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Helene causes headaches

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Hurricane Helene devastated the East Coast, but Barnwell County was spared major damage and fatalities.

The Category 4 storm hit Florida around 11 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26 with 140 mph winds before moving through Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Helene weakened as it made its way inland early Friday morning, Sept. 27, but still caused millions to be without power, toppled trees, washed out roads, blew off roofs, and soaked multiple states, even flooding some areas. At least 90 deaths are attributed to Helene, including six in Aiken County, but there are no reported injuries or deaths in Barnwell County, according to emergency management officials.

"It has been very comparable, if not worse than the ice storm in 2014," said Barnwell County Emergency Management Director Roger Riley of the debris and power outages. "Our community has really come together to help one another."

LOCAL IMPACT

Helene brought trees down across Barnwell County. Some landed across roadways while others came down on homes and vehicles. Others knocked out



Victoria Creech stands in the doorway of a bathroom in her Fellowship Road home as she looks at what used to be her son Caden's bedroom. The bedroom was obliterated after Hurricane Helene brought several trees down on it.

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Grandparents' Game Night extra special for BPS principal



Barnwell Primary Principal Jared Thrasher enjoys a game of "TROUBLE" with his grandmother, Geraldine Thrasher, who came down from Anderson to spend time with her grandson at Grandparents' Game Night.

Students aren't the only ones who enjoy having their grandparents at Grandparents Day school celebrations.

Barnwell Primary School Principal Jared Thrasher loved having his 94-year-old grandmother, Geraldine Thrasher of Anderson, join him at his school's Grandparents' Game Night on Sept. 19. The celebration was held two days after her 94th birthday.

"It was great to have her and all of the other

grandparents there with us for this event. My own Nana was vital to my education while I was growing up, from reading with me to helping with homework. It is such a blessing for our BPS students to have their grandparents and family members who are also willing to invest in their grandchildren's education as well," said Thrasher.

This was truly a touching celebration of family and education!

Payne sentenced to 18 years for voluntary manslaughter

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A 2015 murder case concluded nine years later with a plea deal for involuntary manslaughter.

On Sept. 24, 2024, Demontay Markeith Payne, 35, of Barnwell, pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter in the May 23, 2015 shooting death of DeVante Quintell Odom in the area of Emerald Lane and Wingo Estates Road in Barnwell. This followed a September 2017 trial where Payne received a 35-year sentence after a jury found him guilty of Odom's murder; however, the S.C. Court of Appeals overturned that conviction in 2021.

"The entire basis of the appeal was that the original trial judge did not give the jury the option of finding him guilty of voluntary manslaughter. The Court of Appeals opinion was that Judge Early should have charged voluntary manslaughter rather than just murder," said Second Circuit Deputy Solicitor David Miller.

S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson petitioned the S.C. Supreme Court to review the Appeals Court's decision.

"The Supreme Court agreed

to hear the case. I have no idea why, but a year and half after they agreed to hear it, they said they didn't want to," said Miller.

This left the solicitor's office looking to take a nine-year-old case back to court for a new trial.

"From day one there's never been any question he shot DeVante Odom and there's never been any question he killed DeVante Odom. It's just been a question of the circumstances surrounding that shooting and whether or not a jury would find him guilty of voluntary manslaughter rather than murder," said Miller of Payne. "The difference is the circumstances surrounding the incident."

With Odom's family having already been through the trial and appeals process, the solicitor's office wanted to provide them closure without enduring another trial. The solicitor offered Payne a cap of 20 years in prison if he pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter. Defense attorney Wallace Alves sought 15 years. Ultimately, Judge Brian Gibbons set the number at 18 years with credit for the 3,405 days Payne already served.

TWO SIDES

During the Sept. 24 court, Miller started by listing Payne's

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Williston discusses pending water projects

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The Williston Town Council approved the purchase of a new truck, discussed pending water-related projects, and voted on holiday hours at their September 9 meeting.

NEW TRUCK
The town council unanimously approved the \$38,309.50 purchase of a brand new 2024 Ford Ranger for the water department for daily use and smaller projects.

"We have a vehicle that is really struggling, and have a chance to capitalize on a good truck for a good price," said Mayor Brett Williams.

The truck is being purchased with the current Capital Project Sales Tax (CPST) funding that voters passed in 2016. The town listed this purchase as project #3 on the 2016 CPST referendum list.

According to administrator Michael Beasley, the town is also exploring options to purchase a dump truck.

WATER SYSTEM GRANTS & UPDATE

Implementation of the filtration project funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is underway. Sewer lines for filtration system backwash and testing have been installed, witnessed, and approved.

Moving forward, a new filtration system will be installed in January 2025. This is a large and expensive system that Beasley finds will "help tremendously in filtering our water system." The S.C. Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP) funding for wastewater treatment facility upgrades such as a pond liner and equipment replacement is also underway. Sludge from the pond is set to be removed and sent to be processed in Richmond County, Georgia in September.

The Elko Street and Industrial Boulevard wells are also set to be upgraded with SCIIP funding.

The entirety of SCIIP funded projects must be



The Williston Fire Department installed 58 smoke detectors in 14 homes on September 7 as part of their annual Smoke Alarm Blitz.

completed by December 2026.

- The Schuler well is back online after issues over Labor Day weekend resulted in little or no water for nearly three days. The town responded by purchasing then distributing 652 cases of water in just a couple hours – 372 were picked up by residents and 280 were delivered to the nursing home, elderly, or disabled residents.
- Several fire hydrants are scheduled to be replaced the week of Sept. 9.

EVENT INSURANCE

As previously reported by *The People-Sentinel*, events on town property held by outside organizations, groups, and individuals must now have insurance coverage.

Organizations or individuals holding events on town property must now contact their insurance provider to have the Town of Williston listed as an additional insured for liability purposes. A copy of this policy with the town added must be provided before the event can be approved.

Event handlers can use their own policies, but must provide it to the town before event approval. The town also offers insurance options, which are available on their website, <https://www.williston-sc.com/>. "The costs vary based on what you do. If you have a small event without a lot of folks involved, then you will pay a lesser policy amount," said Beasley.

The town will not profit from these policies, but will



Officer Stephen Munze graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy as a Class 1 Officer and will be joining the Williston Police Department.

be protected in the event of injury or emergency during an event being held on town property.

This became effective on September 16, 2024.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

The Town of Williston will be observing Halloween on October 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. The annual trunk-or-treat hosted by the Williston Recreation & Activities Committee will be held on October 19, 2024 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Academy Street field.

The Williston Town Hall will be closed for holidays on the following dates:

- Wednesday, November 27 – Half day
- Thursday, November 28 (Thanksgiving Day) – Closed
- Friday, November 29 – Closed
- Monday, December 23 – Half day
- Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) – Closed
- Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas) – Closed
- Tuesday, December 31 (New Year's Eve) – Half day

• Wednesday, January 1, 2025 (New Year's Day) – Closed

MILITARY MEMORIAL BANNERS

The town is now accepting orders for flag banners to honor veterans. They are 18x44 banners made to be displayed on light poles.

The cost of each banner is \$100 per side (front and back). Payment must be made prior to the creation of the banner.

These banners are guaranteed for five years with replacements and repairs allowed. The town will not be making profit on this project, but will be responsible for the transactions, storage, and display of the banners.

To honor a veteran, fill out the form, attach a photo of the veteran, and submit to kjerkins@williston-sc.com by September 30, 2024 to meet the November Veterans Day deadline.

MUNICIPAL MEETING

Councilmembers Kurt Odermatt and Judy Taylor alongside town clerk Kayla Jerkins attended the Municipal Association of South Carolina's Small Cities Summit in August, which they found to be beneficial.

The summit offers municipalities insight and best practices in financial management, strategies to develop effective budgets, and more. It had a panel on the makeup of a dysfunctional council through a theatrical presentation so those in attendance could see what not to do.

"What was really impressive was the first half of the day, everything they talked about we were already compliant, so we are doing things that they are trying to push the small towns to do," said Odermatt. "It was very insightful."

FIRE DEPT. BLITZ

The Williston Fire Department (WFD), along with the American Red Cross, held a smoke alarm blitz on September 7.

WFD installed 59 alarms in 14 homes, and were presented with the Community Risk Reduction (CRR) plaque and certificate for 2023.

"A big thanks to all the members and a special shout out to firefighters Jonalyn Miller and Kathy Hunt for taking the lead on our CRR initiatives," said Chief John Melton.

NEW POLICE OFFICER

Williston Police Department (WPD) is now staffed with all certified officers after Stephen Munze graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice

Academy as a Class 1 Officer. He will also be continuing to train as part of WPD's Field Training Officer (FTO) program.

"The FTO program allows us to further develop an officer's skills to better meet the needs of our community. So, join us in welcoming Officer Munze to the best town there is!" said Chief James "Jeep" Gainey.

The town has also placed an order for new bullet proof vests for WPD officers.

BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS

The town's beautification committee was tasked with finding projects to help beautify Williston and identified six.

- Improvements around the town's water fountain to include markers for Citizens of the Year as well as a potential space to be created for a Veterans Memorial.
- Adding native plants and landscaping to the property across from Napa on Church Street to create a green space. The Ivy Garden club was interested in helping complete this when presented with it several years ago.
- Improvements on the triangle past the Williston Presbyterian Church, such as removing old trees and shrubs, and adding a gazebo, a birdbath, decor, new shrubs, and trees. Trees and decor are already lined up to be donated.
- Placing signs at each of the four main entries to town.
- Increasing Christmas decorations.
- Purchasing self-watering hanging baskets for lamp posts on the rail trail.

Axis 1 Center of Barnwell
RED RIBBON WEEK
October 23-31, 2024

We pledge to be Drug-Free!

We want to see your art skills! Create your own ad to persuade someone to be drug free. Get creative!!

Contest rules:

1. You must submit your own work to your school's front office or to the Axis 1 Center of Barnwell.
2. You must use lots of color. We love to see crayons and markers.
3. Have fun!

Prizes:

1st Place - \$100 gift card, your drawing in the newspaper, and on our social media
2nd Place - \$75 gift card, your drawing in the newspaper, and our social media
3rd Place - \$50 gift card, your drawing in the newspaper, and on our social media

All drawings must be turned in by October 31st. Winners will be announced by November 8th.

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DEADLINE OCTOBER 15
If you don't spend your Senior Vouchers, we may not receive as many next year.

- ALL Senior Farmers' Market NP Vouchers MUST BE REDEEMED by October 15, 2024!
- Vouchers can be redeemed with ANY SFMNP approved SC Farmer.
- Barnwell Farmers Market usually has a SFMNP approved SC Farmer at each market at Fuller Park. Remaining local markets left to redeem vouchers locally are on:
 - Tuesdays, October 8 & 15, 8AM-12PM and Saturday, October 12, 9AM-11PM
- Redeem your vouchers before they expire!

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2024 Statewide General Election rapidly approaching

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The State Election Commission urges voters to get ready for the 2024 Statewide General Election as essential dates and deadlines are just around the corner. Voters should mark their calendars and familiarize themselves with the candidates and issues so that everyone can have a smooth voting experience. State and local election officials are fully prepared

to ensure a smooth and secure Election Day this November, but the most important step starts with you," said Howie Knapp, Executive Director of the SEC. "Your vote is your voice—don't miss this critical opportunity to shape the future. Make your plan now to participate and make a difference."

Key Registration Dates & Deadlines to Know:
The Statewide General Election is on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.
• The deadline to

register in person is Friday, October 4.
• The deadline to register to vote online or by fax or email is Sunday, October 6.
• The deadline to register to vote by mail is Monday, October 7 (must be postmarked by this date).
There are several ways to register and it takes just a few minutes!
• You can register to vote online at scVOTES.gov (requires a Driver's License or DMV ID).
• Download a voter registration form,

complete it, and return it to your county voter registration office by mail, fax, or email.
• Register in person by visiting your county voter registration office or while receiving services at the DMV and other various agencies.
Already registered? Make sure it's up to date.
• If you have moved from one county to another, you must register in your new county by the deadline to be eligible to vote.
There are three easy

ways to cast your ballot. Choose one!
• **Vote Early:** The early voting period starts on Monday, October 21 and ends Saturday, November 2. Early voting centers are open from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
• **Vote Absentee:** The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 25.
• **Vote on Election Day:** Polling places are open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Stay Prepped for the Polls
• Find FAQs and our Voter Go-To Guides for the 2024 Statewide General Election at <https://scvotes.gov/elections-statistics/2024prep/>
• Find up-to-date voting locations and contact information at your county voter registration office.
• Stay connected with us on Facebook, Instagram, or X.

SENTENCED: Demontay Payne receives 18 years

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previous charges of theft of electric current, trespassing, pointing and presenting a firearm, several driving under suspension charges, and malicious injury to property.
"Mr. Payne has not been a productive member of society; he's been a problem," said Miller. "Maybe at the end of doing his work, Mr. Payne will be better."

Going back to May 23, 2015, Miller said there was a disagreement between Payne and Odom.

"Mr. Payne was sitting at the house when DeVante Odom walked up," said Miller.

Eventually, Odom walked away. Testimony at Payne's Stand Your Ground hearing stated witnesses told Payne to "let it go, don't go after him (Odom)." But, shortly after, Payne drove away in his car, said Miller.

A witness said Payne was "calm" when he left the house, said Alves.

Payne and Odom encountered one another again at the end of the road. This is where the shooting happened and where Odom lost his life.

"When Odom turned to run, he (Payne) shot him. That's when he fell down in this yard," said Miller.

Witnesses provided various versions of the

story, but only one matched the evidence, said Miller. That evidence included the shellcasings belonging to one gun.

While Payne declared the shooting was self-defense, Miller said the locations of the casings and Odom's body state otherwise. He also said there was no gun found on Odom. There were also no bullet holes in any of the houses, vehicles, or on Payne.

Alves said the photos of the scene taken by law enforcement have been lost. Since the houses in the neighborhood have changed, she said it's impossible to know whether there was any damage from bullets.

"The solicitor and I differ somewhat on the facts of this case," said Alves.

She said Payne was defending himself from Odom, who pulled a gun after a physical altercation. She said a witness saw the shooting.

"I don't know where Odom's shots went," said Alves.

She said witnesses saw Odom's gun after the shooting, but it later disappeared as people came to the scene.

"No pun intended, but there's holes in the state's case and there's holes in the defense's case," said Judge



Demontay Payne enters the courtroom of the Barnwell County Courthouse on Sept. 25. He received 18 years after pleading guilty to voluntary manslaughter. Jonathan Vickery / Publisher

Brian Gibbons. "Those holes are why he's pleading," said Alves of her client. "He maintains he didn't do this with malice aforethought. He did it because he feared for his life."

Alves acknowledged her client has made mistakes and isn't perfect, but he's "tried to do positive things to enrich his life" since being incarcerated. This includes completing classwork for his CDL, signing up to be a tutor, signing up to be a clerk in the law library,

attending Bible classes, sharing his experiences with younger inmates, and taking Pathway to Achieve classes to work on his GED and "keep his mind active and hopefully stay out of trouble," said Alves.

While she said that's not always easy for her clients to do, Payne is "motivated to do what he can to stay out." This is particularly true because of his 15-year-old son.

FAMILY STATEMENTS
Families from both sides were allowed to speak before Judge Gibbons made his ruling.

Kenneth Odom, father of DeVante Odom, said the loss of his son has impacted their whole family. He said nothing done by the court or anyone else can bring back his son.

"It's not easy to say, but my heart goes out to Mr. Payne. I wish Mr. Payne the best, but know he has a long road to travel. At some point in life, we have to learn to be accountable," said Odom.

Michael Payne, a former law enforcement officer and Demontay Payne's uncle, was the one who told Payne to turn himself in to

authorities in 2015. "He is regretful about this situation. His time incarcerated has changed him," said Michael Payne. "This has been a heartbreaking thing for both families."

Michael Payne said he is prepared to get his nephew a job once he's released and will "be by his side."

Demontay Payne also apologized during court and asked for forgiveness.

"This was not a situation where I did this out of spite or anger," said Demontay Payne, maintaining he was defending himself. "I'm not the same person I was when I was 20-something. I'm still on the journey God has me on."

Just as he still deals with pain from being stabbed in prison, Demontay Payne said he hopes the Odom family can heal from the loss of their son.

SENTENCING
Judge Gibbons sat from the bench wearing his black robe, which he said is a "symbol of justice" because black is a neutral color.

The judge acknowledged the Odom family's pain and grief, plus how they were "blindsided" by the justice system after the Appeals Court's actions.

"There will always be a hole in your heart. I wish I could make that go away," said Gibbons.

The judge also acknowledged Payne's lack of prior violent charges and how he took ownership of his actions.

"There's a lot of grace by you accepting a plea and not putting the family through another trial," said Judge Gibbons.

As a judge of man's law, Gibbons said his job is to "weigh vengeance with compassion and mercy. Somewhere in between is what justice is supposed to be." Putting someone in jail for the maximum time would be the easy thing but is not the right thing to do, he said.

"It appears you've done well," said Judge Gibbons to Payne. "I believe you've established a good foundation, but you've got to pay for what you did."

Judge Gibbons sentenced Payne to 18 years in the Department of Corrections with credit time given for the 3,405 days served.

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ANNIVERSARY



Joan and Dean Hartzog celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary during a party at Sweetwater Country Club hosted by their family on September 28, 2024.

Mr. & Mrs. Hartzog celebrate 60 years

Dean and Joan Hartzog of Barnwell celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 27, 2024.

The Barnwell natives and high school sweethearts were married on September 27, 1964 at Reedy Branch Baptist Church.

The couple's children and grandchildren hosted an anniversary party on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at Sweetwater Country Club in Barnwell. There was a huge turnout despite the effects of Hurricane Helene.

The Hartzogs enjoyed a champagne toast before cutting their anniversary cake. Granddaughter Brittany Lott created the cake, which was a replica of the couple's wedding cake.

Everyone also enjoyed a beautiful charcuterie board prepared by Dana Coto and BBQ sliders prepared by the hosts.

Sweetwater's clubhouse was filled with treasures, photos and other mementoes from the Hartzogs' wedding day, including original china, the wedding album, the guest book, and Mrs. Hartzog's going away outfit.

A breathtaking floral arrangement created by Adam's Nursery was displayed on the mantle.

The Hartzogs have three children - Jeri Lyn Ridgeway (Craig) of Barnwell, Jennifer Kern of Graniteville, and the late Russ Hartzog.

They are the doting grandparents of Brittany Lott (Josh), Brock Ridgeway (Julianna Cobb), Riley Urwick (Josh), Grayson Kern, Gunnar Kern, and Logan Kern (Chad Herrmann). They are also the proud great-grandparents of Ellison Lott, Cash Lott, and the late Lila Lott.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartzog's family are grateful for the example of love they provide and the family they have built.



Joan and Dean Hartzog (center, seated) are pictured with their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren at their 60th wedding anniversary party on September 28, 2024 at Sweetwater Country Club in Barnwell.

BIRTH



Aspyn Maeve Croft was born on September 5, 2024.

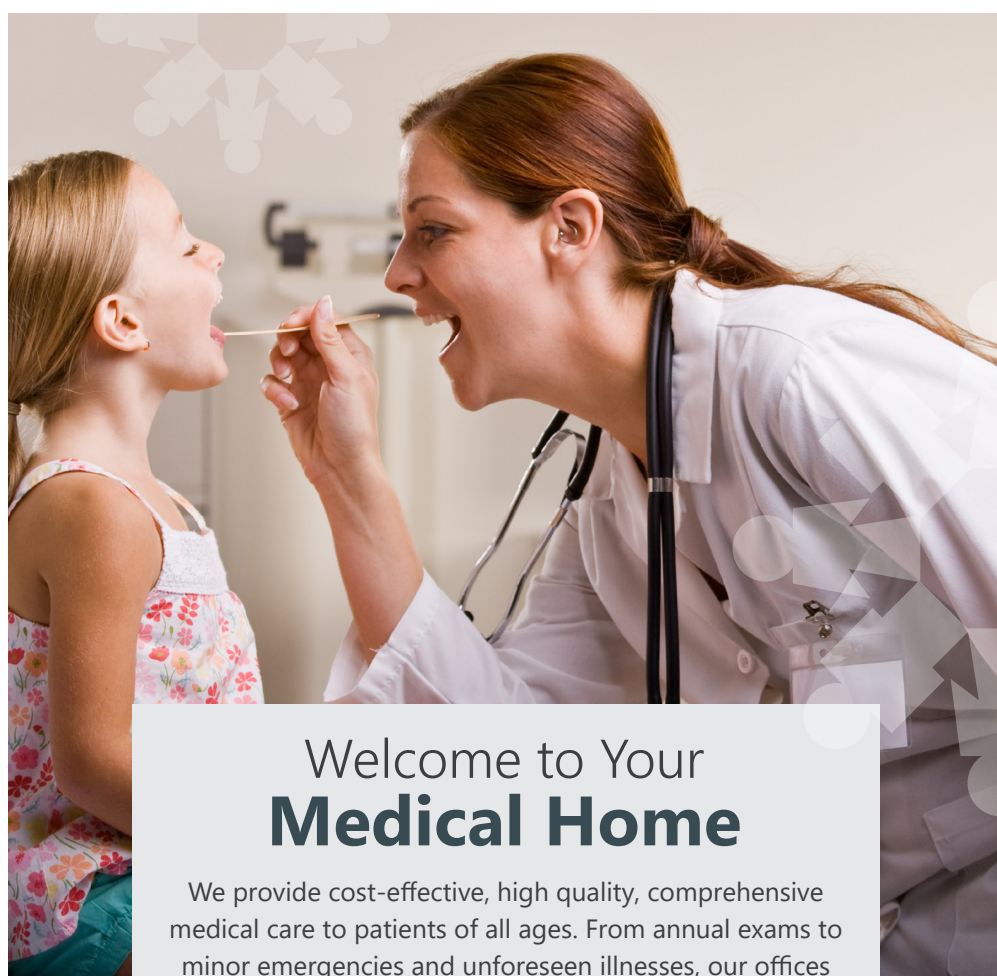
Aspyn Maeve Croft

Trey and Callie Croft of Barnwell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Aspyn Maeve Croft.

She was born September 5th, 2024 at 7:05 a.m. at Piedmont in Augusta, Ga. She weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 19.25 inches.

She was welcomed home by her older brothers, Bayne and Coast Croft.

Grandparents are Mike and Angela Ridgeway of Barnwell, Doug Wooldridge and Claire Barnett of Williston, and Travis and Billie Jo Croft of Barnwell.



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11:00 am Parade

12:00 pm Entertainment: Garden City Quartet
Kid Zone opens, Train Rides begin

1:00 pm Parade winners announced

1:15 pm Entertainment: Kristie Hutson

2:15 pm Entertainment: Back Row Band

3:15 pm Entertainment: Phil Falso

4:00 pm Entertainment: Band Trouble
Vendor and Children's Booths close

5:30 pm Dance Music: DJ Gary Brantley

7:00 pm Street Dance with Cody Webb Band

9:00 pm Activities conclude



Garden City Quartet



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Q&A with Allendale's mayoral candidates

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On November 5, the Town of Allendale will vote to elect a mayor. The candidates are former sheriff Tom Carter, mayor Larry Cohen and Allendale town council member Marlon Creech.

Ahead of the election, *The People-Sentinel* sent the three candidates the same questions. Below are the responses from Carter and Creech; Cohen did not respond.

Why are you running for mayor?

Carter: Allendale is my home, and I want to make Allendale the best it can be. There are a lot of things in Allendale that do not reflect the capabilities of our town. The town needs leadership to strengthen the council and accomplish many of the opportunities that have been recently neglected.

For years people blamed Allendale's failure on Interstate 95, but it was not 95 that proved to be the demise of the town. It was leadership. Other towns along Highway 301 have prospered. Why can't we?

Creech: I'm running for mayor because I believe in Allendale's potential. I've lived here, worked with the community, and seen both the challenges and the opportunities. I want to bring fresh ideas and proactive leadership to tackle the issues we face, such as economic development, infrastructure, and public safety. I'm committed to creating a future where Allendale thrives, and I want to be a part of that transformation.

How will you work with other members of local, state, and federal governments as mayor?

Carter: I will work with the local council to tackle the problems that we have. I have a plan to pull the municipalities in the county to work together and not work against each other. More can be covered together to stop the division in



Mayoral candidate Marlon Creech.

Photo Contributed



Mayoral candidate Tom Carter.

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this county. Communication is key with the federal government.

Creech: Collaboration is key to success. I plan to maintain open lines of communication with county and state officials, as well as our representatives in Washington. I will actively seek out partnerships and grant opportunities, advocate for our needs, and ensure that Allendale's voice is heard at every level of government. By working together, we can pool resources and align our efforts for the greater good of our community.

What is your top priority as mayor?

Carter: My top priority is to turn our town around. What has happened in the past is gone. We have to look to the future and work towards our goals. I will work with the council and prioritize a list of needs and then go after these issues as one body and not a divided government for the town.

Creech: My top priority is to be for the people because I am the people. My priorities are to serve with compassion, kindness and love. My priority is to deliver on broken promises that were made in the past, become the spokesperson

that the Town needs, restore hope and to stand on business when it comes to the economic health and development of our town. Without a strong economy, other aspects of life such as public safety, education, and infrastructure suffer. I want to attract businesses, create jobs, and provide opportunities for residents to prosper.

What steps will you take as mayor to help the town address gun violence?

Carter: The council and I will meet with and work with the chief of police to try to increase his resources. We will meet with the solicitor's office to stress the need to prosecute these cases when they are made, and even set up a meeting with the Attorney General if necessary to prosecute criminal acts.

Creech: Gun violence is a serious concern. As Mayor I plan to tackle the issue by assuring that the police department is fully staffed, with 24 hour coverage enforced, as well as surveillance cameras operating around the clock. I will work closely with law enforcement to ensure they have the tools and training necessary to keep our community safe. Additionally, I will partner with

local organizations to provide programs focused on conflict resolution, mentorship, and job training for youth, which can help prevent violence before it starts. Collaboration with state agencies for funding and support in these efforts will also be a priority.

What steps will you take as mayor to help improve the town's economy?

Carter: If elected, I will review finances with the council to address discrepancies, spend money wisely, apply for grants, and establish grant managers to ensure that funds are actually used for intended purposes. Everyone will be made accountable for the town's finances. We also need to do what we can to make Allendale more appealing to businesses. We have to work on our image to make Allendale more desirable for businesses. There is a possibility that 95 at Santee's bridge will close for repairs and traffic will be rerouted to US 301. This can be a big boost to Allendale's economy. We must work accordingly.

Creech: To revitalize our economy, I'll focus on attracting new businesses by opening opportunities for organizations to host more job fairs in the community, supporting small businesses by offering viable resources to market and promote their products

and services. I'll work to streamline local regulations to make it easier for businesses to start and grow here. I will promote Allendale as a great place to live and work in order to attract both new residents and entrepreneurs.

What steps will you take as mayor to help address the town's infrastructural/water issues?

Carter: We need upgrades to our water system badly, and we need to seek grants from federal infrastructure programs. We need a qualified company to come in to redo this system. All we are doing now is patching. Our workers do the best job they can working on the water system. We need a company to do this. There is a major US highway that runs through our town. Now we are ducking cones and pot holes in the roads. This needs to be fixed.

Creech: Our infrastructure, particularly our water system, is in urgent need of attention. As mayor, I'll prioritize securing state and federal funding to upgrade our water infrastructure. I'll work with engineers to develop long-term solutions and ensure that our system's pipes are replaced, safe, reliable, and sustainable. Additionally, I'll work with the town council to improve road conditions

and public utilities so that Allendale is better positioned for growth and investment.

What distinguishes you from the other mayoral candidates?

Carter: I am a visionary. I have a vision for Allendale. I am not in this for personal gains. I have leadership experience. As a 23 year veteran, I know that my experience and knowledge will help me be a strong leader in this town. Having been the Sheriff of Allendale County for 20 years I know how things are supposed to be handled. Most of all, I have common sense.

Creech: What sets me apart is being that perfect bridge between the younger and the older generation here in Allendale and my proven ability to bring people together to solve problems. I'm not just offering ideas, I've already been involved in projects that have had a positive impact here. My focus is on practical solutions, and I have a vision for the future that's grounded in action, not just words. I'm committed to transparency, accountability, and making sure that every voice in our community is heard.

Anything else you'd like voters to know?

Carter: I want voters to know that Allendale is my home, so I want the best things possible for our town. My vision is to turn our home town around and make it a place to be proud of, so when our kids move on to colleges and other future experiences, they will not be ashamed to call Allendale home.

Creech: I want voters to know that I'm not just running for office—I'm running for the future of Allendale. I'm committed to making our town a place where everyone has an opportunity to succeed. I'm here to listen, to lead, and to make decisions that will benefit the entire community, not just a few. Together, we can build a stronger Allendale and I want voters to remember you are not out of reach when you vote for Creech.

ALLENDALE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE TAX NOTICE

Notices for the 2024 Real Estate Taxes will be mailed by October 15, 2024 and can be paid without penalty through January 14, 2025.

Real Estate taxes not paid by this date will be subjects to the following penalties:

January 15, 2025

Three percent (3%) penalty will be charged.

February 3, 2025

Ten percent (10%) penalty will be charged.

March 17, 2025

Taxes go into execution with a fifteen percent (15%) penalty plus collection costs.

The above penalties are required by state law and are uniform with penalties in all other counties in the state. All personal checks presented for payment of taxes will be subject to collection. Since bills are printed in the name of the owner as of December 31, 2023, requests for bills for property purchased during 2024 are required to be made in the name of the former owner. Taxes may be viewed and/or paid online at <http://allendaletreasurer.qpaybill.com> or by telephone 803-573-9766 a convenience fee is added for payments made online or by telephone. The millage rates applied to the 2024 Allendale County Real Estate tax bills are as follows:

SCHOOL DISTRICT	ORDINARY COUNTY	CAPTIAL RESERVE	FIRE SERVICE	HOSPITAL	SCHOOL OPERATIONS	SCHOOL NOTE	TOTAL MILLAGE
ALLENDALE	216.77	0	34.19	16	256	32	554.96

Valaree Smith
Allendale County Treasurer



Notice of Tax Increase Allendale County

There will be an increase in the Allendale County millage this year. The increase will be on your tax bill this fall. Inflation has made it necessary to raise taxes in order to provide the same level of services currently provided by the county. County Operations and Fire Millage will both increase to 216.77 and Fire Service to 34.19. The hospital millage remains unchanged at 16. Please see the examples below for the change in Allendale County property taxes.

Appraised Market Value	50,000.00	75,000.00	150,000.00
Owner Occupied 4%	4%	4%	4%
Assessed Property Value	2,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00
Net Change in Tax	38.81	58.21	116.42

Appraised Market Value	50,000.00	75,000.00	150,000.00
Non-Owner Occupied 6%	6%	6%	6%
Assessed Property Value	3,000.00	4,500.00	9,000.00
Net Change in Tax	76.76	115.15	230.29

How to Apply for FEMA Assistance After Hurricane Helene

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FEMA

South Carolina homeowners and renters in 13 counties who had uninsured damage or losses caused by Hurricane Helene may be eligible for FEMA disaster assistance. FEMA may be able to help with serious needs, displacement, temporary lodging, basic home repair costs, personal property loss or other disaster-caused needs. Homeowners and renters in Aiken, Anderson, Bamberg,

Barnwell, Cherokee, Greenville, Greenwood, Lexington, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, Saluda and Spartanburg counties can apply. There are several ways to apply: Go online to DisasterAssistance.gov, use the FEMA App or call 800-621-3362 from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET daily. The telephone line is open every day and help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as Video Relay Service (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your

number for that service. To view an accessible video on how to apply, visit Three Ways to Apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance - YouTube. FEMA's disaster assistance offers new benefits that provide flexible funding directly to survivors. In addition, a simplified process and expanded eligibility allows South Carolinians access to a wider range of assistance and funds for serious needs. **What You'll Need When You Apply**

- A current phone number where you can be contacted.
 - Your address at the time of the disaster and the address where you are now staying.
 - Your Social Security number.
 - A general list of damage and losses.
 - Banking information if you choose direct deposit.
 - If insured, the policy number or the agent and/or the company name.
- If you have homeowners, renters, or flood in-

urance, you should file a claim as soon as possible. FEMA cannot duplicate benefits for losses covered by insurance. If your policy does not cover all your disaster expenses, you may be eligible for federal assistance. For the latest information about South Carolina's recovery, visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4829. Follow FEMA on X at x.com/femaregion4 or on Facebook at facebook.com/fema. FEMA's mission is help-

ing people before, during and after disasters. *FEMA is committed to ensuring disaster assistance is accomplished equitably, without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, nationality, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, English proficiency, or economic status. Any disaster survivor or member of the public may contact the FEMA Office of Civil Rights if they feel that they have a complaint of discrimination. FEMA's Office of Civil Rights can be contacted at FEMA-OCR@fema.dhs.gov or toll-free at 833-285-7448.*

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.

Tremayne Willie Austin, 33, of Blackville, S.C. was arrested on September 14, 2024 by BPD for Reckless Driving, Possession of a Firearm by a Person Convicted of Certain Crimes, and Failure to Stop for Blue Lights. Austin was booked and released to BCDC.

Julie Baxley, 49, of 1161 Highway 64, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on September 17, 2024 by BCSO for Attempted Murder and Possession of a Weapon during a Violence Crime. Baxley was booked and released to BCDC.

Davis Anthony Bodiford, 52, of 194 Long Cane Road, Williston, S.C. was arrested on September 2, 2024 by BCSO for Illegal Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Possess, Manufacture, Transport Destructive Device or Explosive or Parts for Damage or Injury and Arson. Bodiford was booked and released to the BCDC.

Shania Lynell Jurine Britten, 24, of Cole Lane, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on May 9, 2024 by BPD for Simple Assault. Britten was booked and released to BCDC.

Shania Lynell Jurine Britten, 24, of Cole Lane, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on August 23, 2024 by BPD for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Parental Interference. Britten was booked and released to BCDC.

Terrance Lamont Brodus, 42, of 132 Emerald Lane, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on September 12, 2024 by BCSO for Open Container Violation. Brodus was booked and released to 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.

Cody Allen Davis, 30, of Williston, S.C. was arrested on September 13, 2024 by BPD for Possession of a Schedule 1 Narcotic. Davis was booked and released to BCDC.

Tymarlin Maurice Dobson, 24, of Duncannon Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on August 2, 2024 by BPD for Assault & Battery 3rd Degree. Dobson was booked and released to BCDC.

Deja Nicole Tashaie Dunbar, 20, of Brown Street, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 25, 2024 by BPD for Assault & Battery 3rd Degree. Dunbar 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.

Sedrick Roosevelt Fisher, 48, of 352 Huson Circle, Orangeburg, S.C. was arrested on September 9, 2024 by BCSO for Breach of Trust. Fisher was booked and released to BCDC.

Dexter Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Jr., 36, of 436 Moore Drive, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on September 17, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Court Fines. Fitzpatrick was booked and released to BCDC.

Xzavier Derrell Gillison, 19, of Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on September 25, 2024 by BPD for Malicious Damage to Real Property and Possession of a Firearm. Gillison was booked and released to BCDC.

Xzavier Derrell Gillison, 19, of Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on September 23, 2024 by BPD for Shoplifting. Gillison was booked and released to BCDC.

Xzavier Derrell Gillison, 19, of Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on September 23, 2024 by BPD for Pointing and Presenting a Weapon, Assault & Battery 3rd Degree, and Public Disorderly Conduct. Gillison was booked and released to BCDC.

Jamel Quinton Goodwin, 21, of Dunbarton Blvd. #8, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on August 3, 2024 by BPD for Domestic Violence 2nd Degree. Goodwin was booked and released to BCDC.

Henry Guest, 59, of Hiott Street, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on August 24, 2024 by BPD for Driving Under Suspension and Open Container. Guest was booked and released to BCDC.

Tanzania Denise Hamilton, 23, of Thomas Street, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 30, 2024 by BPD for Assault & Battery 3rd Degree. Hamilton was booked and released to BCDC.

Jacoby Raynard Hammond, 31, of Ethel Terrace, Blackville, S.C. was arrested on July 19, 2024 by BPD for Possession of Marijuana. Hammond was

booked and released on his own recognizance.

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 Light and Child Endangerment. Hammonds was booked and released to BCDC.

Kerri-Anne Reed Haselden, 45, of Mossborough Drive, Lexington, S.C. was arrested on July 18, 2024 by BPD for Public Disorderly Conduct and Transport Alcohol in Motor Vehicle with the Seal Broken. Haselden was booked and released to BCDC.

Alicia Jeanette 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.

Christopher Scott Holmes, 30, of Williston, S.C. was arrested on September 13, 2024 by BPD for Possession of a Schedule 1 Narcotic. Davis was booked and released to BCDC.

Terrance Bernard Hutto, 43, of 340 Emerald Land, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on September 15, 2024 by BCSO for Disorderly Conduct. Hutto 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.

Lawrence Ingram, 34, of 56 Cherry Street, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on September 17, 2024 by BCSO for Disorderly Conduct and Trespassing for Refusing to Leave Premises. Ingram was booked and released to BCDC.

Rodneisha Jay-L Johnson, 29, of Oswald Drive, Allendale, S.C. was arrested on August 23, 2024 by BCSO for Malicious Injury to Real Property. Johnson was booked and released to BCDC.

Joshua Edward Jones, 36, of Honey Ford Road, Denmark, S.C. was arrested

on July 13, 2024 by BPD for Robbery. Jones was booked and released to BCDC.

Kylen Rondre Kearse, 21, of 930 Oak Street, Blackville, S.C. was arrested on September 13, 2024 by BCSO for Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute within Proximity of a School/Park and Driving Without a Driver's License. Kearse 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.

Bobby Lee Lingard, 51, of Black River Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 12, 2024 by BPD for Assault & Battery 3rd Degree. Lingard was booked and released to BCDC.

David Brian Mack, 39, of Brown Street, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on August 17, 2024 by BPD for Domestic Violence 2nd Degree. Mack was booked and released to BCDC.

Elijah Dontario Mathews, 21, of Oriole Drive, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 23, 2024 by BPD for Driving Under Suspension. Mathews was booked and released to BCDC.

Willie Lloyd Mayes, 54, of 3245 Road Apt. L8 Columbia, S.C. was arrested on September 13, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Child Support. Mayes was booked and released to BCDC.

Alexander Lloyd McGregor, 22, of 146 Chalet N. Court, North Augusta, S.C. was arrested on September 11, 2024 by BCSO for Involuntary Manslaughter. McGregor was booked and released to BCDC.

Wesley William Mitchell, Jr., 20, of 364 Baker Street, Blackville, S.C. was arrested on September 18, 2024 by BCSO for Possession of Stolen Property. Mitchell was booked and released to BCDC.

Rodney Reshaid Mixson, 32, of McDonald Drive, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 5, 2024 by BCSO for Assault & Battery 2nd Degree, Resisting Arrest, and two counts of Prisoner Throwing of Bodily Fluids. Mixson 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.

Vaniqua Jacquie Aqueelah Picard, 36, of 364 Baker Street, Blackville, S.C. was arrested on September 22, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Court Fines. Picard was booked and released to BCDC.

Jermaine Jahua Priester, 30, of Sapling Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on August 29, 2024 by BPD for Driving Under Suspension. Priester 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.

Anthony Louis Reed, 49, of Litchfield Street, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 11, 2024 by BPD for Assault & Battery 3rd Degree. Reed was booked and released to BCDC.

Alquin Henry Sharpe III, 34, of 451 Woodland Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on September 14, 2024 by BCSO for Criminal Domestic Violence. Sharpe was booked and released to BCDC.

Betty Jean Smalls, 64, of Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on September 12, 2024 by BPD for Domestic Violence 3rd Degree. Smalls was booked and released to BCDC.

Jasmine Smith, 33, of 157 Hawk Court, Blackville, S.C. was arrested on September 13, 2024 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Child Support. Smith was booked and released to BCDC.

London Shanaja Stevens, 20, of Hiott Street, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 19, 2024 by BPD for Possession of Marijuana. Stevens was booked and released on his own recognizance.

Zachary Lynwood Thomas, 53, of Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on September 21, 2024 by BPD for Shoplifting. Thomas was booked and released to BCDC.

Willis Bernard Tripp, 59, of Elberta Circle, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 16, 2024 by BPD for Pedestrian Under the Influence Upon Roadway. Tripp was booked and released to BCDC.

Jamarion Antonio Washington, 36, of Middle Place Road, Olar, S.C. was arrested on August 5, 2024 by BPD for Attempted Murder, Possession of a Weapon During a Violence Crime, Possession of a Firearm by a Person Convicted of Certain Crimes, and Discharging Firearms into a Dwelling. Washington was booked and released to BCDC.

William Joseph Weyandt Jr., 54, of Combs Drive, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on August 26, 2024 by BPD for Driving Under Suspension. Weyandt 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.

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.

Wadell Williams III, of Elberta Circle, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on July 23, 2024 by BPD for Domestic Violence 2nd Degree, Unlawful Use of Telecommunications, and Trespassing After Notice. Williams was booked and released to BCDC.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Blackville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing at 4:00 p. m. on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at the Blackville Community Center, 19464 Solomon Blatt Avenue.

Appeal No. 2410 by Fredrick Crenshaw II and Paula M. DeKnight, for a variance from Section 4-101, of the Zoning Ordinance to allow property at 103 Main Street, Blackville, SC, to be used for building a home on this property for a residence.

If you have any questions concerning this appeal you may contact the Zoning Administrator at Town Hall, 5983 Lartigue Street, Blackville, SC 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p. m. Monday thru Friday.

Town of Blackville is an EOE.

Public Notice

The South Carolina Solid Waste Policy and Management Act of 1991 requires local governments to annually report the cost of solid waste management services to the public. The annual cost reporting for Barnwell County for FY/24 is as follows.

Gross annual cost-----	\$ 1,680,438.95
Revenues-----	(427,316.22)
Net annual cost-----	\$ 1,253,122.73
Cost Per Capita-----	\$60.06
Ground Water Assessment-----	\$ 33,034.00
Landfill Fees Revenue-----	(209,749.11)
Total Cost-----	\$ 1,373,407.62
Cost Per Capita-----	\$65.82



Tommy Landis

NC 28209.

Tommy passed away at home on Tuesday, September 24, 2024.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Gentiva Hospice and his caregiver, Justin Folk for all of the love, care and concern that they have shown Tommy.

Born in Hickory, NC, he was the son of the late Woodie William Landis and Eula Mae Richards Landis. He was a member of Winfield Heights Baptist Church where he formerly served as a deacon. Tommy earned an associate degree from Piedmont Tech. He made Williston, SC his home in 1968 and was married to the late Gloria Jean Mattison Landis for 47 years. He retired from the SC Department of Education as a mechanic in the School Bus Department having worked in Aiken and Blackville as a supervisor. Tommy's passion was working and racing dirt

track cars for many years. He also enjoyed going to tractor pulls. He was owner of TNC Quick Lube and Fireworks in Williston, SC.

Survivors include his daughters, Rhonda L. Bolen and Pam L. (Jamie) Fields, all of Williston, SC; grandchildren, Kenny (Hillary) Bolen, Mattison Bolen, Tucker Fields and Allie Jean Fields; great-grandchildren, Robert Andrew Bolen, Kenneth Graham Bolen, Bailey Gray Bolen and Aiden Moore; a sister and brother-in-law, Peggy L. (Chick) Williamson of North Augusta, SC along with a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife, Gloria Landis, he was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Ken Bolen.

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 William Thomas "Tommy" Landis, 83, of Williston, SC were held at 2 o'clock p.m., Saturday, September 28, 2024 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, SC with the Reverends Jamie Wooten and Carl Kleinholz officiating; burial followed in the Williston Cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Saturday. Memorial contributions may be given to Gentiva Hospice, 1690 University Pkwy., Aiken, SC 29801 or the Alzheimer's Association, 4600 Park Rd., Suite 250, Charlotte,



Daniel Percy McCants

ous heart. A tremendous sports fanatic, Danny was an excellent Legion baseball player. He became an avid tennis player in his mid-twenties, and played at Quail Valley Racquet Club and won many tournaments with his tennis buddies! Danny also enjoyed and supported the USC football team by attending games and contributing to the athletics program.

Danny's Roman Catholic faith was of utmost importance and a top priority throughout his life. He made certain that his children received their religious training. Danny loved his three daughters and was a fabulous girl dad! He and his former wife, Mary McCants Turner, remained friends for many decades.

Those left to mourn his loss include his daughters: Meredith M. Dieppe (Bubba) and Lindsay M. Smith (Matt); sister: Dianne M. Brown (Steve) and their four children; and his nine grandchildren: Griffin Ellis, Joseph Dieppe, Peter Dieppe, Earli Dieppe, Mary B. Smith, Adma Smith, Banks Wiggins, Keller Wiggins, and Wells Gibson.

Danny is predeceased by his daughter, Mallory McCants Gibson.

The family would like to thank the Amdeisys Hospice nurses and the McLeod caregivers for all of the love and support during Danny's final weeks of life.

Danny donated his body to science at Georgia Health Services, University Anatomical Donations, Department of Cellular Biology and Anatomy. He also contributed to and supported a variety of charities. In memory of Danny, a donation to one of the charities listed below would be greatly appreciated by his family. Charities include: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church, Carolina Wildlife Center, and Pawmetto Lifeline.

A Memorial Mass for Danny will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, October 11, 2024 at Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church, 120 Marydale Lane, Columbia, South Carolina, 29210. Fr. Santiago Guzman will be officiating. The family will greet friends in the Fellowship Hall after services.

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Daniel Percy McCants will be sadly missed by his family and friends. "Danny," "Dan," "Pop-Pop," and "Uncle Danny" passed away Sunday, September 22, 2024 with End Stage COPD. He was born on October 17, 1948 in Port Arthur, Texas to the late Percy Cleopus and Adma Thomas McCants.

Danny moved to Barnwell, South Carolina with his parents and sister, Dianne McCants Brown. He graduated from Barnwell High School and attended the University of South Carolina. Danny worked as a page in the South Carolina Senate and was a devoted member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity.

The friendships Danny forged in high school and college lasted a lifetime. He will always be remembered for his great sense of humor, quick wit, and huge, gener-

Mary "Jimmie" Dicks Hanks

BARNWELL - Jimmie Hanks, lifelong resident of Barnwell, has died at the age of 100.

She is survived by her daughter, Nancy Dumont; two grandchildren, W. Ashley (Donita) Atkins and Jaime Edwards; three bonus grandchildren, Elizabeth Proctor, Katherine Dumont, and Peter Dumont; and two great-grandchildren, Braelynn Edwards and Liam Corell. She was predeceased by her husband, Bill; her

parents, Meta and Jim Dicks; two sons, Jimmy Lee and Billy; her sister and brother-in-law, Emily and Billy King; and her son-in-law, Dick Dumont.

Almost no one knew that her given name was actually Mary.

A graveside service will be held on Sunday, October 6th, at 2 p.m. at the Barnwell Methodist Cemetery with Rev. Judson Barnes officiating. The family will receive friends

at the cemetery following the service. At her request, in lieu of flowers, people who wish to remember her may make a donation to a group supporting animal welfare or to the Cemetery Fund at the Barnwell United Methodist Church.

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

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John L. Depew



WILLISTON - John L. Depew, 60, passed away at home after a short illness.

John was born in Fort Knox, Kentucky, in June 1964. After graduating from Beaufort High School, class of 1982, John attended the University of South Carolina and earned his degree in Business Administration with a double major in Finance and Operations Management in 1987. John moved to Barnwell to work at Milliken until the plant closed in 2009 after which he began working at the Savannah River Site. John was a scout master with Boy Scout Troop 392 and Troop 65, and presently volunteered as the NCAP Chair for the

Georgia-Carolina Council committee. He was a member of St. Andrew's Catholic Church of Barnwell. He was a tried-and-true fan of University of South Carolina Gamecocks and carried his love of football to coaching Barnwell and Williston recreational football for almost 20 years. John also appeared both on and off the stage and as a volunteer with the Circle Theatre of Barnwell for many years.

John is survived by his wife of 37 years, Dana; sons, John Jr. (Erika) of Lexington, SC, Bryan Depew of Aiken, SC, Andrew Depew of Vail, CO; a sister, Mary Iacono (Kevin) of Bluffton, SC; a brother, Joseph Depew (Kim) of Chattanooga, TN; 4 grandchildren, John III, Irelynn, Elijah and Xander; 20 nieces and nephews; mother-in-law, Peggy Ward of Port Royal; and father-in-law, Joseph Fulgieri of Beaufort.

John is predeceased by his parents, William and Carolyn Depew of Beaufort; and his brothers,

James and William John Depew II (Beaufort).

The family requests any memorial donations be made to the Williston Fire Department (13122 Main Street, Williston, SC 29853) or the Elko Fire Department (P.O. Box 217, Elko, SC 29826) for their dedication and commitment in service to others in lieu of flowers.

A Celebration of Life service was held at 10 o'clock a.m., Saturday, September 28, 2024 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, SC with the Reverend Joseph Tokar officiating; burial followed at the Williston Cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Saturday.

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

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Rebecca Burgess Tymeson



ALLENDALE - Rebecca Burgess Tymeson, affectionately known as "Becky" and "Nana," passed away in Augusta, GA on Saturday, September 21, 2024. She was born in Fairfax, SC to the late David A. Burgess and Mary D. Burgess. Becky was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and a friend to everyone she encountered.

Becky has spent her life being a loving housewife and mother to her two sons who she loved more than anything. She has also

spent years volunteering her time to the Allendale County Fire Department and her community. If you know anything about Becky, then you will know the most important title that she loved the most was when she got promoted to "Nana."

Becky is preceded in death by her parents, David A. Burgess and mother, Mary D. Burgess, also her granddaughter Anna M. Tymeson. She is survived by her husband Frederick J. Tymeson; son Johnthan W. Tymeson (Tiffany); son David A. Tymeson (Tina); grandchildren Preston, Parker, and Megan; along with her sister, brother-in-law, several nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members.

Becky will forever be remembered for her kind

heart, smile, laugh, and her hugs. She always loved a good story followed with a good laugh. Her legacy will live on with the lives she touched. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

The family received friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at Keith Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service was held at Swallow Savannah Cemetery, Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 1 p.m. Family asked for everyone to dress casual.

Keith Smith Funeral Service, 128 Water Street, Allendale, SC (803-584-2492) assisted the family with arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at www.keithsmithfuneralservice.com.

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Phillip Frederick Sr.

that "Fat Lighter" houses couldn't be extinguished, he would frequently follow fire trucks to incidents around town.

One of Phil's greatest joys was to serve and be in community with his church, Williston First Baptist. Even in his later years when it became difficult to attend, he and Jean were devoted to worshipping with their church. His faithful service to the Lord was evident in his appointment as a deacon at Williston First Baptist, Sunday School mentor of "The Seekers" class, church choir member, and Christian leader of his family. His family is thankful for his consistent Christian leadership that powerfully pointed them to Christ.

Phil married Jean, his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, on March 30, 1963. Phil loved Jean dearly, and together they grew a close-knit family that loved each other and the Lord. Known as "Papa" by his family, he always acknowledged that he valued his family above all other things and was present at every event in their lives. He and Jean were the foundation of the family and the focal point of all holidays and gatherings, always making sure to enjoy their loved ones as much as the good food. The things that brought him great joy included fishing and hunting with his family at the pond he helped build with his uncle. Frying fish and barbecuing whole hogs were regularly-scheduled events on his calendar as well as nightly viewings of old Westerns and cheering on the Clemson Tigers. Wittiness, humor, intuition, tenderness, and genuine love for others were a few of Phil's attributes that he supplied in excess to his family. Never could you visit Phil and not leave

amazed at his knowledge of world events or tickled at his endless jokes and hilarious observations. Often remembering growing up very poor, Phil was always thankful for what he had and was an ever-cheerful giver.

Survivors are his dedicated wife of 61 years, Jean McNair Frederick; son, Phillip William "Bill" (Reneé) Frederick Jr.; and daughter Carol Frederick (Tim) Bolen. Phil leaves behind four beloved grandchildren and a great-grandchild: Lauren Elisabeth Byars, Timothy "Grant" Bolen, Natalie Jean Bolen, Reid Hampton Bolen, and Jackson Edward Byars. He is preceded in death by his grandson, Phillip William "Will" Frederick III.

A graveside celebration of Phil's life was held on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at the Williston Cemetery beginning at noon. Visitation followed the service.

Pallbearers include Don Bolton, Laurie Frederick, Jimmy Flannigan, Ronnie Inabinet, Bob Porter, Don Shaffer, Tim Smith, Dick Sprawls, Milton Widener, and Leonard Widener.

Phil's family would like to express a very deep appreciation for the Remain-At-Home staff who showed extensive care and love to him and Jean for over eight years.

If desired, the family asks that memorial donations in Phil's name be made to Williston First Baptist Church, 13030 Main Street, Williston, SC 29853.

"To love and be loved is the greatest joy on Earth."

Phillip William Frederick Sr. (1943-2024)

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Sharon Louise Bowers Green



ESTILL - Shay Green, wife of Roy Lee Green Jr., passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 21st, surrounded by her adoring family.

A bona fide "Daddy's girl," she enjoyed an idyllic upbringing in Estill, South Carolina, with family and friends in every direction and salty summers with her Bowers and Wiggins cousins at Lands End. While Shay was attending a dance as a teenager, a handsome Fairfax boy with a devilish grin inquired about that "pretty little cute girl" across the room, and the rest is history; Shay and Roy had grabbed each other's hearts. After graduating from Estill High School and attending Salkehatchie, Shay and Roy were married on June 27, 1968. Early in marriage, Shay enjoyed port hopping with fellow Navy wives while Roy set sail. They lived in Fairfax before settling in Estill where they reared their three boys, John, Corrin, and Andrew. The Green home was always open, with boys, dogs, and the occasional cat running in and out of the unlocked front door. Everyone was welcome to grab a Coke, eat a ready meal, and raid the candy stash at "Picnic Island," Shay's preferred name for their home, knowing there was a spot to sit and a perpetual ball game to watch in the den. Shay was a diehard Gamecock, a Cardinals and Celtics fan, and while ever the lady,

could out-yell anyone in the stands, cheering on the Patrick Henry Patriots and her grandchildren's teams.

Shay was active in many clubs, including Social Dozen, Estill Music Club, Friendship Book Club, Monday Night Couples Bridge, Morning Bridge, and Thursday Night Supper Club, entertaining beautifully at home and always looking forward to cutting a rug at the Supper Club Christmas dance.

Shay was a devout Christian who put her faith in action. When asked to help, no matter her physical state, her ready answer was "Yes." Countless grateful recipients will remember the love she expressed through Banana Nut and Coca-Cola cakes. Those who called her "Shaker," "Shay Mama," "Little Shayshee," and even "Po Shay" will treasure recipes for fried pork chops, "Shayshee rice," cheese biscuits, french fries, and both kinds of Charlotte.

She was an active member of Lawtonville Baptist Church where she played the piano, taught Sunday School, led Bible and Mission studies, and served as WMU president, chair of the Bereavement Committee, and Circle leader. Shay's favorite Bible verse, "Weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes in the morning," Psalms 30:5b was an encouragement she offered to refresh hope in others, as well as herself. Shay adored Roy, the love of her life, in youth and health, age and sickness, and missed him dearly, comforted that they would see each other again. "You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, to the end that my glory may sing praise to You." Psalm 30:11-12.

Mrs. Green was pre-

deceased by her parents, Corrin Fitts and Mary Eleanor (Wiggins) Bowers; her parents-in-law, Roy Lee and Josephine (Loadholt) Green; her husband, Roy Lee Green Jr.; and her nephew, Gray Solana. She is survived by her beloved sons, John (Deana) Corrin (Hanna), Andrew (Lizzy); eight adored grandchildren, Patrick, William, Corrin, Thomas, Sam, Eliza, Jane Anne, and Hayes; brother, Bud (Sallie) Bowers; sisters, Liz (Mitch) Palles, and Graham (Mark) Solana; sisters-in-law, Jo (John) Emery and Sally Green; uncle, Bro (Vivienne) Wiggins; 11 nieces and nephews, their spouses, nine great nieces and nephews, numerous cousins, and cherished helpers, Ophelia and Betty Jean.

The family received friends on Tuesday, September 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. at 680 Wyman Blvd., Estill, SC. A service was held at Lawtonville Baptist Church in Estill on Wednesday, September 25 at 11 a.m., immediately followed by interment at Fairfax Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were Patrick Green, William Green, Corrin Green Jr., Thomas Green, Sam Green, Hayes Green, Mitchell Palles, Corrin Fitts Bowers III, Joe Solana and Henry Solana. Honorary pallbearers were Alfonso Early, Tyrone Williams, Mark Roper, Roger Bryant, Melvin Robinson, Tombo Folk, Ed Boyd, Frank Young, Lawton Maner, Allan Sikes and the Supper Club husbands.

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Stelva Jean Driggers Webb

(Jennifer) of Hartsville, SC and two granddaughters: Caroline Tunstall Webb and Ann Parker Webb. Her sister, Claudia Driggers Hayes (Bob) of Aiken, SC also survives her, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a daughter, Amy Elizabeth Webb, and two sisters, Carolyn Driggers Allen and Shirley Driggers Barnett.

She graduated from Barnwell High School in 1955. She began her career in Philadelphia, PA before returning to Barnwell. She retired as a valued administrative professional from Milliken and Company after 40 years of employment.

Stelva was a faithful member of Barnwell First Baptist Church where she served on numerous committees. She enjoyed

supporting local charities, poetry, and sewing. Multiple generations of new mothers have been fortunate to receive one of her handmade heirloom blankets. Above all, she was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

A graveside memorial service was held at 4 o'clock on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at Barnwell County Memorial Cemetery on Highway 278 near the airport. Mole Funeral Home is caring for the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her honor to the Women's Ministries of First Baptist Church, 161 Allen St., Barnwell, SC 29812.

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Charles Laird

2024.

Born in Williston, SC, he was a son of the late Jimmie Laird and Lillian Kinard Laird and was married to the late Carolyn Reid Laird. He was a native of Barnwell County, he and his late wife of 56 years, Carolyn Laird, made Walhalla their home for the past 65 years. He was a faithful member of College Street Baptist Church in Walhalla, SC. He worked in the printing industry as a machine operator for many years and later worked in the water industry assembling water meters for many years. Charles enjoyed attending airplane shows and he enjoyed collecting, building and flying model airplanes. He was an avid Georgia Bulldog fan.

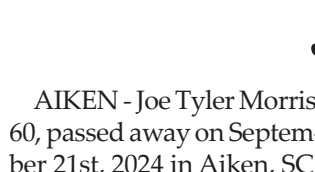
Survivors include his sisters, Dot Bolen Dukes of Elko, SC and Marie (Robert) Wade of Cottontown, TN; brothers, Delano Laird of Hendersonville, TN and Donnie Laird of Bamberg, SC; sisters-in-law, Lillie Laird of Williston and Etta

Laird of Gallatin, TN; along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his brothers Harry Laird, Frankie Laird and Laurie Laird.

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Joe Tyler Morris

AIKEN - Joe Tyler Morris, 60, passed away on September 21st, 2024 in Aiken, SC.

He was born in Barnwell, SC on February 9th, 1964 to the late Grover Thomas Morris Sr. and Tyler Sue Wall Morris. Joe was a good person. He loved to fish and to be outdoors, and especially enjoyed camping and fishing at Santee.

He is survived by his sisters, Vickie E. Smith of

Barnwell, SC, Pam (Joe) Dobson of Sycamore, SC, and Roxsana (Joey) Morgan of Loxsiana; daughters, Brittany Williams (Dakota Bourne) and Kristy Sanders; six grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Grover Thomas Morris Sr. and Tyler Sue Wall Morris; brother, Grover Thomas Morris Jr.; and sister, Annette W.

Chavis. A memorial service was held on Friday, September 27th, 2024 at 3 p.m. in the Mole Funeral Home Chapel, and graveside followed in the First Baptist Church of Olar cemetery. Rev. Farrell Ray officiated.

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HELENE: Hurricane cleanup underway in Barnwell County

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power lines. The Creech family was sleeping Friday morning when a “big boom” awakened them around 6:30 a.m. They soon realized three trees landed on one end of their mobile home in Williston, completely wiping out one son’s bedroom.

“Caden’s bedroom is completely gone and that end of the house is ruined. I’m thankful my son wasn’t in his room because he wouldn’t be in this world if he had been asleep in his room. God was watching over us,” said Victoria Creech, who lived in the home with her husband and three children.

While Caden would normally be sleeping in his room, they had a fear of trees falling on that end of the house during storms. That’s why Victoria and her two younger children slept in her room while her husband and Caden slept in the living room the night Helene came through.

“It was very scary in the moment. Seeing those trees right on top of where my child sleeps every night and knowing what could have happened to him is just soul crushing,” said Victoria.

The family is currently staying with relatives. While they have insurance, they are uncertain what will be covered. Anyone wishing to help the Creech family as they deal with their loss, including replacing Caden’s belongings that were destroyed, can donate via GoFundMe at <https://gofund.me/2a5505c6>, via Cash App to \$vzcreech, or via Venmo to @VCreech-2.

Though their home is not livable, they are just glad their family is safe.

Many other homes and businesses were damaged in the storm, either by falling trees or high winds that tore off roofs.

Rev. Robert Altman’s home in Barnwell had a huge tree fall on it, crashing into one of his son’s bedrooms.

“The glass and debris went off like a bomb inside that room and a lot was in his bed,” said Altman.

Thankfully, his son Malachi was not in his room as the family was gathered in a safe room downstairs. “If Malachi had been there, we could be planning a funeral. Thank God we are not! Big thank you to Blake Austin and Alex Causey for answering my messages at 4 a.m. We have awesome people in this community,” said Altman.

POWER OUTAGES
Riley estimates 70-90 percent of the county experienced power outages at some point.

“Power companies are doing the best they can, but it may be a while,” he said Sept. 27 of everyone having power restored due to the widespread nature of the outages.

Williston seems to have had the worst impact while Blackville fared well. Barnwell city had widespread outages and trees down.

“Please be patient. (The linemen) are doing all they can with very



This drone photo shows trees down in the vicinity of Marlboro Avenue in the City of Barnwell.

High Altitude Drone Service

little sleep. They want to return to their families as well. Please be kind to each other. Remember as bad as you think you have it, someone else is in worse shape. Many towns (elsewhere) have been destroyed and lives were lost,” said Barnwell Mayor Ron Still.

Many in the community remain without power; however, crews are working around the clock to restore electricity. Crews have also been called in from other parts of South Carolina and even other states to help.

“Dominion contractor just pulled up to our home. He’s all the way from Chicago! He said 20 energy trucks are following behind him to help fix the damage here in Barnwell. He was so pleasant and eager to get to work. He said he is looking forward to S.C. cooking. So y’all, be kind to the crews. They’ve left their personal lives behind to help us resume ours,” said Barnwell resident Susan Eichman Sandifer on Sunday, Sept. 29.

Barnwell resident Kallie Stanfield encourages everyone to be patient as linemen, including her husband, work to restore power, which is not a simple process.

“It’s not a machine. It’s not a magic button. These guys are working long hours to make sure you’re back to your comfort level as soon as possible. The long hours have just started. While we miss our normal hours with our lineman at home, we sure are thankful for how hard he works for us,” she said.

Edisto Electric reported incidents where linemen were cussed at by people frustrated over being without power. “Please don’t do that. Most of our employees are without power as well and they are here working. We understand how hard it is too, so please be patient. This is not a quick fix and unfortunately will take time,” according to a press release.

Despite some isolated incidents, most people understand the situation.

“We were blessed to be able to stand out and talk to the linemen working and they are absolutely worn out! They were hot and

sweaty, but I sure hugged their necks and told them thank you! They are the true heroes right now!” said Williston resident Jamie



Quaide Overton and his dad Ryan help deliver pizzas to residents of Lincoln Park Apartments in Williston on Sept. 30. The apartments were without power for four days. The Housing Authority wanted to provide residents a hot meal.

Warren Campbell.

Riley said approximately 10 percent of county residents remain without power as of Tuesday, Oct. 1.

Dominion Energy expects to have power restored to 95 percent of customers in the county by 11 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2.

BUSINESS IMPACT
The storm also impacted local businesses, including the local gas supply.

Many gas stations have been experiencing shortages since the storm. Those that do have gas often have long lines that extend into the roadway, including people coming from Aiken and other communities in search of gas.

“We are getting fuel from N.C. and can’t get it. Until North Augusta terminal is back up and running, we are depending on N.C. for fuel. Please be patient with us as we all work through this together. We are not getting full loads, just enough to get by. So, please be respectful of others who are in need as well,” said Trixie Sanders, fuel management specialist for Pops Mart.

Law enforcement officers have been spotted at several stations to help with the refueling process and to provide traffic control due to people bombarding the fuel trucks and following them all over.

On Sept. 28, Lt. Lamaz Robinson of the Blackville

Police Department and Blackville Mayor Ronnie Pernell directed patrons into the 76 station on the corner of highways 78 and

immediately,” said Riley. File a report online at scag.gov/price-gouging or by calling (803) 737-3953. **SCHOOLS CLOSED**
Hurricane Helene also closed schools in Barnwell and Allendale counties.

While the schools have power and escaped major damage, many students and staff remain without power. This was the main reason for the Barnwell County School District (BCSD) and Jefferson Davis Academy closing schools on Monday, Sept. 30 and Tuesday, Oct. 1. These days are not e-Learning days since many students remain without power.

“The safety of our students and staff remains our top priority, and we are working closely with emergency responders to ensure the well-being of our community during this time,” said BCSD Superintendent Dr. Crissie Stapleton. “We extend our deepest gratitude to our county’s emergency management officials for their tireless work in preparing for and responding to this emergency.”

Schools resumed on Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Barnwell Elementary School was used as an emergency shelter to house families affected by Helene who need a safe space, but it closed Monday evening, Sept. 30 after the last person last. The shelter provided food, water, basic necessities, and sleeping arrangements.

HELPING HANDS
Cleanup efforts in Barnwell County began immediately after Helene left the area Friday morning.

The Town of Hilda had at least six major roads blocked by trees and downed power lines. They also had several reports of scrap metal flying from roofs. Town personnel and Hilda volunteer firefighters responded to remove trees from roads. Similar efforts were made across Barnwell County by firefighters and other first responders.

“I’d like to thank all fire, law enforcement, and EMS who work tirelessly to help our citizens be as normal as possible in these difficult times,” said Riley.

Local members of the Disaster Relief team from

the S.C. Baptist Convention, who represent several local churches, quickly geared up to help their community. They were flooded with calls for assistance, but prioritized properties that had trees on houses.

“Thanks to all who worked with S.C. Baptist Disaster Relief in Barnwell County. Helping others in Jesus’ name,” said Rev. Dan Fogle of Rosemary Baptist in Williston.

One of the people helped was Barnwell resident Wilda Carden who had several pecan trees fall on or near her Pecan Lane home.

“They came down one at a time, from 2:30 to 5:30 a.m. It was constant,” said Carden, who’s called Barnwell home since 1999.

Carden, who has no family locally, has talked about moving away for a while to be closer to family. However, “I feel like I have family here,” she said. She thanked the volunteers who helped clear the trees from her home. “It’s a great relief,” she said.

The team also helped remove trees that had fallen on and beside the home of Rev. Bart Kelley, pastor of Barnwell First Baptist Church. This was a huge relief for the Rev. Kelley and his wife Tonya who were in Columbia during the storm for Tonya’s final chemo treatment.

“Taking care of Tonya with all the chemo and medications, coming back from Columbia in all the hurricane mess (including blocked roads), and all the above, was just a lot. But with all their help, it just warmed mine and Tonya’s hearts,” said Kelley of the crew’s help. “We saw God work in every minute of it.”

On Manville Avenue in Barnwell, the Baptist crew chopped trees that fell on two homes.

“These guys helped us as they help their own family,” said Supreethi Tadamatla, one of the residents helped.

She later accompanied disaster relief team member Coley Creech with other calls, including helping track who was in need.

“All I saw was neighbors helping neighbors to clean up the debris,” said Tadamatla. “What a blessing to live in a small town.”

That theme of neighbors helping neighbors was evident throughout Barnwell County.

“I want to say a huge thank you to my neighbor. He was out cleaning my other neighbor’s yard when I was leaving (for work on Friday). While I was gone, he came over and cleaned up my yard and cut my grass,” said Barnwell resident Brittany Lawson.

On Marlboro Avenue in Barnwell, the Grumbling family had been preparing for their large Halloween display prior to the storm. After Helene brought down several trees and blew around decorations, Melissa and Jayme Roberts, responded to help their friends.

“They were here in an

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instant when they heard what had happened to our house. There's a lot of work ahead of us, but we are safe and the house was spared," said Chad Grumbling. "The Halloween house will be back; we will have trick-or-treat."

Further down Marlboro, the storm uprooted two 80-foot trees in the yard of Marilyn Powers.

"It was truly a miracle that these two trees fell in different directions and not directly across my house. I was a little overwhelmed trying to figure out what to do," said Powers.

However, Anthony and Brookey Taylor along with their children responded to help their friend. They cleaned up debris and cut up trees.

"This beautiful family, who are very special friends, showed up for two days with amazing energy and smiles. Also, a very special thank you to my brother-in-law Norman and sister Debbie who came from Bamberg and to (Deanian) Scully for working so hard on Friday to help Anthony get the tree off the edge of the roof," said Powers. She sends her love and gratitude to those who helped her and prays for those who lost their homes in the storm.

Owais Khan, owner of Green Tech Greenhouses, is used to losing the roof of one of his eight greenhouses each hurricane season; however, Helene took out four. The storm also left Khan unable to water his plants, particularly the baby plants that can be devastated without water, even for a few hours. That's especially true once the sun came out.

"At that point, I had to get ready to go to the mosque, because it was Jumah (Friday). I'll bet you can guess one of the things for which I prayed. As is the case on a regular basis, the answers to prayers come in the form of loving family and friends. I never asked anyone to come help. My people just know these things," said Khan.



S.C. Baptist Disaster Relief crews work to cut trees that fell on this home on Winton Street in Barnwell and place a tarp on a damaged part of the home's roof following Hurricane Helene.

Jonathan Vickery / Publisher

Friends and family quickly got to work getting the well and pump operational so they could water the plants. Others worked to clear debris.

"For people all over the Southeast, it was a memorable, eventful day. In Barnwell County, the results of Hurricane Helene were inconvenient and because many of us are still without power in our homes, it's not exactly over. But when you think about the incredible level of flooding taking place in the mountains and the amount of dangerous work being done by so many people for the sake of providing power and safety, I'd say we are all very blessed. When you consider all the people who helped me today without even being asked, I'm the most blessed of all," said Khan.

Other residents offered their homes and resources to those who were without power and water.

Jessica Poole said her family is "forever grateful" to friend Jessica Lopez for opening her home to them after they lost power. "We have been able to shower, sleep without sweating to death, and get some food in our bellies," said Poole.

Blackville resident Donna-Maria Conzalina thanked her neighbors for allowing her to charge her laptop and phone with power from their generator while also enjoying much needed coffee and using their pool. "I am so grateful! God certainly brought me to the perfect community. It's like being surrounded by family around here," said Conzalina.

Barnwell city councilman Ricky Dixon offered to house people's frozen food in an empty freezer he had. He also offered his air-conditioned garage for people to cool off in.

The Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber of Commerce's Public Safety Banquet was scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 28. They cancelled the program due to many being without power and many of the first responder honorees having to help with storm cleanup. However, the meal was still served to anyone who showed up and plates were taken to first responders and linemen in the field.

"Enterick Lee with the Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber envisioned an event to honor our local heroes. It didn't turn out

how we planned but true heroes were honored! Not only did we honor public service, we fed Dominion and Edisto Co-op crews in Bamberg, Barnwell and Allendale counties," said Chamber board member Angela Cotton, who helped serve food.

Several local businesses, agencies and churches gave to those in need or the first responders, including:

- G & M Meats in Barnwell served free BBQ sandwiches to power company employees.
- Jerome's Furniture in Williston opened Sept. 29 to allow people to charge their phones, wash up, and enjoy free water and coffee.
- The YMCA has allowed people - members and non-members - access to showers, Wi-Fi, charging devices, and food.
- Kinard's Kitchen served free meals to linemen and other power company employees out of their Blackville location.
- Anovotek and Alexander & Alexander Attorneys-at-Law offered free laundry services to linemen and first responders.
- The Well in Barnwell delivered water to those in need. They asked

the community for large containers/jugs to fill with water.

Realtor Rebekah Grubbs provided a free drink or pastry from Accelerator Coffee to all linemen and first responders on Monday, Sept. 30.

The Palmetto Innovation Center opened to the public for charging devices and cooling off.

Ned Branch Missionary Baptist in Barnwell provided pizza and water to students at USC Salkehatchie who were without power in their dorms.

The Blackville Police Department gave out free hotdogs, chips and water to the public on Monday, Sept. 30.

Lavish Nails in Barnwell left an outlet outside their store for people to recharge devices after hours.

Barnwell First Baptist Church opened its shower trailer to the public. Hours are from 12 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The trailer is located on the side parking lot beside the Merge (Building D). There are male and female showers available with hot water.

"We thank you so much for your understanding as we try and give some small help to families that are still without power and water," said Chantsie Pickelsimer, director of the Barnwell County Family YMCA.

GOING FORWARD As cleanup efforts continue, the damage assessment process is just getting started. Both will take some time to complete.

A debris contractor could arrive as early as the first of next week to begin clearing debris. Riley asks residents to place their yard debris along the right-of-way.

"We do not want people to take this stuff to the landfill because it takes up so much room," said Riley. The contractor will collect debris, grind it, and recycle it.

The damage assessment process begins Friday, Oct. 4.

Riley has requested additional teams to help with the process that involves going out to the properties of people who reported damage. Photos and notes will be taken. This process "takes a while" because it will then be repeated by the state and FEMA.

Residents who have not already reported their damage to the Barnwell County Emergency Management office should do so by calling 803-541-1001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Riley warns the community to be on the lookout for scams, including people pretending to be from FEMA. "FEMA is not in Barnwell County yet," he said, though he will make an announcement once they are.

Gov. McMaster requested an Expedited Major Presidential Disaster Declaration to support state and local response efforts to Hurricane Helene. The Presidential Disaster Declaration has been approved for 12 South Carolina counties, including Barnwell County.

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William Robinson, aka "Polish", scored a TD on a pass reception for the offense and on an interception for the defense in the Warhorse's 47-0 win over Silver Bluff.



Cam Austin had another big night going 14/17 for 205 yards passing and 2 TDs and scored another rushing TD.

Photos By: Kelley Wood

Warhorses pound Bulldogs 47-0

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Throughout the years, Barnwell versus Silver Bluff has been the game to circle on the football calendar. These two teams have met to determine region championships, Lower State titles, and numerous other playoff game winners. Barnwell versus Silver Bluff has been synonymous with great high school football.

This was not the case last Wednesday, September 25 as Barnwell traveled to Silver Bluff for a pre-Hurricane Helene game. This game was all Barnwell, with the Warhorses scoring early and scoring often on the way to a 47-0 beatdown of the Bulldogs.

Coaching legends Mac Wier from Barnwell and Al Lown from Silver Bluff are both 2024 inductees into the South Carolina Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame, and deservedly so. These two men guided their respective squads to many great seasons, State Championships, and some of the classic meetings between these two storied programs. Surely, neither of these coaches would expect a Silver Bluff versus Barnwell game to be so overwhelmingly



The Barnwell defense pitched another shutout against the Bulldogs.

one-sided.

Barnwell quarterback Cam Austin had another big game, going 14 of 17 for 205 yards and two touchdowns through the air and added another rushing touchdown for the Horses. The running game also saw touchdowns from Nehemiah Brown and Jayden Rollins. Ja'Quan Peebles led the receiving corps with five catches for 86 yards. Kahzeer Wesley had

two catches for 43 yards and a touchdown. William "Polish" Robinson had three catches for 44 yards and a touchdown. Robinson also had a defensive touchdown when he returned a Silver Bluff interception for another Warhorse score.

Barnwell head coach Brian Smith was asked about his team's huge win over Silver Bluff and said, "Tonight was a special night for the Warhorses.

It's always great to get a win especially a win over the Bluff, but I'm so proud of the way our kids played tonight. We scored on every offensive possession. Our defense pitched another shut out. Special teams were amazing all over the field."

Coach Smith was "very happy that William Robinson scored on both offense and defense. He has been leading our defense each week by example and with his

play. His work ethic is off the charts and is starting to show up each week. I was also glad to see him get a touchdown reception."

"Offensively, we threw a lot at Silver Bluff. This was a great week to focus on us in the short week and I really was happy with the way our kids responded. Defensively, getting the shutout is always the goal. We held them in check all night long and I'm proud of our coaches and players and the effort they gave," said Coach Smith.

The Warhorses now get into region play "where everything matters," said Coach Smith. "One of our goals is to win the region championship. Our region winner will host all playoff games at home and that would be a great way to finish this season."

With the win, Barnwell improves to 5-1 on the season and will open region 5 AA play on the road this Friday, Oct. 4 at Lake Marion. Lake Marion is 2-3 on the season.

Come out and support the Warhorse football team as they look to go 6-1 on the season, and more importantly, 1-0 in region play. Go Horses!

Barnwell cross country team competes at Pelion

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The Barnwell cross country team traveled to Pelion for a multi-team meet last Wednesday, September 25. There were teams from Barnwell, Gilbert, Aiken, North Augusta, Horse Creek Academy, Brookland-Cayce, Newberry Academy, Swansea, White Knoll, Bamberg-Ehrhardt, and Pelion at the event.

Barnwell veteran head coach Luke Catoe was asked about the meet and his team. He said, "Our first meet was not held until September 25 at Pelion, due to weather issues. Even though it was just our first time out this year, I thought we had a very successful meet. I was pleased with our runners' times and efforts. Our next meet will be at Hampton County this Wednesday, October 2. As we have more meets and we get more experience, I feel our team will only get better."

Barnwell's top finisher was Jerry Smith III. Peyton Wood was Barnwell's second fastest finisher and Jamarcus Coleman was third for the Horses. Callie Bozard was the top finisher for Barnwell's girls team.

When asked about why it is so late in the season to be having a



Coach Catoe gives some last second instructions and encouragement to his team.

Photos By: Kelley Wood

first meet, Coach Catoe replied, "Weather has had a big effect on us this season, more so than any

other season. Practices have had to be shortened, and meets have been canceled. We have had to

adjust and kind of roll with it!" Catoe went on to talk about some of his runners, saying,

"Peyton Wood has been running See CROSS COUNTRY Page 2B

Raiders drown Stingrays 70-12

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The Jefferson Davis Academy Raiders hosted the Cross Schools Stingrays from Bluffton this past Wednesday, September 25 in a midweek game due to impending Hurricane Helene weather. The two teams met earlier in the season on August 23 with JDA coming home with an impressive 54-0 victory over the Stingrays. The most recent game was no closer with the Raiders easily sailing to a 70-12 win.

After beating a team easily earlier in the season, it is common for a team to lose focus or overlook that same opponent the second time around. No such luck for the Stingrays. The JDA Raiders came ready to play.

The offense for the Raiders was able to score almost at will, despite taking many starters out of the game. Two of the Raiders best running backs, Nasir Void and James Grubbs, were each only given one rushing attempt on the whole night and other players



The JDA Raiders.

Photo By: Donna Miley

were given a chance to play more than usual. Those opportunities can pay dividends late in the season.

Defensively, the Raiders did not get a second shutout against the Stingrays, but they also allowed several second and third string players to gain some valuable playing time. The

final margin of victory was even greater than the first contest with JDA claiming a 58-point margin this second time.

Raiders head coach Anthony Reitenour was asked about his team's big win and said, "Wednesday was a good first region win for us. We came in and shifted some starters

around some to try to level out the number of carries and time on the field. We wanted to give the other players more opportunity to play since the last time we played them in week one. Both Nas Void and James Grubbs had one carry each on the night. I tried not to put them on the field together much

to be able to get them individually more time, but we were still able to generate a lot of offense."

Coach Reitenour said they "got a little complacent at times Wednesday night with the big lead, which is something we have to fix to get prepared for Cathedral who is undefeated on the year so far. They are a

very fast, athletic team and we are going to have to bring a lot of discipline and aggressiveness to the field Friday night to manage the game."

Just how good is this Cathedral Academy team? If the 6-0 record is not impressive enough, they have outscored the opposition by 262 points in the six games. That is an average margin of victory of more than 43 points per game. The Stingrays have scored at least 50 points in five of their six contests.

So, what is the good news? JDA can also put up big numbers. The Raiders have gone over 50 points in four of their games and have outscored their opposition by more than 300 points in their six wins.

It looks like the makings for one extremely explosive offensive football game. Come out and support your JDA Raiders as they look to win their seventh straight game and continue working towards another State Championship run. JDA will be home for the 7:30 kickoff. See you there, Raider fans!

CROSS COUNTRY

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since 7th grade, for a total of six years. Tristan Harter has been competing for four years. Callie Bozard has been running for three years. We also have a few younger runners to keep your eyes on. As far as

leaders and top performers, Jamarcus Coleman, Jerry Smith III and Peyton Wood stand out for the boys and Callie Bozard does a great job competing for the girls. They've all been very dedicated and have

continued to become better runners."

If you are unfamiliar with cross country, it is different than regular track meets. There is just a single distance race that travels approximately 3.1

miles or 5 kilometers over various terrain. There may be long flat distances, or there might be a few hills included in the course, but it is not simply running around a track, but often teams finish or start at a

traditional track. Spectators are welcome to come and cheer on their favorite teams or individuals.

Good luck to Coach Catoe and the Barnwell Warhorses as they travel to Hampton County

Wednesday, October 2 for their next meet. Go Horses!

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Letters to the Editor

Appeal to community during aftermath of Hurricane Helene

To all my Barnwell County Family,

We have all faced the largest and most destructive Hurricane to have ever come up from the Gulf Coast in recorded history and yet we are still here.

These next days, weeks, and even months to come we will see the mantle of what all Barnwellians are made of.

It will be up to each of us to show kindness, compassion, patience, and even some mercy to others.

Folks, the storm has passed and the Sun has come out, but it is our time as Christians to shine.

Help whenever and wherever you can when possible.

It may be to lend a hand, offer a meal, or give a ride; but through it all, we can each pray for one another, our families, our friends, and our community.

Calmness, Smiles, and a kind heart will go a long way right now and that is something that is very much needed in these days we're living in.

May God Bless You All, And May Each Of Us Be Willing To Share The Blessings With Others.

1 Peter 3:8, 'Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.'

Rev. Bart Kelley, Barnwell First Baptist Church

Sgt. Danner thankful to a Good Samaritan

Dear Editor,

This is in reference to a well-deserved person known as our mayor of Barnwell.

I was out of town when I learned that my family was home without electricity. I decided that I would leave the conference that I was attending and advance toward home. While I was enroute home I started calling Home Depot, Lowe's, Tractor Supply and Harbor Freight hoping they would have a generator available for sale, but to no avail. While pondering in my mind as to who I could call, Mayor Ron Still popped up. I called him to ask if he knew of anyone that would have access to a generator I could buy or borrow as I was deeply concerned

about my food in the refrigerator. He immediately responded, "I have one and you are welcome to use it. I know people say "favor ain't fair" but it is when it comes from God. Not only did he offer me to use it, he took it to my house and hooked it up to my appliances before I arrived home. I had no way to stop God's blessing from coming my way.

Psalms 84:11 says, "No good thing will I withhold from them that walk upright before me." I owe God a praise and special thanks to the Good Samaritan Mayor Ron Still. We were able to keep it until our power was restored. "Won't He do it?"

Sgt. Donald Danner, Barnwell

Gratitude for community recovery help

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the following in our community for the behind the scenes work that has been done in our community that many people may not know:

Long Branch Church for opening a shelter for anyone in need.

Fire Station 7 and Fire Station 11 for providing a place for people to recharge critical medical equipment with volunteers to man those locations.

All Fire, Law Enforcement, EMS who work tirelessly to help our citizens be as normal as possible in these difficult times.

All power and water providers to our community.

Barnwell County Fire Coordinator and his family who have stuck by my side and worked to do our best to update the community and keep us all safe.

Southern Baptist and all volunteers who have removed trees from those who needed the help.

The cog that keeps this wheel turning, Sheryl Rutherford.

IGA and Roger Williams for holding water for us so we can help you.

And all the kind neighbors in all neighborhoods who have helped their neighbors recover from this storm.

A special thanks to my wife who has stuck with me through so many disasters and has never said not to help our county, or any other county when disaster strikes. She is a champion and I know she worries about me, but it is not in my nature to not help to the end.

God Bless you all and we will get through this.

Roger Riley, Barnwell County Emergency Management Director

Column

BBB Tip: Find a reputable tree service company you can trust



Kelvin Collins

Better Business Bureau

When it comes to tree care, some jobs, like tree trimming or taking down a large tree, are too big and too dangerous to handle the job alone. Perhaps you just need professional expertise to keep the tree healthy. Though there are many reliable tree companies that provide these services, there are also a few that are looking to be paid in full for services they have no plans to actually finish.

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) reminds people that there are steps to take to ensure you are finding reputable tree trimming companies you can trust.

Track Record. Before you hire, check out the company's BBB Business Profile at BBB.org. It's fast, easy and free. Also check to see if they are a member of professional organizations, such as The International Society of Arboriculture, American Society of Consulting Arborists, or Tree Care Industry Association.

Look for the BBB Accredited Business Seal. BBB Accredited Tree Service Companies meet BBB Accreditation standards, which include a commitment to build trust, advertise honestly, tell the truth, be transparent, honor their promises, be responsive to their customers, safeguard privacy, and embody integrity.

Cost Comparisons. Get at least three quotes in writing, compare the quotes based on the same specifications and make sure they have proper

equipment to perform the job quoted. Don't assume that tree stump removal is included if it's not specified. Remember, quality of work may be more important than price.

References. Ask for references from the company's last three jobs and contact them for testimonial.

Licensing and Permits. Check your local laws for required licensing and permits and make sure you confirm that the company obtains what is required.

Local Business Tax Receipt/Ordinances. Some communities have safe tree ordinances and require a business to obtain a local business tax receipt. Check with your local tax collector's office and know your local ordinances before you have any trees removed. A reputable tree company will know the local ordinances before starting any project.

Insurance. Verify the company has personal and property damage liability insurance and workers compensation insurance by getting certificates of insurance with you listed as the certificate holder. You should also verify proof of Workers Compensation Insurance. Make sure that all workers on the job site are covered and are using personal protective equipment.

Written Contract. Do not permit work to start without a signed, written contract that includes start and completion dates, exact costs, specific work to be done, to include protection of your property, clean up and removal of debris. Be sure to read the fine print carefully.

Deposits and Payment. Do not pay large payments up front. Stagger your payments according to work stages and do not make a final payment until the job is completed to your satisfaction. Pay by check

or credit card for added protection. Paying by credit card provides some recourse, should the job not be completed as stated in the contract.

Criminal History. Check out anyone you allow onto your property to see if they have a criminal history. Ask the company: Do the employees undergo a background check? Are they trained and certified? Will they be wearing name tags and uniforms on the job? Are the company vehicles clearly marked?

Red Flags: Be Wary of a Tree Service Companies that:

- Offers a discount to act now.
- Have no printed materials, letterhead, bid forms, etc.
- Is doing door-to-door solicitations.
- Is vague about his formal credentials as an arborist.
- Offers an unusually low price... at first.
- Pressures you for an immediate decision.
- Only accepts cash or cash app payments.

Find a tree service professional near you or read more about hiring a contractor at bbb.org.

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@central.georgia.bbb.org.

Backyard barbecuing with Helene



Alexandra Whitbeck

Reporter

I was not prepared for Hurricane Helene. At all.

Last Tuesday I began the trek from my parents' house in upstate New York back to Barnwell County after spending a week with family and friends. Attending my cousin's baby shower (twins!) and going to a long-awaited music festival in Ohio were both folded into the trip, leaving me a bit disconnected from news for the first time in a long time.

With two dogs and a cat packed into a Volkswagen Jetta, we were prepared for the usual 13-hour journey. Long, boring, but doable with a couple good podcasts.

We were re-routed to go down Route 80 through Pennsylvania due to potential flooding on I-95. I knew about Helene's arrival, but a fun mix of stubbornness, lack of news updates, and 'a little rain never stopped me before' mentality kicked in, so I kept driving.

Entering North Carolina was when I realized I made a mistake – 40 mph for three hours in torrential rain and I had developed a cold that I later learned to be COVID. My anticipated

13-hour drive jumped to nearly 17 by the time I pulled into Williston.

My canine and feline travel companions were not happy with my poor decision making as they dislike rain and long car rides equally, but were happy to finally pile into bed and sleep. To foreshadow, their opinions on me did not improve over the next couple days.

By the time I got some medicine and sleep, and began to feel a bit more human, the power was out. I groggily checked my phone and quickly realized it was going to be out for a while through a mix of both counterproductive and informative posts on Facebook.

I looked at my electric stove, thought of the little gas in my car, saw the freezer full of now thawing meat and the box of tissues I had already gone through, and immediately called my dad (even though he is in New York), because amidst every problem he can find a solution. However, even he was all out of ideas for me and couldn't do much from the opposite side of the coast.

Step in Ed Crouch – the newspaper's dedicated route manager, and the person who has served as my dad in the south for the past two and a half years. Like an angel in a newspaper van, one phone call and he was on his way to drop off a propane camp stove and other much appreciated provisions on my doorstep.

For the next two days, I could be found in my backyard hunched over that camp stove cooking chicken, ground turkey, pork chops, and more in a desperate attempt to save the

stock of my freezer. It was already thawed enough and power was not yet restored, so I figured it was this or the trash can. This was also when I realized I need to rein it in when I'm in the freezer section at Aldi's.

If my neighbors hadn't left town before the storm, they would have seen quite the sight; A sneezing, coughing, sickly looking woman wandering in her backyard wearing a winter jacket to fight the fever chills, tongs and tupperware in hand, probably talking to herself, and nearly delirious from propane.

After giving away all that I could, I was now left with heaps of cooked meat and three animals who were still rather unimpressed with me and my lack of preparedness. Needless to say, finding a solution for all the meat and winning their favor back came hand-in-hand, and we saved a lot of kibble this past week.

All in all, don't be like me. Prepare as much as you can for natural disasters and try not to drive directly into them. I owe my sanity and safety to my coworkers for helping me navigate this hurricane – the worst one I have experienced since moving here in May 2022.

I am grateful Barnwell County did not sustain catastrophic damage at large, and thus far there are no reported deaths or major injuries here locally.

Thank you to all the first responders, linemen, and anyone who has dedicated their time and energy to helping someone else. In times of crisis, you are the silver linings in an otherwise dark sky (literally).

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Homemade Meals to Tackle Takeout Cravings

FAMILY FEATURES

Many busy weeknights come down to one decision for frazzled families: cook at home or give in to takeout cravings. Instead of stressing over a decision, enjoy the best of both worlds and make Asian-inspired dishes from the comfort of your own kitchen.

Featuring a blend of chilled, freshly chopped vegetables; ready-to-eat, pre-cooked noodles; gourmet dressing sauce; and crispy toppings, Fresh Express Hot or Cold Salad and Noodle Meal Kits offer two meal options in every bag – hot or cold – so you can make your salad, your way. Available in Teriyaki, Asian Sweet Ginger and Korean Sesame flavors, they're the perfect inspiration for making takeout-style dishes at home.

Consider this Marinated Teriyaki Steak with Teriyaki Noodle Salad recipe, which combines juicy steak with crisp vegetables and pre-cooked Udon noodles for the ultimate at-home comfort food in an effortless meal. For a quick and delicious solution that may just become a family go-to, these Teriyaki Tofu Bowls are jam-packed with flavor, noodles and fresh veggies.

These homemade favorites feature a delicious blend of broccoli, red and green cabbage, kale, shredded carrots, radish and green onions in Fresh Express's Hot or Cold Teriyaki Salad and Noodle Meal Kit. The vegetable blend is tossed with pre-cooked Udon noodles, white sesame seeds and crunchy wontons then finished with a gourmet teriyaki dressing sauce for familiar Asian flavor.

Visit freshexpress.com/hot-or-cold to discover more than 300 fresh recipes and find a store near you.



Teriyaki Tofu Bowls

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 4

- 1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons dark soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 teaspoon fresh grated ginger
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 2 teaspoons white pepper
- 2 teaspoons Chinese five-spice
- 1/3 cup neutral oil
- 1 package (16 ounces) extra-firm tofu, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 bag (16.9 ounces) Fresh Express Teriyaki Hot or Cold Salad and Noodle Meal Kit

In bowl, whisk vinegar, dark soy sauce, honey, ginger, garlic, white pepper and Chinese five-spice until combined.

Slowly pour oil into mixture while whisking vigorously. Place cut tofu in mixture and allow to sit 15 minutes.

Bring large saute pan to medium-high heat and place tofu in, turning when crust forms.

When tofu is finished, set aside and prepare hot or cold salad and noodle meal kit.

Serve with tofu on top of hot or cold salad and noodle meal kit.



Marinated Teriyaki Steak with Teriyaki Noodle Salad

Prep time: 1 hour
Cook time: 24 minutes
Servings: 4

- 1/2 cup dark soy sauce
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon Sriracha sauce
- 1/2 cup unsalted chicken stock
- 1 pound flank steak
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1 bag (16.9 ounces) Fresh Express Hot or Cold Teriyaki Salad and Noodle Meal Kit

In saucepan, add soy sauce, brown sugar, Sriracha sauce and chicken stock; bring to simmer while whisking. Simmer 4 minutes.

Cool mixture down until cool to touch, about 20 minutes.

Slice steak into thin strips and place in bowl. Pour marinade over steak and marinate for 1 hour.

In large pan over medium-high heat, stir-fry steak 2 minutes.

Remove steak from pan and allow to rest.

In same pan used for steak, add oil and cook hot or cold kit according to instructions on bag.

Add steak back to pan and stir to incorporate.

Garnish with toppings from hot or cold kit and serve.

Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!


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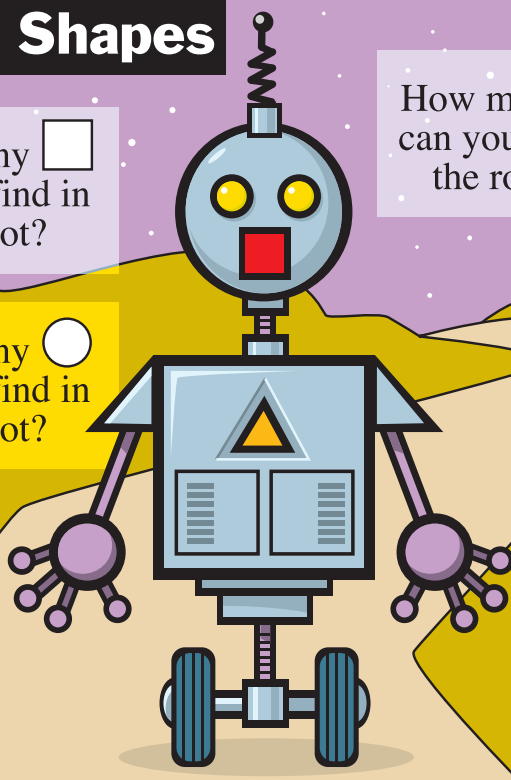
Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

Robot Shapes

How many  can you find in the robot?

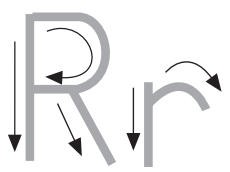
How many  can you find in the robot?

How many  can you find in the robot?



My Letters

R is for Robot
r is for robot




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

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

My Numbers

How many  raccoons?

How many  ribbons?

How many  rolling pins?



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

My Rhyme Time

Robots rolling left and right,
Twinkling lights are shining bright.
It's a busy day in Robot Town,
No time to rest or shut down!

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.

Robots can _____



Sunday

Letter Identification

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

Monday

Math Play

Point to the number 3 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

Find the Circles

Look at the pictures in today's newspaper. With your child, look for things that have the shape of a circle. For example, a face could have the shape of a circle. Have your child trace each circle shape you find and say the word "circle" while tracing.

Wednesday

Find the Squares

With your child, look for things in newspaper photos that have the shape of a square. For example, a window could have the shape of a square. Have your child trace each square shape you find and say the word "square" while tracing.

Thursday

Find the Triangles

With your child, look for things in newspaper photos that have the shape of a triangle. For example, the roof of a building could have the shape of a triangle. Have your child trace each triangle shape you find and say the word "triangle" while tracing.

Friday

Uppercase and Lowercase

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

Saturday

Make a Shape Book

Make a shape book using newspaper pictures. Get three sheets of blank paper. Glue a picture that includes a circle shape on one, a picture that includes a square shape on the second and a picture that includes a triangle shape on the third.

Learning Buddy Sign Here

I have completed _____ activities with my Learning Buddy.

Learning Buddy's signature

Date



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Money Talks!

“Money talks” is an **idiom**. An idiom is a saying that means something different from what the words actually say.



The idiom **money talks** means people often listen and pay attention to someone who has a lot of money. It suggests that money gives people power.

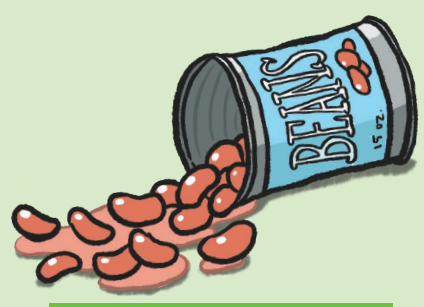
Idioms Are Fun!

Money idioms aren't the only type of idioms. Look at the pictures below and see if you can translate them into the idioms they represent. Add the missing vowels to find out what the pictures are saying.



Being careful about what you say or do:

“I **was** w_lk_ng
_n _ggsh_lls.”



To accidentally reveal a secret:

“I sp_ill_d th_ b__ns.”



When it's raining a lot:

“It's **ra**i_n_g c_ts
_nd d_gs.”

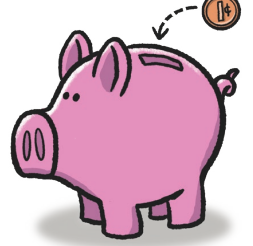
Standards Link: Spell grade level words correctly.

More Money Talk: A Two-in-One Activity!

1. Use the code to complete the phrase shown in each picture.
2. Then draw a line from each phrase to the box with its meaning.

SECRET CODE:

■ = money	■ = earned
■ = cash	■ = parted
■ = grow	■ = priceless
■ = save	■ = stretch
	■ = pincher



A penny saved is a penny _____.



Money doesn't _____ on trees.



Time is _____.



A fool and his money are soon _____.



_____ for a rainy day.



_____ your dollar.



I'm a penny _____.



That's _____!



It's a real **cash** cow.

Time is a valuable thing that, like money, should not be wasted.	Money shouldn't be wasted or taken for granted.	It's important to save money in good times so you'll have some in difficult times.	Something that is more valuable than money: an act of kindness, love, etc.	Being careless can make you lose or waste your money.
Making your money go farther by finding good deals.	An idea that brings in a lot of money with little work.	Saving money instead of spending it adds up over time.	Someone who is extremely careful or reluctant about spending money.	

Standards Link: Recognize common items.

Extra! Extra!
Money Words
 Find three examples of prices written in numbers. Rewrite each of the amounts of money in words. For example, \$21.95 would be “twenty-one dollars and ninety-five cents.”
 Standards Link: Write numbers in words.

Kid Scoop® Puzzler

Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk

This idiom means that you shouldn't get too upset over small problems. Follow the maze to get the sponge to the spilled milk.

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

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

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

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Picture This

Look through the newspaper for an idiom. Draw a picture showing the literal meaning of the idiom. Then discuss what the actual meaning is or could be.

Standards Link: Explain common idioms.

Why couldn't the flower buy a large pizza?

ANSWER: Because it only had one cent!

Write On!

Secret Talent

What is a secret talent you have that no one else knows about?

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This week's word:
MEANING
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 Today, I learned the **meaning** of the word **idiom**.
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