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Shawn Howze is sworn in as full-time chief of the Blackville Police Department alongside his wife and children. Howze was hired as interim chief earlier this year.

## Howze hired as permanent Blackville police chief

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The Blackville Police Department's (BPD) interim chief has been brought on full time. Shawn Howze accepted the position as interim chief on July 8 with the goals of building a better relationship between the department and community after the tumultuous departure of two former command staff members.

The Blackville native joined the force with over eight years of experience from law enforcement agencies in Barnwell and Allendale counties, and with big aspirations to continue serving his hometown from behind the badge. In the past three months since joining the department, Chief Howze has had a "smooth transition" into his role as chief, he said. During this time he has been focused on building his team and tackling community

concerns, such as addressing a summertime rash of burglaries being committed by juveniles and addressing speeding in the town limits. The department currently has six officers, including Chief Howze, and are hiring two more to make a full staff. One of the recent hires is his former chief, Lamaz Robinson, who was hired as a BPD lieutenant - a role once filled by former lieutenant Brian Gray before being the subject

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## Debris cleanup, FEMA disaster recovery center on the way to county

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As cleanup efforts continue, FEMA is setting up a disaster recovery center in Barnwell County.

Hurricane Helene spared Barnwell County the flooding and major devastation that was seen in North Carolina and Tennessee, but still left her mark. This includes many trees down and at least 30 houses damaged, though there's probably more, said Barnwell County Emergency Management Director Roger Riley.

"We are just trying to recover and make it as easy on our community as much as we can. I think we'll recover a lot faster than other areas because of our community. This is not the first event we've been through," said Riley. "Patience is the key. We are doing as much as we can, as fast as we can."

Recovery from Helene comes as the state prepares for Hurricane Milton's potential impact on Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

Though Florida and other areas are expected to bear the brunt of the storm, Riley said Barnwell County could see winds up to 27 mph.

"We don't expect near the rain, but we may see some impact from the winds, especially with already damaged trees," he said.

Riley said the coastal counties will likely feel more of an impact, but he hopes Barnwell County

will just have a breeze. Riley also encourages residents to watch out for scams before and after storms.

### DEBRIS CLEANUP

The cleanup process is underway in Barnwell County as residents work to remove downed trees and other debris.

The county is partnering with the S.C. Department of Transportation (SCDOT) to remove debris from roadways. A contractor will soon begin collecting debris from the sides of roads very soon, though an exact date has not yet been finalized.

"We ask for continued patience from people who want something out of their yard. It's going to take time to cover every road," said Riley.

SCDOT asks the public to begin piling debris on the side of the road, safely out of the roadway. This will allow crews to expedite the cleanup process.

SCDOT asks that if you encounter crews or other first responders to please slow down and give them room to work. Pay attention to signs and barricades and never move or drive around them.

You can report issues on a state-maintained roadway by calling 855-467-2368.

### FEMA ASSISTANCE

Officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are in the process of establishing a disaster recovery center in Barnwell County to help people who have damage to their

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## Bands of Barnwell County places 4th

The Bands of Barnwell County placed fourth in their division at the marching band competition at River Bluff High School in Lexington on Saturday, October 5. The theme for the show is "Romeo and Juliet" and includes three songs. "Saturday was just wonderful, and it was nice to see our hard work pay off with a fourth place finish. I am so proud of their focus and determination to succeed this week," said head band director Jessica Pym of the band, which includes students from across the county's public high schools. The band will compete this Saturday, October 12 at North Augusta High School before competing at state finals on Saturday, October 19.

Phil Hadley Photography

## Rabid raccoon exposes one pet

Contributed  
South Carolina Department of Public Health

The South Carolina Department of Public Health (DPH) confirmed that a raccoon found near Highway 304 and Chavis Road in Blackville, S.C., has tested positive for rabies. No people are known to have been exposed at this time. One dog was exposed and will be quarantined as required in the South Carolina Rabies Control Act.

The raccoon was submitted to DPH's laboratory for testing Oct. 1, 2024, and was confirmed to have rabies Oct. 2, 2024. If you believe you, someone you know, or your pets have come in contact with this raccoon or another animal that potentially has rabies, please call DPH's Columbia office at (803) 896-4680 during normal business hours (8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-

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# Rotary Club recognizes 6 high school students

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The Rotary Club of Barnwell County bestowed their first Service Above Self awards of the 2024-25 school year.

During the club's September 12 meeting, six students from Blackville-Hilda High, Jefferson Davis Academy, and Williston-Elko High were recognized for displaying the club's motto of "Service Above Self". These awards are for August and September. Barnwell High's students were unable to attend but will be recognized at the next meeting.

"I want to say how proud we are of your accomplishments. It's amazing for us to be able to watch children in our communities grow up and see the amazing things they do," said Dr. Crissie Stapleton, past president of the club.

The students who were recognized include:

- **Anastasia Beaver**, a senior at Blackville-Hilda, is student body president. She's also involved in many clubs, is a member of the National Technical Honor Society at the career center, and participates in basketball, volleyball, cheer and track and field. "I take a lot of



Hailey O'Neal, Breonna Holman, Anastasia Beaver, Peyton Hutto, Michael Tishchenko, and Landon Williams are the Service Above Self winners for August and September.

pride in my school and the positions I have," she said. Beaver hopes to become an athletic trainer.

- **Breonna Holman**, a sophomore at Blackville-Hilda, has become very involved at school since coming there last year. In addition to being class president, she is on the track and field team, assists with football, keeps stats for volleyball, and does the morning announcements. She plans to join the military.
- **Peyton Hutto**, a senior at Jefferson Davis

Academy, is involved in cheer, basketball, Beta Club, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. As a member of Double Pond Baptist, faith is a vital part of her growth and life. "Being a good student is more than just making good grades. In order to be a well-rounded student, you have to try new things and experience challenges in life which will help you grow and learn to be good and productive citizen," said Hutto, who also cited the importance

of helping others. She wants to attend Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College to study radiology.

- **Hailey O'Neal**, a junior at Williston-Elko, is involved in various athletics, social organizations, and honors clubs. "Serving others has always been a source of joy and fulfillment for me; it's a reminder that putting others' needs before my own can uplift our spirit, enhance self-esteem and bring genuine happiness," she said.

O'Neal wants to be a cardiothoracic surgeon.

- **Michael Tishchenko**, a senior at Williston-Elko who takes pride in raising the flags at school each day. "It warms my heart every single day. I appreciate being able to serve others above myself," said Tishchenko. After high school, he hopes to attend the Air Force Academy and become an Air Force pilot so he can "protect the airspace and our beautiful nation."
- **Landon Williams** is

active at Jefferson Davis Academy where Coach Anthony Reitenour said he's a "well-rounded student and athlete." Williams helps Coach Reitenour afterschool, including getting the field ready. As a team captain for football, he said, "I lead the best I can so they can follow in my footsteps." He also plays baseball and is on the Beta Club.

Stapleton encouraged the students to return to Barnwell County after college so they can use their talents to help locally.

## Barnwell County on display at S.C. State Fair



The South Carolina State Fair returns to Columbia from Oct. 9-20. The annual event will be a mix of tradition and innovation — featuring cherished fair classics, as well as more than a dozen new foods and drinks and two new captivating attractions. The theme for the 2024 South Carolina State Fair is "46 Reasons to Celebrate South Carolina," honoring the state's 46 counties. In line with the theme, fairgoers can explore two exciting new attractions: the South Carolina Grown Marketplace and the 46 Reasons to Celebrate exhibit featuring a display for each county, such as the one for Barnwell County above. "Discover the heart and soul of South Carolina and embark on a captivating journey through the state's counties, each with its own unique story to tell. Uncover the rich history, vibrant culture, and natural beauty of every corner of the Palmetto State through displays dedicated to each county," states the website.

## RABID: One pet exposed

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Friday) or after hours and on holidays at (888) 847-0902 (Select Option 2).

"Rabies is usually transmitted through a bite or scratch, which allows saliva from an infected animal to be introduced into the body of a person or another animal," said Terri McCollister, Rabies Program director. "However, infected saliva or neural tissue contact with open wounds or areas such as the eyes, nose, or mouth could also potentially transmit rabies. To reduce the risk of getting

rabies, always give wild and stray animals their space. If you see an animal in need, avoid touching it and contact someone trained in handling animals, such as your local animal control officer, wildlife control operator, or a wildlife rehabilitator. Please report all animal bites, scratches, and exposures to potentially rabid animals to DPH."

It is important to keep pets up to date on their rabies vaccination, as this is one of the easiest and most effective ways to protect against the disease. This

raccoon is the first animal in Barnwell County to test positive for rabies in 2024. There have been 65 cases of rabid animals statewide this year. Since 2002, South Carolina has averaged approximately 148 positive cases a year. In 2023, none of the 78 confirmed rabies cases in South Carolina were in Barnwell County.

Contact information for local Public Health offices is available at [dph.sc.gov/RabiesContacts](http://dph.sc.gov/RabiesContacts). For more information on rabies, visit [dph.sc.gov/rabies](http://dph.sc.gov/rabies) or [cdc.gov/rabies](http://cdc.gov/rabies).

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# Williston's own 'Cornbread Cowboi' to hit the big screen

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Over one million people know him as the Cornbread Cowboy across his social media following, but the Town of Williston still knows him as their own Orry Lee Kennedy.

A Williston-Elko alumnus and former Blue Devils football player, Kennedy grew up in the two-stoplight town. He spent his summers and off-seasons from sports picking watermelons and doing odd jobs around town as a teenager, learning life from the small-town influences around him.

"Growing up in a place like Williston, you just think that's how the world is," said Kennedy. "The more I got away from my small-town upbringing, the more I grasped onto those roots, and it kind of poured out through me in my comedy."

A natural entertainer, Kennedy has always reveled in cracking jokes. He found it was easy to connect with others through laughter, because "when I'm around people, that's just who I am," he said.

The Cornbread Cowboi was born mid-pandemic as an extension of Kennedy's humor and an outlet to connect with others. His natural proclivity to "entertain and bring people joy" is only exaggerated in his videos, he said.

In most of his content, you will find Kennedy exiting an old-fashioned truck or walking to songs by outlaw country music



Williston native Orry Lee Kennedy, aka The Cornbread Cowboi, visited his alma matter and the Blue Devils field he used to play football on.

artists like David Allen Coe, Hank Williams, or Merle Haggard.

Overlaid on the video is a caption highlighting various scenarios like "headin' to the IGA and grabbin' some Ruth's pimento cheese and Neeses liver puddin'" or one of his many reunions with a fictional character named Linda.

Kennedy draws inspiration for the 1980's style, dad-like persona from his upbringing in Williston; His former little league coaches, his grandfather's friends at the Williston Hunting Club, and guys chatting over a cigarette, leaning on an old Chevy outside the gas station.

He uses his life experiences to breathe life into his content and model how small-town life can

look through humorous yet relatable scenarios. Reminiscing on cool fall evenings of high school football seasons, or rather drunken nights at the local pool hall, are some of the ways he connects with his audience.

Kennedy rarely speaks in his videos to ensure his regional accent does not prevent viewers in other parts of the country from relating to this trope of a 'small town guy,' and often makes content on the fly when an idea strikes.

While some of his videos may not be for a younger audience, he incorporates more wholesome content into his feed as well. This balance is not only representative of who he is as a person, but those he is inspired by.

Kennedy explained that while the men he grew up



Orry Lee Kennedy holds tight to his South Carolina roots as he grows his career as a comedian and now actor.

around knew how to have a good time on the weekend, they were dedicated to helping their neighbors and community, never missing a Sunday church service with their families.

He brings this small-town charm into each opportunity he is presented with, especially as they continue to grow alongside his career and follower count.

This includes Kennedy playing himself in the band Silverada's music video for their song *Wallflower*. Kennedy is seen dancing, laughing, and being that exaggerated version of himself as The Cornbread Cowboi.

Kennedy will also be featured in an upcoming music video from Cody Webb, a country music singer from the Ridge Springs area who

frequently performs in Barnwell County.

In addition to these appearances, The Cornbread Cowboi is making his grand debut on the big screen in the upcoming movie *Stranglehold* by actor and director Clark Duke.

The movie is deemed a 'Southern-fried siege' by entertainment outlets and centers on an exotic dancer and her veteran husband in Arkansas who decide to rob the gentlemen's club where she is employed.

What began as only three lines in the heist movie grew into a full character after producers met Kennedy. They cast him as Dale, a frequent flier at the club.

Although he now lives in Cayce, Kennedy still regularly posts about his hometown - even filming

videos on the Blue Devils football field joking about "showin' up to my old high school where I won a state championship 27 years ago."

With his growing career taking him across the country and providing new opportunities, he still carries Williston everywhere he goes.

"No matter what happens in life, Williston will always be a piece of me," said Kennedy.

For anyone looking to step into content creation, Kennedy advises them to look for things they resonate with and grow your story through life experiences.

"Get out there and get life experience, and let it bleed out of you...no matter what it is," said Kennedy.

He checked out college, he worked in jobs across various industries and fields, and makes it a point to talk to people he meets, using these experiences to help him do what he does today.

Kennedy urges the upcoming generation to find their path from what stands out to them in their own lives, to build their stories and use their experiences to fulfill their passions and find their niche.

As his career grows, Kennedy hopes to be able to give back to his hometown. He aspires to bring back Wonderful Williston Weekend, a festival where he holds many fond memories.

To check out The Cornbread Cowboi, find him on TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, or at <https://cornbreadcountryclub.com>.

# Voter registration deadline extended to October 14

**Contributed**  
South Carolina Election Commission

South Carolina citizens now have more time to register to vote ahead of the 2024 General Election after a court today ordered the voter registration deadline be extended to October 14.

The eight-day extension was ordered due to the

widespread impact of Hurricane Helene. Several county voter registration offices were closed for days before being able to reopen for registration. Offices in Edgefield, Laurens, and McCormick have remained closed due to the storm. The extended deadline applies to voters in all counties.

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# CHIEF: Blackville hires Shawn Howze full time as chief

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of an investigation by the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy.

Robinson is a former City of Barnwell police chief who left the department in September 2023 under claims of a hostile work environment and alleged ongoing issues with specific council members. Robinson has also been named in lawsuits filed against the City of Barnwell in relation to a 2022 dog attack, which have since been settled.

When Robinson was chief in the City of Barnwell, Howze worked alongside him on the command staff. According to Chief Howze, Lt. Robinson is "very knowledgeable," and brings experience to both the administrative side and patrol side of the department, citing no issues thus far.

Looking forward, Chief Howze plans to continue addressing issues brought to him by the community, but will be particularly focused



As Blackville police chief Shawn Howze grills in the background, Blackville police officers and Blackville-Hilda High School football players unite to hand out free hotdogs to the community on September 30.

on implementing ways to slow down speeding cars and continuing to lessen burglaries. Chief Howze finds that these problems are not unique to the Town of Blackville and are seen county-wide.

He will also continue to have his officers do

business and property checks while on patrol, a new precautionary measure he implemented upon being sworn in as interim chief in July. These checks allow Chief Howze to ensure his team is being proactive on the night shift, and feedback

from residents has shown they are reassured by this approach.

After Hurricane Helene tore through Barnwell County, BPD and members of the town council handed out hot dogs and bottled water to anyone in need. Volunteering were

members of the Blackville-Hilda Hawks football team, where Chief Howze is one of the coaches.

Fostering a mutual respectful relationship between the department and the community has been seamless for Chief Howze, who states, "I

am nothing without this community."

Since he began as chief, there has been a stark increase in attendance at monthly town council meetings. This support, along with having a strong team of officers, has made it possible for him to serve in the capacity he does, according to Chief Howze.

Alongside the community, he attributes his success in law enforcement to his family - his parents, his brother and military captain Rashodd Howze, his wife Audriana, and their three children.

"Without them, I wouldn't be here," said Chief Howze, who thanks his wife for being "one of my biggest supporters."

"I couldn't be the man I am without her," he said.

Chief Howze was sworn in for the full-time role alongside his brother, Rashodd Howze.

"That was a special moment for me to have my brother by my side," said Chief Howze.

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### Addie Moody celebrates 104th birthday



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## MILITARY

### Stevie Malik Jones graduates boot camp

Stevie Malik Jones, 18, a native of Blackville, graduated from Marine Corps boot camp in Parris Island, S.C. on September 6, 2024 as an E2 Private First Class Marine.

PFC Jones is the son of Amanda Curtis-Walker of Blackville, S.C. and Alexis Walker (stepfather) of Kline, S.C. Stevie has three brothers and six sisters, one of whom is his fraternal twin (Shania Jones). He is the grandson of Norma Jean Sanders and Willie Jack Sanders of Williston, S.C.

Stevie is currently undergoing MCT (Marine Combat Training) at Camp Geiger in Jacksonville, North Carolina.



## BIRTH



Brantford Edward Blankenship was born on August 16, 2024.

### Brantford Edward Blankenship

Tori Boyles & Evan Blankenship of Norway are proud to announce the birth of their son, Brantford Edward Blankenship. He was born August 16, 2024 at Lexington Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 7.6 ounces and measured 21 inches.

Grandparents are the late Edward 'Bubba' Boyles III & Penny Boyles of Barnwell and Brenda & Barry Blankenship of Barnwell.

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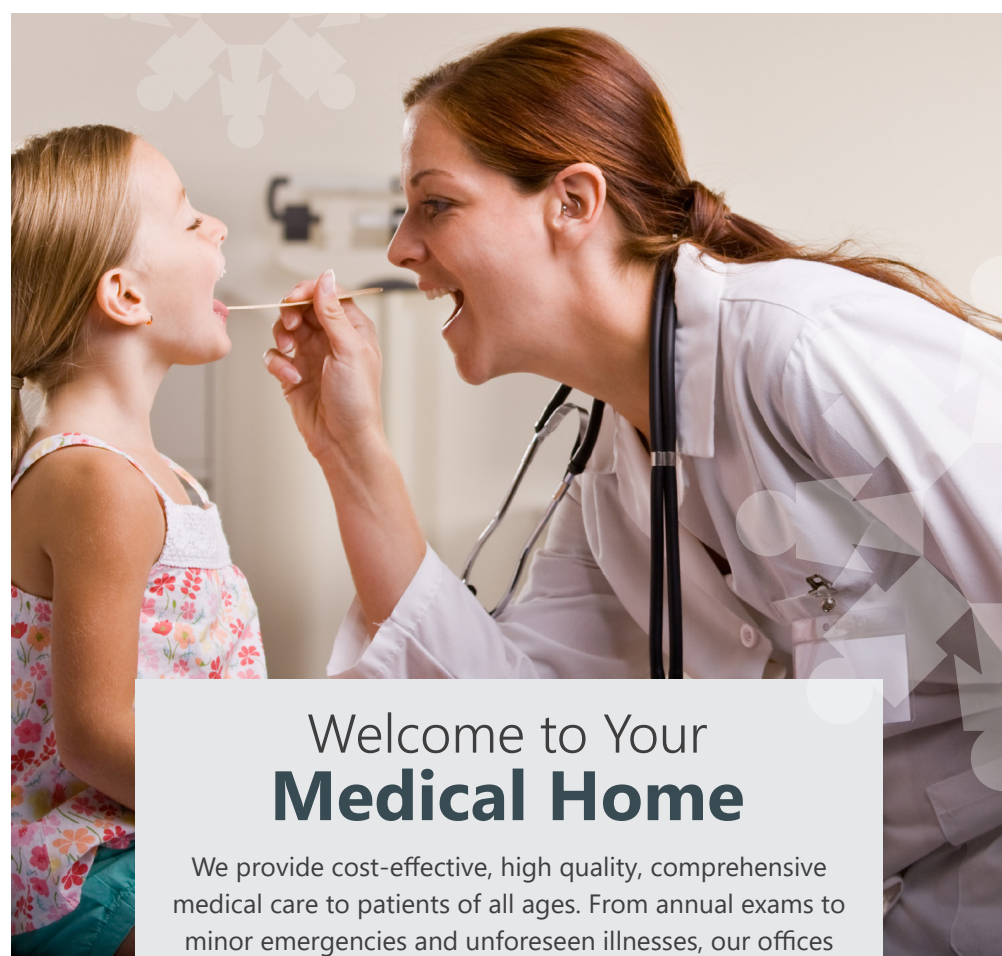


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## Editorial

### Community journalism starts with community



Jonathan Vickery

Publisher

content every month.

Running a local newspaper, as with any business, brings challenges and opportunities. This journey the past three years has been the most frustrating, worthwhile, mundane, exciting, demanding and rewarding endeavor I've ever done. The writing component of my job will always be my passion, but every duty is just as important to keep this newspaper in business so we can continue to inform through unbiased, factual journalism.

I'm proud of how far we've come as a newspaper since returning to local ownership. We have a stronger product that better serves and informs our community. However, we must always work to keep growing in today's ever-changing and challenging economy. This includes evolving and diversifying by finding new revenue sources and ways to connect with our audience – this wonderful community. Starting a TikTok account, being present at community events, partnering with a travel company to host trips, forming partnerships with other community groups, and expanding content are some examples of doing that.

Just as this newspaper has grown, I have also grown as a person and journalist over the past 14 years. My writing style has certainly transformed as I matured as a journalist and found my voice. I've also become more familiar with and appreciative of the hometown I only thought I knew and understood. Challenges and mistakes have made me a stronger person, journalist, and business owner.

You've probably noticed the theme of change throughout this column. After all, the only constant in life is change.

Once again, this newspaper is in a period of transition. We bid adieu to reporter Elijah de Castro last week while reporter Alexandra Whitbeck will leave at the end of this month. Both talented journalists are pursuing new career opportunities closer to loved ones in their native state of New York. It's sad to see them go, but I appreciate their service and am happy they will be closer to their families. Being close to my own family has been one perk of working for this newspaper.

Through every change in personnel, office location, and technology, the mission of *The People-Sentinel* remains the same. The mission of a local newspaper is to provide useful and factual information that provides accountability, entertainment, comfort and joy. Newspapers are an important part of a community's structure but also provide a window into the life of a community. But we can't do it alone. Just like any local business, we've seen our cost of doing business increase. That's why we need our community's support.

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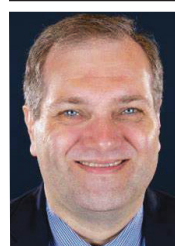
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## Columns

### BBB Tips: After the disaster, 7 tips to help you make an insurance claim



Kelvin Collins

Better Business Bureau

If your insurance policy has been lost or destroyed, or if you are confused about the policy benefits or exclusions, contact your insurance company to find out what coverages you have and request a copy of the policy.

The Better Business Bureau offers the following seven tips when dealing with insurance after a disaster strikes:

**Contact your insurance company immediately.**

Not only does this get the ball rolling on the claims process, but you might be eligible for loss-of-use benefits, which means you could be reimbursed for hotel costs, food, and other living expenses while your house is unlivable. Be sure to document all conversations with your insurance company or their adjuster and get any promises for reimbursements in writing. Be sure to retain all receipts.

**Beware of contractors who claim to be insurance claim specialists.**

Be sure you have thoroughly checked out your contractor before

you permit them to deal directly with your insurance company and seek approval of repairs for you. Unscrupulous businesses have tricked consumers into signing a work estimate without reading the fine print, which commits you to automatically contract with their business if your insurance claim is approved.

**Document the damage to your property and possessions thoroughly.**

Take pictures or videos if possible. Go from room to room and create a detailed account of your belongings if it is safe to do so. It is possible that people will not be allowed near their property until the area has been secured by emergency responders and local authorities. Keep all your receipts spent on supplies and living expenses for future reimbursement.

**Make any temporary repairs to limit further damage to your home or business.**

You may be liable for damage that occurs after a storm has passed, so make temporary repairs, such as boarding up broken windows or throwing a tarp over a leaky roof. Beware of contractors who may try to offer these services for exorbitant fees. Be sure to get quotes in writing in advance or seek out volunteer groups in your area that may be offering assistance for free.

**Do not make any permanent repairs until you get approval from your insurance company.**

Make sure you understand how your insurance company will reimburse your repair costs. Your insurer might not fully reimburse you for repairs made without their authorization.

**Do not hand over an insurance check to a contractor for repairs prior to work being started.**

Never give more than one-third of the job price upfront, and make sure that your insurance company has approved all repairs before your final payment is given to the contractor.

**You may qualify for additional assistance when insurance doesn't cover all of your losses.**

Check with the Federal Emergency Management Agency at [fema.gov](http://fema.gov) for more information. Stay up to date on BBB's natural disaster resources and news at [BBB.org](http://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](http://BBB.org) or E-mail: [info@centralgeorgia.bbb.org](mailto:info@centralgeorgia.bbb.org).*

### Let's make smarter decisions on climate



Andy Brack

Statehouse Report

If quick-moving but deadly Hurricane Helene has anything to teach us, it's that monster storms can get anyone, not just people along the coast.

Helene's horrific landfall in Florida led to a drenching, tornado-laden swath that cut through Georgia and the Carolinas before it dumped water and flooded mid-South states.

It's a solid reminder that bad storms are intensifying as the climate warms, something climate change deniers will have a hard time refuting as their neighbors discard everything from soggy mattresses to flooded vehicles.

Bottom line: All governments and people need to make smarter decisions in dealing with what's happening to our climate.

As individuals and families, we can reduce energy use and try to add renewable forms of energy to avoid carbon-rich coal, oil and gas. Switch to energy-efficient appliances. Insulate your home better. Change to LED lightbulbs, if you haven't already. Walk more. Eat more vegetables, grains, fruits and nuts to lower consumption of meat, which requires more energy to produce. Follow the Rs of conservation – reduce, reuse and recycle. In your yard, create a

rain garden to store water. It's not a tough job to find ideas on ways to save energy. And the bonus is you likely will save money too.

As taxpayers, we can demand local and state governments do more and be smarter about how they spend money for services. Instead of doing things the way they've always been done, explore new ideas and invest in new possibilities.

For example, is it really smart in Charleston County to extend an interstate highway on the ground for \$2.4 billion of local taxpayer dollars when there's so much that needs to be done to protect the county from the impacts of increased flooding caused by monster storms like Hurricane Helene or this year's earlier Tropical Storm Debby?

So it's encouraging that Gov. Henry McMaster this week launched an effort for the state to do something new about water. It's now crafting a fresh strategic water effort to ensure South Carolina has a good plan to manage its ground and surface waters in the years ahead.

"South Carolina has been richly blessed with abundant water resources, but with increased demand driven by historic economic development and a booming population, we must take action now to ensure these resources are managed in the best interests of all South Carolinians," McMaster said. "The formation of WaterSC will unite South Carolina's top minds and key stakeholders to craft a plan that balances our economic and environmental interests,

which will ensure that our water resources are plentiful and that our economy remains strong for generations to come."

But just as we need to be smarter with how we deal with water in the future, we need to make sure we effectively plan and are smart in dealing with generating power responsibly, not letting South Carolina's power generators control the conversation in the next legislative session like they tried to do so this year. Our state's – and world's – thirst for power has to take into account more renewables and less carbon-based power. We've got to reduce greenhouse gasses, not continue 19th century strategies that send climate-warming carbon into the atmosphere.

We've got to figure out better ways to get around, grow food, keep the economy strong and build homes – all while maintaining one of the best qualities of life in the world.

Otherwise, we'll just keep cleaning up from storms like Helene and Debby. And what was it Einstein may have said about insanity? "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

Let's not be insane about what's happening to our climate. Only we can make changes that will cool the ocean's waters and reduce the intensity of storms like Helene.

*Andy Brack is editor and publisher of Statehouse Report and the Charleston City Paper. Have a comment? Send to: [feedback@statehousereport.com](mailto:feedback@statehousereport.com).*

## Letters to the Editor

### Libraries holding off fines until October 24

Dear Community,

We hope that all of the patrons of the ABBE Regional Library System are safe and secure following the historic storm damage of Hurricane

Helene.

Due to a loss of power at the ABBE Regional Library headquarters building in downtown Aiken, all of our libraries remained closed from September 27 to October 4.

I am glad to report all of the libraries re-opened for service October 6.

Since many of our patrons have been impacted during this difficult time, we will not be charging overdue fines on materials from September 26, 2024 to October 24, 2024.

We've also reinstated 550 holds that expired when our libraries were closed so most patrons should be back at the top of the hold queue for their materials and extended pick up times for holds by 14 days.

As we all work together to overcome the disruptions from Helene, please let us know how the ABBE Regional Library System can help you.

Sincerely,  
**Mary Jo Dawson, Director**  
**ABBE Regional Library System**

### Thankful for act of kindness

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to whoever cut up and cleared my property of the fallen tree limbs and carried them away. What a wonderful act of kindness; I couldn't believe my eyes.

God bless you!

**Jeanette Weissmann,**  
**Barnwell**

## DEAR EDITOR

*Do you have a question or concern about Barnwell County?*

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# Reporter's love letter to Allendale County

**Elijah de Castro**  
Reporter  
elijah@thepeoplesentinel.com

When I first arrived in Allendale County as a reporter in July 2023, I was told the typical narrative about Allendale: a rural community ailed by high rates of crime, poverty and corruption. But the longer I've worked here, the more I've come to recognize these characteristics as part of a stereotype about Allendale, rather than what Allendale actually is.

It's true that Allendale County and its counterparts in rural America face enormous struggles, particularly with gun violence and poverty. Over the past four decades, Allendale and rural America have been increasingly left behind and abandoned. But if I've learned anything since I began my work as a reporter here, Allendale (as well as Barnwell) is a community of great resilience. It's got great, friendly people who refuse to let the injustices their community faces

wear them down. It's people like that who we need the most during these times of instability.

I grew up in Trumansburg, New York, a small village in Upstate New York where Main Street was the community's center. But I also grew up spending lots of time in the boroughs of New York City, so I feel that I can accurately compare both rural and urban lifestyles. Although urban areas have great mannerisms, they lack one thing that rural communities like Allendale have: neighborliness.

Neighborliness is the quality of being friendly and helpful to the people who live in your community. In rural South Carolina, it means helping your neighbor clean up their lawn after a hurricane. In rural New York, it means helping your neighbor shovel snow after a blizzard. But really, it means giving without the expectation of receiving. In densely populated cities, the individualization of life can make neighborliness feel irrelevant. But

in small towns like Allendale, Fairfax, and Barnwell, neighborliness creates social trust and strengthens communities. It means that when disaster strikes, you take it upon yourself to help other people. There's a reason why the golden rule appears in almost every major religious text.

I've grown to love Allendale for this quality. The number of barriers that Allendale faces are huge, but it's the people of Allendale who make it a fantastic community. I'll never forget what a resident said to me at my first town council meeting: "Allendale hasn't fallen apart, it's just gone dormant."

For several reasons, I'm heading back to the northeast to start a new job as a reporter in another rural community in New Hampshire. It breaks my heart to leave Allendale without a source for news during a time that it needs it most. But despite the numerous mistakes I've made on the job, I believe that my reporting has made a difference.

Since July 2023, I have focused my reporting

on the challenges that Allendale faces, and the pain that the community feels, but also what people within the community are doing about it. Everywhere in Allendale are strong people who are true to their convictions, and refuse to accept indignities as a regular occurrence.

I'm grateful for all the great sources in the community who have shared their stories with me, given me tips and taken part in the news gathering process. Rural communities have so many stories that are worth telling, and I want to be part of telling them. In my view, journalism shouldn't just inform its audience, but move its audience.

Allendale is one of the best communities I've had the pleasure of knowing, and I'm certainly a better person because of my experiences with people in Allendale. Although I'm leaving, I respect this community, and I'll always consider myself a friend of Allendale. I certainly understand why its people call it home.



Elijah de Castro

## 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.

**Kerek Nathaniel Bearden**, 33, of 140 Deerwood Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on October 5, 2024 by BCSO for Possession of Heroin and Possession of Meth With Intent to Distribute. Bearden was booked and released to BCDC.

**Brittany Gaynelle Biggerstaff**, 32, of 71 Coker Street, Williston, S.C. was arrested on October 3, 2024 by WPD for Domestic Violence of a High and Aggravated Nature. Biggerstaff

was booked and released to BCDC.

**Alfred Bush**, 70, of 785 Elko Street, Williston, S.C. was arrested on October 3, 2024 by BCSO for (2) counts of Illegal Possession of Prescription Drugs With Intent to Distribute. Bush was booked and released to BCDC.

**Austin James Carr**, 29, of 295 Keith Circle, Williston, S.C. was arrested on October 3, 2024 by BCSO for Distribution of Meth. Carr was booked and released to BCDC.

**Harry O. Dukes**, 42, of 3011 Heartwood Pass, Aiken, S.C. was arrested on September 9, 2024 by WPD for Trespass of Real Property. Dukes was booked and

released to BCDC.

**Harry O. Dukes**, 42, of 3011 Heartwood Pass, Aiken, S.C. was arrested on September 23, 2024 by WPD for Trespass of Real Property. Dukes was booked and released to BCDC.

**Willie Christopher James Fuller**, 37, of 1001 Linley Street, Anderson, S.C. was arrested on September 28, 2024 by BCSO for Trafficking Meth, and (2) counts of Unlawful Manufacturing/Unlawful Exposure of Meth in the Presence of a Minor Child. Fuller was booked and released to BCDC.

**Austin Gossett**, 31, of 2874 Backman Street, Mt. Pleasant, S.C. was arrested on September 26, 2024 by BCSO for Breach of Trust.

Gossett was booked and released to BCDC.

**Dominique Shaquan Jordan**, 31, of 222 Brentwood Street Apartment H, High Point, North Carolina, was arrested on September 14, 2024 by WPD for Domestic Violence of a High and Aggravated Nature and Criminal Sexual Assault. Jordan was booked and released to BCDC.

**Deondre Lamont King**, 31, of 115 Society Road, Williston, S.C. was arrested on October 4, 2024 by WPD for Domestic Violence of a High and Aggravated Nature. King was booked and released to BCDC.

**Karen Joan Kuester**, 62, of 421 Woodland Road, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested

on October 5, 2024 by BCSO for Burglary, Petit Larceny, and Illegal Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. Kuester was booked and released to BCDC.

**Dalton Wyatt Mongan**, 27, of 2046 Joyner Pond Road, Aiken, S.C. was arrested on October 3, 2024 by BCSO for Grand Larceny and Illegal Possession of a Firearm/Ammunition by a Certain Person Prohibited. Mongan was booked and released to BCDC.

**Joseph Samarco II**, 23, of 229 Dyson Drive, Barnwell, S.C. was arrested on October 1, 2024 by BCSO for Prisoner in Possession of Contraband and Resisting Arrest. Samarco was booked and released to

BCDC.

**Arthur Ray Smith**, 69, of 399 Campbell Street, Blackville, S.C. was arrested on September 27, 2024 by BCSO for Petit Larceny. Smith was booked and released to BCDC.

**Joshua Jerel White**, 32, of 1010 Davis Bridge Road, Williston, S.C. was arrested on October 6, 2024 by WPD for Trespass of Real Property and Shoplifting. White was booked and released to BCDC.

**Paul Culbert Williamson, III**, 26, of 770 Crossroads Park Drive, Aiken, S.C. was arrested on October 3, 2024 by BCSO for Grand Larceny. Williamson was booked and released to BCDC.

# Obituaries

## Betty Ann Wooldridge Trotter

WILLISTON - A Celebration of Life Service for Betty Ann Wooldridge Trotter, 98, of Williston will be held at twelve o'clock noon on Friday, October 11, 2024 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, S.C. with the Reverend Jamie Wootten officiating; burial will follow in the Barnwell Memory Gardens on Reynolds Rd. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Friday. Honorary Pallbearers will be members of the Sexy Seniors. Memorial contributions may be given to Winfield Heights Baptist Church, 315 Chester St., Williston, S.C. 29853.

Betty passed away on Monday, October 7, 2024.

Born in Gilbert, WV on December 24, 1925, she was a daughter of the late Robert E. Wooldridge and Rachel Burnside Wooldridge and was married to Earl L. Trotter for 59 years. She was a graduate of Charleston West Virginia School of Commerce Business College.

On July 19, 1952, she and her husband, along with their son Marshall, age 7, and daughter Linda, age 4, moved to Williston, S.C. She attended the First Baptist Church of Williston and was instrumental in organizing Winfield Heights Mission. The first service was held on January 25, 1953 and on October 9, 1955 Winfield Heights Mission was constituted into a



church. She was a member of Winfield Heights Baptist Church for many years where she formerly served as secretary, church clerk, treasurer, youth director, GA leader and also taught Training Union and Sunday School. She worked at E.I. DuPont for 5 years; Bud Berma/Rex Knitting Mills for 11 years as a Billing Supervisor in the credit department. She was the Assistant Bookkeeper for 5 years at the Williston Telephone Company. She also worked at Dr. Gary Mullins Dentistry and Home Cable TV for 7 years as office manager. Mrs. Betty worked part-time at the Grapevine for 4 years. For 15 years, you could find her seasonally working as the manager at the Stage Door Café at Lakewood Camping Resort in Myrtle Beach. She retired at the age of 82 and returned to Williston, S.C.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Dennis Kinard; her grandson, Chris Boyer and his wife, Brenda, all of Aiken, S.C.; a sister, Marti McGuffin (Ray) of Albemarle, N.C.; great-grandchildren, Daniel Owen and Summer (Myles) Schroder; great-great-granddaughters, Tenley, Briley and Karley Schroder; along with numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Betty enjoyed line dancing and exercising with the Sexy Seniors; her favorite line dance was the Chicken Dance. Some of the happiest times in Betty's life were taking care of her children and their friends and then came her grandson, Chris, who was such a joy and blessing to her. She was also the happiest when she worked with the youth at Winfield Heights Baptist Church and loved working at Lakewood Camping Resort, a Christian campground in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Earl L. Trotter; her sons, Marshall Trotter and Harry Glen Trotter, as well as, 6 brothers and 3 sisters; a son-in-law, Leon Boyer.

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

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## Johanna Emmons

neral Home, Barnwell, SC. Pallbearers will be Payton Zimmerman, Landon Zimmerman, Easton Cannon, Cody Jeffers, T. J. Owes and Alex Devilla.

Johanna was born in Germany in 1943. She was married to the late Vernon Emmons. She was a member of Bethany Baptist Church, Barnwell, SC. She loved to crochet, cook, dance the jitter-bug, and watch *Judge Judy* and *Cops*. She was a loving mother and grandmother and will be missed by many.

Survivors include her daughter, Danina (Steven) Zimmerman of Barnwell; three sons, Steve (Laura) Emmons of Missouri, Ralf Friedauer and Dieter Friedauer of Germany;

three sisters, Lisalotte Stanton of Missouri, Agne Ziegler and Elsa Stockman of Germany; one brother, Manfred Albert of Germany; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She is predeceased by her husband, Vernon Emmons.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bethany Baptist Church, P.O. Box 156, Barnwell, SC 29812.

Family will be receiving family and friends at 211 Jefferson Street, Barnwell, SC.

The family has entrusted Dyches Funeral Home and Crematory with the arrangements.

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BARNWELL – Johanna Emmons, 81, went into eternal rest surrounded by family October 3, 2024.

Funeral services will be Friday, October 11, 2024 at 12 p.m. at Bethany Baptist Church, Barnwell, SC with Rev. Robert Altman officiating. Burial will follow at Barnwell County Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, October 10, 2024 from 5-7 p.m. at Dyches Fu-



## Jerry Roger Sanders

2002) for the *Augusta GA Chronicle*. He was also the athletic director for the College of Charleston (1979-1983). He often remarked his most memorable interviews were with Martin Luther King Jr., John F. Kennedy, and Muhammad Ali. He was an avid golf player and enthusiast, and particularly enjoyed his coverage of the Masters Golf Tournament for many years.

Mr. Sanders was a member of Bethel Park United Methodist Church, where he served as chairman of the Administrative Board and was president of the Methodist Men's organization.

He is survived by three daughters, Debra S. Garland (Steve) of Gatlinburg, TN, Jerianne S. Peele (Jody) of Mt. Pleasant, SC, and Janet Patricia S. Biggerstaff (Dan) of McClellanville, SC; step-son, Brad Byrum (MeChelle) of Lexington, SC; nine grandchildren, Michael White (Jenny) of Gilbert, AZ, Megan Miner of U.S. Virgin Islands, Allison Loew (Chris) of Mt.

Pleasant, SC, Nicole Riner (Neil) of New Market, TN, Sam and Jerry Patrick Biggerstaff, both of McClellanville, SC, Bailey Byrum of Montreat, NC, Kaitlyn B. Spearin (Trey) of Greenwood, SC, and Holden Byrum of Lexington, SC; and nine great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy S. Mangum; father, Alvin J. (Bill) Mangum; his wife, Julia H. Sanders of Barnwell, SC; as well as his sister, Patricia Jones (Steve) of Atlanta, GA.

A graveside funeral service will be held on Friday, October 11th, 2024 at 11 a.m. in the Barnwell United Methodist Cemetery, with Pastor Rudy Gwaltney officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that remembrance donations may be made to Samaritan's Purse, samaritanspurse.org.

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

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MT. PLEASANT - Jerry Roger Sanders, 90, of Mt. Pleasant, SC (formerly of Barnwell) passed away on September 30th, 2024.

Mr. Sanders, husband of Julia H. Sanders of Barnwell, was a native of Spartanburg, SC, a graduate of Greenville SC High School and the University of South Carolina, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He was also a U.S. Navy veteran (1952-1955).

For nearly 50 years, Mr. Sanders was a sportswriter for the *Greenville SC News* (1958-1959), sportswriter and executive sports editor for *The Charleston Post-Courier* (1962-1979), and a sportswriter, assistant sports editor, and city editor (1959-1962; 1986-



## Trevor Davis

County, he was a son of Maralind Davis and William "Bubba" Davis Jr. He was a mechanic having worked for A & A Electric Motors in Aiken, SC.

He is survived by the mother of his children, Courtney Williams; 3 children, Wyatt, Weston, and Wynter; his parents, Maralind Davis (Frances Bohler) and William "Bubba" Davis Jr. (Frances Davis); a brother, Richard Davis; sisters, Candace, Darlene and Brittany; maternal grandmother, Ruby Pope; paternal grandparents, Melvin McCutcheon (Dale); Helen Davis, Thomas and Rita Larson along with numerous other family and friends.

Trevor was preceded in death by his infant son,

Walker; maternal grandpa, Jimmy Pope; and paternal grandparents, Doris McCutcheon and Williams Davis Sr.

The loss is great and our hearts are heavy. He will be missed here on earth but he will find rest in Heaven.

Graveside funeral services were held at 2 o'clock p.m., Saturday, October 5, 2024 in the Williston Cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at Folk Funeral Home, Williston, SC on Saturday.

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

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WILLISTON - On October 1, 2024, our hearts were broken, Trevor Levone Davis, 34 of Williston, SC passed away. This was an unexpected loss that has left his family grieving. Trevor came into this world strong-willed and he left it with that same attitude. He overcame many obstacles and always gave his heart and soul for his family and friends.

Born in Orangeburg



## Kenneth Freeman Sr.

School Class of Trinity Baptist Church.

Memorial donations may be given to Trinity Baptist Church, 2003 Charleston Hwy., Cayce, SC 29033 or Double Pond Cemetery Fund, 357 Double Pond Rd., Blackville, SC 29817.

He was born on July 20, 1951, to Arthur David and Thelma Morris Freeman in Augusta, GA.

Kenneth is a 1969 graduate of Blackville High School. He attended Orangeburg Technical College where he received an associate's degree in business administration and attended the South Carolina Bankers School. He also served in the South Carolina National Guard from 1971-1977. He married Judy Delk on May 14, 1972 and lived in Swansea, SC with their two children, Ken and Katie.

He worked in the banking, insurance, and mortgage industries. He retired from Trinity Mortgage in West Columbia, SC.

He served as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, and on various committees at Trinity Baptist Church

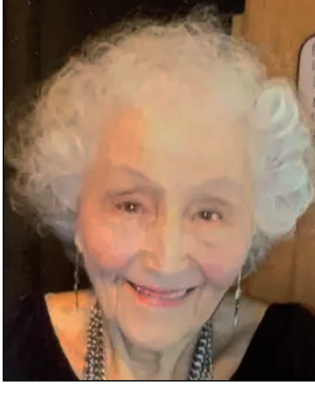
in Cayce, SC. He was a member of the Lion's Club, as well as the Jaycees. He loved doing yard work and tending to a small garden. He loved attending events for his grandchildren. He was a devoted husband, father, and Papa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, David and Thelma Freeman; and a sister, Sylvia Sanders (Jack).

Kenneth is survived by his high school sweetheart, Judy Freeman, wife of 52 years; his son, Kenneth, Jr. (Amy) of Leesville; and a daughter, Kathryn Bryan (Will) of Cayce. He has 5 grandchildren, Zoe and Eve Bryan, and Kaylee, Samuel and Ada Claire Freeman. He has two sisters, Joyce Hutto (Roger) of Hilda and Brenda Padgett (Jerry) of New Ellenton. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

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

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## Martha Zissette Hutto

She was born in Denmark, SC on January 12th, 1929 to the late Brunson Zissette and Ivey Sanders Zissette. Martha was a good mother, and loved her family.

She is survived by her children, Larry Hutto (Robin) of Blackville, SC, Canaan Rice (Michael) of Barnwell, SC, and Timothy Hutto (Diane) of Rocky Mount, NC; grandchildren Joseph Hair, Jonathan

(Pamela) Hair, Jacob (Jessica) Hair, Mitchell (Jenn) Hutto, and Ben Hutto; 11 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

A private memorial service will be held in the Blackville Cemetery.

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

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BLACKVILLE - Martha Zissette Hutto, 95, of Blackville, SC passed away on September 30th, 2024.

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## Parker Chavis

Parker passed away on Tuesday, October 1, 2024,

Born in Aiken County, SC, he was a son of O'Neal Chavis and the late Beverly Hancock Chavis. He was a 1989 graduate of South Aiken High School and was owner/operator of PC Masonry. Parker started laying brick for his dad, O'Neal Chavis at a very young age. He was a brick mason artist and continued working with his dad until he went into a 20-year career in law enforcement. He retired from the Barnwell County Sheriff's office in 2020, then worked full time in his business, PC Masonry. He was a hobbyist, an avid fisherman and outdoorsman as well as a loving father, husband and son. Parker could do anything and was always willing to do for others and help whenever and wherever he was needed.

O'Neal (Janet) Chavis, survivors include his wife, Amanda Varnadoe Chavis of the home; his children, Nevaeh Chavis, Kaydence Chavis, Parker Chavis II and Xarissa Chavis and his bonus children who he loved dearly, Kami Augustine, Kyra Driggers, Jorgie Estolt, Jazlyn Estolt and Juliana Estolt; 3 brothers, Andy (Melissa) Chavis, Scott (Maureen) Chavis and Zach (Michelle) Chavis; a step-brother, Aaron Fanning; his mother-in-law, Patricia Varnadoe; sisters-in-law, Michelle Varnadoe, Angie Varnadoe and Amy Varnadoe; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

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

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WILLISTON - Funeral services for Parker O'Neal Chavis, 53, of Williston, SC were held at two o'clock p.m., Monday, October 7, 2024 at the First Baptist Church of Williston, SC with the Reverend Joseph Sanders officiating; burial will follow in the Williston Cemetery. The family received friends from four to six p.m. on Sunday, October 6th at Folk Funeral Home, Williston, SC. Honored to serve as pallbearers were: Eddie Chavis, Jordan Chavis, Jacob Chavis, Allen Chavis, Artie Jones, Scotty Chavis and Joshua Chavis.

In addition to his father,

# Together Sisters Club serves Blackville seniors

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Some memorable occurrences happened in 1976. Among them, nationally, the bicentennial of the United States was celebrated. In worldwide news, Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak founded Apple Computer and right here in our own backyard of Blackville, S.C., the Together Sisters Club was formed.

Maybe that doesn't seem like news to sweep the nation, but it's these small towns across our land and the faith of people within them that keep us going strong.

On a recent windy, September Sunday afternoon, The Together Sisters Club gathered at the Blackville Community Center and humbly gave of themselves to serve free drive-thru meals, available to all senior citizens in the area.

Janice Livingston, president and spokesperson



The Together Sisters serve drive-thru meals to seniors outside the Blackville Community Center.

Jonathan Vickery / Publisher

for the Together Sisters Club, explains that the organization was formed nearly 50 years ago, "We formed as a way to give community service to the surrounding counties. Holding events every month for children, adults, and young people. Each month we have a scheduled

event and this month. In September, we're celebrating Grandparents Day. It's our way of giving back to our seniors to let them know we love and appreciate what they have done. We're just here for the community."

In October, the club will be participating in a Halloween event for the children. In

November, the veterans will be their focus with a fish fry to enjoy. And in December, for Christmas, the Together Sisters will be hosting Bingo for the community.

"We're booked for the rest of the year!" Livingston said. "It's all happening in Blackville, but we invite the surrounding counties,

because we have members from those counties."

Together Sisters Club originally started at Blackville Manufacturing with a group of young ladies who worked there and had a desire to help the community. "They came up with the idea of having a girl's group and it has been

growing and continuing since 1976," Livingston said.

Currently, there are 15 members with a membership drive welcoming other ladies to join. The group meets on the second Sunday afternoon of each month at 3 p.m. at the Beaver Dam Activity Center on Highway 78.

"The community has been great," Livingston added. "We are always receiving donations from businesses and individuals. God just always continues to bless us."

Just as life was celebrated honoring the moral values of those good old 1976 bicentennial days and as it was the century before; today, 48 years later, these ladies still humbly serve, volunteering their time. They're truly a testament to God's never-failing promise. Proverbs 11:25: "He who refreshes others will be refreshed."

Indeed, you're an inspiring group of ladies, Together Sisters Club. Thank you for all you do.

## FEMA: Debris cleanup, federal assistance underway

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homes.

Details on the center's location, hours, and opening date have not yet been finalized, but will be released soon, said Riley.

"All information will be protected. FEMA will tell people if they can help and where to go," said Riley.

He hopes to be able to announce something in the coming days.

Homeowners and renters in Barnwell, Allendale and other eligible counties can also go online to DisasterAssistance.gov, use the FEMA App, or call 800-621-3362. Lines are open every day and help is available in most languages.

For the latest information about South Carolina's recovery, visit <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4829>.

DISASTER RELIEF  
Barnwell County is

coming together to help victims in harder hit areas and also the linemen and first responders who are working in relief efforts.

B&B Ford is taking donations of water and other supplies to give out to rescue workers, linemen and people in areas where they are still in need due to power outages. If you know someone in need, please call Eleanor Burbage at 803-300-2941.

First Baptist Church of Barnwell is working to fill a U-Haul with supplies to take to North Carolina, which was devastated by the hurricane. They are partnering with Dellwood Baptist Church in Waynesville, N.C.

"What we've been through in the last week is something these people will be going through over the next couple of months. They have nothing," said

Rev. Bart Kelley of people in North Carolina and other harder hit areas who have no water, power, shelter and other basics. "We need to show our brothers and sisters in America we are there for them. Barnwell is coming to help."

Items may be dropped off at the church (161 Allen Street, Barnwell) this week between 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. through Friday, October 11. See the ad below for a list of needed items.

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation to help, simply drop it off by the church, go online, or use our "Text2Give" option. All these options and instructions on how to do so can be found on our church's website under the 'Give' tab at <https://fbcarnwell.org/give>.

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Volunteers pack care packages for victims of Hurricane Helene. These packets and other supplies will be delivered to North Carolina, one of the hardest hit areas.

Family YMCA is also working hard to restore power across the state. They have a shopping cart in the lobby for water, snacks, hygiene products, foam pads, and other items.

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## Warhorses stomp the Gators 38-16



Nehemiah Brown scored 2 rushing touchdowns for the Horses.



Kahzeer Wesley returns kicks and caught a 61-yard touchdown against the Gators. Photos By: Meredith Wilson



William "Polish" Robinson led the team with 107 receiving yards and scored two touchdowns for Barnwell.



Cam Austin was 13/20 for 223 yards and 3 touchdown passes and ran for 48 more yards in Barnwell's 38-16 win over Lake Marion.

up with a big play and caused and recovered a Warhorse fumble. The Gators took advantage of the turnover and kicked a 30-yard field goal with less than 20 seconds left in the half to take the lead 16-14.

Barnwell could have taken a knee and run the clock down to end the half, but decided to go for a big play and are glad they did. Horses quarterback Cam Austin found wide receiver William "Polish" Robinson and the two connected for a 63-yard touchdown pass. Barnwell

entered the half-time locker room with a 20-16 lead.

The second half was controlled by the Warhorses, as they added 18 more points and did not allow the Gators to score again. Lane Evans kicked a field goal. The Defense recorded a safety. Austin threw another long touchdown, this time finding Kahzeer Wesley for a 61-yard touchdown pass then later, threw another to William "Polish" Robinson and Barnwell came away with the 38-16 win and a 1-0 start in region play.

Cam Austin finished the night throwing for three touchdowns on 13/20 passing for 223 yards. He also had 48 yards rushing. Nehemiah Brown rushed for 67 yards and two touchdowns. William Robinson led the receivers with 107 yards and two touchdowns. Kahzeer Wesley had 61 receiving yards and a touchdown.

Barnwell head coach Brian Smith was asked about the win and said, "It is great to open the region schedule with a win. This is a fun football team to

coach and as a staff we're very thankful we get this opportunity each week. We're excited to go into the open week with the win and work tirelessly to prepare for our next game at Hampton. We've got a long way to go in this region. We need to fix a lot of things after tonight. We still need to eliminate turnovers and reduce some of the penalties. Our team will continue to work to get better each day."

With the recent hurricane and its' aftermath, Coach Smith said, "After all that everybody has been through in the southeast, I'm just glad we got to play. I'm very proud of the way that our team responded to the adversity of the hurricane over the last week. We had coaches and players who didn't get power until Thursday, so the fact that we got to play after two days of practice and that it is a region ball game excites me even more."

Barnwell has a "Bye" week coming up but then will travel to face their strongest region challenger when they go to Hampton County to face the Hurricanes on Friday, October 18. Barnwell faithful will need to turn out in big numbers to help cheer on the Warhorses as they look to win Region 5-AA. See you there! Go Horses!

## Raiders win seventh straight game

### Varsity High School Sports Schedule

#### Football

Friday, Oct. 11

- Conway Christian @ JDA 7:30
- Williston-Elko @ Ridge Spring-Monetta 7:30
- Wagener-Salley @ Blackville-Hilda (Homecoming) 7:30
- Barnwell (Bye)

#### Volleyball

Wednesday, Oct. 9

- Williston-Elko @ Ridge Spring-Monetta 7:00
- Thursday, Oct. 10
- JDA @ Holly Hill Academy 4:00
- Horse Creek @ Williston-Elko 5:30
- Monday, Oct. 14
- Lake Marion @ Barnwell 5:30
- Tuesday, Oct. 15
- Barnwell @ Whale Branch 6:45

#### Girls Tennis

Thursday, Oct. 10

- Hampton County @ Williston-Elko 5:00
- Monday, Oct. 14
- Aiken @ Williston-Elko 5:00



The Jefferson Davis Academy Raiders take the field where they later claimed a homecoming victory.

Photo By: Donna Miley

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# RAIDERS: Seven game winning streak

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James Grubbs gained 185 yards on the ground and ran for a touchdown for the Raiders.



Reece Still ran for a Raiders touchdown on offense and had an interception for the Raiders defense.



Colson Loadholt ran for 109 yards and scored 4 rushing touchdowns to help JDA cruise to a 46-16 win over Cathedral Academy.

Photos By: Donna Miley

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The Jefferson Davis Academy Raiders hosted the undefeated Generals from Cathedral Academy this past Friday, October 4 before a very big JDA Homecoming crowd. Most coaches will tell you that Homecoming can be a big distraction. Facing an undefeated team this late in the season can be a huge obstacle, as well. The Raiders were not distracted by all the Homecoming festivities. They were not impressed with the Generals 6-0 record. The JDA Raiders had one mission last

Friday. They were there to win what should have been a very tough game. They did not lose focus and the Raiders sailed to an impressive 46-16 victory over the previously unbeaten Generals.

The Raiders offense was able to control this football game by winning the rushing game. JDA ran for more than 400 yards and had 7 rushing touchdowns. Colson Loadholt had a great game running for the Raiders, running for 109 yards on only 12 carries. Loadholt had 4 rushing touchdowns. His reliable running back, Nasir Void, had another strong game, running for 94 yards on 13 carries and had a

touchdown. James Grubbs was the true workhorse for the Raiders, carrying the ball 22 times for 185 yards and a touchdown. Reece Still also added a touchdown to the Raiders rushing touchdown list.

The North Charleston based Generals could not find an answer to stop the Raiders ground attack. Couple that with a strong defensive effort, and the Raiders were able to secure a wonderful Homecoming experience for the JDA fans in attendance.

Coach Anthony Reitenour was asked about his JDA Raiders' win and said, "Friday was a big win for us. Cathedral Academy is not playoff eligible due

to being classified higher than 8-man according to SCISA. They were still a team in our league that was undefeated. Quite frankly, we felt that a loss to them could put one of those asterisks on our season and we were determined to not have that happen. They are a very fast, athletic team, but we were able to control the clock and move the ball on the ground to the tune of 443 rushing yards on the night and seven rushing touchdowns."

Coach Reitenour went on to say JDA's "defense did a great job bottling up their explosive offense throughout the night. Colson Loadholt led the

way with 9 tackles, 1 tackle for loss and had 2 interceptions. Reece Still added an interception. Landon Williams added 7 tackles and Nolan Craig gathered 5 tackles and a sack on the night. We are looking to finish strong facing Conway Christian at home this Friday before our bye week. So it's back to work as usual for the Raiders."

With the win, Jefferson Davis improves to 7-1 on the season and sits atop the region with a 3-0 region record and looks like they will lock up the region, but they do have to face a few teams that they have already played this year. One of those teams is the

always tough Holly Hill Academy. Even though JDA was able to beat Holly Hill by a 36-18 margin earlier this season, Coach Reitenour and the Raiders know that the Raiders versus Raiders rematch to be held in Holly Hill, South Carolina before an energetic Holly Hill crowd, will be a tough battle.

JDA will host King's Academy this Friday, October 11. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30. Raiders fans are encouraged to come out and support your JDA football team as they look to finish the season with strong efforts and try to defend their State Championship. Let's go Raiders!

## Devore plays in Minority Softball Prospects All-American Game



Jaidyn Devore MSP All American. Photo By: Felicia Devore

Barnwell's Jaidyn Devore played in the Minority Softball Prospects All-American Game in Montgomery, Alabama, September 27-29. (Full story in next week's *The People-Sentinel*.)

# Warhorses win five straight

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The Barnwell Warhorse volleyball team played the visiting Hampton County Hurricanes in a Region 5-AA contest last Thursday, October 3. Barnwell swept the match and earned a 3-0 victory and more importantly, another region win.

With the win, Barnwell moves to 9-3 for the season and 5-1 in region play. The win marked the fifth straight win for the Warhorses.

Rilee Sandifer hit 10 serves in play and Rebecca Richardson had 9 serves in play to lead the team. Rilee had 4 aces and Ashley Barrett and Brooklyn Gordon led the way with 5 aces each. Tiera Arnold and Rilee Sandifer had 3 kills each during the match. Ashley Barrett led the Horses with 5 assists.

As the season draws to a close, every region match becomes more and more important. A single win or loss could cement a playoff spot for a team or remove them from the playoff scenario. Barnwell is currently 5-1 in Region 5-AA and will likely get the number 2 seed for the region. With three games remaining, the Horses



The Barnwell Warhorse volleyball team went pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, donning the pink shirts for their match against Hampton County.

Photo By: Deanna Grubbs

still have some important challenges ahead.

Barnwell will face Lake Marion on Monday, October 14 in Barnwell and then travel on Tuesday, October 15 to face Whale Branch. The first Lake Marion match was closer than the 3-0 overall score might appear. The 3-1 win over Whale Branch earlier this season saw two of the games decided by 2 points. One was in favor of the Horses and one against. Barnwell will need the fans to come out and support

these girls as they try to finish strong and secure a good playoff seed.

Barnwell head coach Kames Furtick was asked about her team's win over Hampton County last week and said, "The girls had an amazing win during our Pink Out game against Wade Hampton. The girls were seeing the results of all the hard work we've been putting in at practice. Everyone played their part, and it really showed!"

Now, the Lady Warhorses are gearing up for their last

few region matches. "We are hoping to keep this momentum going and bring home another couple of wins to add to our good start," said Coach Furtick.

Come support these young ladies as they look to end the regular season with a few more region wins and get ready for the post season. The top three seeds from Region 5-AA will secure a first round home match for the playoffs. Come cheer for your Barnwell volleyball team!



# Jefferson Davis Academy celebrates homecoming

Jefferson Davis Academy's students and staff dressed in red, white and blue to show their Raider pride for homecoming. A parade and pep rally were held to further show support.

Photos Contributed By: JDA



2024 JDA Homecoming Court (from left): 2024 Miss Raider Madelyn Respass, Homecoming Queen Runner-up Carrie Lynn Loadholt, and 2024 Homecoming Queen Macey Respass.

Photo By: Donna Miley



It was double the excitement for the Respass family after twins Madelyn and Macey Respass each were crowned at homecoming. Madelyn was named Miss Raider while Macey was crowned Homecoming Queen.

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Date of Death: June 6, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00066  
Personal Representative: Leroy Moore  
Address: 399 Martin Street, Allendale, S.C. 29810  
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**Notice to Creditors of Estates**  
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Date of Death: July 22, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00163  
Personal Representative: Roman Young  
Address: P.O. Box 725, Williston, S.C. 29853  
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Date of Death: August 7, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 03 00082  
Personal Representative: James Dragonetti  
Address: 3302 Barton Road, Fairfax, S.C. 29827  
2024-180 3tp 10-09-24

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Date of Death: September 5, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00173  
Personal Representative: Reginald Myers  
Address: 3631 Kathys Way, Chesapeake, VA 23323  
2024-181 3tp 10-09-24

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Date of Death: June 5, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00135  
Personal Representative: Geraldine Lingould  
Address: 199 Wild Goose Chase, Williston, S.C. 29853  
Attorney: Linda Farron Knapp  
Address: P.O. Box 714, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
Co-Personal Representative: Brandi Handberry  
Address: 221 Wild Goose Chase, Williston, S.C. 29853

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Attorney: Linda Farron Knapp  
Address: P.O. Box 714, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
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Date of Death: May 4, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00132  
Personal Representative: Corey Gleaton  
Address: 228 Chestnut Oak Lane, Columbia, S.C. 29169  
2024-183 3tp 10-23-24

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the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Mary Dicks Hanks  
Date of Death: September 25, 2024  
Case Number: 2024 ES 06 00179  
Personal Representative: Nancy Hanks Dumont  
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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
<b>Net Change in Tax</b>	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
<b>Net Change in Tax</b>	76.76	115.15	230.29

## 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	ORDINARYCOUNTY	CAPITAL RESERVE	FIRE SERVICE	HOSPITAL	SCHOOL OPERATIONS	SCHOOL NOTE	TOTAL MILLAGE
ALLENDALE	216.77	0	34.19	16	256	32	554.96

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1. End of WW2 conference location
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9. Cake with rum
13. \* \_\_\_ Asinoff, author of "Eight Men Out"
14. Invoice qty.
15. Fox crime drama, 2005-2017
16. \*Baseball player's representative
17. Pastrami's partner
18. With irregular edge
19. \*Last year's World Series winners
21. \*Brave contender
23. Certain tray content
24. Fail to mention
25. Nocturnal flyer
28. Team homophone
30. \*Last year's MVP Corey \_\_\_
35. Iranian monarch
37. Proactiv target
39. "Superman" star
40. Head of family
41. Button-up or button-down
43. Singles
44. Graduates
46. Symphony member
47. \*Number in a baseball lineup
48. Say again
50. Brezhnev's country
52. PST plus three
53. Mouth off
55. Brewed beverage
57. \*Fall \_\_\_
61. \*Two-time World Series MVP winner in 1970s
65. Two under on one hole in golf
66. Brewed alcoholic beverage
68. Grind down
69. #72 Across, in the olden days
70. \*2003 World Series winner or Marvel leader, Stan
71. Plural of #62 Down
72. Eject
73. \_\_\_ excellence
74. Noise of contempt

**DOWN**

1. 1984, e.g.
2. Pond plant
3. Right to a property
4. Polynesian kingdom
5. Affirm to be true
6. TV's "Storage \_\_\_"
7. Comedian Schumer
8. Iron setting
9. Bora \_\_\_
10. Any day now, formerly
11. Superlative of better
12. Not in port
15. Loud singer
20. Actress \_\_\_ Perlman, pl.
22. \_\_\_ the season!
24. Double-decker
25. Wilde of "The Picture of Dorian Gray" fame
26. Blue or gray swimmer
27. Drink like a cat (2 words)
29. Reply from a tunnel
31. Eon, alt. sp.
32. Robin Williams in "Aladdin"
33. 0 and 2, e.g.
34. Set to zero
36. \*Touch to score
38. Son of Aphrodite
42. T in Ferrari TR
45. Uses #53 Across
49. \_\_\_ Chi
51. Break for Congress
54. Dandruff manufacturer
56. Ohio city
57. \_\_\_ pit
58. Nordic native
59. Malaria symptom
60. A whole bunch
61. Crowd's derision
62. Performer's time to shine
63. Aroma
64. Egg holder
67. Grazing field

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BARNWELL COUNTY TREASURER'S TAX NOTICE

The Barnwell County Auditor has notified the Treasurer that tax rates have been set and the notices for 2024 real estate taxes are to be mailed during October 2024. They can be paid without penalty through January 15, 2025. Real estate taxes not paid by this date will be subject to the following penalties:

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Taxes go into execution with a 15% penalty charged plus collection costs.

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School District	Public School	General County	Total Incorporated Areas	Rural Fire Protection Unincorporated Areas Only	Public Safety Unincorporated Areas Only	Total Unincorporated Areas
BCSD	292.10	180.18	472.28	11	4	487.28

City of Barnwell: 97.10      Town of Blackville: 79  
Town of Snelling: 20      Town of Williston: 72.50

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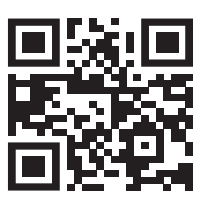
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**FAMILY FEATURES**

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Packed with fresh shrimp and crispy veggies, this Crab and Shrimp Sushi Burrito fuses some favorite takeout dishes together to satisfy cravings in half an hour. Using Success Boil-in-Bag Jasmine Rice, which cooks up soft and fluffy, provides a flavorful and aromatic base. This combination of seafood, homemade sauces and flavorful veggies makes for an unforgettable taste experience comparable to your favorite quick-serve restaurant.

Or let your kitchen appliances help create a satisfying, soothing take on a Thai classic. A quick and easy bowl of deliciousness that's sure to comfort the whole family, this Thai Red Curry Chicken and Rice Soup features chicken, lime juice, Thai red curry and coconut milk mixed with basmati rice.

Ready in just 10 minutes, Success Boil-in-Bag Basmati Rice is quick, easy and mess-free, and it's guaranteed to always cook right – just place the bag in chicken broth to experience the long-grain rice's subtle, nutty flavor and unique texture. Plus, Success Rice is free from artificial additives and unprocessed ingredients, so you can feel good about serving it with a variety of dishes.

Find more recipe inspiration to tackle takeout cravings and more at [SuccessRice.com](https://SuccessRice.com).



## Crab and Shrimp Sushi Burrito

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

- 1 bag Success Jasmine Rice
- 1/2 cup unseasoned rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons Sriracha sauce
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1/4 teaspoon black sesame seeds
- 4 sushi nori sheets
- 1/2 carrot, ribboned, divided
- 1/2 cucumber, ribboned, divided
- 6 crab sticks, shredded, divided
- 6 large shrimp, cooked, deveined, tails removed and butterflied, divided

Rinse rice bag under cold water to remove starch. Prepare rice according to package directions.

In small saucepan over medium-low heat, heat rice vinegar, sugar and salt until sugar and salt have dissolved, about 1 minute. Set aside.

In small bowl, mix mayonnaise, Sriracha sauce and sesame oil. Set aside.

Transfer cooked rice onto large baking sheet. Drizzle half the vinegar mixture over rice, turning until all rice is fully coated. Taste and add more vinegar mixture, if desired. Spread rice into thin layer and cool to room temperature. Sprinkle sesame seeds on top.

Lay down one sushi nori sheet. Spread layer of rice on it. Place half the carrots and cucumbers on rice. Place crab and shrimp on top.

Place another sushi nori sheet just under first one and roll. Repeat with remaining sushi nori sheets, rice, carrots, cucumbers, crab and shrimp. Wrap both burritos in plastic wrap. Let rest 10 minutes.

Slice burritos in half and serve with spicy mayo.

## Thai Red Curry Chicken and Rice Soup

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 20 minutes  
Servings: 6

- 6 cups chicken broth
- 2 bags Success Basmati Rice
- 1 can (14 ounces) coconut milk
- 2 tablespoons Thai red curry paste
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1 pound chicken breast tenders
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced

In pressure cooker on saute setting over high heat, bring broth and rice bags to boil. Boil, uncovered, 10 minutes. Remove bags with fork and set aside.

Add coconut milk, curry paste, soy sauce and brown sugar to pressure cooker. Turn off saute setting. Add chicken. Cover and lock to seal. Set to pressure cook setting over high heat about 10 minutes, or until chicken is tender. Carefully, manually or naturally, release pressure according to manufacturer's instructions before removing lid.

Set pressure cooker to saute setting over medium heat. Remove chicken and shred with two forks; add to soup along with lime juice and green onions. Remove rice from bags and stir into soup. Simmer until rice is heated through.



## Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

# Kid Scoop Junior

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## My name:

\_\_\_\_\_

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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.

### Make Them Smile!

Draw a smile on each one's face.

### My Letters

S is for Smile  
s is for smile

**Learning Buddies:** Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter S. 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 S makes in the word smile?

### My Numbers

How many snakes? **6**

How many screwdrivers? **6**

How many sandwiches? **6**

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

### My Rhyme Time

Sarah Snake sat in the simmering sun  
Smiling and singing, "This sure is fun!"  
She drove with her friends in big red cars  
Down to the stream to watch the stars.

## 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.

I smile at \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Letter Identification</b> With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that begin with the same sound as the letter S in smile.	<b>Math Play</b> Point to the number 6 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	<b>Put On a Happy Face</b> Look through the newspaper with your child, and cut out two or three smiles. Then find pictures of people who are not smiling, and glue a smile on each one's face.	<b>Uppercase and Lowercase</b> With your child, find and circle an uppercase S. Find and circle a lowercase s. Connect the two with a line. Can you make the line between the two curve like a smile?	<b>Before and After</b> Look for a newspaper picture of someone smiling. Ask your child what he/she thinks happened <b>before</b> the picture was taken. What happened <b>after</b> ? Remember, there are no right or wrong answers.	<b>Sorting</b> Look through the newspaper and cut out pictures. Have your child sort the pictures into groups such as: <b>Silly Snaps, Boys, Girls, Boys and Girls, Animals.</b>	<b>Smile!</b> Before looking at pictures in the newspaper, you say, "When you see a picture of a car (or other chosen item) show me a big smile!"
<p><b>Learning Buddy Sign Here</b></p> <p>I have completed _____ activities with my Learning Buddy.</p> <p>Learning Buddy's signature _____ Date _____</p>						

**Learning Buddies!** Kid Scoop Junior comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning readiness skill. **Step by Step Success** 1. Read the activity instruction aloud. 2. Show how to do the activity by doing it yourself first. 3. Ask your child to copy what you do.

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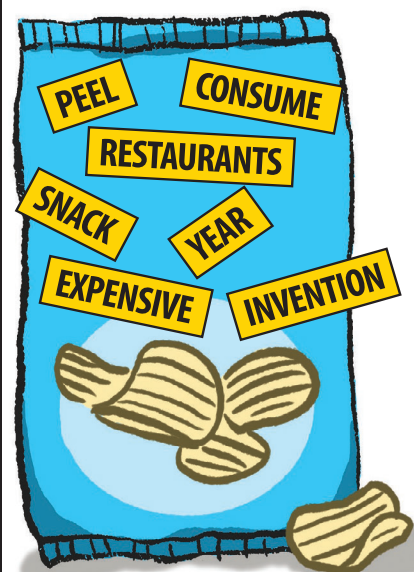
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## The Potato Chip Story

Replace the missing words.



The first potato chips were a rare and \_\_\_\_\_ treat, served only at special \_\_\_\_\_.

That was because it took a long time to \_\_\_\_\_ potatoes by hand.

Then in 1920, with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the mechanical potato peeler, potato chips jumped from a special restaurant treat to a top-selling \_\_\_\_\_ food.

Today, Americans \_\_\_\_\_ more potato chips than any other people in the world. We eat about 1.85 billion pounds each \_\_\_\_\_. That's an average of about 6.6 pounds per person!

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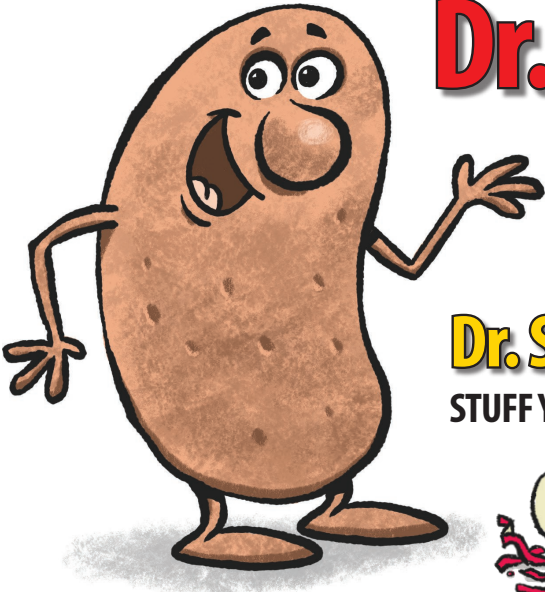
This week's word:  
**SPUD**

The noun **spud** is a nickname for a potato.

Mashed or baked are popular ways to eat a **spud**.

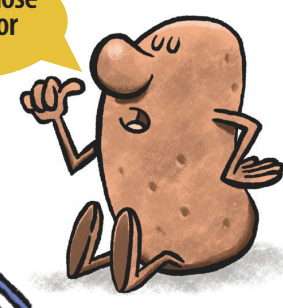
Try to use the word **spud** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

# Dr. Spud Wants to Know!



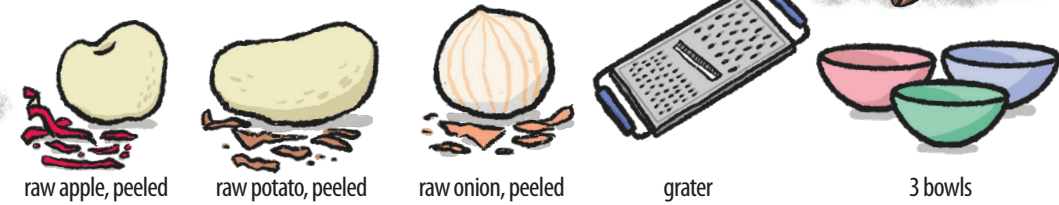
Can you taste the difference between an apple, a potato and an onion? Believe it or not, it is difficult to taste the difference between a potato and an onion if you can't smell it. Don't believe me? Try my experiment!

Only the nose knows for sure!



## Dr. Spud's Tasteless Experiment

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



1. Grate the apple, potato and onion separately. Wash the grater before grating each of the foods. Put each grated food in a separate bowl.



2. Blindfold a friend or partner. Have your partner hold their nose tightly.



3. Place a small amount (about ¼ teaspoon) of one of the foods on your friend's tongue. Tell your friend not to chew the food, but to roll it around their mouth. Ask your friend to guess which food is in their mouth.



4. Repeat with each of the foods. Be sure to have your friend rinse their mouth between tastings. Do three taste tests with each food item. Use the chart to keep track of the taste tests.

WHAT WAS TASTED	WHAT TASTER THOUGHT IT WAS

### Potato Maze

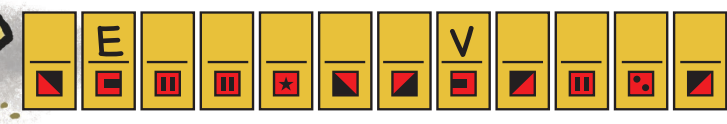
Find your way through this spud-filled maze!



The "Keystone State" could also be called the Potato Chip State, since it's known as the Chip Capital of the World! Dozens of snack food companies got their start in this state. Use the code to find out the name of this state.

**SECRET CODE**

A = [red square]	N = [blue square]
E = [red square]	P = [red square]
I = [red square]	S = [red square]
L = [red square]	V = [red square]
M = [red square]	Y = [red square]



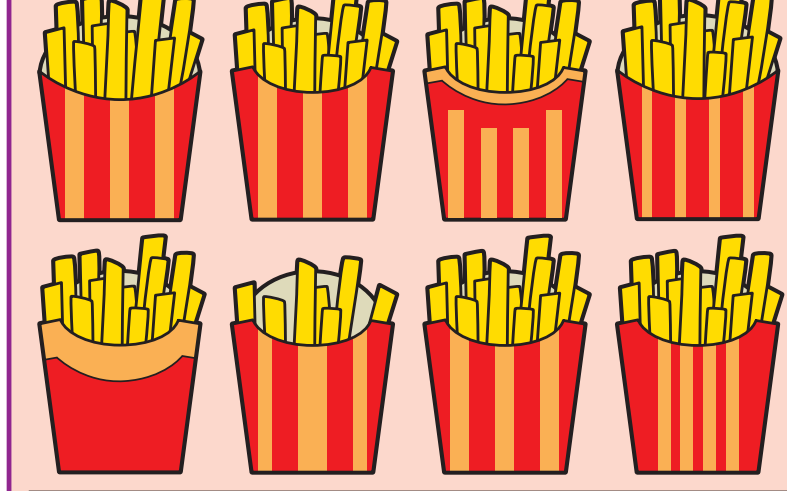
**Extra! Extra!**  
**Find 5**  
 Look through today's newspaper to find:  
 5 words that describe a taste  
 5 snack foods  
 5 fruits or vegetables

**Standards Link:** Use the newspaper to locate information.

## Kid Scoop® Puzzler

### French Fry Fun

Look closely! Can you find the two identical boxes of fries?

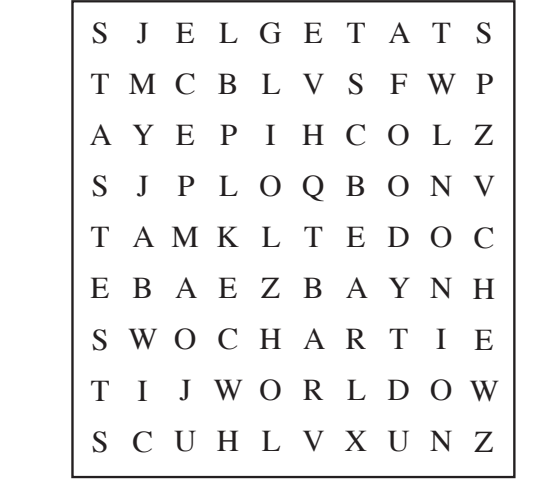


**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

## Double Double Word Search

- APPLE
- BOWL
- CHART
- CHEW
- CHIP
- CODE
- FOOD
- NOSE
- ONION
- POTATO
- SMELL
- STATE
- TASTE
- TESTS
- WORLD

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



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

## FROM THE Kid Scoop® LESSON LIBRARY

### One Potato, Two Potato . . .

Find examples of one-syllable, two-syllable, three-syllable and four-syllable words. Find the words themselves, or cut out the letters to spell the words. Paste words with the same number of syllables into groups on a chart.

**Standards Link:** Recognize syllables in words.

**How do you know when your fries are being stolen?**

**ANSWER:** When the burger alarm rings.

## Write On!

### Ode to a Spud

Write a poem about a potato or your favorite way to eat one. Be sure to include descriptions using the five senses.



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