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**DENNIS CHASTAIN** 

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BY KAY WILLIS BURNS
ennis Chastain is an award-winning outdoor writer, interpretive
naturalist and modern-day explorer.
He has been writing feature articles
for South Carolina Wildlife Magazine and other
outdoor publications for more than twenty years.
Dennis and his wife, Jane, live on his family's
home place near Table Rock. He is the seventh
generation to live on his family's ancestral land.

Over the past twenty years, Dennis has made a number of interesting discoveries in the mountains of South Carolina. While doing photography for a book on mountain wildflowers, he discovered several species that had not been recorded in Upcountry of South Carolina. Dennis says that he is on a "first-name basis" with some 1,200 plants that can be found in the South Carolina

mountains, and is well-versed enough in the history of that same area, that he can tell the stories of those who came before us, and how they have changed the world as we know it.

Several years ago, he and archeologist, Tommy Charles, (recently retired from the SC Institute of Anthropology and Archeology), discovered several hundred prehistoric petroglyphs (ancient rock carvings) in the mountains near Table Rock State Park. Those were some of the first petroglyphs discovered anywhere in South Carolina. More recently, Dennis has been working with Pickens County officials and others to help secure funding for the SC Rock Art Center at Hagood Mill, where nearly twenty prehistoric human stick

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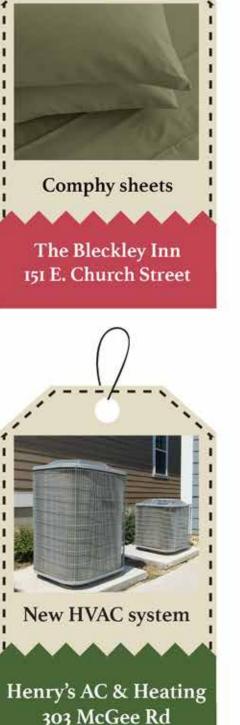
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#### BY BILL THOMPSON

It doesn't take long listening to Chance Poore talk before you'll notice a unique Anderson accent. Nor does it take much research to find out how highly touted his talents are.

According to 24/7 Sports, Chance Poore was the #1 kicker in the nation when he was being recruited as a senior at Westside High School in 2018. According to the University of Kentucky depth chart, Chance is 6'2", 216 lbs. That's a BIG kicker!

Most football fans have probably wondered what kickers think about when they run out onto the field in front of a crowd with the game on the line. I know I've wondered it. So I asked Chance:

"I just think," This is my

job. This is what I have to do". Everyone has a job on the field and I'm the next guy that has to contribute. I think you just have to focus and do your job and whatever happens, happens."

Chance is currently competing at the highest level of his sport in one of the toughest conferences in college football. The SEC features the very best athletes and Chance is seeing tons of action at place kicker as a red shirt freshman. That in itself is a huge accomplishment.

Chance began kicking in the 8th grade at Lakeside Middle School in Anderson. "Every boy in middle school wants to play football." he says. "I started out as a wide receiver and defensive back. But the team needed a kicker. So I started kicking."

By the time Chance reached tenth grade at Westside, he had completely committed his talents to kicking. "Somewhere around sophomore year is when I started thinking I could take it somewhere." And take it somewhere he did

In what Chance recalls as one of his fondest memories at Westside, he scored 20 points in a 32-0 win against cross-town rival T.L. Hanna his junior year. Yes, you read that right. 20 points (6 FG's and two PAT's). "We executed on everything that night." Chance said. "Just a great team win."

Chance uses the word "we" whenever talking about a victory or accomplishment from high

school or college. He's consistently crediting his teammates with successes all the while remaining humble about his own. This is unique coming from a kicker because kickers are so often credited, or blamed, for wins and losses.

"We're human too.", Chance said when asked about common misconceptions about kickers. "We make mistakes all the time.

Many people forget that we're human. We're just like the next guy. A quarterback specializes in throwing the football. We specialize in kicking it."

Chance speaks of former Clemson kicker Chandler Catanzaro when asked about a kicker he looks up to. "You always have to have someone to look up to. You can't just go out there all on your own. You look at Chandler and we kind of have the same mechanics, same build, same swing."

Chance is studying business at the University of Kentucky and has taken a particular interest in Consumerism Economic Family Financial Planning/Advising. "It's a long term", he chuckles. "I'm basically studying to be a financial planner."

Chance displays the character and confidence of a kid who is aged beyond his years. The word "kid" seems inappropriate for a guy of his talent and maturity. When asked about how he deals with both the ups and downs that kicking brings, Chance says "No matter how high you can get in the game, there's gonna be another game, another opportunity. And that's not just in football. It's in everyday life as well."

On behalf of The Electric City News and your hometown, we are super proud of you, Chance! Congrats on everything you've accomplished!

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# Chastain Cherokee had been research of Due Wes

figure petroglyphs have been discovered.

Dennis has made some very significant discoveries of late and they all apply to Anderson and Abbeville counties. "I was contacted several months ago by the Belton Museum about whether or not I could confirm whether or not the Cherokee Path went through Craytonville in southeastern Anderson County. "I was pretty sure that it did, indeed, run right through that historically significant crossroads community, based on preliminary research I had done several years ago while I was researching the old

Cherokee trading path for an article I wrote. I had been planning for several years to do more research on that section from Craytonville to Due West, and through the old Boonesborough township near Donalds, SC."

For the past three years, Dennis and Jane Chastain have been exploring and documenting the route of the old colonial road, known as the 'King's Highway' or the 'Georgetown Road'. Chastain says he is still amazed at how much of the colonial era coastal road is still out there. Originally, the primitive path traversed 123 miles from Little River to Charles Town. "Finding those sections of the King's Highway that still exist was pretty exciting," Chastain said, "but it's really the stories that we encountered along the way that still intrigue me."

"The one thing that I tend to do more than most naturalists is to incorporate both the natural and cultural history in interpreting what folks are seeing in the mountains," Chastain said recently. "I have long maintained that you really cannot understand and appreciate the natural history of a particular patch of woods until you also know its cultural history. Plants are affected by the role humans play in the landscape where they live, and the landscape is certainly affected by people. If you really want to understand the mountain culture, you need to understand the landscape where it evolved."

In 2019, Dennis Chastain was awarded Upstate Forever's Extraordinary Achievement Award for his forty plus years of work as a writer, historian, botanist, and conservation advocate.

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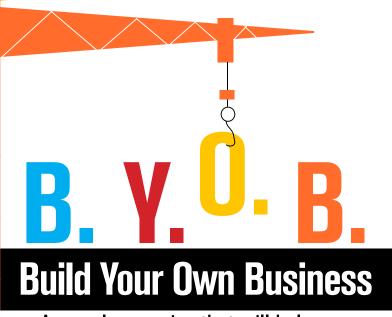
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### THE GARDEN SHOP

## PUNGENT MEXICAN MARIGOLD



Mother Nature has finally given the garden a frost. Experts will say our average first frost date is October 15. We ran several weeks behind that date this year.

A couple of years ago, maybe three, at the South Carolina Botanical Garden plant sale, I decided to give an unknown plant, mountain marigold, a try. Tagetes lemmonii was also called Mexican marigold in their catalog and the description read "a sprawling evergreen shrub noted for its aromatic foliage and brightly golden daisy-like flowers. In constant bloom during short season days in fall and winter. Highly fragrant when brushed against, the musky fragrance



discourages deer, yet bees and butterflies love it".

Sure, I got two. I don't recall anything spectacular about it the first year. It was very late to put out and I thought it had not made it through the winter. The hardy zone said eight to 11. That was a concern as my place is in a valley.

In the heat of summer, the pungent smell of marigold, mint, maybe lemon mixed in, almost permeated the whole garden. I could definitely smell it from up to 15-20 feet away. This summer went by and no blooms. I had forgotten the description saying the plant blooms in fall and winter. About a week or two ago it burst into bloom, loaded with yellow flowers prompting me to go check my gardening book to see if it is supposed to bloom in fall. It positively is not evergreen for me. The foliage is very lacy. It does sprawl, and has flopped open

a bit in the center. I planted one on each side of the path and they spread into the path. I may experiment with pruning them some this winter to keep it out of the path a bit.

The blooms are visited by butterflies and all sort of buzzing things. Lots of buckeye butterflies have been enjoying it even in the chilly weather. There is no sign of deer even browsing it. I can understand why with the smell. While pulling some weeds, I had to get into the center of one of the plants. Whew, the smell was almost too strong. My clothes smelled like it for the rest of the day. I had gotten used to it I suppose. Then when my wonderful early winter day in the garden came to an end, the smell was quite strong once I went in the house. Mexican marigold is native to southern Arizona and well-drained soil is a must. At least 6 hours of sun is also required. It is supposedly easy to grow from seed and to root.

I will pay closer attention to these Mexican marigolds this winter. Now that they are established, maybe they will stay more evergreen this winter. It seems they have rooted from stems touching the ground so I may divide a few too and see how that goes. It's going to be great if there are blooms in the winter. Yellow flowers and the lacy foliage in the winter garden will be a wonderful addition.

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This brings me to the impact on our sleep of the time change, better known as Daylight Savings Time — or "fall back an hour in the Fall; spring forward an hour in the Spring". This can affect circadian rhythm — our natural, internal process that regulates the sleepwake cycle and repeats every 24 hours.

Moving our clocks in either direction changes our time cue, light, for setting and resetting our 24-hour natural cycle. Scientists who study sleep issues have found that with our modern lifestyles many of us are already sleep deprived. The time change can make it

worse impacting our performance, concentration, and memory resulting in fatigue and daytime sleepiness.

So, what can you do to mitigate the effects of time change? Are there steps you



Dr. Gabrielle F. Cannick

can take to reset your internal clock to adapt more quickly? Yes. But be aware your personal impact from time change depends on your health, environment, behavior, and medications.

Sleep experts recommend the following:

• As mentioned, light is our cue. Light suppresses the secretion of the sleep-inducing substance melatonin. It is important to expose yourself to the light during waking hours as much as possible. Conversely, do not expose yourself to bright light when it is dark outside.

• Sleep hygiene is a term we use to describe the actions you can take to enhance your chances of falling asleep, staying asleep, and sleeping soundly. Basic sleep hygiene includes reducing or eliminating caffeine and alcohol, not exercising before bedtime, creating calming rituals before bed to help relax.

• Keep your room cool. Eat lightly. Nix sleeping with a pet.

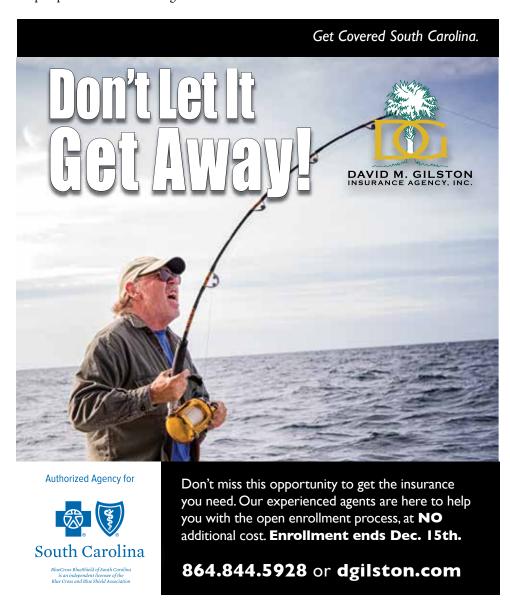
One question I get a lot is what can I do if I can't sleep? We all have nights when we can't get our minds to shut down. If you've been awake more than 20 minutes my recommendation is get up, go to another room, and do something until your eyelids feel heavy. For me it is keeping the lights low and reading. Don't stay in bed tossing and turning; this creates more anxiety. Caution. For a simple one-hour time change medications are unnecessary. They can negatively impact the quality of your sleep and should only be used with the guidance of a doctor or sleep specialist.

Sleep is a cornerstone of good health Our

practice can be an excellent resource for you if you are experiencing sleep issues. Call with questions. Think of us as your hometown resource for guidance and support.

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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## 'Life is short, go out and be amazing'

Jules Scott grew up in the northeast section of the United States where his career as a hair stylist began. Jules is a Redken-certified professional hair colorist. With over three decades of experience in all areas of coloring, cutting and styling

- his abilities to transform hair with the stroke of a gifted artist is unmatched. His belief that when you look your best you are absolutely your best is his motivation with each client who sits in his chair. He guarantees you will love the

Jules also has developed his very own line of products. As a colorist for 37 years, he learned which ingredients were good for hair and those that weren't. Products containing sulfite dissolve hair color. His products are sulfite and paraben free. All the products are made in the United States and are available for purchase in his salon.

For the last few years, Jules worked in a salon instead of owning one. This was at the request of his wife so that he wouldn't be tempted to go in to work every single day of the week. Finding his balance with work life, he recently decided to open his own salon. His primary focus is for his clients to have a quality experience. With this in mind, he has created an atmosphere that delights all the senses, providing a spa-like surrounding. Soothing jazz music is the background of a likewise quiet and tranquil atmosphere.

Distractions are non-existent in his salon. His deliberate intention to minimize things such

> as phones ringing, multiple stylists, televisions, and retail keep him focused on your hair. Clients will be amazed that what once took three hours to accomplish, Jules can accomplish in an hour.

> Scheduling is done online he says, "So that I don't lose myself by answer-

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# Fashion ideas for getting your turkey on

We're fast approaching the holiday season and it's time to get our turkey on. You want to look cute and fashionable at Thanksgiving but still have enough room for an extra slice of pumpkin pie and be comfortable too. Here are a few outfit ideas on what to wear to your family shindig.

My first pick is a sweater dress. It's like wearing a big blanket. It's soft and there is no tight restricting waistband. Add a pair of suede boots that come to the knee. Tights would be adorable too or some over the knee socks if you feel like it. Another great look is a relaxed fitted maxi dress. You can belt it to cinch the waist in a bit. You may want to add a faux fur coat or slouchy sweater on top. Pair it with some snake skin booties. Another look that is quite lovely are ponchos and cape coats. A



Kristine March

divine with a pair of riding boots for that farm chic vibe. I also love corduroy bell flare pants in a

caramel color.

wool plaid one

would look

Add an olive green velvet blazer and a lace blouse with some vintage jewelry or pearls for that Ralph Lauren look that I oh so love for fall.

If you want to go simple try a

camel colored coat and jeans with a white pair of pointed toe boots. You may be in the mood to add a cute leather bomber jacket to a floral maxi dress for an edgier look. I love an oversized sweater with faux leather leggings and a felted rancher hat. Add a cute satchel bag and some big sunglasses. Throw a paisley printed pashmina wrap over any outfit and you're good to go. You can loop it around your neck several times or wear it as a shawl. Classic large gold hoops will complete the look.

All of these ideas are fun but try to make the look your own and be original. Include your own personal



flair. Being fearlessly authentic is the absolute best thing we could ever wear. Remember to make the sidewalk your runway and kindness is free, so sprinkle it everywhere!

### **NIBBLE & SIP**

## After a long summer, it's cocktail autumn!

Depending on when you're reading this, we're 52 days or more into the fall of 2019. But while calendar autumn arrived on September 23, temperature autumn was nowhere to be found. In Nibble and Sip terms, it was still margarita season as late as October 31. But when I had to put on shoes to pick up my



Kim von Keller

shoes to pick up my newspaper on November 1, I knew that cocktail autumn had arrived and that it was time to break out my favorite combination beverage/ handwarmer, Mom's

Apple Pie.
Except for the crust,
Mom's Apple Pie is very

much like America's favorite dessert. This one, though, is a grownup version made with your choice of bourbon or rum, apple brandy, ginger liqueur, and allspice dram. A bit of lemon juice wakes it up, and you can add simple syrup to taste, depending on your sweet tooth. It's important to pair Mom's Apple Pie with something sharp and savory, so I'd recommend Creamy Queso with Chorizo. Sharp cheddar cheese is an apple's best friend, and Creamy Queso with Chorizo is delicious and easy

to put together. Don't fear or substitute the Velveeta; it's the key to the dip's consistency.

#### Mom's Apple Pie

4 oz. apple cider

1 ½ oz. dark rum or bourbon.

½ oz. ginger liqueur (I like Domaine de Canton)

½ oz. allspice dram (I like St. Elizabeth's) ½ oz. apple brandy (I like Laird's Applejack)

½ oz lemon juice

½ oz. simple syrup, or to taste

In a microwave-safe measuring cup, heat 4 oz. apple cider until hot, but not boiling. (Time will depend on your individual microwave.) Set aside.

Combine remaining ingredients in a mug and stir. Add hot apple cider, stir, and taste for desired sweetness, adding more simple syrup to taste. Serves 1.

### Creamy Queso with Chorizo

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

6 oz. fresh chorizo, casings removed ½ cups half-and-half

8 oz. Velveeta cheese, cut into cubes 16 oz. grated sharp cheddar cheese

2 tablespoons chopped canned chipotle chiles in adobo

11/4 teaspoon kosher salt

34 teaspoon ancho chile powder

3/4 teaspoon chipotle chile powder

Tortilla chips for serving

Heat oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Add chorizo and cook, stirring and breaking up with a spoon, until browned and crisp, 8–10 minutes; set aside. Heat halfand-half and Velveeta in a large heavy saucepan over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until Velveeta is melted, 6–8 minutes. Add grated cheddar cheese and cook, stirring, until mixture is smooth. Mix in chipotle chiles, salt, and both chile powders. Transfer queso to a warm serving dish and sprinkle the cooked chorizo on top. Serve with chips.



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## 'Mr. Anderson Airport'

#### BY RICH OTTER

On scrolls of paper approximately one foot wide and seven feet long, in note books, on scratch pads, in albums crammed with pictures of people, airplanes and aerial photographs, Benjamin Franklin Johnson, Jr. maintained a running record reflecting the history of the Anderson County Airport, the Airport Commission and the people and entities responsible for the airport's development and use. It is a meticulous chronical that is unique and an invaluable segment of Anderson history.

The son of Benjamin Franklin Johnson, Sr. and Lula Bishop Johnson he was born June 25, 1908 in Anderson, one of five children. In 1936 he and an uncle bought and rebuilt an old airplane and then he learned to fly with early training from Howard Behr, the first operator at the Anderson County Airport. After logging 10,000 hours in the air he quit keeping a record.

Ben and Mildred Hatcher Johnson had one daughter, Elizabeth "Lib" Johnson, now Divver, who was born while they were living in Camden where Ben Johnson as a civilian was training military personnel to become flyers during World War II. After the war they returned to Anderson.

He, H. G. Anderson, A. P. "Doc" Durham, Harold Pickens and Guy Sullivan rented a hanger at the Anderson airport and began Carolina Aero Service, thought to be the first post-war civilian operated fixed base operation in Anderson. He later bought out the interests of the others.

Weekly advertisements in the old Anderson Free Press for Carolina Aero Service in the 1960s sited charter service available directly to over 600 airports and landing strips at 20 to 22 cents per air mile and three could ride for the price of one. Also listed available were private and commercial aviation courses. In addition the company provided fuel, maintenance services, hanger and storage services and aerial photography.

While growing up, Lib Johnson worked at the airport summers, and as needed to fill in, for a dollar a day as an assistant bookkeeper to Mary

Johnson Babb, Ben Johnson's sister. Lib soloed at age 16. Ben was in charge of her flying and her mother controlled her driving. She could fly anywhere she wanted, but Mildred would not let her drive to Greenville.

Ben Johnson's favorite word, well known to friends and business associates, was "involvement" and it applied well to his various undertakings. Such involvements included restoring old planes, serving as an FAA Flight Examiner, as a flight and ground instructor, as airport manager, and operating Carolina Aero Pilot Center which taught Georgia and South Carolina Civilian Pilot Training Programs. He held many engine mechanic ratings. He also wrote a weekly aviation column for the Anderson daily papers.

He became known as "Mr. Anderson Airport."

In 1964 when the Anderson Jaycees conducted their second Anderson Progress Exposition, Ben Johnson's "involvement" was to disassemble one of his Cessna planes and reassemble it inside the old Anderson Recreation Center.

He had received many honors during has lifetime and in 2005 he was inducted into the South Carolina Aviation Hall of Fame. In 2010 a hanger was dedicated to him at the Anderson Regional Airport.

Ben Johnson started what apparently was going to be a book entitled As I Remember It but it was never finished. It was to be about the people and the development of the Anderson Airport complete with materials and pictures in his collection. It is an involvement of con-



siderable historic importance still waiting to be undertaken.

On June 27, 1995, two days after his birthday, Ben Johnson passed away – ready for his next great involvement.



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# I AM NOT THIS PERSON MONOLOGUES FROM A PLAGUE

### **KEY FACTS**

What: Fun Food and Cash Bar Food is donated by Friends Catering When: December 1, 2019 at 6PM, World AIDS Day

Where: Anderson Arts Center, 110 Federal Street

Tickets: \$20 available online at andersonarts.org or in person at Kitchen Emporium. Advance purchases are encouraged. Seating is limited.

Sponsors: AVITA Pharmacy - Anderson Arts Center - The RED Party

The world premiere of I AM NOT THIS PERSON: Monologues from a Plague will take stage Sunday, December 1st on World Aids Day at the Anderson Arts Center. The production features the directorial debut of Mary Haley Thompson and is the first major World AIDS Day event in Anderson.

The play was written by local author Beth Batson. Beth served two terms as a volunteer on the Board of Directors for AID Upstate which inspired her creation of characters as a way to give voice to a still-raging, some-

times hidden, plague.

A mix of humor and pathos, I AM NOT THIS PERSON imagines diverse stories of victims, family members and lovers as they are affected by HIV/AIDS. Secrets and wounds manifest in the scourge of this cruel disease, which burns deadliest across our beloved South. In this cautionary tale, the characters reveal the reason they must say: "I am not this person."

"The script is brilliant. The stories will evoke every emotion from the audience," says director Mary Haley Thompson. "It is such an honor to direct my first play and at that, one this powerful." Mary Haley also explains her excitement for the cast made up of some of the strongest actors in the region.

Producer Timothy Kelley reflects, "I am honored to be producing and acting in I AM NOT THIS PERSON because I am very passionate about HIV Awareness and helping those living with HIV. This show touches my heart because these characters could be any one of us. I hope the audience feels the raw emotions from the actors as they portray how HIV affects people's lives."

The production will benefit

AID Upstate, a non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention, care, and treatment of HIV. Community support and the team of volunteers have made it possible for all proceeds to benefit the work of AID Upstate. In 1988, December 1 was designated World AIDS Day to help raise awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by HIV and those who died from complications with the disease. Today advancement in treatment has helped those living with HIV to lead healthy lives. World AIDS Day commemorates those lives lost and the journey to one day ending HIV.

## Anderson University, Tri-County Tech sign Bridge agreement

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ANDERSON — Anderson University and Tri-County Technical College (Tri-County) have formed a partnership designed to enhance the transfer of students from Tri-County to AU. The partnership is intended to serve students by providing program support and services through a seamless transfer pathway that prepares and acclimates students desiring to matriculate at AU.

The agreement establishes articulation pathways for Tri-County students seeking the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Business Administration
- Business Administration Concentration
- Marketing Concentration
- Operation Management Concentration
- Bachelor of Arts Criminal Justice
- Law Enforcement Operations

### Concentration

· Bachelor of Science in Nursing Tri-County students who complete an Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Sciences (A.S.), Associate Degree in Nursing (A.D.N.) or an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Business or Criminal Justice are eligible to participate. Graduates or students who are pursuing the aforementioned degrees who complete 30 transferable credits (with grades of C or better) with a 2.50 grade point average (GPA) will be guaranteed admission to AU upon successfully completing all steps for enrollment. Additional admissions requirements may exist for particular academic programs. While admissions to AU is guaranteed, courses will be evaluated for transfer credit and applicability to the intended AU major/ degree program. To support students in mak-

ing progress towards both the Tri-County

associate's and AU bachelor's degrees, students will have academic and advising support of

both Tri-County's faculty advisors and AU's academic advisors. Students will have the option of completing their AU bachelor's degree program by taking courses fully online, on-campus or a combination of online and on-campus.

AU will waive the admissions application fee for students transferring from Tri-County through the AU Bridge Program.

As part of the AU Bridge Program students will be offered the opportunity to participate in identified AU programs and events, such as access to the university's library and Trojan athletic events.

"We're excited to strengthen our ties with Tri-County Technical College to benefit TCTC students as they continue their education while staying close to home," said Anderson University President Evans P. Whitaker. "AU is committed to supporting TCTC students within the community by offering innovative programs alongside the dedicated academic support that AU is known for."

"At Tri-County, we are committed to increasing access to higher education for the citizens of Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties, including access to a bachelor's degree by way of applied associate degrees in our career programs," said Dr. Galen DeHay, president of Tri-County Technical College. "Many of our students complete an associate degree in a career program so they are pre-

pared for immediate entry into the workforce. We have made a concerted effort to create

> pathways that will allow them to go on to earn a bachelor's degree, should they choose to do so, without loss of time, credits or money," he said.

"With this agreement signed, a bachelor's degree from Anderson vill be accessible, affordable and

University will be accessible, affordable and available to our graduates," DeHay said.

The AU Bridge Program will begin in the Fall of 2020. Individuals and prospective students can contact Lucas Moore, assistant director of admissions and transfer coordinator at Anderson University, via email (Imoore@andersonuniversity.edu) and Dr. Kristen Karasek, director of bridge programs and educational partnerships at Tri-County, via email (kkarasek@tctc.edu).

Anderson University is a "more selective" comprehensive university offering bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees on campus and online. Anderson University is among US News and World Report's "Best Regional Universities South," and is on the publication's "Most Innovative," "Best Value," "Best Undergraduate Teaching," "Best Social Mobility" and "Best Online Programs" lists. Anderson also is ranked #27 nationally for Student Engagement by the Wall Street Journal; is a "Best College" among institutions of higher learning in the southeast by The Princeton Review; and is a three-time Apple Distinguished School.

Thank you!





# I AM NOT THIS PERSON Monologues from a Plague

written by Beth Batson

**World Premiere:** Through a mix of humor and pathos, the play imagines diverse stories of people damaged by HIV/AIDS. Secrets and wounds manifest in the scourge of this cruel disease, which burns deadliest across our beloved South.

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# This year, I'm most thankful for stories

I am well into my second year writing for the Electric City News. While it's impossible to please all the people all the time, I hope that you have enjoyed something I may have written, whether it was about a hatred of cargo pants, Swedish Death Cleaning, or how to win a ribbon at the South Carolina State Fair. I've also written about the mine field that is the annual Thanksgiving dinner. Once again, my husband and I will be at a VERY long table with almost 30 people, from Baby Boomers to Gen Z and from Los Angeles to New York City.

In groups this large and varied, I detest conversation, preferring to keep my mouth stuffed with, well, stuffing, and my mind filled with thoughts of the awesome sandwich I'm gonna make the next day. I just don't find a lively debate of the electoral college good for anyone's digestion. But this year, rather than steering clear of conversation, I'm hoping to learn the best about everyone at the table, and I'm planning to do it with just four words:

Tell me a story.

Everyone has one. Scratch the surface of the most shy, mild-mannered individual, and you're likely to find inspiration for a situation comedy, historical drama, or crime caper. And November, which is Family Stories Month, is a great time to dive in. It may seem daunting at first, especially if you don't know everyone at the table, so the best way to start is to write a series of questions on slips of paper, put them in a hat, and pull at random for anyone to respond to. Here are some of my favorites.

#### Worst, Date, Ever.

This is a tale as old as time, and most everyone over the age of 16 will have one. I asked my mother this once, and it turns out that the story was about her first date... with my father. He had asked her to go out on a Sunday afternoon. My mom didn't know where they were going, but being a fashionable woman of the 1950s, she completed her dressy outfit with a pair of high heels, the kind that are best for sitting. This was unfortunate, as my clueless dad took her to see an exhibition of old airplanes at the county fairgrounds. Luckily, true love conquers a dusty, uneven walking surface, and they were married the following year.

#### Biggest Fashion Mistake

This is a topic that could carry you straight through to the pumpkin pie. Leg warmers. MC Hammer pants. If we're older, we've



Kim von Keller

probably burned the evidence by now, but our younger dining companions will probably be able to prove their poor choices via Instagram.

My brother-inlaw once gave me a beautiful scarf from Croatia. It seemed a little big, but I tied it the best I could and

wore it to church, looking like a pink version of the Michelin Man. When I got home and finally untied it, I noticed a tag. It read stolnjak, which I entered into Google translate. It means "tablecloth."

#### **Brushes with Greatness**

It is amazing sometimes, the stories that people take for granted. Some of the most interesting evenings I've ever had started with the question, "What is your most memorable brush with greatness?" In some cases, the answers have been experiences: a relative who saw President Franklin Roosevelt's funeral train as it passed through Georgia; a friend who went to Woodstock. In other cases, it's an encounter with someone famous. My husband still talks about meeting football great Gale Sayers. Another friend once met Idi Amin. But for me, the story that takes the cake was told to me by my late father-inlaw. Born in Russia in 1907, he grew up in St. Petersburg before the revolution. And as casually as I mention a trip to Ingles, he told me once that, as a child, he had met Rasputin. "He had very intense eyes," he remembered.

For some, this idea may be unnecessary, and I congratulate you if your annual gathering needs no structure. But for others, a little bit of structure may be exactly what's needed to have a warm, peaceful Thanksgiving dinner. And that is truly something to be thankful for.

### **CREATING HOME**



### Choosing the right rug size

In previous articles I've talked about my love for rugs. I've mentioned how great they are for designing around, how they instantly add warmth and color to a room and ways to select one for your space. An aspect that I haven't written about that is equally as important, is selecting the right size rug



Amie Speer

for your room. Every space is different, but there are some general guidelines that you can trust for choosing sizes, room to room.

In the Living Room the most important thing to consider is the furniture. You want

to be sure that the front legs of all of the furniture (upholstery, specifically) fit onto the rug. The rug should extend beyond the furniture at least 12", while leaving at least 12" of uncovered floor space around the perimeter. Standard working sizes for a Living space are 8 x 10, 9 x 12 and 10 x 13. In the Dining Room the table and chairs should all fit comfortably on the rug, with at least 12" to spare around the table. Again, there should be at least 12" of uncovered floor space around the perimeter. The stan-

dard working sizes for a Dining Room are also 8 x 10, 9 x 12 and 10 x 13, depending on the size of your room and table. In the bedroom the rug size will depend both on the room size and the size of the bed. If the rug is large enough you can put the front legs of the nightstands on top, but if it is not, pull the rug in front of the nightstand at least 6". There should be at least 12" of rug on either side of the bed and at least 24" of rug in front of the bed. Follow the same guideline with the perimeter, at least 12" of open floor space around. A room with a queen bed should have at least an 8 x 10 rug and a room with a king bed should have at least a 9 x 12 rug.

Say you have a smaller rug that you love but it feels a little skimpy, buy a large sisal rug and layer it on top! I love the look of layered rugs and how they add depth and interest to a room. My last tip for selecting a rug size is when in doubt, go larger. As long as you have at least 12" of open floor space around the perimeter a larger rug will only add warmth and coziness to your

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### MASTER GARDENERS CLEAR OUT CHILDREN'S GARDEN AT ANDERSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Members of the Anderson County Master Gardeners spent an early fall morning clearing out the overgrown Children's Garden at the main branch of the Anderson Public Library. The area is slated to be replanted and designed as an educationally enriching Sensory Garden that stimulates four of the five senses: sight, smell, sound, and touch. Plants rescued from the old garden will be cared for by members of the Association and offered for sale at their 2020 annual plant sale on April 11.



### MUSINGS OF AN OLE BALL COACH

## A lovely early autumn excursion

BY JIM FRASER

Come fly with me we'll fly down

in llama land there's a one man band

and he'll toot his flute for you......Frank Sinatra.

Come with me now as we take a lovely excursion. Join Joyce and I as we leave our Hawthorne Lane abode. We'll open the sun/moon roof on the Camry to experience our trip to the utmost. Its mid-October and the humidity has absconded to ply its trade in the outer reaches of Hades.

The sun is a warm added attraction to our trip. We first stop at Wendy's and get a frosty. I got a large chocolate one. The refined Joyce got a small. We merge into the midafternoon Wednesday traffic and then take a left on Main Street.



Anderson's gearing up for fall, Halloween, and Thanksgiving, and the pumpkins, spider webs, skeletons and witches, they all uplift me. We turn right on Whitner Street by the Plaza/Chiquola, past the Meeting Place, and arrive at our airport. We enter and start our upward flight, round and round and round. Three more rounds and viola, we are at our destination - the roof of the Anderson parking garage.

We dismount from our plane, or Camry. It's one of those early autumn afternoons, temp 75°, slight caressing breeze. As we look down Whitner Street, we see First Presbyterian's iconic (I love that word) steeple. Across from Billy Epps front yard is Anderson's answer to hunger and homelessness. There is a veritable village of nonprofits designed to help the poor and indigent.

We saunter, (I saunter, ha), to the front desk adjacent the venerable Plaza. The earthlings below are scurrying around like gophers looking for holes. Some glance furtively at me high above. While the monolithic Courthouse cuts off much of the square, I find myself at eye level with the town clock. Hmmm, its 4:20, same time here as in Peru. I check the old soldier out and hope he continues to adorn the square.

On the far North corner, I'm looking smack dab into the fifth floor of the 95 year old Calhoun. I conjure up scenes of flappers with their bobbed hair and slinky dresses descending on the ball room. Hey girls, "23 skidoo." Does anyone know what that means? As I listen, I hear wafting up from the Plaza's orchestra below, the music of "Auld Land Syne" signals 1923 has come and gone.

The massive Doric columns on the county library show why it is

South Carolina's most stately and beautiful. Before going back earthward we check the West corner which is the highest. We look down on Murray Street and the viaduct and reflect on past years.

As we descend, going down and around, the one man's band rendition of the "Girl from Ipanema" is cut short by an earthling blaring his horn below.

Our fantasy flight is over. What a well spent hour, fantasizing and dreaming, and it all took place on the top of our seldom visited parking lot. The cost: \$3.00 for a couple of Frostys.

Jim Fraser was the athletic director and head football coach at T.L. Hanna High School from 1968-1985. He was also a full time member of the faculty who taught U.S. History.

## Give Turkey Talk a try this Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is historically a time to gather with family and friends to express gratitude and appreciation for the many blessings in our lives. For most of us, this special holiday is celebrated with the observance of long-standing traditions that hold special significance for those we love and cherish. Establishing unique family traditions is a great way to foster lasting family bonds and bring more meaning to our holiday celebrations.

If you are looking for a new tradition to try this Thanksgiving, you may enjoy giving 'Turkey Talk" a try! "Turkey Talk" is a fun and meaningful way to get to know the people around your table a little bit better. To begin, simply fill a bowl with fun, sometimes "off the wall", questions designed to encourage family members to express thankfulness and share something unique and special about their lives. The game is initiated when the first family member chooses a question from the bowl, reads it out loud, and then answers it. The bowl is then passed around the room until every family member has had the opportunity to choose a question and provide an answer. This game is loads of fun, and you'll be surprised at how much you will learn about your family and friends! The more creative your questions, the more fun you will have! Here are a few sample questions to get you

### For kids:

• Name someone you could say "thank you" to today? Why?

- What is something you do with Mom & Dad that makes you happy?
- If you had to give someone in the world your piggy bank, who would it be and why?



Katie Laughridge

- If you had to leave your house for a long time, what three things would you grab on your way out? Why?
- What is the first birthday or Christmas that you remember and what do you remember?
- What is something you'd like someone to tell YOU "thank you" for?
- When is a good time to tell someone "thank you"?
- How does it make you feel when someone does something really nice for you?
- How does it make you feel when you do something really nice for someone else?

### For adults:

- How would you describe your family role when you were younger?
- What were your siblings like back "in the day"? How well did you get along with them?
  - What kind of student were you?
- Other than family, who were the most important people in your life?
- Name one of the happiest times of your childhood?

- What is one of your biggest disappointments?
- What were your favorite hobbies?
- What are you the most thankful for this year?
- Is your adult life the same as you imagined it to be as a child?
- What has been the most rewarding part about raising your children?
- What has been the most difficult part about raising your children?
- In one sentence, give your best parenting advice?
- How are you like your parents? How are you different?
- What was the best job you ever had? The worst?
- How did you decide what field to enter?
- Name the person(s) in your life who had the greatest influence on your career choice
- If you had to do it all over again, would you choose the same career? If not, what would you choose?
  - Who makes you laugh the hardest?
- Do you have a favorite book or author? Who is it?
- Do you have a favorite movie? What is it?
  - What was the best trip you ever took?
- If you could go somewhere you've never been, where would you go? Why?

I'm so looking forward to gathering together with family and friends as we

once again experience the fun, excitement and fellowship that our favorite holiday traditions will bring! Whether you spend these days with family or special friends, I hope you will find yourself laughing and making memories together—continuing old traditions or starting new ones!

"Having somewhere to go is home. Having someone to love is family. Having both is a blessing." –Author Unknown



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## Tough year for Tigers ends with win at West-Oak

#### BY DAN LACOBIE

To say that 2019 was a tough year would be an understatement. Crescent started the season strong with a win against McCormick but the season turned out to be a heartbreaker in most contests.

Crescent finished the season with a 2 – 8 record overall and a 1 – 4 record in the region. The Tigers had some really close losses this season that maybe they should have won. Very close games with Liberty, Powdersville and Seneca could have gone either way. And in the final game of the season, the Tigers grabbed a 13 - 3 win over West Oak.

As a team this season, the Tigers had 445 yards passing. #6 Kaydon Sauers had 353 passing yards completing 27 of 51 attempts. Sauers, a sophomore, will likely see those numbers increase

ext season.

Clay Rebrick (#17) finished the year as the leading rusher with 171 yards in only 2 games played. As a team, with only 8 games

recorded, Crescent had 322 yards rushing on the year.

Catching the balls in the air this season were junior Moses Kemp who caught 13 passes for 210 yards in 4 games reported, #17 Rebrick who recorded 82 yards on 6 catches and #55 Jaydon Vincent who caught 17 balls on 20 tries for 37 yards.

Defensive leaders were #52 Jaheim Bowman and #62 Jason McClain who had 2 sacks each. As a team, the

Tigers had 2 interceptions; one by #3 Bryant Ford and the other by #16 Isaiah

Hubbard.

We'd like to wish the Crescent Tiger football team the best in the upcoming 2020 season.

### **2019 Crescent Tigers**

(2-8 overall, 1-4 Region I-3A)

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Aug. 23	vs. McCormick	W, 21-20
Aug. 30	at Blacksburg	L, 39-14
Sept. 6	at Ninety Six	L, 21-14
Sept. 13	at Palmetto	L, 56-10
Sept. 20	Open Date	
<b>Sept. 27</b>	at Fox Creek	L, 26-0
Oct. 4	vs. Powdersville	L, 12-7
Oct. 11	vs. Liberty	L, 24-21
Oct. 18	at Pendleton	L, 55-0
Oct. 24	vs. Seneca	L, 25-21
Nov. 1	at West-Oak	W, 13-3

### PENDLETON BULLDOGS

## Region champion Bulldogs set to host Woodruff in Round 2

### **2019 Pendleton Bulldogs**

(8-3 overall, 5-0 Region I-3A)

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Aug. 30	at Pickens	W, 22-0		
Sept. 6	vs. Palmetto	L, 49-20		
Sept. 13	at Berea	W, 21-6		
Sept. 20	vs. Belton-Honea Path	L, 42-21		
Sept. 27	at Clinton	L, 20-14		
Oct. 4	vs. West-Oak	W, 49-14		
Oct. 11	at Powdersville	W, 32-0		
Oct. 18	vs. Crescent	W, 55-0		
Oct. 25	vs. Liberty	W, 35-0		
Nov. 1	at Seneca	<b>W</b> , 55-26		
Nov. 8	vs. Southside	W, 23-12		
Nov. 15	vs. Woodruff	?		

#### BY DAN LACOBIE

The Pendleton Bulldogs finished the regular season at 7-3 overall and undefeated in region play. Pendleton made the 1st round of the playoffs this season and faced off with Southside on November 8th at home.

After 4 quarters of good old fashioned high school football, the Bulldogs walked back into the locker

room with a 23 – 12 victory and a ticket to the 2nd round of the playoffs. The "Dogs" will host the Woodruff Wolverines on November 15th.

Woodruff stands at 8-3 including a 49-7 victory versus Indian Land in the 1st round of the playoffs. This 2nd round playoff game should be a great one.

Pendleton, led by #14
Quarterback Kameron Jones, has
had a very good season this year. Jones
has passed for 1,520 yards with 118 completions on 202 attempts. He has a completion
percentage of .584 with 16 touchdowns and an
average of 168.9 yards per game. Jones, a sophomore,
looks to improve even more during the offseason.

Catching those Jones passes are a talented group of pass catchers. #11 Bobby Spear has caught 36 passes this season for a total of 570 yards. Not to be left out

is #4 Jason Wright-Mann who has caught 37 balls for 555 yards, an average of 15.0 yards per catch.

Leading all rushers this season, #21 Amir Dendy has an impressive 872 yards on 143 attempts and is averaging a whopping 96.9 yards per game. Dendy had a long run this season of 91 yards. Just behind

Dendy is #25 L.J. Cannon and #9 Dorian Holland who have 221 yards and 206 yards, respectively.

> Offensively, as a team, the Bulldogs have 3,226 yards and average 358.4 yards per game.

On the defensive side of the ball, the "Dogs" have 833 stops for an average of 92.6 per game.
Leading those stopping opponents is #8 Cameron Williams (Sr.) with 100 total tackles (68 solo and 32 assisted). If I were a college scout I

would be knocking on his door! Next up in tackles is #10 Ethan Jackson with 86 combined tackles and #66 Markee Martin with 79 tackles. #8 Williams also leads the team in sacks with 4.0 and #1 Jakobe Gibson leads the team in interceptions with 2 and a return average of 22.5 per pick.

We wish the Pendleton Bulldogs all the luck as they face Woodruff in the 2nd round of the playoffs.

## Yellow Jackets fall at home to Mauldin in playoff opener

### **2019 Hanna Yellow Jackets**

(7-3 overall, 5-2 Region I-5A)

Aug. 30	vs. Emerald	W, 40-7
Sept. 6	vs. Inlet Grove (Fla.)	W, 47-6
Sept. 13	at Belton-Honea Path	Cancelled
Sept. 20	at J.L. Mann	W, 55-13
<b>Sept. 27</b>	at Westside	W, 20-14
Oct. 4	vs. Greenwood	L, 49-22
Oct. 11	vs. Easley	W, 37-10
Oct. 18	at Wade Hampton	W, 43-14
Oct. 25	at Laurens	L, 33-23
Nov. 1	vs. Woodmont	W, 28-0
Nov. 8	vs. Mauldin	L, 41-38

### BY DAN LACOBIE

Though the team had another successful season under 1st year head coach Jason Tone, T.L. Hanna dropped its 1st round playoff game to the Mauldin Mavericks on November 8th.

Mauldin started out strong in the first quarter and led the game at halftime. The Yellow Jackets fought

back and tied the game up at the end of the fourth quarter. On the Jackets opening drive in overtime, Jay Billingsley kicked a field goal which gave the Jackets a 38 - 35 lead. Mauldin punched their ticket to the second round of the playoffs however by finding the end zone on the ensuing possession.

Although Hanna didn't make it back to the state championship, this team has much to be proud of. In this writer's opinion, it is tough to win at the high school level with a first year coach but this team proved it can be successful. So from myself, kudos to Coach Tone and his staff on a fantastic season.

Now let's look at some of the team's stats from the regular season:

Leading the team in rushing was #3 J.J. Hudson with 495 yards on 74 carries and 7 touchdowns. J.J. also averaged 55.0 yards per game and had at least 1

run of 100+ yards. #15 Jackson Pusey, a senior, had 446 yards rushing on 39 carries for an average of 11.4 yards per carry. Jackson also had a long run of 99 yards and scored 4 touchdowns. Hanna, as a team, rushed for 2,608 yards this season.

#7 Trey Horne, a freshman quarterback, led all quarterbacks with a QB rating of 131.9 in his 4

games played. For the season,
Horne passed for 219 yards completing 10 of 15 passes for a completion percentage of .667. Hanna will look forward to having Horne back for a few more years.

Receiving the ball this season, #3 Hudson garnered 3 receptions for 103 yards and 1 touchdown. #42 Malikai Tate, a senior, caught 4

passes for 60 yards in 4 games played.

On the defensive side, Hanna as a team had 393 tackles on the season. Leading those tacklers was #44 senior Cameron Chandler who accounted for 25 solo tackles and 11 assists for a total of 36 tackles and 3 quarterback sacks. #10 Preston Pettway, a senior, also had 25 solo and 5 assisted tackles for a total of 30 tackles on the year.

We certainly wish the Yellow Jackets a very successful 2020 season when it kicks off at the end of August next year.

### **WESTSIDE RAMS**

# Rams' season ends with early playoff exit at Spring Valley

### BY DAN LACOBIE

Westside ended its regular season with an overall record of 5-4. Coach Scott Earley and team headed to Columbia to take on Spring Valley in the 1st

round of the playoffs. Although Westside started off slow to begin the season the year, the team picked up speed and made a run at the playoffs.

The game versus Spring Valley started off slow with a 0-0 tie at the end of the 1st quarter. Before halftime the Rams had put up 8 points but the Vikings put up 14 with a score of 8-14 at the half.

As the game rattled on in the 2nd half, Westside added 7 points in the 3rd quarter and 20 in the 4th quarter. But it wasn't

enough to hold off Spring Valley as they scored 14 in the 3rd quarter and 9 in the 4th to end the game with a score of 37 - 35, Spring Valley.

Westside ended the 2019 campaign with a 5-5 record. A game with Daniel was cancelled during the

season because of bad weather.

Let's look at the departing seniors for the Rams: #2 J. Shedrick Smith (QB, WR)

#12 Blair Garner (QB)

#13 Tyson Lewis (FS) #17 Elijah Harper (QB, MLB)

#19 Tyvarious Williams

# 21 Jabril Geer (ATH) # 22 Christian Edwards (OLB. TE)

# 30 Santonio Hatten (CB) # 32 Jaelin Jones (OLB)

# 42 Brayden Lee (OLB)

# 50 Jeremiah Diaz (MLB) # 51 Nigajuan "Ni" Mansell DE)

# 62 Hayden Hubbard (C) # 79 Mark Melnik (ATH)

# 91 Christian Blassiingame (ATH) #99 Wesley King (ATH)

We would like to wish all these seniors much luck in their future endeavors. And to The Westside Rams, the best for a very successful 2020 season.

### **2019 Westside Rams**

(5-5 overall, 5-2 Region I-5A)

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Aug. 30	at Boiling Springs	L, 24-10
Sept. 6	vs. Greer	L, 36-28
Sept. 13	vs. Daniel	Cancelled
Sept. 20	at Easley	W, 57-0
Sept. 27	vs. T.L. Hanna	L, 20-14
Oct. 4	at Laurens	L, 20-17
Oct. 11	at J.L. Mann	W, 49-10
Oct. 18	vs. Woodmont	W, 37-7
Oct. 25	vs. Greenwood	W, 26-9
Nov. 1	at Wade Hampton	W, 46-13
Nov. 8	at Spring Valley	L, 37-35