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SC BAND KEEPS IT 100

Byrnes' Rebel Regiment band will march during the centennial Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

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Two weeks before Thanksgiving, members of the Rebel Regiment marching band marched across the football field at Byrnes High School, instruments raised and feet moving in unison as they prepared for one of the biggest performances of their lives. • During a recent practice, 300 high school students moved as one through various formations with sharp precision, focused and determined.

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TOP: Members of the Byrnes High School Rebel Regiment marching band of Duncan walk around the track as they prepare for the 100th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.
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Andrews renews call to remove RFK Jr. from office

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U.S. Sen.-elect Annie Andrews is renewing calls for the removal of Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. after the United States lost its measles-elimination status.

The Pan American Health Organization announced on Nov. 17 that the U.S. had lost its measles-elimination status after 26 years. A country loses measles-elimination status when continuous transmission of the virus persists for more than a year, according to the organization.

Andrews, who will be sworn into the U.S. Senate in January, addressed the ongoing measles outbreak during a press conference on Nov. 17, calling the loss of the elimination status a "sad moment" for public health in America.

"It's a sad moment for America's children and anyone who is at risk of this preventable infectious disease," Andrews said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, over 5,000 cases of measles have been reported in the U.S. this year — more than double the roughly 2,300 cases reported in 2025.

South Carolina's Upstate was at the

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U.S. Sen.-elect Annie Andrews (D-SC) arrives at the U.S. Capitol for orientation on November 9 in Washington, D.C.
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5 Upstate SC restaurants open on Thanksgiving Day

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Thanksgiving is all about gathering around the table, enjoying a good meal, and making memories with family and friends. But who's going to cook? Not everyone wants to, or has time to cook, let alone shop for groceries.

If that's your situation, you're in luck. Several Upstate restaurants are opening their doors on Thanksgiving Day, giving families and friends another option for celebrating.

Whether you're in the mood for a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings, a Southern-style holiday spread, or something a little different from the usual Thanksgiving menu, there are restaurants all across the Upstate to choose from.

Some are serving up special holiday menus, while others are preparing elaborate buffets. Either way, you can enjoy a holiday meal without having to do all the cooking yourself.

Thanksgiving falls on Thursday, Nov. 26, 2026, and reservations are recommended at many locations. Some restaurants may have limited seating or require advance bookings, so it's worth checking ahead before making plans.

Here are five Upstate restaurants where you can enjoy Thanksgiving dinner and leave the cooking (and cleanup) to someone else.

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For a Thanksgiving meal with a

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