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Historical *Development*

The life and legacy of John Linley in Anderson

By RICH OTTER

John Linley (1881-1957) is credited as being the developer of North Anderson. His history was related by James Harden on a tape recording he had made from which some of this material is borrowed.

Linley graduated from the Citadel in 1900. Pursuant to terms of his State teacher's scholarship he agreed to teach in South Carolina for a few years. He chose Anderson after graduation, taught and served as a principal for seven years. In 1907 he joined W. Frank Farmer in a real estate and insurance firm.

In 1913 he presented a plan to businessmen J. H. Anderson, M. M. Mattison, J. Dexter Brown and J. D. Hammett for a new residential area to be known as North Anderson. A partnership was formed known as North Anderson Development Company. Linley was elected president and treasurer and the other investors became directors. Mauldin Street was the southern boundary, a heavily wooded area known as Jackson Square the northern boundary, North Main Street the eastern boundary and what is now Edgewood Avenue the western boundary.

The original development encompassed 206 lots facing 13 streets. These streets were: North Avenue, East North Avenue, West North



Avenue, Anderson Avenue, South Holly Street, North Holly Street, Laurel Avenue, Forrest Avenue, Watson Avenue, Central Avenue, Westview Avenue, Club Drive and Park Drive. Many of the streets were 70 to 80 feet wide for beauty, convenience and where kids could play. Initially they were dirt and, until lines could be installed, the first homes were equipped with a



Linley home on Webb Road in Anderson.

backyard privy.

A subsidiary of the development company was formed by Linley and C. G. Boleman in 1913 that ran a street car the two miles to downtown Anderson and back, 15 minute one-way rides. There were street lights on every telephone pole and every electric light post. The lights were cut on at dusk by the streetcar motorman and were cut off by him after he had made his last run at night and had put the trolley in the car barn located behind Lindley's home. The station house was where Park Drive runs into North Avenue.

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Homeless Education Program

By Kay Willis Burns
Did you know? In Anderson County School District 5, there are more than 300 students with no permanent home. Homelessness among the student population is prevalent within Anderson County and many schools have students who are identified as homeless. Poverty and the lack of affordable housing are the principal causes of family homelessness. It disrupts virtually every aspect of family life, damaging the physical and emotional health of family members, interfering with children's education and development, and frequently resulting in the separation of family members.

Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.11431 et seq.), the definition of homelessness is:
• Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This includes children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations;



Lisa Butler

Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings; who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings qualify as homeless under the act.

Homeless students are entitled to assistance with enrollment, necessary supplies for school, school clothing or uniforms, help with accessing educational services and programs, transportation and referrals to shelters and community agencies.

Possible Signs of Homelessness:
• Anger or extremes in behavior
• History of attending many schools

living in emergency or transitional shelters; abandoned in hospitals; awaiting foster care placement; migratory children; and unaccompanied youth (not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian).

- Erratic attendance and tardiness
- Consistent lack of preparation for class
- Sleeping in class
- Hostility and anger or extremes in behavior
- Poor hygiene and grooming
- Inadequate or inappropriate clothing for the weather
- Hunger and/or hoarding food
- Resistance to parting with personal possessions (i.e. not wanting to leave a favorite toy unattended or put a coat in a locker).

What Can We Do To Help?
• Identify homeless children and youth
• Assist homeless students with school enrollment
• Provide school clothing
• Help homeless students access educational services and programs
• Provide referrals to shelters and community resources for homeless families
• Assist with transportation services
• Contact the homeless liaison in the child's school district. In Anderson School District 5, Lisa Butler is the Homeless Liaison, (864) 260-5000.

Linley

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James Harden recalled: "Mr. Miles Ellison was the motorman for the morning run and Fred Hewin was the motorman for the evening run. Many times our cook or some member of the family would stop the car and get change for \$1 or 50 cents so we could buy a watermelon, cantaloupe or some other type of produce from the farmers that came by our homes in North Anderson."

Open air picture shows were made available on West North Avenue and Andersonians could ride the street car to the theatre. A large public park was created, now bearing Linley's name.

The Rose Hill Club, a social club with a pool, was constructed in the front of where the little league ballpark is now located. They could shoot clay pigeons from beside the pool.

Linley developed Moultrie Square, then Brown's Woods and then Bedford Forest. His keen interest in history led him to name streets after Revolutionary War Soldiers, Civil War Soldiers, Lord Proprietors, and a



Built to last home by John Linley.

Continental Congress Delegate. Streets were also named for children in the neighborhood, relatives, friends, and business associates.

He worked with Superintendent Dr. E. C. McCants to develop a school that eventually warped into North Anderson School, still operating at the corner of Edgewood Avenue and North Main Street as an adult education center.

His business, Home Realty & Construction Company, was located on East Whitner Street, now the site of Glenn Plumbing Company. The company also had a lumber mill in West Union and a lumber business in Belton as well as at the home office in Anderson. Grandson, retired

attorney George Sands, Jr., remembers working in the cabinet shop in Anderson as a youngster and, when old enough to drive, working on construction sites and driving a lumber truck.

Linley had a large historical library and Sands recalls his grandfather sitting in a rocking chair in the evening sipping a glass of milk laced with a small amount of brandy while absorbed in history books. Sometimes he and his son John, Jr. would engage in a game of setback during a discussion of their business.

Part of his North Anderson development is now classified as the North Anderson Historical District.



NO FOOLING THE BUCHANAN FAMILY

The Buchanan clan, consisting of four sisters and one brother, celebrated a reunion after 27 years on April 1, 2019. They enjoyed gathering at Anderson Senior Solutions, where three of the siblings are active members. The five siblings are Sylvia Buchanan Worley, 90; Frances (Frankie) Buchanan Roberts, 88; Evelyn (Pat) Buchanan Cheek, 87; Carolyn (Sue) Buchanan Hamilton, 78; and Major (Buck) Calvin Buchanan, Jr., 84. This wonderful group of siblings are the children of the late Major C. Buchanan and Florella B. Buchanan. The siblings contribute their longevity to the love of God, family and staying active.

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Advanced Lung Nodule Program takes patient-centered approach

By Lee Boggs

Lung cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer and the leading cause of cancer deaths. To counter that, AnMed Health Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine launched the advanced Lung Nodule Program last year that offers a comprehensive approach to diagnosing lung cancer, providing curative treatment for early stage cancer and multidisciplinary treatment options for advanced stages. Anderson's cancer incidence and death rates are higher than state and national ratings. However, recent data have shown improvement in Anderson. Since 2012, those rates have stabilized and stopped rising. That improvement is in part due to the Lung Nodule Program's focus on the patient's overall well-

being. Before the Lung Nodule Program, it could take over a month for the patient to move to the next level of care, creating anxiety for the patient while awaiting the next steps and the results of the additional analyses. Now, patients benefit from a coordinated, multidisciplinary team whose members collaborate and provide high quality care quickly. The specialist team includes medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, thoracic surgeons, interventional pulmonologists and radiologists. "We work closely together to evaluate, diagnose and treat cancerous lung nodules," Dr. Emerald Branch said. "Early identification of the spots that can become cancerous is extremely important as this offers



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the potential for cure. That results in more treatment options to address the nodules sooner." While most lung nodules are benign or not cancerous, some nodules may be an early stage of lung cancer. Nodules also may indicate a more advanced lung cancer where cancer has spread from another part of the body to the affected lung.

A lung nodule is a small, round or oval-shaped growth in the lung, usually found on a chest X-ray or computerized tomography (CT) scan. They typically go undetected for a long time because they may not produce symptoms. However, anyone who has persistent coughing, shortness of breath or wheezing, or is coughing up blood should be checked immediately, Dr. Branch said. "Catching the disease early is our best chance at improving outcomes, so paying attention to your body and getting yearly screenings is especially important if you're in a high-risk category," she said. An annual screening is recommended for high risk individuals who are 55-80 years old, have a history of heavy smoking, and are

either current smokers or have quit smoking within the past 15 years. Heavy smoking means a smoking history of 30 "pack years" or more. A pack year is calculated by the number of packs smoked per day times the number of years someone has smoked. Factors that increase the risk of malignancy include nodule appearance, location, size and rate of growth. "Ignoring warning signs and not following up when spots are discovered is risky because serious problems could develop," Dr. Branch said. In addition to x-rays and CT scans, program specialists may use a variety of lung biopsies or a positron emission tomography (PET) scan for diagnosis and follow-up. If results are positive, navigators will help

schedule appointments, answer questions and guide patients through services provided at the AnMed Health Cancer Care Center located on the North Campus at 2000 E. Greenville Street. This patient-centered approach not only addresses the disease but also helps patients navigate the health system, Dr. Branch said. "All of our team members care for our patients and want the best for them. The overall goal of the Lung Nodule Program is to take a comprehensive approach so he or she can concentrate on getting better as quickly as possible," she said. For more information about the Lung Nodule Program, please contact AnMed Health Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine at 864-225-5667 or visit AnmedHealth.org.

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After 32 years, Sam Drew retires as property manager

By Kay Willis Burns

To know him is to love him. For 32 years, Sam Drew has ambled through the day with an easy-going gait and a reassuring smile that lets his residents and visitors know that everything is going to be fine.

The son of the late Judge Ellis Drew, Sam has lived in Anderson almost all his life, minus the four years he spent in college as a "tiger." No, not that tiger. He went to college at Auburn University and became a lifelong tiger of the Southeastern Conference.

"Everybody I knew was going to Clemson, and I like Clemson," said Sam. "But I wanted to go somewhere else... some place different. Not too close, and not too far away. I had a friend who went to Auburn and I heard him talk about going to Fort Walton Beach, Panama City, Destin, the Redneck Riviera. I was looking for a place I wanted to be."



Sam Drew has worked as the property manager for the Wil-Mary apartment building for 32 years.

Sam majored in business management and after college he joined his grandfather in the property management business. A few years later, the First Baptist Church of Anderson purchased the Wil-Mary Apartments as a ministry for low income seniors. Sam was offered the position as property manager, and the rest is history.

Sam shares honest

amusement when he talks about the history of the Wil-Mary building. "In the 1950's, the downtown population in cities was dissipating. People were leaving in droves. The federal government tried to slow the outward migration down. Local Anderson officials believed that, because of 'special features' of the Wil-Mary, the occupancy would remain

stable." So what were the selling points of the Wil-Mary? "The Wil-Mary was a bomb shelter," said Sam. "The building has 2-3 feet concrete walls. It can never catch fire, and it will never burn down."

There is a total of five identical buildings like the Wil-Mary in SC. When the First Baptist Church took over the Wil-Mary in 1987, it still had the original elevator in the building.

Sam says that the unusual thing about the building being built as a bomb shelter is that there was no basement constructed in the building. And when the building was built, it was in the 1950's and there was a black and yellow fall-out shelter sign in every stairwell in the building.

The Wil-Mary has 50 apartments and 53 residents. And Sam's mother-in-law is one of them. "After I retire, she wants me to be a Wal-Mart greeter or at a funeral home.

But I don't want to do that. I haven't worn a necktie in years."

Sam loves to travel. He and his wife and daughter have just gotten back from Cuba. "My goal is to visit all the islands in the Caribbean. I've already been to Aruba."

Like father, like daughter, Sam's daughter, Rebecca, is a student at Auburn University. But unlike Sam, she is studying psychology. Criminal psychology is her favorite. "She loves those CSI shows and has observed autopsies, interned at Patrick B. Harris, and interned at the Lee County, Alabama Sheriff's Department," said Sam.

In retirement, there's a lot more travel in the Drew family future. Sam and his family recently visited San Francisco, Ca. And Rebecca insisted on one condition: Visiting Alcatraz, and spending part of the night in the Alcatraz prison.

Makes a fallout shelter look pretty tame.

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Staying mentally healthy in our modern world, Part II

By Dr. Gabrielle Cannick

In our previous feature we discussed the emotional health implications of our "24-7 plugged in" lifestyle. There are huge advantages to technology, to be sure. As a professional my smartphone has become indispensable — enabling me to be more accessible to my patients.

But the experts are warning there are risks associated with this technology. Being aware arms us so we can make informed decisions — and hopefully exert the proper influence on our children. For example, according to research 59% of those age 18 to 34 text while driving. There are studies of compulsive cell phone usage, i.e. constantly checking your phone, resulting in poorer attention inhibiting a person from staying focused and vulnerable to distractions.

There is now a clinical term for a psychological attachment to the cell phone. It's called "nomophobia" (short for no-mobile-phone phobia). Psychologists say that it's affecting more and more young people. Symptoms



Dr. Gabrielle F. Cannick

include feelings of panic or desperation when separated from your smartphone, some may even think their phone is ringing when it's not.

Experts do offer recommendations for modifying our behavior to achieve a healthier mental state and fulfilling emotional freedom through more responsible use of cell phone technology. Some are even suggesting we take a "digital sabbatical" — parking our cell phones one day a week. I cannot say I am willing to go this far considering my professional responsibilities. However, if you find yourself checking your cell phone excessively you might do some soul-searching.

Here is practical advice from the experts as you assess your need for and use of your smartphone: (1) Simply turn off your phone at certain times of

the day. For example, during meetings, dinner, playing with your kids, and certainly driving; (2) remove social media apps like Facebook and Twitter from your phone. Use your laptop instead; (3) Try to keep to 15-30 minute intervals for usage at set times of the day so as not to affect your family life; (4) Do not bring your cell phone to bed; (5) focus on healthier things that result in the freedom of not caring about what's going on online and not following your impulses. Alternatives for your time:

- De-clutter your home, your car, your office, or your computer files.
- Start learning something new like cooking or playing a musical instrument.
- Spend time on a hobby you enjoy.
- Practice stillness. Take your time — do something without rushing.
- Exercise, even for a few minutes. If you can't do something more just walk in place to get your heart rate up.
- Read books. Seek out inspiring movies.

Perhaps most important of all rediscover what is increasingly at a premium in our modern world — just being alone with our thoughts. If you have questions, I invite you to call. Think of us as your hometown resource for guidance and support.

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THE GARDEN SHOP

Preparing for annual Master Gardener sale

By Susan Temple

Plant sale time is drawing near. The annual Anderson Master Gardener sale will be Friday, April 5, 8 a.m. at the Farmers Market. Another year passed and I didn't get one of those round to its to air layer camellias and a few other shrubs. However, I did layer some limbs of tea olive and they rooted and have made nice little plants. We rarely have tea olives to offer. Tea olives (*Osmanthus fragrans*) are one of those plants every garden should have. They are pest and disease free, deer don't eat them, drought tolerant, and make a nice privacy screen. If your garden is small, they can be limbed up and should fit fine. They bloom primarily in the fall but will bloom some in the spring too. The smell is wonderful.

We have some Japanese maples to offer. Kay Brown donated some last year. I decided to keep them another year and let them grow a little more. They are about three or four feet tall this year. Yes, they are small but will have a small price to go with them. If you price Japanese maples, the prices are never small. Other advantages to planting smaller trees and shrubs are digging smaller holes, takes less water and time to establish. Bigger is not always better for trees and shrubs. It will take less time for them to establish and start growing.



SUSAN TEMPLE master gardener

There's less stress on the smaller plants too.

Tulip Poplar trees (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) will be available for anyone who has room for a large growing tree. These are some of the fastest growing trees if you need a shade tree. The flowers are good for cardinals, finches, and hummingbirds. Tulip poplars are a host plant for eastern tiger swallowtail butterflies and are especially valuable to honey bees. All this plus great bright yellow fall color.

Some savvy members have made hypertufa containers. These are made with a mix of cement, peat moss and vermiculite. Some can be heavy and some can be as light as a plastic pot. It's interesting to use hypertufa because shapes can be made in almost endless ways. These containers are great for succulent gardens, sedums, or different cacti. But they are also suitable for traditional annuals and any plant that will fit a particular container. They can be painted to suit any décor. I like them because they can have an aged look when



The flower of a Tulip Poplar tree.

brand new. A mossy pot, or container that has a patina, is much more interesting to me.

We'll have our usual assortment of perennials, shrubs, natives, etc. It's an interesting pot luck assortment. As a friend said, "I love it. It's like going to a flea market; you never know what you're going to see."

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



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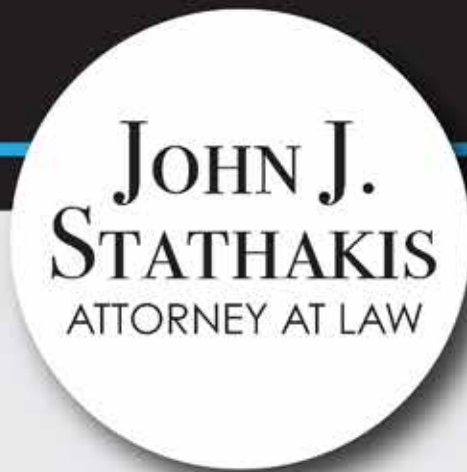
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In the year 1954 a group of coaches, realizing the impact of players to those around them, formed F.C.A. This organization has proliferated and now has chapters in high schools, middle schools, and on college campuses in every state and much of the world with headquarters in Kansas City, Mo.

As a fledgling head coach in Aiken in 1962, we started one of the first chapters in SC. One of



JIM FRASER

my assistants, Bull Lee, was the catalyst for our Aiken group. The Hanna Chapter, vintage 1973, was headed by Dennis Patterson and Stan Honeycutt.

I recently reacquainted myself with FCA by attending the Foothills FCA Annual Banquet held at Southern Wesleyan University. I was there at the behest of Coach Becky Easton, who combines pulchritude and awesome coaching skills as Hanna's volleyball coach. Hanna has emerged as a volleyball power as evidenced by their appearance in the 2018 Upper Championship. Our table was sponsored by the Hanna Booster Club. Other table guests were Mary Beth, Jay



The F.C.A. was an organization that started in 1954 and currently has chapters in every state.

Yates, and Judith Faikas. Foothills FCA has 15 high schools in Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens County. The year 2018 saw them pass out 613 Bibles, give almost \$17,000 to provide camp scholarships, and over \$44,000 to provide breakfast, outreach supplies, and other

resources. Huddle groups meet, study, and do splendid work in the schools and communities in their 15 Upstate FCA schools. These chapters are dependent on the generosity of churches, individual giving and corporate sponsors, such as long time sponsor, Ralph Hayes Toyota. It

was good to renew acquaintances with my good buddy Randolph Hayes who shared the table next to ours with son Bert and their wives. Randolph and his #1 dealership have been a supporter of FCA almost from it's inception. We had a sumptuous repast of roast beef, chicken, and all the trimmings. Our tables were served by a sharp looking group from Southern Wesleyan FCA Huddle. After a big chunk of chocolate cake, we all looked forward to our keynote speaker. Perry Tuttle of the 1981 Clemson National Championship team and of Sports Illustrated cover fame did the honors. I'd heard Perry many times, but he was particularly inspiring on that night. He had the large crowd mesmerized from start to finish. We were all buoyed by observing an organization that benefits so many.



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High school reunion: The rules are meant to be followed

By Kim von Keller

Once a decade, I look forward to my high school reunion. I'm a proud member of the T. L. Hanna Class of a Very Long Time Ago. (I won't say how long, but it was sometime between Radio and Chadwick Boseman.) I enjoy catching up with former classmates, finding out what they're doing, and seeing pictures of their children. If you've never been to a high school reunion, I suggest you attend one. There will be good food, good drinks, and good stories. You'll have a wonderful time, and you'll be glad you attended.

That is, if you follow The Reunion Rules. If you're under the age of 28 or you've skipped previous reunions, I offer these rules to maximize your enjoyment. Of course, you are free to ignore them, and I will look for you later on Snapchat or Live PD.

Reunion Rule Number 1: Do Not Overindulge

Many folks think a bit of liquid courage when facing old classmates is a good idea.



Kim von Keller

This is a TERRIBLE idea! A reunion is a great place to network professionally, and no one wants a stock broker or auto mechanic or SAT tutor who acts like Stu from "The Hangover." I share this story as a warning. A friend (who didn't go to T. L. Hanna and isn't even from South Carolina so don't badger me for an identification, people) and his wife were attending his 20th high school reunion. After a drink too many, my friend was approached by an old classmate we'll call Old Classmate. She had gained a bit of weight since her teen years, and my otherwise gracious friend, in his clouded state of mind, tactfully addressed the change by saying, "Oh, my gosh, Old Classmate, what happened to you? Is that you in there?"

His wife threw her hands over his mouth, dragged him back to the car, and drove him home. He has not been to a reunion since. I'm pretty sure he's no longer invited.

Reunion Rule Number 2: Do Not Lie

When the Earth's surface was still cooling and there was no Internet, your high school reunion was a place where you could be anyone you wanted to be. You graduated from Yale. You married a supermodel. You invented Goldfish Crackers. Unless the party moved to a reference library afterwards, your true identity was safe from discovery. Today, everyone at the reunion will have a smart phone. Oh, they'll tell you it's just for selfies, but they're secretly Googling everything you say. Just remember that being a hairdresser is honorable; lying about being Beyonce's hairdresser is not.

Reunion Rule Number 3: Do Not Dress as If You're Still in High School

Unless you are Amish, you should not dress like you did at 17. I had some pretty spectacular platform shoes as a senior, but

if I wore them to my reunion, I'd have to arrive in a wheelchair. Balance changes when you get older. The other thing that changes is weight distribution. Imagine a pound of Play-Doh in a plastic bag. If you squish it around, it's still a pound, but the Play-Doh's definitely not where it started in the bag. Now imagine that bag o' Play-Doh wearing a jumpsuit. I think you get my point.

Reunion Rule Number 4: Do Have Fun

Talk to people who were your friends. Talk to people who weren't your friends. A reunion means that high school is over, and along with it, whatever angst and insecurity you suffered as a teen. I think you'll be surprised to learn how much other people have changed and how much you've changed as well. And when the DJ plays your class's favorite song, dance like no one's watching... as long as you've followed Rule Number One.

What are your rules for attending a high school reunion? Share them with me at editkim50@gmail.com.

Help, I'm stuck on a word!

By Katie Laughridge

If you have ever experienced the important, but often challenging, task of helping a young child learn to read aloud, it's almost guaranteed that you have also witnessed their frustration when they come across words that are difficult and unfamiliar to them. While this "roadblock" can cause a child to feel insecure and self-conscious about their reading skills, there are many strategies you can employ that will help them learn to pronounce and understand new words on their own. By learning these easy to use techniques, your young reader will quickly gain the skills and confidence required to help them grow into excellent readers.

The first, and perhaps most crucial, first step is to make sure the book your young reader is attempting to read is appropriate for her skill level. An excellent way to determine if the book is "just right" is to use the "5-Finger Rule". To use this strategy, have your child open the book to the middle and begin reading. For each word she does not know, ask her to put up one finger. If at the end of the page she has five or more fingers up, the book is too hard and challenging. If four

fingers are up, the book is very challenging; if two to three fingers are up, the book is just right. If zero to one finger is up, the book is too easy.

Once you've found the "just right" book, your young reader is ready to begin. Following are additional strategies that you can use help your child when they become "stuck":

Think about the Meaning:

It is important that we encourage children to THINK about what they are reading. To use this strategy, try asking your child one or more of these questions to help them figure out the word:

- What would make sense in the sentence?
- You read _____. Does that make sense?
- Look at the picture to help you read the word.
- Think about what is happening in the story right now.
- Go back to the beginning of that sentence and start it again.
- Skip over the word and continue reading until the end of the sentence. Now, go back to the beginning of the sentence and start again.



Katie Laughridge

Use Visual Clues from Words:

Encouraging your child to use "visual clues" is another effective way to help them get "unstuck". Here are few techniques you can try:

- Look at the first letter(s) of the word. Say the first sound(s).
- What would you expect to see at the beginning/middle/end of the word if the word is _____?
- Spell the word out loud. Look at each letter.
- We've seen that word before in this book. Let's find it on a page we've already read.
- Do you see a part of the word (word chunk) that you already know?
- Let's cover up a part of the word and read the part we see. (For example, if the word is walk, cover up the -ing. Let them read the word walk first, then adding the "ing" back.)
- Sound it out. (This only works if the child has adequate word knowledge and understands how to use phonics strategies for

sounding out words.)

- Do you see a prefix or a suffix in the word? Does a part of the word look familiar to you?
- Can you break the word into syllables?

Relate it to Talking:

Simply asking our child to think about how a word should sound if it was being used in a regular conversation also works well. Try asking your child these questions:

- Does that sound right to you?
- Can you point to the word that sounded wrong?

Lastly, remember that comprehension is important, and stopping to problem solve unknown words can hinder the flow of the story. If your child tries several strategies and still can't figure out the word, it is probably best to just tell them what the word is — and move on. The last thing you want to do is make your child so frustrated that reading ceases to be enjoyable to them. The key is to challenge your child to improve their reading skills a little more with each session, but never pushing past the point where frustration sets in, and they end up feeling less confident about their ability to read. The goal is to foster a love for reading — the rest will happen in its own time.

HOT HITS

Who is the most favorite celebrity you've ever met?

By Justin Tyme

People always ask me which celebrity is my favorite out of everyone I've met. My answer is always the same: P!NK.

In the late 90s I was working in Atlanta at STAR 94. I bumped into a record executive from Arista records in the elevator one morning. I was invited to see their new artist P!NK; It was a private



Justin Tyme

party by invite only. I immediately called my friend Julie. She had told me all about P!NK, but until that day in the elevator, I thought she was nuts. We got there and it was amazing. Several hours (and several

cocktails) later, my friend and I had split up. All of a sudden I looked up and saw Julie being escorted out by the back of her blouse. She yelled to me, "Grab my coat. We're leaving!" Outside I asked what happened. Apparently Julie tried to express her delight in meeting P!NK.

Three years later I met P!NK again. This time in Dallas, and without Julie. I

told P!nk I was at her very first show but that we were asked to leave early. When I told P!nk about my friend, she recalled the entire event and said, "I was all about it but my bodyguards didn't even give me a chance."

And honestly I believe her.

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

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PORTRAIT OF AN INMATE

By Julie Bailes Johnson

Rick Morgan has always been conscientious of the disparities within the judicial system. His reflections of what he considered to be disturbing inspired him to look closer into the lives of people who are incarcerated. And from there, he decided to share that look by way of his paintings.

"A woman that I had known for many years was sent to prison," Morgan says. "I was friends with her children. She would write to them and they in return sent money, letters and talked to her on the phone. After a while there was breakdown of the family unit and she began to become less of a real person to the children. They began avoiding her calls and the letters and money stopped. So I began writing her and sending her just a few dollars. She wrote back and thanked me profusely. She was a proud woman and was prostrating herself before me over a few dollars that allowed her to buy coffee and a few honey buns. It was heartbreaking," he says. "I thought to myself, if this mystifies me to this degree, how mystified is the person who is actually experiencing this transformation as they move from one world into a completely different world? That stuck with me so I decided to create a series of inmate portraits. I was well aware that this meant that I had to be responsible in the process. One should never capitalize off of the misery of another," he said.

Every person Morgan painted wanted to have their portrait painted. "I think it gave them a feeling of having an outside presence," Morgan admitted. "Their image was making it back out into the real world even though their bodies were still confined," he said. "Free people would look at them again."

"When painting a portrait, I look for a person's core," Morgan states. "I look at what they radiate and I look for their truth. When I started receiving the Polaroids from the prisoners I was amazed at the level of personality that came through via the lower quality of imagery. There was distinct body language that varied from person to person," he said. "I narrowed my portraits down to three individuals with whom I began corresponding. Their convictions were all different which gave me unique perspectives of each of them. I painted portraits of people that were of different cultural backgrounds. Two of the men were incarcerated for robbery, and drugs factored into the equation. This was another avenue to explore. These men would, in their right minds, never have committed these crimes but this was evidence of where addiction can take a person," he says.

"The most difficult painting to produce was that of a young man on death row in Texas. In his photograph he looked like a child — literally. He was not even 30 and was set to die before he would even get to that age. I handled his portrait

differently than the others because of the magnitude of his circumstance. The imagery was more sinister and more innocent at the same time. He wrote to me about the value of life. He was going to die within a month and wrote a letter to me about how people take life for granted, and he became somewhat philosophical, stating, 'Life is like a diamond, and people are careless with it.' That is, of course, a trope. It was his way of trying to convey in visual terms how precious life is. He could write, but had been designated as being borderline mentally retarded. I think that is one reason he came across as looking younger as well. It did not diminish, in my mind, the value of his thoughts. I do not want to buy into the 'cult of smartness.' There are many variations when it comes to intellect, and the space in which he had arrived had provided him with insights that we are not all privy to. With beauty, there is always danger, and so it is with the reverse."

"I love portraiture. I have always been fascinated by people and by human behavior. That is one reason I decided to create the series of inmate portraits. It has been said that all artists end up painting themselves — even when they are creating a portrait of someone else. This makes portraiture a journey into yourself to a certain degree. I think that you walk away from any portrait with a new understanding of yourself. You have

certainly spent a lot of time with the image of another human being, but I know that when I look really closely, I can usually see a resemblance to 'me' in those portraits. I think that this is valuable in that it allows one to have compassion for people that are many times discarded or mislabeled," Morgan says.

Morgan's studies of art began at Savannah College of Art & Design. He then transferred to Anderson University and finished his bachelor's degree. "While in Savannah I thought I wanted to be a painter but the full realization of that goal manifested under the direction of Peter Kaniaris, who teaches painting at Anderson University," he said. "I decided to go to New England, to Vermont, for my master's degree," he said.

In his spare time, Morgan enjoys reading, especially fiction, and his favorite authors are Doris Lessing and Flannery O'Connor. "I like books by current philosophers like Bell Hooks, Judith Butler and Angela Davis," he says.

Morgan was born in Pickens, SC, but is currently an Anderson resident. He teaches Art History at Athens Technical College and Tri County Technical College in Pendleton.

"The students in my classes amaze me — and sometimes I think they amaze themselves when it comes to their ability to understand art in a new way. There is no greater reward than that," he said.

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Ron Blue Center at AU to teach Biblical stewardship, financial management

University officials today announced the formation of the Ron Blue Center at Anderson University, an organization that will focus on curriculum and thought leadership, based on biblical principles of financial management and stewardship. The Center aims to equip students, and university faculty and staff, as well as community participants.

“People of faith believe that everything we have is a gift from God and, thus, we don’t want to waste or mismanage our gifts. Instead, we want to ‘steward’ them to even greater value for both God and humanity. Scripture gives us clear principles for handling our finances, yet they are infrequently observed,” said Evans P. Whitaker, Ph.D., president of Anderson University. “Ron Blue is one of the most respected names in faith-based financial planning in the world, and we are delighted that he will personally be working with us here in Anderson. AU is exceedingly proud to partner with the Ron Blue Institute for Financial Planning to fill the gap and bring these principles not only to our campus community, but the surrounding region as well.”

Anderson’s Ron Blue Center is an affiliate of the Ron Blue Institute, an Indiana-based organization hosted by Indiana Wesleyan University. The mission



Ron Blue



Dr. Evans Whitaker

for the decision,” said Ron Blue, CEO of the Ron Blue Institute. “Anderson University, as one of the country’s leading private Christian universities, is uniquely equipped to deliver a biblical approach to all aspects of stewarding God’s financial resources.”

In 1979, Ron Blue founded what would become one of the largest Christian financial planning firms in the nation. A resident of Atlanta, he has authored more than 20 books on financial management.

Anderson University students will be the first beneficiaries of the new Center,

of the Ron Blue Center at Anderson University will be to advance biblical financial education, enabling Christians to make financial decisions within a biblical framework.

“God’s word speaks authoritatively and timelessly to all financial planning and decision making, providing us with wisdom and principles

beginning in August. Ron Blue materials and principles will be progressively integrated into the students’ core curriculum. Topics will cover a biblical view of money, investing, stewardship, budgeting, debt management, charitable giving, and estate preservation and planning.

“Equipped with true financial wisdom, Anderson University graduates will have yet another advantage as they step into life after college,” Whitaker said.

The university plans to integrate Ron Blue content into a limited number of business degree programs but will also extend the financial management curriculum to offer professional certifications. Financial advisors and organizational leaders will find easy access and deeply reflective engagement with Ron’s biblically based advice and resources. The broader community, including civic organizations, churches, and lay and civic leaders will find systematic help through the programs and resources offered through the Ron Blue Institute for Financial Planning.

Beyond the campus, the university will provide opportunities for churches, local citizens, and the larger learning community to participate in financial management seminars and certificate courses, both in person and online.

Dear Kay, the Genealogist

Dear Kay,
I recently overheard a conversation of my comrades talking about their surnames. At least half of my friends knew the origin of their name, and a few actually knew the meaning of their name. I would really like to know more about my surname, ‘Clark’. Can you help me?
Sincerely, Daniel Clark

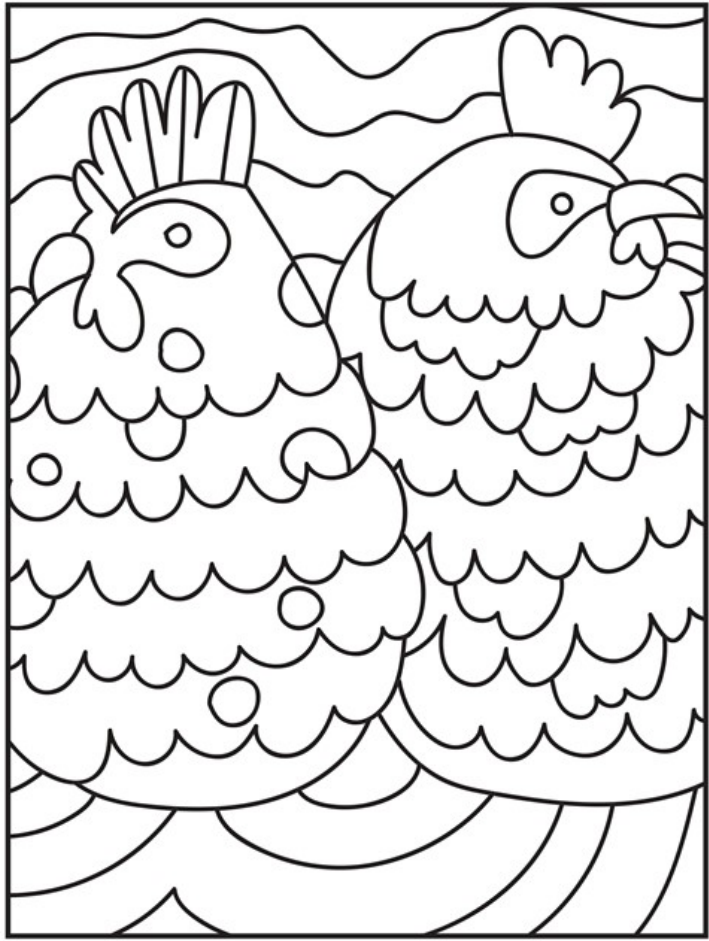
Dear Mr. Clark,
Thank you for your interest in learning more about your family surname. The origins of more than 45,000 surnames in Britain were revealed by a team of university researchers in 2016. The four-year study, led by a team from the University of West of England in Bristol, investigated the linguistic origins of every surname from the most popular to some of the most obscure. It turns out that the surname Clarke — or “Clark” is number 25 on the list. Clarke, or Clark, is an English occupational name for cleric or writer. The original sense was usually that of a cleric in a religious order.

Here is a list of the 25 most popular surnames in Britain, and what they say about their family history.

- 1. **Smith:** An English and Scottish occupational name from the Middle English period (1150 – 1470) for someone who works with metal, such as a blacksmith.
- 2. **Jones:** An English and Welsh variant of the Middle English personal name Jon. It only became widespread in the 18th and 19th centuries.
- 3. **Williams:** A variant of William, which is a personal name from Middle English adapted from the German name Willihelm, which roughly translates as ‘desire and protection’.
- 4. **Taylor:** The occupational name from Middle English for a tailor.
- 5. **Davies:** A Welsh patronymic name, which means it is originally derived from the name of a father. Morphed from ‘Dafydd’s (son)’ over time.
- 6. **Brown:** English and Scottish nickname for a person with brown hair or brown complexion.
- 7. **Wilson:** An English patronymic name that means ‘son of Will’, which is itself a shortened form of William.
- 8. **Evans:** A variant of Evan, which is a Welsh form of the English name John.
- 9. **Thomas:** An English and Welsh name from the New Testament, and made popular due to Christ’s disciple, Saint Thomas.
- 10. **Johnson:** English patronymic name that means ‘son of John’, which is itself derived from the Hebrew name Johanan, which means ‘Jehovah has favoured’.
- 11. **Roberts:** An English variant of the Middle English personal name Robert, which was introduced by the Normans.
- 12. **Walker:** An English and Scottish occupational name for a what would now be known as a fuller; someone who beats and presses cloth to make it denser.
- 13. **Wright:** An English and Scottish occupational name from Middle English for a craftsman, particularly a carpenter or a joiner.
- 14. **Robinson:** English patronymic name that means “son of Robin,” which is itself a shortened nickname of Robert.
- 15. **Thompson:** An English middle name meaning “son of Tom.” Thomson — without the “p” — is usually the Scottish name.
- 16. **White:** A Middle English nickname referring to people with fair hair or a pale complexion.
- 17. **Hughes:** An English and Welsh variant of Hugh, which was taken from the Germanic name Hugo.
- 18. **Edwards:** An English variant of Edward, which was first recorded in the Domesday Book in 1086.
- 19. **Green:** A Middle English name for someone who lived by the village green.
- 20. **Lewis:** An English name from the Middle English period, taken from the Old French personal names Lewis, Leweis and Lowis.
- 21. **Wood:** A Middle English name for someone who lived in or near a wood.
- 22. **Harris:** English name from the personal name Harry, which is a common form of Henry.
- 23. **Martin:** A Middle English personal name adapted from the Medieval Latin Martinus, which was made popular due to Saint Martin of Tours (316-397).
- 24. **Jackson:** An English name meaning ‘son of Jack’, which is itself a shortened nickname of John.
- 25. **Clarke:** An English occupational name for a cleric or writer. The original sense was usually that of a cleric in a religious order.

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Where are your manners, y'all?

By Kristine March

In East Asia to tip someone is considered offensive. In West Africa, if you invite a person out to do something, you foot the bill. All cultures have different ways of showing manners and



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etiquette just like we do in America.

I started thinking about manners nowadays and how they are slowly beginning to fade.

Here in the South, we have always been

known for being hospitable and having a friendly approach, so to speak. Well lately, I don't know if it's just me that's noticed it, but people seem to have forgotten them. For example at dinner the other night almost all the customers in the restaurant were on their cell phones. I have been guilty for posting pictures on my social media of my table of friends, and the cool drinks we're drinking. Staying on your phone the entire time and not speaking to the other person, or engaging in



conversation, has got to stop. Why not just get it to go, and stay on your phone at home. What's the point of going out?

Another thing I'm becoming more aware of is making people feel welcome at a gathering. If you're having an event or you're at a social function and a person walks in alone. Please properly introduce. If you're not familiar or in close connection, get to

know them and make them feel comfortable. There is nothing worse than standing in a corner alone. It's really just awkward for everyone there. So be polite.

In addition, if you're out with a group of women and you decide to compliment someone, please include the entire group. Don't ever leave anyone out. That makes the person who didn't receive any praise

feel terrible. It's just rude.

One that has happened to me on more than one occasion, is having someone take back a bottle of wine or food that they brought with them to your party. That is a big no in my book. Even if it has been unopened. That is a hostess gift. Plain and simple, unless the host asks you to do so. Impolite is an understatement. Please don't ever be that person.

Lastly, is my biggest pet peeve that I have a huge issue with, and that's tipping. If it's your Uber or taxi driver, your nail tech, your server, massage therapist, or hairstylist, please tip fifteen or twenty percent at least. Otherwise, skip the service. Service people survive off of tips. Unless the service is unacceptable, you need to always tip. I have gone out with someone who left the server a dollar and I was mortified and snuck back in and gave them more money.

So, a napkin on your lap and elbows off the table don't just signify good manners, kindness is always fashionable. Having integrity and class, goes a long way and is an extremely simple thing to do. "Where are your manners y'all"?

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NIBBLE & SIP

By Kim von Keller

I love getting together with my friends and family. My husband and I are part of two supper clubs, and when it's our turn to host, I can roast, sous vide, and flambé my way through every pot, pan, and plate I own. But as much as I look forward to big dinner parties, they're kind of exhausting. So, lately, I've been exploring ways to entertain that are less taxing but equally enjoyable.



Kim von Keller

Welcome to Nibble and Sip.

Each week, I'll offer recipes for appetizers and cocktails that are delicious and easy to prepare. I want you to be able to call your friends on the fly and say, "How about coming over after work on Friday for a drink and a snack?" When the ice has melted and the last cracker is gone, everyone goes home. But if you all decide to order pizza and check out Netflix, that's OK too. So, find your shaker, rinse your glassware, and get ready to Nibble and Sip.

A WEAPON OF WAR AND YOUR NEW FAVORITE CHEESE SPREAD

I first had a French 75 in a restaurant in Cleveland, Ohio. We were celebrating my niece's graduation from Cleveland State, and she recommended it as a particularly festive drink. I ordered it because it sounded chic.

The drink is actually named for the 75-millimeter field gun used by France in WWI. The cocktail's kick comes from the combination of gin and sparkling wine. It is refreshing and not too sweet, perfect for spring. Many bartenders shake it and strain it into Champagne flutes before topping it with sparkling wine. Purists, however, believe it should be strained over fresh ice in a highball glass before adding the bubbles. Your party, your call.

1 oz. gin
1 oz. simple syrup (see below)
¾ oz. fresh lemon juice
3 oz. sparkling wine
Glass: flute or ice-filled highball

Combine the gin, simple syrup, and lemon juice in a cocktail shaker filled with ice. Strain into the glass of your choice and top with the sparkling wine; stir gently. Serves 1.

Simple Syrup: Combine 1 ½ cup sugar and

1 ½ cup water in a saucepan. Stir over low heat until the sugar is dissolved and the mixture becomes clear. Bring the mixture to a boil, then turn down to a simmer for two minutes. Cool before using.

Cheese Relish has a much more local story. In their book, "Simple, Fresh, Southern," Matt and Ted Lee trace this riff on pimento cheese to Washington D.C. I've adapted their recipe, substituting mayonnaise for sour cream. Serve with your favorite cracker.

10 oz. Swiss cheese, finely
1 12-oz. jar banana peppers, drained and minced
¼ t. crushed red chile flakes
2 T. minced chives
2 T. capers, rinsed and drained
¼ cup mayonnaise
salt and pepper to taste

Combine the cheese, peppers, chile flakes, chives, and capers in a mixing bowl. Stir until the ingredients are evenly distributed. Add the mayonnaise and stir until combined. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serves 8-12.

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VIEW FROM THE STANDS

By Dan Lacobie

The boys of summer are back! Major League Baseball players have donned their uniforms, tied the laces on their cleats and grabbed their bats. For the next six months, America's favorite pastime will have fans everywhere looking forward to the 2019 World Series.

But how did things start out for the Braves this season? Not well I'm afraid after seeing the Braves drop their first three games to the Philadelphia Phillies. Of course, the Phillies recently added Bryce Harper and he seems to have already helped Philadelphia immensely.

Braves fans, do not fret. A lot of teams have dismal starts to a season only to go on and win a division, league or even a World Series title.

Let's take a look at how the Braves fared on their first series of the year:

In the three games versus the Phillies, the Braves lost 4 - 10, 6 - 8, and 1-5. Atlanta opened up at home versus the Chicago Cubs on April 1.

Looking at college baseball around the area, the #6 Georgia Bulldogs (23-5) recently won a weekend series over Kentucky, 2-1. The Dawgs also lost a mid-week game to rival Georgia Tech. (Rankings according to Baseball America poll).

Clemson Tigers baseball is ranked at #21 this week (baseballamerica.com). In their last series, the Tigers



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swept Virginia Tech 6-4, 14-1, and 12-9.

Clemson is 22-6 overall, and they faced the 6th ranked Georgia Bulldogs in a mid-week game on April 2.

The South Carolina Gamecocks (17-11) went 1-2 versus the Volunteers of Tennessee the weekend of March 22 (5-15, 3-2, 3-6). They also dropped a mid-week game to N.C. A&T by a score of 0-2 and won 1 game out of 3 against Auburn this past weekend. The Gamecocks had a mid-week contest versus N.C. State on April 2nd.

Quick notes on the NASCAR scene: Congratulations to Denny Hamlin (#11) on his win at Texas Motor Speedway! Hamlin was followed by #14 Clint Bowyer, #41 Daniel Suarez, #20 Erik Jones, and #48 Jimmie Johnson.

The previous week at Martinsville Motor Speedway saw #2 Brad Keselowski taking the checkered flag with #9 Chase Elliot, #18 Kyle Busch, #12 Ryan Blaney and #11 Denny Hamlin rounding out the top 5.

The Nascar circuit stops at Bristol Motor Speedway on April 7th for the Food City 500 and the following week at The Richmond Raceway for the Toyota Owners 400 on Saturday, April 13th.

PENDLETON BULLDOGS



By Dan Lacobie

Pendleton Bulldogs varsity boys baseball is sitting at 5-5-1 overall this season, with a conference record of 4 - 2. The last several games the Bulldogs have gone 2-2.

The two wins for the Bulldogs were against Powdersville (5-4) and the Anderson Cavaliers (10-0). The two losses came against Daniel High (0-10) and Crescent High (2 - 4).

Next up for the Pendleton baseball team was an away game at Liberty High on April 2, at Palmetto High on April 4th and at home against Liberty High on Friday, April 5.

The Bulldogs varsity boys soccer team, according to Maxsports, is 5-4 overall and 3-1 in conference play. The last four games include losses versus Dixie High School (4 - 5) and Crescent High School (1 - 2), and wins against Powdersville High (1 - 0) and West Oak High (1 - 0).

Upcoming games for the boys' soccer team was Monday, April 1 at Dixie High, then Thursday, April 4 at Seneca High, Monday, April 8 at Carolina Academy and Friday, April 12 at Walhalla High.

The Lady Bulldogs varsity soccer team is 4-6 overall and 1-4 in region play this season. The last two games played saw victories against Berea High on March 29 by a score of 5-0 and a win versus Crescent High on March 28, 2-1. The next few games have the soccer team at home against Wren High on April 2 and Seneca High on Thursday April 4.

With 24 total goals scored this year, the team is led by #4 J. Hollingsworth with 8 goals, with #12 Ladines, #15 Leinonen and #18 Jones all tied with 4 goals each. Goalie #21 Calvert leads the team with 45 saves in front of the net.

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IN 100 WORDS

Benefits of essential oils

By Sierra Cruz

Happy Hive is a branch of Young Living Essential Oils. As part of a multi-level marketing company, I specialize in advertisement. I started Happy Hive a year ago to share on Instagram how I use oils using graphic design. The goal is to educate and empower people to switch out their harsh, chemical filled products with clean, safe products. Oils have been used for centuries to support the body — digestion, emotions, and sleep to name a few. Young Living offers different oil-infused household items from toothpaste, to laundry detergent.

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T.L. HANNA YELLOW JACKETS



By Dan Lacobie

T.L. Hanna High School boys' baseball is deep into their season with a 10-3 overall record and a conference mark of 6-2. The last couple of weeks, Hanna had 3 wins and 2 losses. The two losses were to J.L. Mann High (6-7) and Greenwood High (2-3). Wins came against Greenwood (10-5) and Easley High (1-0, 4-2).

Led by seniors Drew Farmer #1, Matthew West #2, Lance Grimm #5, Barrett Winter #7, Regan Reid #8, Davin Horn #11, Jackson Bryant #12, Will McGregor #14 and Zack Alexander #16, Hanna's season is likely one to lead them to a state championship. With only 8 games left in the regular season and the South Carolina Diamond Invitational coming up, the rest of the season looks very promising.

The boys' soccer team is 7-5-1 overall this season with a conference record of 3-2. The 2019 varsity boys' team is led by seniors #4 Kash Seymour, #14 Radezqui Bedolla and #26 Trey Greenwood.

The team's last few games include wins versus Wade Hampton High (4-2) and the Easley Green Wave (4-1). Upcoming contests for the Yellow Jackets include an away game against Westside High, then at home versus Greenwood and away again at Clover High School.

The Lady Yellow Jackets girls' soccer team is 8-6-2 overall with a conference record of 5-2. The last four games were victories against Laurens High (13-0), Wren High (1-0), Woodmont High (2-1), and J.L. Mann.

The next games coming up for the Lady Jackets will be all away games against Westside, Greenwood and Easley High. The team is led by seniors Brooklyn Cathey, Hayleigh Von Ins, Jaime Jones and Lila Cromer.



WESTSIDE RAMS



By Dan Lacobie

The Westside Rams varsity boys baseball team is 3-13 overall this season. The last four games for the Rams resulted in 1 win and 3 losses. The lone win was versus Central Columbia (Penn) by a score of 9-5. Westside faced away games versus Hillcrest High (April 1) and Woodmont High (April 2), and will return home to play Woodmont again on Friday, April 5.

As a team this season, Westside is batting .230 with an on base percentage of .357. Pitching has a combined earned run average of 6.58 with Aden Sanders (4.57) and J. Bennett (8.84) leading the team. The Rams also have 24 stolen bases led by #1 Malik Smith with 5 bags, and #3 A. Patterson, #7 Langston and #9 Cribb all have 3 bags each.

The Lady Rams varsity softball team is 1-4 overall this season with the lone win coming against crosstown rival T.L. Hanna (4-3).

Rams varsity boys' soccer is 6-5 overall this season and 5-5 in conference play. The last four games for the Rams included a win versus Woodmont High (4-0) and three losses to Wade Hampton (1-2), Easley (1-2) and Greenwood (1-4).

On Tuesday, April 2, Westside entertained rival T.L. Hanna High in a conference game. They played on April 3rd at Daniel High, and will be at home versus Laurens High on Thursday, April 4.

With just a few weeks left in the season, Westside spring sports teams look to end the year on a high note.