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## Anderson-area kids attend Camp Mariposa

BY JANA MACKIN

Last month, a group of Anderson kids attended Camp Mariposa, a local United Way transformative program held amidst 80 acres of upstate heaven. This new camp not only taught kids how to appreciate and have fun in nature, but also messaged “just say no to drugs.” About 15 kids, ranging from 9 to 12, spent the weekend enjoying a smorgasbord of activities that included hiking waterfall trails rock climbing, zip lining, team sports as



well as learning about substance abuse in community and families.

What makes Camp Mariposa unique is that it uses the great outdoors to stage a year-round program for at-risk youth affected by family substance abuse. The program’s aim is to mentor and help kids develop the needed skills to prevent them from using drugs. They also learn how to deal with the impact such



abuse has on their lives.

This camp encourages joy and self-growth. It is the kind of camp where kids can Ring Around the Rosie under whispering pines or share stories of family drug addic-

tion around a campfire.

It is also the first Camp Mariposa in the state.

“We are super excited,”

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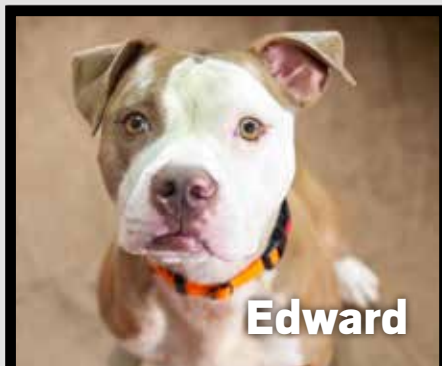
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## NAILS OF THE SEASON

I love a mani-pedi. It's the ultimate self-care and a time to take care of you. Most days I do my own, but I definitely love to go out and get a good professional treatment. Fall/



Kristine March

Winter 2023 has come out with their annual Pantone color collection. I get so delighted to see what the current shades are going to be this season. They're actually really stunning and here they are.

Persimmon and Fiery Red make the perfect combo for nail polish. Coral and red together is so luxe with each other and you don't have to match your nails and toenails anymore. Lacecap Hydrangea is the perfect periwinkle blue. Olive green and a bold yellow are chic and fabulous for Fall. Try a Burnt Sienna manicure, or if you're daring, go with the sharp green. My top color choice this season is the Parisian Jewel. It will make a statement. It's almost a peacock blue but even brighter. The color of the year goes to Viva Magenta and you will be seeing it everywhere. It would make for a perfect almond shaped nail. I love a good gel nail in this particular shade and dip powder.

If you're not familiar with a dip powder, it's simply just a hybrid between gel and acrylic and it's dipping each nail in an acrylic-colored powder. It makes the manicure last for weeks on end. Definitely the best choice for something more long lasting. In addition, all of these shades would look great in blazers and sweaters, shoes and accessories as well. OPI and Essie make the best nail polish. Chrome colors in these color choices are beautiful for special occasions. Lipstick and even a new bedding set would all be divine in any of these shades to freshen up your look or space. What's your color of the season going to be this year? Remember to make a sidewalk your runway and go get your nails done, y'all.

## Camp

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said Alison Youngblood, United Way of Anderson County vice president of Community Impact and Director of AmeriCorps Health Futures.

Children and teens attend transformational weekend camps every other month throughout the year. Participants are divided into two groups: youth 9 to 12 years old; and teens, 13-17 years old. The youth participate in fun, traditional camp activities combined with education and support sessions led by mental health professionals and mentor assistants. The teen participants have the opportunity to continue their involvement and build leadership skills as junior counselors. The camp builds knowledge, life skills, confidence and offers opportunities for kids to connect with their peers and adults. Additional social and educational activities are offered for youth, alumni and their families throughout the year. The camp is free of charge with local enrollment still open.

"Substance abuse is the number one pressing problem in Anderson, the county,

state and country. There is huge substance abuse and misuses along with aligning mental and behavioral health problems," she said.

"This is the most pressing need. We need to be preventative in nature," Youngblood said, "and that is where we are heading."

The local camp has resulted from the partnering and collaboration of resources and funding from such organizations as the local United Way, Clemson University Youth Learning Institute, and AmeriCorps under the auspices of the Eluna Camp Mariposa network; a nonprofit organization with 18 Camp Mariposa sites in the United States. The various camps share the same goals, resources and educational curriculum that focuses on mentoring kids, and helping them understand and resist substance abuse in family settings.

About 60 participants commit to four camp weekends, every other month for a year. The two age groups alternate months at camp. Between camp months, kids enjoy fun events and programs to keep the families and kids connected and engaged in their learning, and their camp community. An important component is the AmeriCorp camp mentors along with family members and volunteers who work to inspire and educate kids to stay off drugs, giving them drug

prevention strategies and skill sets.

"Prevention can do so much more than intervention if you can get them before they have problems with substance abuse," said Renee' Hall, United Way AmeriCorp Program Coordinator, "The idea is to get them early on in their young lives to help them turn the tide before they make bad choices."

For local youth, the camp is a sanctuary to escape family substance abuse in natural beauty where kids feel safe to connect with others who have similar family issues. Such a place helps reduce feelings of guilt and isolation as kids learn that addiction is a disease. They also learn to develop trusting relationships with adult mentors. The camp helps build their confidence and develop critical life skills. They learn self-empowerment and how to find paths to better lives.

"The camp is a really good way to escape reality, especially homes that are toxic and have abuse," said Alazha Craft, an AmeriCorp mentor and mother to two daughters, Aubrie 9, and Zari, 10.

"It's wonderful to see their attitudes change, and hearts open to a complete stranger just giving love and attention," Craft said. "They become more open. They change the way they view themselves and adults as they navigate their way through life."



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# BIG SCREEN CUISINE

I sometimes try and match my tv show and movie snacks with foods that remind me of what we plan to watch on the big flat-screen. For instance, if we're going to watch The Godfather or The Sopranos for the zillionth time,



Neal Parnell

I'll definitely cook some of Clemenza's meatballs and sausages. I also make sure I have some oranges, gabagool, and walnuts handy; and don't forget the cannoli.

There's just no way to watch JAWS without a fish sandwich and plenty of ketchup, which reminds me a lot of Alex Kitner on his raft, if you add a couple of fries dangling from it.

For a blockbuster movie like Titanic, I'll construct what I call the Lifeboat Sandwich. I scoop the bread middle out of hoagie rolls and fill them with first-class meatballs, but there's never enough for all on board. We usually saddle-up and watch Yellowstone with a T-Bone steak, Black and Blue salad, and a Colt 45 for the drink. Tulsa King doesn't last too long, so a quick bowl of Rocky Road on the Sly works in a pinch. The new series Poker Face calls for a drink I make called, The Polygraph; one sip and you'll have flashbacks and your eye twitches, but the truth will come out. If you haven't seen the new ELVIS movie, you can email me for the recipe of my Love Me Chicken Tenders, or my G.I. Bluesberry Pancakes that'll have you All Shook Up. Marvel Comic movie night offers a variety of super snacks. There are BAT-MANwiches, Wolverweenies, Fantastic Four Cheese Dip, Spider Sliders, all topped off with some Daredevils Food Cake, POW! For Fantasy Movies and shows, I'll want to keep everyone hydrated. The recipe for Harry



Potter Water calls for one glass Goblet of Fire, three drops of Ogden's Old Firewhiskey, and a wand from Ollivanders. Wave the wand over the goblet and chant this spell: My head is hot, my mouth is hotter, fill this glass with Potter Water. If you're a Wizard, you'll never thirst again, if you're a Muggle, maybe Dr. Pepper can help. Before we settle in for an evening of Star Wars, I'll bake a batch of Wookie Cookies and pour a glass of Aunt Beru's Blue Milk that will have us using The Force faster than the Millennium Falcon can make the Kessel Run. Or, I'm known throughout the galaxy for my Empire Strikes Baby Back Ribs with Yoda Soda, but remember, "Do or Do Not, there is no try".

If there is a PGA Golf match playing, I'll tee up some Potato Wedges and my Out Of Bounds Chili Dip with Sliced in the Deep Stuffed Cabbage served with a flubbed shot of Swing Oil, (beer). For Boxing, I'll come out swinging with a charcuterie tray of Upper Cold Cuts and a southpaw mug of Knock-Out Punch, or we might just take some Cheap Shots. Maybe you're in the mood for some wholesome comedy like The Andy Griffith Show. Well I've got just the snack for you. It's a surprise! No, it's not some of that good old apple crumb pie, and it's not potato pancakes, it's better than that. It's a roast beef sandwich, some coleslaw, and here's the surprise, some of my New Homemade Pickles!!

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## THE GARDEN SHOP

# Seven-son is a standout



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A standout plant these days is Seven-son (*Heptacodium miconioides*). This large shrub, small tree, is commonly called Seven-son flower. Seems peculiar to add flower to the name of something that blooms. Often times if someone is looking for a small shade tree, a large growing shrub can increase options. Depending on the plant, a large shrub may take a bit more pruning in the early years to make it grow tree form. Such is usually only required a few times a year so it's not creating too much work for a gardener.

In 2002, when I was planning anything that piqued my interest, Seven-son flower was offered at the fall South Carolina Botanical Garden plant sale. Our new house was just

about ready to move into, there was a nice perimeter of shrubs and trees around what would become the yard, and SCBG's description of this plant (I'd never heard of) reeled me right in. Their comments stated mature height 10 – 12 feet, upright growing, blooms with white flowers at a young age, has grey brown papery bark, recently discovered in China, and introduced by Arnold Arboretum. If it was worthy of Arnold Arboretum's museum of trees, surely I should grow it.

Seven-son has been blooming for a couple of weeks. I wish I would have planted it closer to the house because it is covered in yellow and black swallowtail butterflies, plus many others of which I have no clue what they are. Hummingbirds, bees, and other pollinators love it too. Deer browse it some, but not too bad. What SCBG's description did not say is what a wonderful fragrance it has. Difficult to describe but I would liken it to honeysuckle, vaguely tea olive (ish). NC State's extension site lists Seven-sons in the honeysuckle family. Seven-sons has proven to be a very strong



Peeling bark



Swallowtail enjoying blooms

plant, growing with only water from Mother Nature. There is a yard hydrant right beside it. Maybe in its younger years Seven-son might have gotten watered. But only when we had a bad drought. That hydrant has not been turned on in many, many years. Leaves grow with a drooping look so it may be tricky on learning is that the natural growth or does it need water. After watching a while, it will become obvious.

There are more pluses too. New growth has a tad of maroon tinge to it. When the flowers fade, after a month or more of blooming, dark red sepals form and last for several more weeks. These sepals are very similar to whirly things on maple trees. It almost makes Seven-son look like it is blooming in a totally different way. There is

not much fall color. Leaves might turn a bit yellow, but no big show there. Once leaves are gone, peeling bark adds interest all through winter.

Seven-sons is now offered sometimes in nurseries, but it still an uncommon plant. There are named varieties too which might grow a bit smaller. SCBG's estimate of 10 – 12 feet was underestimated. This beauty is about 20 feet wide and easily as tall. Remember though it is 21 years later. Mine has never been pruned and has naturally grown into a lovely vase shape. Full sun, at least five hours, is best for good blooms. Most any soil that doesn't stay consistently damp should do. Where it is planted is part of the yard I have let return to pasture. It's not too far from what gets cut though. In the summer, there is not much reason to visit Seven-son up close. The pasture was recently bush hogged, just in time to visit Seven-son, watch the butterflies, enjoy the smell, and anticipate its winter beauty.

Over the years, there have been a few Seven-sons come up in the nearby area. Having bought half a dozen or more plants in the past 25 years, only to learn they were invasive, cut them down, keep a watch along the edge of woods for them, etc., Seven-son is well behaved. I'm on the lookout for another baby though to possibly plant in the front garden.

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## BAY3 Artisan Gallery partner: Joy Moss, woodturner

"I was a registered nurse until I retired in 2004 and decided to learn woodturning. It has become my passion. I love woodturning because it enables me to use my creative ability to produce interesting and/or functional objects from wood while viewing any mistake as an opportunity for redesign. Having people appreciate my work means so much to me," explains Joy Moss, a partner in Bay3 Artisan Gallery.

"I mainly use two large and three mini lathes in my studio to produce a finished product. When you are turning on a lathe the wood is turning toward you while you are simultaneously removing wood to create the objects. I also use saws, a drill press, grinders and many hand tools such as gouges. I work mainly in wood, but occasionally I will turn acrylic and Corian."

Moss has taken classes at John C Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, TN, and local classes in Georgia. She has also attended national symposiums in 11 states. "My miniature turnings have received ribbons, but the "People's Choice" awards at a national woodturning exhibit mean the most to me," recalled Moss.

Moss's work can be seen in the Bay3 Artisan Gallery just off the Atrium Gallery in the Anderson Arts Center on 110 Federal Street in Anderson. Bay3 Artisan Gallery is a co-operative gallery of local artists who welcome browsers as well as collectors. Gallery hours through September are 11:00 - 5:00 Wednesday thru Friday and 10:00 - 1:00 on Saturday.

## NIBBLE & SIP

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Two: Serve nonperishable Nibbles, the kind you'd serve if the power went out and you didn't want to open the refrigerator. I keep an assortment of crunchy snacks on hand for a random Friday night, and so should you. I'm not a big chicken wing fan, but I love anything Buffalo wing-sauce flavored, so I like to keep a can of Buffalo Wing Snack Mix from Virginia Diner. The peanuts in the mix are the best you'll ever have, and you also find almonds,

Everything Seasoning sesame sticks, and guacamole bites as well. You'll find them at vadin.com starting at \$11.50 for the small can.



Kim von Keller

Someday, my headstone will read, "She loved her family, her friends, and all crunchy potato products." While there are as many flavors of potato chips as there are chips in a bag, I love Kettle Brand Krinkle Cut Salt & Fresh Ground Pepper Chips. They are delicious on their own, but because of their basic seasoning, they play well in a sandbox with other tasty snacks. Personally, I'd get the party size and not invite anyone over. Available at Publix

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My best source for interesting snack food is Trader Joe's. Sadly, there isn't one in Anderson, but if you're ever at the Greenville store, pick up a bag of the Spicy Chakri Mix. It features delicious rice and chickpea sticks, peanuts, and more spices than I can name. I dare you to eat less than a handful, and I mean a big man-sized handful. A 7-oz. bag is \$3.79.

Three: Finally, serve your friends – or yourself – that New Orleans classic, the Hurricane. I'm very particular about premade mixers, but this one, from Pat O'Brien's in the Big Easy, is the real thing. Pat O'Brien's Hurricane Cocktail Mix is the same mix they use in their bars. Mix equal parts cocktail mix and gold or amber rum in a tall, ice-filled glass and wait for the lights to come back on. The bottled mix is available at amazon.com for \$9.99.



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# Exercise, socialize and keep looking

In this column we make every effort to explore and learn more about what each of us can do to realize a more productive and fulfilling life – and in the process make positive life choices that can impact our pursuit of better health and happiness.

Given that we are all different and have different physical profiles, are there steps anyone can embrace to obtain a level of success in achieving a “healthy lifestyle”? That being defined as doing the things that make YOU happy and that make you feel your best. After all, when we are not at our healthiest, we can feel it. You may feel tired or get sick more easily. Certainly, eating nutritious foods and prioritizing your mental health can help you feel better in short order.

But unquestionably, the single most important thing we can do is maintain a regular exercise routine. Your whole body benefits. Researchers have found that exercising as little as 11 minutes a day may add years to your life. Plus, you have the satisfaction of knowing you

are helping reduce your likelihood of developing debilitating medical conditions such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and even cancer.

And if that were not enough, would you like to look younger?



**Dr. Gabrielle F. Cannick**

Exercises that gets your heart rate up can actually work to reverse the impact stress has on the aging process. Being highly active can potentially reduce aging at the cellular level by up to nine years.

And there is more than exercise. Consider adding the following

three simple steps to your lifestyle for even greater benefit:

1. Make every effort to have positive experiences in your life. This helps us thrive, be more optimistic about life, which in turn boosts

self-esteem and self-confidence. Focus on positive moments as they are happening. Fully participate in them – with no multitasking!

2. Social interaction. It’s good for your mind and body. We function better when we’re around others. People who spend too much time alone have an increased risk of depression and lower quality of life. Just being able to chat is helpful. Socializing also helps sharpen memory and cognitive skills, increasing your sense of well-being which may even help you live longer.

3. Cognitive training. A fancy term for continuing to learn new things which preserves and strengthens cognitive fitness. Cognitive fitness goes far beyond memory. It embraces thinking, learning, recognition, communication, and sound decision-making. Cognitive fitness is the foundation of a rewarding and self-sufficient life.

Exercise, socialize, and keep learning. Words to build your life around. And you are never too old to benefit. Our practice is all

about total patient wellness. I encourage you to reach out to us. Think of us as your hometown resource for guidance and support.

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FROM THE SHELF

# After That Night by Karin Slaughter

One of my favorite authors is Karin Slaughter. I'd describe her books as "procedural thrillers." Most of her books follow cops (and a coroner) as they solve cases, while



Sara Leady

books without a cop go into lawyers or criminals on the run, so we're still in the procedural realm of solving a mystery or crime within the definitions of some sort of law presence. I add in the thriller because they're a bit more high octane and raw, like you generally expect in a thriller.

So, there's a few different ways you can dip your toe into Slaughter, but I'll tell you how I did it and why on some fronts (outside of now chronological release dates). I'm starting with some background knowledge so the actual

review of After That Night makes more sense (it is book 11). I started with book one from the Grant County series which is *Blindsighted*. This series starts our introduction to Sara Linton, who is the focal character that ties most of Slaughter's series together. Grant County follows Sara as a pediatrician and part-time coroner for Grant County as she "works" with her ex-husband and police chief, Jeffery Tolliver to solve various crimes, largely murder (I mean she's a coroner, so that feels obvious). This series is six books long, and then we shift to the Will Trent series, which still stars Sara.

Will Trent you say? Like that hit new TV show from last year? They are one in the same. The show is, I'll say loosely (at least so far), based on the book series. A lot of the characters are the same but it hasn't followed the books outright, but that doesn't mean it won't either. If you've watched the show you'll

be confused about my saying Sara Linton ties the two book series together. She doesn't appear in the first book *Triptych*, but appears in the third one, *Fractured*, after she's moved back to Atlanta, is working as an ER doctor, and gets caught up in a G.B.I. investigation with Will. After That Night is the latest in the Will Trent series (for those counting along, that's 17 books between the two series).

After That Night circles back to Sara Linton's origin story. When she was a medical resident at Grady Hospital (located in Atlanta) she was brutally assaulted while at work, which led to her moving back home. Years later, after returning to work at Grady Hospital, Sara as an ER doctor tries to save the life of assault victim Dani, by literally trying to massage her heart back to life. After the Night starts with a flashback to that case, then to the current day where Sara is testifying in a civil suit for that assault case. The accused just happens to be the son of a former medical school rival, and has some eerily similar elements to her assault decades before. With an alluded to tie between the two cases, and a third one, Sara and Will (and team) are on the case to solve who's really at fault for Dani's

death and a string of assaults. They have to tread carefully though as there's clearly a conspiracy afoot among the rich and famous who will do anything to keep their secrets.

Given that the book focuses primarily on two specific sexual assaults (and others tied to it), I don't feel like I should have to warn you that the content can be a bit hard to read. That said however, Slaughter has always perfectly balanced violence of this nature and the reality of it without inadvertently glorifying it or glossing over its brutality. If you've read Slaughter's *Pretty Girls* (one of her standalones), I'd say it flirts with that level of sexual violence, but After That Night doesn't quite reach that level. I'll never not be awed by the way Slaughter deftly approaches this kind of stuff.

Slaughter has some standalones along with the Andrea Oliver series (which inspired the Hulu special *Pieces of Me*). When I say I can't get enough of Slaughter, she's also hands down the BIGGEST author binge I have ever done in my life: we're talking thirteen plus out the gate one right after another. She's also one I'm always game to reread. She's seriously just magnificent; it's a wonder it's taken so long for Hollywood to pick up her stories.

# Living through the dog days

BY ANN BAILES  
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According to the calendar, the hottest days of the year in the Northern Hemisphere are from July 3 to August 11, the dog days of summer. I don't believe that, or agree with those dates. Here in the south, the hottest days go on... and on... and on... well past August 11. Well past September 11. Hey, we may still be in the dog days by October 11, though we can hope that by then the heat is at least an aberration. But don't count on it.



I never knew where the term "dog days" got that name until Mike decided to look it up recently. Turns out that the dog days coincide with the time when Sirius, the "dog star," rises with the sun in the morning sky on July 3.

Now, here is where it gets interesting. For years as I taught the constellations in earth science class, in December we always learned the stars of Orion the hunter, that great constellation that is unmistakable in the winter night sky. Around the turn of the new year, the constellation Canis Major makes its appearance right below Orion. The brightest star in Canis Major (and in the entire sky for that matter) is Sirius the "dog star," rising in January evenings in the east, just opposite the setting of the sun. So it makes sense that six months later the

dog star would rise with the sun in the eastern sky morning, instead of in the evening. And that's how the hottest days of the year get tagged the dog days.

I got out in the dog days earlier this week.

All summer long a white-eyed vireo has been tantalizing me at our farm with its beautiful call - but it has stayed hidden deep in the high canopy of the woods, and I have never seen it. On Monday I sat in the woods for an hour, hearing that bird call almost the entire time, and it never did pop out where I could get a look at it. White-eyed vireo 1, hot and sweaty birdwatcher 0.

And other birds? Practically non-existent. Too hot for them.

Should have been too hot for me. Most of the birds at least have the sense to hunker down in this heat and not expend their energy.

But one thing I can do during the dog days is marvel at how organized this whole system is. Every year, regular as clockwork, during the summer the dog star rises in the morning and during the winter it rises in the evening. All the constellations move in the same order, on the same dates, year after year after year. What a beautiful testament to the order in creation!

I'll live through the dog days, but will sure be glad when they're over. And maybe next year I can even the score with that white-eyed vireo.

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# THE STRANGER OUTSIDE MY NEIGHBORHOOD

As I write this on Wednesday, September 6, there's a stranger outside my neighborhood. He seems to be casing the area, like he doesn't know where he wants to strike first. I don't want him bothering my house, but I don't want him bothering my neighbors' houses either. Frankly, I wish he'd float away from the neighborhood, like a cloud, and disappear.

By "neighborhood," I mean the southeastern coastline. The stranger's name is Lee. Hurricane Lee.

This is that pivotal time when a storm becomes bigger and bigger. Lee is currently east of the Leeward Islands and getting stronger with every hour. Hurricanes grow in strength as they move over water, and when you look at a National Hurricane Center map, there's just a whole lot of fuel between Lee and the Southeast United States.

If you think that only coastal areas have to worry about such things, I've got an Acme Hurricane Insurance Policy I'd like to sell you. While inland communities like mine seldom get more than some wind and rain from a

named storm, every once and a while a storm is SO big and SO strong that it continues on a destructive path over land. Hurricane Hugo was one of those.



Kim von Keller

In 1989, Ted and I lived in a lovely little neighborhood in Columbia, surrounded and shaded by massive loblolly pines. Meetings we had scheduled on September 21st were canceled in the way that school is often canceled

when someone says the word "snow." We didn't take it seriously, but we secured our garbage cans and lawn furniture because somebody on the news said it might be a good idea. As evening approached, I opened a bottle of wine and made a fancy mid-week dinner, our version of a Hurricane Party.

We went to bed thinking that we were in for nothing but rain, but sometime after midnight, we began to hear those massive trees swaying

in the wind. We grabbed our pillows, our blankets, and our dog and went to the hallway. As Hugo grew tired of the coast and cut his way through South Carolina, the swaying turned to cracking, and every time a tree fell in our yard, the whole house would shake. It was hard to avoid the temptation of running to look out of a window, but we didn't want to be standing near one if debris came flying through the glass. It was one of the longest nights of my life.

When morning broke and the storm was gone, we went outside to assess the damage. Trees littered our lawn, but our house was untouched. The cat-daddy of all pines had landed just a few feet from our kitchen. We decamped to Anderson to stay with my parents until power was restored, which took about three days. Sadly, our next-door neighbors weren't as lucky. Early in the storm, a tree fell on their roof, cutting their house in half. Pounding rain followed, flooding their home. It would be six months before the damage was repaired and they could return.

As frightening as our experience was, it

was nothing compared to what coastal South Carolinians suffered. Homes were lost, lives were lost, and businesses were lost. It was years before the Lowcountry completely recovered from the wrath of Hugo.

As we wait for Lee to make up his mind, I'm going into preparedness mode. This weekend, I'll secure anything on my property that could become a projectile, and I'll test all my battery-powered lamps. Because of our Hugo experience, we bought a generator, and we'll test it out as well. We'll fill multiple jugs with drinking water and multiple buckets with toilet water; in our rural community, we rely on well water, so when the power goes out, so does the pump. If any prescriptions need a refill, we'll get that done.

A week in advance, it may seem silly to go to such trouble, but when you've spent a night listening to trees fall, you realize that you can't be too careful when it comes to those "strangers" lurking off our coast. If you've ever gone through a scary storm experience, share your story with me at [editkim50@gmail.com](mailto:editkim50@gmail.com).

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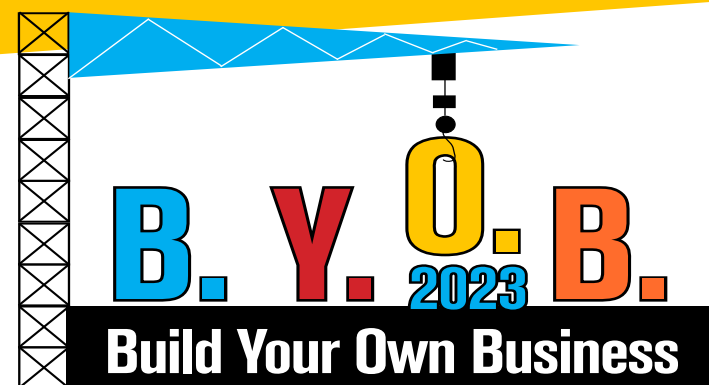
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# FINDING LINLEY

BY AUBREY NEWBY

This week “Finding Linley,” journeys west of Anderson to Athens, Georgia. There we will explore Linley’s own home.

Following the dissolution of the Linley and Watkins Architectural firm, Linley sought a career in academics, something he had always wanted. Linley could have easily accepted a position at Clemson which would have offered Linley comfort of familiarity, but in a decision that surprised many, he chose Athens and The University of Georgia. In July 1963, he accepted a position as an associate professor in the landscape architecture program under the leadership of Hubert Owens.

The year 1963 for Athens, Georgia, like much of the country, was a time of great change. There were radical changes in human rights, the threat of a war with Vietnam was emerging, and much of the country was on the verge of a sexual revolution. The year that Linley arrived in Athens was the same year that Hamilton Holmes and Charlayne Hunter graduated from The University of Georgia, two years after their court ordered admission desegregated the university. Intown residents had been fleeing to the suburbs for a decade leaving much of the inter-city neighborhoods in transition. Linley became an advocate for urbanization and set about to pave the way for extraordinary revitalization.

During his first few years in Athens, Linley lived in several places before settling at 530 Pulaski Street. The neighborhood was not a typical one where professors took up residence. Peggy Galis an Athenian and longtime friend of Linley recalls one day in the summer of 1966, Hubert Owens picked her up and said, “let me take you to Pulaski Street, to show you what your friend John Linley has bought.”

Galis was a little surprised and recalls that the houses seemed to be up on stilts, the area was seedy, and it was hard to imagine what potential Linley saw in this neighborhood. Linley himself considered the area blighted, but beyond that he saw something better. Situated within a half mile of the center of downtown, the house was an easy commute on bike or on foot from downtown or the North Campus. For Linley, who biked to campus nearly every day, it was all about location. The houses could be had cheaply and renovated to meet the needs of modern living. He was a man ahead of his time.

By the summer of 1966, Linley was well underway in his renovations. He took down walls and opened the floor plan. He added bathrooms and closets, a basement, and a private outdoor courtyard in front of the house shielded from the sidewalk by a brick wall. Of the courtyard Linley said; “The front wasn’t anything until I walled it in. Now it is a private retreat perfect for entertaining.” It was an adaptive reuse approach to the house



which took advantage of an existing structure and lot, yet made it essentially a modern home conducive to living in the 1960s.

Once the interior spaces were opened, Linley finished with plywood paneling on some walls and redwood siding for wainscoting on others. The bricks from the original double fireplace were salvaged to create an even larger one in the living room. Large windows flood the space with natural light. The ceilings were finished with rough boards laid in a geometric pattern. To complete the look, he added bamboo shades and white paper Japanese lanterns. It was not the house he would have built from scratch, but in an interview, Linley said; “there is something I like about rebuilding an old house,” he said, “it is fun and work both, an awful lot of work. But in the end, it is worth it.”



Linley sparked a great transformation in that neighborhood that would continue for the next 30 years. Today it is one of the most sought-after neighborhoods in Athens. An eclectic mix of faculty, artist, and local business owners who all share the vision Linley had for the area but even when that wasn’t the case Linley persevered. Corbett Chandler a longtime friend of Linley’s recalls that Linley- unlike others- “was not put off by the surroundings. He did not try to make his

neighbors do what he thought should be done. He was willing to help them, but did not lord over them. He was leading by example.” It was something Linley had done for his entire life and would continue to do on Pulaski and beyond. The house was the beginning but the garden which we will explore in the next issue, was the pinnacle of his vision. Before he had even laid a path in 1966 he knew the garden would be spectacular and said “the view is going to be wonderful.”

  
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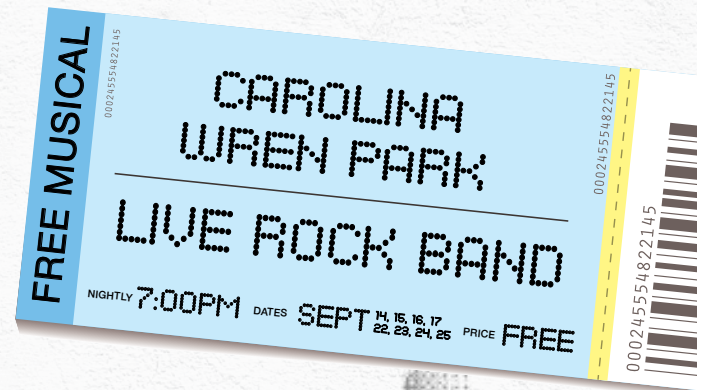
  
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# BUGS

BY RICH OTTER

What is your favorite insect? Favorite insect? Good grief. Those creepy crawling things that invade your house or sting or bite you! Who wants a favorite insect?

Most of us don't understand Phylum Arthropoda, class Insecta. We just think of the things that sneak or fly their way into our home or hitch a ride by doggy transit. Or we may experience a mosquito attack when venturing outside on a humid day or an unwelcome self-defense by an indignant fire ant when you intrude upon its habitat.

But wait. Butterflies and moths are in that group – an Order known as Lepidoptera. Well, that shouldn't be.

They are beautiful and graceful and they never bite, or, at least we never hear of them biting anyone. Maybe that's because we don't run around swatting them.

Even if you feel those winged beauties should not be included as an insect, there is one such bug you have probably loved all your life. It appears on warm nights looking for love. It is never offensive to us (although maybe to an uninterested sweetie). It is the beloved lightning bug or firefly. Would you believe, it is a beetle?

Next you will probably expect to hear cockroaches are really butterflies. No, not so. But cockroaches have an amazing history. They have been around for an estimated 350 million years and there are an estimated 3,500 species worldwide. We are the



intruders. Fortunately, only 57 kinds are found in North America – so far.

But fear not, as annoying as we may find them, they are reputed as not spreading human diseases. We are far more dangerous to them than they are to us, except

for their contaminating our food. Contrary to what we may think, spiders are not insects. They may give us the same shivers but the ones spinning around our front door, making webs that can reappear almost immediately after we rip them down, intercept unwanted creatures before they can enter our home. Little Miss Muffett should have stayed on her tuffet and been glad for a helper that day.

We may have a fondness for crickets, particularly Jiminy who, you may recall, starred in Disney's Pinocchio singing "When you wish upon a star."

But crickets may be quite annoying if they decide to enter your home and sing a different tune while you try to find them, rolled up newspaper in hand.

Your behavior might sometimes be compared to an insect: "What's bugging you?" Or, "Do you have ants in your pants?" Of course, you could have a bee in your bonnet (if you happen to wear one). They have taken a bum rap for their antics. It is time we anti up and recognize what they have done for us, but instead, we swat them, squash them and poison them. What would we do without them?

Just like with people, you have good bugs and bad bugs – compatible bugs and pests. You can even purchase good bugs such as for your garden. Good bugs certainly include pollinators and those that devour pest bugs. This is old news to gardeners but

deserves respect from the rest of us. Think how many mosquitos bite the dust thanks to our friendly ally the dragonfly. It is said that 95% of the creatures in your garden are either beneficial or benign. Predatory beetles and bugs get rid of the bad guys and lady bugs, praying mantis, damselflies and some wasps are certainly our friends. The problem is that it can sometimes be difficult identifying friend from foe due to their size. But we are fortunate the foes aren't much larger.



A confessed ulterior motive of this dissertation is to finally expose Susan Temple's gardening success. It is time it be known: The master gardener's secret assistant is the insect.

But back to your favorite insect. It is likely the one that doesn't get in your home.

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# Montessori School of Anderson celebrates 50 years

The Montessori School of Anderson (MSA) is celebrating 50 years of providing Montessori education in the state of SC and Anderson community. In 1973, MSA was founded and taught its first group of 14 preschoolers in a small classroom rented from a local church. Since then, it has become an incorporated nonprofit school and a leader on the national stage in Montessori education. As MSA kicked off their 50th year anniversary, the school and its founder, Karen Holt, have been recognized at the state and local levels for their contributions made to education in SC.

On Thursday, August 31, 2023, in celebration of Maria Montessori's birthday and MSA's 50 year anniversary, students, faculty, and staff gathered and were joined by distinguished guests, parents, and community members at the Peace Pole Plaza for a traditional student led MSA flag ceremony that included the pledge to the United States flag, a peace pledge, reflection on a virtue, and a moment of silence.

Mayor Terence Roberts read a proclamation declaring Thursday, August 31, 2023 "Montessori School of Anderson Day". Mayor Roberts shared that his children had attended

MSA and that his grandson now attends the school. His son is now a current parent of an MSA student and a member of the MSA Board of Trustees. Mayor Roberts recognized Ms. Karen Holt for her vision to expand the educational options for the children of Anderson, SC.

SC State Representative April Cromer presented Ms. Holt with a SC flag that was flown over the State House in her honor in early August 2023. Rep. Cromer shared that Ms. Holt and MSA have had a huge impact on her family as her children, nieces and nephew, brother-in-law, and husband all attended Montessori School of Anderson. Her father-in-law also served on the board of trustees for several years and continues to be a loyal supporter of MSA.

Pam Christopher, President and CEO of the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, then conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark MSA's 50th anniversary of "educating joyful scholars." She acknowledged the perseverance of Ms. Holt as she grew the school to ultimately include infants through high school. Mrs. Christopher asserted that a strong educational foundation is key to building the workforce and that educational options, such as Montessori

School of Anderson, attract more business to our area. Further, she stated that MSA plays an important role in developing great leaders for the continued success of our Anderson community.

In reflecting on all the work that has been a part of MSA reaching this milestone, MSA Founder Karen Holt said, "it takes a village to build and sustain a non-profit school. To ALL of you who have been part of Montessori School of Anderson (aka MSA villagers) - past, present, and above, I see you and will always see you. Through all your contributions, from the walls you painted, the boards you nailed in place, and trees you planted, along with so much more, you have positively impacted many young lives over the years. You may not have all been here for today's 50th anniversary commemoration event but I know you were here through the years helping to create the village known as MSA." Dr. Dana Hill, MSA administrator, and Ms. Holt, were joined by many current MSA parents and board members to mark this occasion.

On Tuesday, September 5, at the Anderson County Council meeting, Hon. John Wright, Jr. introduced a resolution/proclamation hon-



**Anderson Mayor Terence Roberts presents "Montessori School of Anderson Day" proclamation to Karen Holt, school founder, and Dr. Dana Hill, MSA administrator.**

oring and "recognizing the Montessori School of Anderson upon the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary of educating joyful young scholars in Anderson County." The council passed the proclamation unanimously and presented it to Karen Holt and MSA Administrator, Dr. Dana Hill.

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## WESTSIDE RAMS

# Westside takes down rival Hanna, tops Abbeville

BY BRU NIMMONS

ANDERSON —After a disappointing loss to Belton Honea-Path to start the season, the Westside Rams have been on a tear the last two weeks taking down two highly rated opponents in cross-town foe T.L. Hanna and Class 2A power Abbeville.

The Rams began their most recent stretch of games trying to get their first win of the season at home against Hanna.

The Rams got going early in the battle taking advantage of an interception from sophomore Jaxx Wilson and turning it into a 23-yard touchdown connection from Cutter Woods to Josh Williams.

Hanna answered right back marching down the field and scoring on a one-yard run by Vashun Burton, but the Rams had a lightning fast response on a 73-yard touchdown from Woods

to Dee Robertson to retake the lead 14-7 at the end of the first quarter.

Hanna refused to stay behind driving to start the second quarter and scoring on a 35-yard run by KD Patterson. However, Woods and the Westside passing attack just couldn't be stopped with the junior signal caller finding Williams for two more touchdowns before the break to give Westside a 28-14 advantage.

Hanna got the first points coming out of the locker room on a Walker Broome field goal, but Westside expanded their lead early in the fourth with a 6-yard touchdown run by Robertson.

Hanna added another touchdown run by Patterson on their next possession, but Robertson and the Rams kept them at a distance with a five-yard touchdown run with a little over two minutes left. A final touchdown run

from Hanna's Antonio Hatton couldn't make a difference in the 42-30 win for the Rams.

Westside kept their hot streak going the next week against the Abbeville Panthers.

Abbeville took the opening possession and took the early lead driving down the field before Karson Norman scored on a 16-yard run to go ahead 6-0.

The Rams answered right back relying on the legs of Sharode Richardson leading to a four-yard touchdown run from the junior back to put Westside ahead 7-6 going into the second quarter.

Westside expanded its lead early in the second quarter as Demarco Evans scored from three yards out put the Rams ahead 14-6.

Not to be outdone, Richardson scored again from 25-yards out to keep Westside rolling. Woods and Williams got in on the action just

before the half with 43-yard touchdown to put the Rams ahead 28-6 at the break.

The Rams dynamic passing duo continued to impress to start the second half with Woods finding Williams down field before the senior receiver broke two tackles for a 64-yard touchdown.

Abbeville finally got back on the board on its next possession with Norman breaking free of the Ram defense on a 49-yard score to cut the lead to 35-13.

Ultimately, the Rams had the last laugh with Woods hitting Jay McClintock for a 10-yard score and adding another touchdown on a blocked punt by Zeke Marshall to take down the Panthers 48-13.

Westside will finish its non-region slate over the next two weeks with matchups against Mauldin and Greer.

## T.L. HANNA YELLOW JACKETS

# Yellow Jackets split matchups with Anderson County foes

BY BRU NIMMONS

ANDERSON —Following a 2-0 start to the season, the T.L. Hanna Yellow Jackets hit their first speed bump of the year going 1-1 over their last two games with a loss to cross-town foe Westside and a win over county rival Wren.

The Yellow Jackets opened their most recent stretch of games trying to keep their win streak alive on the road against the Rams.

Hanna fell into trouble early with Westside's Jaxx Wilson coming up with an interception of Brandon Cunningham that the Rams quickly turned into points on a 23-yard touchdown pass from Cutter Woods to Josh Williams.

The Yellow Jackets responded moving 70 yards down the field behind the hard running of Vashun Burton, Josh Donald and KD Patterson. Burton got the Jackets on the board with a one-yard run to tie the game at 7-7.

The game didn't remain tied for long as

Westside scored on a 73-yard touchdown pass from Woods to Dee Robertson to retake the lead 14-7 at the end of the first quarter.

The Jackets responded moving down the field behind a big pass from Eli Hollinger to Burton before Patterson broke free for a 35-yard touchdown to tie things up at 14-14.

Ultimately, Woods and the Westside passing attack proved to be too hard to stop with the duo connecting for two more touchdowns to give Westside a 28-14 advantage.

The Yellow Jackets got a quick stop after halftime and a 38-yard gain by Patterson had them on the cusp of scoring before penalties pushed them backwards leading to a 35-yard Walker Broome field goal.

Neither offense got on the board the rest of the third, but Westside expanded their lead early in the fourth with a 6-yard touchdown run by Robertson. Hanna answered right back with a

30-yard touchdown run by Patterson on their next possession.

Hanna needed a stop, but the Rams controlled the clock and put the game away with a five-yard touchdown run from Robertson with a little over two minutes left.

Antonio Hatton added a 38-yard touchdown run in the final seconds, but the Jackets fell 42-30.

Hanna looked to get back on track the next week at home against the Wren Hurricanes.

Wren opened the night with a long drive making it all the way down to the Jacket 1-yard line before the Hanna made a goal line stand. The Yellow Jackets followed their big stop with a big run as KD Patterson scored from 71 yard out to give them an early 7-0 lead.

Wren quarterback Colton Bagwell quickly answered with a huge run of his own on a 79-yard touchdown to tie the game at 7-7.

Both offenses stalled for much of the remainder of the first half until Wren scored on a 3-yard run to give the Hurricanes a 14-7 lead.

Hanna tied things up coming out of the half on a 4-yard run by Donald before Teagan Cole made a huge red zone interception to keep Wren off the board. The Jackets turned the interception into a score when Patterson scored from one yard out to put Hanna ahead 21-14 heading to the fourth.

A Wren field goal cut into the lead, but Hanna controlled the clock before scoring on a 30-yard run by Patterson with less than two minutes to go in the game. In desperation mode, Wren took to the air only to throw a 60-yard pick six to Hanna's Sean Robinson and despite giving up a late score Hanna took the win 35-23.

The Jackets will finish their non-region slate over the next two weeks against Laurens and Greenwood.

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