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## From Boys High to Hollywood, JAMES LEE BARRETT wrote his way to Tinseltown

ames Lee Barrett grew up in Anderson, S.C. His mother had died of tuberculosis when James was very young when the family lived in Charlotte, so James moved to Anderson to live with his paternal aunt, Armena Barrett, on 308 Crayton St. His two sisters moved to Anderson, as well, to live with their other aunt, Mrs. Glena Barrett Witherspoon at the corner of Roberts and Powers streets, one street up from their brother's house.

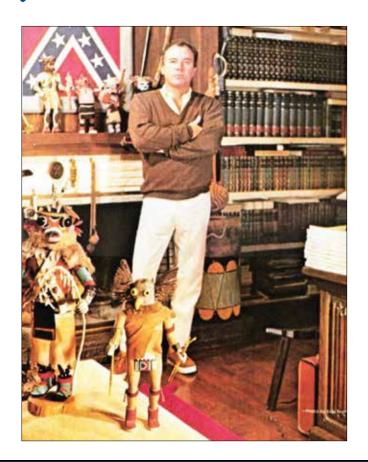
Dot Fant of Anderson, and long-time friend and contemporary of James Lee Barrett, said that "Jimmy Lee" was a lively teenager with a wild imagination. In their Anderson neighborhood there was an unlimited array of people and

things that Barrett would use to turn into a story or a play.

"His first play was presented in our family garage," recalls Fant. "He wrote and directed. He bossed us. He was an artist from the word 'go.' The only people who came to our show were a few neighbors and some dogs and cats."

As a child, James attended North Anderson Elementary School, McCants Junior High, and then Anderson Boys High School. It was while in high school that James became interested in writing and became a member of the newspaper staff. He graduated from Boys High in 1947, then decided to attend Anderson Junior College for two years.

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#### Barrett

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"He was born with imagination, but he always said it was Anderson College that taught him to write," shared Dot.

James Barrett served in the Marines in the 1950's. Those who knew him proclaimed that he was a man who always loved his hometown and his country, and that subsequently, he got the idea for his first televised play from this era of his life. The play, originally titled "The Sand Flea" was sold to producers in Hollywood where the name was changed to "The D.I." (which stood for "drill instructor"). Barrett's career began to soar, and that's when he made the move to California.

The writing skills James Lee Barrett developed at Anderson College led to a very successful career, and a screenwriting  $classic. Mrs. William \, Lummus \, of \, Anderson$ recalled that James discussed the plot for the movie "Shenandoah" with her while he was still in college. And eventually, James' story became a reality. "Shenandoah" starred Jimmy Stewart as Charles Anderson, a farmer who tried to avoid getting into the war until his sons became involved in the conflict. Barrett wrote the story and the screenplay. He later adapted the story for the stage, winning a Tony Award in the 1950's. James Barrett returned home to his hometown of Anderson for a performance of "Shenandoah." Dot Fant sat with a delighted James Barrett at the performance at the Anderson Community Theater. It was no accident that the surname of Barrett's main character in "Shenandoah" was Anderson and that the family doctor's name was Witherspoon (which was the married surname of his Aunt Glena who lived on Roberts Street and took care of Barrett and his sisters.)

Other movies written by Barrett included: "On the Beach," "The Cheyenne Social Club," "The Green Berets," "Smoky and the Bandit," and "The Greatest Story Ever Told." Many of his stories were televised, and he wrote the original scripts for TV shows such as "In the Heat of the Night" and others.

James Lee Barrett left his mark on the literary world. He wrote of subjects

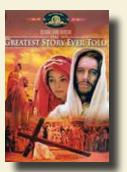
#### **CHURCH CELEBRATES** ST. GEORGE'S DAY

The congregation of St. George's **Episcopal Church invites community** members to join in the first celebration of St. George's Day on Sunday, April 28 at 10 a.m. St George, revered since the 5th century for his courageous and faithful life, is the patron saint of England, as well as other cities, universities and organizations. The celebration will include classic English traditions and fare. Visitors are encouraged to bring a flag honoring their family's heritage. St. George's Episcopal Church is located at 2206 East Greenville St (Highway 81), Anderson. For more information, visit www.stgeorgesanderson.org, call 864-224-1104, or email stgeorgee@ bellsouth.net.

#### Some well-known movies written by James Lee Barrett





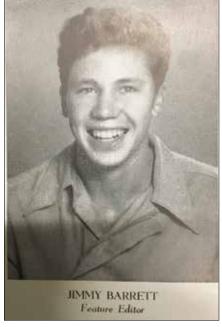


that the common man could relate to and understand. As William Splawn, past director of the Anderson Community Theatre, said when referring to Barrett, "He knew his roots. He was a very erudite man who had a talent to make us realize what America was about."

In 1981, James Lee Barrett was presented with the Anderson Alumni Achievement Award, eight years before his death. He is remembered as having dearly loved his hometown and was a frequent visitor to Anderson even after he moved West.

On October 16, 1989, James Lee Barrett died of cancer of the lymph nodes at the age of 59 in Templeton, California. He wrote for television and film up until the time of his death, and he left behind a wife and five children.

Sources: Mrs. Dot Fant, Anderson, SC; Beth Friend, Anderson University, Development Department; The Andersonian, 1990, Volume



PROVIDED BY ANDERSON UNIVERSITY James Lee Barrett was the Feature Editor at Anderson College.



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#### FROM THE STATEHOUSE WITH REP. ANNE THAYER

## Drilling, dark money, Uber and education

Dear Friends,

In a very unusual move, two competing bills passed favorably out of an Agriculture subcommittee last week. One bill was for and one bill was against seismic testing and offshore drilling off the South Carolina coast. H. 3087 would make it difficult for oil companies to search and drill for oil along our coast. On the contrary, the other bill that passed makes it easier for companies to drill for oil and gas. This will leave the debate up to the full House and keep both pieces of legislation moving.

Legislation to reform the business license tax system was filed again in the House to help small businesses by lowering the costly business tax. The tax has risen 50% in recent years along with burdensome compliance issues that make the whole process time consuming. H. 4431 could help bring uniformity to the system statewide and help South Carolina compete economically with neighboring states.



Rep. Anne Thayer

The House subcommittee on Constitutional Laws gave favorable reports on two "sunshine" bills that would shed more light onto political ads paid for by

secretive groups and their anonymous donors. H. 3045 and H. 4203 would require independent expenditure committees (2 or more individuals who spend \$500 or more to engage in election communications) that spend on political mailers, radio ads, or television commercials to register (like every candidate is required to do) with the State Ethics Commission. They would also need to disclose how much they spent and any donors who contributed more than \$1,000. Get ready, all the groups who operate and profit by this will soon be making a "big stink" about how unfair

The House voted overwhelmingly, 99-1, to pass the Samantha Josephson Ridesharing Safety Act. The bill requires Uber and other ride-booking companies to put an illuminated sign in their window in hopes that could help connect riders to the correct drivers. The bill seeks to increase the distance the rider can start the verification process, but still encourages riders to check to make sure the license plate and car match with the app. North Carolina legislators filed an identical Uber Safety Bill in their State House last week as well.

As you know, earlier this year the House passed a comprehensive education reform bill. The bill included raising teacher pay, decreasing statewide testing, consolidating small school districts, and creating a committee that will monitor the education system from pre-K to post-graduation. The bill

was sent to the Senate where it will go through the same committee process and public hearing debates (as it did in the House). Portions of the bill have now passed the full Senate Education Committee and will be debated next week during the Senate's budget process.

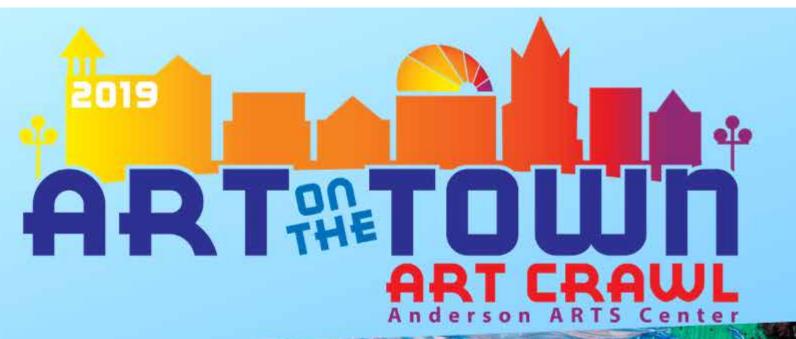
We are hopeful the Senate will pass an education reform package that not only gives teachers a much-needed pay raise but also fixes some of the deep-rooted problems that plague our current education system. We cannot wait another year we need to start making steps in the right direction

FACT: South Carolina is 24th in the nation for funding education but *last* in test scores and college

As the Senate debates the budget next week, the House is going to save the taxpayers a little money and take a much needed spring break.

Happy Easter!





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6:30 PM Pavilion Art Gallery Opening
7 PM Broadway in the Park
8 PM Cash Prize Drawing

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#### THE GARDEN SHOP

## The beauty of Bath's Pink in spring

#### By Susan Temple

Back in my beginning gardener days, I made a raised flower garden in my small backyard to create a defined area. It went from the house down the property line for about a third the length of the yard. It was one railroad tie high, filled with soil, and lined with rocks. I planted mostly perennials in my beginner garden, mainly because there wasn't room for trees and shrubs.

Along a large portion of the raised garden, I put Bath's Pink (Dianthus gratianopolitanus) at the edge. They trailed over and grew great. I had read about Bath's Pink in my go to reference book Mama gave me, "Rodale's Illustrated Encyclopedia of Perennials" by Ellen Phillips & C. Colston Burrell. This was long before the World Wide Web. One had to use books. And boy, did that book get used. It went plant shopping with me, in the yard with me while planting, and I spent many hours dreaming and planning with it. It fell apart at the spine so I kept it together with a rubber band. I found another copy that looked brand new years later at a thrift store. I quickly snatched it up as if someone



was going to come along and take it away from me. I still look at it from time to time just to take a trip down memory lane. It's easy to understand, gives pronunciations (so one can learn to say gratianopolitanus), has nice pictures, and reminds me of how far my gardening habit has taken me.

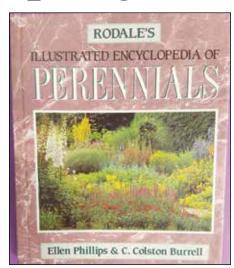
One day last week I passed Pruitt & Pruitt Law Firm across from the parking garage downtown. Their whole brick wall along the side is planted with Bath's Pink. They are perfect for that narrow strip. Many have grown to trail over the edge, growing on top of the concrete. That says it all about how tough these little guys are. Just give them full sun and well-drained soil. The foliage stays green year round so they give some interest even when not in bloom. The foliage is a blueish grey color. The flowers have sort of a clove smell. If deadheaded, they will bloom much longer.



Above: Bath's Pink. Right: The author's reliable reference book.

It seems the name Pinks come from the fringed flowers, as if they have been cut with pinking shears, not necessarily because the flowers are pink. I've seen other varieties called Pinks but the flowers may be white, red, or variations thereof. I think I'll put Pinks on my list of plants to add to my garden.

On another note, Anderson Master



Gardeners would like to thank everyone who came and shopped our sale. It's quite a whirlwind event. By the time I came up for air from selling bulbs from our "bulb barrow", the sale was practically over. We were sold out by about 9:15. There will be areas for improvement when we review but we're headed in a good direction. Our sale has grown to include the whole Farmer's Market now.

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





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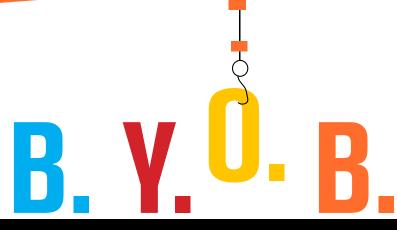
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#### **CREATING HOME**

### A few favorite design books for inspiration

By Amie Speer

Design inspiration is everywhere. You turn on HGTV, open up a blog or look at social media and chances are you are loaded with ideas,



Amie Speer

DIYs and current trends. While I love seeing what other designers are up to while

pictures,

scrolling through Instagram or reading up on a new 'How To' on a favorite designer's blog, nothing is more inspirational (or educational) to me than reading through a great design book. So, I have rounded up a few of my most beloved.

"Domino: The Book of Decorating"

by Domino Editors (Deborah Needleman, Sara Ruffin Costello & Dara Caponigro)

This is one of the first design books that I owned. Given to me by my Mom when I was in design school, it has guides for decorating and styling every



room as well as a decorator's handbook to window treatments and upholstery.

#### "Styled: Secrets for Arranging Rooms, from Tabletops to Bookshelves"

by Emily Henderson Stylist Emily Henderson's book helps you determine your own style and gives ideas on incorporating that style into your home. Complete with her signature quirky touches, each space feels unique and interesting.

"Mark Hampton: On Decorating"

by Mark Hampton

"On Decorating" is an incredible guidebook on the basics of decorating and creating a home in a timeless way. This book is a compilation of essays and watercolor illustrations written for House and Garden.

#### "Michael S Smith: Houses" by Michael Smith with Christine Pittel

Michael Smith has a way of layering a room together like no one else. In this book he walks the reader through some of his projects, including his own home, teaching us his method to creating the ideal home. "The Great American House: Tradition for the Way We Live Now"

#### by Gil Schafer with Marc Kristal

Written by traditional architect Gil Schafer, this book gives beautiful examples of renovating and building homes in an updated way, while respecting their historic qualities. He breaks down a house into three elements: Architecture, Decoration and Landscape and showcases four homes designed by him.

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#### **NIBBLE & SIP**

## Kentucky meet SC in a glass

#### By Kim von Keller

There's a lot to love about Kentucky. It's a state that produced not only Loretta Lynn, but George Clooney. It's hard to beat its ham biscuits or fried chicken. I've even heard that Louisville hosts an



Kim von Ke

annual horse race that's pretty popular. But the thing I love most about Kentucky isn't its celebrities or its food or its sporting events.

The thing I love most about Kentucky is its bourbon.

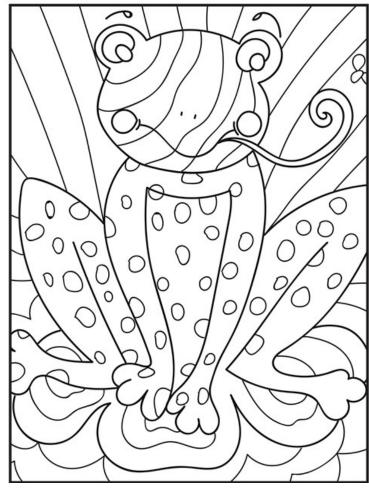
Other than Scotch, I don't

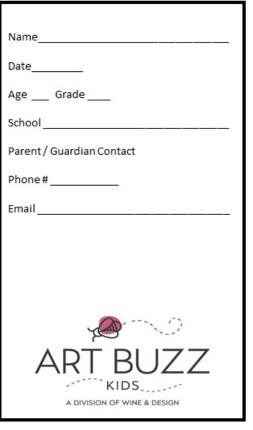
think there's another spirit so closely associated with its place of origin. And in today's cocktail culture, bourbon has taken on an almost mythic quality. I'm told that a bottle of Pappy Van Winkle Family Reserve 23 Year bourbon that cost around \$150 ten years ago now goes for over \$10,000. And that's if you can even find a bottle for sale. I gave my husband a Family Reserve 20 Year way, way back when it was still affordable. He only drinks it neat, and there's still a small amount left in the bottle. On a recent tour of Buffalo Trace Distilleries, I mentioned that to the guide. She looked at me as if I'd said the Holy Grail was at home in my dishwasher.

As much as I like bourbon, though, I find it a little heavy this time of year. So, when I invite friends over for a springtime nibble and sip, I like to make a Kentucky Buck. It combines bourbon with our beautiful South Carolina strawberries, lemon juice and ginger beer. (If you find a bottle of Pappy's and use it in this drink, I will hunt you down and kick you out of the Cocktail Club). And since rosemary and strawberries go together like, well, Kentucky and bourbon, I whip up a batch of Warm Rosemary Nuts. Like bourbon, though, nuts can be pretty expensive, so feel free to use the variety that best suits your taste and your budget.

#### COLORING FOR KIDS

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#### Kentucky Buck

I large fresh strawberry

¾ oz. lemon juice

½ oz. simple syrup

2 oz. bourbon

2 dashes Angostura bitters

Chilled ginger beer

In a Collins glass, or whatever 10 to 12-ounce tumbler you have handy, muddle the strawberry with the lemon juice and simple syrup. Add the bourbon and bitters, stirring well. Fill the glass with ice, and top with ginger beer (2-3 ounces if you're a strict measurement kind of person).

#### Warm Rosemary Nuts

Made popular at the bar at the Union Square Café.

 $2 \frac{1}{2}$  cups unsalted mixed nuts

2 T. chopped fresh rosemary

½ t. cayenne pepper

2 t. dark brown sugar

2 t. salt

1 t. butter, melted

Preheat the oven to 350°. Spread the nuts on a cookie sheet and toast in the oven until golden, around 10 minutes. (Keep an eye on them so they don't burn, especially if you use pecans or walnuts.)

In a large bowl, combine the rosemary, cayenne pepper, dark brown sugar, salt, and butter. As soon as you remove the nuts from the oven, add them to the bowl, tossing to combine thoroughly. Serve warm.

## **SOUNDS IN THE PARK PRESENTS:**

## THE 2019 SUMMER SHOWS



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#### By Linda Nightingale

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When it is time to go home — ah, sweet sorrow — Northbound, the lucky passengers enjoy a stopover at Matjiesfontein, a charming Victorian village with original London lampposts. Here, The Blue

Train is your time machine back in time to a grander age. Upon arrival, you're invited for a glass of sherry at the vintage bar. Guests are then transferred to Aquila for lunch and a visit to the exciting Cheetah project. From Cape Town's monolithic Table Mountain to the jacaranda-lined streets of Pretoria is a two-day/one-night trip.

On the Blue Train, you will definitely want to focus on the journey not the destination. This land voyage is the ultimate in lavishness and personal pampering. A late night snack? An early morning wake-up call? A shirt in dire need of a little tender care? One call and your butler, available 24 hours per day, will take care of it. From the instant you step onto The Blue Train, you've entered a different world — a world of comfort and relaxation.

Romantic dining? Allow your uniformed server to escort you to a window table as the twilight scenery scrolls by. The lush wood paneled dining room features white robed tables, real crystal for your beverages and comfortable black leather chairs. Pristine white napkins in silver napkin rings speak of quiet sumptuousness. Leisurely dine on the wide-ranged, delicious menu with foods specially prepared for your enjoyment.

This amazing journey includes all meals, high tea, drinks, alcoholic and non-alcoholic, (excluding French champagne, caviar) as well as the off-the-train excursions. In suite,

complimentary bottled mineral water and all bathroom amenities are on offer. Snacks and beverages will be served in your private suite upon request. There is a limited onboard laundry and valet service. All luxury suites include free WI-FI. Sleep soundly on a bed bedecked in goose-down and 100 percent percale-cotton bedding. Luxuriate in the opulent marble and gold-fitted bathroom.

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#### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR: LINDA NIGHTINGALE**

After 14 years in Texas, Linda just returned home to her roots. She has seven published novels, four of which are available from Audible.com in audio. For many years, she bred, trained and showed Andalusian horses on their farm in Five Forks. So, she's seen a lot of this country from the windshield of a truck pulling a horse trailer. The local author has won several writing awards, including the Georgia Romance Writers' Magnolia Award and the SARA Merritt. She retired from a career as a legal assistant at MD Anderson Cancer Center to write full time.

She has two wonderful sons — one in Texas; one in England — and four equally marvelous grandchildren.



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## LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL

The Anderson County Museum and LabTech Diagnostics present Laissez Les BonTemps Rouler or Let the Good Times Roll Gala. The event will be held at Evergreen Plantation & Lodge on Friday, April 26, 2019 from 7 until 11 p.m. The event will have food and a full beverage menu service provided by Sullivan's Metropolitan Grill. Entertainment and dancing will be to the tunes of The Catalina's and the event will have a New Orleans theme. Attire will be spring

Tickets may be purchased online at andersoncountymuseum.org/thegala. Tickets are \$125 per person or \$200 per couple. Evergreen Plantation is located at 4800 Hwy 187 South, Starr SC 29684.

#### **ANDERSON TRAVEL CLUB** TO HOLD MEETING

The Anderson Travel Club and AU Lifelong Learning Institute Program will meet on May 2 at 1 p.m. at the Anderson County Main Library, 300 N. McDuffie St., in rooms B and C on the first floor. The guest speaker will be Captain Darrell Hill of the Andeson County Sherrif's office. His program will include tips on how to keep safe while traveling and at home. The Travel Club welcomes those who would like to present a program on their travels to interesting places in the United States and around the world.

For more information, contact 864-338-8318. Sallie Moreland is the president of the Anderson Travel Club. Nancy Hanley is director of the Anderson University LLI Lifelong Learning Institute (AU LLI).

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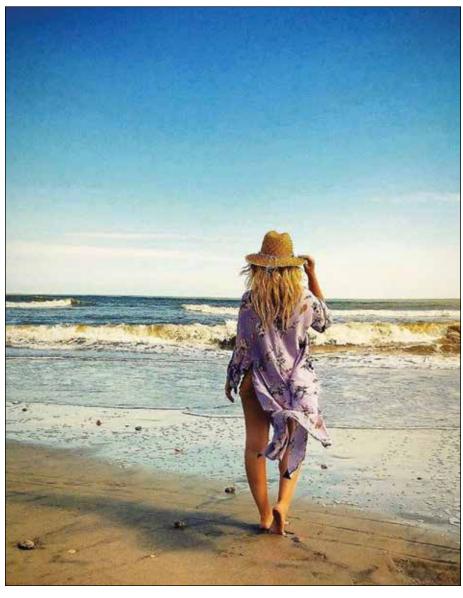
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## Swimwear 2019

By Kristine March

It's here. Swimsuit season. Let's all admit. It can be a bit dreadful and a little nerve wracking, but this season there are some beautiful designs to make us feel confident. All shapes and sizes. Stripes and cut-outs and in every color. A one piece is great if you want more coverage but designers are now making this swimwear high-waisted or cutting the bathing suit at an angle for a pop of skin here and there. It's flattering on everyone.

The itsy bitsy bikinis are a thing of the past. If it's too low, it's got to go. The new look takes on a much classier approach. The designs now are made to show off our best assets. You want it to mold to your body, lift and still be sexy. High-waisted doesn't have to just be a retro vibe. They scallop the edges, or make it in a bandeau top or a push-up underwire. To give the look that extra boost of confidence, pair it with a kimono. Long or short.

If you're feeling super snazzy, try a caftan and you will be ready to hop a yacht to St Tropez. It only looks expensive. Ditch your terry cloth cover-up and visor and put on a big straw hat instead. Flips flops are okay, but barefoot sandals with



Kristine March

a fringe or pompom make you look chic.

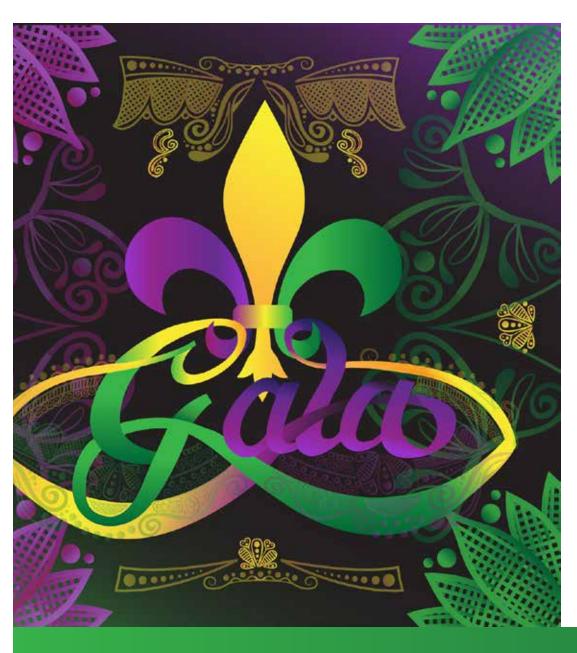
Try a oversized straw bag to match. Yellow is the color of the swim season and it looks good on all skin tones. If you're

more fair toned go for a honey color. Leopard and snakeskin are big, as far as prints are concerned. Metallic is also really popular for spring and summer. Black is always appealing. Spanx has come out with a swim line this year. Can I get a hallelujah!

The most important thing you can do at the pool or beach is apply sunscreen. My favorite brand at the moment is Sun Bum. It's affordable and it really works.

Buy a round circular mandala tapestry for the beach. It looks super cute, if you're into the bohemian look.

Stay hydrated, and remember that no matter what shape or size you are, the best and most important thing you can have is self-confidence. Swim and play and make memories this year. Enjoy the sunshine. Have the best season ever. Don't forget to make the beach or poolside your runway.





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### In a world of dolls, my money's on the American Girl

By Kim von Keller

As a child, I wasn't into dolls, although I probably received a Barbie every year for a decade. The problem was, they just weren't very interesting. Today, there is Paleontologist Barbie and Robotics Engineer Barbie and Unhelpful Customer Services Representative Barbie (made that one up). In my day, however, they largely seemed identical, like the Real Housewives. They also didn't have cool rides like today's Barbie Beach Cruiser and Barbie Bistro Cart (didn't make that one up). My Barbies had to catch a lift in G.I. Joe's jeep and just hope that he didn't get grabby.

By the time I'd discovered dolls I actually liked, I'd already voted in six presidential elections and people would have talked. But this new line of dolls was different. They represented plucky heroines of all hues who faced some

of the most tumultuous times in our nation's history, and their stories were each told in sets of books.

Some people invest in stocks or real estate. My husband and I put our money into American Girl Dolls. Our daughter was captivated by the stories as a child, and eventually she had to had have a doll, and then another one, plus all the books. To put these costs into perspective, you could buy 10 Barbies for the cost of Samantha, plucky heroine of 1904 New York, and her nightgown costs more than what I sleep in.

Since the late 1980s, real American girls have been obsessed with American Girl Dolls. When I taught fourth grade, a student named Vanessa asked to be called Felicity after the plucky heroine of 1774 Virginia. And the one time we took our daughter to the American Girl Store in Manhattan, she was almost



Kim von Keller

mowed down by a girl dressed as Molly, plucky heroine of World War II Illinois. We were a block away when Molly Look-Alike broke free of her parents and stormed the store

like it was Normandy Beach, yelling, "I see it! I see it!"

I poke fun, but my love of the American Girl Dolls and what they meant to my family is real. When a new book series came out, the three of us would pile into bed each night to see if Addy, a slave of the 1860s, would be reunited with her family, or if Kirsten, a Swedish immigrant in the 1850s, would ever learn to speak English. And though I throw the word around a lot, "plucky" is what I wanted our daughter to become, resilient and optimistic in the face of challenge.

I've saved Elizabeth's dolls and books in case she ever has a daughter. But if I don't want to wait that long, I can visit the Anderson County Museum for the American Girl Club. This free event is for girls and boys ages 8 and up and is led by costumed staff. Activities include crafts, scavenger hunts, story time, movies, games, and more. A parent is required to stay, but trust me, you'll want

All those American Girl things we bought? Best money we ever spent.

The American Girl Club meets at 11 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month at the Anderson County Museum, located at 202 East Greenville St. For more information, visit andersoncountymusuem. org or call 864.260.4737.

## There's your sign

By Katie Laughridge

"Environmental print", in the form of words and symbols, surround and inundate every aspect of our daily lives. In fact, it's nearly impossible to go through a single day without being significantly influenced by some form of written communication. We use "words" on signs, labels, and logos to express meaning, assign identity and to provide important directions. Without the ability to understand the written language, we would have difficulty performing even simple tasks such as reading a street sign, ordering from a menu, and recognizing the "T" in Target.

Early encounters with environmental print, words, and other graphic symbols are among the first concrete exposures to

the written language received by young children, and are therefore considered an important part of their emergent literacy process. Furthermore, the ability to recognize and process environmental print is strongly correlated with building a young child's confidence and significantly bolsters their excitement about reading. Studies also suggest that, by successfully making meaningful connections with words and symbols in their immediate environment, children learn to read and connect with the world around them at a much earlier age. Additionally, with this solid foundation in place, children can easily make the transition to reading functional print when they eventually enter school.

Parents, the good news is you

can start creating these skills in your child right away by utilizing the environmental print you are exposed to each and every day. Here are a few ideas you can start

- When driving, talk about the store names. Talk to your child about what each sign stands for (or the signs they are familiar with) including the letters found
- + Talk about street signs and their beginning sounds (stop signs, one way, caution, yield). In the beginning you could focus on just one sign (i.e. Stop sign) and talk about what it means. For example, count how many "Stop signs" you see during a trip together — and explain how it always means the same thing.
- Play the "license plate game".



Katie Laughridge

on license plates and road signs as you drive. Whoever can find the most of their letter, wins!

Look for

an "a", then

a"b," etc.;

or assign

member a

letter. See

how many

letters you

of those

can find

· Cut out words from cereal boxes and other familiar items (Lucky Charms, Yoplait yogurt, Mott's applesauce, Poptarts, etc.) and lay them on the table. Ask your child to pick up the word/ label that starts with a "y" or a "p" and see how many they can

identify. Glue the labels on pieces of paper and staple them together to make a book. Now your child will have a book they can "read" all each family by themselves!

Don't forget about the numbers! Talk about the numbers you see on speed limit signs, and how double digit numbers are made up of two numbers. Talk about numbers that are greater than and less than the number you see. Additionally, you can count from "1" up to the number on the sign - or you can "skip count" by 5's or 10's to "100" - starting with the number you see on the sign (ex: 25 mph — 25, 30, 35, 40).

Learning with environmental print can be very easy and simple. Not only is it a fun way to interact with your kids, but a way to make learning fun and meaningful!

#### **HOT HITS**

## Wishing recovery for Wendy Williams

This year has not been great for Wendy Williams. The 54-year-old talk show host has been fighting an uphill battle that she appears to be losing. It was revealed on her show that she has been living in a sober house, trying to recover from her drug and alcohol addiction. Upon hearing that her husband's mistress was pregnant, a member of her staff found her passed out drunk and she was rushed to the



Before I go any further, let me make this clear. I am a fan of the former radio personality. I am in her corner and want her to recover.

That said I can't help but wonder if this is some kind of karma. You see, Wendy got her fame in NYC as a shock jock interviewing celebrities

and catching them off guard with personal questions. Most famous was her on-air interview with Whitney Houston when Williams flat out asked Whitney about her drug abuse secret. Mariah Carey even refers to Williams in her song "Touch My Body." Mariah and Wendy also had an on-air quarrell.

Wendy has filed for divorce and seems to be in good spirits. She continues to work daily and put on a smile each and every day. Best of luck to you

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

MUSINGS OF AN OLE BALL COACH

## King of the Road

I decry the passage of many things of my youth, nine cent movies, Planters peanuts in 6 ounce, Cokes, unlocked doors, walking to school, riding my bicycle anywhere in town, going barefoot in late April, and the arrival of the fair, to name a few. One central and essential passage was the adventuresome and lost art of hitchhiking.

My foray into the world of thumbing a ride began as a teen, in the early war years. A couple of us would station ourselves at Crawford's store and



thumb to Black Creek. The creek was between 4 and 5 miles away, all sandy, dirty roads. Sometimes we would walk or ride bikes for a refreshing swim, but our travel of choice was hitchhiking.

When I matriculated to Carolina hitchhiking became my main mode of transportation between the campus and my hometown of Florence. My buddy Bull Lee and myself would catch a ride to the

outskirts of Columbia and in 3 to 5 hours we'd be home. We would disdain a ride that did not carry us at least to Sumter. None of "I'll take you boys 15 miles to Hopkins" for us.

Stationed at the Camp Lejeune Marine Base in 1954-55, I became a serious hitchhiker. A 48-hour weekend pass meant you had to report in at 1700 hours on Sunday. You didn't want to be late, it was sometimes hazardous to your health. While at Lejeune, my buddy, Onie Lane, became engaged to be married. He wanted me to be

best man (a natural sobriquet for me). Our Corporal (^) pay of \$92 a month, meant we had to hitchhike to his hometown of Winnsboro. We packed our toothbrushes, shaving gear, and dress blues and hit the road. We made good time until we hit Lumberton, N.C. We were sitting on a curb in the middle of town with no ride in sight. It was midnight on Friday and we were tying the knot at high noon on Saturday. Marines are taught never to panic to always be in control of a situation. I know two Marines

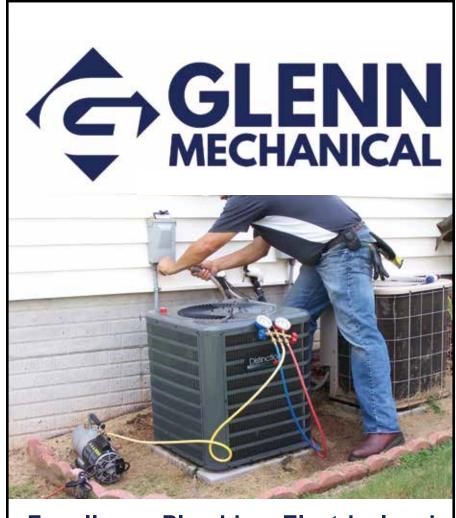
who abandoned our training on a sultry June night in Lumberton, N.C. We hailed a police car that took us to a bus station. After a two-hour wait, a Greyhound had us in Winnsboro in time to use our toothbrushes, shaving gear, and get into our dress blues and get to the church on time.

I sometimes marvel as to what has happened to the fabric of our country, that has made hitchhiking more dangerous than skydiving. That leaving doors unlocked is a recipe for trouble, and never, ever.

hitchhike or pick up a hitchhiker.

The quantum leap our technology has made in our living longer, more comfortably, and having a standard of living that transcends any civilization at any time fades into insignificance when we've lost those carefree days of being King of the Road.

Jim Fraser was the athletic director and head football coach at T.L. Hanna High School from 1968-1985. He was also a full time member of the faculty who taught U.S. History.



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Louis Brock worked for the Anderson Police Department then went on to own his own business, Anderson Armored Car.

## The Life of Louis Brock

By Rich Otter

Louis S. Brock was born in Honea Path in 1918 and grew up just in time for the Great Depression. He had to quit school after sixth grade, attempted farming with his brother but with the Depression in full effect went to work driving an ambulance for the Civilian Conservation Corps between Table Rock State Park and Oconee State Park. He then went to work for the Anderson Police Department.

What he lacked in formal education, he made up for through observation and, as with many other good officers, with instinct. He was always immaculately dressed, quiet and reserved until action was necessary. He was respected by friend and foe alike. When a new City Council wanted to attack what was considered a dangerous situation, only he and Officer Billy Newton volunteered to do so.

But Brock had a mischievous sense of humor that was often exercised against a new young mayor who had taken office. One night when the mayor was at his home, all of a sudden a series of fire crackers exploded in his front yard. Irate, the mayor called the police department and reported the insulting incident. Moments later

Brock and his partner Leroy Faust arrived on the scene, searched the neighborhood, and reported back that the culprits had not been seen. The mayor realized later they should have looked in their own police car.

Another evening when Brock was in charge of the shift, it was reported a dog had run into its owner's home, run around in circles and dropped dead. Rabies? The mayor went to the scene and a search was made of the neighborhood. No other infected animal was found. The mayor asked Louie Brock to see that the dog was taken to a vet to be tested. The next morning the mayor pulled into his parking space and there, blocking his entrance, lay the recently departed canine. When turned over, it had been determined it had been hit by a car.

The city had been furnishing police service for many years to a local grocery store and others to escort funds to the bank. The businesses had been notified the service would be discontinued and Louie Brock and a partner bought an abandoned 1946 armored car, fixed it up, and began armored service for the store and other customers. He bought out his partner and expanded the business. He knew the mayor had decided not

to run again (undoubtedly because of the Brock shenanigans) and would be out of office in six months. At that point he was a lieutenant. He asked the mayor and city manager if he could take a leave of absence or retire and then come back to the force within six months if he couldn't support himself in the business. He was told yes but he could not come back as a lieutenant. He never turned back.

The business continued to grow. He had also started a courier business carrying parcels and cancelled checks and was awarded the contract from the Federal Reserve to handle all of the processed checks and parcels from the Federal Reserve for the State of South Carolina. His courier vehicles were in every bank in the state every weekday morning.

The armored business grew enormously, as well. He developed terminals with vaults for coin and currency in Greenville, Myrtle Beach, Columbia and Charleston along with other terminals in his hometown Anderson and in Spartanburg. The Greenville vault facility stored all of the Federal Reserve funds for distribution in the state. He had armored vehicles that traveled as far as Missouri and New Jersey. (At one

point he even delivered a bicycle by armored car to Charleston for the retired mayor's daughter.) No other armored car company — including Brinks, Purolator or Wells Fargo — could take business from him. When he sold Anderson Armored Car he had 97 armored cars and 150 courier vehicles.

After he had become a member of an international organization of independent armored car operators, he wanted to have his attorney go with him to meetings because he was afraid with just a sixth grade education he might be asked questions he couldn't answer. He never knew how highly respected he was in that organization. Many of the members were pretty tough hombres who had come off the trucks of the three major carriers and frequently argued with each other, vociferously. None, ever, raised his voice to Louie Brock or, by association, to his attorney who had become legal counsel for the association.

He sold his business not long before he passed away in 1999 and the purchasers — with all their education, money, experience and prestige — could not hold the business together of a man whose word had been his bond.

## How to help your child handle bullying

#### By Mary-Catherine McClain Riner

Often, children are embarrassed, ashamed, scared, and/or shy in sharing with an adult that he/she is being teased or bullied at school. Instead, children often manifest fear and anxiety physically (e.g., stomachaches, headaches, insomnia, self-harm behavior), emotionally (e.g., tears when being dropped off) or verbally (I do not want to go to school today, negative self-talk). It should also be noted that boys often bully one another in the bathroom, and therefore a classic symptom for them results in avoiding going to the restroom and holding it all day — leading to gastric intestinal distress. On the other hand, girls often bully each other with technology. If you see your child becoming obsessive with the phone or turning the phone down, it may signal cyber-bullying. When you notice a pattern consistently developing, consider that bullying may be an influencing and contributing factor.

If/when a child shares that he/she is being bullied, focus on listening, allowing your child to talk, and not trying to solve and fix the problem. Likewise, avoid asking "what did you do to make someone tease you," as this often leads to shutting down and blaming behavior. Better questions include "tell me what happened" and "how did that make you feel?" The more you intervene, become ballistic, or show your own emotional intensity, the more you will not get a full picture or story. Likewise, you miss the opportunity to allow your child to be heard and validated.

Once you know the whole story, remember that the worst thing you can do is become explosive and march to the school to confront a bully. The best thing is to facilitate open communication and foster your child in developing ideas on how to resolve bullying behaviors. Sample questions include "what do you think might work," "what do you want to try next," and "what do you think will happen/will be the outcome if you do X behavior?" You may also considering asking the question "what



is going to make you feel better about this situation?" These questions will ultimately lead to promoting empowerment.

Another important piece is creating a safe place for communication to flow better. This safe place can include with a parent, friend, cousin, teacher, coach, or counseling. If you do feel the need to go to the school, ensure you can go in after all the children have left for the day. You can also call or email a teacher to make an appointment. If the teacher is unaware or you do not see changes within a week, consider making an appointment with the principal and state, "I talked to his/her teacher last week, and my son/daughter continues to come home with this complaint. What should I do?" Follow-up with "when can I expect to hear back and what is your next step?" After you have this knowledge, you can share with your child what the next steps will be on their behalf. It should also be noted that if there is a threat of violence, bypass school and contact the police.

Lastly, parents can educate about how bullies often single out 1 child, maybe 2. They rarely tease 3 or more children at one time. Similarly, bullies typically tease others because of a personal need for approval and acceptance. Additionally, having a friend or peer say "that is not cool" can be helpful in stopping bullying behavior as well as someone inviting the child being picked on to go play — leading to defuse the situation. Working together and kindness lead to powerful and positive change, for not only targets of bullying but also for the bullies themselves.

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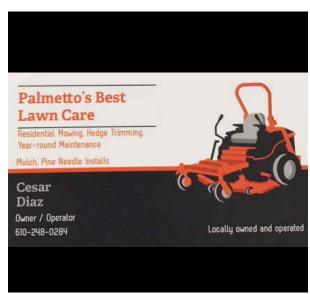
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#### **VIEW FROM THE STANDS**

By Dan Lacobie

To say the least, the last two weeks have been filled with tons of firsts, wins, losses, and things many didn't see coming in the world of sports.

And what did we not see coming? How about Tiger Woods winning his 5th green jacket at Augusta National this past weekend! Woods' last win at The Masters was in 2005. In an interview, Woods stated that the most surprised person he knew of, was himself.

In the final round, Tiger made some shots that took me to back to the days when he was making shots most of us could only dream of making.

Even with all the sports to talk about this time of year, baseball always comes up one way or another. So let's check on the boys of summer:

In the collegiate rankings, Clemson has been in a "rebuilding" season this year. However to me, it seems Clemson is carrying on as usual.

In the last 2 weeks Clemson faced off with Georgia in a mid-week home game. Even though the Tigers came up short against the Dawgs (3-5), the Tigers rebounded against ACC foe Louisville and took the series 2 games to 1.

After the next mid-week game versus



Dan Lacobie

Furman, won by the Tigers 2-0, the Tigers were swept by Florida State in a 3 game away contest. The next game up for Clemson is a return match with Georgia in Athens on

April 16.

As far as UGA, the Dawgs have been hanging around #2 in most baseball polls. But Georgia is really sinking their teeth into the SEC schedule this time of year. With a record of 29-8 overall and an SEC conference record of 10 – 5, Georgia still has remaining conference games with Florida, Mississippi State, Auburn and Alabama and mid-week games with Clemson and Georgia Tech from the ACC. It's a long, long road to Omaha, friends.

The South Carolina Gamecocks, 21-15 overall and 4-11 in conference play, have had an off year for Carolina baseball for sure. The last couple of weeks we've seen the Gamecocks drop a series to Alabama in Tuscaloosa and an away series at Florida, 1 game to 2 in each series. But folks don't let any of that fool you, Carolina is just a breath away from beating anyone at anytime. They have had some tough losses that maybe they should've won.

## RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL AS "FAIR HOUSING MONTH"

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**WHEREAS**, April is recognized nationally as Fair Housing Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anderson County does hereby designate April 2019 as Fair Housing Month.

## PENDLETON BULLDOGS



By Dan Lacobie

Pendleton's "Diamond Dogs" baseball team are about ready to wrap up another season. With an overall record of 6-6-1, the Dogs look to build on this season for 2020.

The team, with just a few games left, is batting .296 as a group — with an on base percentage of .321. In the pitching department, the Dogs have a 5.83 earned run average.

The upcoming events for the Bulldog squad will be Monday through Friday of spring break (April 15th - 19th) for a spring break tournament. All games will be away.

The boys' soccer team is 5-6 overall and 3-2 in region play with 2 games not reported as of press time. Some of the highlights of the boys' season include a win at Powdersville on March 26th (1-0) and a win a few days before over West Oak, also by a score of 1-0.

After a loss to conference foe Daniel to start the season, the Bulldogs won three straight versus West Oak, Powdersville and Crescent High School. Their last game this season will be against Westside High School on Tuesday, April 23.

After a successful 2018/2019 athletic season, Pendleton High School will look forward to another season of high school athletic excellence with the kick off of football season. Those summer practices are coming!



### T.L. HANNA YELLOW JACKETS



**By Dan Lacobie** 

The T.L. Hanna High School Yellow Jacket baseball team is sliding into home already this year. With the end of the regular season upon us, the "Diamond Jackets" faced Woodmont High in an away contest on Tuesday, April 16.

The team, 16-4 overall and 10-3 in conference play, looks to continue their winning season at the South Carolina Diamond Invitational on Wednesday, April 17 in Lexington, S.C.

In the last week or so, Hanna has won versus Laurens (4-2) and at Laurens. In the win against Laurens on April 11th, Will McGregor claimed the victory on the mound for the Jackets, allowing 8 hits with only 2 runs. He lasted 6 innings, striking out 4, after which Jackson Bryant came out to close giving the Jackets the last 3 outs of the game and preserving the win for Hanna.

On April 11, the Yellow Jackets played a home contest with Woodmont High, 5-2. Hanna quickly got on the board in the first inning when Jack McGregor got an RBI – then a score on a walk to Luke Johnson in the first inning. The second inning also brought in runs by Davin Horn and Jay Dillard along with a Woodside error that sealed the deal for Hanna with the Jackets winning 5-2. Jake Jones was credited with the win at home allowing 9 hits and 2 runs. In his 6 innings he struck out 3 and had zero walks.

The T.L. Hanna track team is keeping up Hanna's winning tradition. On March 28, Easley, Wade Hampton, Woodmont and Hanna participated in an event at the school. Hanna was the overall winner with a score of 224 (112.50 men/111.50 women).

Individual scores included a win by J.J. Hudson in the 100 meter dash. In the boys 200 meter dash, Truly Jones had a win. Boys 400 meter dash belonged to Jon Pierre and in the boys 3200 meter SOM SCHOOL DISTRICT run, Scott Daughtry took first.

In the girls 100 meter dash, Leniah Johnson broke the tape for first place. Johnson also scored a win in the 200 meter. The 400 meter winner was Catherine DeMino. In the 100 meter hurdles, Shatajha took first place, Catherine DeMino got 2nd place and Alana Webster grabbed 3rd for the Hanna team.

### **WESTSIDE RAMS**



By Dan Lacobie

Westside's "Diamond Rams" are at the end of a sluggish season. The Rams are 6-15 overall and 5-7 in region play. At press time, Westside still had an away game with Wade Hampton on Monday, April 15 and a return home game on Tuesday, April 16 remaining on the schedule.

The last few weeks have seen Westside split a two-game series (7-8, 3-1) with region rival Greenwood on April 10th and 12th. In the Rams' win, #11 Jordan Young and #10 Nate Bailey had 2 and 1 RBI's, respectively. #17 Dakota Smith was credited with the win – pitching 7 innings and only giving up 1 run.

The Rams varsity girls' soccer team will finish up their season at home on Tuesday, **April 24th in a match versus the Gaffney** Indians. The team is 9-10 overall this season.

The men's varsity soccer team has a 7-8 record overall this year and a region record of 6 - 7. Upcoming events for the men include a trip to Saluda Shoals for the NIKE Palmetto Cup on April 15 and 16. After which the Rams will play at Pendleton on April 23, the following day

at J.L. Mann, and on April 26th at Fort Mill.

The last few games for the Rams included a visit from Woodmont which resulted in a 0-2 loss. On **April 4, Westside beat the Laurens** Raider club, 11-1.