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Nearly 55 years ago, on October 26, 1963, John F Kennedy spoke at Amherst College in honor of the national poet, Robert Frost. This turned out to be the last major speech ever given by President Kennedy.

In his deliverance, he declared, "I see little of more importance to the future of our country and civilization than full recognition of the place of the artist. If art is to nourish the root of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his vision where it takes him."

Frost was a constant companion to Kennedy during his presidency. In the words of Robert Frost, "When power leads man towards arrogance, poetry reminds him of his limitations. When power corrupts, poetry cleanses."

In honor of this occasion and of these two great Americans, The Electric City News will be sponsoring a poetry contest. We would like to encourage those who love words and artists who express themselves in this genre to submit their original poetry.

Three winners will be selected. The top winner will receive \$100. Their poem will be painted on the front window of our office on Main Street for passers by to read and enjoy. Second and third place winners will win gift baskets and their poems will be published in The Electric City News.

President John F. Kennedy believed in the importance of the arts and poetry.

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HOT HITS

On the Run II with Jay-Z and Beyonce

By Justin Tyme

It was a hot summer night in South Carolina on August 20, 2018. It was just after 5 p.m. when I hit the road to travel to Columbia. My excitement was through the roof. I was going to go see Queen Bey and Jay-Z at their show in the state's capital.

Less than 10 minutes into my trip, the skies opened up and the wind blew sheets of rain onto the road. It continued for nearly 45 minutes as I drove on my journey thinking I was gonna have to turn around because of weather. Just as I thought, this is it, the sun returned, and the clouds broke. It was humid.

By the time I parked at the show and met up with my friends, I could hear DJ Khaled (the opening act). It was now approaching 9 p.m. as we settled into (more like ran towards) our seats.

As if on cue, once where we needed to be, Jay-Z took the stage with his #1 smash "Holy Grail". Beyonce appeared moments later to join her husband. For the next two and a half hours they would put on one of the best concerts I have ever seen. Nearly a 40 song set list, covering hits such as "Naughty Girl", "Clique" "Bonnie & Clyde" and Jay-Z



Justin Tyme

even performed "Run This Town." It was at that moment I thought the only thing that could make the show better would be if Rihanna walked out for her part on that track (she didn't).

I looked up at the star filled sky and suddenly remembered we were outside. (Being from Buffalo, N.Y., we don't have outside concerts.) The weather was perfect, The show was outstanding. The crowd was energetic, and my friends and co-workers danced until the end.

The show moved to Atlanta a few days later where somehow security allowed a man to run up on stage coming close to, but never touching Beyonce. Her dancers tackled the man and detained him until he could be dealt with.

The Columbia show was added after the tour was officially announced, but the city was so happy to have The Carters perform in the Midlands that the city honored Beyonce and Jay-Z with a key to the city. Even schools were dismissed early! Even though a couple



of Beyonce's biggest hits, "Single Ladies" and "Halo" were not included at the show, I am still "Drunk in Love" from that concert!

They've posted pictures from every city they've been to. To see events from the Columbia show, follow this link: <https://www.beyonce.com/event/otr-ii/20180821-otrii-columbia-sc>.

Justin Tyme can be heard on HOT 98-1 Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m.

SMILING FACES  
Barbara Sims

By Julie Bailes Johnson

If you ever have a day when you just don't feel your best, a trip to Ulta Beauty to see Barbara Sims will change that immediately.

Miss Barbara welcomes each and every customer who walks in the door with an enormous and contagious smile and kind and complimentary words that make you feel like you're the most important (and beautiful) person in the store. Her grand personality and ability to make people feel like all is right with the world is what brings customers back time after time. Barbara, who has been "the brow lady" at Ulta Beauty for over six years, was previously a makeup artist with Estee Lauder in Athens, Ga. She was born in Statham, Ga., and moved here to pursue her talents as a makeup and brow extraordinaire. When Barbara isn't busy making customers feel and look beautiful, she enjoys dancing, coloring and singing. And in her spare time, she loves taking care of her four grandsons. She attends Tabernacle Deliverance Praise & Worship and also attends New Spring Church. Her words to live by are "God is our favor", and "I do brows." She not only does brows, she is most definitely the queen of brows. Thank you Barbara for the beautiful light and talent you shine on our community.



LIFELONG FRIENDS



This fine looking group of young men have something special in common. Not only did they graduate from T.L. Hanna High School together 50 years ago, they also attended Southside Elementary School together. The group had a wonderful time traveling down memory lane at their 50th high school reunion that was held in August. Left to right are Roger Reynolds, Jimmy Vaughn, Tommy Johnson, Randall Moon, and Steve Cleveland.

MEMORY LANE

This photo shows Sears and Roebuck's new store moving from the square and occupying the lot at the corner of Greenville Street and North Main Street.

I wonder how many of us sat at the railing and watched a Christmas parade from there? Back then, my dad had us out there early to get the best seats. I watched many parades from that railing facing Main Street and that railing is still there.

Sears and Roebuck opened at this location about 1959. Sears had the most wonderful toy department. My brother and I spent many hours going through each item with a fine tooth comb so as to have a hefty list to give to Santa in December. Mom always took us to Sears to see the jolly old elf.

Mom, of course was always in there for one reason or another and dad used the automotive department for repairs he couldn't manage himself. And while he was having the car repaired, the memories of the cafeteria aromas just off the automotive repair center have my mouth salivating today.

Sears was on that corner for what seemed forever until around 1983 or so when the Anderson Mall saw its first expansion and Sears became an anchor store. I hope this picture brings back as many good memories for you as it does for me. — By Dan Lacobie



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A kickoff BBQ fundraiser will take place at TL Hanna before the Hanna/ Westside football game.  
Date: Sept. 21 from 5pm-6:30pm.  
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# FIT FOR FALL

By Tommy Walls

Why do we only make New Year's resolutions? Some people need more motivation than that so let's start one for each season. Hence, be "fit for fall."

With school starting back and the temperatures getting cooler it's the best time to reinvigorate yourself physically. We just experienced the Midnight Flight, one of my favorite local races. I see people training months in advance for this special day. We all need to find something we need to train for — why not life?

With cooler mornings it makes you want to get outside and be active. There's nothing better than a cool morning run or a trip to the gym to get your day started. It's a wonderful thing to hear the birds singing, feel a fresh breeze in your face and watch the leaves starting to fall from the trees. Whether you're a runner or a walker it's the same experience.

Routine daily activities and tasks are made easier when you increase your muscular strength and your endurance. Find a routine that provides both. Whether you're a body builder or a runner both are keys to success.

The fall makes one think of the first football game, the first dove shoot or the first cool, crisp morning. It's the perfect time for a hike, a walk, a bike ride or a run. It's like a burst of energy and you can't wait to get outside.

In the fall months when the weather starts to cool off it's much easier to motivate yourself



**TOMMY WALLS**  
fitness instructor

to participate in an exercise activity. Motivation refers to the direction or intensity of a person's behavior. This also shows whether a person approaches or avoids a particular situation and shows whether that person puts forth a certain degree of effort to accomplish that certain behavior. If an exercise is fun or rewarding, you'll be much more motivated to repeat or progress in that exercise.

Getting fit in the fall helps get you ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas and then a New Year's resolution may not be necessary.

Many classes at gyms and elsewhere usually get started in the fall so it's a great time to find something new that intrigues you and you also get to learn something new. Start something new in the fall and by summer you will have mastered it.

To get yourself started practice the three C's: commitment, convenience and consistency. Be smart, be safe, be fit. Anything worth having takes effort. Start a fit for fall program tomorrow. Remember: The secret to getting ahead is getting started.

## BUILDING UP THE NEXT GENERATION

# Get up, get out, get active

By Katie Laughridge

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that children and adolescents should get at least one hour of physical activity each day. Physical activity can include anything from running, walking, playing on monkey bars, jumping rope, gymnastics, yoga, etc. It is vitally important that children and adolescents begin a daily routine of physical activity, so that this habit will be engrained in them as they enter adulthood. Research states that, in children and adolescents, higher levels of physical activity are associated with multiple beneficial health outcomes — including cardiorespiratory and muscular fitness, bone health, mental health, and will also help maintain a healthy weight.

One great way to get kids to be more active is to limit the amount of time they spend engaged in sedentary activities, especially time spent watching TV and playing computerized games. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that parents:

- Put limits on time spent using media (TV, social media, and video games).
- Limit screen time to one hour a day or less for children 2-5 years old.
- Discourage any screen time for kids younger than 18 months.
- Choose high-quality programming and watch it with your kids to help them understand what they're seeing.
- Keep TVs, computers, and video games out of children's bedrooms.
- Turn off screens during mealtimes.

Thankfully, there are many opportunities for



**Katie Laughridge**

daily physical activity:

- Play in the backyard. Swing on the swing set. Jump on the trampoline. Play hopscotch or freeze tag.
- Ride bikes down the sidewalk or in an empty parking lot in your neighborhood. Or explore Greenville's Swamp Rabbit Trail!

• Take a walk together as a family in your neighborhood or at AnMed's walking track and think of some fun things to do along the way: tell jokes or stories, do funny obstacle courses (hopping, walking backwards, skipping, jumping), play "I Spy."

• Participate in Electric City Gymnastics' Fun Gym on the third Saturday of each month (\$5 for members/\$7 for non-members).

• Visit one of our many community parks. The Civic Center offers swings, slides, mazes, monkey bars, a walking track, and an opportunity to feed the ducks (bring your quarters!). Many local churches such as Concord Baptist offer safe, gated playgrounds for children as well.

• Sign up for a sport at the Anderson YMCA or the Recreation Center.

• Go swimming at the Anderson Area YMCA's water park or indoor pool.

• Sign your child up for dance, tumbling, and/or twirling at one of our local dance studios.

Whatever you do, just get up, get out, and get active!



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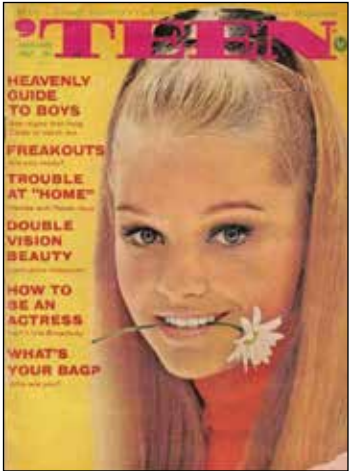
# Get to know Kathy Davis, the 'It Girl' of 70's fashion

By Kristine March

I had the pleasure of interviewing Kathy Davis this week. She's an alluring and charming lady and talented friend. A Los Angeles native and now a Southern local, she was the "It Girl" in the 1970s. A bonafide supermodel.

She has graced the cover of *Cosmopolitan Magazine* several times. She has been in TV commercials, movies and Maybelline ads. Her work has taken her all over the globe. She's a mother, a lover of animals and a brilliant chef.

Kathy filled me in on the fashion industry back then, and apparently, not much has changed. It's a tough industry and she certainly was strong for it. She became successful, almost over night. It all started for her as a lovely little 12-year-old girl walking down the street in L.A. with her mom. An older gentleman approached



them and asked if he could do a photo shoot of young Kathy. Her mother was apprehensive of course, and the gentleman thought Kathy was much older than 12.

Turns out, the man was a well-known photographer by the name of Tom Kelly. He was famous for taking the iconic 1949 shot of Marilyn Monroe, among other Hollywood celebrities in the 40s and 50s.

He then sent Kathy to



Kathy Davis is a former model

Piercing Publishing for Polaroids. Three days later she was on the November cover of *Teen Magazine*. Can you imagine? Kathy was ecstatic! She had drive and passion, and was an old soul at a young age.

Another sunny California day, Kathy was in a Mustang convertible with other model friends. Representatives from

*Glamour* magazine approached her. She was photographed along with Cheryl Tiegs.

She then started getting calls from the famous Eileen Ford modeling agency. After high school, she boarded a plane to Paris, France. Kathy continued to work for Ford Agency the next eight years, and also for Elite Models for a year.

She explained to me that having those experiences was the best education a woman could possibly have. Traveling across Europe to destinations such as Germany, London, Milan, she was doing shoots in Pompeii and having dinner parties with the "well to-do."

Exploring different cultures and learning different languages was life-changing. Along that path, she was exposed to the European culinary world. She learned to cook and has been a private chef and party planner since 2001. She loves cooking and having magical parties. She creates extravagant themes for events and designs them herself.

Kathy is still a jet setter at heart and loves to travel but also enjoys living in the South now. Kathy is not only beautiful, but very kind as well; a fascinating fashionista. She's always made the sidewalk her runway, literally, y'all. She's a class act and an inspiration.

# CREATING HOME: BEFORE + AFTER

By Amie Speer

One of my favorite design jobs of 2017 was a house that I worked on for a building company in Greenville. They were renovating a home to sell and hired me to work on the kitchen. This was an exceptionally fun project because unlike most jobs, I had free reign to design the kitchen layout, select the lighting, and choose all of the colors, finishes and hardware. The kitchen space was an unusual one; very long and narrow.



Amie Speer

The builders original plan was to have a small kitchen with a peninsula for a couple of bar stools along with a small breakfast table and chairs. I gave them several space plan options but my favorite, and theirs in the end, was to combine the kitchen and breakfast room into one cooking, entertaining and eat-in space. The concept felt so natural to me as this is how many of us live now; gathered in the kitchen, around the food that is being prepared, everyone enjoying the process and communion of meal time. The kitchen turned out nicely with ample cabinet space and an island that extended into the breakfast area. The island featured a long table-like counter that gave room for plenty to sit or stand and gather. On the far end we incorporated a wet bar to finish out the vision of a



true entertaining kitchen. We expanded the opening into the Living Room and touched up a charming exposed brick wall with a little white paint.

The palette in this kitchen was clean and neutral with a mixture of finishes in lighting and hardware, giving it an eclectic feel. It was styled with warm rugs, cutting boards and flowers to bring character and depth to the space. This project was a great example of how thinking outside of the box when designing a room's layout can transform not only how a space looks, but also how it is used. In this case we made sure that a small kitchen and breakfast room became what it was meant to be, the true heart of the home.

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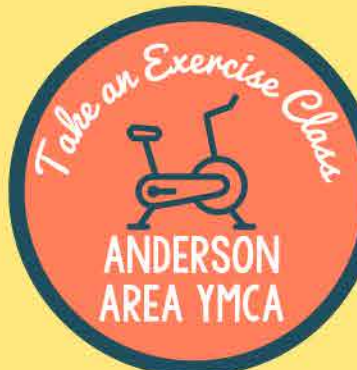
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THE GARDEN SHOP

# Cleaning out the congestion

A break in the heat was a nice tease on cooler weather I'm very much looking forward to. It seems we never grow out of "wishing our life away," as our elders said we were doing in our younger days. There's a whiteboard in the garage so I can write down must-do things when cooler weather arrives. At the top of the list is get poison ivy out of three deodar cedars. I'm highly allergic and will have to suit up for it. It may be a case where I clear one tree, go shower, clear the next, and repeat until all done. I noticed the poison ivy because it has made it near the top and is branching out of the tree in an unruly way. This is also the case in a sasanqua. I'll cut it off at the ground then spray it. I would never be able to pull it out of the trees. Birds have also planted English ivy in an area on the edge of the woods. Once all the other foliage has died in winter, it will be easier to get to that. The woods have been invaded enough with privet. I don't want ivy to get a hold if I can stop it.

A pre-autumn morning of weeding turned into a thorough thinning of things I've planted. Years ago at the SCBG plant sale, I bought Bog Sage (*Salvia uliginosa*). It has pretty blue and white flowers,



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blooms early summer into fall, attracts butterflies, bumblebees, hummingbirds. Deer don't like it, as is the case with most salvias. Despite the name, it will grow in dry soil and does fine during droughts. Each stem has very little foliage and the flower spike is at the top. It mixes in nicely among other plants but by summer's end it tends to get a little floppy. It is also quite stoloniferous and has spread a bit more than I want. Bog sage pulls up very easily though.

While on this thinning jag, Fireworks goldenrod (*Solidago rugosa*) has also spread into another area where it is not wanted. So it was thinned out too. Even though many goldenrods are native, they can be a weedy bother. The yellow blooms can be seen growing in ditches and along roadsides in the fall. Newer varieties don't seed as readily as their roadside cousins. Short's goldenrod (*Solidago shortii*) is a



Above: Bob Lyons' garden near Philadelphia.  
At left: Bog Sage is a pretty salvia.



type on the Federal Endangered Species list, growing only in a small area of northeastern Kentucky. Fireworks has spread in my garden by runners. It does not seem to have come up from seed in other areas. It pulls up easily but older plants require a bit of a hefty tug.

Congested gardening is a term I learned when visiting Bob Lyons' garden near Philadelphia. Bob is a retired horticulture professor from several universities. Plants all flow together with hardly a bare spot. That's how I want my flower gardens to be. Heck with the theory of a place for the eye to rest. But gardens, just like closets, reach a point where some things must go.

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## Make a 'Merkle Pie'

By Dixie McGee Benca

Young chefs are always looking for the next new thing, but I'm forever digging up bones.

A while ago in my heritage cookery endeavors I ran across a vague description of an Appalachian dish called "Merkle Pie". There's still a bit of debate about it, but some language experts believe that "Merkle" may be the Hillbilly word for morel — as in mushrooms.

For those of you who may not know, to a gourmet cook, the morel mushroom is the second most sought after culinary fungi after truffles. This delicacy is common forage in the Great Smokey Mountains. What mere dining mortals pay top dollar per ounce for in the restaurant, "Billy Bob", evidently, makes whole pies from after a bad day of trout fishing, and doesn't even think they merit an actual recipe.

From what I can piece together, a Merkle Pie is a vegetarian version of a Shepherd's Pie, so if you'd like to give it a go, here's the method on which I've been working.

- You can buy dried morels online from Amazon, and after a good re-hydrating overnight soak, drain and cover them with 4 cups of fresh water. Low boil them and reduce the liquid by half. Drain again and reserve the "mushroom tea" water. Slice the morels and set aside.
- Pre-cook two 9 inch deep dish pastry pie shells by package instructions and set aside.
- Slice about 10 cups of button mushrooms



Dixie McGee Benca

and sautee in butter over medium heat with fresh minced garlic (about 1 tbsp) and 2 cups fine diced onions. Do this step in batches so as not to crowd the shrooms and allow the water to evaporate as they cook — you want them to brown, not boil. Mix in a bit of dried thyme, salt and black pepper, a good squeeze or two of fresh lemon juice, along with the zest of the lemon. (For future reference, always remember that lemon and mushrooms are best friends).

- Mix the sautéed buttons with the morels and add everything back into a large sauce pot. Dissolve 1/3 c. corn starch into the morel tea water and pour into the mixed mushrooms. Bring to a boil and cook for 3 minutes to allow the starch to thicken the filling. At this point you can leave it vegetarian or add about a 1/2 cup of bacon bits for an extra punch. Pour into the pie shells and allow to set. While the pie is cooling/setting, make a batch of your favorite mashed potatoes and use to top the pie. Slice and serve. I like it with a generous helping of sautéed cabbage.

As the perfection of my Merkle Pie is still a work in progress, I'd love to have feedback from any of you all who give it a try or know more information about this dish. Contact me online at [www.mcgeesirishpub.com](http://www.mcgeesirishpub.com).



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# 10 ways to lose 10 pounds without diet or exercise

By Mary Haley Thompson

Congratulations, my friends! We can officially celebrate surviving over half of the year 2018. I don't know about the rest of you, but I am exhausted. It seems that each year we become more motivated than the next by working longer hours, assuming more responsibilities and pushing our physical endurance beyond what we thought was humanly possible.

Diet and exercise have become a huge part of our everyday lives. Some of us however, have chosen sleep over long runs, donuts over salads and a case of beer over one Michelob Ultra.

Now it's time to cleanup and look nice for that upcoming work event, holiday party or first date. We've all been there, looking at the mirror and the only outfit we see in our reflection is the #1 Combo from McDonalds we ate the night before.

For those who are also exhausted and would rather not run in place for hours, lift heavy objects or bypass cheesecake for dessert, here are ways to look 10 pounds lighter without diet or exercise.



Mary Haley Thompson



1. Get a tan. I am starting to realize that I may have the only mother on the planet who encourages me to lather in motor oil and bask on a black roof top for my summer base tan. For those cautious folks who shy away from the sun, get a spray tan. Lilia Day Spa is a great local option and for less than \$30 you will enjoy a week of glow, confidence and what looks like a result of gastric bypass surgery.
2. Wear black. This is no news to you and needs no explanation. All black is instantly slimming.
3. Sport a structured jacket that is hip-length with tailored lines; ones that are baggy or that pull are figure-flattery

- disasters. Tapered jackets will always whittle your waist.
4. Lighting is everything. Refuse to enter a room with overhead lights. If you're out and the event area is cast in harsh lighting, opt to stay in the hallway or better yet, just head home.
  5. Match your shoes to your skin tone. Coordinate tones to elongate your bottom half. In winter, wear black opaque tights and black pumps; in summer, try neutral skin-hued versions with bare legs.
  6. Always wear heels. The taller you are, the skinnier you appear. Clumsy on your feet? Opt for a platform or wedge heel rather than the more precarious

- stiletto. Men, too, can get an extra boost from a pair of boots with a large sole or dress shoes with a small heel.
7. Start drinking. I don't know about the rest of you, but the more I drink the better I look in the mirror. A good rule of thumb is 1 drink = 1 pound down. That means you're only a bottle of wine away from your dream body!
  8. Wear your hair away from your face and the higher the better. A teased half up-do or a high ponytail creates an elongated illusion of your upper body.
  9. Wear clothes that fit. A major misconception is that baggy clothes hide extra weight. On the contrary, loose clothes make a person look larger, fashion experts say. Rather, it's form-fitting clothes paired with flowy layers like a sweater or scarf that creates a more slimming silhouette.
  10. The last but most important tip of all is to dress in confidence. There is nothing more attractive than self-love and acceptance. Once you see your own beauty, so will everyone else.



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If you've never fantasized about some things you might want to ask the famous men and women of history, then please indulge me while I ask.

In the world of sports, Babe Ruth, did you actually call a home run off Charlie Root in 1927 by pointing to centerfield with your bat? Joe Louis, could you catch a fly with your left hand, which epitomized why you were one of the great heavyweight champs? Arnold Palmer, was it bravado or confidence that you displayed on one of your famous charges? Terry Don Phillips, how did you know Dabo would build a



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dynasty? Rex Enright, why didn't you play me more at Carolina so I wouldn't leave and join the Marine Corps? Ted Williams, was it confidence or bravado that made you scoff at the idea of sitting out the last game to protect your .402 batting average?

Note: Bravado in sport lexicon is akin to a small boy, who, although petrified with fear, whistles while walking through a graveyard. All

good athletes and teams have it. (Note: Not to be confused with swagger.)

To all you tyrants of history, Adolph Hitler, Josef Stalin, Mao TseTeng, Atilla the Hun. You black hearted, depraved, despicable judges of Salem, Mass., Isis. How do those flames feel on your sorry A for murdering those that disagreed with you? Your time is coming Dylan, we all hope your nefarious escapade will be punished.

To some celebrated immigrants; Andrew Carnegie, how did a poor Scottish lad start U.S. Steel? Albert Einstein, we're glad you came over to our side. "Alexander Hamilton, we

keep forgetting you were from the British West Indies, but you helped get our fledgling nation on a sound financial footing. My question to you is, did you dream you'd be a Broadway star?

I'd ask John Wilkes Booth, James Earl Ray, Leon Czolgosz, Lee Harvey Oswald, and Charles Guiteau, did you really think you'd be applauded and lionized for assassinating four Presidents and a civil rights icon? And how about you, Gavrilo Princip, are you proud you provided the impetus for starting World War I?

Next, I would want to know if Babe Didrikson Zaharias considered herself the greatest female athlete of

her time. Harriet Beecher Stowe, do you know what you started? Eleanor Roosevelt, you deserve plaudits for doing your own thing while your husband was doing his. Cleopatra, did you really have a face that would launch a thousand ships? How about you, Rosa Parks, aren't you glad you took that bus ride?

I've barely scratched the surface, so hopefully you'll indulge me when I have more queries, but my publisher, Ginny, has asked me: Coach, why don't you wrap this nonsense up?

*Jim Fraser was the athletic director and head football coach at T.L. Hanna High School from 1968-1985. He also taught U.S. History.*

## The path to inspiration is a long and winding road

By Kim von Keller

This is now my sixth column for The Electric City News, and I have to say, I'm enjoying it. While I no longer live in Anderson, I'm here all the time, and conceptualizing a bi-weekly essay has been a good way to veer, figuratively speaking, from the route between my parents' home and Mama Penn's as I learn what's going on in and around town. But just as there are many ways to get to a meat-and-three, the path from inspiration to page isn't always a straight line. As it turns out, there's a lot to look at along the way.

I don't know how other people brainstorm, but when I'm preparing to write, it starts off intentionally. I visit the websites of organizations like the Anderson Chamber of Commerce or the Anderson Convention and Visitors Bureau, checking their calendars for upcoming events to riff on or local news to ponder.

Here's a good example: Forty-five minutes ago, I was led to the events page of the Anderson County Museum and discovered that they are hosting their 4th Annual Dress Like a Pirate Day this month. The problem, however, is that I suffer from what I call WTF: Weird Trivia Fetish. Give me a comfortable chair, a bowl of cereal, and a web browser, and I just can't stop. Consequently, 10 minutes ago I was reading that actress Darryl Hannah and singer Neil Young married in a top-secret ceremony, and 5 minutes ago I learned that *risorgimento* is an Italian word meaning "revival." These factoids will serve me well should I ever find myself in the backseat of the "Cash Cab" or face-to-face with Alex Trebek, but with a blank Word document and a deadline, not so much.



Kim von Keller

I blame this on Bill Gates and Steve Jobs. Before the advent of PCs, Macs, tablets of every description, and smartphones, it was not so easy to stumble upon this kind of useless knowledge. "People" magazine was published once a week, and you were lucky if your parents bought you a full set of the Encyclopedia Britannica. Even the nice reference librarian had to go home every night for dinner and a little shut-eye. Fast forward to 2018: People.com has tweeted 31 times in the last TWO HOURS, and if you want to know who/what/where Hypatia is/was/were, you go to Britannica.com. (You can read for yourselves, but there's apparently a feud brewing on the set of "Bachelor in Paradise," and Hypatia was a female mathematician and astronomer in 4th century Egypt.)

So where does this circuitous route to inspiration take me? Sometimes I end up back where I started, reading — and hopefully, writing — about the ideas and events that make Anderson and the state of South Carolina interesting and fun. Other times, I am set along a path that I could not have predicted when I set out; hence, today's column about wandering around the Internet. It is at times like this that I am reminded of the wise words of American philosopher and Aerosmith front man Steven Tyler: "Life's a journey, not a destination." The key is knowing when to say when and also knowing when to put away the Cap'n Crunch.

And just so you know, Dress Like

a Pirate Day will take place at the Anderson County Museum on Saturday, September 15, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Visit [andersoncountymuseum.org](http://andersoncountymuseum.org) for

details.

*Kim von Keller is a closed caption editor whose interests include literary fiction and global politics.*



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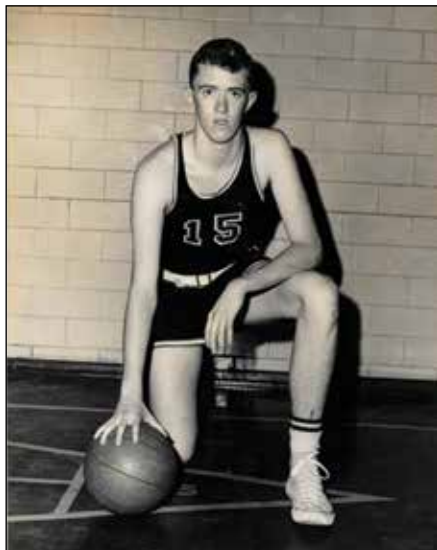
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## T.L. Hanna High holds Hall of Fame banquet

T. L. Hanna High School and the Hall Of Fame selection committee will induct the 2018 Hall of Fame class at a banquet on Friday, September 14. This will be the 10th class to be inducted into the Hanna Athletic Hall of Fame. Following the induction banquet and ceremony, they will also be recognized at halftime of the Hanna football game versus J.L. Mann.

The inductees for the 2018 class are:



**ALEX CAWTHON**

Alex played basketball at Hanna from 1963 to 1965. He was team MVP and team captain. He scored double figures in every game his senior year, averaging over 20 points and 18 rebounds. He was selected to play in the S.C. North-South Allstar basketball game. He also earned High School All-American honors. He was recruited by several colleges and chose a scholarship to North Greenville Jr. College.

He chose a career with International Mining and Mineral company and received many awards and recognitions in this profession. He now lives in Thomson, Ga. He and his wife, Wanda, have four children.



**DINA PADGET GRANT**

Dina played six years of varsity tennis at Hanna from 1984 to 1990. During that time, she won approximately 130 matches with only 20 losses. In her 10th grade year, her team won a state championship with a 15-0 record. She earned All-Conference

recognition. In the 11th and 12th grade, she was team MVP, team captain, and earned All-Conference. She was highly competitive in several state tournaments as well.

Dina earned a scholarship to Presbyterian College where she played for four years. She was selected team captain and all-conference on the college level. After college, she began a career of teaching and coaching tennis at several middle schools and high schools. She and her husband, Steve, now live in Johnson City, Tenn., with five children.



**MARK KAY**

Mark earned five athletic letters in football and track at Hanna from 1973 to 1976. In football, he was a starting tackle for two years. His team won two conference titles as well as an Upper State Championship in 1974. He was a Tri-Captain his senior year and selected to play in the S.C. North-South All-Star Football game. In track, he threw the shot and discus while helping his team win three state championships.

Mark earned a football scholarship to Presbyterian College where he was a three-year starter at tackle and lettered four years in track. He was also selected as a tri-captain. He still lives in Anderson with his wife, Jana, and son, Brooke. He is affectionately known as "Santa Claus" by many of his friends.



**ZACH LOFTIS**

Zach earned eight varsity athletic letters at Hanna in tennis and football from 1989

to 1995. In six years of tennis, he played No. 1 singles for four years and made All-Region for those four years. He was region Player of the Year during his 11th and 12th grade year. He was All-State, AAA State Player of the Year as a senior while winning 90 percent of his high school singles matches. His teams won four region titles. He reached #2 ranking in the state and was also selected as a representative on the Junior Davis Cup Team. In football, he was a punter and place kicker earning honorable mention All-Region and All-State.

Zach earned a tennis scholarship to Presbyterian College where he continued his tennis career earning All South Athletic Conference recognition for two years. He helped lead his team to the nationals as a junior and senior. He now lives on Isle of Palms, S.C., with his wife, Emily, and their three children.



**NATE WOODY**

Nate earned 10 athletic letters at Hanna from 1976 to 1980. He lettered in four different varsity sports during his high school career. In football, he played three years varsity as a defensive back and place kicker. He was team Best Back, All-Conference, and selected to play in the S.C.-N.C. High School Shrine Bowl. In baseball, he was a four year letterman as a catcher and outfielder. He played one year of basketball, and then as a senior he was on the first soccer team at Hanna.

Nate earned a scholarship in football to Wofford College where he was a four year starter. He was captain and team MVP as a senior. After college, he chose the coaching profession and has coached at Wofford College, Appalachian State, and presently he is the defensive coordinator at Georgia Tech University. He and his wife, Rebecca, have two sons and live in Atlanta, Ga.

**SHEILA FINLEY HILTON**

Dr. Sheila Finley Hilton graduated from T.L. Hanna in 1975, where she was a



majorette in the band. She was inspired to enter education by the teachers she had at Hanna and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Secondary English from Clemson University. Her dream was to return to Hanna to teach, and this dream was fulfilled when she accepted a teaching position in English from the then-principal Joe Hazle. She taught English for 10 years, received a Master's Degree, and subsequently accepted an assistant principalship at Hanna in Curriculum and Instruction, a position she held for 18 years. Upon the retirement of Principal Mike Sams, she accepted the principalship at Hanna, a position she held for 7 years, before retiring in 2015. She recently received a PhD in Administration and Supervision from Clemson University. During her tenure, she strongly supported athletic programs at Hanna. She was mainly responsible in establishing the T. L. Hanna Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009. Her support for the hall of fame in expertise, time, and financially has been exceptional.

During Dr. Hilton's tenure, she added more sports teams in an effort to include as many students as possible, knowing that students would learn more on a playing field that could not be learned in a classroom. Two girls' teams won state championship in tennis and soccer and multiple teams went far in the playoffs. In honor of her father, James Finley, who was an avid fisherman, she added a fishing team, which won a state championship in its first year of existence.

During her tenure, she directed Hanna to some of its finest academic accomplishments. Hanna won several state and national academic awards. Hanna won the Blue Ribbon Award; Palmetto Finest Recognition in 2012, '13, '14, and '15; Silver Award by US News as Best High Schools; and US News top 7 percent in 2011 and 2012. Sheila and her husband, Billy, have two children and one grandchild, and still live in Anderson.



# Westside High welcomes Hall of Fame inductees

## KWABENE BROWN

Coach Kwabene Brown "KB" has been coaching track and field at Westside High school since 1998. Brown is a 1991 graduate of Wade Hampton High School, but attended Westside as a student-athlete during his 9th and 10th grade years. KB attended Clemson University where he was a letterman in track and field.

KB has coached at Westside for 20 years. From 1998 - 2005 he was an assistant coach and from 2006-2017 he was the head coach of the track and field program. He has produced some of the top hurdlers not only in the state, but also in the nation. Coach Brown specializes in coaching hurdlers and has been recognized for his ability to produce great boys and girls hurdlers. He will be inducted into South Carolina Track and Field Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame in the spring of 2019 for his accomplishments as one of the nation's top hurdles coaches.

On the state level he has produced 34 State Championships, 17 State Runner-Ups, and his athletes have held 3 of the 4 state records in the hurdles. His hurdlers still hold the two fastest times ever run in the state in the 400 low hurdles by a male and female. On the national level he has produced 14 Outdoor National Championships, 1 National Record (still stands), and 42 Outdoor All-Americans. He has also produced 5 Indoor National Championships and 23 Indoor - All Americans. Brown's teams have won 14 boys' and girls' Region Championships, 2 SC State



Championship Runners-Ups, and has had 8 SC State Championships Top 10 finishes. Coach Brown has been Named Region 1 AAAA Coach of the Year 6 times. In 2008 he was selected for the USA Track and Field SC Association Hall of Fame and also awarded the National Scholastics Foundation Rising Star Coach of the Year (Presented by Nike Nationals). It is through his discipline, dedication, and determination to help his athletes reach their full potential that has gotten him to this point in his career.

KB is also very active in the community as a volunteer youth track and field coach during the summer. He has been coaching AAU and USA Junior Olympics track and field since 2000. He enjoys giving back to the Anderson community just as his father did.

## LESTER J. CLINKSCALES

Lester J. Clinkscales participated in sports at Westside High School in Anderson. He was a starter for the 1959-60 state championship basketball team. Though he loved basketball, his forte was baseball. His skill as a left-handed pitcher was recognized by college and professional scouts. His older brother, Bobby Clinkscales, kept him active in weekend baseball games to increase his skills and garner more exposure.

In 1960, several baseball teams and South Carolina State scouted him. Lester, like many athletes of the time, opted to play professional baseball in order to financially assist his parents. He was able to pay off his parent's home with a portion of his bonus. He was signed by Benny Huffman, a scout for the Chicago White Sox. Lester played 9 years in the White Sox minor league system. He was once placed on the "big league roster", to protect him from being drafted by another team. He played approximately two years in Triple A baseball in Indianapolis, where he met his future wife, Ann Elizabeth Barnett.

The opportunities for minorities were impacted by factors that only time, endurance and patience could change. Clinkscales, however, is extremely grateful for having met the people who helped shaped his career. The travel, life experiences and meeting his wife are all a part of the great adventure MLB brought him.

Now at the age of 79 and a marriage of 51 years, he has been blessed to have one son, Lester Sherard Clinkscales, and one



daughter, Kristie Ann Clinkscales (deceased).

Clinkscales said he is honored that the school is illuminating his accomplishments.

## AUGUSTRIA "TERRIA"

### DAWSON-MCDONALD

Augustria "Terria" Dawson-McDonald was born in Anderson to parents Andrew and Brenda Dawson.

She played on Westside High School JV girls basketball team in 8th grade, then played on the varsity team all four years from 1979-1982. Coached by William Roberts — who also coached her dad when they won the state championship in 1963 — Terria wore #25 white and #30 maroon.

Here are some of the many highlights from her high school basketball career:

- Started in 103 straight games during my varsity years
- Broke the 1,000-point mark by scoring 1,217 points. At that time, over the last 10 years, only two other Westside girls basketball players had broken the 1,000-point mark.
- Snatched down over 900 rebounds
- Averaged 17 points a game her senior year
- All conference 1-AAA in basketball her sophomore, junior and senior year
- Made the Anderson Independent-Mail All Area Girls Basketball team her junior and senior year.

She also lettered in basketball, track and volleyball. For volleyball, she played



sophomore and junior year and won the All Region Award in 1-AAAA. For track she made the All -Area Track Team for the 440 relay team; won ribbons in the mile relay, 400 meter relay and the 880 yard relay; and she also learned to triple jump.

She won Westside MVP award in 1982.

She attended Wichita State University, where she received a four year scholarship.

She is married Kevin McDonald, and has two children — Malcolm and Chris — and two grandchildren. She lives in Decatur, Ga., and has worked for Equifax for 18 years as a vendor manager.



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# BELTON-HONEA PATH STATS

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**FOOTBALL**

By Dan Lacobie

The Belton-Honea Path Bears have started off 2018 first two games with an overall record of 2 wins-0 and 0-0 in region play.

The following players are leading in their respective stats:

**Rushing leaders**

#5 Jaquez Dixon - 8 attempts 140 yds 1 T.D. 7.78 yd avg  
#18 Camden Bratcher - 9 attempts 84 yds 1 T.D. 9.3 yd avg

**Passing leaders**

#18 Camden Bratcher - 26 completions 42 attempts, 550 yards, 6 touchdowns

**Receiving leaders**

#3 Xavier Nance - 10 receptions, 207 yards, 2 touchdowns.

#4 Jacob Howard - 5 receptions, 180 yards, 2 touchdowns

#21 Bralyn Oliver - 4 receptions, 101 yards, 1 touchdown

**Defensive totals**

Team rushing defense - 209 yards

Team passing defense - 393 yards given up 3 touchdowns given up

**Defensive Individual leaders**

#6 J. Sloan - 13 total tackles 5 solo

#49 B. Brown - 6 total tackles 1 solo 5 assists

**SACKS**

#65 T. Galloway 2

Keep up with B-HP football in The Electric City News. All stats will be completed in each issue. Teams, if you see an error or need to add a statistic please email: [dan.lacobie303@gmail.com](mailto:dan.lacobie303@gmail.com).

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