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Westside scores last-second TD to win first state football crown since 1969

ORANGEBURG — Trailing 32-27 with less than three minutes to go against the defending Class 4A state champion South Florence Bruins, the Westside High School offense took the field for its final drive of the season trying to clinch its first state title since 1969 on a drizzly day in Orangeburg on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Like it had all year, the offense came through when it mattered most, converting multiple crucial first downs before a 17-yard touchdown connection from Cutter Woods to Jimmar Boston on a fourth-down play with 15 seconds left to clinch a 34-32 win and bring the Class 4A state

championship back to Anderson.

From the start of the day, the Rams' offense showed how potent it could be with an opening 58-yard strike from Woods to Boston setting up a 4-yard touchdown to Dee Robertson to give the Rams a 7-0 lead less than a minute into the game.

The defending champions answered right back, taking advantage of a long run by Zion Gilbert before SyRee Livingston found the end zone on a five-yard run to tie things at 7-7 with 8:11 left in the first quarter.

Disaster struck for Westside on the ensuing kickoff, with a fumble that was recovered by

Bruin defender Cameron Coe. The Westside defense did its best to hold its ground, but Gilbert hit paydirt on a seven-yard run to give South Florence a 14-7 lead with 5:34 left in the quarter.

The Rams shot themselves in the foot again to start their next possession as Woods was intercepted by Brian Brownlee. One play later, Livingston scored from five yards out, but a missed PAT left the score at 20-7 with 5:09 left in the first quarter.

Westside was able to respond early in the second quarter as Sharode Richardson broke loose for a 70-yard touchdown run to cut the lead to 20-14.

The Rams got the ball back almost immediately as Nore Belton recovered a Bruin fumble on the ensuing kickoff, but Westside was unable to take advantage as Woods and Josh Williams were unable to connect on fourth down from the South Florence 12-yard line.

The Bruins got back on the board on with a 19-yard touchdown run by Raleigh Jett to take a 26-14 lead. However, Woods found the end zone on a threeyard run just before the halftime break to cut the lead to 26-20.

The Bruins got the ball coming out of the locker room and chewed the clock with a long drive before scoring on a four-yard



attempted to score the two-point conversion for South Florence but failed, leaving the lead at 32-20 with 5:21 left in the third quarter.

After trading punts, the Rams took over at the Bruin 15 to start the fourth quarter. Westside moved 85 yards down the field and scored on a 14-yard pitch and catch from

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Westside

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Woods to Williams to cut the lead to 32-27 with 9:48 left in the game.

The Bruins took over and tried to run the clock out, only for the Rams to get a crucial stop and force a punt with 2:44 left.

Taking over at their own 22, the Rams faced a do-or-die fourth and one near midfield. The Rams went with a wildcat set with DeMarco Evans at quarterback looking to get a short gain, only for the running back to drop the snap. Evans picked up the ball and threw a jump pass over the swarming defense to Jay McClintock to pick up the first down.

The Rams kept chugging along, aided by a personal foul on the Bruins, and with 15 seconds left, Woods found Boston wide open on fourth down to stun South Florence and give the Rams a 34-32 lead.

The Bruins got the ball back with one final chance, but the Rams defense held strong to give Westside the state championship.

TRESPASSER!

The birds are not happy this morning. They are making a great deal of noise in the trees as they contemplate a trespasser carrying



Ann K. Bailes

a big noisy machine, wearing chaps and a hardhat, and disturbing their peace. A lot of commotion is going on in a place that usually belongs exclusively to the birds. And they do not like the intrusion.

Mike has been cutting down a row of dead

red tips in our side yard. That involves a lot of chainsaw work, a lot of stacking, a lot of moving around, and, yes, a lot of commotion.

I go outside to sit on the tailgate of his truck and watch him work. Mike is very methodical. He saws down the limbs, then chops off the smaller ones, and carefully banks them along the side yard. If our children were still little, he would have arranged the branches into a fort for them to play in. But they are grown, and baby granddaughter is too young. Instead, he'll just make a windrow to keep the



property somewhat private.

A little titmouse is overhead, its Who! Who! Who! noise repeatedly voicing its displeasure at the interference in the woods. Chickadees are scolding with their chick-a-dee-

dee-dee, chick-a-dee sounds. Crows call overhead, as does a red-tailed hawk. And, though silent, a vulture soars high above the scene.

(I have also been hearing a woodpecker that doesn't sound quite like a red-bellied. I'm hoping it's a red-headed, and that it will come out long enough for me to get a good look at it. They are beautiful, and not seen very often.)

The loudest caller is the Carolina wren. It chatters and chatters with just a few of its many vocalizations. It's one of the liveliest birds around, and with all its motion appears to be one of the hardest working also. The wren has made itself abundantly clear that it, too, is ready for this intruder to be gone.

Mike picks up the chainsaw and pulls the cord once again. I do not like to see him doing this. He tore his rotator cuff a few years ago, which was a big ordeal, but he insists that the cord on this chainsaw is easier to pull, and therefore safe for him to do so. I hope he's right about that.

Leaves crunch underfoot as I return to the house. The breeze is picking up though the temperatures have been just about perfect. Mike says he's going to finish the tree he's working on, the fourth one of the morning, and then stop until another day. Football games on TV will take precedence over cutting trees. The birds will be happy to know that they will be able to reclaim their dominion very soon.

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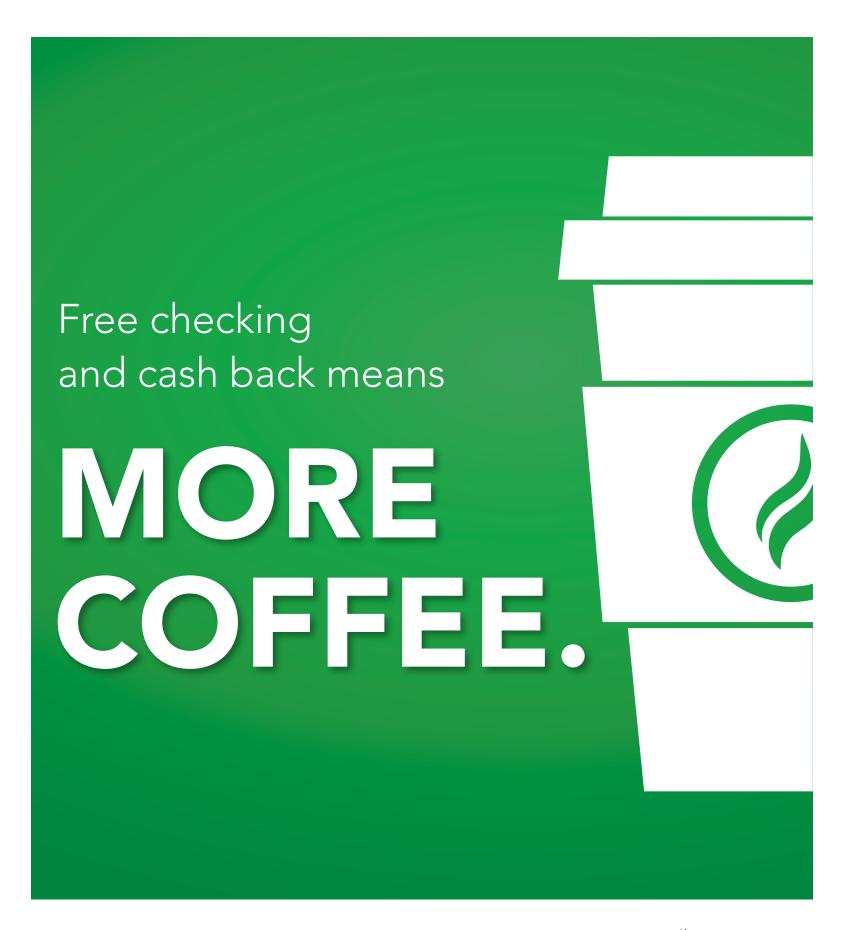


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ART FOR KIDS HUB

Have you ever heard of "Art for Kids Hub?" Art for Kids Hub is a free website that provides tutorials on how to draw,



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paint, make origami, and so much more! Students can log on at any time and learn how to draw pictures of animals, Santa, vehicles, food, people, and even landscapes. Not

only are the videos easy to access, but they require very minimal materials. For a drawing lesson, students only need a piece of white paper, crayons/colored pencils, a pencil, and a sharpie (optional). The lessons can be started and stopped at any point, which makes it less frustrating and easier to complete. Additionally, the website

Draw Dinosaurs,""How to Draw Cartoon Animals," and "How to Draw Funny Food."

Do you already have an artist and they need a challenge? You will also find a "Sketchbook Challenge on YouTube Shorts." Each week, they post a new challenge that encourages your kids to draw something unique in their sketchbook entirely on their own. The idea is to make their sketchbook truly their own, a space filled with their own creations, ideas, and growth as young artists.

Lastly, Art for Kids Hub offers a weekly newsletter for parents. You will receive new lesson updates plus additional AFKH information. As you navigate their website, you will find an online shop where you can access links for art supplies they use as well as t-shirts and gift cards.

I know my own children and students absolutely love this site. I thought that maybe this would be something neat for your child to do during a rainy (or maybe...hopefully...a snowy) day at home.

Happy creating! -Katie

Christmas morning favorites

In my family, Christmas morning is joyous chaos. By the time my sister and I combine our clans this year,



Kim von Keller

there will be 12 people, all clad in festive jammies and ranging in age from two months to 71 years, vying for the best seats around the tree to open gifts and stockings. It's a morning we all look forward to, but it doesn't run on an empty stomach. And while there are always homemade goodies to keep us going, it's nice to supplement with

some of the delicious Nibbles available online.

Below you'll find some of my favorite breakfast and brunch items for the holidays. Some require a bit of preparation, and others are simply heated before serving.

Kringle from O&H Danish Bakery

I don't remember how I discovered it, but we are kringle people from way back. This oval-shaped pastry is made from 36 ultra-thin layers of pastry, filled with fruit, nuts, chocolate, or cream cheese, and lightly iced. Our favorites are pecan, cherry cheesecake, and apple; simply

warm to enjoy. From \$23.99. ohdanishbakery.com.

Sausage from Edwards Virginia Smokehouse

I am not generally a sausage person, but the fresh sausage patties from Edwards Virginia Smokehouse are beyond compare, especially when tucked inside flaky buttermilk biscuits. It's expensive, but if you've been on Santa's nice list this year, you might want to treat yourself. Three pounds (24 patties) for \$74. Edwardsvaham.com

Stollen Kit from King Arthur Baking Company

I tasted my first stollen, a festive European fruit bread, in a German class at T. L. Hanna. King Arthur makes the preparation easy with a kit that includes the bread mix, the fruit blend, and non-melting sugar to blanket the finished product. My husband likes his with a tunnel of almond paste, sold separately. \$38.85 kingarthurbaking.com

Cinnamon Babka from Green's Bakery

Listen to me closely: Buy. The. Babka. This multi-layered sweet bread, with its filling of rich, gooey cinnamon-sugar schmear, is perfect with a cup of coffee. For his birthday one year, my husband only requested Green's Cinnamon Babka. My sister-in-law sent him six loaves, and you would have thought he won the lottery. My friend Dana once bought a loaf for her family and ate the entire thing before they got home; she told them it never arrived. You'll want to wrap your babka tightly and freeze it if you're saving it for Christmas morning. Set it out overnight, pop a slice in the microwave for a few seconds, and prepare to be wowed. A 1.5-lb. loaf is \$10.49. Greensbabka.com

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Brighter Christmas Fund represents a voluntary partnership between the Foothills Community Foundation and several local organizations.



Dean Woods, president of the Foothills Community Foundation, said "The Foundation is grateful for all of our Brighter Christmas Fund donors, but we do rely heavily on major gifts each year from the Confederates Motorcycle Club's Anderson Toy Parade on Sunday after Thanksgiving and Stone Creek Cove Brighter Christmas Fund Golf Tournament in early December."

The generosity of the Anderson Toy Parade at Christmas is legendary. Year after year, no matter the state of the economy, they give. Robert "Little Man" Fagg organizes the Anderson Toy Parade and has had a key role in it for the last 38 years. Woods noted that the Confederates Motorcycle Club has donated approximately \$12,000 to the Brighter Christmas Fund each year.

Averaging \$9,000 in donation per year, the Stone Creek Cove Homeowners Association and Golf Club play a key role in the Brighter Christmas Fund. They host an annual Stone Creek Cove Annual Brighter Christmas Fund Golf Tournament where golfers have fun playing every year. "They always step up," commented BCF board member Susan Campbell. "They really represent the generous spirit in our community that we admire and appreciate this time of year," she added.

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FROM THE SHELF

Midnight is the Darkest Hour by Ashley Winstead

I've been sitting on this review for a good six weeks (at least), largely trying to sort out how exactly to talk about the novel. It's complex and layered, while remaining accessible and easy to read. It also manages to be literary while refer-

encing Twilight multiple times, which sounds weird but it also works?





Hoover, Verity especially, but it also was a page turner and it does feature a young woman caught up in a mess thanks to naiveté and love. A Flicker in the Dark? Go read it-easily a favorite thriller from this year

The blurb line on the cover from Clare Mackintosh adds to the crazy vibes by

(even better: it's by an SC author).

describing it as "Where the Crawdads Sing meets Twilight meets Thelma and Louise." The combination of all these titles feels like an odd mix, especially with it also being semi literary, but it's certainly apt, and definitely works. If I had to narrow down to one genre descriptor I'd probably go with "Southern Gothic" since that sort of encompasses everything but it also doesn't feel like a perfect fit.

Midnight is the Darkest Hour is set in small town Bottom-Springs, Louisiana, which is conveniently right off the bayou (convenient for hiding a body, mind you). The town is an old school God-fearing Southern Baptist town whose religious core also ties to Pentecostal elements (think in the extremes of both). Ruth Cornier is the pastor's daughter and she's been paying a penance for her evil ways all her life. The only "evil" habit she can't seem to shake is local outcast and town's wayward son, Everett. Part of the inability to shake him (besides his being her Edward (re: Twilight), is the evil deed forever tying the two together that left a man

dead and theoretically consumed by the gators in the swamp. When a skull surfaces in the swamp however, Ruth fears their secret is about to come to

light, making the timing of Everett resurfacing after two years missing even more ominous.

The story is told with flashbacks to when Ruth and Everett were teens and the present day where they're trying to figure out whose skull just surfaced, since it doesn't belong to the man they killed. As Ruth and Everett dig into the police investigation in the present (largely to see what damage control they can do), they start to uncover even darker secrets than theirs that have the entire town tangled up in one heck of a conspiracy. While digging into the town's past, they also have to question how much of the local legend of the Low Man, a vampiric figure said to kill sinners on moonless nights, is actually real, given the amount of "sinners" bodies starting to pile up.

Midnight is the Darkest Hour reminded me of Where the Crawdads Sing even before I saw the blurb on the front cover (I tend only read those after I've finished), except I really liked Ruth's sheltered naiveté, I truly bought her character and its motivations the entire novel, which I did not do with Owens's novel. The tale of a young woman being ill-cared for and sheltered to the point of being taken advantage of, then having to commit violence to regain her power, is always a story I want to read and Winstead nailed it for me. She also pulls in multiple ways that power can be taken from young women and the disadvantaged, whether it's family, institutions, or just social expectations. The way she weaves it all together and makes sense of all the crazy that happens in the novel is true mastery. It feels like a touch slow to start, but once she hits the gas that Thelma and Louise element takes off, and it's running straight toward that cliff in a car made of righteous vengeance. This is another one I need more people to read so I can finally discuss it. Seriously, 20 books later and I'm still thinking about it just trying to really classify and adequately describe it; maybe discussing it more will help me...





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May the coming year be your best one ever

At this wonderful time of year when we pause to give thanks for all the good things in our lives -- from family and friends to enjoying good health – I want to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to you, my faithful readers, for your encouragement in writing this column. My intent has always been to provide useful information that helps us all live more fulfilling and healthy lives.

And speaking of that, a cornerstone of good health – and something often in short supply during the holidays – is getting enough sleep. As a diplomate in the American Board of Dental Sleep Medicine, our practice is well versed in helping patients benefit from quality sleep. Don't let a lack of sleep spoil your holiday. Be proactive:

1. De-stress yourself. Everyone feels anxious from time to time, and it can interfere with a good night's sleep. Experts suggest that as you prepare for sleep let your mind wander. When anxious thoughts boil up, acknowledge

them. Then take a short mental vacation. Tell your anxiety: "I'll be with you later. I've earned time off!" Another tact, count your blessings.

2. Exercise. Going for a brisk daily walk



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boosts the effect of natural sleep hormones such as melatonin. But watch the timing of your workouts. Exercising close to bedtime can be stimulating. Morning workouts expose you to daylight that helps your natural circadian rhythm.

3. Minimize light and sound. Disconnect

yourself from electronics, including the ubiquitous cell phone. Create a dark space using shades or an eye mask. Try using a fan or a noise machine to block out unwanted noises.

4. Get comfortable. We spend a third

of their lives asleep. Invest in bedding that relaxes you. Lower your thermostat. Your core temperature drops during rest. Keeping your room chilly aids in this natural temperature drop.

5. Try to stick to a regular sleep schedule. We sleep better when we have a bedtime routine. Perhaps tough to do but aim to go to bed and wake up at the same time. If all else fails, don't just lie there stressing — get up. Do something that promotes relaxation. The moment you feel sleepy, get back in bed. And remember, avoid a big meal before bedtime. Too much alcohol and caffeine are not sleep friendly.

As we close the year, thank you, dear readers, for your continued support. I am thankful for the many blessings we enjoy. I believe together we can build a better community and a better tomorrow for our families and others through service and genuine caring. Yes, all things are possible! If you have any questions,

please reach out. Consider us your hometown resource for guidance and support.

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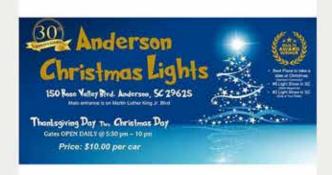
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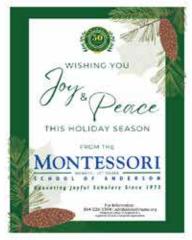
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RUE, BUT NOT THE DAY



In case you haven't seen a redrawing of our hardiness zones, it has been updated from 2012 and we now are in zone 8a. When I first learned of gardening zones back in the 1980's, we were zone 7. Then zones started being sectioned into As and Bs. This update probably won't change much about what gets planted. We all have micro-climates, a courtyard or small city lot for instance will be warmer. Being down in a valley, I can feel air get colder as I walk in different areas. As we focus on drought tolerant plants (which is always important),

then we have a wet season as in the summer of 2015, drought tolerant plants die from rot. Roland Alston, former host of Making It Grow, always said he would rather have dust up his nose than mud between his toes. In 2015's monsoon summer, SCBG lost over 50 mature conifers due to too much rain. With this new zone map making it seem we can grow more tropical plants, proceed cautiously. To me, it makes more sense to be sure what will make it through our summers rather than winters. Several years ago, I bought some Japanese boxwoods at the jockey lot. They turned straw colored the first winter. Maybe they were not established enough. Already this year they are straw colored. There's only been about three or four frosts in my garden. These boxwoods are coming out. They come back every year but

what's the point of an evergreen that doesn't stay green?

A little perennial, technically an herb, which has done great in the garden for several years is rue (Ruta gravelones). Tagged evergreen, it has been, even through our arctic blast last winter. What about zone 8 plants in that kind of whether swing? Rue did great through our very hot summer too. Foliage has a slight bluish tint to it. Deer pass it by. Possibly considered a short lived perennial, even though the original plants have been in my garden for many years, it reseeds so there are always more coming up here and there. It is not weedy. A little tiding up if it gets leggy is all the tending it has needed. Yellow flowers in summer look pretty contrasting to the foliage. Rue is a short plant, only about two feet or so tall and about



Rue in bloom

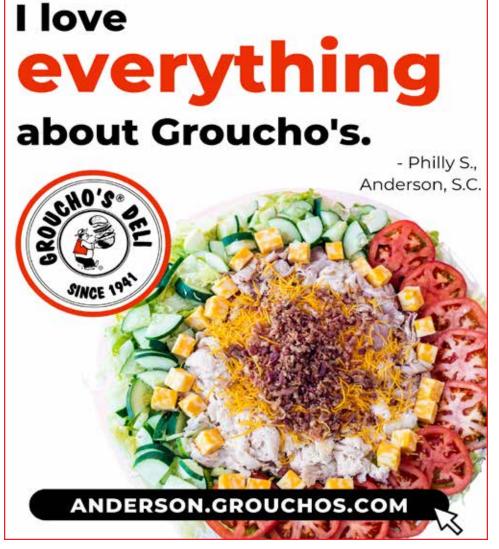
twice as wide. Full sun and welldrained soil are a must.

The best thing about rue is benefits it gives butterflies and other pollinators. I've seen many caterpillars on rue most every year, all summer long. Earlier this fall, I was tiding up one clump and cut a branch off before noticing 11 caterpillars on that one branch. I laid it down amongst some salvia hoping I had not interrupted the caterpillar's business too much. When I went back about an hour later, they were all gone. Maybe birds had lunch or the caterpillars crawled

on to another place. Rue is a host plant for black swallowtail, anise swallowtail, and giant swallowtail butterflies. Butterflies also enjoy the flowers. Rue also hosts parasitic wasps that in turn control whiteflies. Rue and gardenias should make good companions since gardenias are prone to whiteflies.

I've read in most all sources that rue can cause skin irritation, particularly when touching it in hot weather, and that it is poisonous to humans. I've never had a skin reaction to it nor eaten any. Strangely, even though it is poisonous, rue has a history of being an important culinary and medicinal herb back in Roman times. Ruta in Latin means to set free. It was supposedly used as an antidote to poisoning. Hair of the dog? Poison to cure poison? It was also believed to keep witches away. The Catholic Church dipped branches of rue into Holy water and then sprinkled it on the heads of parishioners. This blessing gave it a common name, herb of grace.





It's beginning to be overwhelming at Christmas

Based on when I saw the first decorated tree this year, I'd say that December 8 must be the 69th day of Christmas. With that in mind, it's time to get those homemade fruit-



Kim von Keller

cakes, awkward family photos, and TMI newsletters to the post office to make sure they get to our loved ones by the time Santa goes off duty.

This year, the United States Postal Service kicked off their Christmas celebration

on October 10, when they issued their annual guide "for the timely delivery of cards, letters and packages by December 25th." These are their deadlines:

USPS Ground Advantage - December 16 First-Class Mail, including greeting cards: December 16

Priority Mail - December 18 Priority Mail Express - December 20

Please note that these dates apply only to delivery to the lower 48 states. For delivery to Alaska or Hawaii, your cards and packages must be mailed by the first time you hear "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" in Walmart, which was probably before Halloween. Tough luck, Juneau.

Okay, that last part is not true. To read the real delivery guidelines, visit The Holiday Center at usps.com. What is true, though, is that the USPS is like so many businesses that get overwhelmed during the last two months of the year. I love my mail carrier, but instead of making her daily delivery around lunchtime, she's now showing up around 7:00 pm.

When we met her in our driveway one night, we couldn't even see her in the back of her truck because it was piled high with packages. We went three days with no mail, only to find our box full to the brim on Thursday. Since Benjamin Franklin became the first postmaster general before there was a US in USPS, it has been an inherently human operation.

Case in point, number one: Every year, we make family picture Christmas cards and send them to our friends, family, and business associates. Our goal is always to have them in the mail by December 10. That way, if they're returned to us for some reason, we have time to resend. I am happy to say that of the 100+cards we sent out in 2022, only one was returned... and we received it in September of 2023.

Case in point, number two: A package of great size was recently delivered to our home via USPS. I don't know if our mail carrier was tired or if she was trying to prevent porch piracy, but the package wasn't placed by our door. Instead, we found it hidden behind a large tree right by the street. It was hidden pretty well, too, as we didn't see it for two days.

I know that the men and women of the postal service are doing the best they can at a time of year when they are completely engulfed by our packages and cards. And we're doing the best we can to get our packages and cards to them in a timely fashion while also working, decorating, shopping, planning parties, making cookies, and attending church services. Until the rise of AI, we are, both deliverers and senders, inherently human. And that's a message worth sending any time of year.



LEGAL NOTICES

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TO: DEFENDANTS PADDA MANGAL SINGH AND PADDA 3, LLC

TAKE NOTICE, that the Amended Summons in the above-mentioned action of which the foregoing is a copy, together with the Amended Complaint therein, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Anderson County Court of Common Pleas on August 16, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dated: November 13, 2023

IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ANDERSON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CASE NO: 2023-CP-04-01384 ROY LEE JONES, Plaintiff, v. CHAD ERIC MOORE; PADDA MANGAL SINGH, Individually and as an Employee/Agent of PADDA 3, LLC; and PADDA 3, LLC, Defendants.

PROPOSED ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AS TO DEFENDANTS PADDA 3, LLC, AND PADDA MANGAL SINGH

TO: THE HONORABLE COURT AND ALL PARTIES OF RECORD

THIS MATTER comes before the Court pursuant to the Plaintiff, Roy Jones (hereinafter, "Plaintiff"), by and through her undersigned counsel for an Order of Publication authorizing the service of Defendants, PADDA 3, LLC (Defendant LLC), and Padda Mangal Singh ("Defendant Singh"), via publication.

Having reviewed the Plaintiff's Petition and Affidavit, the Court finds that after due diligence, the Defendants are actively and intentionally avoiding service of process, as noted on the Affidavits of Non-Service (Exhibits A-D). It appears to my satisfaction the Affidavits of Non-Service provide a factual basis to support a finding of due diligence and fulfill the statutory requirements for service by publication, and I see no evidence of fraud or collusion. See Caldwell v. Wiquist, 402 S.C. 565, 741 S.E.2d 583 (Ct. App. 2013). Therefore, the Court finds that it is appropriate and necessary to serve the Defendants PADDA 3, LLC, and Padda Mangal Singh via publication in The Electric City News, a newspaper in

the county most likely to give notice to Defendants, for a reasonable time, but at least once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED, that service upon the Defendants shall be effectuated by publishing the Amended Summons, and notice of filing of the Amended Complaint in the above referenced case in The Electric City News, once weekly for three (3) consecutive weeks, and by forwarding a copy of the pleadings to the Defendants at Defendants' last known address.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

PRESIDING JUDGE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DATED:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ANDERSON IN THE COURT OF COMMON

CASE NUMBER: 2023-CP-04-01384

Roy Jones, PLAINTIFF, VS. Chad Eric Moore, Padda Mangal Singh, Individually and as an Employee/Agent of PADDA 3, LLC; and PADDA 3, LLC, DEFENDANTS

AMENDED SUMMONS TO: DEFENDANTS PADDA MANGAL SINGH AND PADDA 3, LLC, NAMED

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED, and required to answer the Amended Complaint in this action, a copy of which is available from the Clerk of Court for Anderson County, South Carolina, herewith served upon you which was filed on August 16, 2023, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Amended Complaint on the Plaintiff, or their attorney, Poulin | Willey | Anastopoulo, LLC Matthew J. Burgess and Lane D. Jefferies, at their office located at 32 Ann Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29403, within thirty (30) days after server hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Amended Complaint within the amount of time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for judgment by default for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint.

Respectfully submitted,
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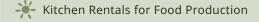
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LABEL BULLY

For quite some time company labels have been trying to bully us and have us bend to their way of thinking. Let's use this morning as an example. Depending on my appetite or my foodmood, I'll have some type of breakfast with my coffee. This morning I felt like having a few Graham crackers. I took a new box from the pantry, looked down to open it, and saw this statement on the box...OPEN OTHER END. Who does Nabisco think they are trying to tell me where to open my crackers? I have opened many Graham boxes in my life and most likely never noticed, or subconsciously did as I was told, but not today, Nabisco, not today. For some reason, before I attempted to

open the box from what they deemed was the wrong end, I looked around



Neal Parnell

and over both shoulders as if I were about to be caught by a Graham Cracker Swat Team bursting into the kitchen and repelling from the ceiling.

The box opened easily and I flung a finger at Nabisco for trying to Label Bully me around. So what if there was no little closing tab on that end of the box. At this point I wasn't going to give Nabisco any satisfaction and placed it

back in the pantry upside down. That's right, I'm a "Bad Man" and now felt empowered to see what other authorities would dare try to force their will on me. It didn't take long until another corporate label bully was yelling at me. Yep, YELLING!! As I reached for a bottled water from the kitchen counter, there it was, right on top of the bottle

FROM HEAT – THIS

me from all directions and my wife

I realized that there are items that

wasn't even awake yet. It was then that

should be screaming orders at me but

never did. I'm quite surprised that DO

NOT DROP is not written in bold

red letters across every carton of eggs.

There's no warning that the pound of

ground-chuck you just bought may

leak a stream of cow juice into your

END UP - DO

NOT BEND -

PUSH TO

CLOSE. Orders

and commands

were coming at

PUSH TO OPEN

cap...RECYCLE! An exclamation being thrown directly at me from my own kitchen. I wasn't going to stand for any amplified text abuse, so I grabbed it by the neck and twisted until it spat at me as I tossed its green scalp into the regular trash without one thought as to whether it was paper, metal, or plastic. Oh I was now filled with super senior citizen strength and ready to fight for Truth, Justice, and the American Grey. It seemed as if everything I touched was Bullying me. THIS IS

NOT A TOY. Well, I played with car's front seat or that those chicken that plastic bag for 5 minutes and it breast won't spread liquid salmonella was fun. REFRIGERATE AFTER onto your Honeycrisp and OPENING – KEEP AWAY

Pink Ladies. You probably know that the average air pressure in most tires is 35psi and that tire manufacturers must warn you not to exceed

that pressure or an explosion could occur. A bottle of Soda can have up to 55psi and has no warning about explosion at all, which brings me to the obvious conclusion that I'd rather have a Goodyear in my cup holder than a Mountain Dew.

Remember Kids, there's a big box out there that says, DO NOT OPEN UNTIL CHRISTMAS, but you know what to do.

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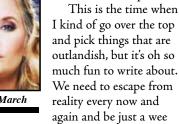


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Over-the-top gift ideas

I absolutely love writing this particular article every year. I kind of pretend like I'm Oprah for the day and pick out all of my favorite things. She actually gets to buy them though. I'm not sure how many on this list we can actu-

ally purchase, but nevertheless, it's fun to pretend.





bit ostentatious, so here it goes. I've narrowed it down to about five things.

So, the first one is a beautiful bottle of olive oil. It's from a company out of Los Angeles called Flamingo Estate. What used to be a film studio has now become a working farm on this magnificent estate nestled right in the heart of LA. They cultivate this lush and perfect cold pressed olive oil from 150 year-old trees. It's a green peppery oil, full of bite. It will go great



on your bread or cheese board for your holiday party. Everything that they make is absolutely divine. From candles to chocolate boxes to bath accessories. If you haven't checked them out, please look them up. It is a treat for the eyes.

My next over the top item is a perfume. It's by Baccarat Rouge. Maison Francis Kurkdjian out of Paris designed this extraordinary scent. It's very pricey, but beautiful and not heavy or overwhelming. Its notes are cedar wood, ambergris, saffron and jasmine. It's also unisex. It's super popular with celebrities and the affluent.

It comes in a really beautifully designed bottle to sit on your vanity. Heavenly is an understate-

Next on this outrageous list is a kitchen appliance. The designers Dolce & Gabbana have come together with the Smeg company and made the most over the top toaster, but it's designed so Italian and just perfectly chic. It's got stunning Sicilian icons on it and the colors are bright and fun. It's not actually hand paint-

> ed, but based on hand painted prototypes. Luxury at its finest and definitely a conversa-

> > tion piece. It will toast about four slices of bread, but hey this article is supposed to be pretentious.

Next is cashmere. A company called mahogany cashmere makes

the most luxe pieces. The Amodora throw is just so sophisticated and crafted so well. It will make your winter blues become non-existent. It's double woven for warmth and pure comfort. Perfect for a snowy afternoon.

My last and final pick are coupe glasses.



They're made by Mario Luca Guisti. His tableware is made in Tuscany and the colors are so elegant. From deep greens to cobalt blue, they're sure to be a show stopper for your next cocktail or mocktail.

Even his acrylic ice buckets are pure magic. Nordstroms and Bergdorf Goodman sell them online if you can't actually make that trip to Tuscany to buy them in person.

Now, go be bad and bougie and treat yourself to something that you never normally would. Remember to make the sidewalk your runway and kindness always matters. Happy Holidays y'all!





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