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DENVER DOWNS

Most people have heard of Denver Downs (or the Garrison Farm) and may have been before, if not - you need to check this place out.

Denver Downs Farm, a family-owned and operated farm since 1869, is the only corn maze in South Carolina and just one of three mazes in the entire Southeast to make the coveted USA Today readers' choice top 10 Corn Mazes in the US. The farm has evolved from starting as a cotton farm in 1869, to a dairy farm (1946-1996), and now a general production farm with an emphasis on agritourism.

The current generation owners are

three of the Garrison sisters. Their mother, Mrs. Juanita Garrison, started agritourism at the farm in the 1960's when she gave tours of the Dairy

Farm to local school children - and let them play in the hay barn.

"As a century family farm, it's always an honor and thrill to see our hard work be nationally recognized in the Top 10 Mazes," said

Catherine Garrison, Co-Owner of Denver Downs. "Our farm is not only a special place for our own family through the four generations that have lived and worked here, but also for the thousands of families we welcome every year who enjoy all the great



activities we offer, and our award-winning corn maze!"

Every year, Denver Downs chooses a theme for the corn maze and this year they are celebrating all things pumpkin and have designed the maze to look like a giant Jack-O-Lantern. While people do love to get lost in the 10-acre maze, Denver Downs is offering a cool tech feature where you can view a map on your phone and using

GPS, see where you are and where to find clues to learn about pumpkins.

"If you want to check off a corn maze or pumpkin patch on your fall bucket list, this is the one to visit," said Catherine Garrison. "We strive each year to provide more fun and even more memorable experiences for our guests at Denver Downs."

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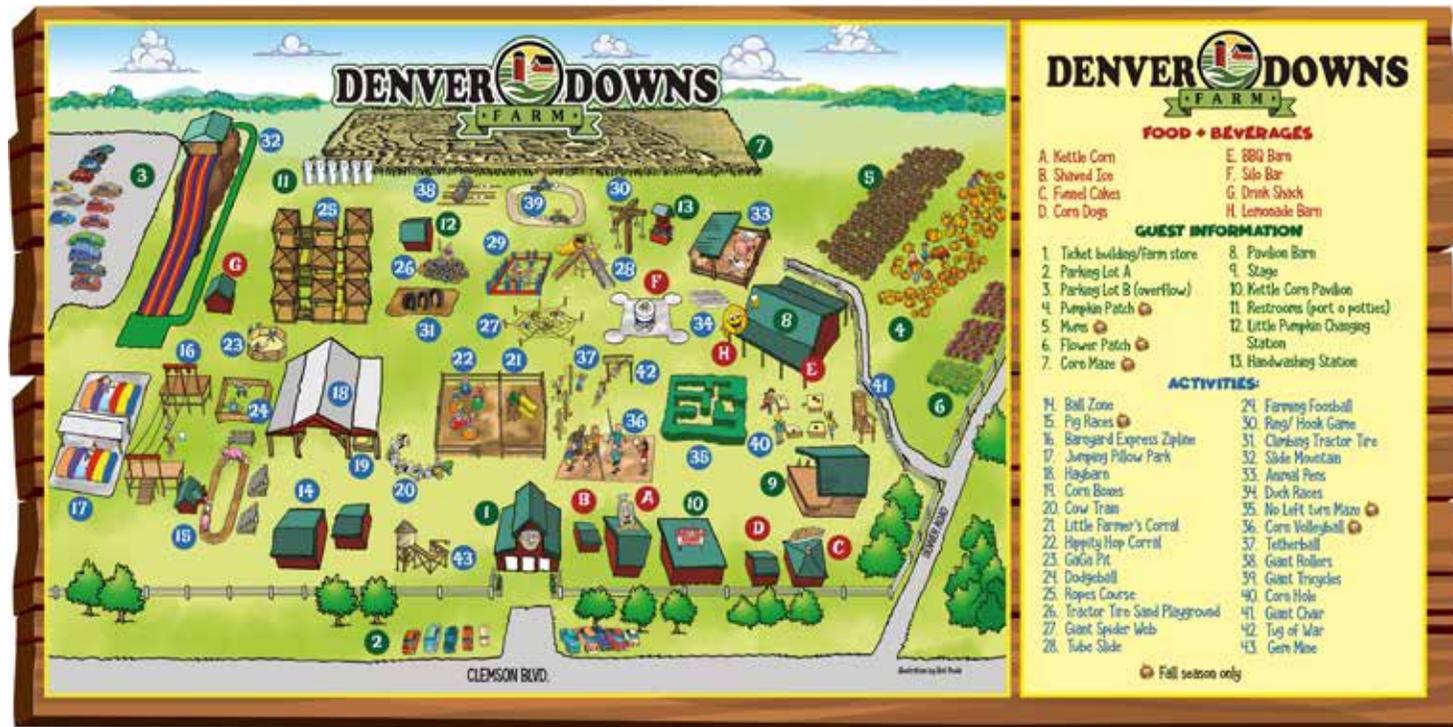


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The farm has also been featured in the October 2019 issue of Martha Stewart Living magazine, adding to the many accolades the farm has earned including a “best pumpkin patch” top spot in the state by Reader’s Digest, Good Housekeeping and Southern Living Magazine.

In addition to 10-acre corn maze, farm animals, 35 fun barnyard activities (zipline, hay-barn climb/swings, giant slide, human foosball, pig races, ropes course, and gem mining), and live music each weekend. Denver Downs will have over 90 tons of pumpkins this season and feature new activities, including the double jumping pillows and Slide Mountain.

The Mega Super Slide Mountain is the newest attraction at this family favorite farm.

“Slide Mountain is a fast, fun, and thrilling new experience at Denver Downs Farm and folks are absolutely loving it,” said Catherine Garrison, Co-Owner of Denver Downs.

The colorful double lane slide is 250 feet long and riders can go up to 35 mph. If guests don’t feel they can take the excitement, they can watch from a viewing bridge atop the slide for an excellent view of the fun. Denver Craft Grading, of Anderson, did 6 weeks of grading for the Slide Project in the spring. Students at Clemson University physics department estimates that the



average adult will slide 30 miles per hour down the slide.

No other slide like this exists in the Upstate of South Carolina. Kids must be 42” tall to ride the slide. Adults up to 250 lbs are welcome as well.

“Slide Mountain is just the beginning of the excitement at Denver Downs Farm this year,” said Garrison. “We’ve expanded the barnyard area to add about 30 percent more space to our agritourism acres, which means more fun for the whole family.”

In addition to the giant Mega Super Slide Mountain, Denver Downs has added another jumping pillow and set the two pillows into a large enclosed space with shaded seating for parents. The smaller kids will enjoy a new play area with a climbing wall and slide plus covered sandbox. The zip line, 10-acre corn maze, ropes course, tube slide, farm animals, pig races, barnyard games, hay barn with swinging ropes, human

foosball, racing tricycles, and endless cow train are all making comebacks for the 2022 season as well.

Weekend themes will include entertainment like the Pumpkin Princess Contest, Rhinestone Cowboy weekend, Dog Day at the Maze, Clemson Day, and Grandparents Weekend (discount for Grandparents). Check out Facebook and the website for information and Music Schedule.

Friday and Saturday nights are fun at Denver Downs- with bonfires and live music. Guests can enjoy the new “Barley and Vine” beer garden at the Silo Bar. The Fall Froze is an apple cider and wine slushie that guests rave about.

Mums galore!
“Our jumbo mums have been a hit,” says Catherine Garrison. “Our mother was a garden writer and enthusiast. She would be thrilled that we are growing these gorgeous plants.” This summer,

we planted zinnias and cosmos for pick your own flowers at the festival and then 4000 mums we are selling daily at our Old Farm Market on Clemson Blvd. Many say they are the most beautiful mums you will find!

“Years ago, most people in SC had a relative with a farm they would visit. We know it’s not like that today. People look for opportunities to get to the farm and see where food and fiber comes from. At Denver Downs, we strive each year to provide education, and more fun and even more memorable experiences for our guests, and we are hoping this year will be the most fun yet with the biggest, most exciting attractions,” said Garrison.

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parents)

The Farm also hosts school field trips and corporate events. Admission required for ages 3 and older.

Dogs are welcome during Dog Day at the maze on Oct 30th.

For more information go to www.denverdownsfarm.com. For interviews or photos please contact Catherine at 843-297-0140 or Catherine@denverdownsfarm.com. Media tickets are available for reviews upon request.

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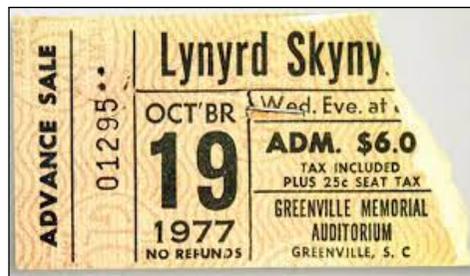
It was a Wednesday morning, October 19, 1977, and I was determined to make it to Greenville Memorial Auditorium to see the greatest Southern rock band in history, Lynyrd Skynyrd. I was so broke that I went to Kentucky Fried Chicken to lick other people's fingers. The tickets were only six bucks at the door. That may not seem like much, but for a jobless hippie wannabe, that kind of cabbage was outta sight, Man.



Neal Parnell

My VW bug had a half tank of Go Juice that would get me there and back five times, but I needed Moola or the Gig wasn't going down, Man. I thought of asking my parents, but my Dad had already warned me that if I didn't get a haircut he would take my car keys. I tried to explain to him that Jesus had long hair but he just eyeballed me and said, "Yea, and he walked everywhere he went too." It was four pm, the concert started at eight, what a Downer, Man.

Fate took over. I had a few quarters in the VW ashtray and decided to vacuum my Bug at Smiley's Car Wash on Concord road. As I was bent over vacuuming, someone tapped me on



the shoulder. I flinched and banged my head as my friend Dale McAdams was laughing hysterically. He had been walking to Whitehall Service (Herbs) when he saw my car. "What's hap'nin' Man?" he says to me. I told him of my plight and he dogged if he didn't say, "Take me with ya, and I'll buy the tix, Man". Center stage, twenty rows back. The lights went down and the warm-up band started playing. They were from Detroit and the lead singer was the Motor City Madman, Ted Nugent, singing his new song, Cat Scratch Fever.

The large curtain closed and the lights were back on. For the next thirty minutes, the anticipation grew. You could see the excitement in those young, long-haired, red-eyed Southerners as they floated closer to the stage. The lights went down and we heard a few familiar guitar licks behind the still-closed curtain. Then, there they were. I stood



mesmerized as Ronnie Van Zant, wearing his signature High Roller hat, started singing "Working for MCA". Through all of the songs, Ronnie drank from a half-gallon bottle of Jack Daniels. The crowd was pumped to a

fever pitch when Ronnie says, "What Song Do You Wanna Hear?!!!" FREEBIRD!!!

We all know the sad thing that happened

when Lynyrd Skynyrd left Greenville. What you don't know was that as we arrived back in Anderson that morning, and had just heard the announcement of the Skynyrd plane crash on the radio, a car ran a red light and crashed into us. We made it out, shaken but alive. My VW bug didn't survive and was now a FREEBIRD, Man.

All the cool kids (and now me) are doing it

I didn't want to die without trying it.

That was my rationale, anyway. My neighbors speak openly about it. My daughter, an attorney, can't face a court appearance without it. I don't usually give in to peer pressure, but when a friend who's a professional chef in a high-pressure European kitchen told me how often he buys it, I finally caved and bought some this morning. And in case you're wondering, I'm not talking about LSD or CBD. I'm talking about PSL: Pumpkin Spice Latte.

It comes back every year, like leaf change and Tom Brady. Starbucks introduced this specialty espresso drink almost 20 years ago, and since then you'll find pumpkin spice in everything from English muffins to air fresheners, from cheesecake to candles. A few years ago, an auto shop near Chicago even offered (with a wink and a smile) a pumpkin spice oil change. Honestly, I

just wanted to know what the big darned deal is. But I needed a little hand-holding before sampling this curious combination of flavors.

So, on the way into town this morning, I called my daughter, Elizabeth. She's an arbiter of all things trendy, and coffee is a pretty important part of her day. She did not fill me with confidence.



Kim von Keller

"You'll probably like it," she said. "Well, you might like it. It depends

on where you get it and what size you buy. Sometimes they use too many pumps of pumpkin sauce in the bigger cups. Since this is your first one, I think you should just order a short. And it's probably best to drink it with the lid on

the cup. It's not a color you usually see in nature."

I should have followed her directions. After waiting in the drive-through line for 10 minutes, I pulled into a parking spot and promptly removed the lid. If we truly ate with our eyes first, I would have lost my appetite. It wasn't a warm brown, like a latte, or a true orange, like a pumpkin. It was somewhere in between, like a color Crayola might develop if they were one crayon shy of 64. Still, the smell of coffee and warm baking spices was intoxicating, so I took a sip.

I get it now. It was everything you want as we slowly creep into fall, creamy and gently spiced with a backbone of espresso. I don't know how many pumpkin sauce pumps my

drink had, but it was just barely sweet. It was all I could do not to knock back the rest in a single gulp, but I savored it as I drove to the office.

The verdict: It was delicious, but I WILL NEVER BUY ANOTHER PUMPKIN SPICE LATTE!

The biggest shock of all wasn't the color or the flavor, but the price. That 8-ounce cup of seasonal delight was \$5.67. If I had a pumpkin pie, a pot of coffee, and a pint of milk, I could put them all in the blender and serve my entire neighborhood for less. I know this sounds like I'm one sentence from "Back in my day" or calling the barista a "whippersnapper," but there are some lines I will not cross.

On balance, though, I'm glad I tried it. At least I know what all the fuss is about, and I feel like I'm one of the cool kids. It took me almost two decades, so I can't wait to catch up on all the other trends that I missed. Anyone for Tide pods?

October family fun

This past week I introduced my girls to Hocus Pocus for the first time. Surprisingly, they weren't scared and really enjoyed it. They are already asking when we can watch the sequel, Hocus Pocus 2?

Decorating for Halloween and watching Halloween movies together with my girls made me even more excited for the fun that is still to be had during the month of October. Maybe you are planning a Halloween party or maybe you're just looking for something fun to do one evening with your family. I have collected a few ideas you may find 'frightfully' exciting:



Katie Laughridge

Candy Corn 'Minute to Win It': Create your own version of 'Minute to Win It'. Each kid will need a stack of candy corn, a bowl and a pair of chopsticks. You'll need a timer set to 60 seconds. The goal of the game is to see who can transfer the most candy corn to the bowl using only chopsticks.

DIY Mummy Bowling Set: You need a set of plastic bowling pins and a couple of rolls of toilet paper. From there, wrap the pins with TP, add googly eyes and voila: They've been mummified. You can also wrap the bowling balls, too.

Make Your Own Mummies: You'll need more toilet paper for this game. Split up into teams and pick one person to be the mummy. Then, it's up to the rest of the group to wrap up the "soon to be mummified" candidate with TP until they actually look like a mummy. The group that mummifies the fastest wins. Keep the fun going by racing to a designated spot

after the mummify is completed. The losing team must eat candy corn. (I'm for sure participating in this one. Haha!)

Treat Yourself While Bobbing For Donuts: This Halloween activity requires two things: string and donuts. From there, all you need to do is hang donuts from tree branches and invite your kids to eat theirs hands-free. Yep, their hands should be tied behind their back the whole time.

Spider Race: Visit your local dollar store and purchase a few plastic spiders (the creepier the better). Grab a couple of straws and set up a start and finish line on the kitchen table. The goal is to race the bugs by blowing them across the table as fast as possible. The first kid to cross the finish line with their eight-legged creepy friend wins.

Play Bob For Apples: Simply fill a wide-mouth bucket or bowl with enough water so the apples can float. Then, with their hands behind their backs, allow each kid a chance to retrieve as many apples as possible using only their mouth. Whoever can grab the most apples within a minute wins the contest.

Let Your Kids Design Their Costumes: There's nothing wrong with a store-bought costume, but if you want to make figuring out what everyone will be more of an event, challenge your family to find one item at home and build a costume from there. Grab some sheets and dress up as a ghost or dig around a little and get more creative.

Swap Scary Stories: That one story that your cousin used to creep you out with when you were younger will come in handy for this activity. You can also opt to make one up on the fly, pull another one from your childhood.

I hope everyone has a fun and spooky Halloween! Katie

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HISTORY OF THE MOORHEAD CABIN

BY RICH OTTER

As part of the Scot-Irish migration from Ulster, Ireland, John Moorhead brought his family to Pennsylvania in the 1790s and then on down to the Union District of South Carolina.

John Moorhead learned of property available in what would later be the Anderson area of the Pendleton District and his son Alexander was sent to acquire it and plant its first crop. There was already a small one-room cabin on the property but Alexander initially lived with his brother James and his wife who had preceded him to the area and likely were the ones who had spotted the property.

The land, constituting 347 acres, was purchased for a trade of two horses. After he had "laid by" his first crop, Alexander returned to Union County and fetched his parents and younger sister to join him. Wanting a bit more room than available in the cabin, the family proceeded to build a 6-room, 2-story log home in 1811.

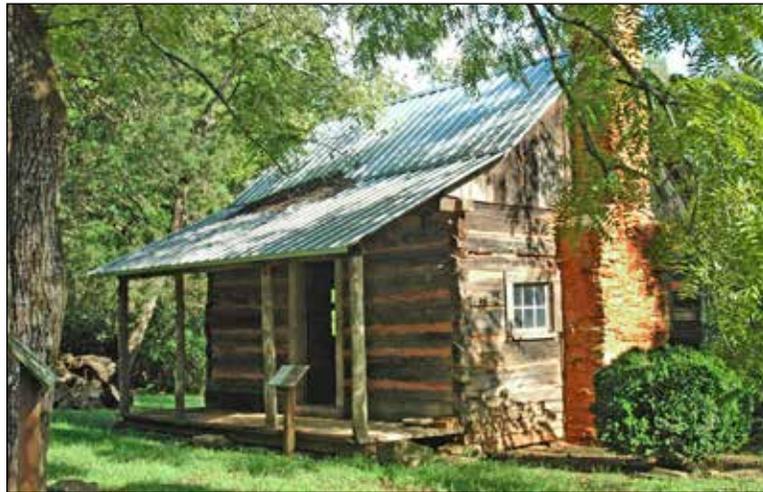
Reporter Sara Liverance wrote

that Robert Moorhead, a son of Alexander who never married, lived in the log home built by the family until he passed away in 1921. The home was generally referred to as the Robert Moorhead home.

To preserve the home, when a subsequent purchaser acquired the land, it was disassembled and moved at the expense of Moorhead heirs and other contributors in 1972. Much of the wood could not be used to rebuild the home but a log cabin using logs from the main house as well as from a home of John Beamer was constructed on the grounds of the Ashtabula Plantation to closely resemble the original cabin. It was subsequently moved to its present location at the Woodburn Plantation on the outskirts of Pendleton.

Over half of the logs are original from the Moorhead and Beamer homes and notching technique used in Ulster is evident. They "locked the logs together" to shed rainwater to "prevent rot." The roof is not original.

Alexander Moorhead and his



The Moorhead Cabin

wife Rachael Sherrill had seven boys and five girls. Although Alexander raised tobacco, he was best known for sweet potatoes. He was a major supplier of the potatoes for his community where they were heavily consumed.

During the War of 1812, he was a captain of a company of men from the Pendleton District and spent six months fighting Indians in Georgia.

When a determination was made

for the development of the town of Anderson as the county seat, Alexander Moorhead was appointed one of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for the Anderson District with the authority to contract for and superintend the building of the courthouse, lay out the Anderson village square and streets stretching in all directions.

After the Pendleton District had been divided into the Anderson

and Pickens Districts (later called counties), and property used as a Poor House near Pendleton was sold with the funds directed to be divided between Pickens and Anderson Districts in 1839, Moorhead was designated as a Commissioner of the Poor to serve with John Martin, Val D. Fant, Daniel Brown and Asa Clinkscales. They acquired 347 acres in 1841 for what would become the Anderson County Home and County Farm. The property now includes the entire Anderson County Sports and Entertainment complex.

Alexander's son Robert deeded property to what was then described as a "group of Baptists." It is now the location of Concord Baptist Church.

Alexander Moorhead died in 1863 and is buried in what is generally an abandoned cemetery identified by a small marker as the Old Concord Presbyterian Church and Moorhead Cemetery across the road from Concord Baptist Church. Moorhead ancestors have attempted to keep the Moorhead burial site clear of vines and debris.

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One of the cornerstones of remaining healthy in this infectious era is getting a good night's sleep. Given the pressures of modern life this can be challenging. For this reason, I wanted to share with all my readers that I have just been honored with Diplomate status from the American Board of Dental Sleep Medicine (ABDSM). To date I have completed over 160 hours of specialized education in this field — with more to come.

This is an important step in my professional journey to continue helping more and more patients who suffer with obstructive sleep apnea (OSA), snoring, and sleep breathing disorders — potentially dangerous conditions that can compromise one's well-being and long-term health.

The ABDSM is the leading national testing organization for dentists who treat snoring and obstructive sleep apnea with oral appliance therapy. Earning Diplomate status from the ABDSM is a unique honor

that recognizes special competency in dental sleep medicine. Consider, men and women who suffer from obstructive sleep apnea experience a blockage or collapse of their airway while they are sleeping — causing them to stop breathing for short periods multiple times throughout the night! The standard treatment for this condition is a Continuous



Dr. Gabrielle F. Cannick

Positive Airway Pressure machine or (CPAP). Is it effective? Yes. However, the AADSM estimates up to 50 percent of sleep apnea patients do not comply with its proper use. Others simply cannot tolerate CPAP. That's where dental sleep medicine comes in. In contrast to a CPAP machine, an oral appliance can offer a better solution. An

oral appliance is a mouth guard-like device worn only during sleep to maintain an open, unobstructed airway. Patients prefer oral appliance therapy because it is comfortable, easy to wear, quiet, portable, and easy to care for. Bottomline: Oral appliance therapy is an effective treatment option that offers a higher rate of patient compliance than CPAP. I work with my patients, and their sleep physicians, to identify the right oral appliance design, then custom fit appliances to each patient and make any needed adjustments to ensure an open airway and a more restful sleep.

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Dr. Gabrielle F. Cannick is the owner of Grand Oaks Dental, located at 3905 Liberty Highway in Anderson. A strong believer that dental fear and anxiety should not prevent any patient from receiving the highest quality dental care, Dr. Cannick has received extensive training in Sedation Dentistry and is a certified member of the Dental Organization for Conscious Sedation. She is also a member of the South Carolina Dental Association, the American Dental Association, the Academy of General Dentistry, and the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine.

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JUST LIKE TWO-YEAR-OLDS

BY ANN BAILES

We've just returned from a trip to Arizona, and because many readers like to talk hummingbirds, I'd better tell you about the western ones right away, since all of our hometown ruby-throats are either leaving or gone for the winter. After they leave, talking about hummers is not as interesting until next spring. I'll save some other good Arizona stories for later.

On the top of a mesa in eastern Arizona, at a beautiful secluded wildlife haven called Sipe White Mountain Wilderness Area, we sat on the front porch of the visitors' center and watched the three species of hummers that are still present there in late September. None of them are easy to identify at this time of year. The males are mostly gone, and since they are the ones with the most color, they are also the easiest to pick out. Furthermore, many of the birds still hanging around are immatures, who also don't have much color. But with the help of a good field guide, and Donna, the visitors'

center attendant, Mike and I were able to figure out all three types: the rufous, the broad-tailed, and the black-chinned.

The rufous hummingbird was the easiest because of its partial honey-brown color. The broad-tailed looked very much like our female ruby-throats, but since rubies aren't found out west, the broad-tailed could be identified correctly. Plus, its tail is definitely wider than the ruby-throat's. The black-chinned hummer's beak is longer than that of the other species, which is how we figured that one out.

Now, this is what made watching these birds interesting: They are just as possessive as our eastern ruby-throats, which anyone has observed who has ever tried to keep a sugar water tube filled. Ten tubes were strung across the front porch. Each had six ports, so theoretically sixty hummers could have all fed at one time without being in the way of their siblings and cousins.

But they each tried to be top dog. When one of them was "on duty," its main goal was to chase the others away. With that many feeders, the self-designated cop couldn't be successful. But that didn't keep it from trying.



When we first came to the porch, no hummingbirds could be seen. But Donna told us, "Just sit. They'll come out when they see you, because they like to perform." She was right. Within a couple of minutes, the aerial show began, and did not stop until we went in. Over the course of our trip, we visited this place three times, and they behaved with the same acrobatics, coming and going continually, every time.

We left Sipe White Mountain with the pleasure of knowing we'd seen three more species of hummers. Their childlike behavior reminded me of human two-year-olds. Both can be possessive and both love attention. And both are cute, and fun to watch. For awhile.

UPSTATE TRADERS MAKING ITS MARK

Shopping and selling local just got easier with a new monthly pop-up yard sale and vendor market — Upstate Traders! Local residents, businesses, and food vendors are invited to set up and sell for free on the second Saturday of every month at the featured event. The upcoming Upstate Traders markets will be held from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on November 12th and December 10th at Bargain Exchange Flea Market (located at 1449 Walhalla Hwy, Pickens, SC 29671).

The mission of Upstate Traders is to provide a free space for local businesses, entrepreneurs, food vendors, and even yard sale aficionados to reach new audiences and sell their highly sought-after goods, while also creating an environment that allows shoppers to seek out and support local vendors. In addition to the yard sale and vendor market, the event will host live music, food trucks, and a livestream viewing of the top college football games, which means there will be tons of fun for the whole family.

Vendor spaces, along with tables, are available on a first come, first serve basis. Vendors are encouraged to sign-up ahead of the event to secure their desired vendor space and to be featured on the Upstate Traders social media accounts. Community members are invited to follow the event's Facebook page to get a sneak peek of some of the vendors and items to look forward to on the day of the market! There is a parking fee of \$5 per car for shoppers, and in return, each car will receive a special coupon offer for a local shop, service, restaurant, or experience to encourage support of local business inside and outside of the market.

Vendors can reserve a spot for the event by calling (864) 878-4762 or registering online at: <https://bit.ly/UpstateTraders>. Make sure to follow their page for event updates and vendor spotlights at: <https://facebook.com/UpstateTradersSC>. For inquiries, please contact (864) 878-4762 or director@truesouth-ernevents.com.

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Anxiety, depression, trauma, etc. often lead to intrusive thoughts and difficulty sleeping. One technique to try involves breathwork with the digits 4-7-8. Specifically, one would breathe in 4 counts, hold the breath for 7 seconds, and exhale for 8 counts. By using this technique, the buzz and noise in your mind turns to peace. This exercise may not automatically lead to sleep, yet often reduces the anxiety to increase the likelihood and success of falling asleep.

Before using it in bed, practice in a calm and quiet space with your back against the wall. Remember to place your tongue behind your front teeth. Exhale with a whooshing sound while inhaling through your nose. Repeat the pattern for 3 times while maintaining the ratio of 4, 7, and 8. This cycle also activates your parasympathetic nervous system—placing your body in a resting and relaxation system. This exercise further reduces blood pressure. Use your breath to foster sleep and the vital energy you need and deserve.

Mary-Catherine McClain Riner, Ph.D., Ed.S., M.S., is a Licensed Psychologist with Riner Counseling, LLC. Visit www.rinercounseling.com or call 864-608-0446.

Ready for a fashionably fabulous fall

I love makeup. It's fun and makes me feel put together. I don't wear a full face every day of course because I don't have the time, but when I do, I like to go all out. This season we have some super stunning and affordable products that I've discovered. I love fall colors in the makeup palette department.

As far as eyeshadow is concerned, I'm really loving an eyeshadow palette by the company Too Faced. The palette is called Pumpkin Spice of course, it has the most extraordinary colors for eyeshadow that you've ever seen. They are buildable and you can add stunning colors to make your eyes pop and stand out. For lipstick, I am loving just a basic drugstore shade by Maybelline. The Vinyl Super Stay Ink is absolutely stunning and affordable. I wore it the other night

to a party and it stayed on the entire time and didn't budge. It was really comfortable on my lips and the shades are lovely. I bought the shade called Coy and it's a beautiful color



Kristine March

transition into fall, especially if you're not quite ready for such a dark shade of a lip color just yet. I highly recommend. If you want to go a little bit darker for a blush to add that autumn glow I suggest Nars in the shade Savage. It's a shimmering red brown color. It looks beautiful on every skin tone.

You definitely have to have a gorgeous signature scent this season too. Spice Blend by Christian Dior will

make you feel all cozy this season. It has notes of cinnamon and pink pepper plus nutmeg and coriander. Very woodsy which I love. It would be great for a night out and it lingers.

For eye-catching nail color try purple, yellow or burgundy. Anyone that knows me knows that I love a good glue on manicure that I do myself. I have gotten it down to a science. A company called Clutch Nails makes really fabulous ones and in every shade and shape you can think of. Try it. They stay on for up to 5 to 7 days and it's really fun to do.

So, this season make a big pitcher of some delicious sangria, and put on a pretty sweater. Do your makeup, hair and nails and have a fabulous fall y'all. Remember to make the sidewalk your runway and kindness matters.

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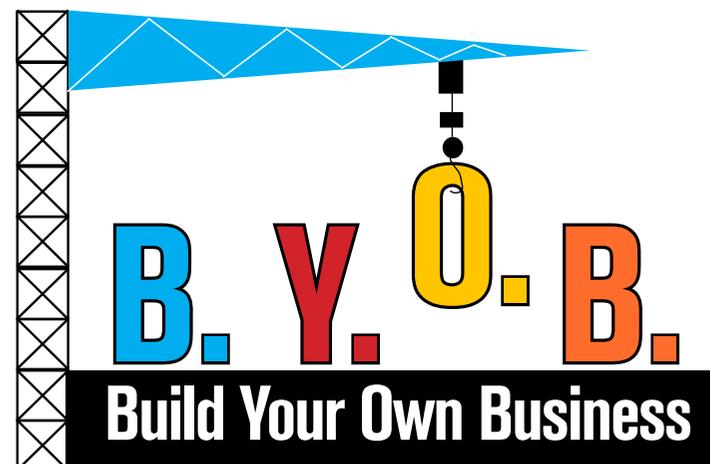
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THE GARDEN SHOP

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SUSAN TEMPLE
master gardener

For us Anderson natives, we know how our hometown has attracted people from all around the country. This is still surprising to me. But one of the biggest surprises was in March of 2019 when a request was sent to Anderson Master Gardeners for a gardener. A member who was a real estate agent had recently sold a house and the owner needed a gardener. I answered this ad. The gentleman is from Los Angeles. After talking on the phone, and me stating up front I am not a mow and blow gardener, he told me his home did not have a lawn. Ah, this sounded good. We met, walked around his garden, and I was hired. I've been the gardener for "my California man" since. But

California man did not move here. He looked all over the US for about two years for a place on a lake and bought on Lake Hartwell. He travels from LA to Anderson every two or three months. Just astounding to me!

As I learned my California man's garden, there was a very pretty patch of a little plant, whose name I didn't know, growing in a sunny corner beside the screened porch. Finally when shopping at McAlister's Greenhouse in 2020, I saw it - Mexican Heather (*Cuphea hyssopifolia*). Sold as an annual, with sources saying hardy zone 9-11, this little beauty is practically evergreen in California man's garden. Last winter the tops were burned when we dipped down very cold a few nights. After all chances of frost were gone, the brown tips were cut off and the plant flourished.

I planted some near my front porch last year. It grew great all summer with only water from Mother Nature. Deer passed it by in my

garden too. But it did not winter over for me. Since Mama's yard is quite warm, I suggested she try it and see if it will winter over for her. She is on a corner lot, close to the road, in the middle of town. I planted two more this year as well in a more protected spot of my garden but don't have much confidence in it wintering over.

Shiny green leaves are covered in purple flowers all summer. Bees love it and hummingbirds visit it some. It is well worth growing as an annual even if it does not winter over. In California man's garden, it seeded this year. Little babies came up between the stepping stones. He got about four new plants from it. His mature clumps have spread by roots too and covered an area about four feet. It only gets about a foot tall and has really made a lovely groundcover for the spot. There are varieties with white flowers too but I've never seen these.

Mama planted her Mexican Heather beside her front door with

some mums. Every year we look for different mums that will come back. Grocery store mums, as well call them, don't offer much variety. But these purple ones grow nicely and stay small for the spot in Mama's garden. Mums are another plant deer pass by. I prefer types like Ryan's pink that grow tall, sprawl around, and mingle in with other plants. Grocery store mums are good for small gardens. The more sun any mum has the happier they'll be. The pow chartreuse color is jewel of opar (*Talinum paniculatum*). It is a reseeding annual that can get around. I love it. Foliage stays short and pink bloom stalks grow about two feet tall. They are very airy, turn to red/orange bead like things, and make great cut and dried flowers. This picture beside Mama's front door is a pretty variety, with three season interest, all in a space about four feet long and two feet wide. We'll see if she gets winter interest from Mexican Heather.



Mums, Mexican Heather and Jewel of Opar

FROM THE SHELF

The Giver

by Lois Lowry

Book challenges have been making the news, and as a librarian/reader it's something that obviously has an effect on my life. If you've been following the news, you'll have



Sara Leady

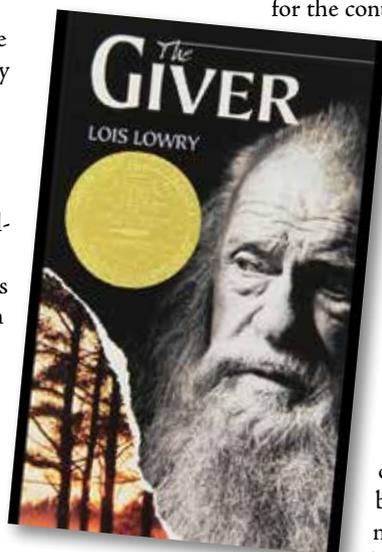
noticed that most titles in question are classified as "youth materials."

A bit on my background as an academic... For my undergraduate degree my senior thesis was focused on 'hero theory' in children's literature. My masters degree

took that step further with a focus on comics and social literacy/diversity in youth materials. Suffice to say, I have read COPIOUS amounts of kids lit and analyzed it for years. So when I say that I, at almost 35, a reader of 200 plus books a year, have only just recently read The Giver by Lois Lowry. Yes that Giver, incredibly famous, staple of ALL youth reading lists.

Why haven't I read it till now? Because when I was a kid, my parents challenged the title at my school and forbade me from reading it. I asked my mom what the aversion was, and she was a touch fuzzy on the details, but she remembered that the church we were attending at the time had a whole list of books they didn't think the kids in the church should be reading.

For those who maybe aren't familiar with the title, The Giver by Lois Lowry follows Jonas as he approaches his twelfth birthday, and thus the day that the elders assign each child their job/role within the community for the rest of their lives. The day of assigning, the whole community is given a shock when Jonas is named the new 'Receiver,' a rare honor. As 'The Receiver' Jonas will be given the collective memories of the entire society, and it is his responsibility to keep these memories and use them to advise the council on guiding the community. No one but Jonas and The Giver (the previous Receiver) have these memories, and it is this censoring of knowledge that is believed to keep the community safe, aka ignorance is



bliss. Jonas and The Giver start to question this and, spoiler alert, decide to release the memories and "free" the community.

It was interesting for me reading The Giver for the first time because I kept waiting for the content that was so problematic

that my parents, their church, and in their defense, a whole bunch of other people, felt the need to challenge the book in the 1990's. I get there is a subversive nature to the title given the mass control of everyone and everything, but if anything I'd think that the questioning of that level of social control might actually be a good thing.

The title itself is certainly dark, as most dystopians are, but beyond the depressing nature of it, I am honestly a bit confused over why this book was challenged. Since I was trying to piece out why my parents were so averse to it, I looked up the national challenge details for The Giver, and the issues listed were that it wasn't age appropriate, and was violent (infanticide and euthenasia are both mentioned).

It's a curious thing to me because I wonder how much of that I would have actually picked

up on as a kid versus my reading the book as an adult. I think as a kid the concept of euthenasia would be jarring, but I also think I'd have breezed over the brief mention of it, being more focused on Jonas and what he was going to do next. Quite honestly, I think I'd have read the book since it was assigned, but not processed much purely on the basis that there were no dragons or other actually interesting things happening in the book.

As I watch the current challenges going on across the country, it's interesting to look at how much of the issues with the various titles are adult issues, and not something a kid would even bother to pay attention to. It's easy as adults to project our understanding and experiences of the world onto kids, and assume that they're operating with that same level of experience as us, when they aren't actually taking in the world with the same context that we are. Obviously we should be aware of what media kids are consuming, but I think we need to take their actual perspective into context and not just project our adult understanding of the world on all content designed for children. Plus, books (or other media) that explore things a parent might be concerned with also create the perfect opportunity for discussing stuff with your kids, which ultimately gives them a better understanding of the world at large. It's certainly food for thought.

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NIBBLE & SIP

Cool autumn mornings deserve warm fall flavors

Fall takes its time in South Carolina, slowly creeping up on us. One minute you're tailgating in shorts and a t-shirt, then shorts and a sweatshirt, and before you know it,



Kim von Keller

you've got to bundle up in the morning just to grab your newspaper from the end of the driveway. I always know that autumn has arrived when I lose interest in iced coffee and long for something warm, creamy, and substantial. National coffee chains

know this, too, which is why they've made gazillions off of drinks with flavors such as gingerbread, salted caramel, and mocha.

The cat daddy, of course is the Pumpkin Spice Latte, which Starbucks introduced almost two decades ago. I understand the addiction, but unless you've made a killing in crypto, you're gonna need to make your own



to afford the habit. Slow Cooker Pumpkin Spice Lattes are a great Sip for those first cool mornings of fall.

You're gonna need a Nibble that plays well with coffee, pumpkin, and baking spices, so I'd suggest making a big batch of Chocolate Chip Muffins. Chocolate is the perfect companion to the Pumpkin Spice Latte, and any leftovers freeze well. Together, they're the perfect Nibble and Sip for a crisp autumn morning.

Slow Cooker Pumpkin Spice Latte

3 c. half and half
4 c. strong coffee
3/4 c. plain canned pumpkin (NOT pumpkin pie filling)
1 T. vanilla
1/2 c. sweetened condensed milk
1/4 c. maple syrup
1 t. pumpkin pie spice
whipped cream, to garnish
cinnamon sticks, to garnish
Combine half and half, coffee, pumpkin, vanilla, sweetened condensed milk, maple syrup, and pumpkin pie spice in a slow cooker. Cook on high for approximately 1 hour, or until steaming. Serve with whipped cream and cinnamon sticks. Serves 8.

1/3 c. light brown sugar
1/3 c. white sugar
2 eggs
1 t. vanilla
2/3 c. milk
2 c. milk chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 400°. Spray 2 standard 12-cup muffin tins with quick release spray or line with cupcake papers. You'll fill about 18 of the individual cups with batter.

In a small bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, and salt; set aside. In a medium bowl, combine the butter, brown sugar, and white sugar until blended. Whisk in the eggs, one at a time, followed by the vanilla. Add the flour mixture, alternating with the milk, whisking just until a smooth batter forms. Stir in the chocolate chips.

Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups and bake for 15-20 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of one muffin comes out clean. Place the muffin tin on a wire rack to cool for 5 minutes before serving. Makes 18.

Chocolate Chip Muffins

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1/2 t. salt
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Jackets stretch win streak to five games

BY BRU NIMMONS

ANDERSON — With region play getting into swing over the last two weeks, the T.L. Hanna Yellow Jackets have plenty to be happy about at this point in the season.

The Jackets, who were on a three game winning streak heading into conference play, kept the streak alive with close region wins over Mauldin and Hillcrest to keep the streak alive and move to 7-1 on the season.

Opening up their recent slate against the Mauldin Mavericks, the Jackets hung on after a strong start in a 35-26 win.

The Mavericks received the opening kickoff against the Jackets, but Hanna struck first as two plays into the game Tegan Cole picked off Mauldin quarterback Emory Watson and returned the ball 32 yards for a score to give Hanna a 7-0 advantage 50 seconds into the action. Down early, the Mavs bounced right back as Watson found Aaron Bowens for a 42 yard score to tie the game at 7-7 with 9:29 left in the first quarter.

Hanna quarterback Kenny Fretwell caught Maverick defensive backs sleeping with a 52 yard play action touchdown pass to Jake Curtis to take a 14-7 lead late in the first.

After forcing a Mauldin punt, the Jackets moved down the field again scoring on a 4 yard run by Josh Donald to take 21-7 lead.

The Mavericks refused to go away answering with a 46 yard field goal by Aiden Hanus early in the second quarter. Mauldin continued to cut into the lead later in the quarter as Devan Ortega scored from inside the 10 to put the score at 21-17 with 2:44 left in the half.

With Mauldin closing in, SaSheen Latimer carried the Jacket offense before scoring on a 3 yard run to give Hanna a 28-17 lead going into the break.

Both teams struggled coming out of the break before Hanus drilled another field goal to cut the lead to 28-20 with 3:14 left in the third. Despite a blocked field goal, the Hanna offense continued to struggle and Ortega scored again to cut the lead to 28-26. Mauldin attempted a two-point conversion but was unable to convert with 4:50 to go.

With the game within reach for Mauldin, the Jackets put together the drive of the night eating away clock before Vashun Burton

broke free on a 54 yard touchdown run to cap the scoring.

Hanna had another game for the ages last week, taking down the J.L. Mann Patriots in double overtime, 48-42.

Mann received the opening kickoff and showed the Jackets they were in for a fight on the opening possession driving down the field before a 5 yard touchdown by Obadiah Jones gave them a 7-0 lead with 8:28 left in the first.

The Jackets responded with Fretwell hitting Que Alexander on a 57 yard play action touchdown pass, but answered quickly on a 60 yard catch and run touchdown by Mikel McClellan to retake the lead 14-7 with 3:14 left in the first quarter.

Both offenses struggled heading into the second quarter, before the Jackets matched the score at 14-14 on a 12 yard touchdown run by Jaylon Boles with 4:42 left in the half.

With just 20 seconds till halftime, Mann broke the stalemate on a pass from Ethan Anderson to Landyn James to give the

Patriots a 21-14 lead at the break.

Coming out of the break, the Patriots expanded on their lead with 35 yard touchdown from Anderson to McClellan, but Burton made sure to answer for the Jackets on a 42 yard run to cut the lead to 28-21 with 1:37 left in the third.

The Jackets managed to tie the game back up in the fourth as Fretwell found Boles for a 32 yard score, but with just under three minutes to go Mann retook the lead on a 15 yard pass by Anderson.

With time running low, Boles continued to impress for the Jackets getting them into Mann territory before scoring the tying touchdown from 1 yard out with 11 seconds to play.

In overtime, Hanna struck first on a touchdown run by KD Patterson, but Jones answered for the Patriots to tie things at 42-42. The Hanna defense made their stand in the second overtime, forcing a missed field goal, and Boles scored the final touchdown to give Hanna a 48-42 win.

The Jackets will finish out the regular season over the next two weeks with games against Hillcrest and Woodmont.



WESTSIDE RAMS

Westside splits first two region contests

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ANDERSON — After winning four straight games to finish non-conference play, the Westside Rams had an up and down start to region play over the last two weeks.

Against a talented Greenville squad, the Rams struggled after a close first half leading to their first loss in a month. However, the Rams were able to bounce back in a big way last week against Pickens.

Westside opened up their most recent slate on Oct. 3, falling to the Greenville Red Raiders, 66-33.

In a game where scoring seemed to come at will, the Red Raiders received the opening kickoff and moved down the field down the field quickly leading to an 18 yard touchdown pass from Bryson Drummond to Jayden Peppers to take a 7-0 lead with 10:31 left in the first.

Not to be outdone, the Rams moved down the field in nearly the same span of time as quarterback Cutter Woods found Jimmar Boston for a 44 yard score to tie things at 7-7.

The Red Raiders quickly answered right back with Drummond finding Minnesota commit Tyler Brown for a catch and run that turned into a 42 yard score.

Down 14-7 with 8:07 left in the first quarter, the Rams continued to keep pace with Greenville as they answered with a 10 yard touchdown run by Dee Robertson.

After forcing the games first punt, the Rams kept the offensive onslaught going scoring on the final play of the first quarter on a 43 yard pass from Woods to Josh Williams. Despite a missed PAT, the Rams held their first lead of the game at 20-14.

Less than a minute into the second quarter, Greenville marched right back and retook the lead, 21-20 on a 40 yard touchdown run by Peppers.

The Red Raiders kept their momentum going by forcing Westside's first punt and scoring again on a 15 yard touchdown pass from Drummond to Mazeo Bennett to take a 28-20 lead with 5:52 left in the second quarter. The Rams dug themselves in an even bigger hole on the next possession as they were forced to punt again, only to see a bad snap give Greenville the ball at the Westside 8 lead-

ing to another Red Raider score. Westside managed to add one more touchdown before the break on a 49 yard pass from Woods to Williams to only trail 35-26 at the half.

Greenville came out of the locker room hot adding another score on a swing pass from Drummond to Brown to increase the lead to 42-27 and another Westside special teams mishap, this time a blocked punt, gave Greenville another shot at the end zone. They took advantage with a 6 yard run by Peppers to go ahead by three scores. Dee

Robertson managed to cut into the lead with a score late in the third, but the Rams couldn't muster their first half offensive in the fourth quarter as Greenville pulled away for a 63-33 win.

Coming off the loss, Westside got back on track in a 63-17 win over Pickens.

For the second time on the season, the Rams opened the game with a bang as Sharode Richardson took the opening kickoff 74 yards for a touchdown to take a 7-0 lead

just 12 seconds into the game.

With their defense stymieing the Blue Flame attack, the Ram offense added points at ease in the first quarter with Woods finding Nehemiah Smith for a score and Robertson rushing for a 32 yard touchdown. Pickens managed just a field goal in the quarter and the Rams went to second up 21-3.

The Westside onslaught continued in the third quarter as the Rams held Pickens off the board while adding touchdowns from Robertson, Williams and Woods to go into the break up 42-3.

Things slowed down for the Rams after the break and Pickens managed to cut into the lead in the third, but Westside answered immediately with its second kickoff return touchdown of the game on 68 yard return by Elijah Grant to give the Rams a 49-10 lead heading to the fourth.

The Blue Flame added one more touchdown early in the period, but the Ram ground game had the last laugh as Hunter Puckett and Richardson both scored to give the Rams a 63-17 win.

Sitting at 1-1 in region play, the Rams have huge games against Greenwood and Easley over the next two weeks.

