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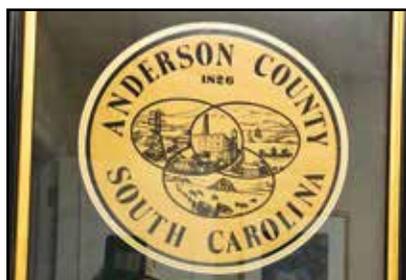
ANDERSON COUNTY 2018: YEAR IN REVIEW

A Conversation with Anderson County Administrator Rusty Burns

By Kay Willis Burns

Kay: What were the most significant economic developments that happened with industry in 2018?

Rusty: One of the most significant economic developments last was Arthrex breaking ground on their new facility in Sandy Springs. Right now, they have two buildings under construction on their 230-acre site. They make just about every type of orthopedic device for the body. If you need a knee or a shoulder, these people have got you covered. As announced, they will be hiring 1,000 people. We fully expect that to grow over time to 2,000 employees. Just right across the street, Tri-County Technical College is building a new training facility that will assist in preparing workers for the Arthrex facility. Arthrex will be providing superior pay and excellent benefits. One of those benefits will be an in-house medical facility with medical staff to treat employees and their families. They will also be constructing a soccer field and softball field for their employees. The entire 230-acre site will be more like a college campus than a typical manufacturing facility.



Kay: Tell me about what's happening with TTI

Rusty: Equally important and exciting is the new TTI facility being constructed at Highway 81 and I-85. This new complex will be a state-of-the-art research, manufacturing, warehousing and training facility. It should be noted that when they were considering where to build this facility, they were courted by groups in Charlotte, Atlanta, and other cities and counties. They research new products for their brands. Their brands include Milwaukee, Homelite, Hoover, Oreck, VAX, and Dirt Devil, to name a few. They have an extremely close relationship with Home Depot. One of the most interesting things is the fact that they have their own advertising agency here in Anderson, complete with television studios. People may not know that many national commercials are filmed right here in Anderson. Look carefully the next time you see a Home Depot commercial ... it may be your neighbor's yard featured in that commercial. This new state-of-the-art complex is now visible from

Interstate-85. It may be the most beautiful building that you can see from Interstate-85 and will be a great "billboard" advertising for Anderson County. This new development will also look like a college campus. It will feature walking trails and other amenities for employees. The new facility will also have its own Starbucks. Currently, 600 people are employed by TTI. Another interesting fact is that at the end of a 12-hour shift, the work is flipped to Hong Kong where it is worked on for 12 hours there, then flipped back to Anderson. It should also be noted that the old TTI facility at the intersection of 28-bypass and Whitehall now belongs to Anderson County. Thanks to Representative Brian White, these buildings and land will take care of Anderson County's future needs for 100 years, if not more. One of the things that is being placed in the former TTI facility will be research and development activities, conducted by Tri-County Technical College.

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Kay: What is the status of employment and training in Anderson County?

Rusty: Anderson County's unemployment rate — when last reported — was 3%. With Michelin re-opening its big tire plant and some very exciting news expected from First Quality, the future for job growth in Anderson County looks very bright. One of the things we like to say is that Anderson County is the toilet paper capital of the world and the tire capital of the world. At one time, Ohio was the tire capital of the world. Now, Anderson is the tire capital of the world. We have three Michelin plants, so we must be the capital of the universe!

Kay: How many upcoming jobs are expected in the near future?

Rusty: It should be noted that there are 3,500 jobs that will soon be coming online. Our biggest challenge in Anderson County is training and re-training our citizens to take advantage of these new opportunities. In our Economic Development office, Mrs. Terri Gilstrap leads a team devoted to servicing our existing industries and coordinates training for new workers. Tri-County Tech, the State of South Carolina, and others are all involved in this effort. If anybody in Anderson County wants a job, there is one out there. And if you need training, please contact us, and we will help you on your journey.

Kay: What about the smaller towns in Anderson County?

Rusty: It is always the county's desire to make sure that job opportunities exist throughout the county. At present, we are working with companies in Pendleton, Belton, and Honea Path. One thing that bears mentioning is that commercial growth follows manufacturing growth. Expect to see many new commercial activities in our county.

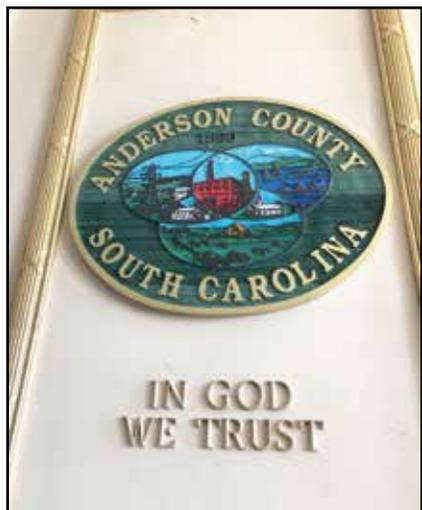
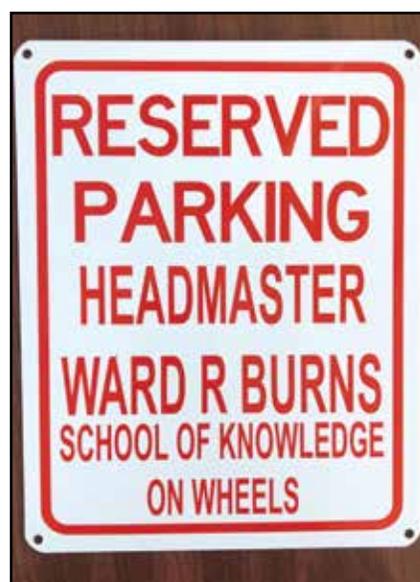
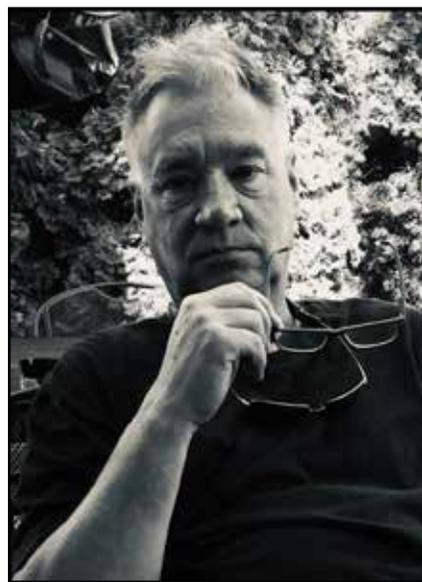
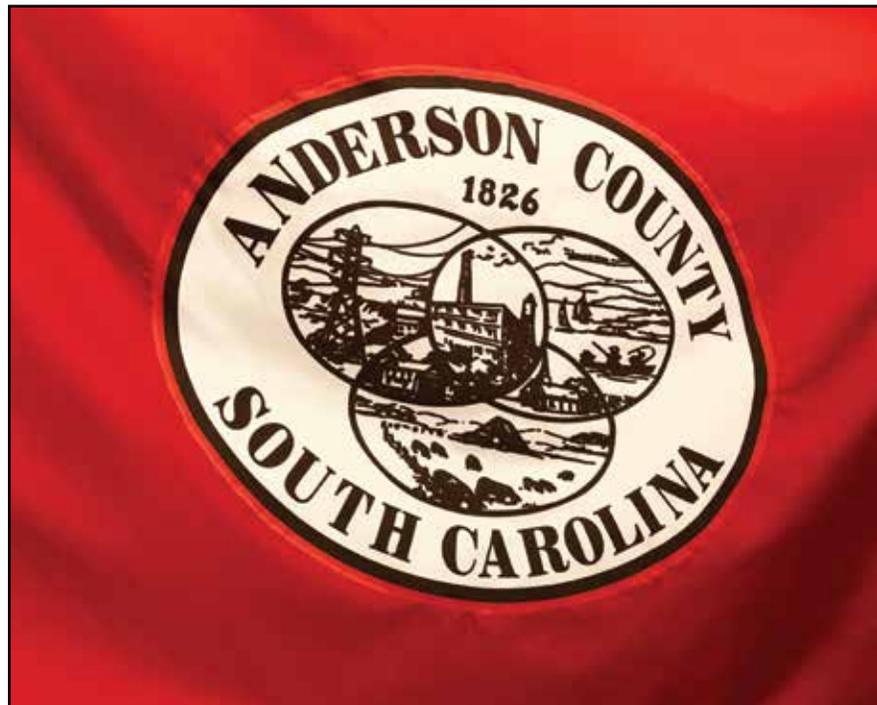
Kay: What's on the horizon with recreation in Anderson County?

Rusty: An ad hoc committee chaired by Councilman Wooten has been studying, researching and putting in to play numerous recreational projects. The Civic Center and the Civic Center Complex — since the old Anderson County Stockade was torn down — has always been Anderson County's Central Park. Because of that, the County is going to expand, improve, and make Kid Venture larger and available to everyone in Anderson County. We want to make it so that anyone with or without a disability can enjoy the park. This would make this the only complete ADA park in Anderson County. In addition to this, we will be upgrading bathroom facilities throughout the park.

We also hope to have completed the first phase of the East-West Parkway Park. The second phase will include the installation of restroom facilities at as well as some recreational equipment.

We are also looking at improvements to the recreational facilities at Broadway Lake. Also, the new restroom facilities at Green Pond Landing are under construction. The county is also looking at every park that it owns to determine their status and future. It should be noted that Green Pond has hosted two Bassmaster tournaments as well as additional other tournaments.

Another goal is to place a handicapped-accessible kayak 'launch'. The county is working with the City of Belton to make this happen. It has long been the county's dream to turn the Saluda River into the economic, recreational powerhouse it can be. This effort is now beginning to have results. Private investors are now buying properties along the river to either redevelop old buildings or build new ones.



Kay: What activity is going on at the airport?

Rusty: The Anderson County Airport continues to be the front porch for corporate visitors to Anderson County. On any given day, you may see six to seven corporate jets on the runway. This number is increasing. Another interesting fact about our airport is that, other than the football team, all Clemson University sports teams fly in and out of our airport as well as the visiting teams coming here to play Clemson. We also have a full aviation repair and maintenance facility at our airport, operated by the county. The new airport terminal is under construction. The main runway has also been completely repaved and upgraded. The Anderson County Airport generates all operational expenses necessary to run the airport.

Kay: What's going on behind the Historic Courthouse?

Rusty: The County Council is in the

final stages of approving a contract with Peach Properties to design, build, and operate a building — or possibly buildings — on the site behind the Historic Courthouse. The council will be entering into a public/private partnership to develop this property. The council believes that this building has the potential to be the most significant structure in our county. The intent is not to have an 8:00 to 5:00 building on this site. The goal is to provide vitality and energy to downtown Anderson. A recent market study has indicated that there is a demand for at least one hundred more units for people to live in downtown Anderson. We also want to create a plaza between the historic courthouse and the new development. The development should tie in well with Wren Park. Hopefully architectural renderings of the project should be available soon.

Kay: Is there anything else you would like to add?

Rusty: Well, we haven't mentioned our massive sewer upgrade and expansion project, which will lead to three of our interstate intersections literally blowing up with new commercial and industrial endeavors. There are also 100 other things the county is doing. But if this interview continues, Kay and I may have to get a divorce!

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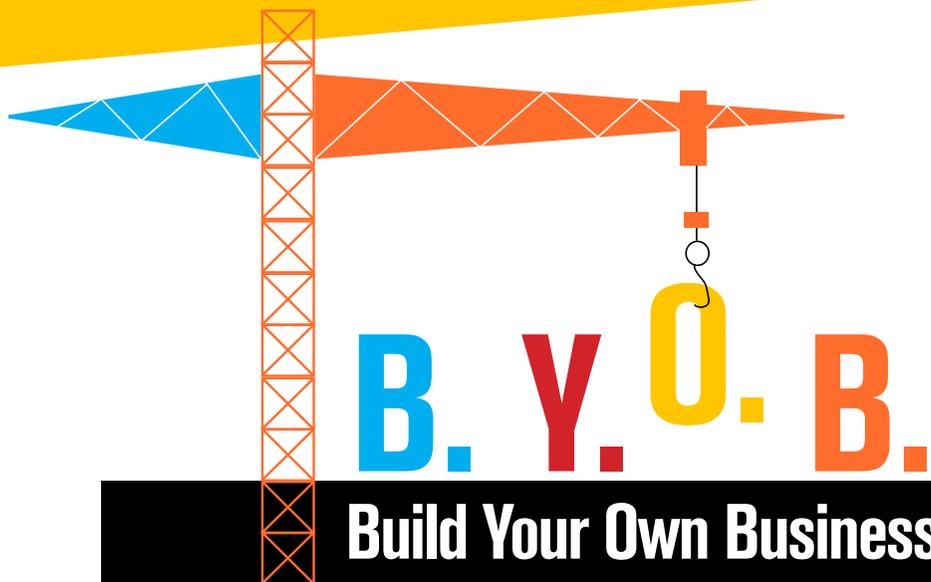
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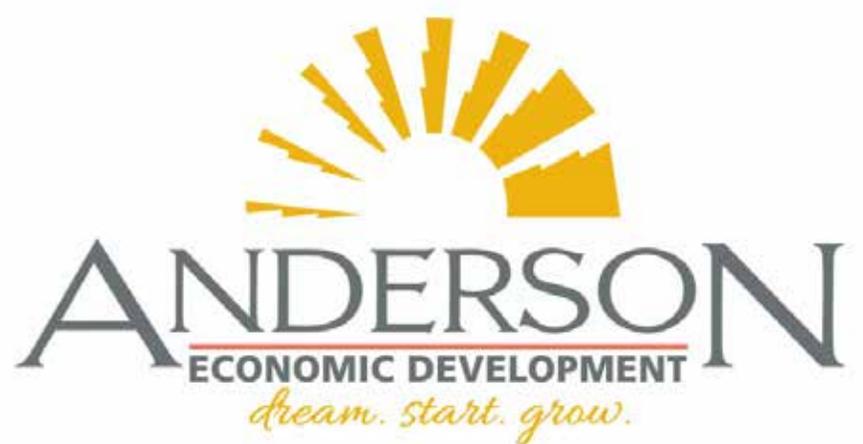
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How to make this year your best ever!

By Dr. Gabrielle Cannick

Starting a new year is traditionally a time for self-assessment and charting a course for improving your life. We all have our talents, interests, and an innate desire to make the most of our lives -- for ourselves and for those we love.

You are likely familiar with the term "wellness" as a pathway to a healthier you. But there's more to it. Today experts prefer the term "betterment" – the effort to improve not only our bodies but our mind and, if you will, our spirit. With this thought in mind here is a brief "betterment blueprint" that can help us all make the most of the fresh start this new year presents:

Nourish your mind. It is estimated we are bombarded by millions of stimuli every second, some good and some bad. Make a concerted effort to minimize the negative and embrace the positive. And do as an older generation advised: Count your blessings.

Strive to stress less. Yes, we live busy lives and it may seem a bridge too far, but we must make time to relax. Do something that stimulates YOU. Make time for family and those you love. Big tip: manage your finances wisely.

Surround yourself with positive people of all ages. They give you great energy, insight and perspective. And



Dr. Gabrielle F. Cannick

being around positive people helps you overcome negative emotions. And it can motivate you to do more and live more fully.

Stay optimistic. This means planning for problems while hoping for the best. Moreover, it is about seeing possibilities not limitations. Try focusing on what can be done and not what can't. Think solutions rather than

problems. Glass half full, anyone?

Show kindness toward others. For the human spirit there is no better nourishment for building a sense of purpose and contentment in your life. One of the best ways to show love is by giving to others — your time, a willing ear, and an open heart. Let others to do the same for you.

When it comes to your body, prevention is better than cure. Resolve to eat well and as a result feel your best every day by focusing on a diet that will help keep your body in tip-top condition – whole grains, fruit and vegetables, nuts and seeds, lean meat. It is the fuel your body wants!

Keep Moving. Physical activity keeps your muscles strong, enhances your circulation, reduces stress and lifts your mood. And, it helps you sleep better.

Respect yourself. Without self-respect, you will not have the confidence to realize your potential and fulfill your dreams.

And one last thing. In the coming year resolve to give yourself some pampering. You deserve it! If you have questions, please contact us. Think of us as your hometown resource for guidance and support. May this be your best year ever!

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Unhappy Relationships: Why Do People Stay?

By Mary-Catherine McClain Riner

Relationships often begin in the "honeymoon" phase. During this time, relationships often feel joyful, satisfying, fulfilling, and rewarding. As time passes, individuals may "discover" other sides and traits that were "hidden" during the earlier phases in a relationship. For example, some partners may struggle with jealousy or trusting the other partner. Despite a variety of red flags, clients often remain in an unhealthy or abusive relationship — believing that "love" is enough. There are many reasons and explanations as to why men and women may stay in harmful relationships that eventually go from highs and lows to all lows.

Research has shown that individuals remain in relationships when they believe the other partner is committed to the relationship, and will also remain in the relationship if they fear for the emotional health and well being of the other partner. In other words, a partner's dependence on the relationship often discourages breaking up. It seems that people may consider staying in romantic relationships, not necessarily as a personal preference or need but rather for their partners.

Co-dependency and financial reliance are additional factors that keep people "stuck" in relationships. Individuals fear not being able to maintain a certain lifestyle or fear having no place to go or life if the relationship ended. This creates a sense of helplessness and leads to remaining in the unhealthy relationship.

Others remain in toxic relationships because that pattern is "normal." Children from abusive childhood environments often enter into unhealthy relationships as adults not recognizing that the relationship is unhealthy. Similarly, individuals who have low



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self-esteem and confidence believe that the toxicity is their fault and internalizes blame and guilt rather than seeing clearly the partner is manipulating and controlling the situation. High self-esteem leads to identifying self-worth outside of a relationship.

Individuals in the age range of 20's and 30's may feel the need or pressure to "settle" in a relationship that is not rewarding rather than being alone. Individuals fear being "lonely." Likewise, individuals may want so badly for a relationship to work that they convince themselves that the "person can change" and will eventually become the partner they met during the "honeymoon phase." While change is possible and can happen, individuals struggle to know "when" to let go of holding their breath for eventual change.

On the other hand, adults may also stay for the "children." It is easy to forget that parental tension can negatively impact children as much as it impacts the parents. While it can be daunting, leaving an abusive and toxic relationship can be done.

Relationships can be positive, healthy, and fulfilling in a multitude of ways. Before you commit to someone, consider asking yourself the motivation for staying and whether any flags are present in the relationship that may be unhealthy and toxic for everyone involved.

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Special electrode vest maps heart's electrical system

By Josephine McMullen

Electrophysiology is a branch of cardiology which deals specifically with heart rhythm disorders and the electric system of the heart. This is a highly specialized field and heart rhythm specialist Dr. Rick Henderson of AnMed Health Arrhythmia Specialists in Anderson, South Carolina, is one of these electrophysiologists (EPs).

His is also the twelfth EP practice in the nation (and the only one in South Carolina) offering a new and innovative way of mapping electrical impulses in the heart. CardioInsight is a 252-electrode vest that can map the heart's electrical system. The device helps Dr. Henderson pinpoint the locations of electrical malfunctions in the heart that cause irregular heartbeats.

Irregular heartbeats, or arrhythmias, are caused by electrical malfunctions of the heart. These include:



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- Premature ventricular contractions (PVCs)
- Ventricular tachycardia (V-Tack)
- Atrial tachycardia (AT)

The malfunctions can bring on a range of problems, from the disconcerting sensation of a fast, irregular heartbeat, to a fatal cardiac arrest.

"In order to treat an arrhythmia, doctors must pinpoint the location of the electrical malfunction," said Dr. Henderson. "That typically involves inserting a catheter with an electrode tip into a blood vessel in the groin, and snaking it up to the heart. By touching the tip to different places on the heart doctors can create spatial



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and electrical maps."

But those maps are usually incomplete. The catheter can't reach every part of the heart, leaving some areas of the map blank. The invasive procedure also comes with some risk.

The CardioInsight vest Dr. Henderson is using aims to provide a more complete map without the snaking catheter.

"The patient puts on the vest and gets into a computed tomography (CT) scanner. The

system then creates a three-dimensional electro-anatomical map of the heart by marrying the vest's electrocardiogram (ECG) signals and the anatomical image from the CT scan," said Dr. Henderson.

Arrhythmia problems arise when abnormal cells or connections form, knocking the system out of whack. When that happens the heart cannot beat in a coordinated way and it can stop. Doctors treat the problem by destroying the cells that are electrically malfunctioning. The procedure, called ablation, allows the heart to get back to its normal rhythm.

"Once the patient has undergone the CardioInsight mapping procedure, the patient is then rolled into the EP lab with us already knowing where the problem's coming from, so we don't have to spend hours trying to find it. With the CardioInsight device, we're looking at only a couple of hours," said Dr. Henderson.

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Parlor 48 has gone H.O.G. wild

Master barber Jenny-Leigh Worley has been in the barber business since 2013 but has recently realized a dream she has had for a long time. Worley owns and operates the only barber shop in South Carolina within a Harley Davidson dealership, and is the second one in the U.S. to operate within a Harley Davidson store.

"Jenny came to us with an idea and wanted us to help her develop that idea," said Cody Watson of Timms Harley Davidson. "She had plans for events while traveling with a band but wanted something more permanent," he said.

Worley completed cosmetology school but what she really wanted was to be a master barber. She set her sights on it and went to work for a vintage barber shop in Greenville, where she worked for two years. After the shop closed the business, she went to work for a friend in Seneca. "I didn't want to be in a salon but I was itching to cut hair," she said.

With a crossover license and the desire to keep cutting hair, Worley began specializing in Pulp Riot coloring, which is a creative color line. All the while, she still dreamed of having a salon inside a Harley Davidson dealership.



Worley approached her friend Jesse James DuPree, who is on the board at Harley Davidson, and asked him to help her pitch the idea. She had been to the Sturgis, South Dakota, motorcycle rally and was given permission to be the only barber at Pappy Campground, which is inside the rally. It was the first time Harley Davidson moved H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group) to the campground and she was there for the entire 12 days of the rally. "It was so much fun I decided, along with the Full Throttle rally, to make it a yearly thing," she said.

DuPree approached Cody Watson at Timms Harley Davidson about the idea. DuPree had a great friendship



with Timms and asked them to meet with Worley. "The stars just aligned," she said. "Someone finally listened to me, and here we are." Parlor 48 was born. The name stems from the establishment of Timms in 1948.

Business is booming for the barber, who offers hot shaves and straight razor shaves. "This is exactly what I had in mind and everyone has been wonderful," she said. "I told them what I had in mind for the booth and they made it happen. Realizing a dream just takes someone giving you a chance."

Parlor 48 is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Walk-ins are accepted as well as appointments. Find her on Facebook and Instagram, and for appointments, call 864-784-0091.

Countybank welcomes new leader to Anderson market

Countybank is pleased to welcome Michael Wooles as Anderson Market Executive in Anderson. Wooles comes to Countybank having served in a bank leadership capacity in Anderson for the past 17 years.



Michael Wooles

Wooles' prior banking experience includes work with community, regional, and national financial institutions. He continues to hold the position of Vice Chairman of Innovate Anderson. Wooles most recently held the position of Senior Commercial Relationship Manager with Countybank. Previously, Wooles served as well as Market Executive for First Citizens Bank in Anderson. Wooles is a graduate of North Carolina State University with a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Business Management.

As Anderson Market Executive, Wooles is responsible for leading Countybank's efforts in Anderson and helping the organization grow and prosper in its newest market.

"We are pleased to have Mike in this position of leadership at Countybank," says Ken Harper, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Countybank. "He is well-positioned to help us grow in the Anderson market and build relationships around Countybank's full-service, community-focused financial services model."

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Designing with kids' toys

By Amie Buice Speer

In many of our homes kid's toys are a reality. Over the years the supply grows, the clutter spreads and before you know it (especially after Christmas when the pile seems to double) what was once a room with your pretty adult things is now a room with adult things completely covered in less attractive, kiddo things. But do not fret! There are ways for your beautiful pieces to cohabitate with your children's (grandchildren's, pets) pieces in a cohesive, pleasant and amicable way.

When organizing toys, the first step is to purge. Go through them, throw out broken ones (so many broken toys!), donate the duplicates

and ones that your children no longer have interest in.



The next step is to separate the toys into groups: books, cars / trucks, Legos, trains and dolls so that they can be stored by category. I find in our house that when we pull out one or two things at a time that my kids play more intentionally and creatively. Once you have the toys organized, I like to set

aside the attractive toys — yes, there are attractive toys! The wooden blocks, whimsical or sculptural toys and nice books. When selecting toys to have out and on display, choose the ones that will elevate your décor. Last, find a home for the remaining toys. When planning furniture for a room, especially a play area, storage is key. You can load up a dresser

with clear plastic bins of toys, plan storage drawers under a window seat, or designate a cabinet for toys. For the items that don't have a home in a piece of furniture, store them in decorative baskets, boxes and jars. I have two boys so in our house we have a "car basket." It's a huge basket filled with all of the boy's cars and trucks that sits under a chair in our living room.

Never would you know that the pretty basket under the chair is home for monster trucks and Lightning McQueen (except for the wheels that stick out of the top). Pretty baskets in a bookcase are great for small toy storage, a huge basket with a top is great for stuffed animals, markers and pencils become pretty when stored in a nice jar or wooden bowl. Get creative!



Above: Baskets help store toys. At left: Conceal toys inside plastic bins in dresser drawers.

By intentionally storing and displaying your children's toys, you and your kids will both have a new appreciation for them. In the end, a home should reflect everyone who lives there, parents and children alike. Turning the storage of your children's toys into a design project is a great way to allow them to represent the personalities of both you and your littles.

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Luck be a Lady Claire camellia japonica

By Susan Temple

These days are being consumed with all things Camellia Ball. AnMed Health's Camellia Ball supports Pediatric Therapy Works, which helps children with physical, speech, and occupational therapy.

We cross our fingers every year that Mother Nature will provide us with plenty of blossoms to decorate. The Ball is February 2 at Bleckley Station. I've been concerned with all the rain about which plants may not fare well. I'm mostly concerned about my peonies. Well-drained soil is a must for them. It may be safe to say, my whole place is water logged. There are also several camellias in areas where water stood during the monsoon. These areas have soil that never gets rock hard. I had some hesitation of planting camellias there because they need well-drained soil too. But the part shade they love is perfect there. Plus, it's on the edge of the woods where some winter protection is provided. Cold weather often burns the blossoms.



SUSAN TEMPLE master gardener

Camellia japonicas grow slow so most of mine are just barely big enough to provide Ball decorations. However, Lady Claire is a japonica that has grown fast. I don't remember if it was a one or three gallon when planted, but I think it was a three. I wouldn't necessarily bother with planting a one gallon these days. I find myself saying more and more: "If I live long enough to see it get big." Whatever it might be.

Lady Claire is a very old variety. In the U.S., it can be found dating back to the 1800s. In Japan, it can be found dating back to the 1600s. The foliage is very dark green and quite shiny. Lady Claire also grows wide and sort of weeping. Most japonicas grow more tight and upright. Dark pink blooms are large, about five inches. As



The Lady Claire variety of camellia japonicas has large flowers.

a general rule, I don't prefer blossoms with predominate yellow stamens, which Lady Claire has. But how could I resist such large flowers?

After a certain point, unless one is a botanist, camellia flowers begin to look alike, so it's best to shop for them

during winter when they are blooming. Many are also known by the same name. Lady Claire could also be called Akashi Bay, Empress, and/or Nellie Bly. So getting tangled up in the name may not matter much.

Should you have a camellia

blooming wonderfully at the end of January, and are willing to donate blossoms for Camellia Ball, please let me know. This is unquestionably a case of the more is better.

Contact Master Gardener Susan Temple at gardningirl@yahoo.com.

Dear Kay, the Genealogist

Dear Kay,

A friend of mine asked me if I knew what DNA stood for. I told her that I went to Possum Kingdom High School and that I believed it stood for *Don't No Anything*. Of course, I didn't do so well in biology. Guess it woulda helped if biology had been offered at the school. But I promised Caladala Cothran I'd find someone who could help her. She's a smart girl! She can tell you all about that Holiday Dam and the Saluda River alligator that ate five members of Friendship Baptist Church last year! (The church broke with funeral tradition that time, and decided that based on the circumstances, they would not sing the customary 'Shall We Gather at the River:')

Anyway, thanks for your help!
Sincerely,
Billy Nilley

Dear Billy,

Thank you for your letter! DNA can be a little hard to understand,

but in time, I believe Caladala Cothran will feel comfortable with the subject! Following is an introduction to genetic genealogy...

DNA Basics

DNA (which stands for deoxyribonucleic acid), consists of 23 pairs of chromosomes that are found in the nucleus of every cell in the body. 22 pairs are autosomes. Half are received from one's father; the other half, from one's mother. The 23rd pair has the sex chromosomes (XX or XY). If the sex chromosome is XX, the child will be a girl. If the sex chromosome is XY, the child will be a boy. DNA then becomes the genetic code by which the child grows. It makes you similar to your family, but unique.

What is mitochondrial DNA?

Mitochondria are the energy sources of cells, which separate from the nuclei of the cells. Mitochondria have their own DNA, which is inherited only from mothers.

How do sex chromosomes work?

Generally, females have two X chromosomes (XX) and males have an X chromosome and a Y chromosome (XY). A child inherits one of the two X chromosomes from the mother, and either an X or Y chromosome from the father. Some rare exceptions are females with Turner Syndrome (X), such as actress Linda Hunt, and males with Klinefelter syndrome (XXY) and Jacob's Syndrome (XYY).

How much DNA does one share with a relative?

Shared DNA is measured as a percentage... or in chromosome segment lengths known as "centiMorgans" (cM). 1% shared DNA is about 68 cM. You inherit 50% DNA from each parent.

What can I find out by testing my DNA?

Your DNA can tell you if you and another person are related, which can help you determine if your

genealogical research is accurate. It can also narrow down what area of the world your paternal and maternal lines come from, as well as giving you an idea of your ethnic origins. It is not a substitute for traditional genealogical research, but another tool to supplement it. Some sites can also provide information of specific genes that show if you are at increased risk of medical conditions such as Alzheimer's Disease. Note however, that a positive test for a gene does not mean that you are doomed to have this condition; just that your probability is slightly higher.

Will my privacy be violated?

You are encouraged to read the Privacy Statements on each of the sites. Ancestry, 23andme, Family Tree DNA and My Heritage are reputable companies and clearly state their privacy policies. They do protect the privacy of your data and do not share it without your explicit informed consent. Moreover, the amount of information extracted

from your DNA is nowhere close to your full genome. It is only a representative sample of about 700,000 markers known to differ between people. Forensic labs, for example, would need to collect and analyze significantly more data than these companies do to solve crimes.

Will I find out that a family member is not related?

If you do not want to know the answer, then do not ask the question. However, you cannot stop someone else from asking the question. Indeed, if you go down the DNA road on enough lines, you may eventually uncover an undocumented adoption or non-paternity event. However, do not jump to conclusions right away. Sometimes there are delays in their matching algorithms, and results should be confirmed with multiple sites. Distant biological cousins also may not match you due to chromosomal crossovers, which is where testing siblings may come in handy.

These are a few of my favorite things

By Kristine March

It's a new year and I have put together a list of all my favorite things.

For starters, bloggers are all the rage. I have several on Instagram that I admire, but my favorite is The Salty Blonde. Her real name is Haley Elefante, an Oahu, Hawaii-based fashionista. She has amazing clothes. Think 70's beach wear with a California classic rock chic vibe. She's amazingly gifted in the style department. Follow her if you don't already.

My second favorite is a clothing company called Girl On A Vine. It's all handmade kimonos and bell bottoms. Lace and sequins



Kristine March

and tassel. They design the most gorgeous pieces I have seen — luxe bohemian, vintage and handmade.

My third favorite thing is a cocktail, of course. I love a good French 75 made with champagne, London

Dry Gin, fresh lemon juice, a touch of simple syrup and garnish with a lemon peel. So refreshing and fun.

My fourth is anything music. I have so

many favorite bands and musicians, but playing on repeat is Fiona Apple, Kacey Musgraves, Stevie Wonder, Patty Griffin, Radiohead and The Grateful Dead. Sorry I can't pick just one. I love music so much.

My fifth is travel destination and it's a tie between Los Angeles and Nashville right now. Those two cities are just so interesting. Rich with history. Totally fascinating.

Sixth is my favorite food and at the moment I have to go with Thai Red Curry, especially in the winter time. I'm a Southern girl so anything homegrown is totally in my lane too. I love Southern cuisine the most.

Speaking of Southern, my seventh of favorites is movies and "Fried Green Tomatoes" is one of them. I cry every time and I've seen it dozens of times.

Finally, my favorite fragrance and products. I'm in love with Kai Rose perfume oil. It's addictive. It's got notes of Gardenia and white layers of rose. Just heavenly. I'm also obsessed with a line called Alba 1913. They make a face oil that's divine. It's called overnight cell rescue. It works and is exquisite for the skin.

These are a few of my favorite things. What are some of your favorites? Here's to a happy and healthy 2019!

HOT HITS

Making predictions about entertainment/sports in 2019

By Justin Tyme

And in the blink of an eye it's 2019.

On my New Year's Eve radio show, I asked listeners to call in with their predictions for 2019. I've combined their look into the future with my own. I've been accurate on several occasions and I'm really getting tired of not receiving credit for things that I said would happen when they actually go down. This way, it's all right here and I can prove to my friends, family, and my listeners that I am in fact psychic, not psycho.

The first thing that will happen is the

Dallas Cowboys will play in the Superbowl in Atlanta next month. I became a Cowboys fan when I moved to Texas. Of course, this was a hard pill to swallow being from Western New York and watching the Bills fall to the Cowboys several times. I tried to stay loyal to Buffalo, but at the end of the day it was a losing battle. Life in Texas became much easier once I crossed over. Go Cowboys!

Other things that will happen include a Mariah Carey pregnancy, and possible marriage to her dancer/manager boyfriend Tanaka.



Justin Tyme

Justin Bieber will get a divorce even though he just got married.

Lady Gaga gets married in 2019, and takes a step back from recording music to focus on

Cardi B will take Offset back but will face heartache again before 2020, forcing her to leave him once and for all.

One listener thinks Katie Holmes and Jamie Foxx will get pregnant with twins.

having a family.

Kim and Kanye continue to do stupid stuff and take selfies of them doing stupid stuff. (That's not really a prediction, it's just a fact).

Britney Spears will have another epic meltdown in 2019, costing her to lose her Vegas residency.

Back to the Superbowl: I predict another wardrobe malfunction involving Adam Levine. He is long overdue.

Happy New Year everyone!

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

The African American Leadership Society of United Way of Anderson County presents

3rd Annual
Black History Black Tie Dinner

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Society hosts Third Annual Black History Black Tie Event

On February 8, 2019, the African American Leadership Society of United Way of Anderson County will host its 3rd Annual Black History Black Tie Dinner at Tucker's Restaurant.

The keynote speaker for this great event will be Mrs. Felicia Sanders, survivor of the Mother Emanuel AME Church Massacre in Charleston. Sanders, whose son Tywanza and aunt Susie Jackson were among the nine killed during Bible study at the Calhoun Street AME church, survived the massacre and forgave the 21-year-old white supremacist who killed her loved ones at an emotional hearing just days later. Sanders also protected her granddaughter during the shooting.

At the event, the Emerging Leader Community Award will be presented to Antonio Harrison. Chaka Smith will receive the Community Trailblazer Award and The Community Legacy Award will be presented to Mrs. Hattie

Green.

The African American Leadership Society provides guidance to cultivate leadership in the African American community to ensure a diverse voice in efforts that address community needs. The leadership council of AALS consists of volunteers, representative of the African American community.

The goal of the Black History Black Tie Dinner is to recognize African Americans in the community who are working and have been working for the betterment Anderson County. The event is also a fundraiser for the Weekend Snackpack program of United Way to feed hungry children on the weekends. The Dinner is the signature event of the African American Leadership Society.

Tickets are still available for the event at \$65 each. To purchase tickets, visit www.unitedwayofanderson.org or call the United Way office at 226-3438.

Anderson Arts Center to exhibit works Celebrating Women in Art

The women of Inside/Out are pleased to announce a group exhibition Celebrating Women in Art to be on display at the Anderson Arts Center's Atrium Gallery from January 11 through February 14.

An Opening Night Reception will be held Friday, January 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m., and is free and open to the public. A number of exhibiting artists will be present to talk with visitors about their work. The Main Gallery will host an additional show, "Cuatro Caballeros," so visitors have a unique opportunity to enjoy a dual show.

Celebrating Women in Art features 25 abstract expressionist artists from across the U.S.: California to New Jersey, and Massachusetts to Florida.

Kathy Roman, an exhibiting artist defines these abstractive



Kathy Roman from Illinois

works: "The rhythms and energies that flow throughout the exhibit unite the diversity of the group who share an intuitive approach to painting. Twenty-five individual voices, each with her own perspective and style, share a common starting point — the process. Feelings, experiences and memories are expressed using mark, shape, and color to reveal an inner narrative. The paintings are meant to be experienced, rather than to depict or to mean something



Billy Bourgeois from L.A.

concrete. Viewers are invited to interpret them through their own life experience filters, thus offering an opportunity for a uniquely personal experience."

Here is a list of the participating artists: Andrea Baetti, GA; Penny Beesley, SC; Juanita Bellavance, GA; Billie Bourgeois, LA; Carolyn Busenlener, MS; Annette

Cargill, OH; Mary Beth Cornelius, GA; Annette Crosby, GA; Debbie Ezell, GA; Melinda Hoffman, SC; Gayle Hurley, AL; Suzanne Jacquot, CA; Annette Margulies, FL; Thyra Moore, MD; Betty Perry, GA; Nancy Perry, SC; Garnet Reardon, GA; Kathy Blankley Roman, IL; Marcia Holmes, LA; Peggy Vineyard, NC; Kathryn Yamartino, MA; Amy Smith, NC; Patricia Kilburg, SC; Patricia Payne, GA; Betty Efferson, LA.

The Anderson Arts Center Galleries are located at 110 Federal Street, Anderson, SC 29625. The gallery is open Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. For more information, email info@andersonarts.org or call 864-222-2787, or contact Melinda Hoffman at hoffmanmelinda@bellsouth.net or 864-320-0973.



Celebrate MLK's birthday

The Anderson County Ministers Organization and community celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday. This event will be held Monday, January 21 at 5:30 P.M. at the Anderson Sports and Entertainment Center. The proceeds from this event will benefit UNCF.

This year's event will feature speaker, Cyrus Birch from the movie of Black Panther. Cyrus is President of "Roses In Concrete," a nonprofit organization that focuses on youth empowerment through leadership/career development, post-secondary education goal setting, and athletics namely basketball. Cyrus was a part of the cast of the largest box office movie on the globe, Marvel Studio's "The Black Panther." Cyrus is using his platform to speak to today's generation concerning finding their purpose and pursuing their passion with reckless abandon.

This year's emcee is Pastor Lenny Gaines from PowerHouse Christian Church and music by the Anderson University West African Ensemble, Anderson University Gospel Ensemble and Voices of Hope Youth Community Choir.

Guests are asked to wear cultural attire that represents their respective heritage.

Doors will open at 4 p.m.. There will be vendors and non-profit agencies present providing information for the community.

Anderson School District Five holds job fair

Bus drivers are often times the ones students begin and end their school day with, which is why transportation is one of the most important services essential to the operation of the district's day-to-day in Anderson Five.

Serving in this area of the district's operations directly benefits students by providing a safe, efficient transportation, and offering fullest possible advantage from district curriculum, field trips, athletic events, and extracurricular activities through provision of commute.

But the position also directly benefits staff themselves with state insurance and retirement; competitive hourly rate; on-site training; no required summer work; and an opportunity to impact community and students' lives.

If you're ready to pursue a career in operations with Anderson Five, attend the 2019 Operational Services Job Fair on Monday, February 18, 2019, from 2-6 p.m. at Westside High School Commons Area, at 806 Pearman Dairy Road, Anderson. For more information, call 864-260-5000 or visit www.anderson5.net.

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REMEMBER TO RECYCLE

Anderson County Solid Waste encourages all residents to recycle after the holiday season. Every effort helps to reduce the amount of waste that ends up in our landfills. Several programs are in place to assist residents in their recycling efforts, such as the Christmas Tree Collection at our convenience centers.

Anderson County is working with local fishermen and the US Army Corp of Engineers to use the trees for fish habitat. Residents can bring their Christmas Trees to any of the Anderson County Convenience Centers through January 26.

Here is a list of all the City of Anderson street names, in alphabetical order, that have been identified, as well as a description of who or what they are named after, the naming party and the source of the information. For a complete list of street names and their origins, visit www.theelectriccitynews.com.

Joe Wheeler Avenue is named after Gen. Joe Wheeler, Civil War and then-U.S. Army general, by developer John W. Linley, according to James L. Harden, *Anderson County Twentieth Century Memories and Reflections*.

John Ginn Boulevard is named after John Ginn, Anderson Independent Publisher and College of Charleston President, County Land near Civic Center, according to Richard C. Otter, attorney and former Mayor of Anderson.

John Street is named after John Cochran, Mayor of Anderson and Member of Legislature, by Sam Pegg, street work director, according to Louise Ayer Vandiver, *Traditions and History of Anderson County*.

Johnson Street is named after Dr. William B. Johnson, Johnson University and first President of the SC Baptist Association, according to Earle McGee Rice, attorney and county judge, and Brian Scott *Under the Kudzu*.

Julia Drive is named after Julia Geisberg, Harry Geisberg, Sr.'s daughter, named by Flora Geisberg, according to the Anderson County Chapter SC Geneological Society.

Kennedy Street is named after M. D. Kennedy because the street ran through his property, per the Gray & Son Map 1889: Louise Ayer Vandiver, *Traditions and History of Anderson County*.

King Street is named after W. M. King, who lived on the street, 1929 Anderson City Directory, according to Richard C. Otter, attorney and former Mayor of Anderson.

Kings Court is named after Henry King, who lived off Kings Road, according to Emily Williford Reed, the wife of the developer.

Kings Road is named after Henry King, who lived on Kings Road, named by Julia Camp, according to Emily Williford Reed, wife of the developer

LaFayette Avenue is named after Marquis de Lafayette, a Frenchman who fought in the American Revolution and was a friend of George Washington, according to Otter.

Lane Avenue is named after Anna Maria Lane, the first documented female soldier in VA who dressed as a man, according to Richard C. Otter.

Lee Street is named after Major W. S. Lee who owned property nearby, per the 1897 Anderson County Map, according to Louise Ayer Vandiver, *Traditions and History of Anderson County*.

Ligon Drive is named after William Jackson Ligon, a teacher, according to Louise Ayer Vandiver, *Traditions and History of Anderson County*

Lincoln Street is named after Abraham Lincoln, famous U.S. President, according to Roy Ethridge, *Anderson County 1929-1972*

Lindsay Street is named after John Lindsay who lived on the street, per the 1955 Anderson City Directory, according to Richard Otter.

Lynn Avenue is named after Lynn Murray, Dr. Harold L. Murray's daughter, named by Dr. Harold L. Murray, according to developer David P. Belk.

Main Street, formerly known as The General's Road, was the road to the home of General Pickens, according to Earle McGee Rice.

Manning Street is named after Manning, a local cabinet maker, according to Louise Ayer Vandiver, *Traditions and History of Anderson County*.

Marchbanks is named after Gilbert Elkania Marchbanks of Marchbanks & Babb Jewelers, according to Historian Jane Kowalski.

Marie Street is named after Marie Geisberg, per her estate at Anderson County #22376, according to Richard Otter.

Marshall Avenue is named after Mary Jane Marshall Orr, in the 1897 Anderson County Map, according to Louise Ayer Vandiver, *Traditions and History of Anderson County*.

Martin L. King Boulevard, formerly known as Mall Road, is named after Martin Luther King, Jr., Civil Rights Leader, by Councilwoman Bea Thompson, City of Anderson

Matisse Way is named after Henri Emile Benoit Matisse, French Artist, according to Richard Otter.

Matt & Bev Boulevard is named after Matt Phillips and Beverly Lockridge, hosts of a popular WRIX morning radio show, according to Richard Otter.

Maxwell Avenue is named after John D. Maxwell, whose home was at the intersection of Maxwell & Whitner streets, per the 1897 Anderson County Map, according to Louise Ayer Vandiver, *Traditions and History of Anderson County* and R. M. Smith, *A Revised Edition of Vandiver's History of Anderson County*.

McClure Drive is named after Beulah McClure Oineal, according to her family.

McConnell Springs Road is named after James Newton Sloan McConnell, which is in the vicinity of McConnell property, according to Richard Otter and *Anderson County South Carolina Heritage*

McCown Street is named after Samuel Augustus McCown, the street for his big house then outside the city, according to Richard Otter and Louise Ayer Vandiver, *Traditions and History of Anderson County*.

McCoy Court is named after Kenneth McCoy with the McCoy Lumber Company, according to Realtor John Wright.

McCully is named after Stephen McCully who gave land for McCully and Franklin streets, according to Attorney Richard D. Ruhle, Jr.

McDuffie Street is named after Governor George McDuffie, governor and U.S. senator who never set foot in Anderson, according to Louise Ayer Vandiver, *Traditions and History of Anderson County*

McKinney Street is named after Hugh McKinney, First Anderson Police Chief in 1840, according to Anderson County South Carolina Heritage.

McLees Road is named after F. Calhoun McLees who owned the Greenhouse & Fertilizer Company on the street, per the 1957 Anderson City Directory, according to Richard Otter.

Mitchell Street is named after Vernon Mitchell, who lived on the street, per the 1974 Anderson City Directory, according to Richard Otter.

Monroe Street is named after Judge James Monroe, whose home faced the end of street, and the street spelling was an error, according to Louise Ayer Vandiver, *Traditions and History of Anderson County*.

Moore Street is named after Major John Moore, Confederate Veteran who was active in Democratic Club, per the Gray & Son Map 1889, according to Louise Ayer Vandiver, *Traditions and History of Anderson County*

Morehead Drive is named after Alexander Moorhead, an early settler who helped lay out the town, according to Richard Otter and Louise Ayer Vandiver, *Traditions and History of Anderson County*.

Morris Lane is named after Meta Morris, street resident in the 1922-23 Anderson City Directory, according to Richard Otter.

Morris Street is named after Mrs. Edward Morris, the site of the Caldwell-Johnson-Morris Cottage, built by Nancy Caldwell, according to Richard Otter.

West Morris Street is named after Frank Morris, St. Paul's Baptist Church's first pastor and whom Morris College is named after, according to Richard Otter.

Moultie Square is named after Gen. William Moultrie, American Revolutionary War general, by developer John W. Linley, according to James L. Harden, *Anderson County Twentieth Century Memories and Reflections*

Murray Avenue is named after Major Edward B. Murray, attorney and newspaper man, on what was formerly Peoples Street, according to Abe Hardesty, *Anderson Independent Mail*, and Louise Ayer Vandiver, *Traditions and History of Anderson County*

Nardin Avenue is named after Dr. Walter H. Nardin, a prominent physician in the mid to late 1800s, per the Gray & Son Map 1889, according to Louise Ayer Vandiver, *Traditions and History of Anderson County* and Earle McGee Rice.

Neville Way is named after Gen. John Neville who was in the American Revolutionary War and the Whiskey Rebellion, according to Richard Otter.

Norris Street is named after P. A. Norris who lived on the street in the 1897 Anderson County Map, according to Louise Ayer Vandiver, *Traditions and History of Anderson County*.

O'Neal Street is named after Rudolph M. O'Neal who owned property on the street in the 1965 Anderson City Directory, according to Richard Otter.

Orr Street is named after James Lawrence Orr – congressman, governor and Russian envoy.

Osborne Avenue is named after A. H. Osborne, former land owner per the 1897 Anderson County Map, according to Louise Ayer Vandiver, *Traditions and History of Anderson County*.

Patrick Street is named after Col. John Patrick, founder of the Patrick Military Institute, whose street is on institute property, according to Richard Otter.

Pickens Street is named after Gen. Andrew Pickens, American Revolution General and legislator, according to Richard Otter.

Pope Drive is named after Brig. Gen. John Pope, Union officer in battle with Stonewall Jackson, the street behind Jackson Square, according to Richard Otter.

Postelle Drive is named after Andrew Postelle Cater, Real Estate Investor and Developer, according to legal assistant Linne Anne Otter.

Powers Street is named after W. A. Powers because the street went through the property, per the 1897 Anderson County Map, according to Richard Otter.

Prevost Street is named after Joseph L. Prevost, the drive for Sylvanus H. Prevost Home, per the 1889 Gray & Son Map, according to William D. Prevost, *Anderson County Twentieth Century Memories & Reflections*, and attorney Richard D. Ruhle, Jr.

Raymond Avenue is named after Raymond T. Hopkins, Sr., who lived on the street, according to Raymond T. Hopkins, Jr., *Memoirs of Ray Hopkins*.

Reed Court is named after Judge James Pinckney Reed because it is adjacent to Reed Street, per Gray & Son Map 1889, according to lifelong resident Betty Shirley Walker.

Reed Place is named after James Wilson Reed, Sr. because it's adjacent to Reed Road, named by Sandra M. Sprouse, according to Emily Williford Reed, wife of the of developer, and lifelong resident Betty Shirley Walker.

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Revere Street is named after Paul Revere, American Revolution Patriot and silversmith, according to Richard Otter.

Rich Drive is named after Rev. James O. Rich, Preacher and NAACP Leader, according to Richard Otter.

Roberts Street is named after Col. James Roberts because the road cut through his property, 1905-06 Anderson City Directory, according to Louise Ayer Vandiver, *Traditions and History of Anderson County* and R. M. Smith, *A Revised Edition of Vandiver's History of Anderson County*.

Rogers Road is named after Claude Rogers, who lived on the street, Formerly Waycaster Road, per the 1955 Anderson City Directory, according to Richard Otter and Jack P. Glenn, *Anderson County Twentieth Century Memories & Reflections*

Rudolph Court is named after Rudolph M. O'Neal, Jr. by his dad, Rudolph O'Neal, Sr., according to Richard Otter.

Rutledge Way is named after Edward Rutledge, who signed the Declaration of Independence and was 39th governor of South Carolina.

MUSINGS OF AN OLE BALL COACH

A championship run

T.L. Hanna High School has had a proud 56 year history. It has had astronauts, Hall of Fame baseball players, Lt. Governors and literally hundreds of all walks of professional disciplines. Authors, “salt of the earth” citizens, and yes, two movie stars in Chadwick Boseman and Radio who all walked its hallowed halls. It has won championships in all sports and blue ribbon academic awards. Since the merger of girls high and boys high into T.L. Hanna, it has enjoyed a reputation as one of the premier schools east of the Mississippi.

Despite all the accolades that have been heaped upon this magnificent citadel of excellence, she has one glaring void. She has never won a football championship. Grid-



JIM FRASER

iron “Powers” such as Hillcrest of Dalzell (where?), Hillcrest of Simpsonville, Eastside, Boiling Springs, Clover and Berkley have all won the elusive trophy, not to mention the true powers that have won multiple ones. And now comes the Dutch Fork Silver Foxes who commandeered tiny Lamar’s mascot, and in its 22 year history has won three.

The logical explanation of this is that we’re under a curse. Right! Like the chicken curse, Frankenstein curse, the curse of the Dardenelles or the Baskervilles, we’re going to treat our long suffering as an anomaly. An anomaly is

simply a deviation from the norm, of what is expected. A curse can only be expunged in a deep cave by a sorcerer using a concoction of batwings and weasel entrails. An anomaly is only temporary.

The 2018 version of the Yellow Jackets was supposed to be the one to get things back to normal. After a 44-year hiatus we were going to play the championship at a neutral Williams Brice Stadium, rather than our opponents own turf, as in Spring Valley. This team had all the ingredients of what championship teams are made of. Unstoppable offense, impregnable defense, great special teams and superb coaching. What else is there? Oh yea, they had the benefit of the “Ole ball coach” giving them Wednesday pep talks.

Championship night at Willy B was festive and joyous. It started with a humongous tailgate party prearranged by Douglas McDougald and Carter Knobel. Literally hundreds of fans ate Bernie’s fried chicken and imbibed adult beverages.

Entering cavernous William Brice became a titanic struggle as my two favorite brothers in law, Chuck Allen and Eddie Kinsey, tried to keep me upright and moving against a tsunami of Chester fans erupting from the stadium after their win over Dillon. My handlers finally deposited me in a splendid 50 yard line seat in the midst of 5,600 other Jackets fans.

An epic struggle ensued below between the Jackets and the Silver Foxes. Fans were witnessing the very best in

high school football, Hanna’s awesome running game against D.F.’s vaunted passing attack. Both teams were living up to the pregame billing as the two most worthy teams to face off in many a year. Both fan bases cheered their approval and pride in the teams as fortunes waxed and waned. Then suddenly, inexplicably without warning, the Jackets curse — oops sorry, the anomaly — raised its ugly head. Our beloved Jackets uncharacteristically surrendered back to back fumbles, two “scoop & scores” and one that led to a score. An errant snap to our punter led to another Fox score.

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.



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It's never too early to read to a baby

By Katie Laughridge

Reading to your newborn sounds crazy, doesn't it? But in reality, it is a one-on-one activity you can turn into a special and beneficial time with your baby! Even though your newborn doesn't actually understand what you are saying, the soothing rhythmic tones and inflections of your voice have many educational and developmental benefits.

Research shows that the more new words children are exposed to during their early years of life, the better prepared they are to eventually start reading on their own. Additionally, children who are routinely read to as newborns have a greater vocabulary and more advanced mathematical skills, compared to children of the same age who did not experience this benefit. There also seems to be a direct link between the number of words a baby hears each day and the degree by which her language skills develop. In a study that evaluated the standardized test success rate of three year old children based on the degree of "verbal" exposure they experience as a baby, it was found that children from highly verbal

environments scored statistically higher than those who had less verbal exposure during the first year of life.

After reading to your baby for a while on a daily basis, you will likely begin to notice your newborn responding to the rhythmic movement of your voice by excitedly moving their arms and legs! By setting aside just a few minutes each day to read a favorite book or story, you will be exposing your baby to an amazing new world of new visions and sounds. Through consistent repetition, your child will quickly begin to recognize and learn to connect new words, pictures, colors and sounds- and will also discover that that reading and learning new things is fun, and not a chore that they are forced to endure at school in later years. In this way, you will actively foster in your child a love for reading that will remain with them throughout their school years and



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into adulthood.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, when parents talk, read, and sing with their babies and toddlers, important connections are formed in their young brains. These early connections are vital for building language, literacy, and social-emotional skills – which will have a significant impact on your child's ability to cope and degree of success later in life. These activities also serve to help strengthen the bond between parent and child.

When choosing a book to read to your newborn, it important to consider a few important factors. Since their vision is still developing, choose books that contain little or no text, but instead have big, high-contrast pictures. Also consider books designed with interactive features- such as puppets, mirrors and peepholes. The most important thing is to find a book that grabs your newborn's attention, and creates a fun experience that you can both enjoy together! Here a five tips from "Raising Readers" to help you create a Read Aloud Routine:

1. Read every day.

2. 15 minutes of read aloud time is a good goal. Remember, it doesn't have to be 15 minutes all at once, 5 minutes 3 times a day works, too.

3. Choose a quiet, comfortable place.

4. Turn off the TV and other electronics. Enjoy the time together!

5. Have fun while reading! Use different voices for story characters. Act out the story with facial expressions or use gestures.

Not only will creating an interactive reading routine greatly benefit your newborn, you'll be amazed at the positive effect it will have on the other children in your household as well. When they see mama and daddy reading to baby, they will want to do the same — you know the old saying: "monkey see, monkey do"!

In our family photo album there is a snapshot of me "reading" to my little sister, Claire (two and a half years apart). Although I'm totally making up the words — and holding the book upside down (and probably inventing the story as well), we're both having a great time learning and growing together! Clearly "baby Claire" loved it, and your baby will too!

A Really Great Idea with a Really Terrible Name

By Kim von Keller

You've heard of Francophiles and Anglophiles, and I understand why people love both countries. France gave us Coco Chanel and the croissant, while England gave us the Beatles and emotional repression. I, on the other hand, love Sweden. I've only been to Stockholm, and it was just for a day, but I was instantly hooked. It was mid-summer, and there were 22 hours of sunlight. Everyone was outside, picnicking and listening to music and boating around the archipelago. I went to a smorgasbord, an ice bar, and the ABBA Museum, and I don't even like ABBA. I love Swedish meatballs, Swedish massages, and even Swedish Fish. But my new obsession has a name that makes even dedicated Swede-ophiles wince: Swedish Death Cleaning.

Before you picture mortuaries or crime scenes, you should know that it simply refers to a kind of purposeful decluttering. Translated from the word *döstädning*, it first became known in the U.S. last year with the publication of the book "The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning" by Margareta Magnusson. Magnusson, with the minimalism her nation is known for, advocates getting rid of unnecessary or unwanted possessions so that your



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loved ones won't have to when you're gone.

And that's where she had me.

My husband and I have been married for over 30 years, and we have not only our own possessions,

but things we've inherited from two previous generations. We have only one child, and if I ever worry that she might whack us both for the insurance money, all I have to do is spread my arms wide and say, "One day, all this will be yours." Next thing you know, she's buying me gym memberships and Geritol.

It's not that we don't have things she might want; her problem will be sorting the wheat from the chaff. My husband and I still have almost every book we've ever owned. Jimmy Buffet's "Where is Joe Merchant?" does not have the same value as Anne Lamott's "Traveling Mercies." We've got music formatted as vinyl, cassette, and CD. (Thank God we didn't keep the 8-tracks.) Buffet's "A1A" is a classic, but if it's hidden away in the box that contains "Today's Karaoke Hits," it's probably going to be tossed out. Panini press or

tortilla press? Electric leaf blower or gas-powered? And don't even get me started on the Tupperware.

What do I want her to keep? The photo albums of family vacations. The dining table where we celebrated every Christmas. The creepy antique Javanese marionette that hangs on the living room wall. (Its eyes seem to follow you, and it's a great conversation starter.) I also want her to keep the memories of a life that centered on good times with family and friends, not 14 sets of placemats.

I'll be starting my *döstädning* this month. I'm not planning on checking out anytime soon, but I know that on the Great Crosswalk of Life is a bus with my name on it. When it hits, I want my daughter to be able to put her energy into throwing one heck of a wake, complete with meatballs and Swedish Fish. And maybe even a little ABBA.

To learn more about "The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning," visit simonandschuster.com. What would you most like to pass on to your kids? Send your list to editkim50@gmail.com.

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VIEW FROM THE STANDS

By Dan Lacobie



Dan Lacobie

Did y'all see that game? What am I saying? Pretty much everyone in the state of South Carolina (and most likely the entire state of Alabama) tuned in to watch the Clemson Tigers face off against the Alabama Crimson Tide in the college football National Championship game on Monday, Jan. 7.

Congratulations to the Clemson players, coaches and their fans for a great win over Alabama, 44-16.

I've got to admit I was torn as to who I wanted to see win this thing. Because after all, I am from Georgia, but I was raised in South Carolina just a few miles from Clemson. So, after the success my University of Georgia team hasn't had the last few times they played the "Tide" I found myself really wanting to see Bama go down.

After the opening kickoff, as Alabama quarterback Tua Tagovailoa looked confident as he always does, he tossed an unusual pass — and by that I mean an interception for a touchdown. Not something Tua does very often, if ever. As the game progressed, I started to feel like this was not going to be a defensive struggle as both teams traded touchdowns and a field goal here and there.

Then Christian Wilkins and company took over with the Clemson defense. Wilkins, Bryant, Ferrill and company showed the way to stop a very potent offense that was possessed by Alabama.

Tagovailoa did something later on he has never done, and that was toss another interception. While it wasn't a

pick six, it did give Trevor Lawrence and Justyn Ross a chance to hook up on some long beautiful passes that led to another Clemson score.

As halftime rolled on, the score was Clemson 31, Alabama 16. Even with this much of a lead at halftime, Alabama was not out yet. Head Coach Nick Saban always has something up his sleeve to get a win. But, not this time. Clemson Coach Dabo Sweeney, along with Brent Venables and his coaches had other ideas, and did they ever.

While most people watching the game would've expected Alabama to come out in the second half and explode as they usually do, the Tigers defense was not going to let that happen. Wilkins and company — minus All-American Dexter Lawrence — put the hammer down and didn't allow Bama back in the end zone for the rest of the game.

Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence threw for 347 yards and 3 touchdowns and no interceptions. Clemson's senior class, which includes the incredible Hunter Renfrow, finished their four-year run with 55 wins, 4 losses, 2 National Championships and 4 ACC championships. There is no doubt which was and is the best team in college football in 2018 and it is our beloved Clemson Tigers.

Hats off to Dabo, his team, his staff and the fans for a fantastic 2018 season. Wear your National Championship well and enjoy. Next season starts tomorrow.

Art Gallery on Pendleton Square Second Friday event to feature local artist

Art Gallery on Pendleton Square will feature jeweler and gallery member Beth Carter Gautsch at its monthly Second Friday event on Friday, January 11, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Enjoy wine, soft drinks, and light hors d'oeuvres as you browse the many beautiful and unique works of art including furniture, mixed media, paintings, photography, jewelry, indoor and outdoor sculpture, pottery, ceramic, stained glass mosaics and fiber art.

Beth draws inspiration and gathers material from all over the world. She will talk about learning how to alloy

gold from a master Florentine goldsmith in the heart of the artisan district of Florence, Italy.

After many years on the business side of marketing and advertising, Beth's love of craft evolved into a desire to work with other artists and develop her own artistic voice. She is currently a metalsmith instructor and maker, fabricating unique handcrafted jewelry out of natural materials such as pebbles, silver, copper and even a touch of gold.

Art Gallery on Pendleton Square is located at 150 Exchange Street, Pendleton. Call 864-221-0129.

PENDLETON BULLDOGS



By Dan Lacobie

The 8-5 Pendleton Bulldogs, 1 - 0 in region play, brought in the new year with wins over West Oak on January 4 by a final score of 60-44, and just before that, a very tight game against May River High School from Bluffton, SC, that the Bulldogs won in overtime, 56-53.

Leading the team in scoring in only 3 games played is #23 Sidney Mattison who has an average of 14.7 points per game. #10 Jamal Blakley is averaging 10.3 points per game and #2 Bobby Spear is just behind with an average of 8.2 per game.

#11 Collin Milstead is the leading shooter from the floor with a team leading 67%, followed by #50 Eric Brown who is shooting 53% from the floor. #15 Payton Bunch is contributing an average of 46% in field goals.

Rebounding leaders for the Bulldogs are #50 Eric Brown, grabbing 59 rebounds, followed by #15 Payton Bunch with 36.

The Bulldogs will face Powdersville High on January 8, then Crescent High School on Jan. 11 and a region game against the Seneca Bobcats on January 18.

The Lady Bulldogs, coached by Tim Wood, have a 6-6 overall record, while in the region they are 1-0. The team faced off against West Oak High on Jan. 4 for a win by a score of 43-21, and lost 45-25 against the Wren Hurricanes on Dec. 29.

The girls will see a visit from Powdersville on January 8, and on Friday, January 11 they will go to Iva, SC, to take on the Crescent Tigers.



T.L. HANNA YELLOW JACKETS



By Dan Lacobie

T. L. Hanna boys' basketball has leapt into 2019 with a 9-4 overall record and a 2-1 third place region record. As 2018 was closing out, the Yellow Jackets saw action against Fort Mill in a loss by a score of 85-48, then a win on December 28 versus Calvary Christian Academy, 52-39. Other games so far include, a loss to Woodland High out of Stockbridge, Georgia, 63-44, and a win on a visit to J.L. Mann 58-42 on January 4.

#4 James Lovorn is leading this T.L. Hanna squad this season with 15.3 points per game average. #11 Ja'heim Handy is closely behind with 12.9 points per game and #32 John Rogers is averaging 11.5 points per game for the team.

Lovorn is also leading the team in overall points scored with 168 and has a 38% average from the floor. Rogers has a team leading 53% average from the floor.

In the rebounding department, Rogers has the team lead with 87. Coming in second in rebounds, #30 Noa Glover has 76 boards. Rounding out the rebound leaders are #11 Handy, #10 Avery Jones and #4 Lovorn with 42, 32 and 31 respectively.

Hanna's mens team's opponents up next will see the Greenwood Eagles come into town on January 8, a trip across town to play rival Westside on January 11, and the Laurens Raiders will come to Anderson on January 15.

The Lady Yellow Jackets have seen 2019 come in with a record of 9-4 overall and a region record of 1-2.

The varsity girls' team met up with Emerald High out of Greenwood on December 22 for a tough loss 59-48, and also just lost against J.L. Mann by a score of 48-45. A trip to play the Lady Lions of Daniel High School on January 5th resulted in a win 51-33.

Showing the way for the Lady Jackets is #24 Maleia Bracone with an average of 17.1 points per game and a team leading 154 points scored. #33 Freshman Dro Lee has the team lead in rebounds so far this season with 103, while #5 Carmen Chandler has 62 rebounds in second place.

Hanna faced Greenwood High on Jan. 8, and on January 15th the Lady Raiders of Laurens will pay a visit.



WESTSIDE RAMS



By Dan Lacobie

Westside boys basketball is seeing a very good season in 2019, boasting a region leading 4 wins against no losses and overall 11 wins and 3 losses.

Since the Christmas and New Year's break, Westside has seen action against Union Pine, N.C. for a 57-45 win; Apex Friendship, N.C. 65 - 58, win; Northwood High of Pittsboro N.C., a win 72 -53; Crest out of Shelby, N.C. also a win 91-57; Fort Mill, a close win 71- 70; East Rutherford, N.C. the only loss since the break, 76-65; and win at Woodmont in the first game of 2019, 70-44.

Leading the team after 14 games so far is #3 Traye Carson with an average of 15.6 points per game while overall scoring of 219 points also leads the team. #2 Odarius Cade is just behind Carson with an average of 12.1 points per game and 169 total overall points scored. #22 Xavier Thornton and #23 Paul Johnson are following with 111 and 105 overall points scored, respectively.

Johnson is making his appearance on the boards well known, having grabbed 70 rebounds so far on the year. #24 Ty Danzy has 66 rebounds of his own, while Thornton and #12 Kiante Miller each have 52 rebounds.

Westside as a team is averaging 66.6 points per game, which is well above the national average. Also, a 43% field goal average is on par with the national average and 32.4 rebounds per game on average is well above the national average.

The Rams played J.L. Mann in Anderson on January 8, and will visit T.L. Hanna on January 11 and Wade Hampton on January 15.

The Lady Rams are also having a very good year thus far with an overall record of 11-2 and 3-1 in the region. The last several games for the girls' varsity team have resulted in 3 wins – Pendleton High, 48-32; Wren High, 53-28; Pickens High, 63-33 – and 1 loss against Woodmont High, 54-34.

The Westside Lady Rams played J.L. Mann at home on January 8, and will visit T.L. Hanna on Friday, Jan. 11, and Easley on January 22.