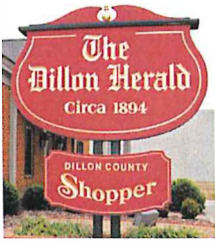


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## New Superintendent Stephanie Johnson Ard Discusses Vision For Dillon County District 3 Schools



By Vickie Rogers

The Dillon Herald recently had the opportunity to sit down with Stephanie Ard, who has recently taken on the role of Superintendent of Dillon County District 3 (Latta) schools, Mrs. Ard, a 2003 graduate of Latta High School, assumed her position on July 1, 2024, succeeding Mr. George Liebenrood, who retired after a distinguished career.

Mrs. Ard's educational journey is both impressive and inspiring. After earning a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Clemson University in 2007, she began her teaching career at Latta Elementary School. There, she taught 5th grade Math and Science, as well as Science labs for 4th and 5th grade students. Her dedication to education led her to pursue further qualifications, including a Master's Degree in Special Education from Francis Marion University in 2009 and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Winthrop University. In May 2024, she completed her Education Specialist Degree in Superintendentcy from Furman University.

Her leadership path began in 2013 when she was named Assistant Principal at Latta Elementary School. The following year, as the administration moved to Latta Middle School, she continued in this role until her appointment as Principal of Latta Middle School in 2020. Under her guidance, the school saw significant advancements in both student performance and school culture.

In addition to her administrative roles, Mrs. Ard also made her mark as the Varsity Softball Coach for the Lady Vikings from 2014 to 2019. During her tenure, the team won two state championships, a testament to her leadership both on and off the field.

Mrs. Ard, who resides in the Latta School District with her husband Brooks and their two children, Hunter and Sarah Lauren, expressed her enthusiasm for her new role. "I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the Latta community in this capacity," Mrs. Ard said. "This community and school district have given me so much, and I am proud to give back. I love this community and have received so much encouragement from the community."

One of Mrs. Ard's primary goals as Superintendent is to connect with every member of the school community. "I plan to meet with everyone—from teachers and teacher assistants to administrative staff, cafeteria workers, and custodians—to identify areas where we can improve our schools," she explained. This hands-on approach reflects her commitment to understanding the needs of each facet of the school environment.

Additionally, Mrs. Ard aims to increase parent involvement. She believes that a structured schedule at home, including dedicated study and homework times, as well as consistent bedtime routines, plays a critical role in student success. "Encouraging more parent involvement is crucial. We need to ensure that students have the support they need both at school and at home," she said.

Mrs. Ard is also focused on promoting respect and understanding among the diverse populations within the district. "It's important that we respect each other's beliefs and model behavior that supports everyone's needs," she noted. Her commitment to inclusivity is part of a broader effort to create an environment where all students feel valued and understood.

Technology integration in the classroom remains a priority for Mrs. Ard. "I'm pleased that our schools

maintain a good balance between technology and traditional teaching methods. However, we must always remember that our teachers are the most important tools in the classroom," she emphasized.

To address students' mental health needs, the district has partnered with Tri County Mental Health and Trinity Behavioral to provide in-school counseling services. "We recognize the importance of mental health and have made it a priority to provide students with the support they need," Mrs. Ard explained.

Extracurricular activities also play a vital role in Mrs. Ard's vision for a well-rounded education. The Athletic Department is hosting a Back to School Bash on August 17th, where students can learn about and sign up for various extracurricular activities, including sports, band, and performing arts. "Extracurriculars are essential for developing well-rounded students," she said. "This event will help students get involved and explore their interests."

Furthermore, Mrs. Ard highlighted recent developments at Latta Elementary School, including the addition of 5th grade back to the elementary school, a new Assistant Principal, and significant infrastructure improvements such as a new gym and ten new classrooms. "These enhancements are part of our commitment to providing students with a modern and effective learning environment," she noted.

As the new school year begins, Mrs. Ard is optimistic about the future. "I am looking forward to a productive school year and am ready to tackle any challenges that come our way," she said. "I am deeply grateful for the support of my family, our staff, and the community."

With her extensive background in education, commitment to community involvement, and focus on inclusivity and mental health, Superintendent Stephanie Ard is poised to lead Dillon County District 3 schools into a new era of excellence. Her proactive approach and dedication reflect a deep understanding of what it takes to foster a positive and effective educational environment.



Governor Henry McMaster issued Executive Order 2024-16, declaring a State of Emergency in preparation for the potential effects of Tropical Storm Debby, and asks South Carolinians to monitor local forecasts and to begin taking proper precautions. The executive order activates the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan and enables all state agencies to coordinate resources in preparation for Tropical Storm Debby.

"Team South Carolina is

closely monitoring Tropical Storm Debby and has begun preparing for its potential impact on our state," said Governor Henry McMaster. "With a potentially significant rainfall event forecast for the next few days, it is critical that residents in potentially affected areas start making preparations and plans today—in case it is necessary to take quick action."

According to forecasters with the National Hurricane Center, Tropical Storm Debby is anticipated to intensify before making landfall as a hurricane in Florida on Monday. The storm is expected to slow down and begin impacting South Carolina early this week, with heavy rainfall resulting in life-threatening flash, urban, and river flooding. Strong winds and storm surge can also be

expected. South Carolina residents and visitors in potentially vulnerable areas should review their plans and consider actions they would need to take if the storm threatens the state. Everyone should monitor the storm via local news media and follow updates from the National Hurricane Center, especially people in low-lying areas along the South Carolina coast.

SCEMD has several resources available for people to prepare for hurricanes, including [hurricane.sc](http://hurricane.sc). This site is an interactive tool for anyone needing a quick reference on hurricane preparedness.

The official 2024 S.C. Hurricane Guide is available in English or Spanish at [scemd.org](http://scemd.org).

## Gov. McMaster Declares State Of Emergency For South Carolina



## Emergency Service Director Gives Update As Preparations Are Made For Severe Weather

By Vickie Rogers  
 Dillon County Emergency Services Director Daniel Moody has advised that the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) held a meeting on Monday, August 5, to prepare for Tropical Storm Debby. Another meeting is scheduled for Tuesday morning to make further decisions regarding the storm. At this time, no decisions have been made about shelters, and all County offices are operating on their regular schedule, though this may change.

Moody emphasized the importance of being prepared. He recommends ensuring you have essentials such as water, non-perishable food, important documents, vehicle fuel, flashlight batteries, prescription medications, and first aid kits. It's also a good idea to check your generator if you have one. For updates as they become available, visit the Dillon Herald's Facebook page and website at [www.thedillonherald.com](http://www.thedillonherald.com).

## City Of Dillon Mayor Gives Update On Preparing For Tropical Storm Debby

By Vickie Rogers  
 City of Dillon Mayor Tally McColl has provided an update on the city's preparations for Tropical Storm Debby. The city is actively working on clearing ditches and storm grates and began reducing water levels at the wastewater facility on Sunday in anticipation of the storm. Officials are coordinating with state and county emergency operations to ensure a unified response and have moved equipment to higher ground to avoid potential damage.

Currently, city sanitation services and the City-County Complex are operating on normal business hours, though this may change depending on the storm's impact. Generators are on standby for the lift stations to maintain operations if needed.

Mayor McColl requested that residents limit placing yard debris at the street to avoid potential drainage issues. For ongoing updates, residents should check the City of Dillon's Facebook page and The Dillon Herald.

## Captain Josh Jackson Receives "Life Saving Award"

Dillon County EMS responded to a medical call late Sunday evening, July 28th, 2024.

Due to the nature of the call, EMS requested Dillon County Station Two respond for manpower.

DCFD Station Two member Capt. Josh Jackson arrived on the scene and performed life-saving measures before EMS arrived. After his quick actions, Dillon County EMS arrived on the scene, and the patient was stabilized better and transported to Florence MeLeod.

Emergency Services Director Daniel Moody presented Capt. Josh Jackson with a "Life Saving Award" this afternoon and thanked him for his service to Dillon County.



## Back-To-School Prayer Rally Held



Pastor Ricky Gilchrist praying to close the Prayer Rally. Photo by Vickie Rogers/The Dillon Herald

By Vickie Rogers  
 The Dillon County Ministers Alliance hosted a Back-To-School Prayer Rally at the Dillon County Courthouse on

Thursday, August 1. Students from Dillon, Latta, Lake View, and Dillon Christian School gathered to pray for their peers and educators. The event

also featured prayers from several local pastors, City of Dillon Mayor Tally McColl, Sheriff Jamie Hamilton, and Superintendent Stephanie Ard.



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## American Red Cross Assisting Family in Dillon County After Home Fire

Hamer, S.C. August 4, 2024 - American Red Cross disaster-trained volunteers are assisting a family whose home, located on Dixie Acres Drive in Hamer, was damaged by a fire last evening. The Red Cross is helping two people by providing financial assistance for immediate needs such as food, clothing, and shelter, along with referrals to much needed resources.

It's now the hottest part of summer in South Carolina and that means it's urgent that people take steps to stay safe during the excessive heat. As we're seeing unprecedented temperatures, everyone should follow heat safety steps such as stay in air-conditioned areas, drink plenty of water and avoid strenuous activities.

Extreme heat is deadly and kills more people than any other weather event. Those more at risk include adults age 65 and older, those with chronic medical conditions, people who work outside, infants, children and athletes. Some medications make the effects of extreme heat worse. People with heart disease, poor blood circulation, obesity and mental illness are at risk for getting sick if the temperatures climb.

**What Should You Do When Extreme Heat Occurs?**  
Learn How to Stay Hydrated  
You need to drink enough water to prevent heat illness.

An average person needs to drink about 3/4 of a gallon of water daily. Everyone's needs may vary.

You can check that you are getting enough water by noting your urine color. Dark yellow may indicate you are not drinking enough.

Avoid sugary, caffeinated and alcoholic drinks.

If you are sweating a lot, combine water with snacks or a sports drink to replace the salt and minerals you lose in sweat.

Talk to your doctor about how to prepare if you have a medical condition or are taking medicines.

**Make a Plan to Stay Cool**

Do not rely only on electric fans during extreme heat. When temperatures are in the high 90s, fans may not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath or moving to an air-conditioned place is a much better way to cool off.

Spending a few hours each day in air conditioning can help prevent heat illness.

If you have air conditioning, be sure that it is in working order.

If you do not have air conditioning or if there is a power outage, find locations where you can stay cool. For example, a public library, shopping mall, or a public cooling center. Plan how you will get there.

Additional resources may be available from local govern-

ment or community groups.

Make sure you have plenty of lightweight, loose clothing to wear.

Create a support team of people you may assist and who can assist you. Check in with them often to make sure that everyone is safe.

**HOW TO HELP:** Help families get back on their feet by giving the gift of a second chance. Gifts from Hometown Heroes provide financial assistance so families can pay for their immediate needs such as food, clothes, personal care items, and a safe place to stay. Become a Hometown Hero by clicking here or visiting [www.redcross.org/HometownHero](http://www.redcross.org/HometownHero).

**BECOME A VOLUNTEER** To join us, visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) today to learn more about volunteer opportunities and how to submit a volunteer application.

**DOWNLOAD EMERGENCY APP** People can download the free Red Cross Emergency App now to be ready in case of a disaster in their community. They can use the app's "I'm Safe" button to connect with their loved ones. The Emergency App can be found in the app store for someone's mobile device by searching for "American Red Cross" or by going to [redcross.org/apps](http://redcross.org/apps).

## Shots Fired Call Leads To Arrest Of Four Men



On July 29th, 2024 Deputies were dispatched to the area of E. Dargan St. located in Dillon County if reference to some men with firearms, moments later another call came in stating that they were now shooting. While enroute deputies did get a call stating that the suspects were traveling in a white jeep.

Once Deputies made in the area they did locate a white jeep matching the description given. At this time deputies did make a traffic stop on this vehicle. Upon approaching the vehicle on the passenger side of the car it was noted that a suspect had a

AK-47 rifle between his legs as well as spent shell casings in his lap. At this time all parties were asked to step out of the vehicle and placed into detainment while the vehicle was being searched for any more weapons or any evidence related to this shooting.

The search of this vehicle to did lead to a total of 5 firearms being seized, 2 pistols, 1 AK-47 rifle, and 2 AR15s. At this time 4 suspects were taken into custody and identified as.

-TYZAVION KWALIKU NORRIS(19) of Laurinburg NC

-ZAIRE EMANI MCNEILL(22) of Larinburg NC

-TRAEVON KRISTYL MCNAIR(22) of Laurinburg NC

-JAYLIN JAYVAHN REVELS(21) of Laurinburg NC

All individuals were arrested and charged with attempted murder, at this time this case remains under investigation by the Dillon County

Sheriffs Office. Sheriff Hamilton wants to express his thanks for the quick response by A-Shift as well as the city of Dillon Police department.

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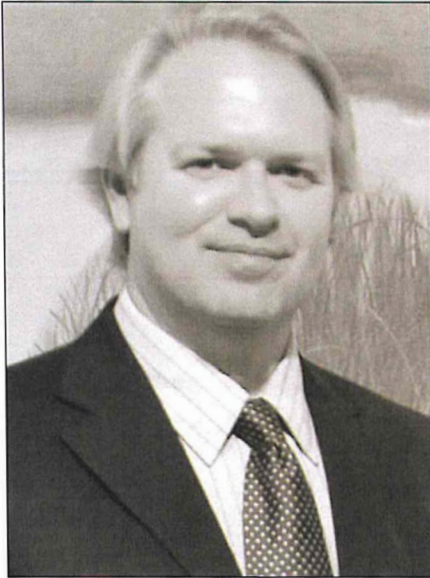
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## New Memorial Scholarship Honors the Legacy of Professor Kelly Berry, A Native Of Latta



By Vickie Rogers

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In a heartfelt tribute to a beloved figure in the arts community, the Averitt Center for the Arts announced the establishment of the Professor Kelly Berry Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund, created by a local philanthropist, aims to honor the memory of Kelly Berry, a cherished member of the community and a dedicated advocate for the arts.

Kelly Berry, a native of Latta and the son of Jimmy and the late Barbara Berry, was deeply connected to the Averitt Center for the Arts. He served in various capacities, including as President of the Center's Board of Directors in the two years leading up to his passing in June 2023. His contributions to the arts were numerous and impactful, leaving a lasting legacy that the new scholarship fund seeks to continue.

The Professor Kelly Berry Memorial Scholarship Fund will provide financial assistance to children from low-income families, enabling them to attend art camps at the Averitt Center during the Summer of 2024. This initiative reflects Berry's lifelong commitment to making the arts accessible to all, regardless of economic background.

Kelly Berry's career was marked by significant achievements and contributions to the field of theater. After studying at Clemson University and working at various theaters, including the Gatlin Brothers Theatre and the All American Music Theatre, Berry earned his Master's degree in Fine Arts

with an emphasis on Japanese Theatre from the University of Hawaii Manoa in 2003. His professional journey included roles as a scene and lighting designer, technical director, and professor, with notable positions at Georgia Southern University and Brigham Young University in Hawaii.

During his tenure at Georgia Southern University, Berry became a full professor and later served as Director of Theatre. His work extended beyond academia; he actively collaborated with the Averitt Center for the Arts as a designer, advisor, and director, and was instrumental in advancing the Center's mission. His influence extended throughout the southeastern United States and Hawaii, where he also directed and designed for Brigham Young University in Hawaii.

Berry's students and colleagues have expressed profound respect for his work and character. Many have announced plans to perform On Dragonfly Wings, a musical that Berry brought from Hawaii to the East Coast, as a tribute to his legacy. His enduring impact on his students and the broader arts community is a testament to his dedication and passion.

The establishment of the Professor Kelly Berry Memorial Scholarship Fund not only honors Berry's contributions but also ensures that his passion for the arts continues to benefit future generations.

By supporting children from low-income families, the fund will provide them with the opportunity to explore and engage in the arts, just as Berry envisioned.

## NETC Awards 130 Diplomas, Certificates at Summer Graduation

Donned in caps, gowns, and tassels, Northeastern Technical College students walked the graduation stage.

NETC awarded students a combined 130 degrees and certificates during the Aug. 1 Summer 2024 Commencement held indoors at Dillon School District 4 auditorium.

The ceremony began with an invocation with Rev. Roscoe Oxendine from Melody Land Faith Chapel Church in Little Rock, S.C.

The keynote speaker was retired U.S. Army Sgt. Maj. Phil Homan who received in July 2024 the S.C. Order of the Palmetto.

Students received diplomas and certificates from Area Commission Chairman Dan Bozard, NETC President Dr. Kyle Wagner and NETC Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Derk Reichers.

Receiving diplomas or certificates were:

Bennettsville: Kadie Aubrie, Introduction to University Studies Certificate; Andriana Bostic, Associate in Applied Science in Business Administration; Jamel Breeden, Workforce Transportation Certificate; Shinice Coit, Commercial Transportation Certificate; Raven Columbus, Nursing Assisting and Phlebotomy Certificate; Laney Cullipher, Associate Degree in Science; Vanessa Dew, Introduction to University Studies Certificate; Troy Dimmen, Commercial Transportation Certificate; La'niah Dupree, Medical Assistant Certificate; Caysen Hatcher, Associate Degree in Arts; Alyson Henry, Associate in Applied Science in Early Childhood Education, Keyaira Hicks, Associate in Applied Science in Early Childhood Education, Virginia Hunsucker, Medical Assistant Certificate; Jacqueline Jones, Associate in Applied Science in General Technology in Criminal Justice; Casey McCall, Nursing Assisting and Phlebotomy Certificate; Shania McCall, University Studies Transfer Certificate; Shanece McCoy, Commercial Transportation Certificate; Daniel McKissack, Introduction to University Studies Certificate; Christopher Owens, Associate in Applied Science in General Technology; Candice Purvis, Nurse Preparation Certificate; Daishanna Purvis, Workforce Science Certificate; Jacardo Riggins, Nursing Assisting and Phlebotomy Certificate; Hailey Rowlen, Associate in Art; Avia Simmons, Introduction to University Studies Certificate; Mariah Smith, Introduction to University Studies Certificate; Tyesha Thomas, Associate in Applied Science in Early Childhood Education; Tanya Washington, Medical Assistant Certificate; Charlene Williams, Forensics in Criminology Certificate; and Shacoral Wilson, Nursing Assisting and Phlebotomy Certificate.

Blenheim: Ashlyn Cutchin, Associate in Science; Camden: Russell Hall, Commercial Transportation Certificate.

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University Studies Certificate; Cody Sellers, Commercial Transportation Certificate; Shanya Smith, Associate in Science; Emily Wallace, Introduction to University Studies Certificate; Olivia Wallace, Associate in Arts; Lenasia Ward, Introduction to University Studies Certificate; and Lavan Zimmerman, Pre-Engineering: Electrical I Certificate.

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Hamer: Miranda Bethea, Nursing Assisting and Phlebotomy Certificate; Hannah Brayboy, Introduction to University Studies Certificate; Julie Johnson, Commercial Transportation Certificate; and Ajana Tyson, Medical Assistant Certificate.

Hartsville: Mitchell Hall, Associate in Applied Science in Business Administration; Aiden Hughes, Introduction to University Studies Certificate; and Tricity Rosell, Associate in Science.

Jefferson: Shontrina Blakeney, Nursing Assisting and Phlebotomy Certificate; Jonathan Miller, Nursing Assisting and Phlebotomy Certificate; and Tiana Reid, Introduction to University Studies Certificate.

Kershaw: Travis Jackson, Maintenance Apprenticeship Certificate.

Lake View: Malik McDuffie, Commercial Transportation Certificate; and Leslie Wheeler, Nurse Preparation Certificate.

Latta: Angela Drawhorn, Nursing Assisting and Phlebotomy Certificate; Prince McDaniel, Commercial Transportation Certificate; and Britney Sawyer, Introduction to University Studies Certificate.

Lilesville: Ella Burch, Associate in Science.

Little Rock: Braasia Clark, University Studies Transfer Certificate.

Marion: Shanequa Campbell, Medical Assistant Certificate.

McBee: Emma Andrews, University Studies Transfer Certificate; Rylee Long, Introduction to University Studies Certificate; and Brianna McKenzie, Marketing Certificate.

McColl: Gavin Driggers, ARC Welding Certificate;

Addison McGill, Associate in Science; and Adriana McGill, Associate in Science.

Mt. Croghan: Jada Ratliff, Associate in Arts.

Nichols: Latifha Worley, Associate in Arts.

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Patrick: Jurnee Wooten, Forensics in Criminology Certificate.

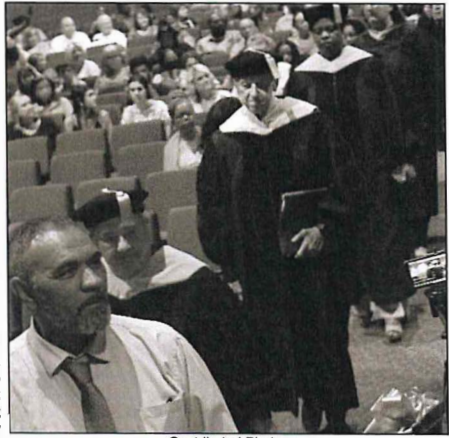
Pineville: Nathan Milner,

Associate in Applied Science in General Technology in Computer Technology.

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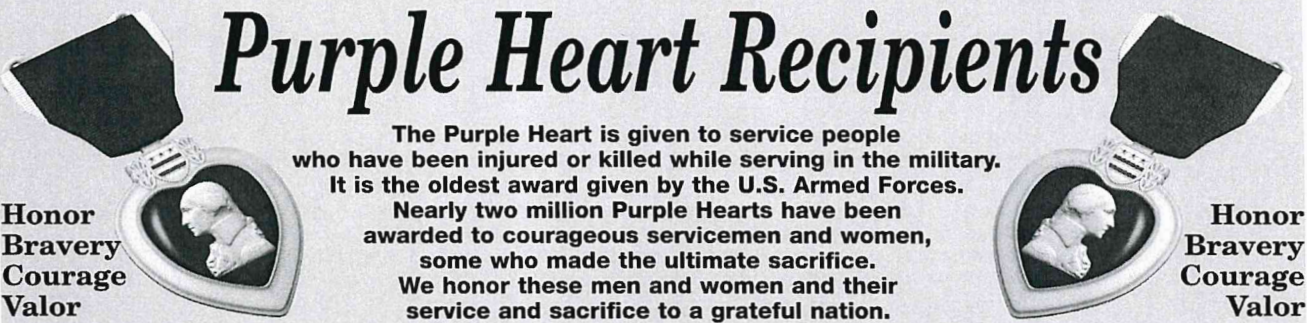
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**Honor Bravery Courage Valor**

*Editor's Note: This is not a complete list of Purple Heart recipients from Dillon County. It is a list that we have compiled from past stories, obituaries that we have come across with this information listed, the internet, and a call on social media for information on Dillon County Purple Heart recipients. To have a name added for next year's issue, email vrogers@thedillonherald.com.*

**JIMMIE DANIELS**, Vietnam Veteran, received a Purple Heart 26 after he was wounded by shrapnel from a Viet Cong mortar in an engagement near Tay Ninh. He was a U.S. Army Veteran having served in the Vietnam War in 1965-66. In addition to a Purple Heart, he received the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Marksman (M-14 Rifle), National Defense Service Medal, Combat Infantry Ryman Badge, and Expert (104 RR). The local veterans group, Help For Veterans, Inc., was formed in his memory and has helped a number of veterans with issues such as food insecurity and other issues.

**WOODROW WILSON (BILL) MOORE** was KIA during World War II. His name is listed on the memorial at our Veterans Square. He was also awarded The Silver Star. Bill was unmarried and attending Presbyterian College when he volunteered for the Army Air Corps. On or about March 3, 1943, the B-17 he was piloting was shot down by a Japanese Zero over the Bismarck Sea. The crew bailed out, but their parachutes were strayed by the enemy and none survived. Lieutenant Moore stayed with the plane as it crashed into the sea. His body was never recovered.

**WILLIAM LESTER JACKSON, SR.**, Purple Heart recipient, an Army Veteran of World War II, where he was wounded.

**JACK REAVES HATCH**, County Auditor for many years. His marker in Riverside Cemetery shows the following: Jack Reaves Hatch, PFC US Army, World War II, Feb. 4, 1922-June 5, 2006, Purple Heart. He also received other medals.

**MAJOR JAMES VERNON SINCLAIR**, U.S. Army (Ret.), A warrior and patriot, Jimmy joined the United States Army, completing training at Fort Jackson in South Carolina and beginning his distinguished military career to become an Intelligence Officer. He married schoolteacher and wife of 57 years, Dorothy Gail Arnette of Dillon, South Carolina, and deployed to Vietnam shortly thereafter. Serving two year-long tours (1966-1967 Bullwhip Squadron; 1969-1970.) he received the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, 2 Purple Heart ribbons, and Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Silver Star. After a distinguished 23-year military career, he was discharged with full honors in 1983 and served as Commandant at Camden Military Academy and JROTC Instructor at his wife's alma mater, Latta High School, until his retirement in 1994.

**MARION FINKLEA**, an Army veteran of World War II, wounded in the Pacific in late 1942/early 1943. Lost part of his foot. Awarded the Purple Heart. Died 1995, buried in Magnolia Cemetery.

**RONNIE STONE**, United States Marine Corps, Vietnam Veteran and Purple Heart recipient, weapons machine gunner and tunnel rat, Shot four times, but survived.

**JERRY ALFORD**, U.S. Army, Vietnam veteran, Awards During Military Career: Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star with V device, Purple Heart with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal w/1st oak leaf cluster, and other assorted awards.

**ELI WILLIAMSON**, Purple Heart recipient who fought in World War II, aerial gunner and engineer on B-24 Liberator Bomber in the 371st Bomber Squadron, 307th Bomber Group, killed in action in 1943.

**JOE MELVIN MANNING**, Purple Heart recipient and Vietnam veteran, drafted into the U.S. Army in 1967, severely injured in Vietnam.

**WILLIAM LUTHER POWELL**, United States Marine Corps, was killed in action during the Korean War on December 26, 1952, buried at Bethel Presbyterian Church.

**JOHN CRAIG CARMICHAEL**, Purple Heart recipient and World War II veteran, served in the Philippines, served in U.S. Army from May 5, 1944-December 30, 1945.

**DAVID GREENE**, drafted in the U.S. Army in 1966. Lost both his legs in a land mine explosion in 1967. Medically discharged with the rank of Spec 4. Received the Purple Heart and other medals.

**SGT. KENNETH BETHEA** was serving in the National Guard Army. He received his Purple Heart in 2008 for dedicated service and injuries received in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

**WILLIAM "BILLY" McDANIEL**, a World War II Army Paratrooper, wound- ed twice in Bastogne and was awarded two Purple Hearts.

**JAMES LAWRENCE MANNING**, U.S. Army Captain, killed in action at age 23 in Germany. Awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. Buried in Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery.

**DON MARK WIGGINS**, U.S. Army Corporal, Killed in action in the Korean War, member of the Second Infantry Division of the 23rd regiment, buried at Hopewell Cemetery.

**GILBERT LYTCH**, served in the U.S. Marine Corps dur-

ing World War II in the Pacific Theatre, received the Purple Heart

**HOWARD ALLEN**, veteran of World War II and Korea, proudly served his country in the United States Army, recipient of the Purple Heart, World War II Victory Medal, and Army of Occupation of Japan Medal.

**SPECIALIST ANTHONY CHAD OWENS**, U.S. Army Veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, died February 1, 2006. It was reported that "his unit was attacked by insurgents using grenades and small arms fire." Assigned to 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade. Received the Bronze Star and The Purple Heart.

**LAMAR WALTER COATES**, World War II veteran, bronze star and Purple Heart recipient

**DUNCAN BETHEA McLAURIN**, Marine Corps, Vietnam War veteran, Purple Heart and Distinguished Flying Cross recipient

**CHARLES ROWELL HORTON**, U.S. Army. Served in World War II, recipient of Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

**JOHN ERNEST COTTINGHAM**, Lieutenant in U.S. Army, Killed in action near Buna, New Guinea, Nov. 1, 1942.

**EARL VAN TURBEVILLE**, served in the U.S. Army in World War II in the Armored Field Artillery Division known as the Avengers. Received three Purple Hearts.

**JOSEPH SULLIVAN**, Purple Heart recipient, Marine Sergeant who served in Vietnam, killed on September 15, 1966 in Binh Nghia. Buried in Arlington Cemetery.

**CHARLES LEE**, decorated Korean War veteran and Purple Heart recipient, rose to the rank of Master Sergeant in a single tour of Combat duty. Served 38 years with the National Guard and retired as Sergeant Major.

**PFC. SAMP ROGERS**, U.S. Army, World War II, served in Luzon, Philippines, Awarded Purple Heart and Combat Infantry Badge.

**FRANKLIN DEWEY HAMMOND, SR.**, Served in the U.S. Army during World War II, Received a Purple Heart.

**GUY L. TOWNSEND, SR.**, Retired from the U.S. Army having served from World War II and received the Purple Heart from injuries he received in the war,

**STAFF SERGEANT KODI CAMERON TYLER**, a retired U.S. Army Veteran and a Purple Heart recipient.

**SHELBOURNE LAWTON GRANTHAM**, Army, Private First Class. 79th Infantry Division, Killed In Action - France (LaSurieville), July 13, 1944, Awards and Citations: Purple Heart, Presidential Unit citation, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars, World War II Victory Medal

**RAY BROWN**, BMCM, served heroically in Vietnam where he manned a river boat that engaged the enemy on several occasions. In the course of fighting for our country, he received wounds and was awarded the Purple Heart along with other medals for his service. He later served during Desert Storm and was deployed to Saudi Arabia.

**EDWIN CRAIG STEPHENS** served in the European Campaign in World War II, Received the Purple Heart for injuries sustained in combat with the German forces on January 25, 1945.

**WALKER BRUMBLE**, U.S. Army, Left for overseas duty in July 1944 and saw action in France, Belgium, and Germany. Walker came ashore three days after D- Day at Normandy. He served under the command of General Patton. Walker was wounded at the Battle of the Bulge, for which he was awarded the Purple Heart.

**HENRY DANIEL "PETE" CROSLAND**, drafted on January 16, 1966 into the U.S. Marines. Seven months of his tour was served in Vietnam and Okinawa. During his tour, he worked as a motor vehicle operator. He received the Purple Heart medal with one star and several other medals.

**ROBERT A. WINKELER**, retired U.S. Army Veteran having served in the Korean Conflict and two tours in Vietnam. He received the Purple Heart.

**CLARENCE MORRIS**, Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army, served in the Vietnam War. Received the Purple Heart.

**GERALD EDWIN HAYES, SR.**, U.S. Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, received the Purple Heart.

**HAROLD CLEO BULLARD**, U.S. Army Veteran having served during World War II in the European-African Middle Eastern Campaign. Received the Purple Heart.

**ROBERT M. "BOB" TALLON**, served in the U.S. Army during World War II, was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division, was awarded the Purple Heart. Served in Italy, Sicily, Rome

**DR. TERRELL A. CROWLEY**, served in the Korean War, served in the Army Infantry, Received the Purple Heart.

**ARMY PFC JACKSON**, Vietnam veteran, machine gunner, Purple Heart recipient.

**CPL. HENRY WILSON BERRY**, Korean War Veteran, Awards/citations include: the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Korea Service Medal, and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal. Corporal Berry was a member of the 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. He was Killed in Action while fighting the enemy in South Korea on May 21, 1951.

Henry also saw service in WWII.

**JAMES E. WISE**, Army Private First Class from Lake View, killed in action in World War II on a German battlefield on April 11, 1945, buried in the Netherlands, posthumous recipient of the Purple Heart.

**MENDEL EUGENE SMITH, SR.**, U.S. Army World War II Veteran of the 45th Infantry Division, 179th Regiment, Purple Heart recipient.

**EARL HENDERSON QUICK**, Korean War veteran, native of Dillon, Purple Heart recipient.

**WILLIAM BRACEY "SONNY" WILLIAMS**, Army veteran of World War II, received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and American Theatre Ribbon.

**MSGT. LEO JOYCE MOODY**, U.S. Marine Corps for 30 years, awarded Purple Heart and Bronze Star, Native of Dillon.

**FRANCIS B. "DOOGIE" MILLS**, U.S. Army 1st Cav Division 11B20 Infantry, Purple Heart recipient.

**CAPTAIN CHARLES B. MACDONALD**, from the Carolina Section, member of Second Infantry Division of the 1st Army, participated in the northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and central Europe campaigns, seeing action in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Recipient of the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster for wound received in action, the Silver Star for gallantry in action during the German offensive in the Ardennes, an Unit Citation.

**JOSEPH GRIFFIN, JR.**, Served as an infantryman for over 30 years in the U.S. Army, Served in the Korean War and Vietnam War with the First Cavalry Division, Received two Purple Hearts.

**FRANK HAYES**, Vietnam Veteran, highly decorated Purple Heart recipient, served in the Charlie Company of the 101st Airborne Division, received his wound in South Vietnam.

**PFC. STEPHENS M. BAILEY**, of Route No. 2, Dillon, Fifth Marine Division, awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action during the invasion of Iwo Jima.

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**PFC GILCHRIST JR.** is a Purple Heart recipient from the Vietnam War (Conflict) Era. He served in the Army from 1966-67 with the 25th Infantry Division.

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**PFC. J.V. COVINGTON, SR.**, from Dillon, World War II, Purple Heart recipient.

**PREE OLDEN CUMBEE**, World War II veteran and Purple Heart recipient.

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**BOYD McKEVER HUBBARD**, Purple Heart recipient

**JAMES CALVIN McRAE**, Vietnam veteran, received two Purple Hearts in Vietnam.

**GEORGE FOXWORTH**, Purple Heart recipient (1945)

**HOWARD MOODY**, Purple Heart recipient (1943)

**ARTHUR JUSTICE**, Purple Heart recipient (1944)

**WILLIAM ALLEN**, Purple Heart recipient (1940s)

**NEAL HERRING**, Purple Heart recipient (1945)

**HAROLD LEE VANN**, Army veteran of World War II, Purple Heart recipient

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**LAMAR BAILEY**, Purple Heart recipient

**ROY J. LEE**, Purple Heart

**E.P. LEE**, Purple Heart recipient

**ROBERT SNYDER**, U.S. Marine Corps, commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in December, 1959. He served in the Far East, the Caribbean and on security duty in Key West.

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## The Origin Of Purple Heart Day

Purple Heart Day, observed annually on August 7, is a day dedicated to honoring the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or killed in combat. The origin of this day is deeply rooted in American history, dating back to the Revolutionary War and evolving through the centuries to become a symbol of sacrifice and valor.

The Purple Heart medal itself was first conceived by General George Washington on August 7, 1782. Originally known as the Badge of Military Merit, it was created to recognize soldiers for "any singularly meritorious

action." The design of the original badge featured a heart made of purple cloth, symbolizing courage and devotion. Washington awarded the first three badges to three non-commissioned officers of the Continental Army. However, after the Revolutionary War, the award fell into disuse and was largely forgotten.

The concept of the Purple Heart was revived in 1932 by General Douglas MacArthur, then the Army Chief of Staff, to commemorate the bicentennial of George Washington's birth. The modern Purple Heart medal was established on February 22, 1932, and retroactively rec-

ognized those who had been wounded or killed in service since April 5, 1917, the day before the United States entered World War I. The new medal featured a profile of George Washington and retained the distinctive purple color, which symbolizes the blood shed by American servicemembers.

Purple Heart Day was established to honor the legacy of the medal and the bravery of its recipients. It serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made by those in uniform and the costs of freedom. On this day, various ceremonies and events are held across the country to pay tribute to Purple Heart recipients. Military organizations, veterans' groups, and

communities come together to recognize the courage and dedication of those who have received this distinguished honor.

In addition to public ceremonies, Purple Heart Day encourages Americans to

reflect on the sacrifices of military personnel and to express their gratitude. It is a day to remember the human cost of war and the valor of those who have given their lives or endured injuries in defense of the nation. Purple

Heart Day not only commemorates the past but also serves as a call to support and honor those who continue to serve in the present and future.



**Purple Heart Day Wednesday, August 7, 2024**

We honor Purple Heart recipients for the sacrifices they have made...some the ultimate sacrifice to protect our nation and our way of life. Their dedication to our country makes us proud to be Americans, and we owe them a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid.

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Purple Heart Day is marked annually on Aug. 7 to commemorate the creation of the U.S. military's oldest decoration for meritorious service. On this day, we remember the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or have sacrificed their lives fighting for the country. Their courage, hard work, and sacrifice are the backbone of our nation, protecting freedom, liberty, and justice that we all hold dear.

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As we honor Purple Heart Day, we would like to express our deepest thanks to the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve in our military. We recognize their courage, hard work, and dedication to our nation's values, way of life and security, and we are humbled by their sacrifices. Today, and every day, we proudly salute America's Veterans on Purple Heart Day, Wednesday, August 7.

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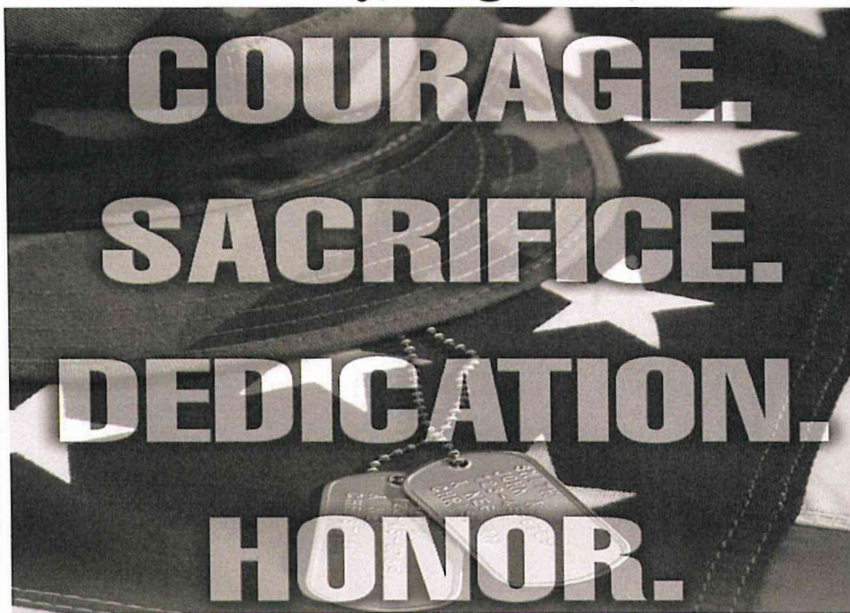
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## Preparing for a Hurricane: Essential Steps for Safety and Survival

**Preparing for a Hurricane: Essential Steps for Safety and Survival:**

Hurricanes are powerful and destructive natural phenomena that can cause widespread damage and pose serious threats to life and property. Effective preparation is crucial to mitigate the risks associated with these storms. Here's a comprehensive guide on how to prepare for a hurricane, ensuring safety and minimizing damage.

**Understanding Hurricane Warnings and Alerts**

Before delving into preparation steps, it's important to understand the different types of alerts issued by weather authorities:

**Hurricane Watch:** Issued 48 hours in advance, indicating that hurricane conditions are possible within the specified area.

**Hurricane Warning:** Issued 36 hours before the anticipat-

ed onset of hurricane conditions, indicating that such conditions are expected.

**Developing a Hurricane Preparedness Plan**

Create an Emergency Kit: Assemble a disaster supply kit well in advance. This kit should include:

- Non-perishable food and water (at least a three-day supply)

- Medications and medical supplies

- Flashlights, batteries, and a battery-operated radio

- First-aid supplies

- Important documents (identification, insurance policies) in a waterproof container

- Personal hygiene items

- Cash in small bills

- Clothing and bedding

- Establish a Communication Plan: Ensure that all family members know how to reach each other. Designate an out-of-town contact person to act as

a central point for communication. Keep a list of emergency contacts readily available.

**Plan Evacuation Routes:** Identify multiple evacuation routes in case one is impassable. Familiarize yourself with local evacuation zones and shelters. Keep your vehicle's fuel tank full in case evacuation is necessary.

**Protect Your Property:**

- Install storm shutters or board up windows with plywood.

- Secure outdoor objects that could become projectiles, such as patio furniture and garbage cans.

- Trim trees and shrubs to reduce the risk of falling branches.

- Reinforce garage doors to withstand high winds.

- Elevate electrical appliances and move valuable items to higher floors to pre-

vent water damage.

**Check Insurance Coverage:** Review your insurance policies to ensure adequate coverage for hurricane-related damages. Consider purchasing flood insurance, as standard homeowner policies typically do not cover flooding.

**During the Hurricane Stay Informed:** Keep abreast of the latest weather updates and advisories from reliable sources, such as the National Hurricane Center and local news channels. Use a battery-operated radio to receive updates in case of power outages.

**Follow Evacuation Orders:** If local authorities issue an evacuation order, leave immediately. Do not attempt to ride out the storm at home, as this can put you and your family at great risk.

**Shelter in Place:** If you are

not in an evacuation zone, stay indoors and away from windows. Find a small, interior, windowless room on the lowest floor of your home. Use mattresses or blankets to protect yourself from potential debris.

**Power Safety:** Turn off utilities if instructed by authorities. Avoid using electrical appliances and stay away from flooded areas, as they may be electrified.

**After the Hurricane Assess Damage:** Once it is safe to go outside, assess your property for damage. Take photographs for insurance claims and document all damages thoroughly.

**Avoid Hazards:** Stay away from downed power lines and avoid walking or driving through floodwaters, which may be contaminated or hide dangerous debris.

**Seek Assistance:** Contact your insurance company to start the claims process. Reach out to local disaster relief organizations for additional support if needed.

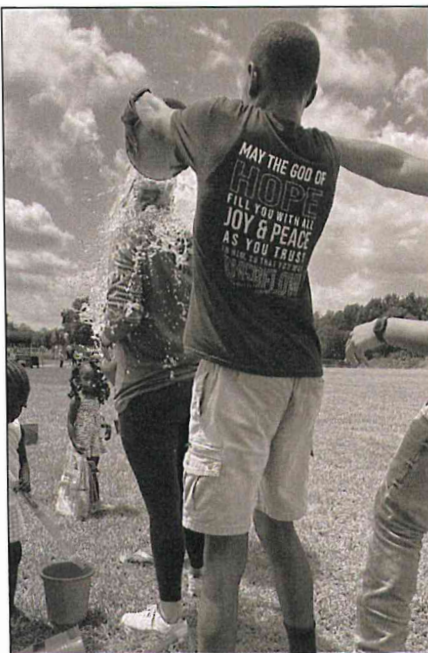
**Rebuild and Restock:** Begin necessary repairs to your property and restock your emergency kit in preparation for future events.

**Conclusion**

Preparing for a hurricane requires thorough planning and proactive measures. By creating an emergency kit, establishing a communication plan, securing your property, and staying informed, you can significantly reduce the risks associated with hurricanes. Remember, the key to safety is preparedness, and taking these steps can make all the difference when a hurricane strikes.

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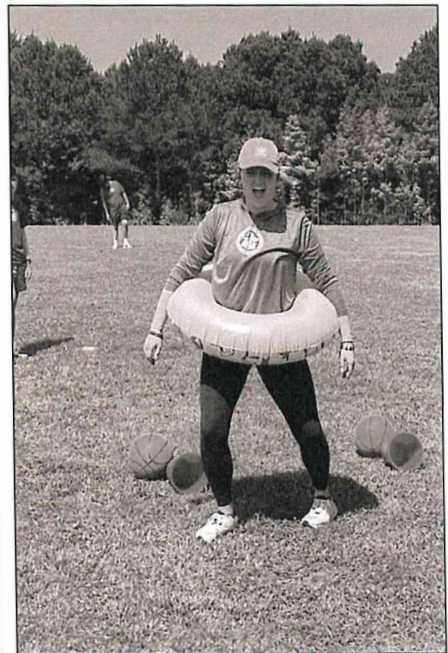
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## Team USA Shines at the 2024 Summer Olympics: A Mid-Games Recap

The 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris have been a spectacular showcase of Team USA's athletic skill, with standout performances across various sports and an impressive medal tally that continues to grow. A combination of seasoned champions and emerging stars has helped the United States reaffirm its position as the dominant force in the Olympic arena.

**Opening Ceremony and High Expectations**  
Team USA entered the Paris Games with a formidable contingent of nearly 600 athletes. As always, expectations were high for the United States to excel in swimming, track and field, gymnastics, and other sports. The opening ceremony was a moment of pride, with flag bearers (Lebron James and Coco Gauff) symbolizing the spirit and determination of American athletes.

**Swimming: Making Waves**  
Swimming has been a highlight for Team USA, with several gold medals already secured. Torri Huske clinched gold in the women's 100m butterfly, narrowly beating her teammate Gretchen Walsh, who took silver. In the men's 4x100m freestyle relay, the team of Jack Alexey, Chris Guiliano, Hunter Armstrong, and Caeleb Dressel delivered an amazing performance to win gold.

Katie Ledecky continued to add to her legendary status by securing gold medals in both the 800m and 1500m freestyle events. Her victories brought her career Olympic gold medal count to an astounding 9, further cementing her place as one of the greatest swimmers of all time and the most decorated female Olympian of all time.

**Track and Field: Speed and Strength**

Noah Lyles brought home gold in the men's 100m, making this the first time an American has won this event in 20 years. This victory was particularly significant given the intense competition and the narrow margin of victory. Ryan Crouser won gold in the men's Shot Put. Sha carri Richardson achieved silver in the women's 100m.

**Gymnastics: A Test of Resilience**

Simone Biles continued to inspire, winning multiple medals including gold in the women's team event, individual all-around, and vault, and a silver in the floor exercise. Her performances have been a testament to her enduring talent and determination.

**Fencing: A Historic Achievement**

In fencing, Lee Kiefer defended her gold medal in the women's individual foil, defeating fellow American Lauren Scruggs in an all-American final. This victory underscored Kiefer's skill and consistency at the highest level of competition.

**Shooting: Precision and Excellence**

Vincent Hancock added to his legacy by winning his fourth individual Olympic gold in men's skeet shooting. Hancock's achievement is remarkable, reflecting his long-standing excellence in the sport. Additionally, the mixed team skeet event saw Austen Smith and Hancock taking silver, demonstrating the depth of talent in the U.S. shooting team.

**Triathlon: Team Spirit**  
The mixed team triathlon relay brought a surprise silver

for Team USA, with strong performances from Seth Rider, Taylor Spivey, Morgan Pearson, and Taylor Knibb. Their collective effort highlighted the importance of teamwork in achieving Olympic success.

**Men's Basketball: Back on Top**

The U.S. men's basketball team has made a strong statement in Paris, reaching the finals after a series of dominant performances. Led by NBA stars like Kevin Durant, Jayson Tatum, and Damian Lillard, the team showcased exceptional skill and teamwork, culminating in a decisive victory over Spain to claim the gold medal. This win reaffirms the United States' dominance in basketball and marks a significant achievement following their bronze medal finish in Tokyo 2021.

**The Road Ahead**

With several events still to come, including wrestling, boxing, and more track and field competitions, Team USA is poised to add to its impressive medal tally. The athletes' dedication and the support from fans back home will undoubtedly drive further achievements.

**Conclusion**

The 2024 Summer Olympics have so far been a testament to the United States' athletic excellence and the indomitable spirit of its athletes. Team USA has amassed a total of 75 (19 Gold, 29 Silver, and 27 Bronze) Olympic medals. From swimming and track and field to gymnastics and newer sports like skateboarding and surfing, Team USA has delivered performances that inspire and captivate the world. As the games continue, the United States remains on track to leave a lasting legacy in Olympic history.



The FCA participated in the Dillon County Sheriff's Office Back-To-School Bash on Saturday.

## Honoring Our Nation's Heroes

**Purple Heart Day is Wednesday, August 7, 2024.**

Today and this week we honor our Purple Heart recipients for the sacrifices they have made...some the ultimate sacrifice to protect our nation and our way of life. Their dedication to our country makes us proud to be Americans, and we owe them a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. On Purple Heart Day, we salute our Purple Heart recipients, those living and those who have fallen, and the families who carry on without them. Their heroic spirit and sacrifice will never be forgotten. We will always remember that freedom is not free.

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### Honoring Our Heroes

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HEARING BEING held within 30 days at the Dillon County Magistrate's office to apply for a title to a 1995 Chevy Caprice, VIN # 1G1BL52W1SR134666, at Po Boy's Garage & Wrecker Service, LLC, 1755 Hwy. 301 S., Dillon. HEARING BEING held within 30 days at the Dillon County Magistrate's Office to apply for a title to a 2008 Honda Accord LX, VIN# 1HGCP26358A113133; a title to a 2010 Cadillac Escalade, VIN# 1GYKBE6G2R10808. Lil Pete's Towing, 102 Davis Street, Latta, SC 29565. HEARING BEING held within 30 days at the Dillon County Magistrate's office to apply for a title to a 2007 Nissan Altima, VIN # 1N4AL21E97C206904; at Diesel Man Truck Center, LLC, 149 Gary Rd, Latta S.C. 29536

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Legal 101

NOTICE TO CREDITORS All persons having claims against the following estate must file their claims on form #371ES with the Probate Court of Dillon County, the address of which is Post Office Box 189, Dillon, S.C. 29536, within eight

The County of Dillon will hold a public hearing on August 28, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave., Dillon, SC, 29536 for the purpose of obtaining written and oral comments from the public concerning the following ordinance: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING \$2,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES 2024, OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BOND; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BOND; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BOND; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BOND; THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BOND; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. A copy of the ordinance may be obtained from the Dillon County Administrative (Council) Office at 109 S 3rd Ave., Dillon, SC 29536. Tim Harper

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Dillon County Has Sandbags Available Ahead Of Tropical Storm Debby

The County of Dillon has procured a limited number of sandbags in preparation for Hurricane Debby. These sandbags along with sand are available at the following locations tomorrow morning. City of Dillon City of Dillon Shop 501 South 1st. Avenue Dillon, SC Town of Lake View City Hall 201 North Main Street Lake View, SC Town of Latta Town Hall 107 NW Avenue Latta, SC Sandbags are limited to 10 per household and will be available until we run out. In addition, sand will be available at these locations for residents to fill their own sandbags.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Sunny Side Up Bistro intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license and/or permit that will allow the sale and off premises consumption of beer, wine, and at Dollar General Store 813A Radford Blvd., Dillon SC, 29536. To object to the issuance of this license and/or permit, submit an ABL-20 protest form by August 21, 2024. Submit the ABL-20 online at MyDORWAY.dorsec.gov, or email ABL@dorsec.gov.

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## Back-To-School Bash Held At Henry Street Park

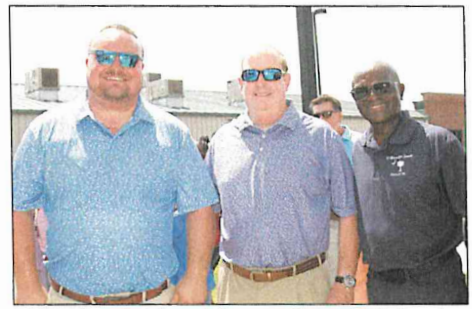


A few of the people that assisted in making the bash a success. Photo by Vickie Rogers/The Dillon Herald

By Vickie Rogers  
BJE Outreach Ministry and St. John Missionary Baptist Church, along with other sponsors hosted a Back-To-School Bash Saturday, August 3rd, at the Henry Street Park in Latta. Children received several school supplies and bookbags. Senator Kent Williams and Chief Magistrate Judge Lutherine Williams spoke to the children on the importance of a good education.



Children enjoying the inflatables at the back-to-school bash. Photo by Vickie Rogers/The Dillon Herald



Councilman Brad Coward, Representative Jackie Hayes, and Senator Kent Williams. Photo by Vickie Rogers/The Dillon Herald

## Dillon Sheriff's Office Holds Back-To-School Bash

By Vickie Rogers  
Dillon County Sheriff's Office Back-To-School Event The Dillon County Sheriff's Office had an outstanding Back-To-School event on Saturday. The kids enjoyed inflatables, snow cones, hot dogs and hamburgers by Strive 2 Thrive. The kids received back-to-school bookbags, filled

with essential school supplies. Special presentations were made to Deputy Ajani Thompson by Principal Jan Powers Penuel, Deputy Keith Stapleton by Superintendent Stephanie Ard, and Detective Robert (Bobby) Porter by Cynthia Pernell. Sheriff Jamie Hamilton, Senator Kent Williams, Mayor Tally McColl, Cynthia Pernell,

and Angie Thompson made remarks, and Pastor James Orr made remarks and said a prayer. A balloon release was held in honor of the late Sheriff Douglas Pernell. See Thursday's issue of The Dillon Herald for more on these awards and a special tribute to the late Sheriff Douglas "Humbunny" Pernell.

## Congratulations



Dillon County District 3 on the opening of the new addition to the Elementary School, and new gym! We wish you a memorable and successful start to your school year.

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