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A Tribute To Douglas “Humbunny” Pernell On The One Year Anniversary Of His Death



Wednesday, August 7, 2024 marks the one year anniversary of the passing of Sheriff Douglas Pernell. The Dillon Herald would like to pay tribute to the anniversary of his passing by highlighting just a few of his accomplishments

Douglas Pernell's passing marked the end of a remarkable era for Dillon County. His journey from a young boy emulating local law enforcement heroes to becoming the county's first African-American Sheriff is a testament to his dedication and perseverance. His career, spanning over four decades, was marked by tireless service and innovative leadership. Pernell's commitment to his role was evident from the start. His work in breaking up a Jamaican Drug Ring earned him recognition as South Carolina Deputy of the Year and highlighted his exceptional skills in law enforcement. His ability to conduct complex undercover operations and garner praise from various agencies underscored his expertise and dedication. After serving in multiple roles, including Lieutenant, Captain, and Chief Deputy, Pernell's determination led him to his goal of becoming Sheriff. Despite facing

setbacks, he remained resolute and eventually succeeded in 2020, with a historic win that was celebrated by many. His tenure as Sheriff was marked by significant achievements: improving officer pay, increasing department manpower, enhancing training facilities, and strengthening community relations. Pernell's efforts to implement programs like "Are You Okay?" for seniors and a system to identify autistic drivers, as well as his work on establishing youth programs and improving facilities, reflect his holistic approach to community safety and well-being. His legacy is not only in the reforms and improvements he brought to the Sheriff's Office but also in the hearts of those he served and inspired. His legacy will live on through the many lives he touched and the advancements he championed in law enforcement. (See Page 4A for additional photos.)



TJ Bourgoin cleaning a ditch in Latta ahead of Tropical Storm Debby. Contributed Photo

Cynthia Pernell, Beloved Wife Of Douglas Pernell, Remembers Her Late Husband

By Cynthia Pernell
 As we mark the first anniversary of the death of my husband and our beloved late Sheriff Douglas "Humbunny"

Pernell; we recall, with great affection, what he meant to so many of us. Sheriff Pernell was a dear friend to all, a proven leader, servant and protector

of us all. May his spirit serve as a reminder to not give up on your dreams. And when we pull together, we can accomplish anything!

Dillon County Council Declares A State Of Emergency For Dillon County

By Vickie Rogers
 Dillon County Council held an emergency meeting on Tuesday, August 6 at the Dillon County Council Office. During the meeting, council declared a

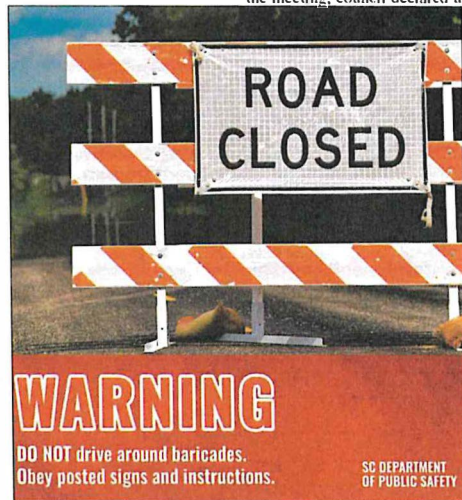
State of Emergency for Dillon County for the next ten days, beginning Tuesday, August 6, 2024. Emergency Services Director Daniel Moody advised The Dillon Herald that they

have extra staff in place for fire and rescue ahead of Tropical Storm Debby.

Dillon County Sheriff's Office Investigating Shooting

By Vickie Rogers
 The Dillon County Sheriff's Office is

investigating a shooting that resulted in a death. Sheriff Jamie Hamilton advised they received a report of a shooting in the Riverdale Community last night. Upon arrival, deputies found one deceased male. The body will be sent for an autopsy, and there are no suspects in custody at this time. The investigation is ongoing. The incident occurred on Joe Drive.



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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Emergency Declaration For South Carolina

WASHINGTON -- FEMA announced today that federal disaster assistance is available to the state of South Carolina to supplement response efforts due to emergency conditions resulting from Hurricane Debby beginning Aug. 4, 2024, and continuing. The President's action authorizes FEMA to coordinate all disaster relief efforts to alleviate the hardship and suffering caused by the emergency on the local population

and to provide appropriate assistance to save lives, to protect property, public health and safety and to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe. Specifically, FEMA is authorized to identify, mobilize and provide, at its discretion, equipment and resources necessary to alleviate the impacts of the emergency. Emergency protective measures, limited to direct federal assistance and reimbursement for mass care including

evacuation and shelter support, will be provided at 75% federal funding for Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Florence, Georgetown, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Lexington, McCormick, Marion, Marlboro, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Saluda, Sumter and

Williamsburg counties. Emergency protective measures, limited to direct federal assistance, will be provided at 75% federal funding for Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Chester, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, Union and York counties. Brett H. Howard has been named Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected areas.



Multiday Deluge From Debby Predicted

Columbia, S.C. — The South Carolina Emergency Management Division is monitoring Tropical Storm Debby. Forecasters say it is expected to move very slowly over South Carolina in the next few days, leading to potentially historic heavy rainfall. Key local and state agencies have been notified to be ready to respond if the need arises.

Make sure to clear your gutters and storm drains of debris to prevent water accumulation and reduce the risk of flooding around your home.

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. Residents in low-lying areas should consider moving to higher ground for the duration of the storm. Everyone should monitor the storm via local news media and follow updates from the National Hurricane Center. "We will see some strong winds from this storm, but the biggest concern is flooding," SCEMD Director Kim Stenson said. "The heavy rains and flooding currently predicted this week are historic in scope and scale. Our experts with the National Hurricane Center believe flooding to be catastrophic for many parts of South Carolina. Take no chances with this storm."

Secure Outdoor Items: Store or secure outdoor furniture, garden tools, and toys. High winds can turn these objects into dangerous projectiles. Stay Informed: Monitor local weather forecasts and stay informed about the developments of the storm. Have several ways to get emergency information.

SCEMD has several resources available for people to prepare for hurricanes, including hurricane.sc.gov. This site is an interactive tool for anyone needing a quick reference on hurricane preparedness. Additionally, the SC Emergency Manager is available in the App Store and on Google Play: <http://onelink.to/dn92rx>. The official 2024 S.C. Hurricane Guide is available in English and Spanish at scemd.org.

For up-to-date resources, please visit scemd.org or <https://www.scemd.org/>.

Double Check Your Emergency Kit: Prepare an emergency kit with non-perishable food, water, medications, flashlights, batteries, a first-aid kit, and important documents. Make sure your kit can sustain your household for at least three days, but preferably with enough supplies to last a week or more.

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Two Remarkable Men Whose Surname is Jones

The idea to write this article came from an incident that occurred on a recent Sunday morning. I was entering Tiger Mart Convenience Store (on the corner of Main Street and Highway 57) as a man was exiting the store. He was on crutches and was carrying a bag with some items he had purchased. When he dropped the bag and reached down to pick it up, I tried to help him by opening one of the double doors he was exiting. Although I meant well, little did I know that he was using the door to keep himself from falling as he reached down to retrieve his bag. Realizing my mistake, I quickly apologized to him and stabilized the door in order for him to use to keep from falling. I have known this man for many decades and have been an admirer of his remarkable journey from a youngster to this present day.

There is another man with the same last name as his (I do not know if they are related), who I am also considering in this column today. Ironically, he also has only one good leg, like the one I mentioned, who inspired the idea to write this piece. The first one's name is Willie, and the second one's name is Ronnie. They are both extraordinary men who we all can learn from, due to their remarkable journey and challenges that they have had to overcome ever since

By **Bishop Michael Goings**, Guest Columnist



Sr. Pastor, Outreach Family Fellowship, Dillon/Florence

they were youngsters. I have known them and some members of their families for at least sixty years. We often overlook people right among us who are worthy of commending and highlighting who have exemplified exceptional courage and tenacity to not only survive, but to strive given what they have had to confront and conquer. There are three things that each of these men have demonstrated in their characters that we would do well to seek to imitate.

Resilience

Both of these men have had to adapt and adjust to life without the use of one of their legs ever since they were youngsters (one from birth and the other from six years old). Although without the use of one of their legs, they developed resilience and the ability to recover from the disadvantage that life had dealt them. Each of them is a man of great (in their own way) who has experienced

many challenges and setbacks. Nevertheless, both of them have not allowed these challenges in negatives to dominate and determine the purpose of their lives. In spite of these things, they have been quick to recover and press forward. Each of us can certainly learn from Willie and Ronnie's resilience when we are faced with negatives, and quickly recover and keep going forward.

Resoluteness

Both of these men (who have two things that they share in common, namely, their last name and physical challenges) have an inner strength that they also share. They are both men with a resolute attitude. Their firmness and determination have definitely played a role in their remarkable lives and journey. Again, we can learn from their examples and imitate them. We can also become people who are resolute in our convictions and moral responsibilities to our families, friends, and communities. Like Willie and Ronnie Jones, our examples of being people with resolute attitudes, can encourage and inspire others to do likewise.

Resourcefulness

The final strength that both Willie and Ronnie have been driven by since they were children has been their resourcefulness.

To be resourceful as I am using it in regard to these two men, means to have the ability to find quick and clever ways to overcome difficulties. Everyone who has known these men and have observed or interacted with them over the years know the definition that was previously given describes them and the way that each has had to be resourceful over the years. Again, like each of the previous qualities and strengths were associated to Willie and Ronnie's makeup and worthy of being imitated by all of us, their resourcefulness fits into the same category.

I want to close with once again commending and citing the remarkable journeys and lives of two men who have pressed against the odds to live productive and purposeful lives.

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Mayor Tally McColl Extends Gratitude To Superintendent Ray Rogers And Representative Jackie Hayes

By Tally McColl Mayor, City of Dillon



I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Representative Jackie Hayes and Superintendent Ray Rogers for their unwavering dedication and perseverance in bringing the new elementary school to fruition. This school stands as a testament to our community's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for all Dillon County residents by investing in our children's education.

There is nothing more important than providing our children with the opportunity for a quality education. We are truly fortunate to have a new facility like the Dillon Elementary School. The students, teachers, support staff, and administrators all

deserve such a remarkable environment. As the students and teachers embark on their first week of school, we in Dillon County should take immense pride in what has been achieved.

As Superintendent Rogers aptly stated, this new school is indeed "a dream come true." We are incredibly fortunate to have leaders like Representative Hayes, whose vision and expertise made this project a reality. The impact of this new school will extend beyond improving educational outcomes; it will also attract new residents and industries to our vibrant community. Projects like this are crucial for our economic and social prosperity.

As our community continues to grow, facilities like this will be essential to our success. It is truly remarkable what has been accomplished through collaboration and determination. We are all grateful for the time and resources invested in making this project a reality. This school is a shining example of our community's growth and prosperity.

Tips For Driving In Flooded Areas



Driving through flooded areas is fraught with danger, demanding heightened caution and awareness. Floodwaters, whether from heavy rains or rapid snowmelt, pose serious risks to drivers. Navigating these treacherous conditions requires understanding the hazards and employing specific strategies to ensure safety.

Firstly, it's crucial to assess the depth and strength of the water before attempting to drive through it. Water can be deceptively deep, and even a few inches can severely impact vehicle performance. As a general rule, if you can't see the road's surface or if the water is moving rapidly, it's best to turn around. A vehicle's engine, transmission, and electrical system can be damaged by water, especially if it reaches the exhaust pipe or engine compartment. Furthermore, water can cause loss of traction, making it difficult to control the vehicle.

One of the primary dangers of driving through floodwaters is the risk of being swept away. Currents, even those that seem mild, can quickly become powerful enough to carry a vehicle off the road. As little as six inches of moving water can knock a person over, and a foot of water can sweep away most vehicles. Thus, always avoid driving through water if you are unsure of its depth or force.

If you must drive through a flooded area, proceed cautiously. Drive slowly and steadily to avoid creating waves that might wash into your vehicle or displace debris. Keep a constant speed and avoid sudden movements like braking or accelerating, as these can lead to loss of control. It's also important to stay in the center of the road where the water may be shallower, and avoid driving through areas where the water appears to be deeper.

Once you've passed through the water, it's wise to test your brakes gently to ensure they are functioning properly. Wet brakes can be less effective, so driving slowly and gently applying the brakes can help dry them out and ensure they are working effectively.

Finally, heed road signs and barriers indicating flooded roads and obey any detours. These warnings are in place to protect you from dangerous conditions. If you find yourself trapped or your vehicle stalls in floodwater, abandon the vehicle immediately and move to higher ground.

Driving through flooded areas requires careful judgment and adherence to safety practices. Prioritizing caution over speed and following these guidelines can help ensure a safer journey through challenging conditions.

Heroic Deputies Honored At Dillon County Sheriff's Back To School Bash



Stephanie Ard, Deputy Keith Stapleton, mentee of Boys To Men
Photo by Vickie Rogers/The Dillon Herald



Jan Powers Penuel, Deputy Ajani Thompson, mentee of Boys To Men
Photo by Vickie Rogers/The Dillon Herald

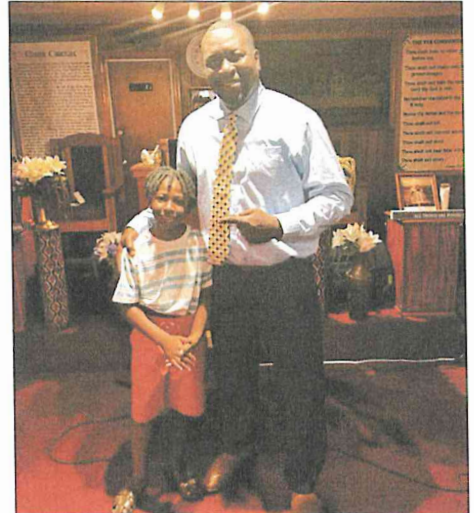
Dillon, SC - The Dillon County Sheriff's Office hosted its "Back to School Bash" on Saturday, August 4, 2024, where three deputies were honored for their lifesaving actions. Deputy Sheriff's Ajani Thompson, Keith Stapleton, and Detective Robert "Bobby" Porter Jr. received plaques from Sheriff Jamie Hamilton recognizing their quick response to a choking incident involving a minor on June 21, 2024.

The incident occurred during the 1st Annual Boys to Men and Girls with Purpose Awards Gala at Brandi's Banquet Hall. During the meal, a mentee of the organization began to choke. Thompson, Stapleton, and Porter immediately sprang into action, calming the crowd, calling 911, and performing CPR. Their swift response dislodged the

object, and the minor was taken to the hospital and released the same evening.

Shandra James, the mother of the youth involved, expressed her gratitude for the deputies' heroic actions. James emphasized her confidence in the safety provided by Detective Bobby Porter. Porter along with his wife Kimberly Evans Porter founded the Boys to Men and Girls with Purpose Nonprofit Organization to provide mentorship to the youth of Dillon County, SC after conceptualizing the idea with the late but beloved Sheriff Douglas "Humbunny" Pennell.

The incident itself and later the presentation of these awards highlighted the dedication and bravery of the Dillon County Sheriff's Office ensuring the community's trust and safety.



Det. Robert "Bobby" Porter and mentee of Boys To Men
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August Community Calendar

NOTICES:

A-Men Prayer Breakfast, Thursdays at 7:00 a.m., Latta Baptist Church, 202 North Marion Street, Latta.

Celebrate Recovery Meeting (Christian based 12-step program), Fridays at 7:00 p.m., N. Mullins Baptist Church, 202 E. Mayers St., Mullins, SC.

Fishers of Men Prayer Breakfast, Tuesdays, 7:00 a.m., First Baptist Church fellowship hall, 400 North Fourth Avenue, Dillon.

The Dillon County AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) Group meets on Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. Call 843-445-7119 for information or visit <https://www.area62.org/group.php?group=112439>.

The Dillon Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the B&C Steak & BBQ, 829 Radford Blvd., Dillon.

The Dillon Lions Club meets on the second and fourth Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Twin Lakes Country Club, 141 West Country Club Rd., Hamer.

The Dillon Rotary Club meets on the first and third Wednesday at the B&C Steak & BBQ, 829 Radford Blvd., Dillon, at 12:00 noon.

The Dillon City Police Department will be conducting traffic checkpoints during the months of July and August 2024.

The Dillon Area AARP Chapter #5336 meets on the second Monday of the month, excluding July and August, at 1:00 p.m. at the Council for the Aging, 205 East Main Street, Dillon.

The Dillon County Sheriff's Office will be conducting traffic checkpoints in Dillon County during the months of July and August 2024.

The Senior Citizens of Kemper Baptist Church hold a meeting every third Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the old Schoolhouse building.

The Latta Police

Department will be conducting traffic checkpoints in throughout the Town of Latta during the months of July and August 2024.

Latta Rotary Club meets weekly on Tuesdays at noon in the top floor of the Latta Rotary Club building, 111 West Main Street, Latta.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meets on Sundays from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. For more information, visit <https://www.narcotics.com/na-meeting/god-box-group-2/>.

Senior Sunday Dinners by Detrice Dawkins takes place every fourth Sunday of the month. Limited dinners are available. Dawkins will serve seniors a homecooked meal. If you are interested or know a senior who would like to have a meal, please call or text your name, phone number, and address to 843-506-5700.

The Soup for the Soul Community Health Education, Leadership, and Resources Outreach Program meets on the second Wednesday of the month at Manning Baptist Church Fellowship Hall from 12n to 1:30 pm. RSVP for Soup and Lunch the Monday before the event. Dr. Carolyn Covington 803-250-9150 or hopeforahealthiernworld@gmail.com; Mrs. Clareth Whitfield 843-506-0030 manningbaptistchurch308@gmail.com

The Walk with PRIDE for Life Community Walking Program takes place at 12n and 6 pm every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at the Dillon Wellness Center indoor and outdoor walking trails. A doctor's permission is required. Participants will meet at the front desk, sign in, fill out the application and consent, and weigh in to get started. Come on Dillon County Let's Get Healthy TOGETHER! Contact Dr. Carolyn Covington 803-250-9150 hopeforahealthiernworld@gmail.com; Mrs. Clareth Whitfield 843-506-0030 manningbaptistchurch308@gmail.com

Bring The Noise MS Support Group, Group meetings at the Dillon County

Library, 600 E. Main Street, Dillon. Please contact group leader Latasha Sellers for more information. This group is open to all affected with MS. Come meet others to talk about your experiences and find support. For information or to RSVP, contact: Group Leader: Latasha Sellers, Email: sellerstasha87@gmail.com, Call or text: 843-621-0096.

Blessed Hope Church, 2770 Highway 34 West, Dillon has service each Sunday at 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 8

The Latta Town Council will meet on August 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Latta Town Hall, 107 NW Railroad Ave., Latta.

AUGUST 12

The City of Dillon Council will meet on Monday, August 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dillon City-County Complex, 401 West Main Street, Dillon.

AUGUST 13

The Latta School Board will meet on Tuesday, August 13, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, 205 King Street, Latta.

AUGUST 15

The Lake View Town Council will meet on Thursday, August 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake View Town Hall, 205 N. Main Street, Lake View.

AUGUST 19

The Dillon District Four School Board will meet on Monday, August 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the district office located at 1738 Highway 301 North, Dillon.

AUGUST 20

The Dillon County Board of Education will meet on August 20 at 9:30 a.m. at the Dillon County Board of Education office, 401 West Main Street, Suite 305, Dillon

AUGUST 28

The Dillon County Council will meet on Wednesday, August 28, at 5:00 p.m. at the Dillon County Administrative Office, 109 South Third Avenue, Dillon.

Photos Of The Late Sheriff Douglas Pernell Submitted By Cynthia Pernell



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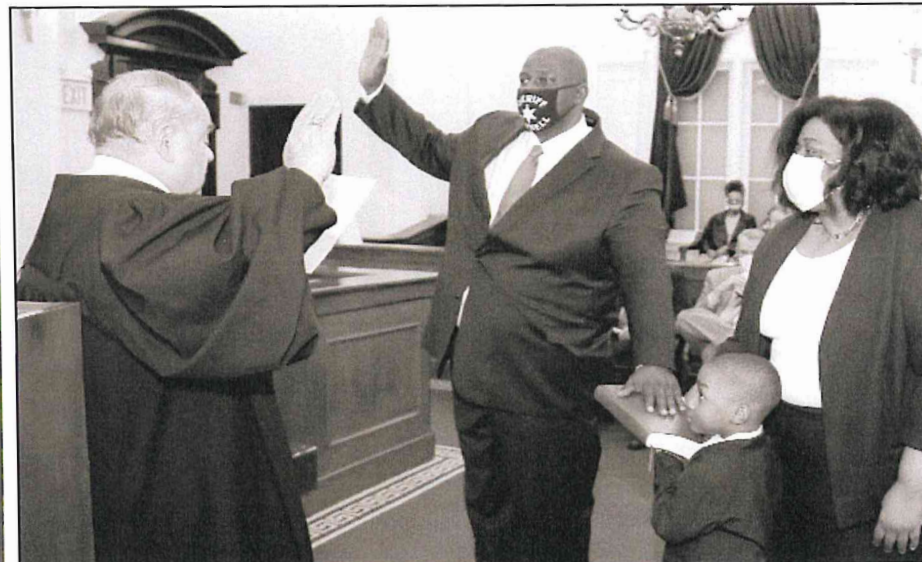
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The Birth Of The Dollar: How the United States Chose Its Money



A long time ago, on July 6, 1785, something very important happened in the history of the United States. The leaders of the country decided that it was time to have a single, official type of money that everyone could use. They chose the dollar, and this decision would shape the way Americans buy and sell things even to this day!

Why Did They Need a New Type of Money?

Back in the 1700s, the United States was a brand-new country. Before becoming independent, the American colonies used many different types of money. There were British pounds, Spanish pesos, and even coins from other countries! This made buying and selling things confusing. Imagine going to the store and needing five different kinds of coins to buy one toy!

Who Made the Decision?

The people in charge of making big decisions for the new country were part of a group called the Continental Congress. These leaders worked together to figure out the best ways to run the country. They wanted to make things easier for everyone, and that included having one kind of money that everyone would use.

The Dollar is Born!

On that important day in 1785, the Continental Congress voted unanimously (that means everyone agreed) to make the dollar the official money of the United States. They chose the dollar because it was based on a decimal system, which is a way of counting by tens. This made it simple and easy to use. It was an idea suggested by Thomas Jefferson, who thought it would be much easier for people to understand.

What Does "Decimal System" Mean?

The decimal system is something we use every day, even if

we don't realize it! It's a way of counting that's based on the number 10. For example, 10 dimes make a dollar, and 100 pennies make a dollar. It's easy to add, subtract, and divide when everything is based on tens. This was a new idea for money back then, and it helped make American money simpler than many other types.

Designing the First Dollars

Once they decided to use dollars, they needed to make the coins and bills. The first American dollars looked different from the ones we have today. The coins were made of silver and gold, and the paper money was printed with fancy designs to make sure no one could easily copy them.

The Dollar Today

The decision made in 1785 still affects us today. Now, we have coins like pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters, and we have paper money in different amounts like one-dollar bills, five-dollar bills, and so on. The designs have changed over the years, but the idea is the same. We use dollars to buy things, pay for services, and even save money for the future.

Fun Facts About the Dollar

The word "dollar" comes from a silver coin called a "thaler," which was used in Europe.

The dollar sign (\$) is believed to come from the Spanish peso. The symbol is an "S" with one or two vertical lines through it.

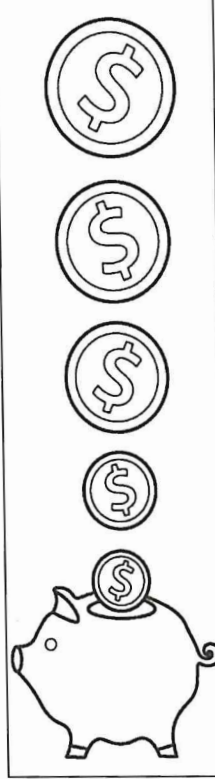
The largest bill ever printed was the \$100,000 bill, but it wasn't used by regular people. It was only for transferring money between Federal Reserve Banks.

Why It Matters

The choice to use the dollar helped unite the new country and made trade much easier. It was a smart decision that showed how the leaders of the United States were thinking

ahead and planning for a strong future. Today, the U.S. dollar is one of the most important currencies in the world, and it all started with that important vote in 1785!

So, next time you find a dollar in your pocket, remember that it's not just money - it's a piece of history!



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Carolina Gamecocks Football Preview

By Landry Collins
The 2024 football season is shaping up to be a pivotal year for the South Carolina Gamecocks and Head Coach Shane Beamer. With a blend of seasoned veterans and promising newcomers, Beamer's squad aims to make significant strides in the new look Southeastern Conference (SEC). If the Gamecocks fall short again this season, look for Beamer's name to be mentioned in hot seat conversations.

Offense
The departure of veteran quarterback Spencer Rattler has left the Gamecocks with a huge hole to fill. Redshirt Freshman LaNorris Sellers is expected to lead the offense this season. Sellers saw limited action last year, but Gamecock fans are excited about having him as their QB1. Sellers' dual-threat capability makes him a dynamic presence on the field, and his growth as a passer will be crucial for South Carolina's success. Auburn transfer Robby Ashford will add a much-needed veteran presence in the quarterback room as well.

In the backfield, the Gamecocks will rely on transfer running backs Raheim Sanders and Oscar Adaway III. Sanders was a huge part of Arkansas' success in 2022, but he was sidelined last season due to injury. Adaway was a very good piece for North Texas over the last few seasons as well.

The wide receiver room is looking for some answers as Xavier Leggette (NFL), Antwane Wells (Transfer to Ole Miss), and Trey Knox (NFL) have departed from the program. Two key transfers in are former Dillon standout Ahmari Huggins-Bruce from Louisville and Jared Brown from Coastal Carolina. A name that has been coming up as of late is speedy wide receiver Nyck Harbor.

The offensive line must be leaps and bounds better than last season for the Gamecocks to be successful. The o-line was plagued with injuries last year and that left them in a state of rotating linemen. This season it appears to be a very young and also veteran heavy group with some good returns from injured players from last season.

Defense
The defense was not a bright spot for the Gamecocks last year. The secondary got a ton of flack last season, but it was in part the fault of the guys up front. Defensive end Gilber Edmond (Florida State) and Edge rusher Kyle Kennard (Georgia Tech) were two big transfer pickups in the offseason for the Gamecocks. They will hopefully provide a much-needed pass rush to help out the secondary. A good rotation at the tackle spots between TJ Sanders, Tonka Hemingway, and Alex Huntley will also help beef up the interior of the defense. Middle linebacker Debo Williams looks to again be the heart of the defense after leading the team in tackles last season. The secondary looks to be better than last season with more experience at the positions. Last season the young secondary was put to the fire and that should be motivation for better returns in 2024. Jalon Kilgore, Emory Floyd, and O'Donnell Fortune are names to watch for. Also, Redshirt Freshman Vicari Swain should get some playing time if the secondary looks to be weak on the outside.

Schedule & Key Matchups
South Carolina's 2024 football schedule is poised to be one of if not the hardest schedule in college football this season. The Gamecocks will have a tough row to hoe come October 5th, when the begin a 4-game stretch against Ole Miss, Alabama, Oklahoma,

and Texas A&M. Another crucial game is the annual rivalry clash with Clemson. This matchup, always filled with intensity and significance, could have major implications for both teams' postseason aspirations.

With the SEC adding Oklahoma and Texas to the mix, it has caused a major schedule overhaul. Normally, the Gamecocks would be playing SEC East rivals Georgia, Florida, and Tennessee. This season will really put Shane Beamer and the Gamecocks to the test.

Expectations & Predictions
Expectations for South Carolina are cautiously optimistic this season. With a blend of experienced leaders and emerging talents, the Gamecocks have the potential to make a significant impact. The success of the season will hinge on the performance of the offensive line, quarterback play, pass rush, and the secondary.

Analysts predict that South Carolina will not be a strong contender in the SEC but could be in the mix for a bowl game. If they can effectively manage their tough schedule and stay injury-free, the Gamecocks do have a real chance to make a notable run and enhance their standing on the national stage.

Final Thoughts
The 2024 South Carolina football season promises to be an exciting journey filled with high stakes and fierce competition. With a dynamic roster and the leadership of Shane Beamer, the Gamecocks are poised to hopefully make a strong statement in the SEC. As the season progresses, South Carolina fans will be eagerly watching, hoping their team can pull the pieces together to have a successful season.

Record Prediction:
Ceiling: 7-5 (4-4) (Bowl Game)
Floor: 4-8 (1-7)

Clemson Tigers Football Preview

By Landry Collins
Clemson University's football program is gearing up for the 2024 season, and excitement is at a high among fans and analysts. With a rich history of success under head coach Dabo Swinney, the Tigers are once again poised to be a dominant force in college football. Swinney, entering his 16th full season as head coach, has built a solid program at Clemson, characterized by a winning culture, strong recruitment, and a focus on player development. Swinney's leadership and vision have been crucial in maintaining Clemson's status as a perennial national championship contender. Lately, Swinney's recruiting prowess has been called in to question due to his lack of use of the transfer portal. He however remains devoted to recruiting from the high school ranks and developing his players.

Offense
Quarterback Cade Klubnik is set to lead the Tigers' offense for a second season. After a very up and down 2023 campaign, Klubnik is looking to fulfill his potential as the Tiger's signal caller. His much-needed growth and limiting turnovers will be vital to Clemson's offensive success this year.

In the backfield, running back Phil Mahaf returns as a key playmaker. Mahaf's powerful running style, provides a tough nosed edge to this offense. I would really like to see how he has developed in the passing game and how offensive coordinator Garret Riley will use him in that capacity.

The receiving corps has been

lackluster over the past couple of seasons. That is going to need to change for the Tigers to get back into the College Football Playoff. Troy Stellato and Adam Randall have a lot to prove after both had subpar seasons in 2023. Antonio Williams will be returning this season after a medical redshirt last year. His return should be a big boost to the Clemson offense. Keep an eye out for true freshmen Bryant Wesco Jr. and T.J. Moore.

Defense
Clemson's defense, under the guidance of defensive coordinator Wes Goodwin, remains a cornerstone of the team's success. The defensive line, anchored by Peter Woods and T.J. Parker, is looking to have another great season. Woods and Parker are thought of as two of the best young defensive linemen in college football. Linebacker Barrett Carter and safety R.J. Mickens have returned for another season and that will help the defense immensely. Look for true freshman linebacker, Sammy Brown to get thrown in the mix this year as well.

Schedule & Key Matchups
Clemson's 2024 schedule features several high-stakes matchups that could define their season. A pivotal early-season game is against Georgia. This showdown against a fellow powerhouse will be a crucial test of Clemson's readiness for national contention. Another significant game is the annual rivalry with South Carolina, a matchup that always carries emotional and potential postseason implications.

In the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC), games against teams like Florida State, Louisville, and North Carolina State are expected to be highly competitive. These matchups will not only impact Clemson's conference standing but also their chances of making the College Football Playoff.

Expectations & Predictions
Expectations are high for Clemson this season. With a blend of experienced veterans and talented newcomers, the team has the potential for a deep playoff run. Success will depend on the health and performance of key players, the coaching staff's ability to adapt, and the emergence of new stars in critical moments.

Analysts predict that Clemson will again be a dominant force in the ACC and a strong contender for the College Football Playoff. If they navigate their challenging schedule and avoid significant injuries, the Tigers have a legitimate shot at securing another national championship.

Final Thoughts
The 2024 Clemson football season promises to be an exhilarating journey filled with high expectations, fierce competition, and the potential for greatness. With a well-balanced roster and the steady leadership of Dabo Swinney, the Tigers are poised to roar once again on the national stage.

As the season unfolds, Clemson fans will eagerly watch, hoping their team can add another chapter to its storied legacy.
Record Prediction:
Ceiling: 11-1 (8-0) (ACC Champion: CFB Playoffs)
Floor: 8-4 (5-3)

Coastal Carolina Chanticleers Football Preview

By Landry Collins
Coastal Carolina's football program is getting ready for what seems to be another successful year. Last season the Sun Belt Conference was extremely competitive and almost all the teams were bowl eligible. Head Coach Tim Beck seems to be up to the task, but his team needs a bit of reworking after some key departures.

Offense
Quarterback Grayson McCall has transferred out of the program to NC State, and this leaves some pretty big shoes to fill. Ethan Vasko looks like the choice for the Chanticleers quarterback, but he will need to win the battle over Michigan State transfer, Noah Kim.

In the backfield, running back Braydon Bennett returns as the likely starter. The Chanticleers have brought in transfer running back Christian Washington from New Mexico after CJ Beasley left the program for Georgia State.

The receiving corps for Coastal has been severely depleted after departures from leading receiver Sam Pinckney (Graduated) and second leading receiver Jared Brown transferred to South Carolina. Jameson Tucker and Kyle Duplessis will assume the roles as the best wide receiver options for Coastal this season. Kendall Karr will also be one of the bright spots of the offense at tight end.

The offensive line will return three starters in Nick Dei Grande, Zovon Lindsey, and Zac Elam.

Defense
Last year's defense took a step in the right direction and was better than it was in 2022. At times the defense could have been much better than it was and it remains a concern for Coastal in 2024. Coastal runs a 3-3-5 defense and the front three will be anchored by Will Whitson and transfer Naejaun Barber, and Emmanuel Johnson. JT Killen is gone from the middle linebacker position (Grad Transfer), but Shane Bruce and Braylon Ryan will keep some knowledge at the linebacker position as both a redshirt seniors. The bright spot on defense is their secondary. Abraham Temoney will fill the free safety spot. Tobias Fletcher and Juan Powell are looked at as solid pieces at the other safety positions. Matthew McDoom will be a bright star for the Chanticleers at corner.

Schedule & Key Matchups
Coastal Carolina's 2024 schedule is packed with exciting and pivotal matchups that will shape their season. A notable late-season game is against Appalachian State. This game against a strong conference rival will be a critical test of the Chanticleers' competitiveness in the Sun Belt Conference. Another significant matchup is their mid-season matchup against James Madison, a game that always carries substantial implications for both conference standings and postseason prospects.

In the Sun Belt Conference, games against teams like Marshall, Troy, and Georgia

State are expected to be highly competitive. These matchups will not only affect Coastal Carolina's position within the conference but also their chances of securing a spot in a prestigious bowl game.

Expectations & Predictions
Expectations are high for Coastal Carolina this season. With a mix of seasoned veterans and promising newcomers, the team is poised for a strong campaign. Success will hinge on the health and performance of key players, the coaching staff's ability to adapt to challenges, and the emergence of new stars in critical moments.

Analysts predict that Coastal Carolina will continue to be a formidable force in the Sun Belt Conference and a potential candidate for a high-profile bowl game. If they navigate their challenging schedule effectively and avoid major injuries, the Chanticleers have a legitimate shot at securing another successful season.

Final Thoughts
The 2024 Coastal Carolina football season is set to be an exciting journey brimming with high expectations, intense competition, and the promise of greatness. Guided by head coach Tim Beck and boasting a well-balanced roster, the Chanticleers are ready to make a significant impact again in the Sun Belt Conference. As the season unfolds, Coastal Carolina fans will watch with anticipation, eager to see their team write another thrilling chapter in its expanding legacy.

Record Prediction:
Ceiling: 8-4 (Bowl Game)
Floor: 5-7

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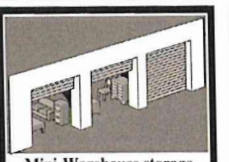
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 - 1 can (14.5 oz) diced tomatoes
 - 1 can (15 oz) kidney beans, drained and rinsed
 - 1 can (15 oz) black beans, drained and rinsed
 - 1 can (6 oz) tomato paste
 - 2 cups beef or chicken broth
 - 2 tbsp chili powder
 - 1 tsp ground cumin
 - 1 tsp paprika
 - 1/2 tsp dried oregano
 - 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper (optional, for heat)
 - Salt and pepper to taste
 - 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- Instructions:**
- Cook the Meat: Heat the vegetable oil in a large pot or Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add the ground beef (or turkey), breaking it up with a spoon. Cook until browned and no longer pink, about 5-7 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to remove the meat and set it aside, leaving any fat in the pot.
- Sauté Vegetables: In the same pot, add the chopped onion and bell pepper. Sauté until the onion becomes translucent and the bell pepper softens, about 5 minutes. Add the minced garlic and cook for another minute until fragrant.
- Add Spices: Stir in the chili powder, ground cumin, paprika, oregano, and cayenne pepper (if using). Cook for 1 minute, allowing the spices to become fragrant and evenly

coat the vegetables.
Combine Ingredients: Return the cooked meat to the pot. Add the diced tomatoes, tomato paste, and beef or chicken broth. Stir well to combine, making sure to dissolve the tomato paste into the mixture.
Add Beans: Stir in the kidney beans and black beans. Bring the mixture to a simmer, then reduce the heat to low. Cover the pot and let the chili simmer for at least 30 minutes to allow the flavors to meld together. Stir occasionally, and add more broth if the chili gets too thick.
Season and Serve: After simmering, taste the chili and season with salt and pepper to your liking. If you prefer a spicier chili, you can add more cayenne pepper or a few dashes of hot sauce.
Garnish and Enjoy: Ladle the chili into bowls. Optional garnishes include shredded cheese, sour cream, chopped green onions, or fresh cilantro. Serve with crusty bread or over rice for a hearty meal.

This homemade chili is perfect for a cozy night in or serving a crowd. The recipe is easily adaptable—feel free to add extra veggies like corn or zucchini, or adjust the spice level to suit your taste. Enjoy the rich, comforting flavors and the satisfaction of a homemade meal!

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Jebb Mac Band performing at Friday at the Fountain. Photo By Vickie Rogers/The Dillon Herald



Two members of the Jebb Mac Band with Lisa Moody. Photo By Vickie Rogers/The Dillon Herald

By Vickie Rogers
On Friday, August 2nd, the South Plaza in Downtown Dillon came alive with excitement and community spirit as Anderson Brothers Bank and the City of Dillon hosted the First Friday at the Fountain event. Running from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., this vibrant gathering featured an array of entertainment, food, and activities, creating a memorable evening for all who attended.

DJ Dan E. Lockemy set the mood with his energetic tunes, keeping the crowd moving and engaged throughout the event. At 7 p.m., the popular Jebb Mac took the stage, delivering a performance that had attendees dancing and singing along to their favorite hits. The lively

atmosphere was a testament to the band's ability to captivate and entertain a diverse audience.

Food lovers were in for a treat with a variety of food trucks offering delicious options. Additionally, Scrubby's provided free car wash give-aways and other fun surprises, adding to the festive ambiance.

Families with children had plenty of activities to enjoy. Todd's Twisted Balloons created intricate balloon art, while the Hartsville Bubble Guy entertained with his mesmerizing bubble displays. Amazing Faces offered face painting, ensuring that the youngest guests had a memorable time.

The First Friday at the

Fountain event is more than just an evening of fun; it's an important community-building initiative. By offering free and accessible entertainment and activities, the event fosters a sense of unity and pride among Dillon residents. The series is scheduled to continue in September, bringing new opportunities for neighbors to come together and celebrate their community.

As a highlight of Dillon's summer, First Friday at the Fountain exemplifies the city's commitment to creating vibrant and inclusive spaces for all residents. The event not only offers enjoyment but also strengthens the bonds within the community, making it a cherished monthly tradition.



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