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Glorious Grocery on Wheels



Gloria Speed

BY GINNY BAILES FRETWELL

For years, Gloria Speed (formerly Brown) had been concerned that residents on the Southside of Anderson struggled to obtain healthy fresh foods for their families. The closest grocery store was too far for many of the residents who lacked transportation and the means to get to a grocery store. Her dream was to be able to open a store of her own in proximity to those who needed it most.

In 2018, she read an article soliciting participants for a Feeding Innovation workshop. This comprehensive assistance program was designed to support entrepreneurs who were interested in developing or expanding healthy food businesses. Gloria signed up for the workshop.

Along with about a dozen other participants from the upstate of South Carolina, she attended weeks of business education and homework.

After completing the workshop, she surveyed the Southside residents by going door to door to ask and record their responses about supporting a grocery store in the area. Each participant developed their own business plan according to the model taught by representatives from SC Community Loan Fund with Clemson Agricultural Extension. In

an audience filled room, each plan was presented to a panel of judges.

Gloria was the grand prize winner and received a grant to assist her in opening a local grocery store. After months of searching, options for a suitable building were almost nil. It was at this time; she came up with the idea of making her fresh groceries mobile. Glorious Grocery on Wheels now has a schedule of grocery delivery with many



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THANKS, DAD!

"Only the best dads let their children fly. Only the most loved children will soar. Thank you for giving me wings." — Anonymous

Dads come from a place unique and special from the rest. A provider, a leader, the one who stands in the face of his own fears, embraces his God-given strengths, accepts his weaknesses—but yet is always willing to fearlessly traverse the highest mountain to protect and guide the ones he loves—his family.



Katie Laughridge

Dads can also be counted as the go-to for playing "tickle monster", giving piggyback rides, playing hide and seek, being the prince at the tea party, the yard guy, bug killer, king of the grill and working on science projects well past midnight. Dads also tend to get called down by Mom for acting a little too crazy while putting the kids to bed. As I think back, those times created some of my most treasured memories.

This year, Father's Day falls on June 19. Let's all take time to embrace this opportunity to recognize and celebrate the amazing men in our lives. If you are looking for a special way to honor your dad this year, consider these books, crafts, and activities.

Books:

Just the Two of Us by Will Smith
My Dad by Anthony Browne
My Daddy and Me by Jerry Spinelli
Ramona and her Father by Beverly Cleary
Owl Moon by Jane Yolen
The Night Worker by Kate Banks

Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney

Crafts:

Washi Tape Craft Stick Picture frame (see image): Start by covering the craft sticks with washi tape. An easy way to do this is unroll and tear off a length of washi tape that is a bit longer than the craft stick. Place it on the table sticky side up, put a craft stick on top then fold the washi tape edges onto the other side of the craft stick. Glue the sticks together with hot glue, add your picture, then TADA! You have a sweet picture in a frame for dad's workshop or office! (you can buy Washi Tape on Amazon or at Walmart)

Tin Can Pencil Holder: Shave off the sharp edges of an empty, clean tin can. Paint the can with acrylic paint. Let the paint dry. Print out a picture of your child on regular copy paper through a printer. Tear the picture out so the edges have a "worn" appearance. Use Mod Podge to adhere the photo to the painted tin can (paint over the entire photo with the Mod Podge—it will dry clear). Once the Mod Podge is dry, use a sponge to sponge paint in a different color all over the can and on edges of photo. Now you have a special canister for dad to store his pens, nails, or coins in.

Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there! -Katie



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Grocery

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options of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Gloria pays tribute to a man named Mr. Hampton Sullivan, better known by her family as "the vegetable man." She says many years ago, he used to ride in his truck through their neighborhoods selling fresh fruits and vegetables. She remembers her mom saying, "Go see what the vegetable man has today." After purchasing eggs, milk and butter from the supermarket, their families' fresh produce always came from the vegetable man.

The next delivery will be on June 2, orders must be received by Monday, May 30. To view items available, go to www.gloriousgroceryonwheels.com, Facebook and the phone number is 864-772-7718.

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Pictured, from left, are Ashley Morris, Nicole Brock, Michael Mobley, Rico Leverette, Coach Sam Gregory, Bruce Osborne and Tyler Cole. Area 14 Anderson County South Carolina Special Olympics bocce teams were undefeated.

SC Special Olympics Summer Games return to Fort Jackson

South Carolina Special Olympics Summer Games were held at Fort Jackson in Columbia, SC May 6th-8th 2022 after a COVID-induced hiatus. "It's been three years since we have been able to have Special Olympics summer games due to the COVID pandemic," said Barbara Oswald, Vice President of programs for Special Olympics, South Carolina. "So we're very excited to be back." Fort Jackson has been a huge supporter for Special Olympics South Carolina as this marks the 52nd year they have hosted the South Carolina Special Olympics Summer Games.

More than 500 athletes arrived on Fort Jackson, Columbia South Carolina to the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, on Friday May 6th for the opening ceremonies. Despite the threat of inclement weather on Friday, spirits were high and when the weather passed Fort Jackson by, the games went on without a hitch. The weekend would include competition in seven different sporting events on Saturday, May 7. Events included aquatics, bocce, bowling, gymnastics, powerlifting, softball and track & field.

The energy of all of the athletes was high. "They have been back training this spring in their different sports and they are just so excited," Oswald added. "They were exhilarated, not only to compete, but to see people that they know from across the state and to reconnect with the Special Olympics community."

"It's about celebrating each other's gifts and differences," Anderson Area 14 Co-Area Director Kathy Schofield said. "All of our athletes performed their best and we are proud of all of them." Area 14 Anderson County South Carolina Special Olympics was represented by 16 athletes, 5 coaches, numerous parents and volunteer chaperones. Athletes competed in track and field, swimming and bocce. Results listed below.

Special Olympics South Carolina's mission is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special

Olympics athletes, and the community. For more information to volunteer or be involved with Area 14 Anderson County Special Olympics, contact Co-Area Directors Kathy Schofield and Tessa Hilley by phone: office (864) 260-4142, email Area14SOSC@gmail.com or through Facebook Area 14-Anderson County SC Special Olympics.

AREA 14 RESULTS BOCCE

Coach: Sam Gregory
All three teams went undefeated
Nicole Brock and Ashley Morris-1st Gold
Tyler Cole and Bruce Osborne-1st Gold
Rico Leverette and Michael Mobley-1st Gold

TRACK AND FIELD

Melissa Trotter: 50M Walk- 2nd Silver;
Softball Throw- 1st Gold

SWIMMING

Coaches: Madison Wesley, Taylor Gould and Jamie Riddle
Dwight Ables: 25M Freestyle- 1st Gold;
50M Freestyle- 3rd Bronze
Killian Barnes: 25M Freestyle-3rd Bronze; 25M Backstroke-3rd Bronze
Zack Brandon: 25M Freestyle-3rd Bronze; 25M Backstroke-4th Ribbon
Noah Burch: 15M Unassisted Swim-2nd Silver; 15Y Walk-3rd Bronze
Colton McCall: 15M Unassisted Swim-3rd Bronze; 15Y Walk-4th Ribbon
Sean Montion: 25M Freestyle- 2nd Silver; 50M Freestyle- 4th Ribbon
Joshua Riddle: 15M Unassisted Swim-1st Gold; 15Y Walk-2nd Silver
Cathy Rudisil: 50M Breaststroke-1st Gold; 50M Freestyle-3rd Bronze
Kathleen Stoller: 25M Backstroke-1st Gold; 25M Freestyle-3rd Bronze

FARMING FORMS THE FOUNDATION

We in Anderson are fortunate to have a network of farmers in our community who provide us with the food we need due to their passion for growing and delivering quality foods.

The Irish politician E.W. Stewart once clearly highlighted the importance of agriculture to the world when he said, "Agriculture was the first occupation of man, and as it embraces the whole earth, it is the foundation of all other industries."



Jim Harris

The American farmer's ingenuity is well-illustrated by the fact that the number of farms in the country has decreased by around two-thirds in the last century. Yet, this much smaller number of farmers successfully feeds a population that has more than tripled in that same time frame.

In the Anderson County area, we have sixty-plus farms that supply everything from eggs, dairy products, and a wide variety of meats to vegetables, fruits, berries, honey, and more. These area producers take pride in bringing the best and healthiest products possible to market. Some offer plants and seeds for those who wish to grow their own produce. Some farms have been in the same family for generations, while others were started by newcomers who came here to pursue their passion.

Many of those farmers offer their products at the Anderson Farmer's Market. Their buyers can choose from various products grown right here in our home county. The market, located on Murray Avenue in downtown Anderson, has over 7,500 feet of space available to its vendors and accepts most forms of payment, including SNAP, WIC, and senior vouchers. It's easy and convenient to enjoy great local foods.

Along with her partner Val Lowe, Katie Tillman operates Friends Farm and Catering. They were early practitioners of farm-to-fork before it was even a term. They used products they grew on their

farm to supply their very popular restaurant in Anderson and later another one on the lake. They now grow to supply their catering business and offer meals and value-added items. For example, they grow tomatoes, herbs, and onions, not to sell them individually as harvested but to create salsa for the market. They offer these products to consumers via home delivery and through local outlets.

Katie says of those in the farming community, "There are a lot of people in Anderson that work really hard to bring superior products to the market." She adds, "they do it because they love to do it; they certainly don't do it for the money." She also adds that it takes two types of farmers. One is the local guy you know, and the other is the huge commodity farms. She says, "You have to have the big farms to have the small farms. We can't grow enough grain to feed five families in



Anderson, but we can grow enough arugula, peaches, or pomegranates to supply a local market."

Not only do area farmers supply our home kitchens, but they play a vital role in the offerings our local restaurants provide. Richard Farr, the owner and chef at Restaurant 151 at the Bleckley, partners with local farmers and provides them with seeds for the products he'll need for his menu. He says, "Most commonly, I incorporate these items into my nightly specials, as counting on a steady supply of these vegetables can be tricky and unpredictable." He also uses their availability to provide new menu items, saying, "When I design my seasonal menus, I talk with my suppliers to see what is price stable as well as readily available for a few months."

In a recent Facebook post that has gone viral and shared around the world, farmer Josh Mansfield of Ridgetop Farms in Tennessee said, "If you think the world is a scary place and we are just surviving from one crisis to the next, wait until there is no one to grow your food." He reminds us, "buy from your local farmers market, support your local rancher, or we will all wake up one day with our food made in a lab and grown in a petri dish."

Summer has arrived, ready or not



**SUSAN
TEMPLE**
master
gardener

By the time this issue of Garden Shop hits the presses, we will have made it through our first days of 95 degree temperatures. Old Farmer's Almanac predicts hot and dry. Well Duh! Bulb foliage is dying in the front garden so there are some spots that look a little weary. Sometimes the faded foliage gets raked out, depending on what else is growing around it. And maybe if it's not 95 degrees. Other plants are mingled in with bulbs to help hide the foliage as it dies. It works better some years than others. Since the crab apple tree was cut down last winter, I hope some plants that didn't bloom well for the past few years will do better this summer. I miss that shade though but it was pushing up the sidewalk and had to go.

Shade plants under the maple tree will have to be watered if predicted rains are incorrect. There are a couple of autumn ferns (*Dryopteris erythrosora*), Japanese painted ferns (*Athyrium niponicum*), and sweet woodruff

in that spot. I've tried and failed several times with sweet woodruff (*Galium odoratum*) and was thrilled to see one of them come back this year. It seems the other plant is another failure. A small sprinkler gets set up to water the patch slowly and deeply when the plants are about to thirst to death. The garden is on a slope so it takes some fiddling with it to get it watering correctly. Just another reason I only water when absolutely necessary. Part of the patch gets morning sun up to about noon. This makes it trickier with these shade loving plants but hopefully the maple tree will shade the whole patch in a growing season or two.

In another part of the yard, in full shade, a new clump of autumn fern is looking great. It was planted this past winter and has already increased in size. New growth on autumn ferns is a rusty amber color. This contrasts nicely with green fronds on the plant. Autumn fern is evergreen too. I would like to claim it is part of the plan, but it's just luck. Sun sets behind where this clump is and its back-lighting of the autumn fern is very pretty. Hopefully I'll be able to add more autumn ferns in this area. If it seems those under the maple tree have to be watered too much, they may get moved with the full shade plant. Japanese painted ferns go dormant in winter. Their mix of silver and maroon foliage pro-



Japanese painted fern

vides good color interest. Autumn ferns grow at least two feet tall. They spread so clumps will grow several feet around. Japanese painted ferns grow smaller, only about 18 inches tall, generally, and about two feet wide. It appears deer pass each of these ferns by. When I used to work at Busby Nursery, a common question



Autumn fern with new growth

was what are the bugs on the back of autumn fern fronds? Those are not bugs. They are the spores (seeds) of the plant. I've never known the ferns to seed around though.

SUMMERTIME AT CAMP OKIE DOKIE

BY SEAN DIETRICH

I wish I had a few million bucks. You know what I'd do with it? I'd buy a piece of land, way out in the middle of the country and build bunkhouses for kids who are having rough childhoods. Kids without parents, or kids who are neglected, or orphaned. I would call it Camp Okie Dokie.

Camp Okie Dokie would also be a shelter to many, many stray dogs and rescue animals. We would have the largest collection of cats, dogs, horses, pigs, zebras, and giraffes this side of the Mississippi River.

So you'd have a bunch of kids and dogs and livestock living together in one enormous summer camp. Therefore you would also need lots of Glade plug-ins.

Oh, and the library. Our library would be ridiculously big. Monumentally big. Existentially big. The building itself would be about the size of a medium Midwestern city.

Children would have access to a lot more than just books at this library. With their library cards they

would be allowed to rent baseball gloves, Louisville sluggers, bicycles, guitars, water guns, camping gear, and fishing rods.

Fishing will be a big deal at Camp Okie Dokie. There will always be a full-time fishing guide employed by the camp, perpetually on standby, who will take kids fishing whenever the heck they feel like going. Day or night.

There will be 42 ponds on Camp Okie Dokie's property, which will all be stocked with so much bream, bass and crappie that all you have to do is sneeze, and fish will start jumping into your boat. Kids will be encouraged to catch as many as they can since there will be a fish fry every Friday evening with hushpuppies and four metric tons of cheese grits.

At the fish fry, live music will be provided by musicians who don't suck.

Nightly, there will be an old movie played on the massive theater screen erected on the lawn near the waterslides and roller coasters. No modern movies will be shown at Camp Okie Dokie. Only Herbie

movies, old Disney cartoons, "The Apple Dumpling Gang," "The Ghost and Mister Chicken," and reruns of the "Andy Griffith Show."

There will be free ice cream every weekday from 6 a.m. to midnight. Chocolate, vanilla, and strawberry. See Marge at the front desk about our complimentary insulin pumps.

There will be a lottery every week for residents. Numbers will be drawn on Saturday night. Every kid gets a chance to win, but there's a catch. He or she will be paid in Werther's Original caramel candies. And he or she will be required to share with everyone.

Free dental care will be provided at Camp Okie Dokie.

Monday nights will be game night. Game night will consist of all the classics: Battleship, Twister, Monopoly, Scrabble and all other games under the Milton Bradley and Parker Brothers labels except Operation, which is dumb. I never liked Operation. I grew up with an Operation game that had a broken buzzer, so we had to use the honor system.

Baseball will be played nightly among residents at Camp Okie Dokie. The score doesn't matter. And trophies will be given only to those who wore the best chicken costumes.

At night, there will be a strolling mariachi band walking around to each cabin, singing songs to help get children into the proper mood for sleep. Also we will have an on-staff magician.

There will be free therapy for all kids, so that kids won't grow up to be afraid of mental-health therapists like I was. Therapy will be fun and exciting and normalized. All our therapists will be dressed like comic superheroes because that's what many of them are. Kids will learn that "depression" and "anxiety" are not dirty words, but terms just as ordinary as, say, "sprained ankle" and "lower back pain."

Camp Okie Dokie will also employ adult men who will act as surrogate fathers to fatherless kids, just like I was. These staff members will be trained to teach boys that not every male conversation or activ-

ity has to be reduced to a contest of one-upmanship.

The camp will also have a full staff of women who will serve as surrogate mothers, teaching all children that a positive body-image has nothing to do with adipose tissue.

Camp Okie Dokie will have a squadron of old women and old men whose sole task will be to go around acting like grandparents to kids who have never known the privilege of the elderly.

Old women will wear aprons stained in grease and flour. Old men will wear their trousers up to their armpits. These old people will tell all wounded children that they are perfect just the way they are, and that just because bad things happen in life, it doesn't mean that life itself is bad.

They will tell the kids that just because you don't feel loved, it doesn't mean that you aren't. And they will remind kids that, when you're older, just because you don't have a few million bucks in the bank doesn't mean you can't reach out to a hurting child and change their life.

Because you can.

New councilman Martinez ready to serve Anderson

On April 5, political newcomer Luis Martinez was elected to Anderson City Council, Seat Two. While this may be his first elected office, he is certainly no novice to community service and getting things done.



Jim Harris

Born and raised in Palm Bay, Florida, Luis is a first-generation American. His parents emigrated from Cuba and are now U.S. citizens. Luis played baseball from Little League through high school, then played for what is now Eastern Florida State College.

Showing his entrepreneurial side, he got his real estate license while in college to be able to sell homes during summer break.

After his sophomore year, he received a scholarship offer from Anderson University as a pitcher, where he played for two seasons. While in Anderson, he met his future wife, Hollins Deal, so he knew this community would be his long-term home.

After graduating with a degree in kinesiology, he planned to pursue a career in physical therapy. A former teammate made him aware of two positions available with Wells Fargo Financial. Of over fifty applicants, Luis was the only one not from a business school background, but he was one of the two hires.

Internal changes inside the bank created new opportunities for Luis and his career path. In 2012, TD Bank moved onto the Anderson market, and Luis joined them as an



Luis Martinez and family

assistant manager. Once again, promotions inside the bank led to additional experience. He would become their first manager to oversee two branches. Today Luis is a Vice President of Commercial Banking for South State Bank, assisting businesses with a wide variety of products.

Luis has always given back to the community and generously donates his time to several causes. He serves on two boards for the University of Anderson and the Anderson County Sheriff's Foundation Board, supporting local law enforcement. Luis also sits on the boards of Anderson Interfaith Ministries, the Rotary Club, the United Way, and Tri-County Technical College. For the Chamber of Commerce, he serves on the Anderson

mental in structuring an informal networking group of young, professional leaders. He called it Iron Sharpens Iron. It was a center of influence group where participants offered topics of interest for open discussion. Each month, the group began meeting for coffee and dialoguing about business, life, and faith. The conversations frequently included issues facing the city and county, and the members openly brainstormed about potential solutions. Luis highly values the dividends from this association.

Last year, several circumstances aligned perfectly to expand Luis's commitment to service into an elected office. With the family now including three daughters, they relocated from their home in the county into the City of Anderson. Long-time Council member

Rising Board and was recently the recipient of the Chamber's Rising Young Professional Award.

Luis is also very involved with his church, Boulevard Baptist. He and Hollins were married there, and he credits his faith as a catalyst behind his commitment to service. He serves on boards there as well.

A few years back, Luis was instru-

Don Chapman soon announced that he was resigning his seat to run for the State House of Representatives, leaving the district where Luis lived open. After some consultations with family and valued contacts, he decided to enter the race and won the seat.

A testament to Luis's character can be found in his first social media post after learning he had won the election. Before anything else, he graciously thanked his opponent for running a clean and honorable campaign.

One of the top priorities in his new position includes ensuring proper, reasonable, and strategic growth for the city. With Anderson being an attractive destination for new businesses, he sees the city as pro-business with the need to focus on balancing the growth with corresponding infrastructure development and quality-of-life projects. He names pocket parks and green spaces with walkability in safe environments as great adds for the city's residents. Pro-active planning for the additional traffic created by our growth is also a priority. He intends to leave political leanings to the side and focus on working together with anyone needed to make progress for the city.

Anderson County Council member and local businessman John Wright, Jr, estimates he's known Luis for around ten years. He says, "I know Luis very well, and he's someone that I respect a great deal. He is a great husband, father, and businessman with a heart for the community. I know that he will do an excellent job serving on City Council, and I look forward to working with him to make Anderson the very best that it can be!"

NIBBLE & SIP

Hot day on the ranch? Have a little water!

I don't visit Texas very often, so what I tend to forget is the heat. Even South Carolina temperatures pale in comparison to those of the Lone Star State; on our most recent trip, it was 100 degrees in mid-MAY! And while the margarita, with its high alcohol and calorie content, may be the Sip most associated with the Texas, a more refreshing choice is the Ranch Water.

Made with only three ingredients — silver tequila, lime juice, and sparkling mineral water — Ranch Water is a tall, cool drink that is perfect for an outdoor gathering. With no fruit or sugar, though, there's no place for the tequila to hide, so choose the best brand you can afford. (If you want a little sweetness, you can replace the lime juice with Rose's

Sweetened Lime Juice, which can be found in most grocery stores or party shops.) And to truly make it the Texas way, be sure to use Topo Chico Carbonated Mineral Water,



Kim von Keller

available at Walmart, Publix, or amazon.com. The carbonation is sure to cut through all the temperature

gauge throws at you. The Ranch Water pairs well with something spicy, so I like to serve it with Texas Trash, my version of a spicy snack mix. The recipe makes plenty, and it keeps well for multiple Nibbles and Sips. Yee-haw, y'all!

Ranch Water
2 oz. good-quality silver tequila
½ oz. lime juice, fresh or sweetened
6 oz. sparkling mineral water
In a tall glass, combine tequila and lime juice and stir well. Fill the glass with crushed ice and slowly add the sparkling mineral water. Stir gently and serve. Makes one.

Texas Trash
9 c. mixed Chex cereal
1 c. Corn Nuts, Original Flavor
1 c. roasted pepitas (pumpkin seeds)
1 c. cheese crackers (I like Cheez-Its.)
6 T. melted butter
2 T. Worcestershire sauce

1 T. hot pepper sauce (I like Cholula.)
1 ¼ t. seasoning salt (Choose a spicy one to bump up the heat.)
In a large microwavable bowl, combine the cereal, Corn Nuts, pepitas, and cheese crackers. In a small bowl, combine the butter, Worcestershire sauce, hot pepper sauce, and seasoning salt, and pour over the cereal mixture, stirring until the mixture is evenly coated. Microwave on HIGH for 5-6 minutes, stirring after every 2 minutes. (If your microwave won't hold the whole recipe, divide it into thirds and microwave each batch for 2 minutes, stirring every 40 seconds.) Line baking sheets with waxed paper and spread the mixture out in a single layer to cool completely before serving. Store in an airtight container.

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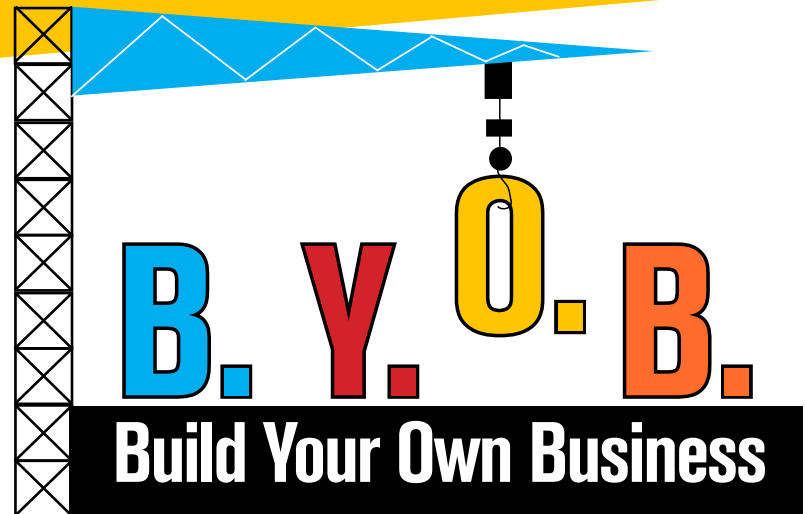
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*Please visit website for camp details: pricing, age groups, times, etc.

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Camp Director: Jeff Brookman, former Belmont Abbey standout and Anderson University Coach.

\$55 member, \$80 non-member

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Camp Director: Richard McConnell, former College of Charleston soccer standout.

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Camp Director: Jeff Brookman, former Belmont Abbey standout and Anderson University Coach.

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Soccer Camp – July 18th – 21st from 9am-12pm, Ages: 4yrs – 14yrs, Location: Fields Behind YMCA

Camp Director: Richard McConnell, former College of Charleston soccer standout.

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Baseball Camp – July 25th – 28th from 9am-12pm, Ages: 5yrs – 12yrs, Location: Fields Behind YMCA

Camp Director: Brett Campbell, former Wren High School and Anderson University standout

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Baton and Dance Camp – July 25th – 28th from 9am-12pm, Ages: all age groups, Location: YMCA Gym

Camp Director: Kipper Fallaw, owner of Upstate Dance & Baton

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Camp Director: Jeff Brookman, former Belmont Abbey standout and Anderson University Coach.

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Camp Director: Kipper Fallaw, owner of Upstate Dance & Baton

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Baseball Camp – August 8th – 11th from 9am-12pm, Ages: 5yrs – 12yrs, Location: Fields Behind YMCA

Camp Director: Brett Campbell, former Wren High School and Anderson University standout

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Austin, Texas: Lessons from the road

Last weekend, my husband and I joined our daughter and her boyfriend for a week-end in Austin, Texas. If you've never been there, it's the home of the State Capital, "Austin City Limits," unbelievable barbecue, expensive boots, and an estimated 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats that live under the Ann W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge. It wasn't our first time in Austin, and I hope it won't be our last.



Kim von Keller

There's a lot of fun to be had in the ATX. But on this most recent visit, I feel like I also learned a lot of life lessons. While the most obvious would be not to get too close to the Ann W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge if you don't like the aroma of bat guano, the rest are a bit more subtle:

You Can Dance If You Want To
On our first night in town, we went the Broken Spoke, an Austin institution since 1964. It's a kind of dance hall, juke joint, honky-tonk place that's hosted such legends as George Strait, Willie Nelson, Garth Brooks, and Dolly Parton. As best I could tell, it's held together by beer cans, dust, and memories, and I would fly back today just to take a spin around the floor with Ted while the Darrell Goldman Band plays "Waltz Across Texas." And that's what I loved most about our time there: Everybody dances. There were old cowhands and their wives; groups of college kids; out-of-towners; a pair of senior citizens in complementary sequined costumes who mixed tai chi and the two-step; a man in a loud party shirt whose go-to moves were The Lawnmower and Spank the Baby; bride tribes; and the

wedding party of the band's rhythm guitar player. Did everyone know what they were doing? No. Did anyone care? No. Was everyone having a great time? YES! Life is short, and you can dance it you want to.

Lighten Up, People
A crazy work week kept me from packing my bag earlier, so 12 hours before our departure, I was still trying to figure out what to take. I ended up with a pair of jeans, two shirts, a t-shirt dress, and an extra pair of shoes. There was so much room left in my bag that I could have returned with a whole brisket and a ten-gallon hat. And you know what? In those few items, I had everything I needed, and I have never moved through an airport with such ease. Clutter — whether in our suitcases or our homes or our obligations — does nothing but weigh us down, and it's made me realize that I need to start lightening my load.

It's Never Too Late to Apologize
This family trip was actually 15 years in the making. When Elizabeth was in middle school, Ted had business in Austin and invited her along. For reasons that only an angst teen could understand, she declined, and his feelings were understandably hurt. Fast forward to Christmas of 2021, where her gift to him was this trip and the opportunity to do all the things he had planned way back when. It also came with a sincere apology for an incident that was way in the rear-view mirror, and I think he appreciated that more than the vacation. It is never too late to make amends, especially with someone you love.

There were other things I learned as well, including that I should never be within arm's reach of an unopened box of Cheez-Its. But that's what travel does for us. If you've traveled lately, share your lessons with me at editkim50@gmail.com.

LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING KICKOFF

What do Ms. Frizzle, the Critter Keeper, and the South Carolina Aquarium all have in common? They are part of the Anderson County Library System's lineup of summer events beginning this June as part of Summer at the Library's "Oceans of Possibilities." With free, engaging events and the Summer Reading challenge, everyone can find something to do during June and July at the library.

Summer Reading kicks off on Saturday, June 4 at the Anderson, Powdersville, and Pendleton libraries. Drop by between 10am-1pm to enjoy games, check out books, and register for the reading challenge. At the Anderson Main Library, children and families can meet with the Greenville Drive's mascot Reedy Rip'It and explore activities with Clemson Extension, Anderson County Beekeepers Association, and others.

"We're excited to see more of our community returning to the library for Summer



Critter Keeper

Reading," says Head of Youth Services Diane Smiley. "This year's Oceans of Possibilities theme gives us the opportunity to partner with other organizations around Anderson County and help families learn about the importance of being good stewards of our water resources for environmental and economic vitality."

Ms. Frizzle will take children on an ocean adventure June 6-9 at libraries across Anderson County. The Critter Keeper will introduce children to the amazing world of reptiles and his wild friends, like the albino Burmese python, Julius Squeezer, on Friday, June 10 at the Iva Civic Center and Watkins Community Center in Honea Path. And on June 7 at the Anderson Main Library, the South Carolina Aquarium will share information on deep sea exploration, unique animal adaptations, and even have some marine invertebrates to meet and touch.

"Summer Reading is our busiest time of year as well as our favorite time of year," says Smiley. "We look forward each year to having kids and families at the library for fun events they can enjoy with their friends."

Find all upcoming events and information about the Summer Reading challenge online at www.andersonlibrary.org.



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FROM THE SHELF

The Diamond Eye

by Kate Quinn



Sara Leady

I have a love/hate relationship with historical fiction, especially since 90% of it seems to only focus on WWII, and it all just feels overdone, at least for me. I, however, eat my judgy words for every Kate Quinn novel that comes out. I seriously can't get enough of her writing and the incredible stories she chooses to tell, most of which tie to WWII.

Quinn, like Marie Benedict, bases her historical fiction on real events and people. It's fiction because she does take artistic license to combine real people into one character, maybe shift the timeline a bit to fit her story better, or fill in the gaps within the history that she

deeply researches. Even if she wasn't such a fantastic writer, I think I'd read her books purely out of respect for her research hustle and how she pulls stories from it.

The Diamond Eye is the latest in Quinn's best-selling catalog of novels. Like most of her novels, it focuses on a real-life woman doing some really epic stuff tied to WWII. The Diamond Eye follows Mila Pavlichenko, known as "Lady Death," a female sniper in the Soviet's Red Army with 309 confirmed kills to her name (the real count is likely actually higher as confirmed kills require documented proof).

The title switches back and forth from the start of Mila's journey as a sniper, to her tour of the United States in 1942 with a Russian delegation that was asking for Allied assistance. The flashbacks to her early life help paint the picture of what made Mila the sniper and woman that she was. While the sections highlighting the US tour show her friendship with Eleanor Roosevelt (Roosevelt actually visited her in Moscow several years after the war), to the unfolding assassination plot to kill

Roosevelt and how Lady Death prevented the attempt (this is the fictional bit but it's pretty cool nonetheless).

Mila's story starts with her deciding to learn to shoot in order to teach her son how to shoot in an effort to be both parents, as her useless and emotionally abusive husband isn't really in the picture (of which she's happy about, if only he'd show up for court and sign the darn divorce papers). As a college student and librarian in training, Mila took a university sniper course and was a certified marksman before Germany attacked Russia during WWII. Once the bombing starts Mila enlists, and even though they don't



initially take her seriously (because how could a woman be an expert marksman *eyeroll*) she quickly climbs the ranks and rises in infamy for both the Soviets and Nazis as Lady Death. The theme of not being taken seriously as a woman, and a slight, small one at that, continues during her US tour as reporters barrage her with insults about her appearance and accuse her of being a fake piece of propaganda. Mila is pretty feisty and obviously tolerates none of the nonsense, whether from her own countrymen or from the US media (it's glorious to watch).

Quinn always does an amazing job for an "anti-boring books" reader like me to make (boring) history engaging and thrilling. Between Mila's battlefield scenes, dueling German snipers, and the intense end where she sniper duels the would-be assassin, the action is non-stop and propels you through the gritty reality of war and the toll it takes on a person, especially a sniper. The Diamond Eye is yet another title by Quinn that I can guarantee you won't be able to put down.

Other titles by Quinn that tie to WWII that I've loved: The Rose Code, The Huntress (main character is actually mentioned in The Diamond Eye), and The Alice Network.

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A unique history of Anderson County

BY RICH OTTER

Thomas E. Walls was born and raised on an Anderson County farm, part of a 300 acre tract where his father was a sharecropper. He went to work with Farmer & Simpson Engineers (Joseph A. Farmer, Jr. and David Simpson) in 1973 after he graduated from college. In the same year he was married and also purchased a 1972 Chevy Nova Super Sport. It is coming up to 50 years and he is still working for the successor firm to Farmer & Simpson (Ridgewater Engineering & Surveying), has the same wife and the same car. "Consistency is not my problem."

He loves surveying, the history of surveying, doing the office work, the field work and particularly retracing. "Retracing surveys is probably one of the most interesting things you can do. It is like putting together a puzzle. The trick is not bringing everything out of a computer. The trick is to back up and see what the original people did and then try to re-create and go by their information and make it fit what we do today." In the field, he said, "I've been either on the top

of or underneath all the buildings in downtown Anderson."

While with Farmer and Simpson, they surveyed all the area where the old railroad went underneath Anderson, including the passenger platform where they would catch the trains.

The platform is still there – "solid as a rock, back in behind Carolina Wren Park."

"When they did the new Court House we were there doing a survey when they took up the old cobble stones. They were beautiful." They

appeared when the paving was removed. He wished they could have been left there.

"People don't understand how full of history Anderson really is. Mr. Farmer actually was a direct descendant of Robert Anderson. I guess that's one reason he was interested and so was I. Mr. Farmer trained me." Walls remembered as they were out surveying how Farmer would tell him how the downtown appeared before they ever built the viaduct. The old road is still underneath. "You can still see part of it."

Walls said the towns were built around the railroads.



Thomas E. Walls



Salvaged Chero-Cola bottles

"People don't realize in Anderson that the railroad that runs through here still in certain places has a 100 foot right-of-way in each direction. If you go there and pull 100 feet you are in people's houses." There is an old deed he described on Belhaven Road that says if the railroad decides to widen their right-of-way the county has 90 days to move the road.

In surveying downtown he has found surprising things underneath the buildings. When they surveyed the Carolina First building they had to dig into the railway cut and found old bottles identified as Chero-Cola in the embankment.

It turned out the bottles were from the Anderson Ice Company, formerly at 214 Townsend Street that bordered the cut in the early 1900s when Townsend

Street extended to that area. The company was listed as being a lime cola bottling works. The local bottler was using a cherry-flavored formula for Chero-Cola developed by a Columbus, Georgia pharmacist. Many small communities had local bottling companies. Chero-Cola eventually evolved into Royal Crown that later became a Nehi product.

Walls recalled a parking lot they surveyed near Calhoun Street and Tribble Street where they located a train turn-table. The turn-table could reverse the direction of the engine. It still exists underneath where the city built a parking lot.

At one time they surveyed everything on Main Street from the old Coleman Recreation Center area all the way down to River Street, both sides of the road. It was before the new court house was built. "We located all of the utilities, all the curbs and everything and have it on a Mylar drawing. It is somewhere all rolled up. We did it on 36x42 sheets and put it together and rolled it up."

Over the years Tommy Walls has purchased, saved and collected files and plats of former local surveyors – some going back to the early 1900s. They reflect a history of Anderson County that is unique – certainly unmatched.

Boundaries



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Boundaries are vital; boundaries allow individuals to set limits, create realistic expectations, and teach others how to treat/respect our needs/wants. Additionally, boundaries are one form of self-care and self-love.

Boundaries are critical for conserving energy and facilitating emotional wellness. Setting boundaries is hard, especially when individuals have a history of people pleasing, fearing rejection, or growing up with conditional love. Although it may feel uncomfortable, with time and practice, setting boundaries becomes easier.

6 TYPES OF BOUNDARIES

Physical Boundaries: Boundaries for protecting personal space, what you choose to consume, and how close someone becomes with physical touch. This may sound like, "this touch makes me uncomfortable, please stop," or "I will not be drinking tonight, yet thank you."

Time Boundaries: Time relates to how much time you invest towards a specific tasks or goal, or how much time you choose to spend with another individual. Examples may sound like, "I can help, yet only for 1 hour," or "I appreciate the invitation, yet today is not good. Could we plan next week?"

Relationship Boundaries: Boundaries around relationships relate to how individuals treat others as well as expectations in general. Relationship boundaries take the form of "I would appreciate talking about an issue rather than leaving it unresolved," or "I am not okay with you sharing this information with another individual, could we keep this private."

Mental Boundaries: It is okay to have different opinions, beliefs, values, and perspectives compared to others in your life. Examples include "I respect your perspective, yet I see it differently," and "I will not try to convince you of my perspective, and please don't try to convince me."

Emotional Boundaries: Identifying which topics are safe versus unsafe, and recognizing your individual capacity for the needs of others. Boundaries may include "this is a topic I cannot discuss today," or "I do not have the capacity to discuss world events today."

Communication Boundaries: How we speak to others, and how someone else speaks to you. Examples may sound like "please do not speak to me in this tone," or "please do not call me names."

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Everybody looks good in sunglasses

When it comes to something that I would say I own the most of, it would definitely be sunglasses. From vintage to semi-expensive to really cheap sunglasses. I own quite a few. I've loved them since I was a little girl. There's

just something about sunglasses that instantly turns you into rock star.

I also love them when running to the market and I don't feel like seeing anyone I know. I can kind of hide out from the world, a shield per se. They also come

in handy if you're tired and don't feel like adding concealer. I just love a good pair of shades. They are my comfort zone. Sunglasses are just really fun to wear and did you know they've been around since the beginning of time?



Kristine March

Sunglasses have been worn since before the 12th century, starting in China. They were apparently made for only the wealthy to wear. I personally have a dream pair that I really want right now. They're from Gucci of course and made in Italy. They're big square-frames and they come in a tortoise shell style and a mint green color. They're absolutely divine and give you that seventies vibe that's my signature style. If you're not into the Gucci price tag you can get the dupe version on Amazon for literally pennies and if they break, it won't really matter.

It's really all about preference. If you're in the trendy mood this summer everything has a futuristic approach. I appreciate it, but I just love my oversized ones. But if that's your

thing, try it. If you're more into the architectural side, they're also trending. It's best to actually go to a boutique and really try them on to see what suits your face shape. You can even ask a fashion stylist to help you choose

your best look or go to a Sunglass Hut and really get ones that make you look and feel comfortable. Sometimes really heavy ones can give you a headache even though they may look

good on. So again, it's all your price point and your liking, but don't be afraid to step out of the box. The funkier they are, the more chic you will look. Everybody looks good in sunglasses so you honestly can't go wrong, and they're so much fun to shop for. So, remember to make the sidewalk your runway and kindness always matters.



BE LIKE MIKE

BY ANN BAILES

Remember the old 1990s classic commercial that encourages people to “Be Like Mike”? It was a lighthearted encouragement to drink Gatorade along with Michael Jordan. Recently I observed another scenario where people need to be like Mike, but it’s a different Mike, and the circumstances are entirely different—and a little more serious.

On a recent trip to Huntington Beach State Park, Mike observed an alligator in Mullet Pond swimming toward us as we walked the pedestrian straight road. Watching its slow movement and swaying tail as it moved through the water was a little disconcerting, and I decided to walk on ahead. Mike stayed and videoed it swimming toward the sidewalk that divided Mullet and Mallard ponds. The alligator came up the bank, crossed the road, and entered the other pond. Its length was as wide as the road - at least

eight feet. And Mike took the video standing about ten feet away.

Mike wasn’t afraid. That doesn’t mean he wasn’t cautious. Alligators, particularly hungry ones, can be unpredictable, and people are definitely wise to stay out of their way (especially small children and pets), even though the possibility of being lunch for a hungry alligator is remote. Its usual fare is fish, turtles, snakes, birds - anything small that is easily accessible. Alligators don’t usually bother humans unless the humans bother them first. They are not interested in dealing with creatures who are comparable in size to them.

This prehistoric-looking reptile species lives strictly in the southeast United States, from North Carolina to southern Texas. It ranges as far northwest as Oklahoma and also south into Mexico. Its favorite habitats are slow-moving rivers and sometimes brackish water. That’s



why they cross the straight road at Huntington Beach - they are moving between Mullet Pond (brackish water) and Mallard Pond (freshwater). They do not prefer pure saltwater because they do not have salt glands, which balance the amount of salt in their bodies.

Sometimes an alligator walks on its short legs, and other times it “sprawls,” or moves with its belly

making contact with the ground.

On a previous trip to the same place, Mike said, “Look down at the sidewalk.” I thought it was an odd request, and all I saw was a mud streak—until he elaborated: “This is an alligator crossing. Probably earlier this morning, an alligator rested right there.” Sure enough - what I thought was a “mud streak” was a large track in the perfect shape of an alligator’s

belly. Right then we heard Old Mr. Alligator bellowing not too far away, and in that situation we did feel the need to move on rather quickly.

In regard to alligators, Mike made the right decisions. Don’t provoke, and maintain a safe distance (again, especially with small children and pets). If an alligator is around, you don’t need to be afraid, but do be cautious. Be like Mike.



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SURGERY

I don't have a brain aneurysm as many have suggested over the years, and I'm not getting a tongue replacement either. I'm scheduled for a Subtotal Palmar Fasciectomy due to Dupuytren's Contracture. You will need a new tongue after trying to pronounce that one.



Neal Parnell

My affliction has been called Vikings Disease. Not

because of violent, piratical heathens, but rather because the genetic disease was once thought to come from the Nordic regions of Europe. Ancestry.com confirms that I am Scotch/Irish but apparently one of my ancestors hooked up with a ravaging, pillaging, horn-capped Minnesotan.

The disease usually takes years to develop and what happens is a fibrous cord builds in the palm of the hand and slowly starts to pull



the pinky finger toward the palm and cups the whole hand. There is no pain involved and some people live with a bent pinky. Not me. I've let it go until I can no longer place my hand flat on the table or get it into my pocket without a struggle.

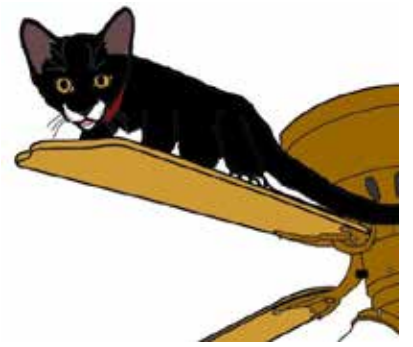
If Spock had this condition, instead of Live Long and Prosper we would think he was signaling us with an obscene Vulcan birdie. I



can't Pinky Swear, I can't high-five, and I can't scratch the inside my ear. If I wave at my neighbors, they think I'm giving them gang signs and run inside. I tried to pet one of my cats on the top of its head but poked my pinky in its eye, and when I attempted to pick it up, the poor thing got a surprise examination and is still on the ceiling fan. Thank

goodness for the fist-pump; if I tried to shake your hand, you'd think I was engaging in some sort of coded Dap hand-jive.

When I try to give the hand sign for someone to "Call Me" by placing my extended thumb and bent pinky to the side of my head, they think I'm contemplating suicide. If I were a Texas Longhorn fan, my hand sign



would look like a rabid steer with a crooked horn.

Baron Guillaume Dupuytren, a French military surgeon whose first name is just as hard to pronounce as his last, performed the first successful surgery for what was then known as Celtic Hand in 1831. There was no anesthesia until 1846, so his patient was most likely very drunk or very drugged, but conscious. I think I would have passed on letting the Baron slice my hand in 1831 and would have probably given him the Vulcan finger.

As you're reading this, the surgery is over and I'm hopefully sitting at home learning to operate the remote with my left hand for a week or so. I'll be sure to update you on my new pinky finger just as soon as I can type and get that freaked-out cat off the ceiling fan.

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