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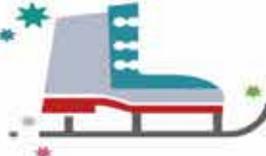


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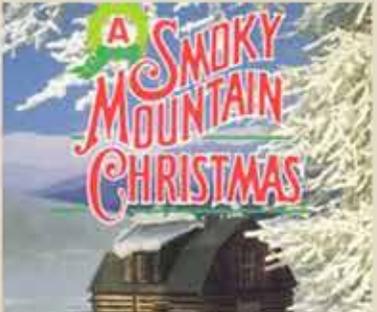
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1- Plan & Cook Ahead

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2-Keep it Simple

Hopefully the people you are inviting love you and don't expect perfection. Give yourself permission to limit the guest list, tone down formality and do what gives you joy and peace.

3-Ask for Help

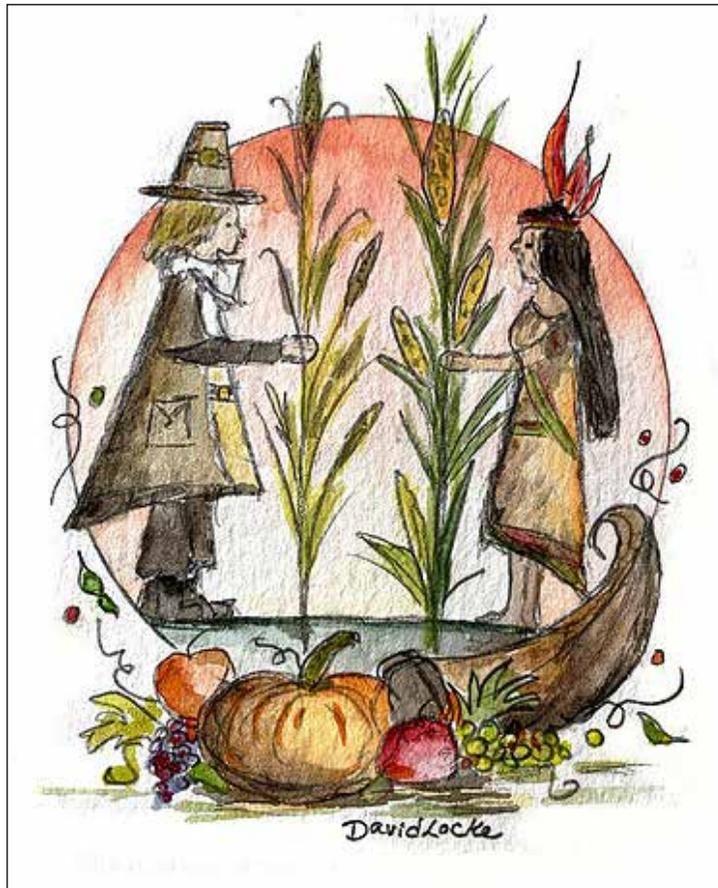
Ask a few friends and family to use their special gifts by making a certain dish or helping with the tables. Don't forget to get the kids involved in the prep.

4- Keep the Spirit of Thanksgiving

Keep Thanksgiving sacred and not part of Christmas. Enjoy Thanksgiving as the final celebration of autumn and the harvest.

5- Lose the Extravagant Cocktails and Appetizers

Remember Thanksgiving is a huge meal, and you want people



to retain their appetites. If you want to serve cocktails I'd keep it simple with Champagne.

6- Keep it Cool

Keep your house just a bit cooler than usual so your guests

don't swelter.

7-Remember to Rest and Enjoy

Take time to enjoy your family and your hard work and make space for rest and quiet in the day.

8-Cook a Limited Menu

Limit your menu to 5 items you cook well and two or three you can make ahead. Plan your Thanksgiving menu similar to the way you organize any dinner, a meat, a vegetable, a fruit, a starch and a wild card.

9- Keep Faith & Gratitude a Part of Your Celebration

Remember this holiday is not about a great meal and football. Thanksgiving is about celebrating God's gifts.

10- Just say no to Turducken

I stole this one from Ina Garten: if you think you want to make Turducken, lay down until it passes.

— By David Locke of *Boots and Bow Ties, Cooking and Gardening Blog*
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FOSTER HONORED FOR SERVICE TO FOUNDATION

Foothills Community Foundation honored founding board member Fred L. Foster at their annual meeting on November 19th. A retired newspaper publisher, Foster has served on the board of the Foundation since 1999, was instrumental in the formation of the community foundation and its qualification for the matching bequest from the William Law Watkins estate. Foster is departing the board at the end of the year.

A native of Maine, Foster attended the Salvation Army Seminary and was a commanding officer in the Salvation Army before turning to a career in the newspaper industry in 1965. He held management positions at newspapers in Oswego and Utica, NY, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, Cincinnati, New Jersey and Virginia. Locally, Mr. Foster has



Foundation President Dean Woods and Fred Foster

been recognized for his work with many community improvement organizations including AnMed Health, the Salvation Army, the Brighter Christmas Fund, the Anderson County Development Partnership, the Gambrell Foundation, Partners for a Healthy Community and the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce. Foster received the prestigious Burleigh Award from the Scripps Howard Foundation and donated the proceeds to Foothills Community Foundation. In 2004, Foster was named the United Way of Anderson County's Communitarian of the Year.

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AnMed Health e-visits offers more health care treatment options

BY LEE BOGGS

Providing convenient, expert medical care when and where you need it, AnMed Health has added new conditions to E-Visits.

Launched in the fall of 2018, E-Visits allows a current or new AnMed Health patient to complete a simple online questionnaire and receive – right in their e-mail inbox – a diagnosis and treatment plan from an AnMed Health provider in just a short period of time.



Dr. Melody Franks

“People have very busy lives, and this service gives them convenient access to the right care at the right place,” said Dr. Melody Franks, medical director, Physician Network Services. “E-Visits give patients the option to seek help for common ailments from our highly trained

providers who give them the same level of care as they would inside a practice while avoiding travel and longer time investment.”

The convenient access to primary care providers through E-Visits has been so successful that the number of conditions that patients can get help with has quickly grown from nine to 12, with more coming in 2020.

Those wide-ranging conditions include:

- Back pain
- Cough
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- Heartburn
- Poison ivy
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- Sunburn
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E-Visits enables patients (ages 18 and older) to quickly and easily connect online with AnMed Health providers, receiving diagnoses of common and minor health concerns

wherever they are. E-Visits should not be used for emergencies. For life-threatening illness or injury, call 911 immediately.



Jessica Bolden, FNP

“While I love to meet patients in person, I’m glad to know that AnMed Health has set this up so patients can get the treatment and relief that they need while still maintaining their daily schedules,” said Jessica Bolden, FNP. “Nevertheless, I treat online patients with the same personal and professional attention that I would as if I was seeing them in person. At the end of the day, all of us at AnMed Health want to help our patients be healthy, regardless of where or when we see them.”

All that is needed to use E-Visits is a computer, tablet or smartphone with an internet connection. The patient answers questions – and can attach images if they wish – on an online form and receives a diagnosis and treatment plan, all for only \$20. Most responses will be provided within four hours, from 7

a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week. A response to an after-hours request will be provided the next morning.

Medications may be prescribed if the provider decides it is appropriate. Any prescriptions will be sent electronically to the patient’s chosen pharmacy.

An E-Visit is payable by credit or debit card or a health savings account (HSA) card. There is no charge if a diagnosis and treatment plan cannot be provided or the diagnosis is more appropriate for in-person care.

Patient confidentiality is critical, so E-Visits meet all HIPAA regulations and requirements. The latest technology is used through AnMed Health’s MyChart patient portal and an Experian partnership to ensure patients’ information is secure.

To learn more about E-Visits, visit AnMedHealth.org/E-Visits. To schedule an in-office appointment at one of the many AnMed Health primary care practices near you, please call WellnessConnect at 864.512.3748 or visit AnMedHealth.org/Doctors for more information.

Lee Boggs can be reached at lee.boggs@anmedhealth.org or 864.512.8739.

Three parenting tips

Parenting is a beautiful, exhausting, and overall wonderful process. The journey is full of fun, hard work, and gratifying moments. It is also important to remember that there are no perfect parents. From reading to infants and helping with schoolwork to instilling values and prosocial behaviors throughout childhood and adulthood, parents have an enormous influence on the personal, emotional, and social development of his/her child.

In private practice, I often hear and observe several parenting traps. The below is not meant to scold, criticize, or make you feel like a failure or bad parent. The intention is to provide support, different perspectives, and hopefully some helpful material to reflect on.

- Not finding the balance between under and overdoing it with your children. Parents wholeheartedly start out with the best intentions. Sometimes intentions are based on childhood disappointments or hurts, and therefore there is a need to compensate. Consider your parenting practices. Reflect on your childhood. Where is your balance? The same balance is needed between having too high of expectations and no expectations.

- Giving too much and expecting too little. Children need parents, and they also need responsibility and chores to reduce the entitlement attitude. It is important to find age appropriate jobs where they can contribute to the family, develop greater concern for others, and also feel needed. If a family wants to use allowance, consider jars of “saving,” “spending,” and “giving.”

- Focus on being an authority figure rather



MARY-CATHERINE McCLAIN RINER

than a best friend. It can be difficult to say no to children and to establish a culture of respect. Authoritarian parenting is low on love and has minimal reasoning while permissive is high on love yet low on rules. Authoritative is a combination of moderate to high expectations balanced with love and encouragement, and overall nurturance.

- Build an intentional culture. To maximize your influence as parents, it is important to take deliberate steps in creating a positive culture with strong core values and beliefs. Consider creating a family mission statement where “we” is instilled. For example, “we show kindness in words and actions.” Set limits on screen time and carve time for meaningful rituals (e.g., family mealtime, reading; bath time; praying).

- Consider the difference between worrying about your child and being concerned about your child. Worry is fear-based and a projection of negative energy while caring is focused on positive energy. Which do you model to your family?

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On November 16, 2019, The Market Theatre Company participated in Community Theatre Festival at the 53rd Annual South Carolina Theatre Association Annual Convention.

After ending their original run on the Market stage in October, The 39 Steps team traveled to Francis Marion University in Florence, SC to perform in the beautiful FMU Performing Arts Center. On Sunday, November 17, Market Theatre received the following awards:

- State Winner
- Best Director – Drew Whitley
- Best Actor – Savvy Thompson
- Best Actor – Matt Groves
- Best Supporting Actor – Alex Bennett
- Best Costume Design – Kaitlyn Fuller
- Best Scenic Design – Cameron Woodson
- Best Sound Design – Stephanie Ibbotson
- Best Lighting Design – John Keenan
- Best Ensemble

As the State Winner, The 39 Steps will go on to participate in the regional community theatre festival at the Southeastern Theatre



Conference in Louisville, KY. Market Theatre will compete against productions from 10 other states in February 2020.

About Market Theatre:

Now concluding its fourth season, Market Theatre is located in downtown Anderson, SC, at the Anderson Arts Center. Founded

in 2015, The Market Theatre Company connects and inspires our community by creating quality art, educational opportunities, and a vibrant community arts hub.

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BY KAY WILLIS BURNS

Celebrate reading local at the Story Lines Author and Small Press Fair on Saturday, December 7 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Anderson Main Library. Over 20 authors, small press publishers, and literary artists will be at the Anderson Main Library to meet with readers, share writing tips and publishing experiences, and have books available for purchase.

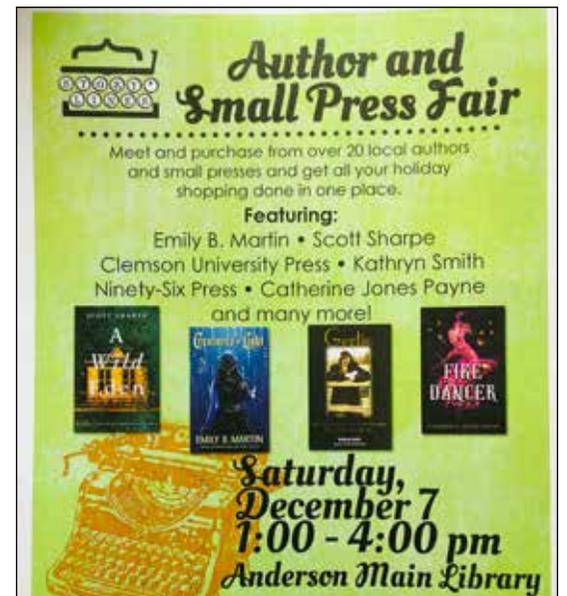
It's the perfect chance to do some holiday shopping while supporting local authors, such as Emily B. Martin, Catherine Jones Payne, Scott Sharpe, and Kathryn Smith. Emily B. Martin is the author of the *Creatures of Light*

series, an adventure fantasy series inspired in part by her work as a park ranger. Catherine Jones Payne is a YA Fantasy, author of the *Broken Tides* series and *Fire Dancer*. Scott Sharpe is the author of the South Carolina Novel Prize winning, *A Wild Eden*, the story of families, secrets, and reconciliation. Anderson's own Kathryn Smith will also be at the Fair with her newest book, *Gertie, The Fabulous Life of Gertrude Sanford Legendre, Heiress, Explorer, Socialite, end Spy*. Additional authors will be at the event, and all authors will have books available for purchase and signing.

Clemson University Press and Ninety-Six Press from Furman University will also be at

the Fair with their recently published books. Clemson University Press's catalog of books highlights the critical and creative output of Clemson University. Established in 2000, Clemson University Press has expanded in recent years, adding approximately twenty-five books and journal issues per year to its strong backlist of more than a hundred titles. In 2014, the Press entered into partnership with Liverpool University Press, an award-winning publisher of distinguished scholarship since 1899. Through this strategic international partnership, the Press is a global ambassador for Clemson University (an R1 classified, top-25 public university), distributing diverse and impactful scholarship worldwide. Their publishing program continues to highlight the rigorous standard of critical and creative output from Clemson and further distinguishes the University as a center for research and culture. All their publications enjoy the highest standards through external review and appraisal by the Editorial Advisory Board.

Ninety-Six Press was established in 1991 at Furman University in Greenville, SC. In July 2015, the press and its assets were formally donated to the Furman University



OUR COUNTY'S NAMESAKE

BY RICH OTTER

Most of us are aware that the namesake for Anderson County and the City of Anderson was Revolutionary War Col. Robert Anderson, but know little beyond that. It is time to pay our respects to this interesting individual if you have not recently reviewed Louise Ayer Vandiver's *Traditions and History of Anderson County* from which this material was bountifully borrowed.

Col. Anderson was born November 15, 1741 in Augusta County, Virginia, son of a planter who was an immigrant from Ireland. Anderson became a surveyor and left home to pursue his vocation in the South Carolina Cherokee country.

Vandiver tells of Anne Thompson, a young girl he left behind. Two years passed and Anne and others presumed Anderson was dead as nothing had been heard from him. Anderson, however, not knowing she had given up hope and was to be married, was on his way home to claim his bride when informed of her plans.

Vandiver describes Anne at an upstairs room of her home with bridesmaids on her wedding day. She looked out the window and saw a horseman approaching. Vandiver quotes the amazed Anne: "By my soul! Yonder comes Robert Anderson and I love his little finger better than I do the other man's whole body!" (Vandiver's source is not revealed.)

In short, they rode off into the sunset and had five children. After her death Robert had two other marriages, outliving both subsequent spouses.

With the coming of the Revolutionary War, Robert Anderson volunteered and became a sergeant in the 5th S.C. Regiment, later rising to Captain under his friend and neighbor

Andrew Pickens. With Pickens, there were a number of engagements: against Boyd's Loyalists, at Charleston, around Savannah, at Cowpens (when Pickens was made a Brigadier General and Anderson a Colonel), and on the line between Augusta and Ninety-six. He was involved in the capture of Augusta with "Light Horse" Harry Lee, and also served at the battles of Eutaw and Musgrove Mills.

Following the defeat of the British, he was active in driving Cherokees from upstate South Carolina and participated in several other battles against the Cherokees. He was respected by his Indian adversaries. They called him "Old Thunder Gusty" that Vandiver

interprets as reflecting his temper equaled only by his courage. In the state militia he was given the title General.

Following the war he served four terms in the State Legislature. He died January 9, 1831 owning 2,100 acres, including 460 that were bounty lands. When the Old Pendleton District was divided into counties Anderson County was named for him and Pickens County for General Andrew Pickens. He participated in the laying out of Andersonville which was named for him as was later the City of Anderson.

He was a slave owner but provided in his will that they were not to be sold "unless they should turn out to be thieves, and unless they cannot be restrained by good treatment, friendly cautious and merciful use of the rod or correction."

He was an elder at the Old Stone Church but when he died his remains were buried on his own land due to flooding. When Hartwell Lake was constructed he was removed to the Old Stone Church Cemetery where he lies near his friend Andrew Pickens.



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Anderson Toy Parade celebrates 39 years of giving back

BY JULIE BAILES JOHNSON

When the Confederates Motorcycle Club decided to give their image a boost, they never dreamed it would involve 39 years of giving back to the community.

"We wanted to remove the stigma of a motorcycle club and decided the best way to do that was to get involved with a great cause and help our community," says Robert "Little Man" Fagg. "Years ago our friend Jack Hurley, a sports writer, agreed to help us promote the idea of a toy drive for underprivileged kids," Little Man says. "We were all in".

The Confederates decided to have a Christmas parade that involved an entry fee and a toy donation. The toys would be donated to the South Carolina Department of Social Services and that department would distribute them to local children in need.

Little Man has never missed a parade in 39 years, either riding or working on the sidelines organizing and managing traffic flow. Friend Lonnie Hunsinger has also never missed the parade since its inception. "It's an amazing sight to see on the day of the

parade and it feels good knowing our efforts are well received and make the kids happy," says Hunsinger. "In addition to the entry fees, proceeds from t-shirts sales are also donated," he says.

"Over the years, t-shirt sales have brought in tens of thousands of dollars for the Brighter Christmas Fund. That money is given to Foothills Foundation and they distribute the funds to families who are struggling financially," Hunsinger says. "This year we have about 300 sponsors listed on the t-shirts." Timms Harley Davidson has been a major supporter from the beginning. "We also receive tremendous support from the City of Anderson Police Department," Hunsinger

says. "They always help by blocking the streets and rerouting traffic."

The parade, which is held the Sunday after Thanksgiving, started with a few dozen riders. Last year there were between three and four thousand riders from surrounding cities and states. With toys from each rider, there was enough to fill three large truck loads. "It was the best feeling," says Little Man.



The parade starts at the Watson Village Shopping Center and ends in the Civic Center parking lot. "We end the ride at the Civic Center and start loading the toys into the trucks," he says. "We usually have food and music after it's over. This year, Jackie's Starr Mart will be selling Brunswick stew and donating the proceeds," Little Man says.

Four to five months of planning is needed. Each year, Little Man and Hunsinger get in the car and ride around to visit sponsors. "It's

a lot of leg work," they joke. But they do it with a smile and a big heart.

To donate to the Brighter Christmas Fund go to www.foothillsfoundation.org or you can mail a check to Brighter Christmas Fund, 907 North Main Street, Anderson SC 29621.

Thanks to Little Man, Lonnie Hunsinger, the Confederates Motorcycle Club and dozens of other dedicated volunteers for their years of hard work, dedication and contributions to the kids and this community.



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NIBBLE AND SIP

Balancing the Ho-Ho-Ho with the Whoa-Whoa-Whoa

Like so many areas in life, finding the right pace is key, and this time of year is no exception. The period between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day offers more dinner parties, drop-ins, and cocktail gatherings than the other 11 months combined. And if you're not careful with all of those triple crême cheeses,



Kim von Keller

pigs in blankets, and red velvet cupcakes, the Santa suit that hangs off of you on December 1 will fit you like a glove by Christmas day. That's why I like to carefully plan the way I Nibble and Sip during the holiday season. I won't pass up a full-fat, rum-enhanced, whipped cream-topped eggnog, and if you've rented one of those chocolate fountains, stand out of my way. But I also enjoy beverages that are lighter in alcohol and bites that are big on taste and nutritional value.

If you're hosting over the holidays or attending a potluck gathering, I hope you'll prepare Roasted Red Pepper Hummus and The Poinsettia cocktail. They're both chock-full of flavor, and they each contain a vitamin or two. Don't you dare pass up a fondue pot or a spiked hot cocoa, but if you strike the right balance this month, you can say yes without guilt. Someone else can fill out the Santa suit this year.

Roasted Red Pepper Hummus
15 oz. canned navy beans, rinsed and drained
2 garlic cloves, roughly chopped
½ c. jarred roasted red bell peppers, drained
1/3 c. tahini
¼ cup fresh lemon juice
¾ t. salt
¼ t. ground cumin
¼ t. ground coriander
¼ t. ground red pepper
2 T. olive oil
1 T. chopped fresh cilantro
pita chips and raw vegetables for serving.
In a food processor, combine the first nine ingredients, beans through ground red pepper, and process until smooth. Gradually add the oil in a stream, processing again until well-combined and smooth. Transfer the hummus to a serving dish and stir in the cilantro by hand. Chill for at least an hour, and serve with pita chips and raw vegetables. Serves 8.

The Poinsettia
1/2 ounce orange liqueur
2 ounces cranberry juice cocktail, chilled
2 ounces sparkling wine, chilled
In a Champagne flute, combine the orange liqueur and chilled cranberry juice cocktail, stirring until combined. Add the sparkling wine, stir gently, and serve. Serves one.

A little obsessed with fashion

When it comes to fashion I'm no expert, but I am a little obsessed. I dream about certain pieces and dresses and jackets. I love to look at the latest labels and things trending and new designers. The industry is at its peak at the moment. So much gorgeous wardrobe and there are new designers that I'm discovering and you should too. Hey, if we can't buy it we can still look and get ideas, then find something similar. Put it on our wish lists at least.

Alice McCall is an Australian fashion company. It's got a 60's approach. Mini dresses for a party and bejeweled jumpsuits are her thing. It looks like you stepped right into the Whiskey A Go-Go. Her color scheme is fantastical and dreamy. I'm in love with her designs. Another designer is Zimmerman, also an Aussie label. It's resort ware. Their dresses are flowy and intricate. Maxi dresses and beautiful one piece bathing suits made with ruffled flock tulle and plunging necklines with linen. All elegant and just breathtaking.

Another label I'm into is an American company by the name of Alice and Olivia. She is based in Manhattan. Think if Andy

Warhol designed clothing and that's basically her design. Bright and funky. Rainbow printed snakeskin and leather. Brightly colored blazers.



Kristine March

Butterflies and tie-dyed skirts made of chiffon. Like you walked out of an abstract painting. So amazing!

I'm also loving another collection based out of NYC called Love Shack Fancy. It's designs are that of a romantic English garden. So lovely. Lavender chunky sweaters over billowy rose printed skirts and frilly socks and platforms. Puffed sleeves and metallic organza. Ultra feminine and exquisite. These collections will hopefully inspire and maybe make you even daydream for a little while. Pretend like you're in the South of France on holiday or at a garden party in the Cotswolds. Like I always say, a girl can dream. Remember to make the sidewalk your runway and most importantly kindness matters.

HOT HITS

HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES

I love this time of year. Not because of all the wonderful decorations and lights, or the incredible food and drinks, not even because of the gatherings of friends and family. I mean all those things are wonderful, but this is the time of year when we get to see our favorite performers on television. It starts with the

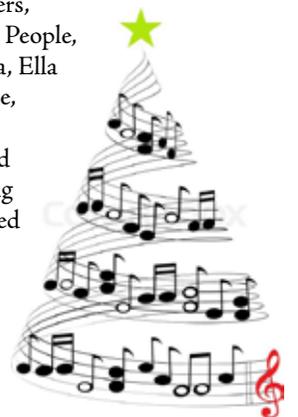


Justin Tyme

Day Parade. This year get ready for The Black Eyed Peas, Chicago, and TLC to perform. Following the parade, we look forward to the tree lighting in Rockefeller Center and get ready for the greatest female singer of all time to take center stage. The one and only Diana Ross will join John Legend, Martina McBride, and Tony Bennett.

My favorite show of the holidays however happens on New Years Eve. Dick Clark's Rockin New Years Eve from Times Square.

My tradition is to sit at home with my dog and enjoy the night all by myself. Call me an introvert but its my most favorite night of the year. The best performance ever was when Mariah Carey made a mess live on tv. I laughed for days. This year we look forward to a whole bunch of great acts including but not limited to Christina Aguilera, Lauren Alaina, Kelsea Ballerini, Bazzi, Kane Brown, Camila Cabello, The Chainsmokers, Ciara, Foster the People, Halsey, Dua Lipa, Ella Mai, Post Malone, Shawn Mendes, Charlie Puth, and Weezer. It's going to be a music filled joyous time. I hope this holiday season is the best ever for you and your family.

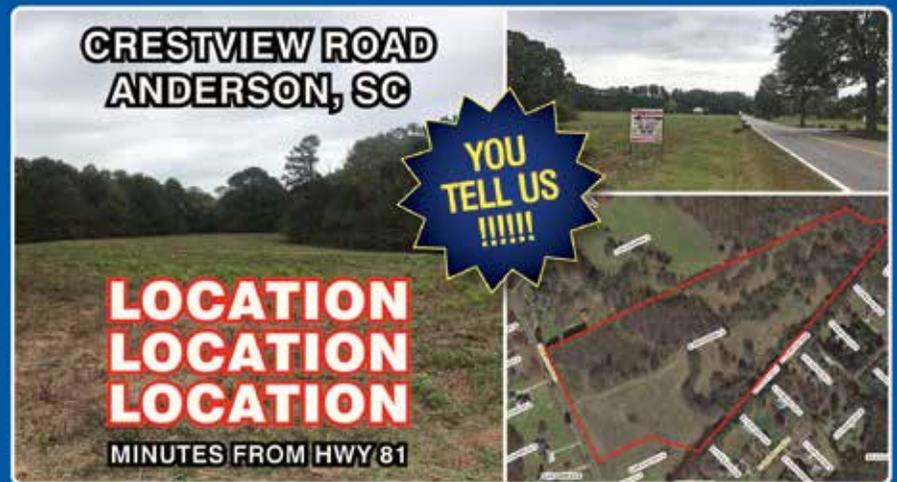


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THE GARDEN SHOP

Seasonal interest with ornamental grasses

Back in the summer several magazines and newsletters had articles about ornamental grasses. This influenced me to think about adding more to my garden. Pink muhly grass (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*) is a stunning favorite every fall in my garden. So much so that it catches Husband's eye. Heavy metal (*Panicum virgatum*) is great during the summer with its steel blue foliage. It also adds just the right amount of height without blocking the view across the yard. Both are native and are well behaved clumpers. Some ornamental grasses spread by runners. This might be okay in some spots but usually need a particular area where they can spread. Some flop open in the middle too. These do not.

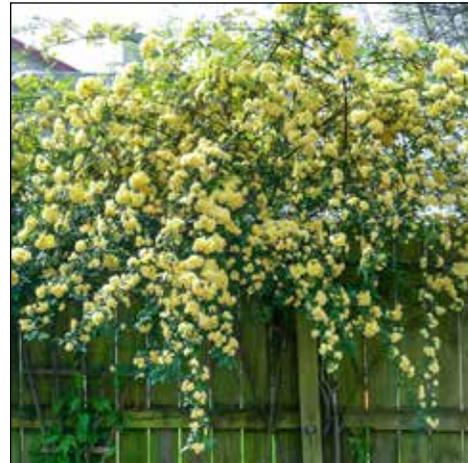
Last summer I put up two vintage metal porch columns at the far edge of the yard then planted Lady Banks (*Rosa banksiae*) roses on each one. I've tried a few times to grow Lady Banks and failed. Each spring when they bloom, it makes me want to try again. Having the lovely spring flowers, and blocking a neighbor's light pollution, is the plan for this try. The two roses may someday grow together but probably won't due to how the sun moves. I've learned over the years that



SUSAN TEMPLE
master gardener

lots of plants at my place grow three sided due to the woods. However, that makes for some interesting views too as I get to see bark and growth patterns of plants I may not normally see if they were full on all sides. Plus, it will also take many years for these roses to grow together...another case of me planting something and wondering if I'll live long enough to see it mature. Deer ate them too so their growth the first year was quite stunted. Wrapping the little plants in chicken wire solved that though.

In front of, and between, the two columns I've added some grasses. The steel blue color should look really good with the dark background of Lady Banks' evergreen stems. Then in winter the beige color of the grasses will really stand out against the dark green. They will also blow in the wind out on the edge



Lady Banks on a fence

of the pasture where this spot is. Then, if I wanted to really give thought to the design, the grasses will flow into the broom sedge Mother Nature put in the pasture. Hopefully in a few years this spot will be worthy of sharing a picture.

The two new varieties are switch grass, Prairie Sky and Apache Rose (*Panicum virgatum*). Prairie Sky is supposed to have the same blue color as Heavy Metal with rusty



Prairie Sky in fall

colors in the fall and grow to about six or seven feet tall and half that wide. Apache Rose is a bit shorter at about four feet and almost as wide. Ornamental grasses provide food and cover for birds, are deer resistant, and drought tolerant. Other than a hard trim in very late winter, they don't require anything else much. Every garden should have some.

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Dear LinkedIn: Let's talk about Christmas

With Christmas less than a month away, I've been thinking a lot about cookie swaps, decorating... and LinkedIn, the website and mobile app. While it's not a dating app, LinkedIn is a lot like a dating app, except that instead of matching you with that special someone who loves sushi and roller derby, it matches you with fellow professionals or employers who have, or are interested in, your particular skill set. I have a LinkedIn account because everyone I know has one, and I'm very susceptible to peer pressure. Most of my interaction with the app, though, involves reminding it on a daily basis that, no, I do NOT know Maggie R. in Seattle, no matter HOW many TIMES it asks.

Since LinkedIn allows members to post their résumés and employers to post job openings, a popular feature is the app's notification of Jobs Recommended for You. Using keyword matching, members are notified when jobs related to their education or work experience become available. For example, I list in my LinkedIn résumé that I have an English degree and have worked as a teacher, editor, marketing assistant, and writer. This means that I am occasionally notified when employers are looking for someone like me to work as a blogger or a communications manager or even a

television reporter. So imagine my surprise when I got this exciting offer just two weeks ago:

Job Recommended for You:
Small Arms/Artillery Repairer with the United States Army.



Kim von Keller

All I can say is this: If I ever become responsible for the maintenance of the weapons used by our brave military men and women in combat, it won't be long before Putin is at our doorstep and they're serving up borscht at the Zesto.

Regardless of what LinkedIn thinks, there are two things missing from my résumé: the ability to digest eggplant, and spatial sense. And while the eggplant thing is fairly easy to work around, the inability to see shapes in space is a real handicap. If, like me, you're not 100% clear on right and left, it would be difficult to replace the loose thingy on a machine gun or rebuild a howitzer.

Or plan and execute a Christmas celebration. Is my garland symmetrical? No. Can I find my car in relation to the entrances of Target and Bed Bath & Beyond? No. Can I correctly

match my volume of snickerdoodles to the appropriately sized cookie tin? No. Do I put a Santa that is 2 feet tall in a Christmas village when the cottages are only 18 inches high? Sort of creepy, but, yes, I do. From the purchase of the gifts to the post-dinner cleanup, Christmas is inherently a daily geometry quiz, and I fail it on a daily basis.

When my daughter was in elementary school, I was the darling of the PTO, buying reams of wrapping paper so that when I cut the pieces too small, I would have the backup I needed to get me through December. Because of their easy right angles, my favorite gift to give is a book, whether you want one or not. I don't know who popularized the use of the gift bag, but in my pantheon of useful items, it's right up there with air-conditioning and the Salad Shooter.

And so, LinkedIn, I'd like to wish you a wonderful holiday season, but let my professional experience and Christmas failings guide you when recommending job prospects. I can describe an M2 Browning, but I cannot repair one. I can blog about the most reliable brand of Christmas lights, but I cannot hang them. But if you still think I might make a good television reporter, I'm willing to give it a try. Just remember that my left side is my best side. Or maybe, it's my right.

PILLOW TALKING

Have you ever wondered how those fancy, pretentious interior design magazines have perfect pillows that sit on \$30,000 sofas like little soldiers? How can a pillow be so stunning and stand at attention so perfectly? There are a few tricks that can turn a flat, floppy pillow into a gorgeous full-bodied delight.

The most important element to having full, fluffy pillows is having interesting fabrics that have body. If your fabric is thin or flimsy, adding a liner and/or using the next size-up pillow insert will help create structure and overall volume. I like to use heavy fabrications like denim, brocade wools, tapestry fabrics and, the latest trend in the world of pillows, fur. Pillows that have a dimensional or 3D quality to its fabric, not only make for intriguing textures, but also provide added body due to the nape of the fabric or the pattern itself. Flat screened designs can be fun but usually do not translate into a luxury feel.

Solid colors are always a winner, but again make sure you use a lot of texture in the fabric; linen and velvet are great dimensional textiles.

Most quality pillow covers come with invisible zippers, helping highlight pattern without the distraction of the practical. Some people prefer a more traditional shabby chic approach using buttons. Either cover works well.



Clay Martin

Once you've chosen an interesting pillow design now it's time to choose how you stuff the pillow. There are basically two ways to stuff a pillow. One can use fiber fill with the other being some variation of feathers and down. Let's talk about fiber fill: Fiber fill is exactly that; shreds of poly or nylon fibers stuffed into a non-fabric liner or cotton shell. These fibers can be very soft, or they can be course and rigid. Most companies today use a soft fiber that feels supple in a well stuffed pillow, sometimes referred to as a down alter-

native. If you use poly-fiber the key is making sure you use enough to keep the pillow plump and full. You might ask why am I not mentioning foam? Foam can sometimes be used as a core but is too rigid for a soft, luxurious pillow. The biggest disadvantage to down substitutes is, while perky, they aren't malleable enough for shaping and arranging. They appear more rigid, losing any sense of its relaxed form that we look for in that perfect pillow.

The other insert, which is my favorite, is a combination of down and feather. This combination gives you great shape and fullness, but also gives you the softness your friends will burrow into when they sit. There is nothing as cozy as a feather pillow. The composition can vary from an 85/15 mix, 95/5 to 100% down. Down is a little too soft for my taste so I always use the 95 feather and 5 down mixture. It's important that you buy the insert that uses twill fabric, so the feathers don't poke through. This gives you a beautifully fluffed pillow and allows for that signature 'karate chop' that creates a beautiful V on top of every perfect pillow.

Here's to good fluffing!
Clay

Dear Kay, the Genealogist

Dear Kay,
How many DNA tests does one family need?
Sincerely,
Dazed and Confused

Dear Dazed and Confused,
The short answer is, how many people are in your family? If you've already taken the AncestryDNA test, you may think you're done. You could test other family members, but since you're related, they will have the same results as you, right? Not exactly.

Both you and your biological family inherited your DNA from your ancestors, but like most inheritances, who actually ends up with what can get a little messy. It's true, you share DNA with other members of your family, but each of you gets a unique mix and different amounts from various ancestors. So the closer you can get to a DNA source, and the more sources you can identify, the more you can learn about your family and grow your family tree.

PARENTS

You get half your DNA from Mom and half from Dad. One of the most powerful benefits of having their DNA tested is being able to assign your DNA matches to a specific branch of your family tree. Ancestry will now call out DNA matches as "Mom's side" or "Dad's side" for parents you've had tested. Also, getting them tested lets you dig into the half of their DNA that you didn't get. Odds are they will have DNA matches that you don't have. Imagine the possibilities!

GRANDPARENTS

If you're lucky enough to still have living grandparents, having their DNA tested can pay even bigger dividends than testing your parents. Remember, not only does it allow you to assign matches to even more specific branches of your tree, but your grandparents' DNA has mixed once since coming down to your parents and twice since coming down to you. So, while your DNA can give you high confidence matches 5-6 generations back, your grandparents' DNA matches can connect 7-8 generations back from you with that same level of high confidence.

SIBLINGS

Unless you're an identical twin, your siblings received a different

mix of DNA from your parents than you did. While results can be similar between siblings, ethnicities can vary, and a sibling may also connect to DNA matches that you don't. This may seem counter intuitive, but remember, DNA inheritance involves a great deal of randomness. Testing a sibling opens the possibility for you to discover new cousins.

AUNTS, UNCLES, AND COUSINS

Your aunts and uncles have a significant link to you and can be a great proxy for, or supplement to, your parents' and grandparents' DNA. You will likely share similar matches, which can help determine which branch of your family tree a match belongs to. And like your parents, grandparents, and siblings, the matches you don't share could lead you to new discoveries in your family tree. Plus, it's a great way to get others in the family involved in your family research.

YOUR SPOUSE

You may have a lot of things in common with your spouse, but DNA matches are not usually one of them. So your DNA test won't help trace your spouse's family tree. Having your spouse tested can also be lots of fun. You can compare your ethnicity results, see who gets the most matches, and share your findings with the rest of your family. If you have children, testing both you and your spouse's DNA can help paint the picture of the heritage you each passed down to them.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Test Older Relatives First. By testing the "oldest" DNA in the family tree, you get the strongest connection to the past. Consider this: a fourth cousin to you is a third cousin to your parent and a second cousin to your grandparent. Because the relationship is closer, you can go further back in time with more confidence by testing older relatives. And, sadly, our older family members are our most endangered. So it always makes sense to test the oldest living relatives in your family tree on each of your branches.

So, now it's your turn. Get started and get testing!

Sincerely,
Dear Kay

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Thoughts on Thanksgiving 2K19

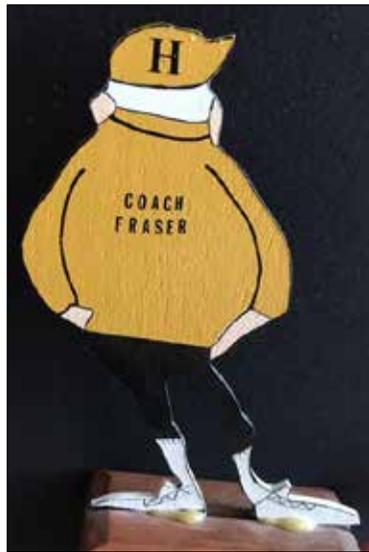
BY JIM FRASER

In the annals of history, America's most favored status has never been questioned. In its relatively short 243 year history its success have far outnumbered its failures. It's bounty in providing for her populace and producing a standard of living that most of the world's population cannot even visualize.

With that in mind Americans have traditionally been a grateful people. Their thankfulness is exhibited by observing a day of Thanksgiving.

As we gather in this spirit, indulge me to deviate from the norm and list a few things I'm NOT thankful for on this 2K19.

1. This insidious debilitating crippling political division that



has polarized our nation. That has pitted family members, childhood

chums, co-workers and best friends against each other. We have been busted open like a rotten watermelon. Moderation that sustained our nation throughout her tumultuous history has been replaced by almost religious zealotry both to the liberal left and the conservative right. It's like we're playing a baseball game without a center fielder. The Holy Bible said it best when it exhorted us to "In all things show moderation."

2. Capitalism runs amok. It's a fact that our system is the finest, but I long for a compassionate capitalism that lets the proletariat (worker) share the corps' success rather than only the owners and stockholders.

3. Crucifying our young people on a "Cross of gold". The ad campaigns that some of these on line

games promote are almost obscene. To suggest to a vulnerable audience that "Greatness awaits you", if you play this mindless video game should somehow be altered to protect our pliable young minds. Greatness awaits your if you read Moby Dick or Les Miserables or you invest in a sport or a church sponsored activity.

4. Cyberbullying to promulgate that it's cool to vape, binge drink, smoke dope, and yes even to commit suicide should be expunged from our airwaves.

5. The acceptance, the throw up your hands attitude that there's nothing we can do about the opioid crisis, mass shootings, health care, and the plethora of many other of our problems is not the American

way. Let's adopt the Marine Corps attitude - "The difficult we do now, the impossible takes a little longer".

6. The retreat from our leadership role as the leader of the free world. Yes, Americans are the most thankful because we're the most blessed. We cannot, we must not abandon our destiny. When a breach occurs at the top somebody always emerges. It must be the USA and not some totalitarian, godless regime.

Happy musings and a most joyous and bountiful Thanksgiving!

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.

A tribute to the house on North Street

As is true for most everyone, life is full of experiences that define our character, give us direction and create the essence of who we will eventually become as individuals. We can also all agree that, no matter how well we try to map out how we "think things should go" along our journey, there will always be twists and turns that could never have been predicted- but somehow still allows us to grow and experience life in truly amazing ways. I'm therefore thankful for the many trials and challenges I have experienced- and cherish the memories and blessings that are now a part of my life. This truth is expressed best by one of my favorite quotes:

"Life needs to be like a roller-coaster ride with ups and downs. Otherwise, it's not exciting". N.T. Rama Rao, Jr.

Recently my family and I experienced such an adventure that will undoubtedly change our lives forever. I would like to share with you a few of the precious moments we experienced during our "leap of faith" over the past two years.

Moving to the house on North Street was truly a "scary" leap of faith for our family. It was the first step along our journey to building our "dream home". The house on North Street, which would be our first "flip house" had a lot of potential- but was also very old and would require a lot of work and money to make it sellable. The amount of work and money required, and how much the house would sell for, was unclear- making the venture risky at best. Believing that my husband and I could somehow work together to make the flip successful, we decided to sell our current home and move into the home we would be flipping. The deal was closed one week shy of Christmas.

Our first task was to purchase a \$10 Christmas tree from Lowe's, which we had to decorate with a strand of lights from the front porch since we couldn't find the right moving box containing our Christmas decorations. As our journey began, we were amazed at how one door after another began to open up for us. It soon became evident to us that moving to the house on North Street was indeed the right move- although there were many hurdles yet to clear. What I didn't expect was how bitter-sweet our short time at the house on North Street would be. Not only would we learn a



Katie Laughridge

lot about patience, perseverance, and the Lord's faithfulness, but we would also make many special memories there that would remain with us forever.

It was in the house on North Street that Stella, our oldest daughter, lost her first tooth (and then five more), and also where our youngest daughter, Cora, started kindergarten. I will also cherish the memory of when my two precious daughters decided to push their single beds together- since sleeping together would be the best thing ever, and watching their joy as they rode their "Barbie cars" up and down the narrow sidewalks- begging to go beyond the big red stop sign—every single time. I'll also will never forget the many special family celebrations we hosted in our front yard- asking our guests



to use "caution" as they entered the construction zone inside!

Our short time at the house on North Street also allowed us to witness what true "southern hospitality" looked like. Our family was blessed time after time with fresh baked goodies on our doorstep at Christmas, dinner parties with neighbors that sometimes just looked like eating pizza around the coffee table, Christmas caroling, trick-or-treating in the back of neighbor's car trailers, switching needed baking items back and forth in the middle of cooking for our families, and people checking on you just because they genuinely cared. Through these special people I learned a lot about the kind of neighbor and friend I will strive to be in the future.

Amidst the fun times were many trials as well. I'll never forget the times when our plumbing got clogged, our backyard was flooded or when the air conditioning stopped working for weeks at a time - right in the middle of the summer! There were also times when projects seemed to never end, and cost more than we had

ever anticipated. Through it all, I witnessed my husband work harder than ever - spending countless hours working at home after enduring a strenuous day on his day job. I was equally amazed at how our family quickly learned how to adjust and "make-do" while living life in a constant construction zone! The challenging times we endured as a family were also extremely important, as they served to teach us how to look for the JOY in each day - while staying focused on what really mat-

ters. Our family moved into the house on North Street believing it was merely a necessary, slightly aggravating, step along the journey to building our dream home. It never occurred to us how much we would love our home, our sweet neighbors and discover how special the North Street neighborhood really is. We were blessed to have lived there- even for a short period of time.

I share all of this because of the many important lessons I learned while living at the house on North Street. It became clear to me that, no matter if you live in a brand new house, a 70 year old home that needs tons of updates, or an apartment—you can still make it HOME. I learned that HOME is a place to gather, make memories, snuggle up and read together, sit at the table and do homework together, pray, start and continue traditions, learn from the people around you, and continue to believe that the best is yet to come! Home is most definitely "where your heart is"!

"Life is what you make it. Always has been, always will be." - Eleanor Roosevelt

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Basketball season arrives for Crescent boys, girls

BY DAN LACOBIE

The 2019/2020 basketball season, believe it or not, is open for business.

To some it seems the school year has just started but to the students, not so much.

Coach Cory Drennon's Tigers will get rolling Thursday December 5th versus

Calhoun Falls Charter school at 8:00 p.m. The Tigers will face Anderson Christian school December 7th and Abbeville on December 17th.

Last year's Tiger basketball team finished the season 10 – 10, 2 – 8. Looking to build on last year, this year's roster is as follows:

- #0 Bryson Robinson, 5'7" Senior guard.
- #1 Kaydon Sauers, 6'6" Sophomore center/forward.
- #2 Moses Kemp, 6'6" Junior forward.
- #3 Kione McWhorter, 5'8" Senior point guard.
- #5 Cody Drummond, 6'2" Sophomore guard.

- #10 Landon Sauers, 6'5" Junior forward.
- #11 Kaleb Roper, 5'9" Senior guard.
- #12 John Lacancha, 5'6" Sophomore guard.

- #13 Luke Miller, 6'0" Senior guard/forward.
- #14 Regan Hendrickson, 6'1" Sophomore forward.
- #22 Hunter Gillespie, 6'4" Sophomore forward/center.
- #23 Jayden Vincent, 6'2" Senior forward.
- #24 Derian Richardson, 6'5" Senior forward/center.

Best of luck to the men's Tiger basketball team. Now let's look at the 2019/2020

Crescent Lady Tigers basketball team.

The Lady Tigers kick off the season with a trip down to Dixie High School on December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Following the Dixie game, the Lady Tigers will take on Calhoun Falls Charter on December 5th and 6th at Crescent High.

Lady's head coach Shavoyae Brown will lead the team in the season ahead. (numbers and first names for each player unavailable),

- Junior, A. Leach,
- Sophomore, C. Carver,
- Senior, C Crocker,
- 8th grade, C. Baldwin,
- Sophomore, E. Davis,
- Senior, K. Thompson,
- Senior, K. Spires,
- 8th grade, M. Harrison.,
- Junior, S. Brewster.

I apologize for numbers and first name for the Lady Tigers not being available. I will have those as soon as possible. Good luck to the Lady Tigers as they make their way through the season.



PENDLETON BULLDOGS

After playoff loss, Pendleton moves on to hoops

BY DAN LACOBIE

The Pendleton Bulldogs football team ended the regular season with a win over the Seneca Bobcats, 55 – 26. The following week, the Bulldogs hosted Southside in the 1st round of the playoffs. The Bulldogs won 23 - 12.

The 2nd round of the playoffs saw the Pendleton team up against the Woodruff Wolverines. The Wolverines at (10 – 4, 4 – 1) proved to be a thorn in the side of the Bulldogs. Woodruff ended Pendleton's playoff run, 52 – 6.

Congratulations to the seniors of the class of 2020 on a well-played season. And to the returning underclassmen of the class of 2021, good luck on the upcoming season.

With that being said, we can now move on to high school basketball at Pendleton. Last year's Bulldogs finished a successful 16 – 7, 9 – 1. The Dogs made the playoffs but lost to Fairfield-Central 50 – 37.

A quick look at Coach Darrel Hedrick's roster will show the talent he

has coming back on the hardwood:

- #2 Bobby Spear, 5'10" Senior guard.
- #3 Mario Sanders, Junior guard/ forward.
- # 4 Ellison Walker, 6'1" Senior guard/forward.
- #5 Jett Hammes, Junior guard.
- #10 Cam Hulme, Senior guard.
- #11 Collin Milstead, 5'10" Senior guard.
- #23 Isaiah Sadler, Senior power forward.
- #24 Jaquan Sanders, Senior center/ power forward.

Coach Hedrick's team opens up the season with a tournament in Franklin County, GA in a game with the host team on November 23rd. The month of December will begin

with an away game against the Palmetto Mustangs on the 3rd.

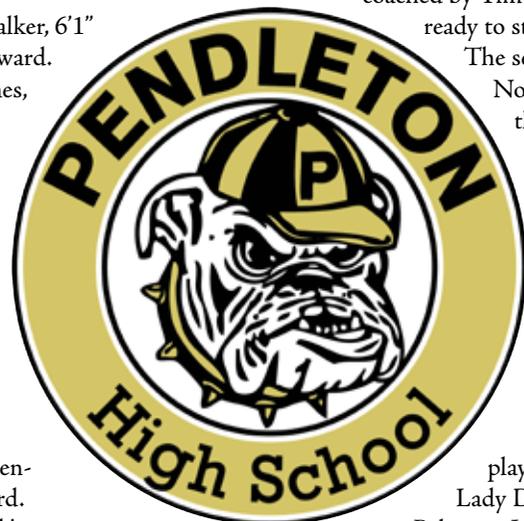
The Pendleton Lady Bulldogs, coached by Tim Wood, are ready to start the season.

The season begins on November 23rd in the JB Bearden Tournament in Franklin County, Georgia versus Westside High School. The tourney continues on the 25th and 26th of November.

Opening up play in December, the Lady Dogs will face the Palmetto Lady Mustangs on the 3rd at Palmetto at 6:30 p.m.

The line-up for the Lady Bulldogs for this season will look like this (as provided by maxpreps .com)

- #3 Nya Buxton, Sophomore guard.
 - #3 Kristian Peppers, Junior guard.
 - #4 Karsen Cheek, Senior guard.
 - #5 Somarian Webb, Sophomore guard.
 - #10 Penny Armstrong, Sophomore guard.
 - #10 Onasia Campbell, Junior shooting forward.
 - #10 Mahogani Martin, guard.
 - #11 Miangel Johnson, Freshman guard.
 - #14 Nyla Hall, Senior forward.
 - #15 Kiara Young, Freshman forward.
 - #22 Amelia Kizer, Junior forward.
 - #24 Makayla Blango, Freshman forward.
 - #25 Paige Partain, Sophomore forward
 - #32 Mattie Chambers, Freshman forward.
 - #32 Bridget Che, Senior forward.
 - #35 Lindsey Reid-Fowler, Freshman guard/forward.
 - #44 Sage Dowis, Sophomore center.
- Good luck to both the lady and men's basketball teams at Pendleton High School.



Yellow Jackets turning attention to basketball season

BY DAN LACOBIE

It's almost "turkey" day and it's also the end of the 2019 high school football season. While several playoff games determine who will play in the state championship in a few weeks, most of us are turning our attention to the holidays and basketball season.

The T.L. Hanna High School varsity football team had a successful season under first-year coach Jason Tone finishing 7 - 3, 5 - 2 with a playoff berth.

Now we turn our attention to high school basketball. Last year's Hanna team finished 19 - 8, 11 - 3. With 6 returning seniors and 7 juniors, this squad looks to improve going forward.

Let's take a look at this year's T.L. Hanna men's basketball team coached by Keith Arrington:

- #1 Senior Preston Pettway, 6'1" guard.
- #2 Junior Rod Clinkscales, 5'9" guard.
- #3 Senior Trey Hall, 5'11" guard.
- #4 Junior James Lovorn, 5'11" guard.

- #5 Junior Dee Burriss, 5'9" guard.
- #10 Junior Ben White, 5'10" guard.
- #11 Junior Devin Norris, 6'0" guard.
- #12 Senior Romaine Henderson, 6'2" forward.

#14 Junior Jaheim Blanding-Witcher, 6'2" forward.

#20 Senior Jaheim Hogan, 6'3" forward.

#21 Junior Zack Walker, 6'1" guard.

#22 Sophomore Marcus Whiting, 6'0" guard.

- #23 Senior Sayil Blackwell, 6'2" guard.
- #32 Senior John Rogers, 6'7" forward.

In the first part of the season the Jackets will play in the Impact Sports

Invitational at Spartanburg Christian Academy on November 25th, 26th and 27th. On December 3rd, Hanna will face the Spartanburg Vikings at the Hanna gymnasium.

The women's basketball team from last year went a successful 19 - 7, 10 - 4 and made the 2nd round of the state playoffs last year. They also look to improve on those numbers and make their way

back to the state championship.

As of press-time, the women's team will be focusing on the Lady Red Raider Thanksgiving Invitational Tournament on November 23rd, 24th and 25th, (Results

next issue).

Three seniors and 5 juniors return from last season to lead the Jackets' campaign this season. Those players are as follows:

- #1 DeAsia Marshall, Senior point guard.
 - #3 Caroline Jones, Sophomore guard.
 - #4 Leah Dotson, Junior guard.
 - #5 Carmen Chandler, Senior guard.
 - #12 Alana Webster, Junior guard.
 - #21 Shatajha Norris, Junior point guard.
 - #22 Grace Ikeneqbu, Freshman point guard.
 - #23 Alexis Glover, Junior guard.
 - #24 Maleia Bracone, Senior point guard.
 - #32 Yas Martin, Junior point guard.
 - #33 Dro Lee, Sophomore center.
- That's a look at the Yellow Jackets' men and women's basketball teams for the 2019/2020 season. Good luck to both teams.



WESTSIDE RAMS

Westside boys, girls ready to improve on last season

BY DAN LACOBIE

Although it seems that football season just started, alas here we are welcoming the return of high school basketball.

Last year's Westside men's basketball team went an impressive 19 - 6 overall which included a trip to the playoffs. Westside dropped a tough one to the Spartanburg Vikings in the first round, 52 - 46.

This year's 2019 -2020 team is ready to open up it's season on November 23rd at Franklin County High School for Georgia's "Border Wars". Westside will open up the tournament against Elbert County (Ga). The tournament runs through November 26th.

Looking at the Westside men's roster we see the following players:

- #1 Tyson Lewis, 5'9" Senior point guard.
- #2 Junior Smith, 5'11" Senior guard.
- #3 Donovan Lattimer, 6'0" Junior guard.
- #4 Xzorion Brown, 5'10" Sophomore guard.

- #5 Santonio Hatten, 5'8" Senior guard.
- #11 C.J. Plantin, 6'4" Senior forward.
- #12 Owen Skelton, 6'1" Sophomore forward.

#13 J.C. Austin, 6'1" Sophomore forward.

#20 Aaron Randolph, 6'2" Junior guard.

#21 Jayden Ramsey, 6'5" Junior center.

#23 Keonta McGowan, 6'0" Senior forward.

The 2019/2020 women's basketball team for the Rams this season will look to improve on a very good season of 18 wins and 7 losses

overall and a region mark of 9 - 5 last year. The Lady Rams played their first game of the season on November 20th at

Liberty High School. At press time, a score and stats were not available.

November 11th will be the next competition for the Lady Rams. They will face off with the Lady Bulldogs of Pendleton High school in the J.B. Bearden

Tournament. Next, the Rams will play at Seneca High on December 3rd followed by a return visit by Seneca to Westside's

gym on December 10th.

Taking a look at the Lady Ram's roster we see:

- #3 Anaiyah Harper, Sophomore, no position listed.
 - #4 Aziyah Bell, Sophomore point guard.
 - #11 Morgan Glenn, Sophomore guard.
 - #12 Branya Pruitt, Sophomore guard.
 - #14 Timberley Brock, Junior forward.
 - #15 Tatyana Lewis, Senior guard.
 - #21 Aria Miles, Senior forward.
 - # ? Azariah Thomas, Senior point guard.
 - #23 Shakari Gaines, Freshman point guard.
 - # ? Keazia Hatten, Sophomore forward.
 - #? Kamaya Hatten, Freshman, forward.
 - #25 Keyshuna Fair, Senior forward.
 - #30 Marion Williams, Center.
- Best of luck to both the Westside men and women's teams for a successful season.

