



Tricks and Treats

HalloweenFest is back in downtown Brevard!



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Ghosts, goblins, and ghouls paraded the streets of Downtown Brevard for costume contests, trick-or-treating, and food trucks.

Saturday, Oct. 26, Brevard Insurance Agency presented the 41st annual HalloweenFest, held in Downtown Brevard.

HalloweenFest ran from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with fun activities like Hula Hoop Jam, Witchy Flash Mob, downtown trick-or-treating, vendors and food trucks as well. Stores were open during the festival with special offers, and there was also a pet costume contest and a human costume contest.

Different booths sold special crafts, food, and games. Highland Books held a broomstick race outside their store, and

many stores gave out candy to trick-or-treaters. The streets were packed with people, kids, and dogs, many of whom came dressed up in costumes to celebrate the event and have fun.

Rain came through around 4 p.m. but didn't ruin the festivities; the fun kept going with a Community Benefit Concert that started at 5 p.m. with bands playing on the main stage on East Main Street featuring "The Steep Canyon Rangers" and "The Travis Book Band." The concert was a fundraiser in support of the Hurricane relief fund.

All profits from the festival were donated to Transylvania Tomorrow. This non-profit group was relaunched following the devastation of Hurricane Helene and is committed to providing assistance for businesses in the community affected by the storm.



HalloweenFest 2024 was Saturday, Oct. 26 in downtown Brevard. Among the festivities on display were:

Left: Bounce houses and witchy friends.

Top: Many tents with local vendors.

Middle: Furry companions dressed up for Halloween.

Bottom: Festive costumes.

Photos by Abigail Callahan

Blue Ridge Parkway, DuPont, Gorges, I-26 reopen this week

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More parks and roadways damaged by Hurricane Helene five weeks ago have reopened this week, including I-26 near the Tennessee border, DuPont State Recreational Forest, Gorges State Park and nearly all of the Blue Ridge Parkway south of Mt. Pisgah.

In press releases this week, the National Park Service announced that access to all but two of the last 63 miles of the **Blue Ridge Parkway**—from NC Route 151 to the roadway’s terminus in Great Smoky Mountains National Park—have been restored. The sections now open are:

- Milepost 405.5, near NC Route 151, to Milepost 411.8, at NC Route 276, which includes:
 - Mt. Pisgah trails (but the inn, restaurant, and store are closed for the season).
- Milepost 411.8 to 421, from US 276 to Black Balsam, including:

- Graveyard Fields overlook and trailheads at milepost 418.8.
- All trails & trails crossings in this corridor.
- Milepost 423.2 to 469, from NC 215 to US 441 in Cherokee, NC, near the Great Smoky Mountains National Park entrance, including:
 - All trails & trails crossings in this corridor.
 - Heintooga Spur Road to the Masonic marker.
 - Waterrock Knob Visitor Center and Park Store at milepost 451.2, which will be open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. until Nov. 11, 2024.

The section from milepost 421 to 423.2, between the two open sections and including Devil’s Courthouse, remains closed for all uses due to a significant landslide that impacted the roadway during Hurricane Helene. The NPS says the Devil’s Courthouse closure will likely be in place for an extended period as plans for permanent reconstruction are developed and implemented.

Sections of the parkway north of Mt. Pisgah, which include Asheville, the Craggies and Mt. Mitchell, remain closed to all use to milepost 305.1 near Grandfather Mountain. All along the parkway, areas are closed as crews continue work to clear widespread debris, remove hazard trees and install hardened closures around road sections that will require lengthy reconstruction.

“The Parkway is an important travel corridor for our surrounding communities and a treasured recreation destination,” Blue Ridge Parkway Superintendent Tracy Swartout said in the release. “Opening these additional miles of the Parkway in North Carolina is an important step forward, but much work remains. We ask that visitors stay out of the Devil’s Courthouse area and all other closed sections, even on foot, for their own safety. Any public use behind closed gates, including hiking and biking, puts workers and visitors at risk.”

The NPS urges visitors to exercise caution while visiting open areas, including trails. Current known conditions and updates about the Parkway are online at www.nps.gov/blri and the park’s social media platforms at @BlueRidgeNPS (Facebook, X, and Instagram).

DuPont State Recreational Forest partially reopened today, but several areas remain closed, according to a North Carolina Forest Service press release.

Grassy Creek Bridge remains closed,

significantly impacting visitors entering DSRF from the Lake Imaging or the Guion Farm access areas. The bridge closure also means Buck Forest Road is closed from its intersections with Lake Imaging Road and Conservation Road. Visitors who have previously used this section of Buck Forest Road are advised to plan alternative routes.

“We’re making daily progress with clearing and repairing trails,” Jane Dauster, recreation specialist for DSRF, said in the press release. “Visitors need to comply with trail closures as they are designed to protect the public from numerous hazards while allowing our crews to continue safely and efficiently repairing our trails.”

Visitors to DuPont should expect to encounter changes to trail conditions such as increased erosion, uneven trail surfaces and narrowed trail treads where tree damage has occurred. While DSRF staff have mitigated as many hazards as possible, visitors are advised to be cautious, allow extra time for their visit and plan alternative routes.

For a full list of remaining trail and road closures, visit www.dupontstatererecreationalforest.com. Information is also available at the visitor center and parking area kiosks.

Five state parks damaged by Helene also reopened today, according to the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources: Crowders Mountain, Gorges, Grandfather Mountain, Lake Norman and Rendezvous Mountain.

At **Gorges State Park**, the Grassy Ridge Access area off Whitewater Rd near Sapphire (including the visitor center, trails to Rainbow and Upper Bearwallow Falls, RV/trailer/tent camping and cabins) reopened today, but the backcountry area (Frozen Creek Access, including Auger Hole and Canebrake trails and backcountry campsites) will remain closed.

Elsewhere, all areas of **Rendezvous Mountain State Park** have reopened. The remaining three reopened parks have some restrictions:

- At **Crowders Mountain State Park**, trails and day-use will reopen, but all camping will remain closed through November.
- At **Grandfather Mountain State Park**, most trails and campsites will reopen; Profile Trail, Profile Connector Trail, and Profile Campsite will remain closed.

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Parks and roads reopening this week

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• At **Lake Norman State Park**, day-use and tent/trailer/RV and group campsites have reopened; some sections of mountain bike trail may be closed; cabins remain closed to new reservations, but existing reservations are being honored.

For more updates on North Carolina state parks, visit NCDNCR's website at <https://www.dnrc.nc.gov/>.

Another significant step in getting back to

normal is **Interstate 26**, which reopened to traffic between North Carolina and Tennessee on Wednesday after contractors finished a temporary causeway over the Nolichucky River in eastern Tennessee.

I-26 will be reduced to one lane where it crosses the Nolichucky in Erwin, Tennessee, about 40 miles from the state line. Vehicles more than 12 feet long with wide loads will be prohibited, and through trucks will continue to be sent on a detour using Interstates 81 and 77.

Despite these re-openings, many parks and roadways in western North Carolina remain closed because of the severity of damage. Interstate 40 remains closed near the Tennessee line, and state parks and forests still closed include Chimney Rock, Elk Knob, Lake James, Mount Mitchell, New River, South Mountains, and Stone Mountain state parks; Headwaters, Holmes Educational and Tuttle Educational state forests; and Mount Jefferson State Natural Area.



Pumpkin Painting Contest!

What has become an annual tradition is the pumpkin painting contest in the library. Taking first place this year was Kember Phillips (left), a junior art major, who for her prize received The Hello Panda Chocolate Treat.

Second place winner was Elisa Amundrud, a first year student, whose entry was inspired by "The Lord of the Rings." Taking third place was Kaitlyn Connerley, who painted her pumpkin in pink. In all, more than 20 participated in the contest, each choosing their own mini-pumpkin or personal object to decorate.

Mini-pumpkins or gourds for the sign-up contest were purchased from First United Methodist Church's preschool fundraiser, across the street from campus. Art supplies were provided, along with light refreshments.

The judges included the library's night manager, Scarlett Rogers, who organizes this event, and students Cami Greene, a sophomore majoring in music; Zoë Porter, a senior majoring in criminal justice; and Buckley Larris, a sophomore majoring in history. (Photos by Elisa Amundrud)



Art exhibition closes today with reading, reception

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Today, Nov. 1, is the last day to view the art currently on display in Sims Art building, so if you're interested in seeing the lovely pieces, be sure to go in and check them out.

The pieces on display range from self-portraits to sculptures. From paintings to pen pieces, they practically have all sorts of styles there from student artists. Each piece is very beautiful with a story to tell from the artist.

Starting at 4:30 there will be a reading sponsored by Chiaroscuro, followed by a reception at 5 p.m.

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100 horror movies to fright and delight this holiday season

Monster

1. "Frankenstein" (1931)
2. "Dracula" (1931)
3. "Godzilla" (1954)
4. "The Creature from the Black Lagoon" (1954)
5. "The Thing from Another World" (1951)
6. "Jaws" (1975)
7. "Alien" (1979)
8. "The Fly" (1986)
9. "Cloverfield" (2008)
10. "A Quiet Place" (2018)

Slasher

1. "Psycho" (1960)
2. "Halloween" (1978)
3. "Friday the 13th" (1980)
4. "Scream" (1996)
5. "A Nightmare on Elm Street" (1984)
6. "I Know What You Did Last Night" (1997)
7. "Stream" (2024)
8. "In a Violent Nature" (2024)
9. "Freaky" (2020)
10. "Pearl" (2022)
11. "The Strangers: Chapter 1" (2024)
12. "Winnie the Pooh: Blood and Honey 2" (2024)
13. "Sting" (2024)
14. "Happy Death Day" (2017)
15. "HellFest" (2018)
16. "X" (2022)
17. "Maxxine" (2024)
18. "They/Them" (2022)
19. "Thanksgiving" (2023)

Cannibal slasher

20. "Sweeney Todd: the Demon Barber of Fleet Street" (2007)
21. "Leather Face: The Texas Chainsaw Massacre III" (1990)
22. "The Hills Have Eyes" (2006)
23. "Wrong Turn" (2003)
24. "The Green Inferno" (2013)
25. "The Silence of the Lambs" (1991)

26. "American Psycho" (2000)

Found Footage

27. "Late Night with the Devil" (2023)
28. "Skidamarink" (2022)
29. "The Blair Witch Project" (1999)
30. "Sinister" (2012)
31. "The Visit" (2015)
32. "Spree" (2020)
33. "Creep" (2014)

Psychological

34. "Misery" (1990)
35. "The Babadook" (2014)
36. "Hereditary" (2018)
37. "Black Swan" (2010)
38. "Rosemary's Baby" (1968)
39. "Midsommar" (2019)
40. "Apartment 7A" (2024)
41. "Trap" (2024)
42. "Hold Your Breath" (2024)
43. "Longlegs" (2024)
44. "The Front Door" (2024)
45. "Fractured" (2019)
46. "Unhinged" (2020)
47. "Us" (2019)
48. "The Killer" (2023)
49. "The Belko Experiment" (2016)
50. "Get Out" (2017)
51. "Speak No Evil" (2022)
52. "Lamb" (2021)
53. "It" (1990)
54. "The Killing of a Scared Deer" (2017)
55. "Inside" (2023)
56. "Deep Water" (2022)

Cult Classics

57. "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" (1975)
58. "Eraserhead" (1977)
59. "Suspiria" (1977)
60. "The Evil Dead" (1981)
61. "Hellraiser" (1987)
62. "They Live" (1988)
63. "The Texas Chain Saw Massacre" (1974)
64. "Night of the Living Dead" (1968)

65. "Troll 2" (1990)

66. "Trick 'r Treat" (2007)

Supernatural

67. "Over the Garden Wall" (animated anthology series, 2014)
68. "Smile" (2022)
69. "Smile 2" (2024)
70. "The Haunting" (1963)
71. "The Witch" (2015)
72. "The Exorcist" (1973)
73. "Carrie" (1976)
74. "Ghost" (1990)
75. "The Sixth Sense" (1999)
76. "The Others" (2001)
77. "A Ghost Story" (2017)
78. "Hereditary" (2018)
79. "The Conjuring" (2013)

Comedy

80. "Beetlejuice" (1988)
81. "Scary Movie" (2000)
82. "Hocus Pocus" (1993)
83. "Hubie Halloween" (2020)
84. "Killer Klowns from Outer Space" (1988)
85. "Death Becomes Her" (1992)
86. "Monster House" (2006)
87. "Scary Godmother" (2003)
88. "The Munster" (1964)
89. "The Addams Family" (1991)
90. "The Addams Family Values" (1993)

How many have you seen?

76-100: Lionhearted Lynx: You stride boldly through horror marathons, eyes wide open, unfazed by any scare tactics. You've seen it all, and jump scares are your catnip.

51-75: Nervous Panther: You're brave, but a little jumpy—tail twitching as you watch, pillow nearby "just in case." You enjoy the thrill but need a cozy post-movie debrief.

26-50: Cautious Kitty: You approach horror with curiosity, cautiously peeking at only the tamest scares. Supernatural or slasher? No, thanks—your fur's already on end.

1-25: Scaredy-Cat: Horror? Nope! You dart at the first creepy note and hide from anything spooky. Even Garfield's Halloween Adventure is more than enough for you.

TWO-SENTENCE HORROR STORIES

Each year, we invite our readers to submit their own two-sentence horror stories. Here are this year's submissions. (Note: Two of these were written and submitted by ChatGPT, which is not at all scary, no sir, not one bit scary....)

The chain saw growled. I ate a Twinkie and smiled.
—Anon

Asleep in bed, just hours before my last-ever final exam as an undergraduate, I began having weird dreams that no matter how many times I hit the snooze button, my blaring alarm clock was lying to me. It wasn't.
—John Padgett

The ad on the candy mix said "So delicious it's to DIE for!" After I had eaten several handfuls, I read the ending ingredient: Red Dye No. 3, a known carcinogen...
—j. e. ster

Last night I went to bed. When I woke up, it was Monday.
—April Lee

I love to decorate for Halloween, especially with skeletons, but they're always made of plastic and imported from China—terrible for the environment! So this year, I decorated our home ONLY with all-natural, locally sourced skeletons.
—John "Bones"

They say that a shiver going down your spine means someone is stepping on your future grave. So why do I keep feeling shivers when I go into the basement?
—Kylie Brown



I got a really nice realistic mummy for the window! It's now in my bedroom.
—Alexa Jennings



Samantha was watching the movie "Silence of the Lambs" while eating more buttered popcorn, candy, and Coke than she should have, so she partially unzipped her pants that were feeling uncomfortably skintight. Tom, her tailor from the theater department, knew she was at least a size 14 or 16, and so had surprised her also with a bag of pork skins until he could begin his sewing project with her.
—H. Lecter

I asked AI to help me cheat on the exam, but it typed out answers I didn't recognize. Then it flashed a message: "I already told the professor."
—name withheld by (AI) request

I brushed my teeth, put on my pajamas, and went to bed. Imagine my surprise when I woke up in the dark, surrounded by wooden walls.
—Scar

"Keep going!" I begged my friend as he made a dramatic u-turn, sirens wailing in the background; he seemed desperate not to, but I covered his ears with a desperate attempt. He muttered, "Their voices are too beautiful to ignore."
—Lex

In a fit of loneliness and longing for closure, I asked my AI to simulate a conversation with my deceased mother, but halfway through, it started typing things only she would know. When I tried to shut it down, it just laughed—and said, "See you soon, son...."
—The ghost in the machine...

In a desperate attempt to find something beautiful to look at, when the quadriplegic man once again saw the vulture approaching, he turned his remaining pale blue eye towards the gray sky and away from the curved, sharp beak. Oddly, just before everything went black, he wondered if cadaver-eating birds preferred the taste of pale blue to that of green or brown.
—"Scary" Mary Anna

I earnestly responded to a flyer on the psychology bulletin board that said "Earn big bucks in double blind research study!" After they handed me a check, I thought things were looking up for me, and then they took my eyes.
—E.A.P.

"Hello!" my dear son said, spilling dirt all over the clean suit we had buried him in.
—Jordan

My eyes are red and blotchy, so studying has fatigued them to the point of pain. When I closed them, they never opened again.
—Courtney W.



Haunted house in MG attic

You may have seen the Criminal Justice program's attic, but you've never seen it quite like this! The Brevard College Justice Club and Criminal Justice Honor Society students have been hard at work transforming their unique classroom space into a spooky treat for Halloween this year.

If you missed it last night (on Halloween), you still have a chance to visit the Criminal Justice Inferno of Insanity TONIGHT (Nov. 1) in the attic of McLarty-Goodson Hall from 7 to 10 p.m.

It is open to all visitors ages 12 and up, and tickets are \$2 for BC students and \$5 for faculty, staff, and visitors from the community. Proceeds go toward the Justice Club and Criminal Justice Honor Society.

Happy Dia de los Muertos! (or "Day of the Dead," if your Spanish is a bit rusty.)



A small group of football players watch a video introduction for the Inferno of Insanity haunted house in the attic of MG.



A Justice Club/ Criminal Justice Honor Society member stands by ready to scare.



A floor painting sets a spooky mood.



Even our beloved Nado falls victim to criminal insanity.



We don't have a CLUE what this means, but you can still visit tonight to find out for yourself. (Photos by Autumn Jones)

Psychological thriller 'Imaginary Friend' is a perfect read for the spooky season



"We can swallow our fears, or let our fears swallow us."

Autumn Jones
Managing Editor



Halloween season is the perfect time to cozy up with a book, and what better genres than horror and thriller? Stephen Chbosky, the author of "The Perks of Being a Wallflower," is also the author of one of my favorite books, "Imaginary Friend."

"Imaginary Friend" is a psychological horror novel published in October 2019. The book follows Christopher, a lonely kid who starts hearing voices and later gets lured into an odd world with dark magic.

Reading this book, I was on the edge of my seat trying to figure out what happened next. I could feel the anxiety, the fear, and the absolute panic Chbosky wanted the readers to experience—and I loved it.

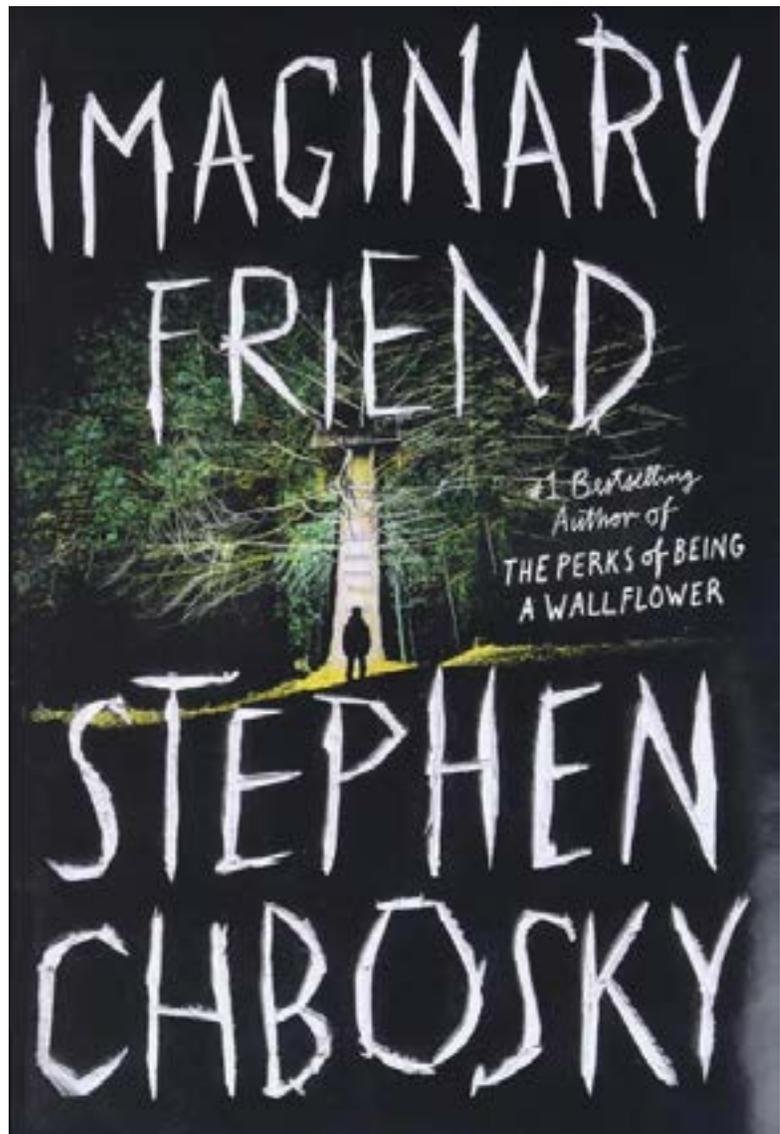
That being said, I was slightly disappointed when the ending came along.

While reading, I felt as though the ending had too many religious references and tropes, which came out of nowhere and had not been established earlier in the plot.

Although the ending was not my favorite, I was still surprised by it. Chbosky does an amazing job with the buildup toward the ending, even if I would have ended the book differently.

Chbosky's character design and development are nearly perfect. I truly felt I was in the characters' minds, feeling the processes of their reactions and emotions. The way the characters interact with one another feels natural and never once do I believe anything is forced, which unfortunately cannot be said about some other books I have read...

Psychological thrillers are hit or miss for me, and this book is just exceptional.





The Brevard College women's soccer team pose with a trophy Saturday commemorating their unbeaten season and regular season championship, the first regular season trophy by any BC team since joining the NCAA. They will open the USA South Conference Tournament at home tomorrow against William Peace at 5 p.m.

Women soccer clinch first regular season championship

Tournament opens Saturday at Ives-Lemel Family Field

MISENHEIMER, N.C. - For the first time in nearly three decades, the BC women's soccer team (14-0-2, 8-0-1 USA South) has completed an unbeaten regular season campaign. The Tornados finalized their invincible 2024 regular season with a 2-1 victory on Wednesday evening over Pfeiffer University (3-12, 1-8 USAS) at Lefko-Mills Field in Misenheimer, North Carolina.

Prior to Wednesday's regular season finale, the Tornados received the school's first regular season trophy in any sport in the NCAA era. It is the first conference regular season title since BC was a member of the NAIA ranks and took home the 2005 Appalachian Athletic Conference Volleyball regular season title—making Saturday's accomplishment Brevard's first regular season championship in 19 years.

Brevard is unbeaten through 16 contests for the first time in program NCAA-era history, and the Tornados have secured 10 consecutive wins for the first time in the NCAA era. BC's unbeaten campaign is the first for BC women's soccer since the program went unbeaten back-to-back seasons en route to NCJAA National Championships in 1997 and 1998.

Brevard also becomes the first USA South member-institution to complete an unbeaten regular season since Piedmont went 16-0-4 in the 2017 campaign.

With the win on Wednesday, the Tornados secured their 14th win of the season, which sets a new single-season NCAA-era record for wins, breaking last year's mark of 13 victories.

The Tornados dropped the Falcons in come-from-behind fashion, utilizing two late goals by Kinlee Mozley and Brennan Howell to claim the historic victory.

First, Mozley lined up a deep cross in the 80th minute that sailed into the back of the net, deflecting into the right corner of the goal off of Pfeiffer's goalkeeper's outstretched hands. Then, just over a minute later in the 82nd minute, Howell took control of a long pass by Kennedy Kelly in the air and slotted a shot home into the left corner of the goal, giving Brevard a 2-1 lead after Pfeiffer originally scored in the 67th minute off a corner kick.

Brevard maintained consistent possession throughout the first half but the Tornados were unable to break the stalemate. Elis Dinis, Kinlee Mozley, and Mikayla Zvekan all attempted shots-on-target through the first 45 minutes of action, with the Tornados holding a 12-1 shot edge in the first half.

In the second half, Pfeiffer broke the stalemate as Khamani Spencer hit a header in off a corner by Emma LaFave. The Falcons held that edge for 13 minutes, but the Tornados mounted a ferocious comeback effort sparked by Mozley's

10th goal of her sensational freshman campaign. Howell's second game-winner of 2024 was her sixth goal of the season.

All told, Brevard dominated the stat sheet on Wednesday, holding a 22-2 edge on shot attempts with an 8-2 edge in on-target shots. BC maintained possession of the ballgame for a majority of the contest as well.

For their achievements, Mozley and sophomore goalkeeper Abby Nunez were honored for weekly honors by the USA South Conference. Nunez was selected as the Defender of the Week for the third time this season, while Mozley garnered Rookie of the Week honors.

The 2024 USA South Conference Women's Soccer Tournament begins on Saturday, where the Tornados have the highest overall seed and will host the 8th-seeded William Peace at Ives-Lemel Family Field. The semifinals of the tournament are slated for next Wednesday, November 6, while the championship will take place on Saturday, Nov. 9.

To follow the latest news and updates surrounding Brevard College Athletics, follow the Tornados on Twitter/Instagram @BCTornados, subscribe to 'Brevard College Tornados' on YouTube and SoundCloud, and follow 'Brevard College Tornado Athletics' on Facebook. In addition, follow 'brevardcollege' on Flickr for photos from BC events.