being called an "emergency situation," by Mayor Brett Williams.

The breaks began on Friday, August 30 after the motor failed on the pump at the Schuler Street well, "which led to an increase in pressure within the waterlines, causing several major breaks in the system," said Mayor Williams.

When the Schuler Street well's motor failed, the back up well on Elko Street kicked on. Air remaining in the lines from the



Part of road buckled at the intersection of Elko St. and Springfield Rd. as a result of consecutive main water line breaks.

Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

stalling of the broken motor caused the ruptures.

Breaks occurred at the intersection of Elko Street and Springfield Road, on western end of Main Street, and on Wactor Street. Numerous service lines, such as one on Merchant Street

behind apartment buildings, also broke as a result.

Residents traveling near the intersection of Elko Street and Springfield Road can see cones marking off an area where the

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## Residents frustrated after some P.O. boxes locked, mail returned without warning

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A routine trip to the post office to check mail turned into a frustrating situation for some residents and businesses who found their boxes locked.

Holders of over 100 P.O. boxes at the Barnwell Post Office had their boxes locked and mail returned. The post office said they did not pay their annual fee, but the box holders said they never got invoices or a follow-up warning letter. They were told they would have to be issued a new box number and have their mail forwarded, according to box holders who contacted *The People-Sentinel*.

"I've had my P.O. box for 63 years. They let me know I'd have to purchase a new one, a new number, and fill out a change of address form. It's very frustrating," said Vera Bodiford.

Bodiford and other impacted box holders who contacted *The People-Sentinel* said they never received a bill to let them know their payment was due. They also never got a warning letter that their box would be cut off.

"I've had my box for 56 years and never missed a payment. They didn't give me a notice the payment was due and sure didn't give me notice it was going to be closed," said Libbus Sanders.

P.O. boxes are a lifeline for many people, particularly senior citizens who don't have access to the internet to receive and pay bills.

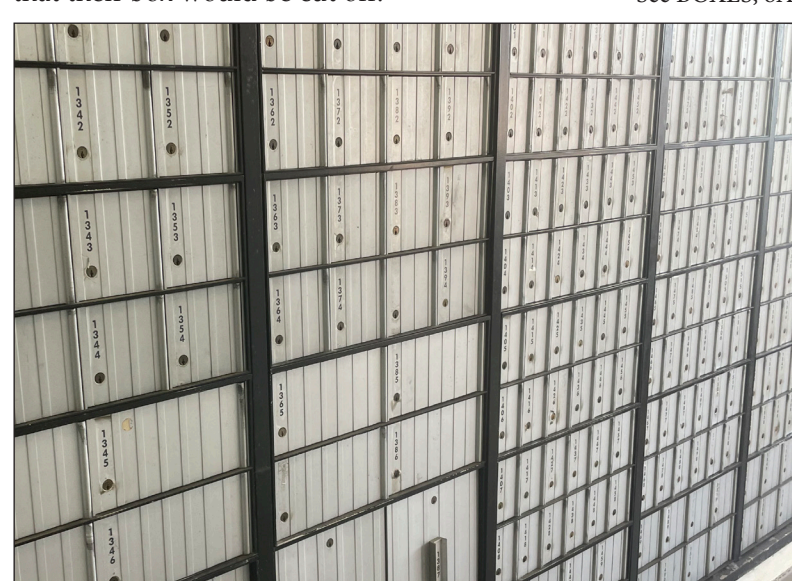
"My mom is 85 years old and doesn't do the internet," said Sanders' daughter, Lisa Firmender, of how her mother relies on the mail she receives to her post office box.

Dale Brady said the box his family has had since 1988 was impacted. "It would appear that this is the result of a failure to send out billing notices to these box holders in a timely fashion," he said.

Residents weren't the only people impacted. Some businesses, who rely on boxes to receive their bills and checks, were also impacted.

"There are many businesses here in the City of Barnwell who have had their businesses for well over 40-50 years and have

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A number of P.O. box holders at the Barnwell Post Office said they were surprised to learn their boxes were closed and mail returned last week due to non-payment. They said they never got a bill.

## Superintendent addresses consolidation misinformation

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The Barnwell County School District board held its first meeting since the consolidation of the county's districts took effect July 1. School employees, parents, candidates for school board, and other community members attended the August 27 meeting at the Barnwell Primary School auditorium. Two Augusta, Ga. television stations were also in attendance, in addition to *The People-Sentinel* which is always in attendance.

### Addressing Misinformation

Superintendent Dr. Crissie Stapleton presented the latest with the Consolidation Plan. According to a letter to the editor received by *The People-Sentinel* and reports by WJBF and Fox 54, some people

thought this would provide an update on the new county-wide high school, particularly where it will be built.

"Decisions about school consolidation cannot be made behind closed doors. The community—parents, teachers, students, and local leaders—must have a seat at the table. It is disheartening to learn of the Barnwell County School District Board's plan to vote on the location of the new school in a private session versus the open community meeting taking place on August 27, 2024. Open dialogue and transparency are essential for building trust and ensuring that the needs of all students are met," said Columbia resident Shaneen Dials-Corujo in a letter to the editor submitted August 28.

After receiving this letter and seeing false statements on social media and in TV news reports,

Stapleton responded to clarify the misinformation.

"There seems to be some miscommunication and misinformation circulating that the consolidation plan is the plan for a new high school. This is not accurate. The consolidation plan, which was presented and approved at the August 2023 regular board meeting, has been discussed at every monthly board meeting for the past year. This plan outlines the actual consolidation of district operations—how departments will be merged, how operational protocols will be consolidated, how needs assessments will be conducted to ensure equity districtwide, and more. In short, the Barnwell County Consolidation Plan addresses how the district is consolidating into our new countywide school district," said Stapleton in a letter to the

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# Future is Now: SRS introduces automation into downblended plutonium shipping package receipt/inspection process

Contributed Savannah River Nuclear Solutions

Contractor employees at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site (SRS) have recently entered the final testing stage of a multi-year project to introduce automation into two projects related to the Surplus Plutonium Disposition (SPD) Program, resulting in multiple benefits for personnel while saving taxpayer dollars.

The SPD mission will expand the existing plutonium dilute and dispose process in a plutonium handling and interim storage facility at SRS to support the removal of plutonium from the state of South Carolina. The downblended material is packaged in 55-gallon Criticality Control Overpack (CCO) drums and staged on a designated storage pad until it is characterized and ready to be shipped to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in New Mexico for disposal.

In 2019, while evaluating potential efficiency improvements to packaging operations, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS), the managing and operating contractor at SRS, and the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) identified the benefits of automation. Through NNSA funding, SRNS partnered with the Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) to assess a long-term strategy for infusing automation into future operations.

"The SRNS-SRNL team determined that automation could be used for the SPD Program— both for receipt and inspection of incoming empty CCOs and for facilitating movements of loaded drums on an interim storage pad, where they are held until shipment to



An Automated Guided Vehicle will be used to deliver shipping containers between staging and shipping inspection locations in a characterization and storage facility at SRS.

WIPP for disposal," said Rich Koenig, Advanced Technology Program Manager for SRNS.

Koenig explained that automation serves three primary benefits.

"First, it allows SRNS to reassign operators who would normally perform the receipt and inspection tasks to areas where their skills are better utilized," he said. "The second benefit is the cost savings that will be realized through increased throughput and the reduction in process costs. And the third eventual benefit incorporates ALARA principles by using an Automated Guided Vehicle to remove operators from areas with elevated radiological dose."

ALARA (As Low As Reasonably Achievable) is a set of principles that seeks to limit workers' exposure to radiation as much as possible by limiting the time workers are exposed and providing shielding or alternative work methods, such as automation, to keep workers safe.

"We have tens of thousands of CCOs coming into the plutonium handling and interim storage facility

over the next three decades," said Koenig. "Before diluted plutonium is packaged into the CCOs, they have to be inspected and reviewed before delivery into a security area, ensuring the safety and security of the workers and the materials."

The CCO inspection process is the first area to use automation within the SPD program. The process will use a robotic arm to perform pre-use inspections and security checks after the drum is delivered to the inspection area by an Automated Guided Vehicle (AGV). SRNL engineers developed custom tooling and software for the inspection process.

The CCO Characterization and Storage Pad facility at SRS will provide the second automation opportunity, where an AGV will deliver shipping containers between staging and shipping inspection locations. With the addition of a specialized tool on the AGV, drums can be placed in horizontal storage racks to increase the storage capability on the pad by 50% over the current process of storing drums on stacked pallets.

"Using the AGV will

allow us to stack drums more safely and efficiently in horizontal positions; without the AGV, that process would take several operators and a forklift working in a radiological area. By automating the process, we remove the operator from specific work hazards, and we incorporate ALARA principles to reduce radiation exposure, all while greatly expanding our storage capacity," said Koenig.

As automation can be used across the Department of Energy Complex, several sites have already visited SRS to learn more. "This is a really exciting venture for SRS," said Koenig. "I am looking forward to seeing how automation can benefit operations and processes in the future."

Plutonium is diluted, or downblended, at SRS in a process that mixes plutonium oxide with a multicomponent adulterant to produce a proliferation-resistant form that can never again be readily used in nuclear weapons.

To see a video highlighting automation, go to <https://vimeo.com/973089988?share=copy>.

## Health, early childhood grant deadline set for September 10

The Tri-County Community Foundation is a community based organization supported by charitable donations to improve the quality of life in Barnwell, Allendale, and Bamberg counties.

Grant funding in amounts up to \$1,000 is available to qualified service providers in the areas of early childhood education (4K to grade 3) and health/fitness. A total of \$40,000 was awarded last year. Eligible organizations include, but are not limited to,

churches, public schools, municipal governments, civic groups, or other non-profit health or education entities.

The deadline for applications is September 10, 2024. Awards will be announced in October 2024.

Grant application and guidelines are online at [www.TCCFSC.org](http://www.TCCFSC.org) or you may call the office.

For further information please contact Edward F. Moore, executive director, at (803) 259-2021 or P.O. Box 160, Barnwell, S.C. 29812.

## Tabernacle Choir's World "Hope" Tour Concert offers free online viewing

The world-renowned Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square will perform with Morehouse College and Spelman College glee clubs in Atlanta on September 11 at 7 p.m. You can watch the special event in a free live broadcast in your home, on your phone, tablet, computer, or smart tv by going to [www.tabernaclechoir.org](http://www.tabernaclechoir.org) on the date and time or picking up a card with the QR code from these locations: *The People-Sentinel* or the Knapp Law Firm, or call 803-443-5415 to have the postcard mailed to you.

The Tabernacle Choir, which is composed of 360 members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is embarking on a tour of the southeast United States as part of its four-year world tour, which already included Mexico and the Philippines.

Their visit to Morehouse College in Atlanta comes just one year after the choir performed with them in a broadcast in Salt Lake City. "The music was unforgettable,"

said Morehouse Glee Club president Michael Leavitt. "When these great organizations perform together, the result is both beautiful and culturally significant."

The Tabernacle Choir's weekly broadcast of Music & the Spoken Word which first aired in 1929 is the world's longest weekly network broadcast providing messages of hope and comfort through music. It now produces versions of the weekly broadcast in Spanish and Portuguese.

"We feel the greatest gift our music can give the world at this time is hope," said Choir Director Mark Wilberg. Guest performers of the annual Christmas concerts at Temple Square often remark on how they grew up watching the choir's specials on PBS.

"We hope many of our friends and neighbors will take the opportunity to watch the Atlanta concert using the QR code," said local church leader President Nathan Hancock. "This choir is truly a joy."

## Affordable health screenings coming to Barnwell September 9

Residents living in and around the Barnwell can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Barnwell County Museum (9426 Marlboro Ave., Barnwell) will host this community event on Sept. 9.

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# Public invited to discuss Capital Project Sales Tax meetings

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Officials for Barnwell County and its municipalities invite residents to learn how their pennies have the potential to create progress.

Local mayors along with town council members and county council members are hosting four community information meetings in September to inform and educate citizens on the Capital Project Sales Tax (CPST) referendum. This is in advance of the November 5 general election where voters will decide whether to approve the CPST – or penny tax – that will fund various projects around the county.

"Everyone from the local, county, and commission-level has worked hard to determine needed projects and costs of those projects that will appear on the ballot. It has been an awesome collaboration between all elected officials in our county. While we cannot encourage or discourage

how an individual should vote, it is our hope that the meetings will help our citizens understand the great impact that these funds can have in our towns and county. These funds have the potential to greatly improve safety and security while also allowing our communities' livelihood to thrive," said Hilda Mayor April Hutto.

If passed, the projected total collection county-wide would be \$17,780,062. This total will be allocated between the county and municipalities based on population. Much of the funding will be bonded to the county and municipalities, allowing multiple projects in each area to begin simultaneously and mitigating the future costs of inflation.

"The Capital Project Sales Tax helps fund projects such as purchasing police cars, improving infrastructure, security and the quality of life throughout our county that are necessary without increasing tax rates or service rates in the municipalities. In fact, the very first item for the City

of Barnwell is a project that will reduce taxes for the citizens who reside or own property within the city limits of Barnwell," said Barnwell Mayor Ron Still of paying off the new fire station.

The county and each of the seven municipalities selected projects for their allotted portion of the CPST funds. That allotment is based on population.

"The Capital Project Sales Tax II will fund vital projects across Barnwell County, including a new animal shelter, landfill upgrades, and several other initiatives identified by our municipalities. This list also includes a versatile amphitheater on Lake Edgar Brown, which will serve as a hub for community events and enhance quality of life," said Barnwell County Councilman Daniel Alexander of some of the county's projects. "I encourage all residents to attend these meetings to learn about these projects and how they're funded by sales tax rather than property tax. Your involvement is greatly appreciated as we work together to shape the future of Barnwell County."

This CPST, if approved, would not be a new tax. Rather, it would be a continuation of the 8-year CPST passed by voters in 2016. The 2016 CPST, which is set to expire soon, has funded a new police station in Barnwell, the splash

pad at Fuller Park, a new town hall in Kline, water system improvements, and courthouse improvements, just to name a few.

"Each of us that live in Barnwell County have been paying this one cent tax for the last eight years. This is by far the fairest tax because everyone pays the one cent tax on any purchases made, regardless if you live here or just happen to be passing through," said Mayor Still.

Over the past seven years, Williston Mayor Brett Williams said the CPST has been "instrumental in aligning and funding several upcoming projects that will greatly benefit our community. The CPST is crucial because it helps to reduce the financial strain on our residents by minimizing the need for fee and property tax increases. The CPST provides our municipality with vital opportunities to fund essential projects that enhance infrastructure, implement upgrades, and adopt new technologies to improve our services. As mayor of Williston, I strongly support the CPST as a means to alleviate the need for fee and property tax increases that would otherwise burden our residents."

Blackville Mayor Ronnie Pernell said he believes the CPST is the "fairest and easiest way that the municipalities within Barnwell County can improve the lives of

their citizens. This tax will provide funds to the municipalities that will aid in economic growth that will improve our water and sewage systems, the removal of blighted areas, buying equipment that are desperately needed, upgrading recreation facilities and many more things within our respective communities."

Mayor Williams encourages all residents to participate in the upcoming meetings which will "provide an overview of the proposed projects and offer insight into how

they will positively impact our community."

"It is important for our citizens throughout the county to attend at least one of the CPST meetings to get a clear understanding of what the Capital Project Sales Tax actually is and how important the Capital Project Sales Tax is to all the municipalities in Barnwell County to help maintain the security and the safety of our citizens," said Mayor Still.

These meetings are the perfect time for residents to ask questions about the CPST.

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## Barnwell County Arrest Reports

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**Quentin Cornelius Blake**, 44, of 779 Healing Springs Road, Blackville, S.C. was arrested on September 1, 2024 by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) for Fail-

ure to Appear. Blake was booked and released to the Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).

**Terry Oneal Brown**, 55, of 779 Healing Springs Road, Blackville, S.C. was arrested on August 30, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Brown was booked and released to BCDC.

**Tyquan Horace Brunson**, 34, of 2434 Black River Road, Barnwell, S.C. was

arrested on August 30, 2024 by BCSO for Criminal Domestic Violence. Brunson was booked and released to BCDC.

**Shelley Dwain Gunnells**, 45, of 125 Dam Lane, Blackville, S.C. was arrested on August 26, 2024 by BCSO for Interference, Hindering Officers from Serving Warrant or Rescuing Prisoner. Gunnells was booked and released to BCDC.

**Eldon Thomas Johnson Jr.**, 69, of 78 Connor Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on August 29, 2024 by BCSO for Breach of Trust. Johnson was booked and released to BCDC.

**Reco J. Simpson**, 35, of 306 Litchfield Street Apt. 348, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on August 30, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Child Support. Simpson was booked and released to BCDC.

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## BIRTH



Charles Forrest Phalen was born on July 23, 2024.

### Charles Forrest Phalen

Cera and Ryan Phalen of Summerville are proud to announce the birth of their son, Charles Forrest Phalen. He was born on July 23, 2024 at 1:31 a.m. at MUSC in Charleston. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 20.5 inches long. He was welcomed home by older brother Hunter. Grandparents are Ricky and Teresa Bowers of Allendale, Sherri and Ray Hancock of Summerville, and Marty and Judy Phalen of Lexington. Great-grandmothers are Polly Brant of Ulmer and Gladys Phalen of Summerville.

## RETIREMENT



Geronia Johnson (center) was the center of attention at her July 20 retirement party. She's pictured with Rhonda Fulmer (SRPFCU assistant vice president of member experience), Victoria Gunnells (assistant Barnwell branch manager), Angela Cotton (Barnwell branch manager), and Stephanie Hutto (Williston branch manager). Jonathan Vickery / Publisher

### Geronia Johnson retires from SRP Federal Credit Union

Geronia Johnson is officially off the clock. July 26, 2024 marked Johnson's retirement from SRP Federal Credit Union (SRPFCU) as the front line service supervisor at the Barnwell branch. She served 18 years with SRPFCU. "Geronia has been a blessing to myself, our team, and members at SRPFCU for 18 years," said Barnwell branch manager Angela Cotton. "We wish her many blessings in her retirement and wonderful times spent with her husband John and family." Johnson started working for SRPFCU as a teller on June 6, 2006. "She came highly recommended by Cliff Rodgers from her previous job at the Winton Inn," said Cotton. Many SRPFCU members looked forward to seeing Johnson's smiling face behind the counter when they visited the Barnwell branch. However, she also is active in the community. "Geronia has a passion for God and little children. She is active in her church, Rosemary Baptist, and any community activity that SRPFCU participated in," said Cotton. Family, friends, her pastor and church family, and co-workers came together to celebrate Johnson on July 20 during a retirement party, just a few days before her last day of work. "God has blessed me. I thank everyone that I have ever worked with at SRP," said Johnson. July 26 was doubly special as it also marked her 24th wedding anniversary to her husband, Johnny Johnson Jr.



Angela Cotton pins a flower on Geronia Johnson in celebration of her retirement.



Geronia Johnson (left) with her pastor, Sarah C. Perkins of Rosemary Baptist.

## BIRTH



Paisley Gray Platts was born on August 7, 2024.

### Paisley Gray Platts

Payton Platts and Dj Platts of Barnwell are proud to announce the birth of their first child, daughter Paisley Gray Platts. She was born on August 7, 2024 at 10:54 a.m. in Aiken. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 21 inches long. Grandparents are Missy and Drew Platts and Susan Miles. Great-grandparents are Pamela Grubbs, Linda Cobb, and Felicia Haddon.

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EQUAL HOUSING LENDER

## Allendale County School Board reviews student test scores, discusses filling teacher vacancies

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At its first meeting of the 2024-25 academic year, the Allendale County School District (ACSD) board reviewed test score averages for students. **School Report Cards** At the meeting, superintendent Dr. Vallerie Cave announced SCReady test scores for students, and compared them to previous years. Cave said that although students showed year-over-year improvements,

test scores remain low. "We're nowhere near where we need to be because I'm not proud of 39.1 [percent]," Cave said. "We need to be far above that. ... The numbers are a little bit better, but we still have a long way to go." Cave encouraged parents to be more involved in the education process, and said more community involvement in the education process will help strengthen the school district. "When [students] get behind, it's really hard to get them caught up," Cave



ACSD Superintendent Dr. Vallerie Cave addressed changes to our calendar, policies, and code of conduct.



Dr. Johnnie Miller discussed the successes of hiring initiatives and how the district recently filled over 30 positions.

Photos Contributed by ACSD

### NOTICE OF ALLENDALE COUNTY REFERENDUM

The Allendale County Voter Registration and Elections Office has received an ordinance enacted by the Allendale County Council authorizing a Capital Project Sales and Use Tax Referendum ballot question. Pursuant to the ordinance a referendum is being held during the general election on November 5, 2024.

The ballot question authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds, in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00. The ballot question also proposes to impose a sales and use tax and authorizes the sales and use tax to defray debt service on bonds issued to pay the cost of certain projects listed in the ballot question.

The question to appear on the ballot on November 5, 2024, (as stated between the "\*\*\*\*\*") is as follows:

- Projects:
- \$968,000 Bay Shore Drive and Citadel Street Wastewater Pumping Station Improvements Project (FAIRFAX)
  - \$263,000 Water System Improvements Project (ULMER)
  - \$253,000 Fire Station Construction Project (SYCAMORE)
  - \$750,000 Fire Department Pumper/Tanker Acquisition Project (ALLENDALE COUNTY)
  - \$315,000 31 Yard Waste Truck Acquisition Project (ALLENDALE)
  - \$274,000 E-911 Facility and Equipment Improvements Project (ALLENDALE COUNTY)
  - \$212,000 Water Meter Improvements Project (ALLENDALE)
  - \$132,000 Public Works Backhoe Acquisition Project (ALLENDALE)
  - \$131,000 Public Works Backhoe Acquisition Project (ALLENDALE COUNTY)
  - \$195,000 Sheriff's Department Vehicle Acquisition Project (ALLENDALE COUNTY)
  - \$250,000 Convenience Center Construction Project (ALLENDALE COUNTY)
  - \$250,000 Water and Sewer System Improvements Project (ALLENDALE)
  - \$220,000 John Edward Harter Nursing Home Plumbing Improvements Project (ALLENDALE COUNTY)
  - \$500,000 Community Swimming Pool Construction Project (ALLENDALE COUNTY)
  - \$68,000 Public Works Mini-Excavator Acquisition Project (ALLENDALE)
  - \$150,000 Fire Department Cascade System Acquisition Project (ALLENDALE COUNTY)
  - \$75,000 Public Works Equipment Acquisition Project (ALLENDALE COUNTY)
  - \$100,000 USC-Salkehatchie Brant Building Parking Lot Improvements Project (ALLENDALE COUNTY)

TOTAL COST OF PROJECTS: \$5,106,000

CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF THE SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE COLLECTED UNDER THE CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX ACT:

The capital project sales and use tax shall be used and expended for procurement, design, engineering, construction, improvement, reimbursement, or similar type uses of the Projects listed above. Net proceeds of the sales and use tax must be expended for the purposes stated, with the projects listed above expected to be funded simultaneously. The completion of the above projects funded by the sales and use tax is subject to acquisition of property and right-of-way, design and engineering considerations, funding of projects from other sources, bids in excess of project estimates, qualifications of bidders, cost overruns, financing costs, exhaustion of net sales and use tax revenues prior to the completion of the projects stated above and other unforeseen circumstances and conditions, which, if any of these circumstances are encountered, the County Council reserves the right to make adjustments to the projects accordingly which do not add, delete or change the projects as originally submitted by the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission. In the event the capital project sales and use tax proceeds are inadequate for the payment of the bonds, the source of payment of the bonds will be ad valorem property taxes levied on all property located in Allendale County.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

All qualified electors desiring to vote in favor of imposing the capital project sales and use tax and issuing bonds for the stated purposes shall vote "YES." All qualified electors opposed to levying the capital project sales and use tax and issuing bonds shall vote "NO."

YES \_\_\_\_\_  
NO \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Council for Allendale County will conduct a Public Hearing relating to an Ordinance "ENACTING THE ALLENDALE COUNTY BUDGET FOR FY 2024-2025."

The Public Hearing will be held in the County Council Chambers at the Allendale County Courthouse, 292 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, South Carolina, at 6:00p.m. on September 12, 2024. At the time and place fixed for this Public Hearing, all taxpayers, residents, or other interested persons who appear will be given an opportunity to express their views for or against the matters contemplated by the Ordinance. Any person wishing to submit written comments may submit them to P. O. Box 190, Allendale, South Carolina, 29810, no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 9, 2024.

In compliance with ADA Section 504, Allendale County is prepared to make accommodations for individuals with disabilities needing special assistance. Special assistance requests should be made to the County Council Office at 803-584-3438 at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the scheduled Public Hearing.

By order of the County Council of Allendale County, South Carolina

#### ALLENDALE COUNTY GOVERNMENT PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET

##### REVENUES

	BUDGET 2023-2024	PROPOSED BUDGET 2023 - 2024	PERCENT CHANGE
GENERAL FUND	\$ 11,828,838.00	\$12,585,241.00	
FIRE FUND		\$ 1,028,805.00	
ENTERPRISE FUND		\$ 935,599.00	
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 11,828,838.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,549,645.00</b>	<b>23.0015</b>

##### EXPENDITURES

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##### MILLAGE

	BUDGET 2023-2024*	ESTIMATED MILLAGE 2024-2025
CURRENT MILLAGE - OPERATIONS	183.98	216.77
COUNTY FIRE SERVICE	29.02	34.19
HOSPITAL	16	16.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>266.96</b>

NOTE: ABOVE AMOUNTS AND MILLAGE RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON THIRD READING

1 Mill = \$19,807.00

said. "We need them to stay after school, we need them to do the things that we ask of them, and parents need to help with that."

#### Teacher shortage resolutions

At the meeting, Johnnie Miller, chief human resources officer in the Allendale County School District, said the district has begun closing the gap on its teacher shortage. After long periods of having a large number of open positions, many have been filled.

"We are extremely excited because we had several positions we needed to fill between the end of [last] school year and the beginning of this school year," Miller said. "I can definitely say that collaboratively, we were able to fill many of those positions."

Miller said the school district now only has five full-time-equivalent vacancies, some of which are currently filled by substitutes. Many of the vacant positions were filled by virtual teachers through Fullmind, a virtual teaching company that partners school districts with virtu-



The district celebrated two middle school students, Tyrese Hammond and Lucy Krebs, attended the Governor's School of Science and Mathematics Summer Camp thanks to a scholarship.

al educators.

#### Additional school days and budget approval

As a result of school closures during Tropical Storm Debby, the ACSD voted to add three days to the school district's calendar. The days decided upon were October 7-9.

"By law we have to make up those three days," Cave said. "I have already reviewed this with our staff ... and then I met with all

the principals, as well as assistant principals and staff, and we came to an agreement that they feel as though that's the best recommendation."

Cave also said that the school board's 2024-25 budget was approved by state superintendent Ellen Weaver. The details of the budget have been previously reported by *The People-Sentinel*.

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## NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ALLENDALE

The General Election, Town of Allendale and Special Election for Town of Allendale for federal, state, county, and other local offices will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Any person wishing to vote in this election must register no later than Sunday, October 6, 2024. Voter registration by mail forms will be accepted if postmarked by Monday, October 7, 2024.

The early voting period for this election begins on Monday, October 21 and ends on Saturday, November 2. The following early voting centers will be open during the early voting period from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday (closed Sunday, October 27).

Early Voting Location: 158 McNair Street, Allendale SC 29810

Voters will be asked to provide one of the following Photo IDs when voting in person.

- S.C. Driver's License
  - Includes standard License and REAL ID
- S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles ID Card
  - Includes standard ID card and REAL ID
  - Includes SC Concealed Weapons Permit
- S.C. Voter Registration Card with Photo
- Federal Military ID
  - Includes all Department of Defense Photo IDs and Veterans Affairs Benefits Card
- U.S. Passport
  - Includes US Passport ID Card

If you have one of these Photo IDs, you are ready to vote. Voters should remember to bring one of these IDs with them to the polling place. Voters without Photo ID can get one free of charge from the Department of Motor Vehicles or their county voter registration office. Voters who encounter an obstacle to getting a Photo ID should bring their paper voter registration card without a photo with them to their polling place. These voters can then sign an affidavit swearing to their identity and to their obstacle to obtaining a Photo ID and vote a provisional ballot. This ballot will count unless the county board of voter registration and elections has grounds to believe the affidavit is false. For more information on Photo ID, visit scVOTES.gov or contact your county board of voter registration and elections.

At 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 5, the County Board of Voter Registration and Elections will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at 158 McNair Street, Allendale SC 29810 - 803-584-4178.

At 11:00 AM on Friday, November 8, the County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in this election. This hearing will be held at 158 McNair Street, Allendale SC 29810.

The following precincts and polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on election day. Always check your polling place at scVOTES.gov before leaving to vote in any election.

Precincts	Polling Places	Address
Allendale No. 1 - Allendale 2 Woods	Brandt Building	398 Barnwell Hwy Allendale, SC 29810
Fairfax No. 1 - Fairfax 2	Fairfax Municipal Building	560 4th St W Fairfax, SC 29827
Martin	Martin Fire Department	175 Chert Quarry Rd Martin, SC 29836
Sycamore	Sycamore Town Hall	226 E Main St Sycamore, SC 2984
Ulmer	Ulmer Town Hall	148 Ulmer Rd Ulmer, SC 29849
Early Voting	Voter Reg. & Elections Office	158 McNair St Allendale, SC 29810



## Letter to the Community

### To our BCSD Families and Community,

As we bring to a close the first month of the new school year, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to all of our staff and families within Barnwell County School District (BCSD) who have worked together to make this a great start to the 2024-2025 year.

I am deeply grateful to each of our staff members—whether they are working in the cafeteria, teaching in the classroom, managing bus duty, preparing payroll, or handling any of the countless tasks that support our children every day. The variety and importance of the roles across our district are immense, and while I cannot list every individual contribution, I want everyone in our community to know that their hard work does not go unnoticed. As I have visited our schools this year, I have been continually impressed by the passion and dedication evident in every corner of Barnwell County.

To clear up any confusion, I wanted to address the consolidation plan. There seems to be some miscommunication and misinformation circulating that the consolidation plan is the plan for a new high school. This is not accurate. The consolidation plan, which was presented and approved at the August 2023 regular board meeting, has been discussed at every monthly board meeting for the past year. This plan outlines the actual consolidation of district operations—how departments will be merged, how operational protocols will be consolidated, how needs assessments will be conducted to ensure equity districtwide, and more. In short, the Barnwell County Consolidation Plan addresses how the district is consolidating into our new countywide school district.

This is very different from the Facility Plan, which details how the Savannah River Settlement funding will be used for a new comprehensive high school and career center. Unfortunately, there is a misconception that this consolidation is only about building a new high school. We have many more immediate needs when consolidating a school district, including equalizing salaries, building a comprehensive budget that offers equitable resources countywide, addressing current facility needs across the district, and more.

There have been false and misleading claims that the Board of Trustees has been making decisions regarding the Savannah River Settlement funding and the plans for a new comprehensive high school and career center in private. That could not be further from the truth. The Board of Trustees has done what they promised to do: conduct due diligence to ensure they have all the information needed to make informed decisions.

It is challenging when news media outside of Barnwell County reports inaccurate information or relies on hearsay. Similarly, while social media can be a powerful tool, it can also perpetuate misinformation. It is disheartening to hear suggestions that the Board of Trustees has acted

in anything less than the highest ethical standard. There have been no secret Board meetings, no votes behind closed doors, and no unethical behavior. I have witnessed firsthand the Board's commitment to operating with the highest level of integrity and ethical behavior for the children of Barnwell County.

I urge our stakeholders to please consider the source before making assumptions about the work of the school district. There are so many great things happening that we want to celebrate. Our staff is working daily to come together as one countywide school district and one family. It is my hope and prayer that the rumors and misinformation will stop, because they cause confusion and mistrust when they spread.

I am amazed daily by the work of our staff, and I am so grateful to those who are supporting Barnwell County School District. I cannot say enough about the incredible leaders I have the honor of working alongside in our schools and district every day. Our staff members are the people working day in and day out to make this consolidation successful, and I am so grateful to them as we work through the consolidation of various systems and processes—be it software platforms, technology services, program implementations, data systems, or any of the many other operational adjustments. I am truly amazed by what we have accomplished together so far. While some challenges were anticipated, especially with systems merging after July 1st, their diligent efforts to keep everything running smoothly are greatly appreciated. It is an honor to work alongside the BCSD staff as we serve the families and children of Barnwell County. Words cannot adequately express my gratitude and appreciation for what everyone within our school district is doing on a daily basis.

One key message we have reminded each other in the school district is to “encourage and lift others.” We have challenged ourselves to approach every day with a positive attitude and make intentional efforts to support and lift one another. Creating an environment of positivity and support benefits everyone and helps make a meaningful difference in our school and district community. Being thoughtful in our interactions is crucial to fostering a true sense of family. It is through these acts of kindness and hope that we can truly make a difference across Barnwell County.

To our community members, thank you for your incredible support! I am so grateful for all the ways our community has stepped up—whether by donating bookbags, holding school supply drives, volunteering, bringing gifts or sweet treats to staff members, or simply offering well wishes. It is this spirit of support that keeps our schools and district moving forward, and it is this spirit that I hope will continue to prevail as we tackle the challenges ahead.

**With a grateful heart,  
Dr. Crissie Stapleton,  
BCSD Superintendent**

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## Columns

### BBB offers tips to prepare for stormy weather during National Preparedness Month



**Kelvin  
Collins**

Better Business Bureau

September is National Preparedness Month, and at BBB we're offering a number of tips and resources to help you ensure you're prepared should major storms hit our area.

#### Make a Disaster Plan

An excellent resource for disaster planning is the Ready.gov website, which includes tips and suggestions to be prepared for the impact of stormy weather. Building a plan in advance is key to your family's safety (pets too) during destructive weather. Consider the following:

- How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings?
- What is my shelter plan?
- What is my evacuation route?
- What is my family/household communication plan? (FEMA offers a template your family can use to build your plan at ready.gov/plan)
- Do I have an ample emergency supply kit?

#### Make a Financial Readiness Plan:

FEMA offers excellent tips on building a financial readiness plan, which can also be accessed at ready.gov. Highlights include:

- **Do a household inventory.** Inventory possessions and document them through photos or a video. This could help if you file insurance claims.
- **Take advantage of technology.** Technology tools include online bill-pay, virtual safe deposit boxes, and USB flash drives.
- **Buy a lockable, fireproof file box.** Put important documents in it and keep it in a secure, accessible location so you can grab it and go.
- **Rent a safe deposit box.** Consider storing critical documents offsite. For

easy access, consider keeping originals in your fireproof box and copies in your safe deposit box.

• **Make sure accounts are updated.** Review now to confirm that your bank account and other account information is current. Organize your finances and maintain copies of key account information in your fireproof box.

#### Stormproof Your Home

Now is the time to review your home for areas that need repair or can be strengthened. Here are some areas to consider:

- Are there any signs of leaks from your roof or loose shingles? Do you need to shore up your roof?
- Does your home have a basement that may need a sump pump or needs to be waterproofed?
- Do you have any trees too close to the house that need to be removed?
- Are there other areas that need to be repaired and could worsen during a storm?
- Do you need to buy a home warranty?

By being proactive in these areas, you can minimize damage if strong storms roll through. BBB provides lists of BBB Accredited Businesses you can turn to for these home projects at bbb.org.

#### Check Your Insurance

Check your current insurance policy to be sure your home has adequate coverage for storm damage, and for coverage to reimburse you for temporary shelter, clothing, furniture, or other items that could be affected by extreme weather.

#### Build or Replenish an Emergency Supply Kit

At ready.gov/kit, you'll find checklists and a printable shopping list to help you build an emergency supply kit. Once you create or replenish your emergency supply kit, here are some additional things to consider:

- Keep canned food in a cool, dry place.
- Store boxed food in tightly closed

plastic or metal containers.

- Replace expired items as needed.
- Re-think your needs every year and update your kit as your family's needs change.

• Since you do not know where you will be when an emergency occurs, prepare and store supplies for home, work, and in your cars.

#### Check Out Online Retailers & Watch for Price Gouging

Bogus and deceptive online retail sites have been charting at the top of BBB's scams list for the past three years. While you're stocking up for emergencies, or any time that you're considering purchasing from an unfamiliar retailer, check them out first with BBB.

Unfortunately, storm damage can bring price gouging, which refers to when a seller spikes the prices of goods, services or commodities to a level much higher than is considered reasonable or fair. Buying in advance can help you keep costs down and avoid delays in getting supplies.

Start With Trust: Overall, being prepared will help you keep your family, pets and your home safer. "Start with Trust" by turning to your BBB to get a list of trustworthy companies as part of your plan. Visit BBB.org or call your BBB at 800-763-4222.

*Kelvin Collins is president & CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving the Fall Line Corridor, serving 77 counties in East Alabama, West Georgia, Southwest Georgia, Central Georgia, East Georgia, and Western South Carolina. This tips column is provided through the local BBB and the International Association of Better Business Bureaus (IABBB). The Better Business Bureau sets standards for ethical business behavior, monitors compliance and helps consumers identify trustworthy businesses. Questions or complaints about a specific company or charity should be referred directly to the BBB at Phone: 1-800-763-4222, Web site: BBB.org or E-mail: info@centralgeorgia.bbb.org.*

## Stunt double for 'The Rock' also has a soft side



**Phil  
Hudgins**

Contributor

It seems appropriate that the popular *American Ninja Warrior* is showing on television when Myles Humphus telephones me. Humphus is not a Ninja, but he's certainly a warrior. He could pass for Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, the actor. In fact, he has passed for Johnson, many times over the last 11 years.

Humphus is a stunt double for The Rock.

Originally from Milledgeville, Ga., he is one of two hulky men—Tanoai Reed, Johnson's cousin, is the main one—who take falls for Johnson. They jump off bridges, get exploded from helicopters, leap for barges leaving the docks—they do whatever the stunt calls for so that the multimillion-dollar actor can stay safe.

And Myles Humphus loves it, even if he's hurt. About 11 years ago, he got the chance to stunt in Johnson's blockbuster movie *Hercules*, but he was hobbling around on a busted kneecap. No problem. He simply

applied Neosporin cream, wrapped the knee and did the stunt.

He has suffered a broken leg, broken ribs, a dislocated foot. He has been knocked out several times. "It's worth it," he says. Being broke is painful, too.

But you need to know this: Humphus is more than a stuntman.

After lettering in 10 different sports at a military academy prep school, he found himself meandering from a promising football career, to almost being a Christian missionary, to almost being a lifetime sales manager for a company, to almost being a good Mixed Martial Arts fighter.

Finally, he found his calling in acting in movies and TV shows and taking tumbles as a stuntman.

He has used his acting talents in a number of movies—just Google him—and is featured in a TV series called *Penguin*, streaming late summer on Max. He has also been tagged for "a very big movie," but couldn't reveal details.

What makes Humphus more than just a stuntman today is his work with Sentinel, an organization that tracks sex traffickers and rescues possible

victims.

Just before our interview, he had flown with another Sentinel volunteer to Haiti, where he found 59 special-needs children in an orphanage—vulnerable children who had been threatened by sex-trafficking gangs. It was just a matter of time.

The men loaded the children onto a boat and cruised for four days to Jamaica, where all 59 were taken in by a Christian orphanage that provides a safe place for severely disabled children.

When I ask Humphus what gives him satisfaction, he talks about one little girl from that boat trip. She is nonverbal and confined to a wheelchair. Whenever she spotted Humphus, she tapped her heart with her hand and smiled. "She has a wonderful smile," he says.

The day they got off the boat, she grabbed the hand of this 47-year-old dude who weighs 260 pounds, stands 6 foot 3, a man who still works out constantly to remain tough as The Rock.

That little hand and that big hand did not let go of each other for two solid hours.



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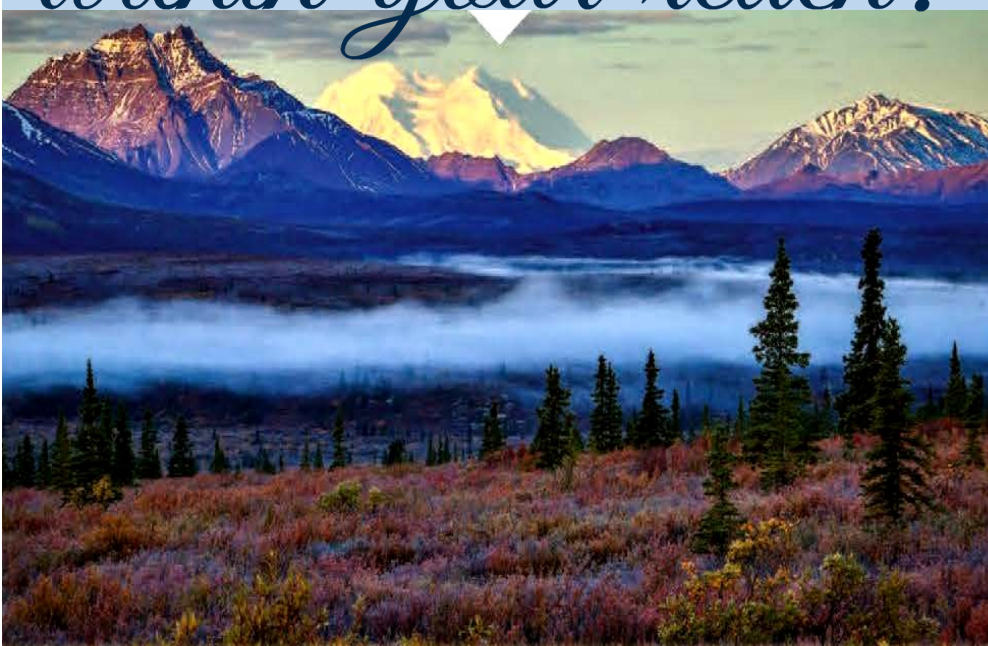
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### TOUR RATES:

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\*See Reservation Info for Booking Discount details



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**Overnight: Anchorage**

**Day 2: Anchorage - Rail Journey - Denali National Park**  
 This morning transfer to the Anchorage Rail Depot where you will board a **Deluxe Dome Rail-car** for full day scenic rail journey north to **Denali National Park**. Sit back, relax and enjoy breakfast on board this picturesque train ride as your train guide provide expert commentary. View magnificent panoramas along the route, including the Susitna River, the longest in South Central Alaska, with its premier streams sometimes plentiful with salmon and rainbow trout. Enjoy in incredible landscape at every turn from your glass-

ceiling rail-car. Enjoy lunch on your own in the private dining car aboard. Watch for a glimpse of the majestic Denali and wildlife along the way. Arrive at your Denali Hotel and check in for a two night stay. Enjoy an included **Welcome Dinner** this evening.  
**Overnight: Denali**      **Meals: (B,D)**

**Day 3: Denali National Park - Tundra Wilderness Tour**  
 Awake in Denali, a region of unspoiled beauty, home to awe-inspiring Denali, the highest peak in North America. Travel deep into **Denali National Park** on the 5-6 hour **Tundra Wilderness Tour** with an opportunity to see Denali. Search the vast wilderness for brown bear, moose, caribou, Dall sheep on the mountainsides and eagles soaring above. This journey is narrated allowing insight into the animals and flora of this spectacular region. A light snack is included. Return to the hotel in the afternoon with free time to relax or

explore this pristine area at your leisure or join an optional tour.  
**Overnight: Denali**      **Meals: (B)**

**Day 4: Denali - Seward**  
 Following breakfast this morning board your motor coach and travel south to the coastal community of Seward. Stops will be made en route including a visit to a **Local Farm** in the **Matanuska Susitna Valley** area including lunch. Your day continues to Seward along scenic Seward Highway. The Seward Highway hugs the dramatic shorelines of Turnagain Arm, arguably one of the most beautiful stretches of highway in America. Each turn reveals another scenic wonder. Keep an eye out for Dall sheep up high in the cliffs along with moose, bear and eagles along the way. Later arrive in Seward and unpack for a three night stay.  
**Overnight: Seward**      **Meals: (B,L)**



**Day 5: Seward - Glacier & Wildlife Cruise**  
 Following breakfast, board a **Glacier and Wildlife Cruise** and travel through the majestic **Kenai Fjords National Park**. Explore the face of a glacier and keep your eyes open for seals, sea lions, sea otters, whales, bears, eagles, and puffins throughout this half-day exploration cruise. Lunch is included on board. Return to the harbor for an evening at leisure and dinner on your own.  
**Overnight: Seward**      **Meals: (B,L)**

a few. Enjoy a **Farewell Dinner** this evening in the Seward area with your fellow travelers.  
**Overnight: Seward**      **Meal: (B,D)**

**Day 7: Seward - Anchorage - Flight Home\***  
 Transfer to the Anchorage airport for your flight home with incredible memories of Alaska.      **Meals: (B)**

\*Flights home might arrive Day 8 due to the transfer from Seward to Anchorage & overnight flights out of Anchorage.



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## Emily O'Stricker

Department. Her years of experience led to her becoming an entrepreneur owning a successful catering, wedding planner and florist business. She retired as a boutique owner specializing in female clothing and accessories.

She also served in her community working with the 4-H youth committee. 4-H provides kids with community, mentors, and learning opportunities to develop the skills they need to create positive change in their lives. Additionally, she served on the Barnwell High School advisory board for two years and the museum board for five years.

Emily was extremely gifted and talented; she absolutely loved to create beautiful floral arrangements and was an amazing cook. Her pleasant personality and beautiful smile will always be remembered. While she enjoyed entertaining and having guests at her home, her greatest pleasure was being surrounded by her family.

Emily was preceded in death by her parents, Bryant and Ollie Williamson; siblings, Mr. Herman Williamson; Mr. Barney and spouse Dorothy Williamson; sister, Ms. Cora Williamson; brother, Mr. Willie and spouse Leevador Williamson; brother, Mr. Hayward (HD) Williamson; sister, Ms. Georgia Mae Brown; brothers, Mr. Lawyer Williamson; Mr. Paul and spouse Linda Williamson; and sister, Ms. Diane Williamson Myers;

and her favorite aunt, Ms. Mattie Williamson Brown.

She leaves her legacy to her surviving children from the union with Mr. Winston O'Stricker, she leaves five children - daughters - Mrs. Marilyn O'Stricker (George) Mixon, Ms. Wendy O'Stricker, Mrs. Kimberly O'Stricker (Michael Johnson; sons - Mr. Winston (Shannon) O'Stricker Jr. Mr. Dale O'Stricker. She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren, Lance (Lauren) O'Stricker, Deshawn Hall, Michael Johnson Jr., Winston O'Stricker III, Matthew O'Stricker, Aden O'Stricker and Nicholas O'Stricker, Tiffany Johnson Hill, Angela Johnson; four great-grandchildren, Landon O'Stricker, Tasia Hill, Jalen Hill and Taylor Hill; siblings - Ms. Kay Eubanks; Mrs. Lena (Flemon) Buggs; Mr. Handy (Melanie) Williamson; Mrs. Mary (Carl) Adams and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

It was Emily's desire to acknowledge the following friends whom she cherished and greatly appreciated. The Smith family; the Walker family; the Bell family; the Guinyard family; the Myers family; the Crawford family; the Hankerson family, the Snellings family, the Bush family, also a long and devoted companion, Theodore (Teddy) Hankerson.

Guinyard and Sons Funeral Home of Barnwell was in charge of arrangements.

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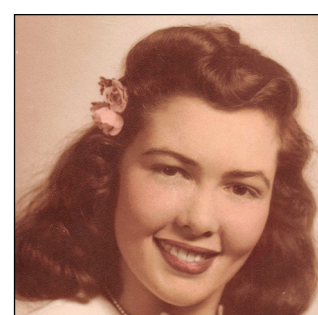
**BARNWELL** - A funeral service for Mrs. Emily Amelia O'Stricker of Barnwell, South Carolina was held at 11:00 ante meridian, Saturday, August 31, 2024 from the Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church, 10620 Dunbarton Blvd., Barnwell, SC, with burial in the family plot at Union Missionary Baptist Church, Barnwell, SC.

Emily Amelia O'Stricker passed away on August 24, 2024 at the age of 83 years after a brief illness.

She was born on January 11, 1941, in Barnwell County, SC, to Deacon Bryant and Mrs. Ollie Mae Odom Williamson.

Emily attended Barnwell High School and Metropolitan School of Mother and Infant Birth, located in New York City. She earned her certification as a licensed practical nurse, and she practiced nursing for eight years in the private duty sector. She continued her professional career working as a mental health behavior specialist/supervisor for eighteen years.

After relocating to South Carolina, Emily served in the food service industry. She worked for the Clemson Extension Nutrition



## Eleanor Guess

Palmetto Garden Club (4 years), Regent of the Charles Pinckney Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (12 years). She sang with the Bamberg Chorale (15 years). She was Troop Leader of the Brownies, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and active with the Denmark Country Club.

She enjoyed baking her famous 9-layer cakes, golf, traveling, singing, painting and flower arranging.

Eleanor held offices in the United Methodist Women and she was a friend to all.

During World War II, she worked with the Red Cross, rolling bandages, playing ping pong with the troops and singing around the piano.

Eleanor was also a poll watcher active in civic work with the Board of Appeals.

She is survived by 3 children, Mary Eleanor Guess, Thomas Connor Guess Jr. (Amelia), Alan Daniel

Guess (Kathy); 4 grandchildren, Connor (Sydney), Trey, Paul, Savanna (Hunter); and 3 great-grandchildren, Wrenley, Sadie and Georgia.

Eleanor's generous, kind nature plus her brave, positive and funny approach to life will be her lasting legacy for all who knew and loved her.

Visitation was September 1, 2024 at Bethel Park United Methodist Church Social Hall from 2 to 3 p.m. with the service at 3 p.m. Graveside service followed at the Denmark Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bethel Park United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 205, Denmark, SC 29042 or to a charity of one's choice.

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

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## The Hodsdons perform at Long Branch Baptist



The Hodsdons performed a love offering concert at Long Branch Baptist Church in Williston on Sunday, August 18. The Hodsdons are a family singing group rooted in traditional southern gospel and light contemporary music. Tim and Camela Hodsdon (right) are pictured with Rev. Bert Baynham, pastor of Long Branch, and his wife Wanda.

Photo By: Jonathan Vicker

# BOXES: P.O. box holders state they were never invoiced

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had the same PO box for that long. Do you know how much it cost to change that? Every account that they have would have to be changed and updated. This is not acceptable practice," said Lynn McEwen, administrator for the City of Barnwell. The city's box was impacted.

McEwen said she understands around 150 boxes were impacted.

"Our problems stem not from the inability or the inadvertent payment of the bill. We never received it. The way our post office bills us for our box is simple; they place the bills in the box with the mail. Now, we pay for our box once a year, so it is not something that we are necessarily looking for and remembering when it is due. I know that is not an excuse, but here is the bigger issue. When we went to pay our bill, there

were many others whose P.O. boxes were also closed due to non-payment. From what I have heard (and I did not hear this firsthand but from others) around 150 boxes were closed due to nonpayment. Now, common sense would make you think that there may be something else going on here than just so many people not paying their P.O. box," said McEwen in an email she sent to the USPS.

While the city was able to pay for their box and get it back, McEwen said she's heard others were told they would have to get a new box number. McEwen said the USPS contacted her to apologize and stated they were working to resolve the issue.

The People-Sentinel reached out to Rep. Joe Wilson's office about this issue. His office had received multiple

complaints from residents about this issue.

"I am aware of the ongoing situation regarding the Barnwell City Post Office boxes. My staff is working closely with our liaisons within the U.S. Postal Service to investigate and resolve the situation. Management officials from the U.S. Postal Service have been dispatched to place the affected P.O. Boxes on hold, and to work on restoring each of them to their previous holders. We will continue to monitor the situation and work towards a quick resolution," said Rep. Wilson.

The People-Sentinel reached out to the USPS for comment to learn how many boxes were impacted, whether invoices were issued, and exactly what happened. On Tuesday, September 3, a media representative said they were working on a

response, but that was not received by press time. An update will be published once that response is

received.

If your box was impacted or if you have questions, please contact Rep.

Wilson's Aiken-Barnwell District Office at 803-642-6416 so they can track the depth of this issue.



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# BOARD: BCSD board continues consolidation work

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editor she wrote to the newspaper after becoming aware of inaccurate information.

The district's Facility Plan is what details how the Savannah River Settlement funding will be used for a new comprehensive high school and career center. The Facility Plan was not on the agenda for the August meeting.

"Unfortunately, there is a misconception that this consolidation is only about building a new high school. We have many more immediate needs when consolidating a school district, including equalizing salaries, building a comprehensive budget that offers equitable resources countywide, addressing current facility needs across the district, and more," said Stapleton in her letter, which can be read in full on the Opinion page.

**Consolidation Plan**  
Topping the Consolidation Plan was the district's comprehensive safety plan. Stapleton said quarterly walk-throughs will be held to "ensure buildings are safe and well-maintained." The district has also reviewed emergency plans and drill schedules, and each school will conduct training with staff on what to do in emergency situations. At the Barnwell County Career Center, a card scan system was installed on the front door and a camera system will be installed this week so the front office can determine who can enter the building.



Barnwell County sheriff's deputies enter Barnwell Elementary School during an active shooter drill as Barnwell County School District employees, portraying victims, exit with their hands up.

Photo Courtesy: Barnwell County School District

On August 2, the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office hosted an active shooter drill that included other county law enforcement and emergency response agencies.

"During the drill, the participants went through the steps of our safety plan, worked with dispatch (911) to report the incident, observed law enforcement respond in real time, had first responders respond onsite to aid the victims, and practiced evacuating classrooms as law enforcement would do in an emergency situation such as this. The county also activated the emergency command center for the county," said Stapleton. "Some parts of the drill were simulated but not practiced in real time, such as transportation responding onsite, staff being evacuated off campus, etc."

Though they hope they never have to face a real active shooter situation, Stapleton said the drill allows the district and their partners to refine their plans. She thanks all agencies that participated.

Continuing the topic of safety, Stapleton discussed how students have participated in bus evacuation drills.

"Buses are an extension of our school facilities," said Stapleton. "Thanks to our district's transportation department for ensuring our students know how to act swiftly and responsibly in emergencies."

Energy conservation was also part of the Consolidation Plan as Mike Beasley, the district's director of operations, is working to expand the program to all parts of the district. The former Barnwell School

District 45 had operated a program for years, which saved \$279,709.33 during the 2023-24 year.

"Weekly walkthroughs and communication are done to ensure energy setbacks are in place and identify cost-saving opportunities," said Stapleton.

Regarding human resources, Stapleton said all applicable employees have been informed of their signing bonuses and retention bonuses. The HR department is working closely with finance to have those funds distributed in early September. Also, the District Teacher of the Year process has begun, and Teachers of the Year will be recognized at the September board meeting.

Stapleton also updated the board on the special education department.

"Although not at full capacity, EDPlan SC is up and running for the IEP and Section 504 components. The Medicaid component will hopefully be operational soon. Currently about 95 percent of users have been set up in EDPlan SC. The department is conducting Virtual EDPlan SC drop-in office hours for any special services teachers/therapists/504 coordinators to drop-in virtually on Google Meet for technical assistance, to work through setting up upcoming meetings, and/or to address any other issues within the new program," said Stapleton.

As of August 19, the district had 154 children being served in preschool programs, including 133 four-year-olds and 21 three-year-olds. This includes 102 at Barnwell Primary, 20 at Kelly Edwards Elementary, and 32 at Macedonia Elementary. Stapleton said there is a waiting list in Barnwell and Williston. They are working with the state to determine the next steps for adding three-year-olds to the

Blackville class.

The district is excited to partner with Child's Trust of South Carolina to plan implementation of the Healthy Families America home visiting program. This program is already offered through Low Country Health Care System, but Stapleton said they are excited to expand the program's presence in the county.

"We want to be a resource to our families," said Stapleton.

The program will promote "Positive Parenting Practices" aimed at improving child safety and preventing maltreatment, improving child health, supporting child development and school readiness, improving maternal health and wellness, increasing economic self-sufficiency, providing linkages and referrals, and reducing family violence.

**Other Updates**

After a unique first week of school, Stapleton thanked everyone for their patience and help as Tropical Storm Debby halted classes for three days.

"Many agencies worked together around the clock to assist with the roadways, rural routes, and provide us with the information regarding whether school operations were safe. As always, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our county's emergency management officials and preparation team for their tireless efforts in preparing us for emergency situations like this," said Stapleton.

The district utilized e-learning days for the three days schools were closed. Stapleton said she knows this was inconvenient, especially since laptops had not been issued yet, but she said this allows them not to have to make up those days later.

To our curriculum department and those who created lessons, they ensured our schools and families had what they needed to initiate

eLearning quickly and that assignments were available to allow us to operate as an e-learning Day versus a school day we would have to make up later in the year – even in the absence of Chromebooks," she said.

On the topic of athletics, Beasley has been "actively developing protocols and expectations with principals and athletic directors to enhance the operation, safety, and quality of athletic extracurricular activities," said Stapleton.

The district will continue to honor the GOLDEN PASS programs offered by the three high schools, but there are guidelines:

- Must be processed at the respective high school in Barnwell County School District
- Lives in the zone for the respective high school in Barnwell County School District as evidenced by the patron's driver's license
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- Not valid at SCHSL sanctioned playoff contests or tournaments

Following a closed session, the board approved the requests of students A through N to attend school in Barnwell County. They also approved a request from student O for a diploma request pursuant to Act 207.

After employees from across the county came together for the first time for the opening lunch on August 1, Stapleton said they want to continue that unity all year. They also want to "encourage and lift others" as stated on this year's T-shirts.

"We have challenged ourselves as a district to approach every day with a positive attitude and make intentional efforts to support and uplift one another. Creating an environment of positivity and support benefits everyone and helps make a meaningful difference in our school and district community. Being thoughtful in our interactions is crucial in fostering a true sense of family. It is through these acts of kindness and generosity that we can truly make a difference across Barnwell County," said Stapleton.

As some groups come together, such as the county-wide marching band, Stapleton said the students are going to be fine, but it's important for all stakeholders to work together.

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# WATER: Water main breaks leave Williston residents without water FROM PAGE 1A

road buckled due to these main line breaks.

Town crews and officials, volunteers from Williston and Elko Fire Departments (WFD), Williston Police Department (WPD), and many more community members gathered to help fix the initial break, monitor traffic, and begin to look for solutions.

However, it seemed after they fixed one issue, another would occur.

"We regret to inform you that after successfully repairing the water mains overnight and refilling the tanks, another main has unfortunately burst," stated Mayor Williams in a Saturday post.

These compiling breaks kept town crews, the town's contracted maintenance service WaterSystem Inc. employees, and volunteers up throughout much of the holiday weekend.

"While we slept, they worked," said Williston resident Mary Ann Walkup. "Thank you to everyone that worked through the evening and night to return water service. We take for granted the little hands we turn and water comes out."

Residents were kept informed on the progressing situation through updates on the town's Facebook page.

On Sunday, the town experienced another break "due to pressure issues in our water lines. Please be aware that crews are currently working to restore water service as quickly as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding during this time," said Mayor Williams in a post.

"This weekend has presented significant challenges for our community, and we sincerely appreciate your patience as our team has worked tirelessly to restore water service. While we strive to be prepared for any emergency, the timing and nature of a crisis can test even the best preparedness plans," said Mayor Williams. "Although this round of repairs is complete, we are still working



Volunteers (above left) hand out water after multiple water main breaks, such as this one (above right) at the intersection of Elko Street and Springfield Road, caused disruption to water service in Williston.



Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

to stabilize our system. A plan is in place to restore our main well, and we hope the system holds steady until those repairs are finalized."

The town was placed under a Boil Water Advisory on Saturday, August 31, which was lifted three days later on Tuesday, September 3 after testing was conducted.

"Bacteriological samples were collected from the drinking water system serving the community," states the advisory repeal letter from Water Systems Inc. "The results of this sampling indicated that the system is now safe to use for drinking and cooking purposes."

On Tuesday, the Schuler Street is scheduled to be repaired with a new motor, according to Administrator Mike Beasley.

"We will have personnel on-site tomorrow morning to work on our offline well. We are optimistic that it will be back online by Wednesday," said Mayor Williams in a Monday, September 2 post.

### BOTTLED WATER FOR RESIDENTS

Town officials sprang into action purchasing pallets of bottled water to help residents during the outage. Williston residents were able to get one 40-count pack of water bottles, three gallon jugs, or distilled water if needed for medical devices per household.

"It is a blessing to see

the town come together," said councilmember Judy Taylor as she manned the check-in table at the distribution site alongside resident Lora Odermatt, wife of town councilman Kurt Odermatt. "We are working with what we got, and everyone is pitching in."

During Sunday's distribution, volunteers of all ages were walking up and getting involved right away, helping unload pallets and bring cases of water to vehicles.

Councilmembers and their significant others, as well as volunteers from the Williston Fire Department (WFD), Williston Police Department (WPD), Elko Fire Department, town hall offices, and the community at large all pulled together to make this distribution event possible.

Williston based industry National Beverage Screen Printing (NBS) provided a truck for the pallets to be transported and stored, and council members and volunteers unloaded water and directed distribution traffic.

"When I tell you that I'm thankful to live in a small town and community, I mean it. A big thanks to everyone that has come out to volunteer their time to help over the last couple of days," said resident Andy Deering.

Both WFD and WPD visited housebound and elderly residents to deliver bottled water and ensure

their safety.

Southeastern Housing and Community Development with the help of Mt. Beulah Baptist Church in Windsor delivered bottled water to residents in their Williston communities experiencing outages.

Williston-Elko schools were able to open on Tuesday, Sept. 3. According to Barnwell County School District superintendent Dr. Crissie Stapleton, plans were in place for boil

water advisories based on recommendations for schools under such conditions.

Many restaurants and food service stations at convenience stores took precaution throughout the weekend. Hardee's in Williston served bottled soda rather than filling cups from their beverage machine, and Circle K stopped serving items such as food, soda, or coffee per S.C. Department of Health

regulation.

### UPCOMING SOLUTION

At many recent council meetings, the town has discussed upcoming wastewater and water system repair grants such as the \$6 million awarded by the S.C. Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP) in late 2022.

Part of this funding is going toward well replacement. Per grant requirements and terms, work is set to begin in January 2025, construction must be done by June 2025, and the project must be fully completed by December 31, 2026.

Water system repairs are also on the town's list to be funded if the Capital Project Sales Tax (CPST) referendum passes on the November ballot.

Many small towns in rural communities rely on this type of federal funding to make the needed repairs on aging water systems that they otherwise cannot afford.

Water has since been restored for many residents in the town as repairs continue.

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Barnwell's Nehemiah Brown scored 2 rushing touchdowns for the Horses in their 41-0 victory over Williston-Elko.

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Ja'Quan Peebles had a good game on both sides of the ball and did a good job returning punts, including one for a Warhorse touchdown.

## Warhorses are 2024 County Champions

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The Barnwell Warhorses are 2024 Barnwell County Champions! Barnwell defeated Blackville-Hilda on Thursday, August 22, by a score of 24-7. The following Thursday, August 29, the Horses shut out the Williston-Elko Blue Devils 41-0. By beating the other two in-county teams, Barnwell and the Warhorse fans can claim bragging rights for the area for 2024 football season. It may not be an official championship, but the Barnwell County football fans treat it as such.

Barnwell and Williston-Elko started the seasons with big first week victories. Barnwell got revenge over an early season loss to Blackville from the year before, while Williston-Elko celebrated the end to a lengthy losing streak in which the Devils were winless for the whole 2023 season. The big wins set up what many fans thought might be a close contest. Apparently, Barnwell did not have that same belief, cruising to a 41-0 win.

Barnwell established a good running game and a



Cameron Austin ran for a touchdown and threw for another to help lead the Horses to another win.

complementary passing game early on and added a solid special teams effort that allowed Barnwell to score 41 unanswered points. Nehemiah Brown scored two rushing touchdowns for the Horses and Cam Austin ran for another. Case Davis scored his first touchdown for the Horses on a 4-yard run. Austin also connected with Logan Sturkie for a highlight reel touchdown catch.

Most of the Barnwell starters spent a majority of the second half watching from the sidelines,

with a running clock. Williston-Elko made a few big plays, but Barnwell was always able to stop the Blue Devils and preserve the shutout for the defense. That defensive effort was led by linebacker Lex Thomas, who was all over the defensive field. Ja'Quan Peebles had a good night punt returning for Barnwell and took one of those for a long touchdown. Lane Evans added four extra points and did a good job on kickoffs.

Barnwell head coach Brian Smith was asked about his

team's performance and said, "It was another great week for our football team. I am very proud to get the win over a much-improved Williston-Elko ball club. I was proud of the way our defense played. They have been tested for a couple of weeks now and continue to answer the bell each time. I was disappointed in the number of turnovers we had, our lack of protection in the passing game and the kicking game, and the number of penalties that we got last night. If we want to be an

elite ball club, then we have to solve those issues and solve them fast. Nehemiah Brown ran hard and had two touchdowns. I am very proud of his performance. William Robinson continues to excel offensively and defensively. Logan Sturkie and Kahzeer Wesley had long receptions. It really helped us offensively. Tony Cherry was our leader upfront for the Horses."

Barnwell is a top 5 team in AA football, but Bamberg-Ehrhardt is also a top 5 team in the single A ranks. Barnwell will have another big challenge coming to them when the Red Raiders come to Mac Wier Stadium this Friday, September 6 for a clash of two undefeated powerhouses.

Barnwell and Bamberg-Ehrhardt have met many times. There have been years when one team was clearly better than the other, but for the most part, these contests have been classic high school battles between two of the state's best football programs. 2024 looks like another one of those classic games. Barnwell has outscored their opponents by a 65-7 margin, while Bamberg-Ehrhardt has outscored their opponents by a combined 55-10 score. Both the Warhorses and Red Devils are coming off shutout wins. Both are highly ranked and are expected to make big playoff runs. This should turn out to be a great game.

Come out and support your Warhorses in a football Friday night classic clash. Kickoff is set for 7:30. Let's pack the Mac!

### Varsity High School Sports Schedule

#### Football

Friday, Sept. 6

- Bamberg-Ehrhardt @ Barnwell 7:30
- Blackville-Hilda @ Ninety-Six 7:30
- Calhoun Falls @ Williston-Elko 7:30
- JDA @ Conway Christian 7:30

#### Volleyball

Wednesday, Sept. 4

- Williston-Elko @ Barnwell 7:00

Thursday, Sept. 5

- Barnwell @ Woodland 6:00
- Blackville-Hilda @ Williston-Elko 5:30

Monday, Sept. 9

- JDA @ Orangeburg Prep 6:00

Tuesday, Sept. 10

- Barnwell @ Lake Marion 7:00
- Calhoun County @ Blackville-Hilda 5:30
- Ridge Spring-Monetta @ Williston-Elko 6:30

#### Girls Tennis

Thursday, Sept. 5

- Barnwell @ Whale Branch 5:00

Tuesday, Sept. 10

- Williston-Elko @ Barnwell 5:00

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The Barnwell Bombers started their 10u season the weekend of August 24-25 playing in the USSSA End of Summer Qualifier tournament in Aiken, South Carolina. They went 2-2 on the weekend and came in second place in the Gold Bracket.

"The boys played hard against some really good teams. It's a great way to start the season but we still have some work to do! Big thank you to all of our sponsors and everyone that has supported our boys to make this all possible for them," said Chris Yancey, one of the coaches.

## Barnwell Bombers start season with 2nd place win



The Barnwell Bombers: (Front row) Ryder Carroll, Rylan Lacroix, Caleb Yeldell, Maddox Ashby, Kipper Polk; (Second row) Sawyer Johnson, Beau Johnson, Axel Myers, Rylan Kearse, Daniel Anastasia; (Back Row Coaches) Michael Polk, Chris Yancey, Jamie Ashby, Dave Anastasia.

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# Hawks cage Cougars 41-6

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The Blackville-Hilda Hawks hosted the Edisto Cougars last Friday, August 30. The Cougars entered the game coming off of a 41-10 loss to Bamberg-Ehrhardt. The Hawks showed them no mercy and beat the visiting Cougars even worse, outscoring them 41-6.

Blackville-Hilda wasted little time getting on the scoreboard. Just three minutes into the game, Jayden Jackson found the end zone on a one-yard touchdown run. Darius Jenkins added the extra point and the Hawks claimed an early 7-0 lead. Blackville would never look back.

The Hawks' star running back and University of South Carolina commitment, Jaquel Holman, sprinted 17 yards to another touchdown with 5:34 left in the first quarter. After the extra point from Jenkins, Blackville-Hilda was ahead of Edisto 14-0.

The Hawks defense held the Cougars in check most of the night, but Edisto did complete a couple of long passes when their quarterback was flushed from the pocket and under heavy pressure, threw the ball up high and a Cougar receiver made a catch. One of these was on fourth down and resulted in Edisto's only score of the game. The Hawks stopped the 2-point conversion and Edisto had cut the lead to 14-6 in favor of the hometown Hawks. This



Hawks QB Samari Williams celebrates after scoring on a 17-yard TD run.

Photos By: Kelley Wood

would be as close as they would get.

Blackville scored the next 27 unanswered points. Holman ran for two more touchdowns, each more than 50 yards. Samari Williams scored on a quarterback run of 17 yards, and then Williams also threw a 16-yard touchdown pass to Messiah McFadden. When the scoring was done, Blackville-Hilda claimed an impressive 41-6 win.

Blackville-Hilda head coach Kevin Jones was asked about his team's big win and said, "We are pleased to get a win. The kids, like always, played really hard. It was a hot night and we had to use some younger players earlier in the game than normal. We still have some things we aren't doing well but those are correctable mistakes."

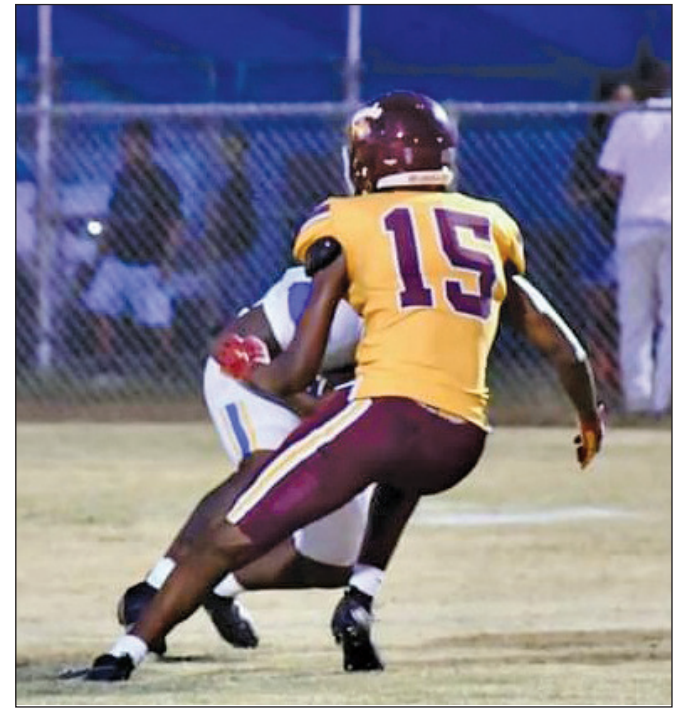
Coach Jones highlighted



Jaquel Holman scored 3 touchdowns and ran for 252 yards on 14 carries.

a few key players including Jaquel Holman, who he said "has been kind of getting back into form after an injury in the preseason

and then last night he didn't feel well at all with a stomach issue. He still had 252 yards rushing on only 14 carries and 3



Messiah McFadden, like many Hawks, is important to both the offense and defense. Shown here making a tackle, McFadden also caught a 16-yard TD from Samari Williams.

touchdowns. He didn't even play the fourth quarter. Samari Williams had another good night. Rushing and passing for a touchdown. Messiah McFadden had his second TD reception of the season." Coach Jones also mentioned Darius Jenkins who "has handled our kicking duties this year and has been outstanding. We aren't an area that produces kickers, so we have to make them and he has been great for us."

"Defensively, our kids flew around and made some nice plays. Our middle linebackers Jabarius Johnson and Ricky Richberg are hard-nosed, old school type players that make a lot of tackles. Sophomore Terrion Johnson has been a pleasant surprise early in the season. He is a big

kid that is hard to block. Jayden Dash has been dominant on both the offensive and defensive lines," said Coach Jones.

The Hawks travel to Ninety-Six this week. "Coach Bennett does a great job up there and it is a school with a lot of tradition on Friday nights. They have a big time running back and we will have to play extremely well if we want to have a chance to get a win," said Coach Jones.

The Hawks would love your support as they travel to face Ninety-Six, which is 1-1 on the season after beating Ware Shoals 41-30 then losing a close game to 4A Emerald 14-6. Get your friends and family, load up the car, and make that road trip to cheer on your Hawks to another big win. Go Hawks!

# JDA has huge second half to beat Patriots 28-26

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The Jefferson Davis Academy Raiders traveled out of state to play the Georgia School for Innovation & Classics (GSIC) Patriots on Friday, August 30 and came away with a spectacular come from behind victory, squeaking out a 28-26 win.

JDA found themselves down by 14 points at the end of the first half. The Raiders would never surrender and made a few minor adjustments, but were determined to have a better second half and they did just that. The Raiders dominated the second half, and did not allow their Georgia counterparts to score another point. Meanwhile, the motivated JDA squad got better and better as the game progressed. The offense scored two more touchdowns and added a couple of two-point conversions. The defense was on a mission and played with focus, not allowing the Patriots to cross the goal line the entire second half of the game. The JDA fans who made this trip were certainly glad they didn't miss this one. They saw one of the best Raider comebacks in years, making that long ride home worth the drive.

JDA head coach Anthony Reitenour was asked about



JDA's Landon Williams was all over the field, leading the Raiders defensive efforts with 9 tackles.

Photos By: Rose Loadholt

his team's exciting come-from-behind victory and said, "To say this was quite the game would be an understatement. This Patriots team was a very fast, talented team who really jumped out on us. We had a hard time getting anything going and they were breaking off big play after big play. Colson Loadholt kept us in it with some big plays including a 70-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, but we entered the half down

26-12."

Coach Reitenour continued saying, "We didn't really change the game plan up too much coming out in the second half with the exception of just playing harder and more physical, and the team did just that. We managed to hold GSIC to only about nine total yards the second half and we came back and won 28-26. The whole team really turned it on in the face of adversity and I'm really proud

of them for the way they responded. Now we just have to come out and play that hard and physical for the entire four quarters. Landon Williams led the defense with nine tackles while Colson Loadholt added five tackles and had two interceptions. Reece Still had a big night in the secondary hauling in three interceptions! Colson led the way offensively with 132 yards on 18 carries with 2 touchdowns and two 2-point conversions."

The second half defensive effort really made a huge difference in the outcome. Several big plays including tackles for loss and interceptions were significant, but more importantly, everyone on defense was involved. Thirteen different Raiders recorded tackles for JDA.

Offensively, Colson Loadholt was the big workhorse for the Raiders. Nasir Void added a rushing touchdown. With this road win, the Raiders extend their road winning streak

to eight games. The Hepzibah, Georgia school's home field advantage was no match for the Raiders' "Never surrender!" spirit and determination.

JDA will travel to Conway this Friday, September 6 to face the Conway Christian Eagles who will enter the contest without a win. Come out and support the Raiders as they look to keep their road win streak intact.

Congratulations on an exciting win and GO RAIDERS!



The Raiders' Colson Loadholt led the offensive unit, scoring 2 rushing TDs, a kickoff return for a TD, and added two 2-point conversions.

# Barnwell spikes Williston-Elko 3-1

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and claim the 3-1 win over their rivals from down the road in Williston.

Coach Furtick was asked about her team's early season victory and said, "We faced a tough challenge early on by losing the first set. However, we regrouped and made a strong comeback. The girls adjusted strategies, improved communication and demonstrated their resilience. Sophomore Rilee Sandifer led the team with 17 aces and 4 kills while seniors Jaidyn Devore and Tiera Arnold held strong at the net with two blocks each. The rivalry in Barnwell County is strong and we are excited to see them again next week at home."

Coach Furtick is assisted by Mindy Sandifer. The 2024 Warhorse volleyball team consists of Tiera Arnold, Ashley Barrett, Brianna Croft, Jaidyn Devore, Brooklyn Gordon, Laney Grubbs, Rebecca

The Barnwell Warhorse volleyball team traveled to face the Williston-Elko Blue Devils on Monday, August 26 in an early season, in-county matchup. Barnwell won 3 out of 4 sets to claim the match win.

Williston-Elko jumped out to an early lead and continued on to a first set 25-17 win. Despite being down 1-0, Barnwell head coach Kames Furtick was confident her Warhorse squad could come back and win the match. That is just what they did.

In game two, Barnwell settled down and began playing together as a team. Serves were more consistent and communication was better, resulting in a much better outcome. Barnwell took the second set 25-13. Barnwell went on to win the next two sets



The Barnwell Warhorse volleyball team defeated Williston-Elko 3-1 on Monday, August 26.

Photo By: Mike Beasley

Richardson, Khirston Robinson, and Rilee Sandifer.

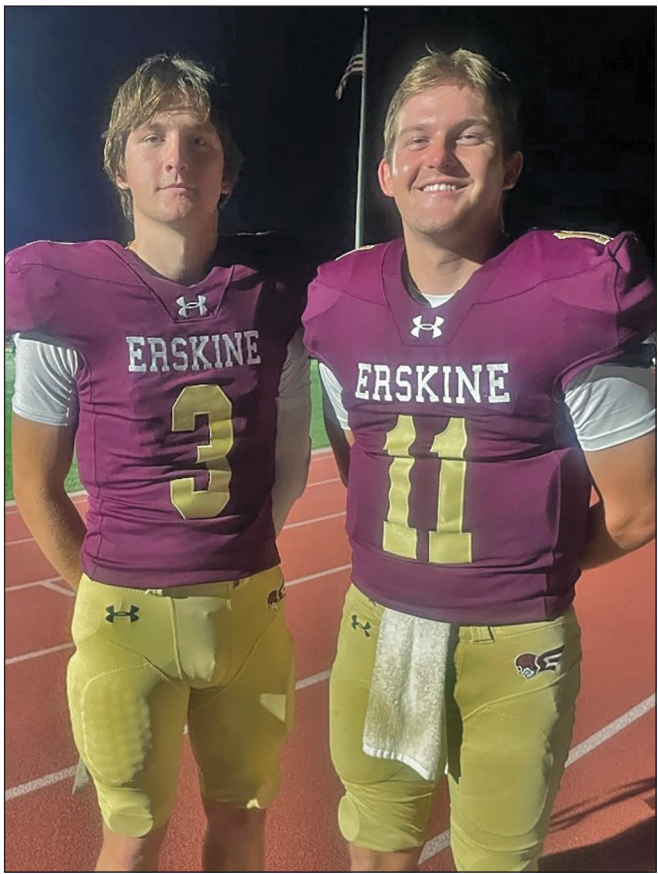
Barnwell will host the

Williston-Elko Blue Devils on Wednesday, September 4 then travel to Woodland on Thursday, September 5,

and will hit the road again on Tuesday, September 10 to face Lake Marion. Come out and support

the Warhorse volleyball team as they look to have a successful 2024 volleyball season. Go Horses!

## ALUMNI UPDATE Clay & Craig Pender



Clay & Craig Pender Photo By: Billie Smith

Barnwell High alumni and brothers Clay Pender (#3) and Craig Pender (#11) played Saturday, August 31 for Erskine College in the Flying Fleet's 52-0 victory over St. Andrews University. Quarterback Craig Pender had a big game throwing for 2 touchdowns and rushing for another.

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## Randy Robinson Jr. competes at CP3 Rising Stars Camp

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Chris Paul's 12th Annual CP3 Rising Stars National Camp took place in Winston-Salem, North Carolina August 23-25. The three-day camp, sponsored by NBA star Chris Paul, is an invitation-only camp for 9th and 10th grade, elite level basketball players. This year, Williston-Elko's Randy Robinson Jr. was invited to participate in the CP3 Rising Stars Camp.

Randy got the opportunity to learn more about the game of basketball and get high-level coaching and the opportunity to compete against some of the best underclassmen from the United States, Africa, Asia, Australia, and Europe.

Chris Paul is a 12-time NBA All-Star and certain future NBA Hall of Famer. He was born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and grew up in Lewisville, so he decided to have this camp in an area near where he grew up.

Randy not only participated in the camp, but he had a very strong camp, playing for the Bucks team. Randy measured 6 feet, 5 inches and was playing against several big men that were 6 feet, 7



Randy Robinson, Jr. competed at the invitation only CP3 Rising Stars National Camp in Winston-Salem, NC August 23-25.

Photo By: Randy Robinson, Sr.

inches or taller, but that did not stop Randy from putting up some good numbers at the CP3 Camp. One of his



Randy received this very selective invitation earlier this year.

games, Robinson scored 30 points against a team that featured three nationally ranked players including the son of former 13-year NBA player Josh Smith. More than 80 camp alumni have been drafted to the NBA over the last 6 years, with several more players playing professionally overseas. More than 94 percent of the camp members have gone on to compete at the NCAA Division I level.

When asked about his opportunity and experience

at the CPS Rising Stars National Camp, Randy said, "It was a great experience to learn from pro players and to get to showcase my game. It was really eye opening to know that I can compete with the top players in the nation."

Congratulations to Randy Robinson Jr. on being selected to participate in this elite level camp. Come out and watch Randy and the Williston-Elko Blue Devils this basketball season.

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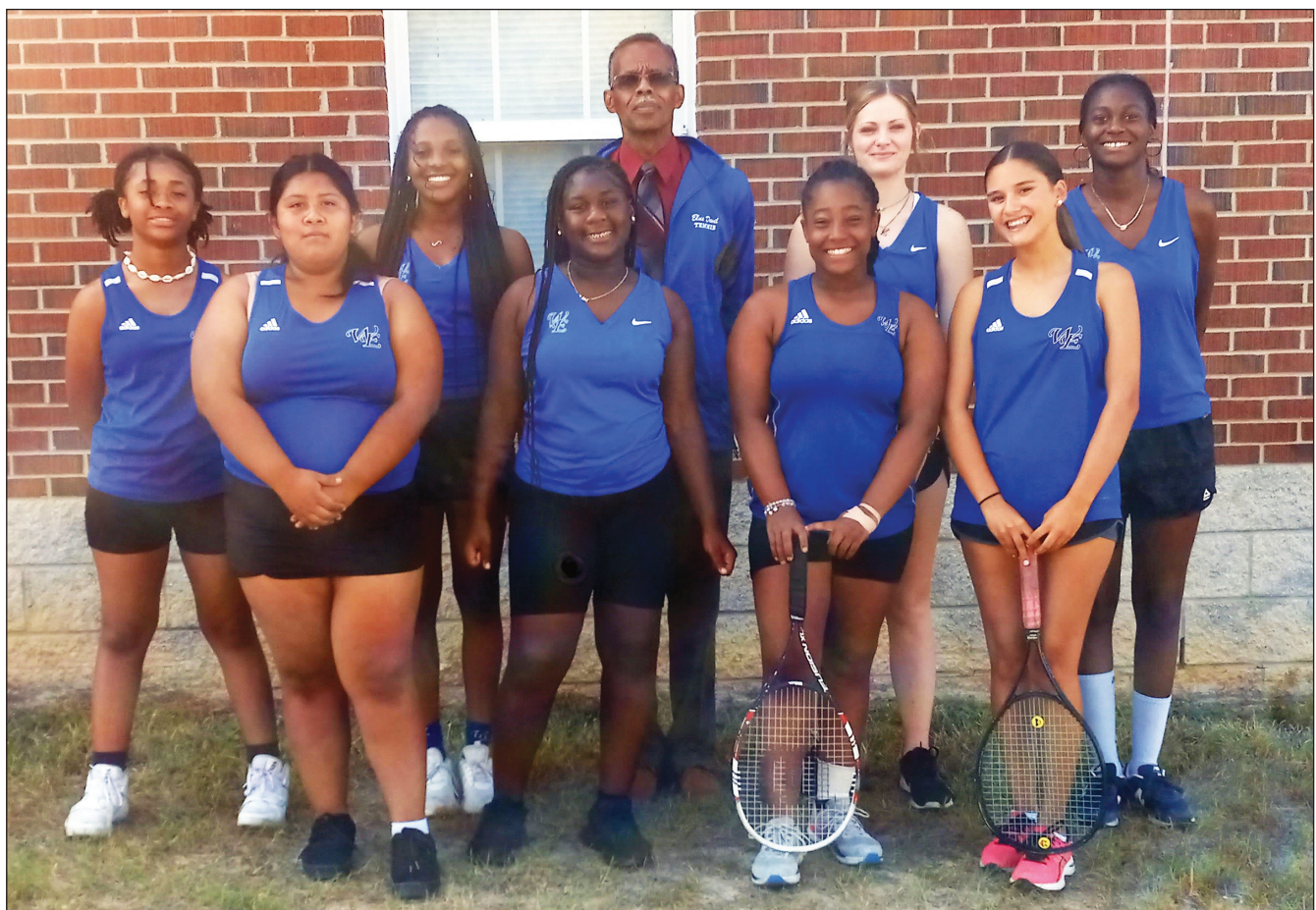
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The public hearing will be held in the County Council Chambers at the Allendale County Courthouse, 292 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, South Carolina, at 6:00 p.m. on September 19, 2024. At the time and place fixed for this public hearing, all taxpayers, residents or other interested persons who appear will be given an opportunity to express their views for or against the matters contemplated by the Ordinance. Any persons wishing to submit written comments may submit them to P.O. Box 190, Allendale, South Carolina 29810, no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 18, 2024.

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## WEHS girls tennis team beats Barnwell 6-0

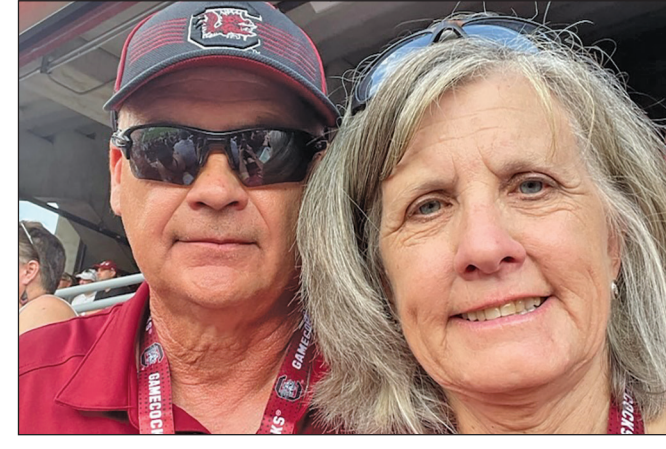


WE tennis team.

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Congratulations to coach Bernard Walters and his Williston-Elko girls tennis team on their 6-0 win over Barnwell last Tuesday, August 27. Winners include Madison Wright, Makayla Barrette, Faith Irons, Dottie Still, Kayleigh Heath, Jaliya Isreal, and Jaclyn Ramirez.

# Locals cheer on USC Gamecocks during season opener



Above Two Photos By: Jeff Miller / Sports Writer

## COCKY'S CORNER

The Gamecocks barely escaped Williams-Brice Stadium with a narrow 23-19 win over Old Dominion.

Takeaways from the game:

\*DE Dylan Stewart: National Defensive

Player of the Week (Pro Football Focus), National Freshman of the Week (247Sports), SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week (co-with Kennard) 4 tackles, 1.5 sacks, 1.5 tfl, 2 ff

\*DL Kyle Kennard: SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week (co-with Stewart) 5 tackles, 2.5 sacks, 4.5 tfl, 2 ff

\*QB Lanorris Sellers Pass-10/23, 114 yds, 43% comp., 85.1 QBR, Run-22, 68 yds., TD, 3.1 avg.

\*RB Raheim "Rocket" Sanders Run- 24/88 yds., TD, 3.1 avg., Receiving- 1, 10 yds.

\*At this stage in their Gamecock coaching careers, Shane Beamer and Will Muschamp have almost identical win/loss records

\*Prediction: This SC team might be lucky to win 5 games, with the Clemson game being their "Bowl Game". Beamer is on the hot seat if SC doesn't win 6 games this season.

## TIGER TALES

Clemson had a rough day against the nation's #1 team, the Georgia Bulldogs, losing 34-3

Takeaways from the game:

\*Clemson kept Georgia's explosive offense out of the end zone for the whole 1st half

\*Wade Woodaz led the Tigers with 8 tackles and had 1 TFL

\*Peter Woods had 6 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 1 sack, and led Tigers defense with a 72.6 PFF grade

\*RB Phil Mafah 16/59 yds., 3.7 avg.

\*QB Cade Klubnik Pass- 18/29, 142 yds., 1 Int.

\*WR Antonio Williams led the Tigers with 6 receptions for 76 yds.

\*Losing to the #1 team is not the end of the world, but Clemson's preseason defensive rank was top 10 by most outlets and even top 5 by some. Losing 34-3 will hurt, but don't give up on the Tigers just yet.

\*Prediction: Despite this tough loss, this team could still win 8 games and be bowl bound once again

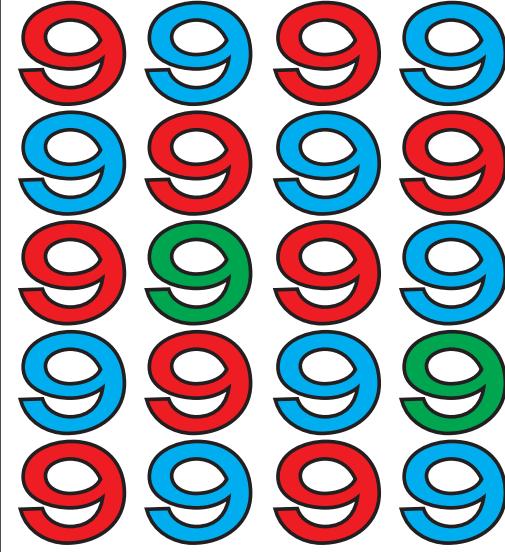
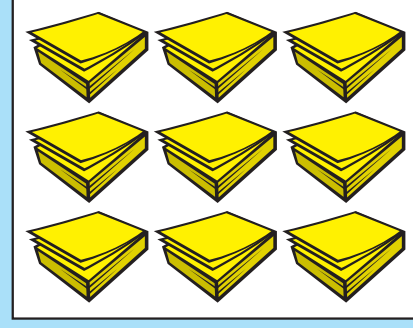
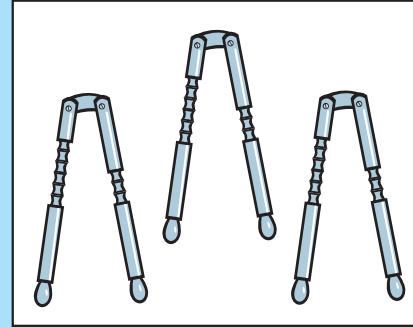
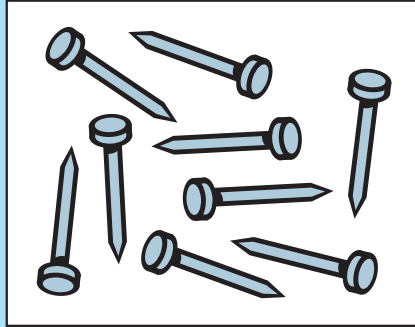
## Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

# Kid Scoop Junior

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### Find Nine

Look at the pictures in each box. Circle the sets of 9.



### My Letters

N is for Nine  
n is for nine



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

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the sound the letter N makes in the word nine?

### My Numbers

How many 9? blue nines

How many 9? red nines



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

### My Rhyme Time

Peas porridge hot,  
Peas porridge cold,  
Peas porridge in the pot  
Nine days old.

### 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.



#### Sunday

##### Letter Identification

With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that begin with the same sound as the letter N in nine.

#### Monday

##### Math Play

Point to the number 9 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

#### Tuesday

##### On The Lines

Turn one page of the classified ads to a horizontal position. Use the l columns as guides for early writing practice. Have your child draw uppercase letter Ns, using the lines of type as guides for the two straight lines in the letter.

#### Wednesday

##### Uppercase and Lowercase

With your child, find and circle an uppercase letter N. Then, on the same page, find and circle a lowercase letter n. Connect the two with a line.

#### Thursday

##### Nine Noses

Find and cut out nine noses from the newspaper. Glue the nine noses onto a sheet of paper. Then find and cut out a large number 9 that you glue onto the paper also.

#### Friday

##### Upside-down Art

With your child, find a large letter N in a newspaper. Cut out the letter and glue it towards the top of a piece of paper. Have your child draw an upside-down mirror image of the letter directly under it.

#### Saturday

##### Tear It Up

Tearing the newspaper is a simple small motor exercise you can do with your child. Let your child tear out shapes that he or she glues onto paper to make a picture. Black construction paper will set off the picture well.

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**2024-165 2tp 9-4-24**

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**2024-166 2tp 9-4-24**

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### YARD SALE

Home clean out. 9/5/24 and 9/6/24 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. Dishes, Pots, Pans, Dresser, Miscellaneous Items, Tools, etc. Address is 167 Conway Road, Barnwell.  
**2024-167 1tp 9-4-24**

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Date of Death: July 10, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00146  
Personal Representative:  
Gwendolyn Timms  
Address: P.O. Box 1558, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
**2024-158 3tp 9-4-24**

### Notice to Creditors of Estates

All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371ES with the Probate Court of Allendale County, the address of which is 292 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, S.C. 29810, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Roy Wattie Mixon  
Date of Death: August 2, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00074  
Personal Representative: Jason R. Mixon  
Address: 66 Oak Street, Great Falls, S.C. 29055  
**2024-159 3tp 9-4-24**

### SUMMONS

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF BARNWELL  
IN THE FAMILY COURT  
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
CASE NO.: 2023-DR-06-062  
JAMES CARR,  
Plaintiff

vs.  
JACQUALIN STRICKLIN,  
Defendant

**TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE NAMED JACQUALIN STRICKLIN: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to answer the complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to this complaint upon the subscriber, at the address shown below, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the complaint, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
**June 9, 2023**  
Barnwell, South Carolina  
Shalonda Wilburn, Esquire  
Wilburn Law Firm, LLC  
135 Chesterfield St. South Aiken, SC 29801  
Telephone: (803) 226-0479  
scwilburn@wilburnlawfirm.com  
Attorney for Plaintiff

### COMPLAINT (Divorce)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF BARNWELL  
IN THE FAMILY COURT  
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
CASE NO.: 2023-DR-06-062  
JAMES CARR,  
Plaintiff

vs.  
JACQUALIN STRICKLIN,  
Defendant

Plaintiff James Carr, through undersigned counsel, would respectfully show this Court the following:

1. Plaintiff is a resident of Barnwell County, State of South Carolina.
2. Upon information and belief, Defendant was last a resident of Barnwell County, State of South Carolina.
3. Plaintiff and Defendant last shared a residence in Barnwell County, State of South Carolina.
4. Plaintiff has lived in South Carolina for over one year prior to the start of this action.
5. Plaintiff is informed and believes this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the issues and personal jurisdiction over the parties in this action.
6. Plaintiff and Defendant were married to each other on March 5, 2021, in Volusia County, City of Daytona Beach in the State of Florida.
7. Plaintiff and Defendant separated on or about January of 2022, when the Defendant absconded from the marital residence. The parties have remained living separate and apart from each other without cohabitation for more than one (1) continuous year prior to filing this action.
8. There are no minor children of this marriage, and none are expected.
9. The parties have no marital property.
10. The parties have no marital debt.
11. It is unknown whether the Defendant desires a name change in this action.
12. Plaintiff believes that this marriage is forever broken and is that Plaintiff is entitled to a complete and final divorce, a vinculo matrimonii, from Defendant upon the ground of desertion for a period of one year, pursuant to § 20-3-10(2) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; or alternatively, upon the ground of one (1) year's continuous separation, pursuant to § 20-3-10(5) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.
13. Plaintiff does not wish to receive alimony and believes Defendant should

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be barred from receiving alimony from the Plaintiff.

14. There is no collusion between the parties to get a divorce, and reconciliation of the parties is not possible, WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that this Court grant the following relief:

A. For an Order of divorce, a *vinculo matrimonii*, from Defendant upon the ground of desertion for a period of one year, pursuant to § 20-3-10(2) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; or alternatively, upon the ground of one (1) year's continuous separation, pursuant to § 20-3-10(5) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

B. For all other just and proper relief as this honorable court may deem just and proper.

June 9, 2023  
Barnwell, South Carolina  
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Telephone: (803) 226-0479  
scwilburn@wilburnlawfirm.com  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
**2024-160 3tc 9-4-24**

### Notice to Creditors of Estates

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description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Mary F. Allen

Date of Death: February 13, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00059  
Personal Representative: Joanni A. Long  
Address: 240 Green Street, Allendale, S.C. 29810  
**2024-161 3tp 9-4-24**

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Date of Death: July 24, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00150  
Personal Representative:  
David Dimitrie  
Address: 1033 Seven Pines Road, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
**2024-162 3tp 9-4-24**

### Notice to Creditors of Estates

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(FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: William Henry Delk Jr.  
Date of Death: August 14, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00156  
Personal Representative:  
William Matthew Delk  
Address: 126 Reedy Branch Drive, Clarks Hill, S.C. 29821  
**2024-163 3tp 9-11-24**

### Notice to Creditors of Estates

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Armstrong  
Date of Death: August 3, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00160  
Personal Representative:  
Doris McBryde  
Address: 6424 Hillside Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306  
**2024-164 3tp 9-11-24**

### Notice of Adverse Possession

Notice of Adverse Possession of 2436 Healing Springs Rd., Blackville, S.C. 29817. SC Code § 15-67-260. Made By: Chief Truth Ali.  
**2024-168 1tp 9-4-24**

# PUBLIC NOTICE

The Towers, LLC are proposing to build a 260-foot Self-Support Telecommunication Tower. Anticipated lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. The site location is 3081 Highway 64, Barnwell, Barnwell County, South Carolina 29812 (33°11'33.53" N, 81°16'21.05" W). The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1295809.

**ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS** – Interested persons may review the application ([www.fcc.gov/asr/applications](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/applications)) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review ([www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest)) and online filings are strongly encouraged. The mailing address to file a paper copy is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554. **HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECTS** - Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to:

**C. Malec, Terracon,**

**2105 Newpoint Place, Suite 600,**

**Lawrenceville, GA 30043**

**770-623-0755; cyra.malec@terracon.com.**

**Reference Terracon Project No. 49247682A**

## NOTICE OF ELECTION

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BARNWELL

The General Election for federal, state, county, and other local offices will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Any person wishing to vote in this election must register no later than Sunday, October 6, 2024. Voter registration by mail forms will be accepted if postmarked by Monday, October 7, 2024.

The early voting period for this election begins on Monday, October 21 and ends on Saturday, November 2. The following early voting centers will be open during the early voting period from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday (closed Sunday, October 27).

- Barnwell County Voter Registration & Elections Office, 367 Fuldner Rd. Barnwell, SC
- Blackville Community Center, 19464 Solomon Blatt Ave. Blackville, SC
- Williston Town Hall, 13112 Main St. Williston, SC

Voters will be asked to provide one of the following Photo IDs when voting in person.

- S.C. Driver's License
  - o Includes standard License and REAL ID
- S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles ID Card
  - o Includes standard ID card and REAL ID
  - o Includes SC Concealed Weapons Permit
- S.C. Voter Registration Card with Photo
- Federal Military ID
  - o Includes all Department of Defense Photo IDs and Veterans Affairs Benefits Card
- U.S. Passport
  - o Includes US Passport ID Card

If you have one of these Photo IDs, you are ready to vote. Voters should remember to bring one of these IDs with them to the polling place. Voters without Photo ID can get one free of charge from the Department of Motor Vehicles or their county voter registration office. Voters who encounter an obstacle to getting a Photo ID should bring their paper voter registration card without a photo with them to their polling place. These voters can then sign an affidavit swearing to their identity and to their obstacle to obtaining a Photo ID and vote a provisional ballot. This ballot will count unless the county board of voter registration and elections has grounds to believe the affidavit is false. For more information on Photo ID, visit [scVOTES.gov](http://scVOTES.gov) or contact your county board of voter registration and elections.

At 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 3, the County Board of Voter Registration and Elections will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at the Barnwell County Voter Registration & Elections Office, 367 Fuldner Rd. Barnwell, SC 29812, 803-541-1060. At 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 8, the County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in this election. This hearing will be held at the Barnwell County Voter Registration & Elections Office, 367 Fuldner Rd. Barnwell, SC 29812, 803-541-1060.

The following precincts and polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on election day. Always check your polling place at [scVOTES.gov](http://scVOTES.gov) before leaving to vote in any election.

### Precincts

Barnwell #1  
Barnwell #2  
Barnwell #3  
Barnwell #4  
Blackville #1  
Blackville #2  
Elko  
Friendship  
Kline  
Healing Springs  
Hilda  
Snelling  
Williston #1  
Williston #2  
Williston #3

### Polling Place

National Guard Armory  
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Blackville Community Center  
Blackville Community Center  
Elko Fire Department  
Friendship Fire Station  
Kline Town Hall  
Blackville Community Center  
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10233 Marlboro Ave.  
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  - Campfire leftover
  - Jason Bateman/Laura Linney TV drama
  - \*Traditionally clipped
  - \*OS in POS at the supermarket
  - Bro's sibling
  - "\_\_\_ there, done that"
  - T in Greek
  - FBI's cold one
  - Windshield \_\_\_\_, pl.
  - "The \_\_\_ for Red October"
  - Coach of Dallas Mavericks
  - Bow's partner
  - Black and white killer
  - Be in accord
  - First word in fairy tale
  - Formerly known as Pleasant Island
  - Long-lasting Steelers coach
  - TV's "man named Brady"
  - \*GO in BOGO
  - French "place"
  - 6th sense
  - Adored one
  - What cruelty and crush have in common
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  - \*S&H Green \_\_\_
  - Non motorized vessel
  - I have
  - Nev's neighbor
  - Offspring, collectively
  - Rank above maj.
  - Visual
  - QBR in football, e.g.
  - Will Ferrell's Christmas classic
  - Like a gymnast

- Like marines in slogan
- Cowboy's bedding
- Flip-flop
- Plural of aura
- Adam Sandler's "\_\_\_ Gems"
- Manual communication gesture
- High school ball
- Bert's TV buddy
- Ice in a cocktail
- \*TV's "Supermarket \_\_\_"
- Tropical tuber
- \*Sliced items section
- Choose a president
- "\_\_\_ we stand, divided we fall"
- Tokyo, once
- Adenine's partner in RNA
- Chilled (2 words)
- Savory taste sensation
- \*Rolling supermarket carrier
- Dwarf buffalo
- Type of canal, in dentistry
- Ego's main concern
- Surveyor's map
- Accompanies relief
- "Big Three" TV network
- Radio knob, abbr.
- ATM extra
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- Expert
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**Holly Hill Complex** at Cribb Street, Holly Hill, SC

**North Complex** at Palmetto Ave., North, SC

**Allendale Complex** at Bluff Road, Allendale, SC

**Blackville Complex** at Hampton Ave., Blackville, SC

**Branchville Villa complex** at Branchville Lane, Branchville, SC

**Denmark Gardens Complex** at Mimosa Avenue, Denmark, SC

**Fairfax Boundary Complex** at Boundary Street, Fairfax, SC

**Williston West Main Complex** at West Main Street, Williston, SC

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### Allendale Community Center Public Input Session

Allendale County is in the early stages of planning and development for a new Community Center located in the former C.V. Bing High School near downtown Allendale. The County wants to hear from residents regarding these plans. This meeting will provide residents an opportunity to learn more about the project, offer feedback on the current proposed programming and uses, and engage with other residents.

**What:** Public Input Session

**When:** September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 5:30 – 6:30 PM

**Where:** James Brandt Building, 398 Barnwell Hwy, Allendale SC

We look forward to seeing you there!

Allendale County, SC

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Events

### Ongoing

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

### Monday AA Meetings

Free. Open to the public. The Axis I Center, 179 Fuldner Rd., Barnwell. 803-541-1245. [www.axis1.org](http://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**

### Meeting every 3rd Tuesday

**Barnwell County Lions Club YMCA** Broad room.  
Come be a part of the largest service organization in the world. If you or someone you know has a vision problem then you need to be a Lion. Help us help those in need.  
**Dinner 6pm**  
**Speaker 6:30pm**

### 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](mailto: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 Rm. 200 (nook).  
**3-4pm**

### Thurs., Sept. 5

**Community Capital Sales Tax Informational Meeting**  
Blackville Community Center  
The public is invited and encouraged to attend.  
**6:30pm**

### 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**

### 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**

### Setup for Barnwell 9/11 Memorial

Volunteer to help set up flags honoring all the lives lost on 9/11  
**2 pm**

### Blood Drive for Weston

Donate blood in support of Weston in his health journey! Windfield Heights Baptist Church, Williston. Held by Sheppard Community Blood Center.  
**10am-5pm**

### Sun., Sept. 8

**Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church Anniversary**  
Guest speaker will be Dr. Leonard O. Griffin, Pastor of Old Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, North Augusta, SC.  
**1pm**

### Mon.-Wed., Sept. 9-11

**Auditions for "The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge"**  
Circle Theatre, 325 Academy St., Barnwell. We need men and women. There may be places for older teens, but not children. Performances are Dec. 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15.  
**6-7pm**

### Tues.-Sun., Sept. 10-15

**Second Baptist Church's Fall Revival, "A family that prays together, stays together"**  
**Sept. 10-12**  
Lord, send a revival and let it begin with me!! Services begin each night at 7pm, come get a Word from our guest Preachers! Elder Lamonte Boyd is the host pastor.  
**Sat., Sept. 14**  
**11am-3pm**, come back and hang out with us, for our Friends and Family Day!! Food, Fellowship, lots of games and activities for all ages!!  
**Sun., Sept. 15**  
We invite everyone to Second Baptist for "Back to Church" celebration! "Together, We Stand" is our theme and we have a special program planned! Services begin at **9am** with Sunday School. So mark your calendars and get ready for a Full and Fun week at Second Baptist Church Barnwell!! Inbox us on Facebook at SBCBARNWELL, for more information.

### Thurs., Sept. 12

**Allendale County Council Public Hearing and Special Called Meeting**  
Allendale County Courthouse, J.W. Wall, Jr. Council Chambers, 292 Barnwell Hwy., Allendale, SC  
**6pm**

### Community Capital Sales Tax Informational Meeting

Williston Town Hall.  
The public is invited and encouraged to attend.  
**6:30pm**

### Sat., 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**

### Ronnie Jowers Book Signing

Williston Town Hall  
Ronnie will read an excerpt from his book, "Even A Shepherd." Books will be available for purchase and you may have your books signed by the author.  
**10 am-1pm**

### Hilda's Hometown Festival BINGO Night

Hilda Depot. \$1.00 per card. Great Prizes and Fellowship! Follow Hilda's Hometown Festival on Facebook for details.  
**Begins at 6pm.**  
**Card sales begin at 5pm.**

### IT'S THE TIME: Barnwell County Democratic Party

Event at Barnwell State Park in the Solomon Blatt Building. There will be voter's registration, information from local elected officials, information from various local candidates seeking election and re-election, and lots of great food. Join the BCDP for this special event.  
THE PARTY THAT CARES  
**12-4pm**

### Paddle with a Ranger

Barnwell State Park, meet at the office. Come out and kayak around the lower pond with Ranger Ashley. Learn about some local flora and fauna. Kayaks, paddles, and life jackets will be provided. Registration required. 803-284-2212 or by email at [barnwellsp@scprc.com](mailto:barnwellsp@scprc.com). \$15 per adult (\$10 if bringing own kayak). Bring water, sunscreen, bug spray, and shoes that can get wet.  
**9am**

### Sun., Sept. 15

**Silver Spring Missionary Baptist Church Anniversary**  
347 Woodrow Doby Road, Williston, SC. Guest speaker for this special occasion will be Rev. Dr. Herman Wallace. **Beginning with Sunday School at 10am and continuing worship services at 10:30am.**

### Together Sisters' Club

**Annual Senior Citizen Dinner Drive Thru**  
Blackville Community Center, Free! All senior citizens are welcome!  
**1pm**

### Thurs., Sept. 19

**Community Capital Sales Tax Informational Meeting**  
The Hilda Depot. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.  
**6:30pm**

### Sat., Sept. 21

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

### Sun., Sept. 22

**Springfield Missionary Baptist Church 131st Church Anniversary**  
Hwy. 278, Barnwell. Guest speaker will be Dr. Timothy Joel Brand, pastor of The Source Church of Hopkins, SC. There will be no morning service at 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&up  
Girls: 0-1 mos, 12-23 mos, 2yr, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13-15, 16-19, 20&up  
For more information or applications contact Melissa Goliver 803-300-8299 or Jeanette Knight 803-671-3570  
Email to [mbonnette1@gmail.com](mailto:mbonnette1@gmail.com).  
**Deadline for applications is September 14, 2024.**

### Sun., Sept. 29

**Do you love horses?**  
Come find out what the Barnwell 4-H Horse Club is all about. For youth ages 8-18.  
King George's Lavender Farm, 490 Daisy Lane, Barnwell.

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

## Barnwell Library Events

### ADULT

**Adult Craft Night**  
**Thurs., Sept. 26**  
**5-7pm**  
Stop in and do a fall craft with us. We will be using wooden boards to make scarecrows or pumpkins. Registration is required please call 803-259-3612 or stop by before September 23rd.

### CHILDREN/FAMILY

**CATCH for Kids**  
**Mon., Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30**  
**3:30-4:30**  
Join Ms. Hannah after school for a fun and healthy program just for kids. CATCH promotes physical activity and healthy food choices for children from preschool through eighth grade. This program is in partnership with Snap-Ed.

### Crafter-Noon for Kids

**Fri., Sept. 13**  
**4-5pm**  
Drop in and make backpack/badge keychains with us.

### STEM for Kids

**Wed., Sept. 25**  
**4-5pm**  
Join us outside for a fun Mentos Geyser Experiment - Mentos & Coke Experiment. This activity may get a little sticky.

For more information: Holly Dana 803-300-4420 or Cindy Strickland 203-376-6733. Join 4-H at [Clemson.edu/4h](http://Clemson.edu/4h)  
**1-2pm**

### Tues., Oct. 1

**Barnwell County National Night Out 2024**  
Rescheduled from Aug. 6, due to projected inclement weather. Details will follow for this event later in the year.

### Tues.-Thurs., Oct. 1-3

**Annual fall Revival 158th**  
Jordan Baptist Church  
2141 Jordan Rd., Barnwell. Guest speaker will be Rev. Billy Smith, Building King Ministry, Ridge Spring, SC  
**7pm nightly**

### Thurs., Oct. 3

**Community Capital Sales Tax Informational Meeting**  
Barnwell County Library. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.  
**6:30pm**

### Town Hall Meeting with Rep. Lonnie Hosey

Presented by The Big 7 Association.  
Willie E. Landrum Gymnasium, Hagood Ave., Barnwell. If you are a constituent of Rep. Hosey's District 91, you are encouraged to be in attendance.  
**6:30pm**

### Sat., Oct. 5

**2024 Family and Friends Day**  
Jordan Baptist Church  
2141 Jordan Rd., Barnwell. (Come out for a day fun, food, fellowship, music, games etc). Treasie's Snack Shack food truck will be there.  
**10am-2pm**

### Sun., Oct. 6

**158th Church Anniversary Celebration**  
Jordan Baptist Church  
Guest speaker Rev. Fredrick Quattlebaum, Christ Temple Outreach Ministry, Augusta, GA. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND  
**11am**

### 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**

### STORYTIME

**Read, Rattle, and Roll Storytime**  
**Thurs., Sept. 5**  
**10:30 am**  
A fun and engaging story and activities for up to five years old. We'll help you get started with developmental screening. You can complete one in 30 minutes at the library or later at home. In partnership with Help Me Grow SC.

### Virtual Storytime

**Thurs., Sept. 19**  
**Videos will be posted by 10:30 am.** Follow along with Mrs. Amanda as she reads a funny fall story.

### JUST READ

**Forever Never**  
4 Stars  
by: Lucy Score  
Amanda BCPL Manager

### The Blue Castle

4.5 Stars  
by: LM Montgomery  
Carol BCPL Clerk

### When Crickets Cry

4 Stars  
by: Charles Martin  
Carol BCPL Clerk

### Hilda's Hometown Festival

Live entertainment including a street dance with Cody Webb, parade, kid zone, train rides, bake sale, food trucks and vendors, axe throwing, car cruise-in, and more!  
Email [hildashometownfestival@gmail.com](mailto:hildashometownfestival@gmail.com) or follow Hilda's Hometown Festival on Facebook for details. **10am-9pm**

### 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, 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., 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**

### 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**

# Local Directory

## Allendale Library

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

## Barnwell Library

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

## Blackville Library

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

## Williston Library

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

## MUSEUMS

### BARNWELL CO. MUSEUM

9426 Marlboro Ave., Barnwell  
Tues., Wed., Thurs.  
Noon-4pm  
Self-guided tours are offered  
Register at the office building  
(803) 259-1916

### BLACKVILLE MUSEUM

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

### BARNWELL SENIOR CENTER

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

### BLACKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

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

### Fri., Oct. 25

**Williston Homecoming Parade**  
West Main to Warren Street in Williston **5 pm**

### Sat., Nov. 2

**Halloween Fun Day at Barnwell State Park**  
1-3pm Pumpkin carving contest (\$5 per pumpkin)  
**3:30pm** Judging for the pumpkin carving  
**4-5pm** Halloween crafting hour (\$3 per person, kids 5 and under free)  
**7-9pm** Hay ride  
Come dressed in costume.

### Sat., Nov. 23

**Kickin' it With Dad Sons & Daughters**  
Toys For Tots Fundraiser. National Guard Armory, Allendale. \$25/ticket. Food & entertainment included. More info & tickets, Phyllis Smart, 803-508-5837.  
**6-9pm**

## Crossword Puzzle Solution

Puzzle on Page 7B

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## Sudoku Puzzle Solution

Puzzle on Page 7B

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6	4	2	1					

# Nourish Family Connections with Every Bite

*Boost social, emotional and physical health with egg-inspired recipes*

**FAMILY FEATURES**

**D**ine together, shine together. Weekly sit-down meals with family can reduce stress, boost self-esteem and make everyone feel more connected – all while sharing delicious, healthy and easy-to-prepare food.

Give your family the opportunity to refuel and reconnect each week with recipes that bring everyone together. Whether it's 10 people or two, research shows that those who enjoy frequent meals with others, particularly parents with their children, have better social and emotional well-being, according to the American Heart Association.

Enjoying great conversation and camaraderie is at the heart of every meal, and with the right dishes, you can make every bite as delicious as it is nourishing. Ingredients like eggs are affordable, easy to use and versatile, making them the perfect choice in the kitchen to help you cook up conversation.

Gently cooked egg yolks take center stage in this Egg Ravioli with Sage and Almonds recipe, and delicate poached eggs rest atop whole grains in the Poached Eggs with Pesto Bulgur recipe. If breakfast is the best time of day for your tribe to gather, whip up these Southwestern Quinoa and Egg Breakfast Bowls for added protein and fiber.

These egg-inspired recipes and more are part of the American Heart Association's Together Tuesdays and Healthy for Good Eat Smart initiative, nationally supported by Eggland's Best. Both initiatives stress the importance of gathering at least once a week around the table with family or friends to satisfy cravings for connection, a delicious meal and overall healthy living.

In addition to the social and emotional benefits of dining together, shared family meals can help promote healthier choices at the table.

Eggs, for example, can be included as part of a heart-healthy diet that emphasizes vegetables, fruits, nuts and seeds, whole grains, lean protein and fish, according to the American Heart Association. Remember not to isolate just one food – it's not only about the egg, but also about what's eaten alongside it. For example, eating eggs alongside foods high in saturated fat – like bacon – is different than eggs eaten with steamed veggies, whole grains or a side of fruit.

For more heart-healthy recipe ideas and conversation starters to make Together Tuesdays a tradition in your household, visit [heart.org/together](http://heart.org/together).



### Egg Ravioli with Sage and Almonds

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association  
Servings: 4

- 8 cups water
- 1/2 cup fat-free ricotta cheese
- 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh, chopped thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 8 gyoza wrappers, shumai wrappers or wonton wrappers
- 4 large egg yolks, unbroken
- 1 large egg white, lightly beaten
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup sliced almonds, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped, fresh sage
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped red bell pepper (optional)

Fill large pot with water. Bring water to gentle boil over medium-high heat.

In medium bowl, stir ricotta cheese, Parmesan cheese, thyme, orange zest and pepper.

Place four wrappers flour sides down on cutting board. Spoon 1 1/2 tablespoons cheese mixture onto center of each wrapper. Using back of spoon, press down on cheese mixture to create well about 1 1/2 inches across (width of large egg yolk), leaving at least 1/2 inch space around edges of wrapper. Without breaking it, carefully place one egg yolk in center of each well.

Using pastry brush, brush edges of wrappers with egg white. Place one top wrapper with flour side up on each bottom wrapper. Using thumbs and forefingers, firmly press edges together to tightly seal each ravioli. Set aside.

Using slotted spoon or spatula, carefully drop each ravioli into boiling water. Cook 2 1/2-3 minutes, or until wrappers are al dente (cooked not too soft but not overdone). Using slotted spoon, gently remove raviolis from pot, draining well. Transfer to plates. Drizzle with oil. Sprinkle with almonds, sage and bell pepper, if desired.

**Tips:** Gyoza wrappers (or shumai wrappers) are preferred because they're thinner than wonton wraps. Look for gyoza wrappers in the dairy aisle, deli department or freezer section.

Use these guidelines to determine how you want eggs cooked: At 2 1/2 minutes, eggs are yellow and slightly thickened but not set around edges, similar to sunny-side up. At 3 minutes, eggs are deeper orange and slightly set around edges, similar to over-easy.



Southwestern Quinoa and Egg Breakfast Bowls

### Southwestern Quinoa and Egg Breakfast Bowls

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association  
Servings: 4

- 1/4 cup uncooked quinoa, rinsed and drained
- 2 medium tomatoes (about 2 cups), chopped
- 1 cup no-salt-added frozen corn, thawed
- 1/2 medium avocado, pitted and diced
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro (optional)
- nonstick cooking spray
- 4 large eggs

- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- red hot pepper sauce, to taste (optional)

Cook quinoa according to package directions. Remove from heat. Spoon quinoa into four bowls. Top each with even amounts of tomatoes, corn, avocado, green onions and cilantro, if desired.

Lightly spray large skillet with nonstick cooking spray and set over medium-high heat. Crack eggs into skillet. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Cook, uncovered, 3-4 minutes, or until egg whites are set but yolks are still runny. Using spatula, carefully transfer one egg, sunny side up, into each bowl. Sprinkle with hot sauce, to taste, if desired.

### Poached Eggs with Pesto Bulgur

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association  
Servings: 4

- 2/3 cup uncooked instant or fine-grain bulgur
- 1 1/3 cups, plus 2 tablespoons, fat-free, low-sodium vegetable broth, divided
- 1 cup tightly packed fresh basil
- 2 tablespoons chopped walnuts, dry roasted
- 1 small garlic clove, minced
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 dash cayenne
- 1/2 cup finely chopped yellow or red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions
- 4 cups water
- 1 tablespoon white vinegar
- 4 large eggs
- 1 medium lemon, cut into 4 wedges

In medium saucepan, prepare bulgur according to package directions, omitting salt and substituting 1 1/3 cups broth for water. Fluff with fork.

In food processor or blender, process basil, walnuts, garlic, salt, cayenne and remaining broth until smooth. Stir basil mixture, bell pepper and green onions into bulgur.

In large skillet, bring water and vinegar to boil over high heat. Reduce heat and simmer. Break one egg into cup then carefully slip egg into simmering water. Repeat with remaining eggs, placing in water so they don't touch. Simmer 3-5 minutes, or until whites are completely set and yolks are beginning to set but aren't hard. Using slotted spoon, drain eggs well and place on bulgur mixture. Serve with lemon wedges.

**Note:** White vinegar helps firm egg whites quickly, preventing them from spreading too much.



Poached Eggs with Pesto Bulgur

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to cats.

**W L S A C**

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Answer: Claws

## GUESS WHO?


I am an actor born in California on September 26, 1983. I briefly played college football, but I am best known for roles on two television shows, including one where I played a thug who ropes two women into a money laundering scheme.

Answer: Manny Montana

## NUTRITION: A National Concern

**PARENTS:** Children don't yet realize that weight is more about having a healthy body and less about how that body looks. To put it into perspective, explain that carrying extra weight means the body must work harder—and that extra work can keep a person from feeling their best.

### Comparing Apples and Oranges



$\text{Orange} = 53¢ + 17¢ + 64¢$   
 $\text{Apple} = 82¢ + 12¢ + 35¢$

Grocer Joe is thinking about the price per pound of apples and oranges. Which costs more? Write the price per pound on each crate.

**Standards Link:** Math/Number Sense: Calculate sums using money.

### Nutrition Maze

Our bodies need different kinds of nutrients to perform at their peak. The different nutrients we need come from different kinds of food.

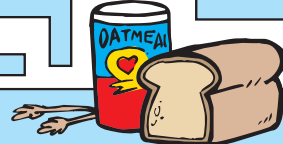
Look at the nutrients below. Then follow the maze to find out what each nutrient does for your body and what foods provide each nutrient.

**Protein**

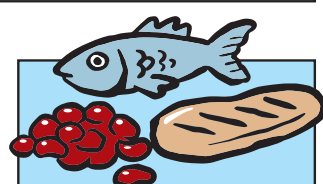
**Vitamins**

**Calcium**


**Carbohydrates**



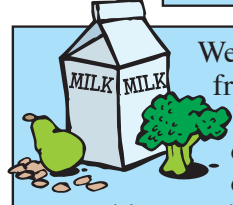
We get these by eating bread, cereal, pasta and other foods made with grains. These give us energy.



We get this from meat, fish and beans. In order for our muscles and organs to grow and be healthy, our bodies need this.



Fruits and vegetables are an important source of these. They make our hair shine, our eyes sparkle and our bodies healthy.



We can get this from a variety of foods including dairy products, dark green leafy vegetables, soy beans, almonds, figs, broccoli and butternut squash. Our bodies need it to grow and keep our bones strong.

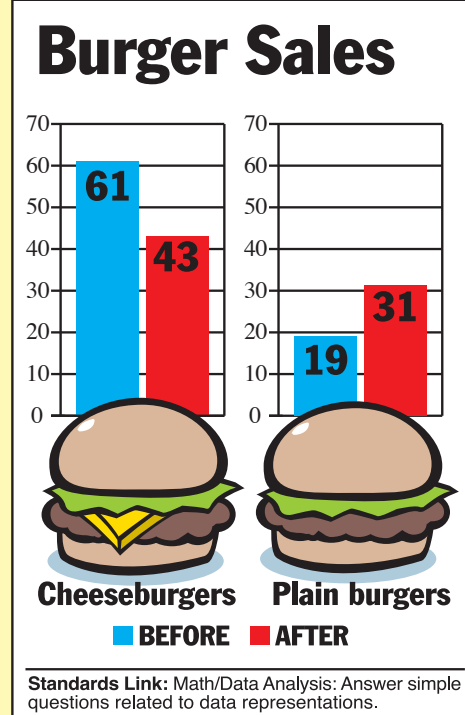
**Extra! Extra!**  
**Carrot Classified**  
 Make up a Classified Ad to sell a bunch of carrots. Look at the Classified Ad section of the newspaper to get ideas on how these ads are written.

**Standards Link:** Writing Applications: Write simple expository descriptions of things.

**Standards Link:** Health: Students know the nutritional value of foods.

### Posters Make a Point

When a high school in Pennsylvania put up posters telling students how much fat was in different foods, the students changed what they ate for lunch.



Look at the graph that shows what kinds of food they chose *before* and *after* the posters were put up. Then answer these questions:

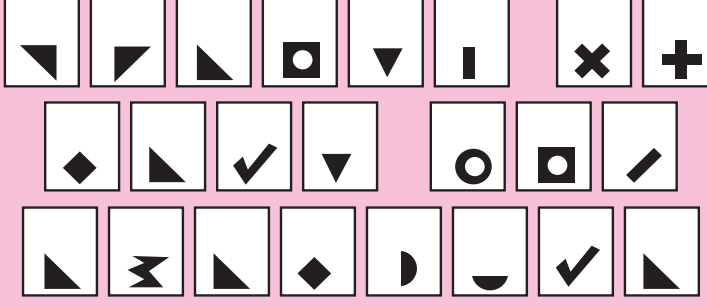
How many fewer cheeseburgers were chosen after the posting of the nutrition posters?


How many more plain burgers were chosen than cheeseburgers after the posting of the nutrition posters?

What do you think the nutrition posters said about the fat content of cheese?

### Important Ingredients

Good nutrition is a key ingredient for good health. But there are two more important ingredients you need as well. Use the code to discover them.



**SECRET CODE:**  
  
 A C D E F I L N O P R S T X Y

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

### Double Double Word Search

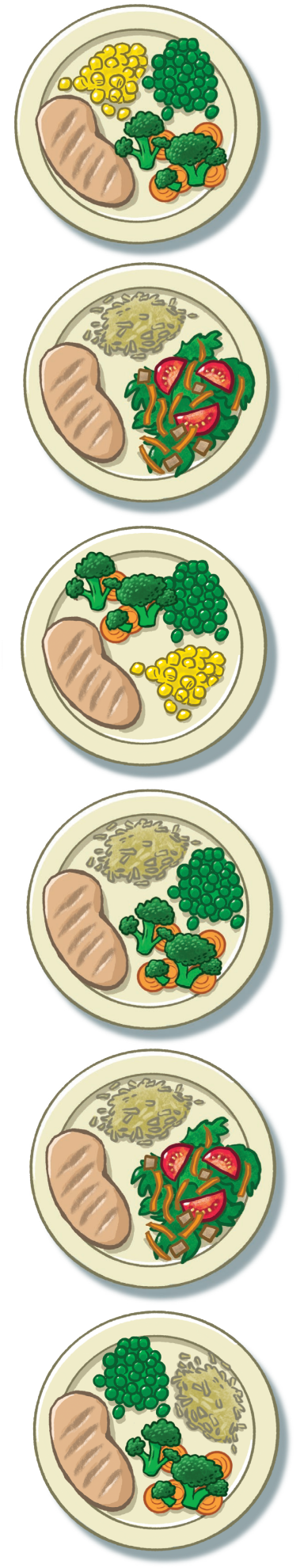
**NUTRITION** Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

APPLES  
 POSTERS  
 BREAD  
 HEALTH  
 SHINE  
 CHEESE  
 ORGAN  
 OBESITY  
 BEANS  
 FISH  
 CALCIUM  
 LUNCH  
 BURGERS  
 BONES

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

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

### Find the two identical dinners.



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### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

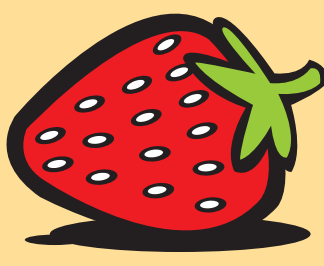
**This week's word: NUTRITION**  
**Nutrition** means taking in food for energy and health.  
**Nutrition** is important so that children will grow up healthy and strong.  
 Use the word **nutrition** in a sentence today when talking with your friends, parents or teachers.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Talking Heads

Look for newspaper pictures of people's heads. Cut some of these out and glue them onto a piece of paper. Write down something for each one to say about eating well. Draw a bubble around the words to make the pictures look like comics. Ask if you can post these in your lunchroom!

**Standards Link:** Health/Nutrition: Students know healthy eating practices.



## How do you make a strawberry shake?

**ANSWER:** Read it a scary story!

### Write On!

## The Perfect Snack

What is your idea of the perfect after-school snack?



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