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Jamie Towne, Scotty Hankins, Phillip Delk, and Tony Dicks uncouple a firehose at the grand opening of the City of Barnwell's new fire station on Saturday, Sept. 7.

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City of Barnwell dedicates new fire station

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A new age of fire service has dawned in the City of Barnwell.

On Saturday, September 7, the community was welcomed to the grand opening of a new fire station – a place many first responders and elected officials had dreamed of and worked toward for decades.

"This is a great day for the City of Barnwell. This day is a day we have been waiting on for quite some time," said Mayor Ron Still. "This is a day that is well deserved for each and every one of our firefighters, and it has been well earned over the years here by these gentlemen and ladies."

The original fire station was built in 1954 and has since fallen into disrepair and contains asbestos. In 2018, a new police department was constructed using the previous round Capital Project Sales Tax (CPST) funding and the city set a goal to build a new fire department with part of the next eight-year allotment. The construction of a new



Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

Retired chief Tony Dicks provided a historical background on fire service in the City of Barnwell.

station meant tearing down what once served as a hub for fire, police, judicial, and governmental departments in the city.

Mayor Still spoke of the feelings many Barnwell natives have; "There were some times where I rode by and saw that building being torn down that

kind of made me a little upset to be quite honest with you. ... As much as I was proud of what we have here today, I was a little bit nostalgic with the fact that I grew up in there."

In 2019, Representative Lonnie Hosey secured \$350,000 toward this goal, and in April 2023 aided in reallocating \$2 million of the Department of Energy Settlement Fund allotment toward the project. In October 2023, he then assisted with bringing \$500,000 from the state to construct the station, totaling \$2,850,000 in funds to build a new fire department.

If the next round of CPST funding appearing on the referendum on the November 8 ballot passes, the city plans to use the funding to pay off the construction cost of the department; "If the Capital Sales Tax, that's on the referendum this November 5th, passes this building will be paid off, and the city will owe no debt on any of the structures," said Mayor Still of the new police department, city hall, Lemon Park, and a wastewater treatment facility.

"Great things are happening

See STATION, 5A

Board ready to select site for new high school

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The Barnwell County School District board is expected to vote on a location for a new county-wide high school.

In June, a community meeting was held to present four options for a new comprehensive high school and career center to serve students from across Barnwell County. Three involve the current Barnwell High School (BHS) site and the other would find a neutral location. Following a July workshop to discuss the facility plan, including possible locations for a neutral site, the board again met during a workshop on Friday, Sept. 6.

"We can forget options two, three and four," said BCSD board chairman Terry Richardson of the three options involving the current BHS site. "We're past that."

While building on the current BHS site would save money, multiple reasons were cited for not moving forward with any of those options, including being landlocked, disruption to students during construction, and not being centralized.

Selecting a neutral location is believed to be the best option, though it will cost more, could take longer to complete, and won't leave money for renovations of facilities in Blackville and Williston. This will also allow the district to save the BHS facilities, which have undergone renovations

in recent years. Other pros are that students won't be disrupted during construction, all athletic fields can be on one site, and everything will fit better.

At the Sept. 6 workshop, BCSD Superintendent Dr. Crissie Stapleton reviewed neutral locations the board discussed at their July workshop. This includes three sites on Highway 278 and one on Highway 3.

"We've been looking at lots of options," said Stapleton. "When you vote (on a location), it will turn us loose to do a lot more."

After eliminating some options due to space limitations or being in a flood plain, the board is focusing on an 88-acre tract of land on Highway 37 near the intersection with Highway 278. This property was recommended by county and economic development officials.

"The future has more possibilities at 278," said Stapleton.

Though a vote is needed before a formal agreement can be made, the property owner is interested in selling, she said.

The property has enough room to house the new school along with athletic facilities and parking.

Situated beside this property is an additional 63 acres that could house a proposed farm and arena. The property already has stables and a barn.

"It's prepped, ready and fits. I think we save a lot from the farm arena estimate. There are so many grants possible

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Downtown flag display remembers 9/11 victims

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Today marks the 23rd anniversary of an infamous day in U.S. history. Communities, schools, and organizations across the country will gather today to remember the tragic events that took place over two decades ago.

For the past four years, 2,978 flags have been placed at Calhoun Park to honor those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Barnwell resident Barbara Christian organizes this memorial annually. With the help of numerous volunteers, they hand place each flag into the ground a couple days before 9/11 each year.

"We wouldn't be able to do this without the volunteers that come



Volunteers joined together on September 7 to set up the annual 9/11 memorial display in Calhoun Park. 2,978 flags were placed.

Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

out to help," said Christian.

This memorial, and others alike, remind the growing generation of Americans who were too young, or were born

after 2001, of the national tragedy.

The flags will be taken up on September 14. Calhoun Park is located across the street from the

Barnwell County Courthouse, near the Barnwell City Hall offices.

"We would love to have you come out and see it," said

Christian.

For more information or to learn how to get involved next year, contact Barbara Christian at (231) 373-2305.

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Fall Field Day brings producers together to discuss Farm Bill, irrigation innovations

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Farmers gather together amid a tour during fall field day.

Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

The upcoming Farm Bill, innovations in irrigation, and precision agriculture were among several topics discussed by farmers and agriculture experts at the Clemson University Extension's annual Peanut, Cotton, Vegetable and Fruit Field Day.

The field day, held on September 5, brought agricultural producers, industry leaders and extension specialists from throughout the Central Savannah River Area together to discuss ongoing changes within the agricultural industry.

The Farm Bill is a major piece of legislation passed every five years by the United States Congress that has widespread implications

for farmers across the United States; agricultural subsidies, farming loans and other forms of food policy are contained within the Farm Bill. The previous Farm Bill was signed into law in 2018 and would have expired in 2023, however, it was extended in November 2023

until September 30, 2024.

Nathan Smith, Extension Economist, discussed how the Farm Bill will include changes to reference prices, which is the cost at which producers sell their crops; currently, low prices in crop commodities like peanuts, corn, grain and cotton have put pressure on farmers. Since the pandemic, food related commodity prices have fluctuated rapidly, with many commodities crashing in value in the beginning of the pandemic before skyrocketing following the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Now, prices on agriculture related commodities have fallen back to near pre-

pandemic levels.

During a field tour, Jose Payero, an Irrigation Specialist and assistant professor at Clemson University, discussed energy and irrigation management. In South Carolina, irrigation primarily requires pulling from groundwater and aquifers, using copious amounts of nonrenewable energy, which increases prices for farmers.

"Most of that water is going to be groundwater, so what does that mean?" said Payero. "It means we're going to be pumping that water from deep, and the deeper you go, the more it's going to cost to pump that

water. ... But we have a great variety of [aquifer] depths all over the state."

Currently, Payero said, the cheapest form of energy for irrigation is natural gas. However, this may be changing as new solar irrigation pumps begin outcompeting fossil fuels in costs and efficiency, according to reporting by Yale E360. Pump efficiency, Payero said, is a key component of determining irrigation costs.

"The other thing that's going to have an impact is how efficient your pumping system is," said Payero. "If you're pumping with a brand new pump or you're

pumping with a very old pump, that's not very efficient in converting energy into water pressure."

Payero said Clemson Extension and other agricultural stakeholders are involved in helping develop applications that can help farmers plan and calculate the cost of irrigation, and its energy efficiency.

"I [can] go and calculate what the cost per acre [is], how the total cost is for your farm, and will compare the different costs depending on your energy source," said Payero.

Kendall Kirk, Precision Agriculture Engineer at Clemson University, told farmers that new algorithms can help make better predictions about agricultural practices; at the field day, Kirk helped farmers experiment with a new peanut field drying app.

"We can build algorithms in such a way that we can predict things on a continuous scale, such as pounds per acre of yield," Kirk said, noting that Clemson's algorithm is in a developmental phase. "The peanut field drying app gives you the ability to say, if I dig my peanuts today, when am I going to be able to combine them?"



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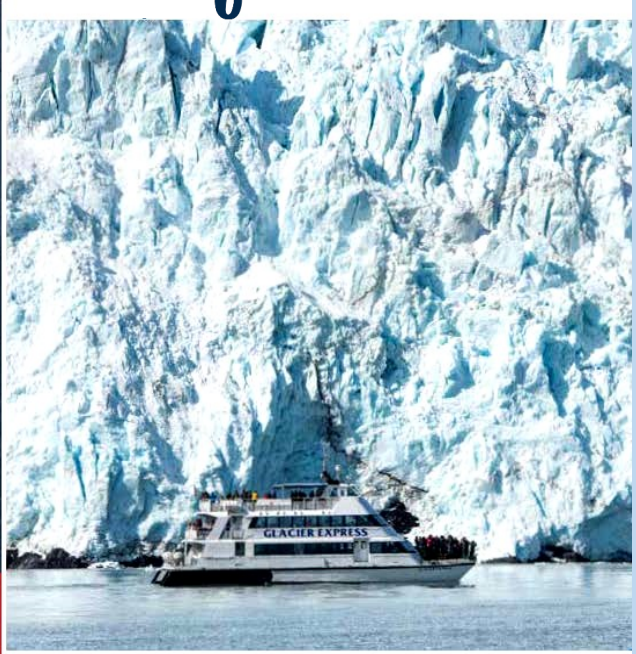
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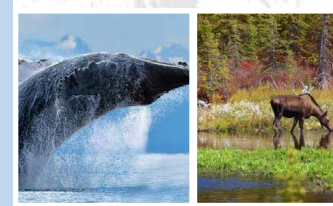
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Overnight: Seward Meals: (B,L)

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Local officer stars in Barnwell native's new movie



Lt. Eric Kirkland, City of Barnwell Mayor Ron Still, and Dr. JB Brown all volunteered to place flags at the annual 9/11 memorial at Calhoun Park. Mayor Still and Dr. Brown are Barnwell High School (BHS) classmates.

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The newest JB Star Production features a familiar face in Barnwell County law enforcement. Lieutenant Eric Kirkland of the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office makes his cinematic debut in a 2024 rendition of "Thy Will Be Done," a movie by Barnwell native Dr. JB Brown focusing on heavy themes such as human trafficking, drug abuse, and much more.

Lt. Kirkland, who plays himself, is featured alongside five other certified law officers such as Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott, who plays the coroner in the murder-for-money plot line. Brown welcomed Lt. Kirkland's insight throughout the four-month long filmmaking process to ensure the themes present were being depicted accurately. Lt. Kirkland is not only a career officer, but also serves as co-chairman for the Second Judicial Circuit's Human Trafficking Task Force.

"It was an awesome opportunity to be able to highlight something as serious as human trafficking, and to represent Barnwell County," said Lt. Kirkland. The movie follows the story of Summer Buckner, a female protagonist whose father's death results in her experiencing a part of her city she never knew before. Brown began filmmaking



Lt. Eric Kirkland places flags at the annual 9/11 memorial in Calhoun Park alongside friend and director Dr. JB Brown. Brown is a Barnwell native and 10 time movie producer.

25 years ago in August 1999, and has directed, acted, and produced over ten films. Many of his films depict 'real world' topics such as human trafficking, illegal gambling, drug abuse, and more. Brown too comes into this process with a background in law enforcement, and draws inspiration for his films from past experience.

Although dealing with these topics, the films are consumable for a younger audience as well. Lt. Kirkland's feature showed him explaining about the dangers of human trafficking to young citizens at a local event. "I am only inspired by doing what God leads me to do," he said, explaining filmmaking has been like a

ministry. Brown's advice to Barnwell County students interested in filmmaking is to "explore what they do best," and continue to hone that craft - whatever it might be. During a recent visit to his hometown, Brown assisted volunteers with placing flags for the annual 9/11 memorial at Calhoun Park alongside Lt. Kirkland. This annual display is organized by resident Barbara Christian.

Cast and crew were welcomed to a private viewing at Lenoir Rhyne University on August 31. The red carpet premiere of the film will be held in early October. To learn more about Dr. JB Brown's films, visit <https://www.jbstarpresents.tv/>.

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Patricia and Aubrey Wright celebrated their 61st anniversary on August 23, 2024.

Mr. & Mrs. Wright celebrate 61 years

Aubrey and Patricia Wright of Barnwell celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on August 23, 2024.

They were married on August 23, 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright have three children - Jacqueline McMillian of Jersey City, N.J., Terri Wright of Lexington, S.C., and Doreen Scott of Lexington, S.C. They also have 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

BIRTH



Collier David McCoy was born on September 3, 2024.

Collier David McCoy

Mlynnne Shelby McCoy and Brian David McCoy of Blackville are proud to announce the birth of their son, Collier David McCoy.

He was born September 3, 2024 at 9:45 p.m. at Piedmont Hospital in Augusta, Ga. He measured 20 inches long and weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

He has one sibling, the late Elena Jane McCoy.

Grandparents are Sheila L. Carroll of Barnwell, Ralph S. Carroll of Blackville, Amy L. Davis of Barnwell, and David A. and Angie G. McCoy of Barnwell.

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STATION: City honors history at new fire station dedication

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in the City of Barnwell," he said.

A LOOK INSIDE THE NEW STATION

Chief Phillip Delk described the new facility as "a great benefit for the volunteers, a great benefit for the community."

Over the past roughly 14 months, Chief Delk and assistant chief Scotty Hankins have worked alongside superintendent Andrew Olson with Spratlin & Sons Construction based in Evans, Georgia, who was contracted by the city to build the station.

"This project stands as a testament to teamwork and dedication, ensuring the safety and well-being of the citizens of Barnwell," said Spratlin & Sons in a statement.

Olson was presented with a plaque for his dedication to seeing this project completed and for working seamlessly alongside fire and city officials.

"It took some understanding from many of us, both firefighters and elected officials, to get the majority done. It took acceptance and understanding from the council that a fire station just wasn't a garage for parking fire trucks, but a technically advanced designed building with health and safety at the forefront," said retired fire chief Tony Dicks.

The new station has several technological advances for the health and safety of firefighters such as a decontamination facility where hazardous pathogens and materials can be removed from their person.

"The number one killer of firefighters today is cancer. With that in mind, the building is designed to keep the cancer-causing toxins of the job isolated from the working and living spaces in the building," said Dicks.

The facility also has an administration center that can be used as an emergency operations center during times of emergency or disaster, and can be used as a backup for the Barnwell County Emergency Management team and/or surrounding counties.

Firefighters were able to occupy the facility last month and began scheduling training classes and exercises in house, which are scheduled until the end of the year.

According to Dicks, foresight into new state standards for fire safety were considered as Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations shift and change.

It contains a physical fitness center for strength and cardio training for firefighters, as well as a fire service heritage and life safety education center where children and adults can visit to learn about local and national fire service history.

When Barnwell County School District students learn about fire safety each year, they will do it in this education center.

City administrator Lynn McEwen thanked three local businesses for their support throughout the 14-month construction process; SRP Federal Credit Union for donating furniture, Collum's Lumber Products in Allendale for donating starter wood, and Scotsman Ice Company for donating an ice maker.

"We appreciate the entire community coming together and helping us with this building," said McEwen.

REMEMBERING OUR HISTORY: Reflecting from the past, and preparing for the future

Amidst change and a growing future, retired Chief Dicks reminded those in attendance of the city's rich history.

"To make good decisions going forward, you need to know your history," said Dicks.

While adorning a white leather fire helmet reminiscent of time past, he summarized 133 years of



Members of the Barnwell Fire Department pose for a photo in their new station.

Contributed Photo

fire protection in the City of Barnwell beginning in 1891 with a population of just 1,800.

Dicks detailed the evolution of the fire service beginning with a windmill with an attached well and an elevated tank that stood in the center of town, allowing water to be drawn

still no organized fire service.

Major changes came between 1917 and 1919 when a Georgia-based company specializing in elevated water tanks & towers, pumps, and pipes brought the city four wells supplying 100,000 gallons of water, in addition

department's first fire alarm; a steam operated whistle.

In 1933, When the electrical operation controlled by the city was taken over by S.C. Power Company, now Dominion Energy, an electric siren and a telephone system were added to the department's

of Washington and Burr Street, is where beginning in 1934 the first fire truck spent many a day, it was where the final step in our vision of a new fire station had taken place," said Dicks.

A new station was then built with federal funding from the incoming

Mayor Still.

Dicks detailed the movement of these entities around the county before coming into their current locations in downtown Barnwell, attributing much of the movement to the aspirations and vision of former councils and mayors in the early 2000s.

"We can close the door on this vision that started 24 years ago," said Dicks.

LEGACIES OF SERVICE: Families synonymous with fire service

Three areas on the campus of the new station will be dedicated to three families or individuals who have been instrumental in maintaining fire services in the city for decades.

Representative Hosey was presented with a resolution to honor and dedicate a part of the facility in his name.

The Lonnie Hosey Fire Administration and Training Center is representative of the "great appreciation for the singular and tireless efforts of Representative Lonnie Hosey in obtaining \$2,850,000 being received for a new fire department," states the resolution.

This center is located inside the new facility.

The Vickery family was also honored at the ceremony; known for their over 154 years of service to the city and three founding members.

As aforementioned, the late J.J. Vickery served as the first chief of the department from 1919 through 1929, spearheading much of the development of the fire service in the city alongside two family members, Clyde Vickery and D.C. Vickery.

Lloyd C. Vickery Sr. became the city's second chief in 1929 and served until 1972, making him the longest standing chief in the city's history. Following him was Lloyd C. Vickery Jr., who served as chief from 1979 to 1994 and was awarded the James B. Murphy Firefighter of the Year Award in 1990 and was later inducted into the S.C. State Firefighters Hall of Fame.

Lloyd Charles Vickery III served as a firefighter from 1970 to 2000.

In the family's honor, a memorial park outside the station will be named after them known as the Vickery Family Memorial Park.

The Dicks' family helped grow the department alongside many of the Vickerys, with W.H. "Horace Jr." Dicks serving as chief from 1972 to 1979. His wife, Corrie Lee Dicks, became the city's first female firefighter and his son, William G. Dicks, served as a firefighter as well.

Three generations of the family served the city, and Horace Jr. was later inducted into the S.C. State Firefighters Association Hall of Fame in 2005.

The aforementioned chief Tony Dicks began his career with the city in 1973 and became fire chief in 1999 where he served in this capacity until 2023. He was sworn into the hall of fame in 2017.

In honor of their 90 years of service and three generations of dedication, the city has named a room in the new station the Dicks Family Fire Service Heritage and Life Safety Education Center.

Each family was honored with a plaque.

SPECIAL ANOINTING

Pastor Bart Kelley of First Baptist Church of Barnwell and chaplain for the fire department has been in the fire service for around a decade, and was tasked with blessing the facility for the protection of the men and women who will serve inside it.

"My second home outside of my home with my family was the firehouse," said Kelley. "You can always depend on them to have your back."

To bless the facility and those serving, he anointed the building with oil that came from a garden in Jerusalem.



ABOVE: Many members of the Vickery family were present to accept a plaque honoring their combined 154 years serving the City of Barnwell.

AT RIGHT: Representative Lonnie Hosey is presented with a plaque honoring the space in the fire station named in his honor. Also pictured is his wife Doris (left) and city administrator Lynn McEwen (center).

BELOW: The Dicks family was honored at the grand opening ceremony for their three generations and 90 years of service to the city.

Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter



and used in the event of an emergency. Wooden water main lines on Burr Street and Main Street were later uncovered, and believed to be part of this original system.

The population took a dip by 1900 and the windmill

to storage tanks, the installation of iron pipes, and 52 fire hydrants.

One of these hydrants can still be found on the corner of Washington and Burr Street, outside of the new firehouse.

An organized volunteer

list of equipment.

At this time, the volunteers were operating out of a lean-to structure in an alley near Burr Street.

A new elevated tank was constructed and a pumper truck was purchased. Due to the lean-to like

Savannah River Site in 1954 in that very spot. \$100,000 purchased a new fire truck, a hose, police cars, and radios, as well as building the former station many Barnwell natives grew to love.

"When I was a child,



A full crowd came out to witness the grand opening of the City of Barnwell's newly constructed fire station.

and adjoining well were no longer in use. Rather wooden barrels filled with water and buckets could be found along downtown streets to serve as fire protection.

By 1909, the city came into owning some equipment, but there was

fire service was then established under the leadership of the city's first fire chief, J.J. Vickery, in 1919. They operated with two hose reels and access to water brought only a year or so prior.

The late chief Vickery designed and built the

structure of the facility, it could not store the new truck, leaving it to be housed at Vickery Brothers Garage at night, and under the iconic live oak trees on Burr Street during the day.

"Under those two live oaks at the corner

I grew up in the old fire department. At that time it was a multipurpose building, it served as the fire department, it served as the jail... it also served as the magistrate where we held court, and it also served as the city hall and the police station," said

Barnwell County Arrest Reports

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

Davis Anthony Bodiford, 52, of 194 Long Cane Road, Williston, S.C. was arrested on September 2, 2024 by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) for Illegal Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Posses, Manufacture, Transport Destructive Device or Explosive or Parts for Damage or Injury and Arson. Bodiford was transported to Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).

Vivian Marshall Brosia, 69, of 156 Mando Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on September 3, 2024 by BCSO for Forgery. Brosia was booked and released to BCDC.

Solomon Alphonse Duplessis, 49, of 2929 Botney Drive, Atlanta, Georgia, was arrested on September 3, 2024 by BCSO for Criminal Domestic Violence. Duplessis was booked and released to BCDC.

Markus Sh'Montrey Hammonds, 27, of 229 Shadow Drive, Gatson, S.C. was arrested on September 4, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Stop for Blue Lights and Child Endangerment. Hammonds was booked and released to BCDC.

Alicia Jeanaette Hilton, 39, of 676 Cedar Branch Road, Windsor, S.C. was

arrested on September 3, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Hilton was booked and released to BCDC.

Lawrence Ingram, 34, of 56 Cherry Street, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on September 6, 2024 by BCSO for Disorderly Conduct and Trespassing for Refusing to Leave Premises. Ingram was booked and released to BCDC.

Roger Dennis Lee, 63, of 1005 Lebanon Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on September 6, 2024 by BCSO for Unlawful Use of 911. Lee was booked and released to BCDC.

Jonathon Dwayne Pate, 37, of 8125 Highway 70, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on September 8, 2024 by BCSO for Violation of Permanent Restraining Order. Pate was booked and released to BCDC.

John Randolph Priester, 31, of 98 Grant Street, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on September 4, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Priester was booked and released to BCDC.


Christopher Russel Dewitt Williams, 35, of 1629 Wagener Trail, Wagener, S.C. was arrested on September 4, 2024 by BCSO for Harassment. Williams was booked and released to BCDC.

Dezeray Wright, 48, of 1171 Pioneer Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on September 5, 2024 by BCSO for Criminal Domestic Violence. Wright was booked

and released to BCDC.

Ezekiel Todd Williams, 26, of 1808 Monroe Highway, Lancaster, S.C. was arrested on September 6, 2024 by BCSO for Assault & Battery. Williams was booked and released to BCDC.

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Bonnie Joyner Folk

Elvis Presley.

She is survived by her children Julie Baxley, Donna Driggers, and Eric Folk; grandchildren Matthew Baxley, Macy Baxley, Rick Williams, Austin Driggers, and Dakota Driggers; siblings Harvey Joyner (Janet), Gail Joyner, George Joyner (Terri), Christine English (Richard), Carrie Sanders (Oscar), Thomas Joyner (Cindy), and Shirley Love (Cecil); four great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Folk; and sister, Mary Russell.

A visitation was held on Sunday, September 8th, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Mole

Funeral Home, with funeral services following in the Mole Funeral Home Chapel at 3 p.m., with Rev. Farrell Ray officiating. Graveside was held in the Memorial Baptist Church Cemetery in Olar, SC. Pallbearers were Ryan Love, Royal Love, Mark English, Matthew Baxley, Rick Williams, Austin Driggers, and Dakota Driggers.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Pruitt Healthcare.

Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell assisted the family with arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com.

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BARNWELL - Bonnie Joyner Folk, 77, passed away on September 5th, 2024. She was born in Olar, SC on July 4th, 1947 to the late Jessie and Lila Gun-nells Joyner.

She was a dedicated and loving mother, wife, sister, and grandmother. She lived her life for her children. She loved music, especially listening to gospel and



Carolyn Hutto

of the late James Ulmer Creech and Dorothy Dyches Creech and was married to the late Glenn Hutto. She was a graduate of Blackville High School and was a member of Hilda First Baptist Church where she served on a number of church committees. She retired after working 34 years as a clerk at the Barnwell County Public School District. She enjoyed cooking and gardening.

Survivors include sons, Bruce Stanley Hutto and Daniel Eric Hutto, both of Barnwell, SC; grandchildren, Kristen Alyson (Jeremy) Hadley and Grace Caroline Hutto; great-grandchildren, Laycee Hadley, Makayla Hadley and Hayley Hadley; sisters, Emily Ann Odom of Piedmont, SC, Sylvia Jean (Tim) Hickman of Mt. Holley, NC and Gloria

Peoples of Anderson, SC; brothers, Ulmer (Mary) Creech Jr. of Barnwell, SC and Jerry Roger (Peggy) Creech of Barnwell, SC; sisters-in-law, Ann Creech of Florence, Rose Marie (Marion) Richardson of Barnwell, SC and Nancy Ann Zorn of Barnwell, SC; a friend of the family Burnette Black and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Glen Hutto, she was preceded in death by her sons, Barry Hutto and Bradley Scott Hutto; and a brother, Albert Gross Creech.

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

The People-Sentinel
9/11/2024

BARNWELL - Graveside funeral services for Carolyn Creech Hutto, 80, of Barnwell, SC will be held at 11 o'clock a.m., Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at the Hilda First Baptist Church Cemetery with the Reverends Anthony Taylor and Chris Roberts officiating. The family will receive friends after the service at the cemetery on Wednesday.

Carolyn passed away on Sunday, September 8, 2024. Born in Barnwell County, SC, she was a daughter



David Yelton

ber 5, 2024.

Born in Burnsville, NC, he was a son of Lee Everette Yelton and Eddith "Eddie" Penland Yelton. His family relocated to Williston, SC when he was very young. He was a lifetime member of Winfield Heights Baptist Church and was a member of Hope Masonic Lodge #126. He attended North Greenville Junior College and retired from Southern Bell after 25 years. He later worked for Verizon for an additional 11 years. Anyone who knew David knew that he loved gambling and golfing. He hosted his friends on a weekly basis for a friendly game of cards and you could often find him at the Williston Country Club playing golf. He also loved fishing and hunting. David loved his son Dean, and his grandchildren. He was a

U.S. Navy veteran.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Tara Yelton; a grandson, Brice Yelton; granddaughters, Reese and Natalie Yelton; sister-in-law, Buff Yelton; a nephew, Michael Lee (Elysia) Yelton Jr., all of Edisto Island, SC; and a niece, Lisa (Brett) Evans of Aiken.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Michael Lee "Mickey" Yelton, James Sidney "Sid" Yelton and Rodney Duane "Rod" Yelton.

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

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WILLISTON - A Celebration of Life Service for David Ray Yelton, 78, of Williston, SC was held at 3 o'clock p.m., Monday, September 9, 2024 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, SC with the Reverend Jamie Wootten officiating. Burial followed at the Williston Cemetery with Mason Rites accorded. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Monday.

David passed away at home on Thursday, Septem-



Sarah Grice

funeral home on Sunday. Memorial contributions may be given to Rosemary Baptist Church, P.O. Box 409, Williston, SC 29853.

Mrs. Sarah passed away at home on Wednesday, September 4, 2024.

Born in Bennettsville, SC, she was a daughter of the late Gene and Lulu Perry. She was a very faithful member of Rosemary Baptist Church for many years. She retired from Shuron as a Final Inspection Manager. Everyone who knew Mrs. Sarah knew that she kept a "spotless" house and that every Friday was "hair-do" day. She was a true southern belle and she also enjoyed working in her yard.

Survivors include her loving husband of 71 years, Willie Edgar "Jr." Grice Jr.; a son and daughter-in-law, David Wayne (Diane) Grice of Williston; granddaughters, Laura Grice (Michael Justice) of Gaston, SC and Jessica (Brandon) Yonce of Swansea, SC; great-grandchildren, Jonathan and Jaxson Arroyo; a niece, Jonelle (Kenny) Jackson of Cayce, SC; and other distant family members.

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

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WILLISTON - Funeral services for Sarah Nell Perry Grice, 89, of Williston, SC were held at 2 o'clock p.m., Sunday, September 8, 2024 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, SC with the Reverend Dan Fogle officiating; burial followed in the Williston Cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the

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SCHOOL: BCSD board ready to select site for new high school

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when talking about an agriculture program," said board member Becky Huggins.

Building a new school on a neutral site is estimated to cost \$134,953,805. The cost for the arena and farm is estimated to cost \$13,578,085.

The district has \$120 million in funding available, including \$105 million from the Savannah River Site plutonium settlement, \$10 million in funds received for the career center, and \$5

million recently given by State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman.

To cover the remainder, Stapleton said there are options to look at, such as an average of \$10.5 million from their fund balance, interest on the money they have (estimated \$5 million in year one), municipal grants for utility costs, USDA grants, and industries possibly helping with equipment for the career center programs.

Richardson commended Stapleton and her team for

being good stewards of the district's finances.

"I think everything has come together. We're not going to please everybody. We've done our due diligence and found the best central location we can come up with," said board member Dr. Andy Sandifer.

Stapleton said the new school will have a "wow factor" and be a visible part of the community.

"This is a great opportunity for the whole county," said Huggins.

Before the district can

move forward in the process, including getting the State Department of Education's Office of School Facilities involved,

the board must take a vote. They scheduled a public meeting for Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m., which was after press time.

Check next week's newspaper and our website for an update on what happened at the Sept. 10 meeting.

Johnson wins seat on Blackville Town Council

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Two candidates were in the running for the August 13 special election to fill the open seat on the Blackville Town Council; Bruce Johnson and James Cook.

Out of the 1,265 registered voters in the town, only 88 votes were received for both candidates, reflecting a 6.69 percent turnout. At the town's August 19 meeting, Mayor Ronnie Pernell expressed disappointment in this turnout rate.

Winning the election was Johnson with 69 votes, compared to 18 votes for Cook.

At the Aug. 19 meeting, Johnson shared a bit about his intent on council; "I am here to work for you all. I am here to work with the council and the mayor to see the progress made as we move forward," he said. "I am not here just to hold the position. I believe if I'm involved with something, I believe in getting involved and doing my part. If I don't do my part I don't need to be on this

council."

Johnson, a Blackville native, said he is "ready to go to work" once being officially sworn in at the council's September 16 meeting.

"I like the way the city is growing and the direction it's going in, and I've been thinking about it for a long time, over a year now, about getting involved," said Johnson on running for the open seat.

He is filling the seat of the late Fred Orr, who passed away earlier this year and served on the council for many years. Although they never served on the council together, Johnson and Orr knew one another from Orr's time working in Blackville-Hilda schools.

"I know Mr. Orr from school, he has been a big asset to the community and public schools. He did great work, I can't say I'm going to fill his shoes but I am going to do my best to fill the seat," said Johnson.

As he steps into this new role, Johnson is looking to be a part of addressing some long standing community concerns.

"The main topic is our sewer and water facility," said Johnson.

At many council meetings, residents have expressed concerns with the water quality in the town and the antiquated system. Johnson said this is the council's "main focus."

He aims to build infrastructure and draw in both small and large businesses; as well as work on hiring a code enforcement officer in the Blackville Police Department to address things like blighted homes and animal control enforcement.

In the short term, Johnson hopes to draw more people to the meetings to prevent misinformation and to get the community more involved in the governmental process.

He also plans to be approachable for residents, encouraging them to call or email with their questions or concerns.

"I am excited and ready to do what I can do to make the city grow," said Johnson.

Johnson was not sworn in at the August meeting, but was in attendance and did provide the invocation. He is set to be sworn in and begin officially serving as a council member at the September 16 meeting.

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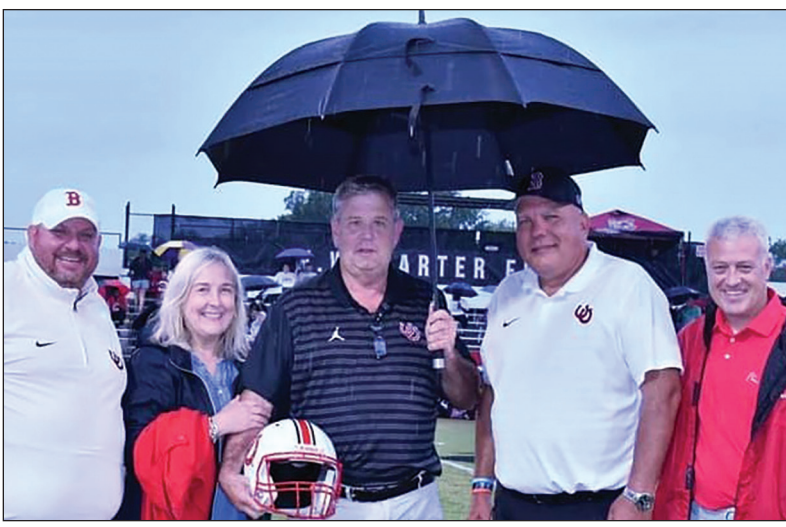
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Warhorses gallop to 21-7 win over Red Raiders



Ja'Quan Peeples had another big night for Barnwell, playing both sides of the ball and returning kicks, Peeples scored 2 touchdowns to help Barnwell to a 21-7 win over Bamberg-Ehrhardt.

Photos By: Kelley Wood



Gary Brantley, "The Voice of the Warhorses" was honored before the game for his 23 years of service to Barnwell athletics. (l-r Athletic Director Derek Youngblood, Gary's wife Robin, Gary Brantley, head coach Brian Smith, and Asst. Superintendent Franklin McCormack.

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Friday, September 6 was a rainy night in Barnwell. The highly ranked Bamberg-Ehrhardt Red Raiders came to Mac Wier Stadium for a battle between two ranked, undefeated rivals, who know each other very well. Neither rain, nor Red Raiders could stop Barnwell from coming away with their third win of the season, to remain undefeated at 3-0. Barnwell outscored their rivals from Bamberg 21-7.

It may still be early in the high school football season, but when Barnwell and Bamberg-Ehrhardt

enter the game both undefeated, the state football world takes notice. Despite the rainy weather, Barnwell fans came out to cheer on their Warhorses and were not disappointed as the Horses improved to 3-0 on the year.

Scoring would be limited with the rainy weather conditions. Both teams' defenses were ready to face another top ranked offense. The combination of the two resulted in a scoreless first quarter. Most of the second quarter went by before Barnwell got on the scoreboard with a one-yard Cam Austin quarterback run. Lane Evans added the extra point to give Barnwell the 7-0 lead.

Bamberg-Ehrhardt wasted little time in answering the Warhorses' touchdown with one of their own. The Red Raiders connected for a 46-yard touchdown pass. They added the extra point and the game was

tied at 7-7. It would remain at 7-7 at the end of the first half. Both teams headed to their locker rooms all tied up and finally feeling like they could score despite the wet conditions.

Midway through the third quarter Barnwell broke the tie when Ja'Quan Peeples found the end zone on a two-yard run. Evans added the extra-point to give the Horses a 14-7 lead. The score stayed at 14-7 for the rest of the third quarter and into the fourth.

Bamberg-Ehrhardt had stopped the Barnwell offense, forcing them to punt. Barnwell kicker and punter Lane Evans had a great punt that Jayden Pinkney made an athletic play to down the ball inside the two-yard line.

The Red Raiders had almost eight minutes left in the game. They started to move the ball away from their end zone. With a little breathing room, the Bamberg offense needed to keep the drive going, but Barnwell's defense dug in and stopped the Red Raiders on three straight plays to bring up a fourth down near the 32-yard line of Bamberg-Ehrhardt. In a bold move, the Red Raiders decided to go for it on fourth down with almost six minutes left. Barnwell's defense held strong and stopped the Red Raiders.

Barnwell would add another Ja'Quan Peeples touchdown and another Lane Evans extra point to seal the victory 21-7 in favor of the hometown Horses. The crowd was wet, but they saw a really good football game that was won by their Warhorses.

Barnwell head coach Brian Smith was asked about his team's big win and said, "It was a great win for the Warhorses. Our kids fought through a lot of adversity last night. We've got to be able to beat good teams like Bamberg and tough weather conditions if we expect to go forward to playoffs. Our defense played well. I was very proud of the fact that we were more physical than they were at the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball. Special teams were huge. I really thought Lane's punt that was downed near the one-yard line by Jaden Pinckney was a turning point in the ball game. I felt like we came out offensively and were able to throw the ball around, but we had too many



Lex Thomas and the Warhorse defense played a tough game in the rain and limited the high scoring Red Raiders to only 7 points on the night.



Lane Evans was picked as the Player of the Game, kicking 3 PAT's, with quality kickoffs, and some very good punting for the Horses.

dropped passes and then as the night went on, the running game improved. Our offensive line played well along with our backs."

Before the game, Barnwell Warhorse stadium announcer and huge supporter Gary Brantley was honored for his 23 years of service to Barnwell football and baseball. Athletic director Derek Youngblood, head coach Brian Smith, Assistant Superintendent (and former BHS Principal) Franklin McCormack along with Gary's wife Robin and daughter Mattie joined "The

Voice of the Warhorses." Gary was presented with a Warhorse team helmet. The Warhorse world thanks you for all your years of support!

This was a huge win for the Horses, but Barnwell can't celebrate too long as another really good football team comes to town. This Friday, September 13 South Aiken will visit Mac Wier Stadium. Come out and support the Horses as they look to go 4-0 on the season. Kickoff is set for 7:30. Go Horses!

Varsity High School Sports Schedule

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Thursday, Sept. 12

• Williston-Elko @ Eau Claire 7:30

Friday, Sept. 13

• South Aiken @ Barnwell 7:30

• Silver Bluff @ Blackville-Hilda 7:30

• JDA @ King's Academy 7:30

Volleyball

Wednesday, Sept. 11

• Barnwell @ Blackville-Hilda 5:30

Thursday, Sept. 12

• Barnwell @ Bridges Prep 7:00

• Blackville-Hilda @ HKT 5:30

• Williston-Elko @ Calhoun County 6:45

• JDA @ Sandhills 5:30

Tuesday, Sept. 17

• Barnwell @ Hampton County 7:00

• Wagener-Salley @ Blackville-Hilda 5:30

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• Whale Branch @ Barnwell 5:30

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Hawks tame Wildcats 34-29

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The Blackville-Hilda Hawks faced another traditionally strong, larger school when they traveled to Ninety Six, South Carolina to face the Wildcats of Ninety Six High School. Despite the travel, the rainy weather conditions, and facing their third straight opponent from a higher classification, the Hawks defeated the Wildcats 34-29.

Blackville-Hilda is no stranger to playing bigger schools. The 1A Hawks first four opponents this year are all from AA or AAA schools. On paper, this is a huge disadvantage to be paired against the larger schools, but in reality facing the larger schools helps prepare the Hawks to face the best 1A teams in the state playoffs.

Blackville-Hilda head coach Kevin Jones was asked about the Hawks' win over the Wildcats and responded by saying, "When we agreed to play Ninety Six, we knew what we were getting. They are a well-coached and hard-nosed football team. They run a very difficult offense to stop

but we needed a strong out of region schedule to prepare us for region play. We have yet to play another 1A team but our kids have responded well. We had a solid night on offense Friday night. Samari Williams had a huge night for us. He rushed for 204 yards and 2 touchdowns. He threw for two more touchdowns. The first one was to our tight end Messiah McFadden which is his third touchdown catch in three games. The second was to Brandon Priestner, who did a good job of getting open in the back of the end zone. Samari also made several big plays on 3rd and 4th downs to save us. Jaquel Holman had another big night rushing for over 100 yards yet again. Our offensive line did a nice job of opening up opportunities for our offense."

Coach Jones went on to say, "Defensively, our kids battled so hard all night. I tell people that playing that kind of offense is like a meat grinder. We shut them out in the first half and then they returned the opening kickoff of the second half for a score. At that point they got going on offense and that also means eating the clock. However, our defense stood up

and got a stop at the end of the game to preserve the win. We don't have all the numbers yet for the defense but I know Ricky Richberg, Jayden Dash, Jabarius

Johnson, and Jaquel Holman all made several plays."

When asked about the Hawks' upcoming game with AAA Silver Bluff, Coach Jones said, "This week we welcome in AAA Silver Bluff. They have struggled a little to start the season but make no mistake they are a good football team with size and speed. They have lost to three good football teams. I know they have circled this game with the small 1A school as a game they can win and kick start their season. So we will have to play extremely well to have a shot at winning."

The Hawks have an explosive offense and a very athletic defense that has great speed. Blackville-Hilda may be outmatched in some people's minds, taking on the AAA Silver Bluff team, but don't sell the Hawks short. They should give the Bulldogs a great game and have a great chance to collect their third win against a larger school this Friday when they host the Bulldogs in Blackville. Kickoff is set for 7:30. Come cheer on your Hawks to another big win!



Hawks QB Samari Williams had a huge game scoring 2 rushing TDs and threw 2 more passing TDs in Blackville's 34-29 win over Ninety Six.

Photo By: Kelley Wood

Williston-Elko wins battle of the Blue 38-0



The Blue Devils are playing like a whole new team and are looking to go 3-1 this week against Eau Claire. Photo By: Vickie R. Benjamin



Williston-Elko celebrates after their 38-0 win over Calhoun Falls. Photo By: Mary Lipsey

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Oh what a difference a year makes. At this time last year, Williston-Elko was sitting at 0-3 and no wins in sight. Now the Williston-Elko Blue Devils are smiling a bit more, posting a 2-1 record to start the 2024 season. Friday, September 6, the Blue Devils demolished the Blue Flashes from Calhoun Falls Charter School 38-0.

Williston-Elko's latest win was definitely a team win, with several Blue Devils contributing to the scoring frenzy and many

more Blue Devils collecting tallies for the defensive stats sheet. Special teams also got to have a little fun covering kicks, returning and blocking punts and the like.

Williston-Elko head coach Kenny Lipsey was pleased with the overall game but still wants to see his Devils play a little cleaner game with fewer mistakes and fewer penalties. Coach Lipsey knows that he and the Blue Devils will have some stronger competition down the road as the season progresses.

The next challenge

for the Williston-Elko Blue Devils comes this Thursday night when the Devils hit the road and travel to Columbia to face the Eau Claire Shamrocks. Eau Claire is a AA school with a 1-2 record to start the season. The Shamrocks have several very good athletes, but have not played very consistently through the first three games. Williston-Elko will need to stay focused and not allow the Shamrocks to make big plays.

Coach Kenny Lipsey was asked about the Devils' big win and the upcoming game and he

said, "I thought we played lights out on defense. We had two safeties as well as a blocked punt for a touchdown. Rasan Houston had one of the safeties on a sack of the quarterback in the end zone. The other was a bad snap on a punt. Justice Israel had the blocked punt and recovered the ball in the end zone for a touchdown. Several other Blue Devils had tackles for loss or sacks."

Coach Lipsey went on to say "Tony Dunbar threw a touchdown pass to Quaide Overton. Corey Newman, Markel Brown, and

Joc'Quise Washington all had big nights rushing the football. Both Corey and Markel scored touchdowns for us."

The only negatives were "we had way too many foolish penalties that slowed us down on offense. We will need to clean those up before heading to Columbia Thursday night when we face Eau Claire," he said.

The Eau Claire game will be a challenge for the Devils, but it is a very winnable game. Make that trip to Columbia this Thursday night and support your Blue Devils

as they look to go to 3-1 on the season. Your support and presence in the stands, cheering for the devils can make a big difference. Load up the cars and head to Columbia. Grab something to eat in the city and head to W.J. Keenan Stadium for another big game for the Blue Devils. (Note: Eau Claire does NOT play at Eau Claire High School, but they play home games at W.J. Keenan Stadium. The address is 361 Pisgah Church Rd., Columbia. It is not near Eau Claire High School, so check that address above before you go.) Go Blue Devils!

Raiders ground Eagles 66-0

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The Jefferson Davis Academy Raiders loaded up the bus and hit the road to Conway last Friday, September 6, as they visited the Conway Christian Eagles. The Raiders were a heavy favorite going into this game, but no one expected the 66-0 beat down that was put on the Eagles by the Raiders.

You might think with such a lopsided score that JDA let their starters pad their stats and play way longer than they should. This was not the case. Jefferson Davis only completed one pass then ran the ball 47 times. Thirteen different Raiders carried the ball. Nasir Void led the rushing attack carrying the ball eight times for 102 yards and two touchdowns. Colson Loadholt only had four carries, but ran for 89 yards and two touchdowns. Loadholt averaged 22.3 yards per carry. The rest of the team did the rest. When all was said and done JDA had 400 yards rushing on 47 at-



The JDA Raiders defense recorded their second shutout of the season against Conway Christian. Photos By: Rose Loadholt

tempts. Six different Raiders ran for touchdowns.

Defensively, Payton Payne led the way with 10 tackles. Ten different Raiders collected tackles on the night. It was a real team effort on both sides of the ball. Lots of players got the opportunity to play and several played positions they don't normally play. This is good for future games when unexpected changes are needed.

Raiders head coach An-

thony Reitenour was asked about his team's giant win and replied, "The team rose to the challenge of coming out strong with high energy Friday night. In really wet conditions, the offense fumbled on the first drive turning the ball over but after that the guys executed flawlessly. Payton Payne returned from injury for the first time in the regular season and made an immediate impact on defense totaling

ten tackles on the night and disrupting Conway's offense every snap. Nolan Craig also was big on defense with seven tackles."

Offensively, the Raiders had six different players hit the end zone with rushing touchdowns while nine different guys hit double-digit rushing yards on the night. "Nasir Void led the way with eight carries for 102 yards and scored two touchdowns. Colson Loadholt had four carries



The JDA cheerleaders have had a lot to cheer about after three straight wins.

for 89 yards and two touchdowns. James Grubbs had nine carries for 70 yards and scored a touchdown. The guys are trending in the right direction for the season but there is still a lot of work to be done. We will get back to work tomorrow to get ready for another road contest at the Kings Academy," said Coach Reitenour.

The Raiders will travel to Florence to face The King's Academy Lions

this Friday night, Sept. 13. The Lions will not be a pushover. Sitting at 2-1 on the season, these Lions can roar. Their only loss is to the undefeated Holly Hill Academy. JDA will need a good game and lots of support. Pack up those cars. Bring a friend and you can even make a stop at Buc-ee's after the Raiders victory! Come support your Raiders as they look to go 4-1 on the season. Go Raiders!

Jaidyn Devore to play in Minority Softball Prospects All-American Game

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Barnwell's Jaidyn Devore has been selected to play in the Minority Softball Prospects All-American Game this September 27-29 at Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama.

Barnwell's senior dual threat pitching and hitting star will get the chance to play alongside and against some of the top high school softball players in the country. Many college coaches will be in attendance, so it is a great chance to possibly get college softball opportunity. According to their web-

site, "Minority Softball Prospects is dedicated to providing minority softball players across the country with access to quality programming and experiences. This support will allow us to empower communities that exemplify excellence and commitment to the game with the resources to reduce cost, increase capacity, access quality equipment and facilities and serve minority softball prospects worldwide."

Barnwell head softball coach Mike Beasley was asked about Jaidyn's selection and said, "Jaidyn Devore has dedicated herself to being the best softball player she can be. It's



Barnwell's Jaidyn Devore has been selected to play in the Minority Softball Prospects All-American Game in Montgomery, Alabama, September 27-29. Photos By: Donna Mile

always good seeing the rewards to the work that is put in. I'm very proud of Jaidyn and she is deserving of this recognition."

Jaidyn's mother, Felicia Devore, was asked for a comment about Jaidyn's selection and said, "It is



amazing to see the growth and maturity Jaidyn has developed over the years in the game of softball. Many long hours of practice, lessons and getting up at the crack of dawn on weekends for countless travel ball games are just a few of the



sacrifices she has made in her journey to become a college athlete. We are extremely proud that she has been blessed with the opportunity to compete against some of the top athletes in the country." If you did not see Jaidyn

and the Warhorses play last year, you missed quite a show. Jaidyn led the Horses with a lofty .594 batting average and led the team in hits with 38. As impressive as that sounds, she was maybe even more impressive throwing strikes from the circle, where she recorded a 0.99 ERA (earned run average) last season.

Please let Jaidyn know that Barnwell High School, the City of Barnwell, and Barnwell County will all be cheering her on as she competes in this prestigious Minority Softball Prospects All-American Game. Congratulations, Jaidyn!

Barr to lead Salkehatchie athletics program

Contributed
Stephanie Gruber
USC Salkehatchie

Rodney Barr has been named the athletic director at the University of South Carolina Salkehatchie effective Sept. 1.

"I am thrilled to welcome Coach Barr to the USC Salkehatchie family," Dean April Cone said. "Coach Barr brings a wealth of experience to this position. As a USC Salkehatchie alumnus, Coach Barr has expressed the critical role Salkehatchie played in his development as an athlete and a person. I am excited to work with Coach Barr as he works toward giving back to his alma mater and works with coaches, student-athletes, and our community to grow our athletic programs and enhance the student-athlete experience."

Barr comes to USC

Salkehatchie from Jasper County School District where he served as athletic director and head football coach. Originally from Florence, SC, Barr was a three-sport athlete at Wilson High School, where he ultimately started his coaching career.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to lead the USC Salkehatchie athletic department I look forward to building strong relationships with the coaches as we take on the task of building on the successes of our athletic programs and student-athletes," he said. "My goals are to expand sports offerings, as well as to grow our student-athlete population. My vision is that Salkehatchie will be the premier two-year athletic hub within the region and the state."

Barr attended USC Salkehatchie from 2000-2001 where he played baseball



Rodney Barr, new athletic director of USC Salkehatchie.

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under Coach Joe Baxter.

"My time at USC Salkehatchie helped define my

life. The opportunities the university provided me and the challenges

I faced there helped me evolve into the person I am today," Barr said. "I am thankful for what USC Salkehatchie did for me, and I want our students to see all that Salkehatchie can do for them on and off the field or court."

Barr has an extensive background in athletics and education. He previously served as the athletic director and head football coach at Scotts Branch High School, where he led the football program to its first winning season in nine years and was honored as the Region 4A Coach of the Year. Additionally, as the head football coach and assistant athletic director at Lower Richland High School, he achieved remarkable success, including the football program's first winning season in 25 years, three playoff appearances, and two regional titles. Barr also has experience as

a head baseball coach, assistant football coach/defensive coordinator, and assistant basketball coach at Wilson High School.

Barr is a certified athletic administrator through the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) and has been involved in coaching for multiple all-star games. He has been recognized as coach of the year seven times. He holds a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from the New York Institute of Technology and a master's degree in interdisciplinary studies from Liberty University.

Barr attributes any success he has had to being blessed for purpose by God and the overwhelming support from his wife, Alayshia Steadman-Barr, and daughter, Kara Loyd. He lives by the concept of "keep chopping."

Barnwell volleyball sweeps Williston-Elko 3-0



Barnwell swept Williston-Elko in volleyball 3-0 last Wednesday, Sept. 4, 25-17, 25-10, and 25-19.

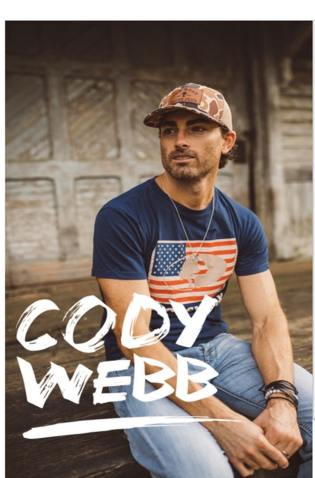
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Lady Hawks win first region game



The Blackville-Hilda Lady Hawks volleyball team won their first region game of the season in some tough hard sets against the North Lady Eagles. The Lady Hawks were led by Breyanna Williams, #3, with 7 spikes, 4 blocks, and 2 aces followed by Anastasia Beaver, #2, with 3 blocks and 3 spikes. Raini Blankenship, #7, Sa'Riyah Vinson, #4 and Zariah Thomas, #5 led the team in aces with 3 each.

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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: Willie Daniel Barnes Date of Death: July 23, 2024 Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00071 Personal Representative: Mary Darlene Malphrus Address: 223 Spanish Moss, Ridgeland, S.C. 29936 **2024-169 3tp 9-25-24**

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U.S. Department of Energy Conducts Phased Submittals of the Seventh Five-Year Remedy Review at Savannah River Site Second Phase: Savannah River Site Operable Units with Groundwater Remedies

The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) has begun conducting the Seventh Five-Year Remedy Review for remedial actions implemented at the Savannah River Site (SRS). The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) requires that remedial actions that result in residual hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remaining at an operable unit (OU) at levels unsuitable for unrestricted exposure be subject to a five-year remedy review. The purpose of this review is to determine whether the remedies remain protective of human health and the environment and to evaluate the implementation and performance of the selected remedies. The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) will review and approve whether the five- year remedy review adequately addresses the protectiveness of each remedy. The methods, findings, and conclusions of the five-year remedy review will be documented in a report that will be made available to the public.

SRS occupies approximately 310 square miles of land adjacent to the Savannah River, principally in Aiken and Barnwell counties of South Carolina. SRS is located approximately 25 miles southeast of Augusta, Georgia, and 20 miles south of Aiken, South Carolina. During the early 1950s, SRS began to produce materials used in nuclear weapons. Chemical and radioactive wastes are by-products of nuclear material production processes. These wastes have been treated, stored, and in some cases disposed of at SRS. Hazardous substances, as defined by CERCLA, are currently present in the environment at SRS, with past disposal practices resulting in soil and groundwater contamination.

Each SRS OU is unique in size, location, environmental factors, and contaminant type. Contaminants may include chemicals (e.g., trichloroethylene, tetrachloroethylene, etc.), metals, pesticides, polychlorinated biphenyls, and radionuclides (e.g., tritium, cesium-137, etc.). Contaminants may be found in surface soils, subsurface soils, sediment, surface water, and/or groundwater. Operable unit-specific remedial actions are designed to address the contaminants for the protection of human health and the environment. In general, contaminated media are either covered, stabilized in place, treated, removed, or managed with land use controls (LUCs). Common remedies implemented at SRS include LUCs, cover systems (i.e., soil covers, geosynthetic covers), excavation and disposal actions, removal systems (i.e., soil vapor extraction, electrical resistance heating, dynamic underground stripping), treatment systems (i.e., enhanced bioremediation, air stripping, chemical oxidation), stabilization (i.e., in situ grouting), groundwater mixing zones, and monitored natural attenuation.

DOE, EPA, and SCDES previously agreed to conduct phased remedy reviews for OU groupings based on remedy similarity rather than combining all OU reviews in a single report. The OUs are grouped in five phases by the following remedy types:

(1) native soil covers and/or LUCs, (2) groundwater, (3) engineered cover systems, (4) geosynthetic or stabilization/ solidification cover systems, and (5) operating equipment. These groupings were chosen to provide the opportunity to effectively identify and resolve issues for similar remedies simultaneously and efficiently implement optimization initiatives for similar projects.

The five-year remedy review will address three major questions:

- Are the remedies functioning as intended by the decision document?
- Are the exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and remedial action objectives used at the time of remedy selection still valid?
- Has any other information emerged that could call into question the protectiveness of the remedy?

The second phased submittal of the Seventh Five-Year Remedy Review Report will focus on SRS OUs with groundwater remedies. The implemented remedies for these OUs include groundwater monitoring activities associated with Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA) or a Mixing Zone permit as well as interim remedial actions. Groundwater remedies that include operating equipment are discussed in the remedy review report for operating equipment.

In general, SRS uses a graded approach for groundwater remediation. The selection of groundwater remediation technologies for a specific contamination area is based on the size, contaminant type, contaminant concentration, and configuration of the plume. These attributes are the result of the nature and mass of the source of contamination and the subsurface characteristics in the area of the plume. Many large plumes consist of several zones that are most efficiently addressed with separate complementary corrective action/remedial technologies. The highest concentrations of contaminants are found in the source zone. The most robust, high-mass-removal technologies, for example electrical resistance heating, are best suited for remediation of the source zone. In the primary plume zone, active remedies such as pump-and-treat, or low energy remedies such as in-situ oxidation may be appropriate. In the dilute fringe zone, contaminants are generally low in concentration and can often be treated with passive techniques.

MNA is a passive groundwater remedial action where the fringe and dilute areas of a plume degrade by natural biogeochemical or physical processes such as biodegradation, radioactive decay, dilution, and simple dispersion. MNA remedies must be accompanied by source control, such as those discussed above, and a technical justification that conditions are favorable for natural attenuation. The groundwater plume should not be expanding significantly, and surface water standards should not be exceeded at the groundwater discharge point.

The Seventh Five-Year Remedy Review Report for SRS OUs with Groundwater Remedies will include a review of the following OUs:

- C-Area Groundwater;
- Chemicals, Metals, and Pesticides Pits (080-170G, 080-171G, 080-180G, 080-181G, 080-182G, 080-183G, and 080-190-G);
- D-Area Oil Seepage Basin (631-G);
- L-Area Southern Groundwater;
- R-Area OU; and
- R-Area Reactor Seepage Basins (904-57G, 904-58G, 904-59G, 904-60G, 904-103G, 904-104G) and 108-4R Overflow Basin.

DOE will notify the public when the Seventh Five-Year Remedy Review Report for Savannah River Site Operable Units with Groundwater Remedies is complete and available to the public. The report is currently planned to be available to the public in December 2025.

For additional information, contact: **Barbara Smoak, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Aiken, S.C. 29808, (803) 952-8060 or email: barbara.smoak@srs.gov**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Council for Allendale County will conduct a public hearing relating to an Ordinance "TO AUTHORIZE A TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED THREE MILLION DOLLARS (\$3,000,000)."

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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18. At full speed
19. *Cause for fall celebration
21. *Apple-related game
23. European Union, acr.
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25. Pen on a farm
28. Color of a bruise
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35. "Give me your tired, your _____"
37. "_____ Free," movie about lions
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11. Largest human organ
12. Precedes Kong
15. Hindi courtesy title, pl.
20. Modern-day aqua-lung, acr.
22. Domain
24. Wood-eating house hazard
25. Involuntary contraction
26. Chef's headgear
27. Phil Collins' "_____ Be in My Heart"
29. *Maze plant
31. Upward and onto
32. Wide-_____ notebook
33. *Like leaves in fall
34. Stall call
36. *Much-used fall garden tool
38. Not any
42. Extend subscription
45. Unquestioning ones
49. Fraternity house
51. Miss Marple, e.g.
54. "Is Your Mama a _____?"
56. Dom DeLuise in 1980 role
57. Rubik's puzzle
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59. The state before riches?
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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.

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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	
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 11,828,838.00	\$ 14,549,645.00	23.0015

EXPENDITURES			
	BUDGET 2022 - 2023	PROPOSED BUDGET 2024-2025	PERCENT CHANGE
GENERAL FUND	\$ 11,828,838.00	\$ 12,585,241.00	
FIRE FUND		\$ 1,028,805.00	
ENTERPRISE FUND		\$ 935,599.00	
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 11,828,838.00	\$ 14,549,645.00	23.0015

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
TOTALS	229	266.96

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Opinion

Latest statewide school test scores illustrate how S.C. still fails her students

NOTE: This opinion originally was published Aug. 23 in the Charleston City Paper.

Charleston City Paper | South Carolinians are famously bound together by traditions, some seemingly as old as the earliest English footprints on the banks of the Ashley River at Albemarle Point in Charleston. But as last week's damning statewide public school test results pointed up, some Palmetto State traditions belong on the ash heap of history — starting with our longstanding and obdurate refusal to educate all of our children.

First, a little background. Every year, South Carolina students in grades 3 through 8 take the standardized SC READY test, which is designed to measure whether they're reading and doing math like they should for the grade they're in. Results are reported by the S.C. Department of Education in four categories: Does Not Meet Expectations, Approaches Expectations, Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations.

And how bad were this year's results? Let us count the ways — starting with the fact that we're not teaching our kids to, ummm, count.

For starters, as the Charleston City Paper reported this week, fewer than one-third of 8th graders in South Carolina are doing math at grade level and only half meet or exceed expectations in reading. But of course, those are just the top-lines — the averages of all students across all racial, ethnic and income levels.

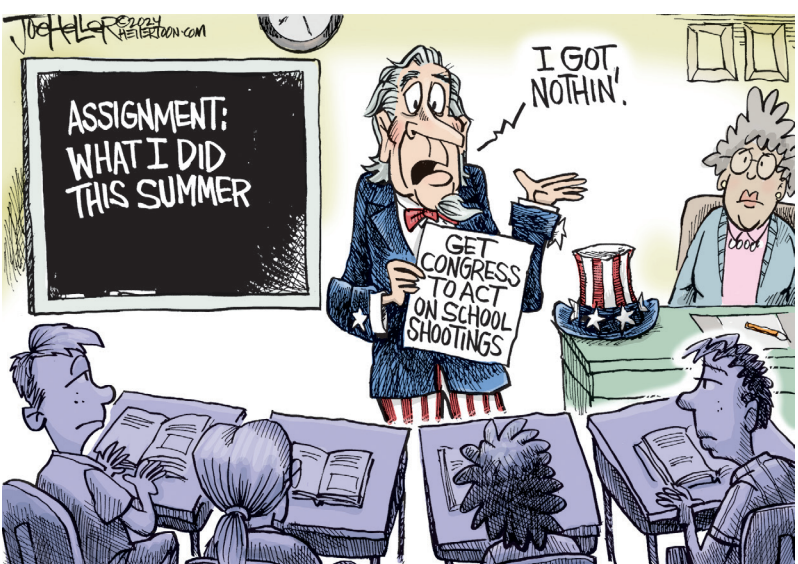
It's only when you delve deeper into the numbers — into what education professionals call the disaggregated results — that you begin to see the full dimensions of the never-ending crisis in the inadequate education that South Carolina provides her children.

In the 8th grade, just 13% of Black children are meeting expectations in math, 34% in reading. Unsurprisingly, the news for 8th grade Hispanic kids isn't much better — 23% are succeeding in math, 40% in reading. And finally, perhaps explaining those two results, only 19% of students in poverty are working at grade level in math, 40% in reading.

Put simply, 70 years after the landmark Brown vs. Board of Education case that ended de jure segregation in South Carolina schools, we still aren't making a good faith effort to educate all our children. Though, truthfully, with only 43% of White 8th graders doing math at grade level and 66% meeting expectations in reading, it's clear our state's chronically underfinanced public education system is failing children from every background and walk of life.

That's a tradition that South Carolina voters can and must end. So this November, demand to know how every state and local official on your ballot is going to fix our broken education system, and vote like our children's future depends on it. Because it does.

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Column

BBB Investigation: BBB tallies 4,000 investment scam reports, almost six-fold increase in losses



Kelvin Collins

Better Business Bureau

If you were offered the chance to triple an investment in two months, would you take it? It might be hard to say no, but it might really be too good to be true.

Since 2020, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) has received more than 4,000 reports from consumers about investment scams, many of which involved cryptocurrency or a new take on romance fraud.

Reports to BBB show that investment scams often take the form of long-term confidence scams, where fraudsters pursue romantic and platonic relationships to gain the trust of their targets. That has caused losses to rise, with the median report increasing from \$1,000 in 2021 to almost \$6,000 this year.

To help consumers and businesses understand investment scams, the Better Business Bureau's International Investigations Initiative combed through thousands of reports to BBB Scam Tracker, talked with experts, and investigated the newest trends to compile the III's newest study - Investment Scams: Scams linked to crypto and romance rise, according to BBB study, located at BBB.org.

The study combines consumer stories and examines how scammers convince their targets to hand over thousands of dollars. It also shows how a rise in organized crime based in southeast Asia has helped perpetuate

this global scam.

This in-depth study is intended to help consumers, businesses, news media, researchers and regulatory agencies understand:

- How investment scams work and how to avoid them
- What type of enforcement is helping curb the fraud
- Red flags for consumers and businesses

An increasingly common tactic is revealed by an experience of a man from California who told BBB he was traveling through France when he matched on a dating app with a woman calling herself "Mei". The two talked for months and even made video calls as they got to know one another. Eventually, she brought up cryptocurrency investing as a hobby of hers and convinced Darryl to join her.

The two continued to chat on the phone for months, and he invested nearly \$1,000. One day, when Darryl went to check the app he used for investing, it appeared to be down. When he contacted Mei, she rebuffed him and disappeared.

In some cases, losses grow into devastating amounts.

One woman in Connecticut reported to BBB about a cryptocurrency scam she encountered on social media. Unbeknownst to her, a friend's social media account was hacked.

The scammer, posing as the friend, said they ran an automated training bot — a program used to trade cryptocurrency automatically according to a user's guidelines — with guaranteed returns. The account appeared to grow and grow, and eventually Jeanne wanted to withdraw some of it. The scammer, still posing as

the friend, said they wanted a 20% commission, which Jeanne paid. Afterward, they disappeared, and Jeanne lost \$84,000 in the process.

Red flags: How to avoid cryptocurrency investment scams

- Deals involving little-known cryptocurrencies
- Requests to share your cryptocurrency wallet with someone you don't trust completely
- Strategies offering guaranteed returns
- An investment that takes little effort or time to pull off
- Someone offers their secret strategy or says not to research their claims
- Too-good-to-be-true claims
- A stranger suddenly wants to befriend you

You can report investment scams to the Better Business Bureau at bbb.org/scamtracker, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at ftc.gov (877-FTC-Help), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at fbi.gov.

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.

Commentary

Responsibly regulating SC's energy future includes protecting the public

Lynn Teague
S.C. Daily Gazette

The CEOs of Dominion, Santee Cooper, and Duke Energy want South Carolina to abandon very important elements of the system of utility regulation established after the V.C. Summer collapse.

They spoke on Aug. 22 at the first meeting of the Senate Special Committee on South Carolina's Energy Future, a committee charged with developing a bill to address the state's energy needs.

No one denies that South Carolina is growing and needs energy to sustain that growth. However, our energy utilities enjoy a monopoly. The state guarantees not only that they can sell their product but that they can do so at a reasonable profit.

In return, it is the legal and ethical responsibility of the state to protect the public interest, which includes economic development but also the concerns of captive ratepayers and of those who argue for the protection of the environment.

Sen. Shane Massey, co-chair of the committee, made it clear that he understands this. We hope other committee members do as well.

Utilities would like us to forget the past. However, as William Faulkner

observed, the past is not dead, it's not even past.

We are still paying the heavy cost of a history of weaker utility oversight that was heavily reliant on personal relationships. Before reforms following the V.C. Summer project collapse, legislators on the Public Utilities Review Committee (PURC) publicly expressed great confidence in Kevin Marsh, SCANA CEO, and others on his team.

They did not deserve that trust and were later found guilty of federal crimes in their conduct of the project.

We should not have needed this brutal example to prove the inadequacy of this approach, but we got it.

Personal trust was and is no way to run a responsible regulatory system.

The utilities are now seeking to replace effective protections enacted after V.C. Summer with a weak regulatory regime and, again, a lot of personal trust.

At the committee meeting last week, the only assurance that we were offered in case of the failure of a project under a gutted regulatory system was that Dominion SC CEO Keller Kissam would resign and return to his family home on Halfway Swamp.

Most of the people of our state would find that promise irrelevant. His resignation would do nothing to compensate the public for poor performance or high rates.

We must have a regulatory system that is impersonal, evidence-based, and fair to all.

A return to provisions like those of the Base Load Review Act (BLRA) would not achieve this. It is undoubtedly true that reducing risk for lenders and utilities by again transferring financial risk to ratepayers would lead to lower interest rates.

But those risks are real (lenders research their risks thoroughly) and ratepayers should not be required to bear them, as the BLRA has made them do in the case of V.C. Summer.

Those who get the profits must bear the risk. If they don't, the moral hazard to flout those risks is high, as we have discovered through bitter experience.

Furthermore, the role and power of the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) and the Public Service Commission (PSC) must not be compromised.

As ORS staff have often noted, their current mission is not one-sided. It is to fulfill "the concerns of the using and consuming public with respect to public utility services, regardless of the class of customer, and preservation of continued investment in and maintenance of utility facilities so as to provide reliable and high-quality utility services."

Asking them to return to the role of "protecting the fiscal integrity of utilities" asks for a return to impossible conflicting demands.

Weakening the current role of the PSC should also be off the table. Their current mission requires that they consider all sides as they "regulate just and reasonable rates and service of public utilities in the state of South Carolina" through an impartial and thorough quasi-judicial process.

That is as it should be.

In coming weeks, the Senate committee will hear from a wide range of interests. They may decide to recommend adjustments to existing law. Any such changes should be minor.

We ask that the Senate committee develop a bill that will continue our current evidence-based regulatory system that so wisely fosters development of a sound energy industry in South Carolina while protecting users from the potential abuses of a monopoly system.

About the author: Lynn Shuler Teague was born in Orangeburg, grew up in Columbia, and moved to New Mexico in 1968. She is a professional archaeologist and was on the faculty of the Arizona State Museum at the University of Arizona for many years. She and her husband returned to South Carolina when they retired. Since 2012, she has served as a vice president of the League of Women Voters of SC and volunteer League lobbyist at the Statehouse, working especially on the voting and election issues central for the League. She has directed the League's work on redistricting since 2017.

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1st Tuesdays

Barnwell Development Association Inc. (aka BDA) 20 Wall St., Barnwell BDAinc029.com 8am

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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

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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 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

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@scpr.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

Pastoral Installation

155 Meadowfield, Gaston, SC Pastors Ralph & Nadia Segar, campus pastors For more information: Bishop Manny Aviles, maviles@1pcog.org, 803-788-1942 3:30pm

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: 0-11 mos, 12/23mos, 2/3, 4/6, 7/9, 10&up Girls: 0-11 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 mbonnettel@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. For more information: Holly Dana 803-300-4420 or Cindy Strickland 203-376-6733. Join 4-H at 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

To promote your event, email the information to 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.

STORYTIME

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



Blackville Library Events

Salt Scrub Class

Thurs., Sept. 12 10:30am Learn how to make your own bath and body supplies. Supplies furnished. Class limited to 10. Call 803-671-5638 to register.

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, website: 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. Website: www.nps.gov/nisi/ **Sat. 9am-4pm Sun. 9am-3pm**

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.

Annual Rummage and Bake Sale

Church of the Holy Apostles, Barnwell 8am-12pm

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

Sat., Nov. 9

Allendale County Fire and Rescue Annual Community Risk Reduction Open House Music, food, auto extraction exhibition, educational fun for the whole family. 911 Main Street, Allendale

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

Fri., Dec. 6

Stuff a Bus Barnwell County! Toy Drive Walmart Supercenter, Barnwell. Pack a school bus full of toys. 8am-4pm

Crossword Puzzle Solution

Puzzle on Page 6B

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Sudoku Puzzle Solution

Puzzle on Page 6B

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

3 Essential Steps to Love Your Heart

FAMILY FEATURES

Taking steps to improve your overall health can help you live a longer, healthier life. One key component of overall well-being – heart health – is especially critical as heart disease has been the leading cause of death among Americans since 1950, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Adopting habits like exercising regularly, eating a heart-healthy diet with lots of vegetables and fruits like grapes and getting the proper amount of sleep can set you on the right path.

Eat a Heart-Healthy Diet

A diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins and healthy fats can have a positive impact on heart health and may lower your risk for heart disease. For example, grapes are easy to keep on hand as a heart-healthy snack. They have no saturated fat or cholesterol and are low in sodium; contain 7% of the daily recommended intake of potassium; and are a good source of vitamin K. Grapes are also a natural source of beneficial antioxidants and other polyphenols and help maintain healthy circulation by promoting the relaxation of blood vessels.

Whether enjoying them by the handful on their own or as part of recipes like these Baked Grape Falafel Bites, where Grapes from California add juicy goodness to a classic chickpea fritter, grapes are a perfect ingredient for heart-friendly eating plans. Research suggests eating grapes daily helps support heart health. In one study, for example, women who consumed 1 1/4 cups of grapes every day benefited from reduced blood triglyceride levels, LDL cholesterol levels, inflammatory proteins and other markers of heart disease.

Exercise Regularly

Getting at least 150 minutes per week of moderate-intensity aerobic activity or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity, as recommended by the American Heart Association, can have a positive impact on heart health by lowering blood pressure, reducing inflammation and aiding in maintaining a healthy weight.

Get the Proper Amount of Sleep

A crucial component of heart health, experts recommend adults get 7-9 hours of sleep each night. Creating a cozy sleep space by turning off electronics and setting the thermostat to a comfortable temperature is the first step toward a restful night's sleep. Also aim for consistency with your bedtime routine, including going to sleep and waking at the same times each day (including weekends), for best results.

Learn more about the heart-health benefits of grapes, and find additional heart-friendly recipes, at GrapesFromCalifornia.com.



Baked Grape Falafel Bites

Servings: 6 (3 falafel bites per serving)

- 1 cup dried chickpeas, rinsed cold water, for soaking
- 1 cup loosely packed fresh parsley leaves
- 1/2 cup loosely packed fresh cilantro leaves
- 4 garlic cloves, peeled
- 1 medium onion, peeled and cut in wedges
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 18 red Grapes from California
- vegetable oil cooking spray
- tahini sauce or baba ghanoush, for dipping

In medium bowl, cover chickpeas with at least 2 inches cold water. Let soak at least 12 hours, or overnight, at room temperature. To make falafel bites: Drain soaked chickpeas, rinse well in colander and let stand.

In bowl of food processor, process parsley and cilantro until chopped herbs stick to sides of bowl. Do not scrape down. With motor still running, drop garlic through feed tube; it will also stick to sides of bowl. Remove lid, add onion and pulse to chop well. Add chickpeas, cumin, salt and baking powder. Scrape everything off sides of bowl and process until mixture is well chopped and looks mealy. Add flour and pulse to blend. Cover mixture and chill at least 1 hour.

Using 1-ounce scoop or tablespoon, drop 2-tablespoon mounds of chickpea mixture onto plate. Shape into balls, stuffing one grape inside each.

Heat oven to 350 F. Line baking sheet with foil then parchment paper.

Place falafel balls on sheet and spray with vegetable oil cooking spray. Bake 20 minutes, turning 1-2 times with tongs, until golden brown.

Nutritional information per serving: 240 calories; 8 g protein; 30 g carbohydrates; 11 g fat (41% calories from fat); 1 g saturated fat (4% calories from saturated fat); 0 mg cholesterol; 480 mg sodium; 6 g fiber.

Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

Kid Scoop Junior

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My name: _____

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

Short O Search

Do you know your short o sound? Which words have the sound o makes in the words **otter** and **sock**? Color them **blue**. Color the other pictures **green**.

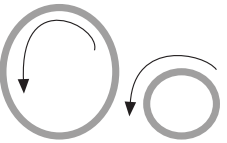


My Rhyme Time

O is for the ostrich,
A wise-looking bird,
But Olga remembered
The tales she had heard.

My Letters

O is for Ostrich
o is for ostrich



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

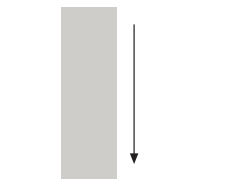
How many words or pictures can you find on this page that have the sound that the letter O makes in the word **ostrich**?

My Numbers

How many ?

How many ?

How many ?



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

My 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.



Otters are



Sunday

Letter Identification

With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that have the same short o sound in words like **otter**, **top**, **sock**, **doll**, etc.

Learning Buddy Sign Here

I have completed _____ activities with my Learning Buddy.

Learning Buddy's signature

Date

Monday

Math Play

Point to the number **1** in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

Mop, Pop, Top, Hop

Cut out the letters **o** and **p** from the headlines. Then cut out the letters **m**, **t**, **p**, and **h**. Show your child how you can spell the words **mop**, **hop**, **pop** and **top** simply by changing the first letter in front of the **op**.

Learning Buddies!

Wednesday

Animals That Swim

Fish swim and so do many mammals. Look through the newspaper for pictures of animals that can swim in water. Ask your child if they have fins or fur.

Thursday

Lost and Found

Look at a "Lost and Found" advertisement in the classified ad section of the newspaper. Ask your child to pretend to be that animal and tell you how they got lost.

Friday

Hot and Cold

Look through the newspaper for things to wear when it is **hot** outside. Then look for things to wear when it is **cold** outside.

Saturday

Giant FUN Ball

Wad up lots and lots of pages of the newspaper. Crumple them all together into one big ball. Cover the entire ball with masking tape and play!

Kid Scoop Junior comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning readiness skill.

Step by Step Success 1. Read the activity instruction aloud. 2. Show how to do the activity by doing it yourself first. 3. Ask your child to copy what you do.

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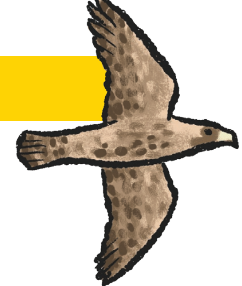
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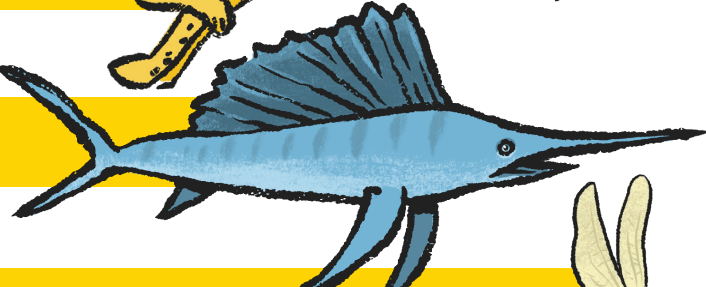


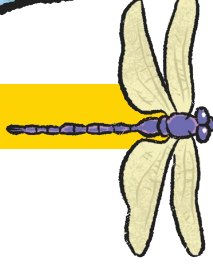
On the Fast Track!


What is the fastest animal?
 Add the numbers from the start to the finish of each animal's path to find out how fast they move in miles per hour (MPH).


Peregrine Falcon 14 3 50 50 50 _____ mph 

Cheetah 30 9 30 1 _____ mph 

Sailfish 30 15 8 15 _____ mph 

Dragonfly 5 10 5 5 5 _____ mph 

Pronghorn Antelope 20 20 20 _____ mph 

Tiger Beetle 2 1.6 2 _____ mph 

Missing Words

Replace the missing words in this article.

GOLD WORLD EVENTS HISTORY RULER RECORDS

Jesse Owens: Olympic Speed and Achievement in 1936


Jesse Owens is widely regarded as one of the greatest athletes in sports _____. He is remembered for several reasons.

Owens won four _____ medals and set two Olympic _____ at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Germany.

This was an important athletic achievement, and a significant social achievement. In 1936, Adolph Hitler was the _____ of Germany. Hitler hoped to show the _____ that Aryans, or northern Europeans, were the best at everything.

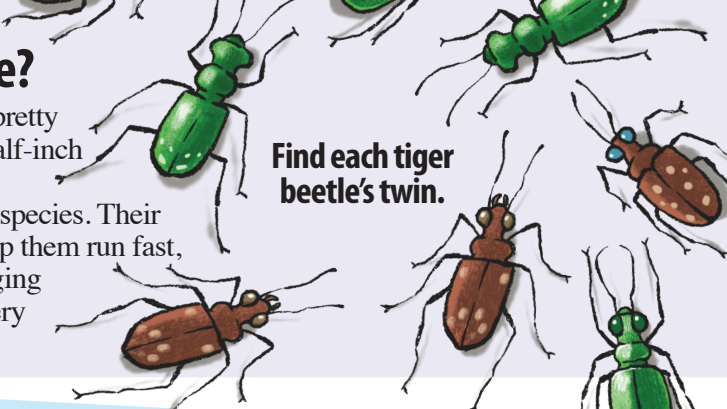
When Jesse Owens, a Black American, dominated the Olympic track-and-field _____, he showed the world that people of all races are capable of excellence.

What about humans?
 Running at top speeds of about 20 mph, human beings are one of the slower-moving animals on Earth.



What's a Tiger Beetle?
 Tiger beetles are pretty small—about a half-inch to an inch long, depending on the species. Their long, thin legs help them run fast, and their big, bulging eyes give them very good vision.


Find each tiger beetle's twin.



Top Sprinter
 The cheetah is the fastest land animal. Cheetah paws are more like a dog's than a cat's.


They have shorter, blunter claws that do not retract like those of other cats. The pads on the bottom of their feet are ridged, rather than rounded.

Their special feet help cheetahs get a good grip on the ground and push off firmly for the next bound. No wonder cheetahs can run so fast! But cheetahs can only run at top speed for a short distance.



Standards Link: Animals have special adaptations for survival.

Which spots are cheetah spots?
 How can you tell a leopard from a cheetah? Both have spots—but their spots are not the same. Read below to find out how their spots are different. Then circle the cheetah spots.



A leopard's spots are grouped in clusters called **rosettes**, while a cheetah's spots are scattered evenly.


Extra! Extra!
Speed Grammar
 Select one page of the newspaper. Time yourself to see how quickly you can find two of each of the following:
 Nouns
 Adjectives
 Verbs
 Pronouns

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify parts of speech.

Kid Scoop® Puzzler
The Slowest Animal
 The snail is certainly one of the slowest animals on Earth.

At .03 mph, it would take a snail 30 minutes to move around the outside edge of this newspaper page.

Find the differences between the two snails.



Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search
 Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

BIG
 CHEETAH
 FALCON
 FAST
 HELP
 HUMAN
 LEGS
 MILES
 PAWS
 RUN
 SPEEDS
 SPOTS
 START
 TIGER
 VISION

L	N	S	T	A	R	T	Y	M	V
F	O	J	R	G	P	U	L	I	A
A	C	L	A	E	W	P	N	L	Q
S	L	H	U	S	G	V	T	E	B
T	A	E	E	D	E	I	J	S	N
B	F	L	L	E	G	S	T	V	A
W	I	P	K	E	T	O	K	X	M
Z	O	G	R	P	P	A	W	S	U
A	N	O	I	S	I	V	H	A	H

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

Kid Scoop® VOCABULARY BUILDERS
This week's word: SPRINTER
 The noun **sprinter** means a person or animal who runs, swims, or does something else very fast over a short distance in a race.

A cheetah is a **sprinter** because it can run short distances very fast.

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop® LESSON LIBRARY
Fast, Faster, Fastest
 Find three newspaper pictures and/or words that show things that move. Put them in order and label them **FAST**, **FASTER**, and **FASTEST**. Do the same with other adjectives such as **happy**, **sloppy**, and **funny**.

Standards Link: Use main idea and supporting details in writing.

What's harder to catch the faster you run?



ANSWER: Your breath!

Write On!
Fast Animal Report
 Write a paragraph with 3 facts and opinions about your favorite fast animal.

Standards Link: Recognize the difference between fact and opinion.

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