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Brighter Christmas Fund has raised over \$1.3 million since in 1975 with the goal to raise funds from the Anderson community to help homeless students in Anderson County School Districts 1,2,3,4, and 5 have a brighter Christmas. Foothills Community Foundation partnered with the Brighter Christmas Fund in 2006 and averages over \$60,000 raised each year.

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 the 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 37 years. Woods

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'Andersonians In War'

New military exhibit opens at Anderson Co. Museum

Opening to rave reviews on Veterans Day weekend, Andersonians In War lived up to everyone's expectations. The Anderson County Museum staff was excited for the community to visit their new permanent military exhibit. Seven years in development and COVID hindering construction, the 2,500 square foot exhibit features 200-plus artifacts owned by the museum.

Zooming in on the personal experiences of those who fought in the wars, the exhibit covers all wars beginning with the American Revolution through current day conflicts. Anderson County and South Carolina veterans are featured, who, through their service, have etched their names into the American past, embodied the social and political debates of their times, and changed the course of state, regional, and national history. In the past, these stories have been relayed using a blur of campaigns and battles that sweep broadly over America's wars.

"Our job is to connect our visitors to the past. Highlighting individuals who have lived historic military lives unique to Anderson County and South Carolina, provides a link to the roots of our community," said Executive Director Beverly Childs. "We like to think of our exhibits as a breathing and living entity and these military stories bring home the reality of war —



Anderson County Museum Executive Director Beverly Childs said the military stories in the new "Andersonians In War" exhibit "bring home the reality of war — 'Freedom is not free.'"

'freedom is not free.'

Andersonians in War recounts the personal experiences of those who were there, giving visitors a chance to live these stories rather than simply read them. By giving faces and names to the events of the past, the audience is connected with the valiant men and women who helped shape our county, state, and nation.

"Our hope and mission is to preserve the stories of our county's veterans, past and present,

and to inspire appreciation for the sacrifices they have made for the betterment of this county, state, and nation," said museum Curator Dustin Norris. "In every major American conflict, one can find Andersonians in War."

Visitors enter and exit the exhibit through Veteran's Hall. "The design of the Hall was intended to create a sense of entering a permanent white marble monument allowing quiet reflection of the services

and sacrifices of the men and women who served our United States Armed Forces," said Don Chapman of Chapman Design Group, Inc. Chapman is a local Anderson architect and the designer of the exhibit.

Upon entering Veteran's Hall, 24 black granite slabs flank the angled walls with 30 service members indicated on each panel contrasting with the white marble to purposefully create a black and white backdrop. Color was reserved for the five round military branch emblems on the floor, the blue skies directly above each emblem signifying heaven and God shining down on each branch of service, and the red, white, and blue of our United States Flag displayed on the rear wall representing FREEDOM as a result of the sacrifices. Veteran Blocks are still available by calling the museum (864) 260-4737.

The exhibit was paid for through fundraising efforts of the Friends Board of the Anderson County Museum and the Executive Director Beverly Childs. The museum received more than \$500,000 in grants and individual donations in the last four years.

The admission free Anderson County Museum is located at 202 East Greenville Street, in downtown Anderson. The Fred Whitten Gallery and Whitner's Emporium Gift Store hours are Tuesday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Roper Research Room is open 1 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and by appointment with the Curator. ACM is handicap accessible and admission and parking is free. Donations are always welcome. For more information, contact the Museum at (864) 260-4737.

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Christmas

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noted that the Confederates Motorcycle Club has donated approximately \$12,000 to the Brighter Christmas Fund each year.

The Confederates Motorcycle Club raised

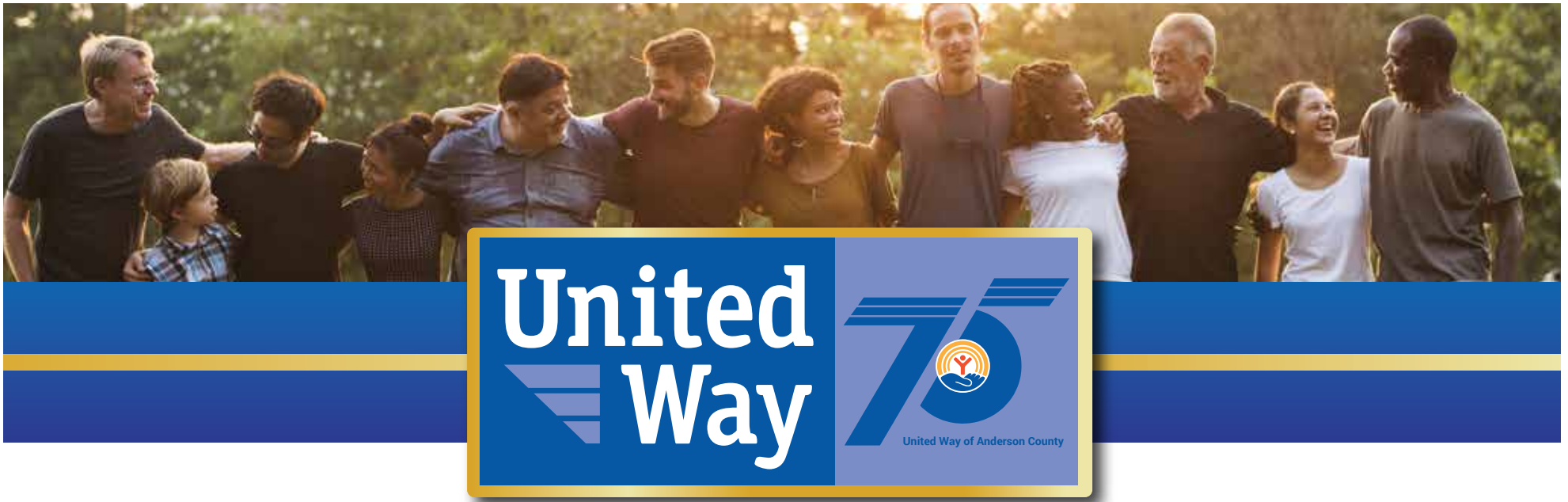
\$15,000 in 2021, the most in their history supporting the Brighter Christmas Fund.

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.

This year, the Rotary Club of Anderson donated \$10,000 after challenging its members through a matching grant.

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As you plan your holiday celebrations, think fast food

With Thanksgiving behind us, you're probably ready for a long winter's nap, especially if you're the one who hosted the turkey dinner. But here in the U.S., we have three holidays within five weeks, so it's important to plan ahead. I've been preparing myself for the busiest time of the year, and it occurs to me that how we celebrate Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New



Kim von Keller

Year's Eve is a lot like how we order when we go through the drive-through at McDonalds. We can practice real restraint, order modestly, or super-size.

In my family, Thanksgiving is big and deluxe. They start with a seven-hour drive, at the end of which are 25-30 people. From lunch the day we all arrive to breakfast the morning we depart, there are lists, timetables, a huge buffet of food, five tables, indoor board games, outdoor Frisbee, three German Shepherds, a manic hunt for Reba, the housecat who ALWAYS gets out (probably to escape the chaos), discussions that start out as discussions but end in arguments, arguments that end in hugs, loud music, spontaneous dancing, and long walks through the rural Virginia countryside. We also celebrate four birthdays. It's like ordering the biggest burger, drink, and fries on the menu. And the chicken nuggets. And a sausage burrito. Maybe an ice cream cone. Definitely the ice cream cone.

Our Christmas celebration is more like ordering off the regular menu. On December the 23rd, we make a four-hour drive, at the end of which there are 11 people. We watch the movie "Elf," reciting the lines with the

characters, and we walk through downtown Alpharetta, Georgia, to admire the beautiful twinkling lights. We open presents and throw the wrappings all willy-nilly until my husband mans the trash bag and imposes some order. We have a traditional British roast with Yorkshire pudding — a nod to my brother-in-law's heritage — and we sit at two tables. We celebrate one birthday. It's like a large burger and fries, but with no milkshake.

By New Year's Eve, we've moved into the dollar-menu range. Ted and I make a two-hour drive, with no one waiting for us when we reach our destination. We'll visit the farmers market at UNC Asheville, choosing ingredients for a meal we'll make ourselves, and we'll enjoy our dinner while sitting on the sofa. After dinner, we'll stroll downtown, laughing at the visitors who've been making a little too much merry. We'll return to our tiny, tiny vacation apartment and stream a moody murder mystery until right before midnight. Then, we'll find the Times Square ball drop on television and open a bottle of sparkling wine. We'll toast the New Year and then go to bed, leaving the rest of the bottle untouched. It's kind of like ordering one cheeseburger and then splitting it between us.

The best thing about our fast-food approach is that we celebrate the holidays in all possible ways. For my husband and me, we're happiest when we start big and end small; others might prefer to do things the other way around. The trick is to avoid all of just one thing. Too big, and you'll end up at the hospital, in front of a judge, or at a Weight Watchers meeting. Too small, and you'll feel like you missed out on something. Either way, and you'll have to wait a whole year to get your order right. And nobody likes getting stuck with the wrong fast food.



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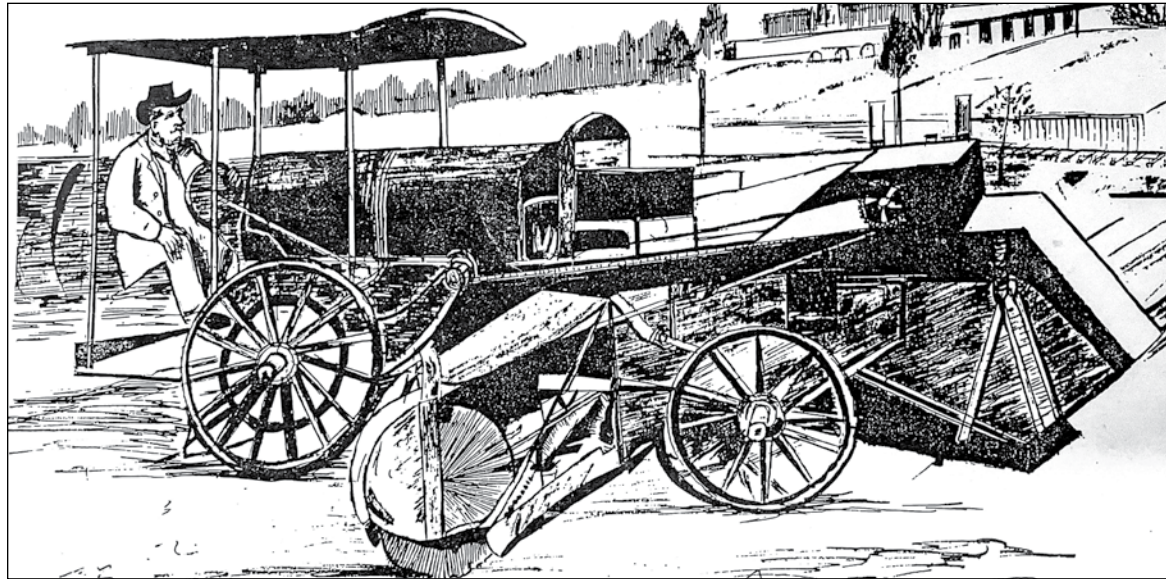


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Mr. Connor had come to Anderson to work for Mr. T. A. Wigington of the Anderson Machine and Foundry Company,



and was later joined there by his sons. The family settled in Anderson after their home near Bats Cave in North Carolina had washed away in a flood. At his vocation Mr. Connor could easily carry

out his ideas and he created a steam waging machine and a number of other inventions before his death in 1932. When Mr. Wigington was ready to retire, he sold out to the Connors who have run the compa-

ny as Foundry and Steel Inc since 1952.

Herman Campbell tells the story that when he was an overgrown 11 year old in the fourth grade, he was heading into the school yard when

he noticed the street sweeper stalled on Market Street. Although almost late he couldn't resist stopping to watch and finally got up enough courage to ask Mr. Connor, who was trying it out, if he could turn the crank. Mr. Connor had hesitated, then said "Son, you can turn it all you want to." Herman cranked it up and didn't know as the machine started off that he had been watched by his teach, Miss Clinkscales, so that this was one time that he was tardy that he didn't get a whipping.

Seen in the background of the drawing is the Anderson Cotton Mills rather unique smokestack with its squared corners rather than the usual tubal form. This mill was the first one built in Anderson. It began business in 1890 with Mr. J.A. Brock as president and Mr. R.E. Ligon as manager and treasurer. When it was founded it was purely a home concern and its opening was made the occasion for great celebration.

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NIBBLE & SIP

How to enjoy your guests this season

Whether you're hosting 80 people or 8, the holidays are for spending time with your friends and family, not shaking martinis for hours. That's what makes sangria the perfect beverage for a crowd. It's not a beverage you associate with fall and winter flavors, but as long as you keep the wine, liqueur, and fruit juice in proportion, it's simple to substitute more seasonal ingredients.



Kim von Keller

My Sweater-Weather Sangria is a riff on a Sip I enjoyed at a Columbia restaurant last winter. Apple cider takes the place of orange juice, applejack backs up the cider, and allspice dram and cinnamon sticks add the flavors of warm baking spices. It's better if you make it in advance, allowing flavors to meld and leaving you more time to spend with your guests.

This busiest of seasons also needs a go-to Nibble, so stick to a time-honored favorite. Hot Artichoke dip can be assembled in minutes and ready to serve in half an hour. With so much time on your hands, you'll be able to actually enjoy your holiday company!

Sweater-Weather Sangria
1 750 ml bottle red table wine
1 ½ c. apple cider



¼ c. applejack (I like Laird's)
¼ c. allspice dram (I like St. Elizabeth)
¼ c. simple syrup
4 cinnamon sticks
apple slices, seeds removed
pear slices, seeds removed
lemon slices, seeds removed
Combine all ingredients in a large pitcher, stirring well. Cover with plastic wrap and chill

overnight. To serve, pour into red wine glasses filled with ice. Serves 10.

Hot Artichoke Dip
¼ c. butter
¼ cup finely diced onion
1 t. garlic, minced
1 15-oz. can artichokes hearts (not marinated), drained well and chopped



8 oz. cream cheese, softened
½ c. mayonnaise
¼ c. shredded mozzarella cheese
1 c. grated Parmesan cheese
sturdy crackers, for serving
Preheat oven to 350°. Spray a small baking dish with nonstick spray.

In a small skillet, melt the butter and sauté the onions and garlic until translucent. Remove pan from heat, cool for several minutes, then add chopped artichoke hearts, cream cheese, and mayonnaise, stirring to combine. Add cheeses and stir again. Spoon the artichoke mixture into the prepared baking dish. Bake for 15-20 minutes, or until bubbly. Serve with crackers. Serves 10.

AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

BY ANN BAILES

At this time of year during my teaching career, I usually did an "Attitude of Gratitude" exercise with my students. It was an attempt to get them to really think about the many things which they should appreciate. Instead of just saying "I'm thankful for food," they had to write down at least 20 different foods that they enjoyed eating. They also had to write down at least 20 conveniences in their lives, 20 people for whom they were thankful, and sometimes other categories.

This year, with no students due to retirement, I'm diverting in this issue from a bird article (for the most part) to a gratitude article. So here goes! Here are a few of the things on my list — both major and minor — that I am thankful for during this holiday season:

- Diet Dr. Pepper and Sunkist



Orange Zero Sugar.
• A thermostat and heat pump that change the temperature level in the house at a single touch.

- Shrimp and salmon. Scallops and lobster, too, though it's been awhile.
- A washer and dryer that clean

our laundry automatically with a couple of pushes of buttons.

- Every piece of equipment in the bathroom.
- Deep, heart-connecting friends, casual acquaintances, and every kind of friendship in between.
- Time, due to retirement, to do things that I've not been able to for a while — such as read, write, and volunteer more.
- The uplifting hobby of watching and studying birds.
- The opportunity to also write about birdwatching for ECN, and kind comments from readers, both of which have brought me enjoyment.
- This year's gorgeous autumn colors, with much prettier leaves than we've seen for quite some time.
- Good tires on my vehicle and a new battery. (Thanks, Mike!)
- Warm fleece blankets on cold nights.

- A GRANDCHILD on the way!!
- Parents who have shown love in countless ways over the years.
- Family — extended and immediate, close by and far flung. This includes all of them, son and daughter especially, and one person who gets his own line:
 - Mike. Loving, leading, and serving. A great husband in every way!
 - My Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

And this list barely scratches the surface. God has been merciful and gracious. I would encourage you, sometime during this season, to write down a private, detailed list of blessings in your life. Even in tough times there is much for which to be grateful. I hope you have a wonderful THANKSGIVING!!

Make beautiful memories together this holiday

Thanksgiving is this week and we have so many things in this life to be thankful for. These past few years have been rather ferocious and extreme for us all, so this year



Kristine March

I want it to be as stress-free as possible. I want to really delve into the season and make it enduring. In the past, everyone has gone to a lot of trouble to make everything picture perfect, but this year my family is having our dinner catered from a great little BBQ joint

that we love and we're celebrating at the beach, in Charleston. Low key and fun and no fuss. Of course, I still want to have a great outfit, but I also want to be comfortable.

As far as fashion is concerned at the moment, I'm in love with a baby doll dress. You can dress it up or down. Winterize it and make it your own. There's a precious little boutique in my hometown of Gaffney, SC called Almost Pink. I love to support small and local businesses, so I got a great little outfit from there. The dress buttons down and is roomy



and breezy. There's nothing worse than being confined in an uncomfortable outfit at the dinner table. Pair it with lace up boots and a belt if you wish. Add some pretty layered turquoise necklaces. My favorite jewelry boutique for those type of necklaces is in Asheville, NC called Elementality. They have the most stunning pieces. Most are handmade locally and they're super affordable. Please check them out. You can also purchase and order their jewelry online and they will ship it to you. Now, you're officially ready for turkey day. Remember if

it's chilly, add a cute tam or beret to pull off the Parisian chic look. Add your favorite faux fur shearling jacket and a dark lip color as a farewell to the Fall. There's always that question of what am I going to make even though we're having everything catered, I like to put a simple little something together, whether it's a dessert or a good punch. This year I'm making a really good punch cocktail. I got the recipe from Martha Stewart and it's an easy recipe. A bottle of champagne, some pear nectar, Grand Marnier and pomegranate juice. Who needs a dessert when you have something that tasty? Put it in a beautiful punch bowl and you are good to go. You could even add some frozen fruit to it such as grapes or berries. Something everyone over twenty-one in the family will love. Put on some good tunes like Van Morrison by the bonfire and relax. Be with the ones you love and make beautiful memories together this holiday. Remember to make the sidewalk your runway and always be kind. Happy Thanksgiving y'all!



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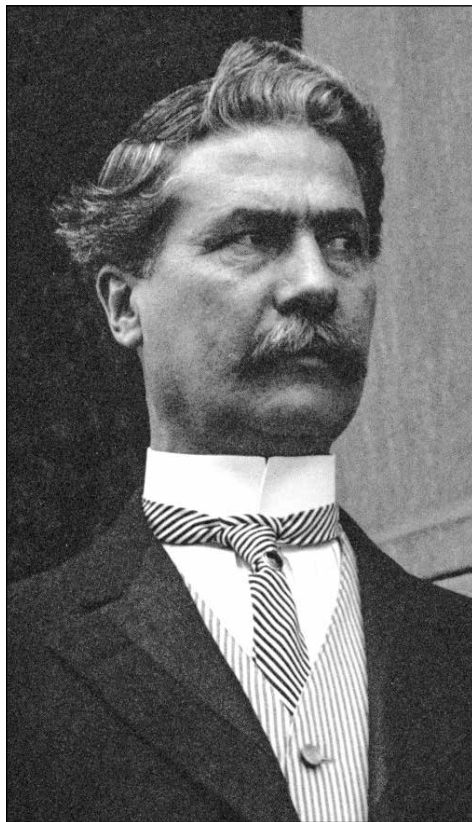
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Gov. Cole Blease's grudge against Anderson



Governor Cole Blease

BY RICH OTTER

There is one thing that can be said for former South Carolina Governor Cole Blease — he didn't hesitate to speak his mind, including with regard to one situation that involved the City of Anderson.

The City of Anderson wanted to increase its bonded indebtedness from 8% of the taxable property to 15%. Certainly nobody likes a tax increase but the city, apparently unreasonably, wanted to pave its streets.

It required a bill that had to go through the South Carolina General Assembly. Anderson's Senator George W. Sullivan influenced it through the State Senate but there was opposition from some members of the House delegation. Not surprisingly, discord came from outside the Anderson city limits. If you paved the roads, next thing you know you'd have those horseless carriages all over the place.

It was explained that the bill would require an amendment to the State Constitution and that would call for a two-thirds majority in the House. There had been a filibuster in the House and by the time the vote came up enough members were absent (likely at the pubs or worse) and the necessary vote could not be achieved.

The Anderson Intelligencer reported that, if the vote had gone through about \$300,000 would have been available and the following spring hundreds of laborers would be occupied who now would be out of positions.

Governor Cole Blease had expressed his opposition to giving any help with passage of such an act, and the Intelligencer said he had "declared to a delegation consisting of Messrs. C. C. Tolly, Solicitor Kurtz P. Smith and [Anderson] Mayor [J. H.] Godfrey that the people of that city had no reason for treating his brother-in-law, Mr. Summers, as

they did in his race for state senator, and for this reason he intended to use his influence with Mr. Summers against giving support to the Anderson measure." You must give him credit for being honest.

It was not revealed what indignity had been imposed upon Summers by the City of Anderson. Presumably it was an adverse vote and not a tar-and-feathering or some equivalent humiliation.

It was further reported that if the measure ever passed by the General Assembly, Blease would veto it. He graciously stated, however, it did not apply as to Anderson County. The county could get whatever it wanted — no guilt by association.

Cole Blease was known as a somewhat opinionated individual who remained active in political affairs although he actually resigned as governor in 1915, reportedly to the happy acclaim

of General Assembly members. Governor Cole Livingston Blease had served as governor from 1911 until 1915.

He again later ran for governor without success.

The South Carolina Encyclopedia described his flamboyant style and stated it was reputed to appeal to white mill workers who constituted his base. He struck out against "do-gooders" including those favoring such horrible things as compulsory education and anything that infringed upon the rights of others. He was able to attract multitudes to the polls. That was sometimes successful but often resulted in his defeat. He insisted that any people who were not Bleaseites would not be awarded government jobs.

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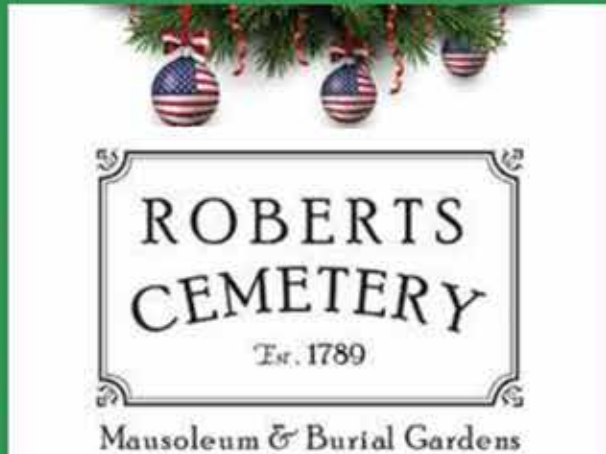
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Butterball

Oh no! it's almost Thanksgiving and I can't think of one Turkey Day memory that stands out. As it usually goes for me, the more I think about a subject, the less my feeble mind seems to remember anything about it.

I decided to clear my head and go out into my backyard. There used to be five miles of woods beyond my backyard, but in the last couple of years, those woods have been uprooted and leveled for the addition of a modern subdivision.



Neal Parnell

I'm munching through a bag of popcorn as I stroll to the back edge of the yard. I look out over the now blank landscape as the sun gets lower. Something moved out of the corner of my eye and I turned to see that just behind my little outbuilding stands a three-foot-tall Wild Turkey. We both froze and were in a Turkey vs Man staring contest.

I've always had a way with animals for some unknown reason. Stray cats and dogs come to me without hesitation. Carolina wrens land on my outdoor chair when I sit, even while my cats lay watching. I tossed a few pieces of popcorn in front of me and the hen slowly bobbed toward me. I wasn't scared, but I was on alert and wary as the feathered dinosaur got closer and pecked a piece of popcorn from the grass.

She raised her head and sounded three yelps as I took a step back. Out of the tall grass came five little turkey chicks that scrambled around her legs while loudly peeping and wondering what all the hubbub was about. My wife saw all this from the patio, zoomed in and snapped a pic with her phone.

I threw out more Orville Redenbacher buttered and the mini-gobblers devoured it in seconds. Mama gave another clucky yelp and I obliged by chunking out another handful. I spotted Caly, my most stealthy cat, crouched and in stalking mode about thirty yards away, and Mama had seen her too.

My new friend, I now called Butterball, clucked and stamped her foot, causing a surprised Caly to exit into the bushes as the chicks begged for more of the white stuff. Butterball took a couple of steps closer and I squatted and sprinkled the next to last handful at my feet. The little chicks scurried to the feed and bounded in and out of my legs just like they'd done with their Mama.

Butterball and I were now face to face, no more than two feet away, and as I searched into those piercing poultry pupils I saw... Thanksgiving.

I held out my hand with the last of the popcorn and Butterball pecked a piece from me without touching me at all. The sun was down and Butterball gathered her poults and strutted away. I watched as she turned and lowered her head to me, and I stood and returned the gesture in kind.



Hunger can make people and animals do strange things. I don't think Butterball was that hungry, but she knew her babies were and decided to take a leap of faith and see what would happen. I'll keep the popcorn handy in case Butterball returns, but I have a feeling this was a one-time Thanksgiving dinner I'll never forget.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING ALL!

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to SC Statutory Law, personal property from the following unit will be sold on 11-28-22 at 12:00 pm at Speedy Storage, 4519 Belton Hwy, Anderson, SC 29621.

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GAMAC's MESSIAH Sing-Along returns!

ANDERSON — The Greater Anderson Musical Arts Consortium (GAMAC) will present its 2nd annual MESSIAH Sing-Along on Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 3:00pm in the sanctuary at First Baptist Church in downtown Anderson. Join with members of the GAMAC Chorale, local church choirs, and community members to sing choruses and hear student soloists sing the Christmas portion of George Frederick Handel's Messiah under the direction of GAMAC Chorale director Dr. Don Campbell with organ accompaniment by Professor Jane Dill of Southern Wesleyan University. Whether you wish to sing, or just listen, being a part of this performance will put you in the Christmas spirit!

Anderson University student Kenna Boyle and Arianna Wilson from North Greenville University will perform the

soprano and mezzo soprano solo portions. Tenor and bass solos will be performed by Joshua Anderson of Southern Wesleyan University and Joey Noyes of North Greenville University. Audience members will sing the choral sections from part one of the oratorio along with the beloved Hallelujah Chorus.

Tickets to GAMAC's MESSIAH Sing-Along are just \$10 for everyone. Those wishing to sing are encouraged to bring their own scores. GAMAC will provide a limited number of scores that afternoon. This event is open to everyone! To purchase tickets, please call (864) 231-6147 or visit www.gamac.org. This event is made possible with generous support from Julie & John Miller. Support is also provided in part by the South Carolina Arts Commission and City of Anderson Accommodations Tax.



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TRY ‘TURKEY TALK’ THIS THANKSGIVING

“Having somewhere to go is home. Having someone to love is family. Having both is a blessing.” –Author Unknown

Thanksgiving is historically a time to gather with family and friends to express gratitude and appreciation for the many blessings in our lives.



Katie Laughridge

If you are looking for a new tradition to try this Thanksgiving, you may enjoy giving “Turkey Talk” a try! “Turkey Talk” is a fun and meaningful way to get to know the people around your table a little bit better. To begin, simply fill a bowl with fun, sometimes “off the wall”, questions designed to encourage family members to express thankfulness and share something unique and special about their lives. The game is initiated when the first family member chooses a question from the bowl, reads it out loud, and then answers it. The bowl is then passed around the room until every family member has had the opportunity to choose a question and provide an answer. Below you will find some questions to get you started!

FOR KIDS:

- Name someone you could say “thank you” to today? Why?
- What is something you do with Mom & Dad that makes you happy?
- If you had to give someone in the world your piggy bank, who would it be and why?
- If you had to leave your house for a long time, what three things would you grab on your way out? Why?
- What is the first birthday or Christmas that you remember and what do you remember?
- What is something you’d like someone to tell YOU “thank you” for?
- When is a good time to tell someone “thank you”?
- How does it make you feel when someone does something really nice for you?
- How does it make you feel when you do something really nice for someone else?

FOR ADULTS:

- How would you describe your family role when you were younger?
- What were your siblings like back “in the day”? How well did you get along with them?
- Other than family, who were the most important people in your life?
- Name one of the happiest times of your childhood.
- What were your favorite hobbies?
- What are you the most thankful for this year?
- Is your adult life the same as you imagined it to be as a child?
- What has been the most rewarding part

about raising your children?

What has been the most difficult part about raising your children?

In one sentence, give your best parenting advice.

How are you like your parents? How are you different?

How did you decide what field to enter?

What was the best job you ever had? The worst?

Name the person(s) in your life who had the greatest influence on your career choice.

If you had to do it all over again, would you choose the same career? If not, what would you choose?

Who makes you laugh the hardest?

What was the best trip you ever took?

If you could go somewhere you’ve never been, where would you go? Why?

Whether you spend these days with family or special friends, I hope you will find yourself laughing and making memories together — continuing old traditions or starting new ones!

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FROM THE SHELF

'Book Lovers'

by Emily Henry

One of my greatest discoveries of the year is Emily Henry. I have a few authors that are automatic reads and/or orders for my personal collection, and Emily Henry has absolutely joined



Sara Leady

this list. A lot of what she writes is contemporary romance, but there's some really great characters and she's a master of character development. It's like Hallmark meets the Oscars. Warm and fuzzy, but also has real meat to it. Added fun for Henry's most recent books is that they often are tied to the book world, or minimally feature a writer (or two).

The most recent one I read by Henry, *Book Lovers*, is also likely my favorite by her (so far). I had that magical moment reading about a character that I just resonated with, even to a disturbing level. Like, I could see repeating *The Hunger Games* fun of people always telling me I'm Katniss (overly practical and direct?) with Nora in this title because she's also pretty practical, direct, and even described as cold hearted and cutthroat... Or that's at least how people perceive her, not necessarily how she really is, so an added layer of my just absolutely resonating with her (or so I tell myself... and therapist.)

Book Lovers is a classic "enemies to lovers" romance trope (a personal fav) in that Nora and Charlie do NOT like each other at all, but the ice thaws, Hallmark's cupid strikes, and we have magic. Nora is a literary agent: best in the business, as all her clients will tell you, but most editors and others



have a few other things to say because she's, well, coldhearted, cutthroat, and absolutely demands the best for her clients. Charlie is the same but, insert the *Jaws* theme, is an editor, and notoriously ruthless with his edits. But Charlie is also THE best and known to edit the best reviewed books. Our "book lovers" meet over one of Nora's client's titles that Charlie is not interested in editing because he doesn't buy the story. Spoiler alert:

Nora finds a different editor (obviously) and it's a breakaway best seller.

Part of Charlie not buying the story is that he didn't think the author truly captured Sunshine Falls, North Carolina, the town our story is set in. Which he would know, as it's his hometown (not that he tells Nora this). Delightfully meta, our novel also takes place in Sunshine Falls, as Nora's baby sister Libby convinces her to take a month long vacation in the town because she fell so in love with it from the book.

Libby, who is massively pregnant, is hoping that their Sunshine Falls trip will end with Nora having her trashy romance novel moment with a hot local and they'll ride a horse off into the sunset. Low and behold, the hot local is related to Charlie, and then there's Charlie himself because obviously some sparks fly. Some of the sparking is also instigated by the pair of them working on her author's (the one Charlie rejected) latest book that follows a cutthroat talent agent known as "the Shark"... which feels eerily familiar and personal to Nora. As Charlie and Nora work on the book, they both work

through their own personal baggage regarding love, trust, and family. All of which, it's not a spoiler, leads to more love, trust, and family.

It's the unpacking of baggage and serious soul searching that separates Henry out from typical contemporary romance authors for me. All of her characters have very real life stories and trauma that drive their characters. And it's trauma that's not just rooted in romantic issues, but childhood, family, and life in general. I love a good romance that shows that life and love are not just about romance. Henry, in all her titles (*Beach Read*, *People We Meet On Vacation* (Beach is my second fav), shows a character becoming complete by doing the work and not just complete because magically they now have a partner, as if that's the end all to fix everything. The books are also funny. They're a different kind of funny from Lyssa Kay Adams (*Bromance* series), a more bitey and sarcastic funny, but as a cactus, I can definitely get down with this. I can assure any romance/contemporary fiction readers in your life will not be disappointed in Henry's titles as a gift this holiday season.

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Days near Thanksgiving give extra reason to be thankful for a healthy, happy family, and for all our blessings. My family does our Thanksgiving dinner Saturday after Thanksgiving. This allows in-laws to be with their families on Thanksgiving Day. We celebrate at my house and weather permitting, we carry on Grandmother Cooley's tradition and go outside after eating too much. An after dinner walk in the woods was a requirement with Grandmother.

I am also thankful my toe is healed and I can operate the shovel again. Between heat of summer, being laid up in September and October, I'm finally back in the yard. There are always plants in the garden shop area waiting for me to figure out where they will be planted. Some containers got condensed and some container plants got put in the ground. In 2013, Greenville Master Gardeners took a trip to Plant Delights Nursery in Raleigh, NC. Their plants are great temptation but a Spirited hinoki cypress (*Chamaecyparis obtusa* 'Spirited') is the only plant that has survived from many, many attempts. It's been in a container all these years and the container had to be moved when the house was painted last year. It finally made it into the ground. Spirited has chartreuse foliage that is not supposed to burn in the winter. It will be tested because it's planted on the edge of the yard, exposed to full winter, cold north winds. It will tie together two other patches of chartreuse foliage, Whoa Nellie hollies and other golden cypress Tetragona Aurea. These are on the edge of the yard too and new growth on Whoa Nellie gets burned every year.

In January 2020, I was given permission to go to the Abney Rose house on Clemson Boulevard and

rescue plants. The long term plan is to put some of these plants at the museum to tie in with Anderson's history, particularly because of the miniature version of the home inside the museum. Mama, my brother-in-law, and I set out for exploration. I was told the place was very grown up. Vandals had not done all the damage at that time like what I've seen on social media recently. It was a treat just to get up close to the house, having only seen it from the road and hearing stories about its grandeur over the years. There was tons of privet, ugly agnes, and poison ivy vines. We got a few azaleas and bulbs, a cleyera, gardenia, some strange little holly, and boxwoods. Not being a fan of boxwoods, partly because of the smell, and partly because they are too formal for my place, I fell in love with the huge American boxwoods (*Buxus sempervirens*) lining the driveway. Seeing them unpruned, I could picture them growing at my place. They were at least eight feet tall and even wider. After years of leaves falling on them, some had rooted on top of the asphalt. These baby plants have been doted over and most cuttings took. The weird little holly is holding on. Only one camellia cutting survived. It set a bud about a month ago but I broke it off so the plant would put its energy into roots, not blooms. I sure am curious to see what the flowers look like. The mother plant had scale really bad and I've had to keep a close eye on the cutting too. Boxwoods were put in an old wheelbarrow because the roots were so wildly shaped. They would not fit in a pot. After they seemed to recover and set new growth, I took cuttings and started more. About half of those took. Last year, another round of cuttings were taken again. So far all of them are growing. I finally decided to plant four of the original rescues in the ground. There is also a little oak tree that might be a bur oak in the collection. I won't see it grow into a beautiful tree but I still can enjoy watching the little Abney Oak grow. I'm going to do my best to still dote on the little boxwoods in the ground. My visions of grandeur see a beautiful hedge of these at my place too.

Anderson native
Roundtree finalist for
Women's Basketball
Hall of Fame class

Saudia Roundtree, native of Anderson and 1992 graduate of Westside High School, is one of the 12 finalists considered for induction into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame Class of 2023 will be selected from these 12 Finalists. The inductees will be announced at half-time during the ABC broadcast of the Phil Knight Invitational Championship game, Sunday, November 27. The induction ceremony is planned for April 29 in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Roundtree won three state championships while at Westside High School and was named High School All American by the WBCA. She began her college career at Kilgore College and later transferred to the University of Georgia. She won the title of Player of the Year at both schools.

Saudia Roundtree's career accomplishments include:

- Kilgore Junior College (1992-1994) stand-out
- Led Kilgore to 1993 NJCAA national championship
- Named to 1993-94 WBCA Junior College All-America Team and was 1993-94 WBCA Junior College National Player of the Year after averaging 26.2 points per game.
- Two-time first-team All-SEC honoree
- Member of 1995-96 WBCA Division I All-America Team
- Led University of Georgia to 1995-96 SEC championship and consecutive NCAA Final Four appearances.
- Named Women's Basketball Coaches Association, NCAA Division I, Naismith, U.S. Basketball Writers Association, United Press International, Basketball Times and the ESPYs 1995-96 National



Saudia Roundtree

Player of the Year.

- Only one of two players to be honored by the WBCA as national player of the year at both Junior College and NCAA Division I level.

In memory of her beginnings in Anderson, Roundtree says, "When I failed to qualify by .5 of a point to attend the University of Georgia, I said to Coach Roberts, 'I let you down,' as I cried uncontrollably."

"And Coach replied, 'Saudia, listen to me, please. You will be the best on every level. And one day, you will be in the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.'"

"At the time, I thought Coach was out of his mind."

"I would also like to thank Roscoe Dawson. This all started with him lying to my mom about playing with the boys. He believed in me as a young kid. Roscoe was like a father figure to me."

Roscoe was like a father figure to me."

Saudia is currently an Operations Manager for Global Industrial. She has worked in logistics for 15 years and lives in Buford, Georgia.

"I would also like to thank Roscoe Dawson. This all started with him lying to my mom about playing with the boys. He believed in me as a young kid. Roscoe was like a father figure to me."

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Rams' season ends in third-round playoff loss

BY BRU NIMMONS

ANDERSON — Taking down Midlands Valley and Indian Land in the first two rounds of the Class 4A playoffs, the Westside Rams were presented with their biggest challenge yet last Friday in the form of the Northwestern Trojans.

The Trojans lived up their billing in the matchup with Westside downing the Rams 59-21 with end to end control of the matchup.

After receiving the opening kickoff and getting a nice return from Joshua Williams, the Rams were unable to get going on offense leading to an early punt.

Taking over at their own 26, the Trojans needed just 55 seconds to score as Finley Polk found Greer Hopkins on a 59-yard catch and run touchdown to put them ahead 7-0 with 10 minutes left in the first quarter.

Things didn't get easier for the Rams on their next possession with another quick three and out giving the ball back

to Northwestern. The Trojans continued to roll with Turbo Richard scoring on a 15-yard run to give them a 14-0 lead with just under seven minutes to go in the quarter.

After forcing another punt, Richard continued his big night scoring again from 14 yards out to increase the lead to 21-0 with 2:34 left in the first quarter.

Down big, the Rams offense finally found some juice late in the quarter

as quarterback Cutter Woods found Williams behind the Trojan defense for a 47-yard score to cut the lead 21-7 heading to the second quarter.

The bleeding really began for the Rams in the second quarter, as the vaunted Northwestern offense lived up to its standing. The Trojans added a rushing touch-

down from Arnold Zilon and a passing touchdown from Polk to West Virginia commit Elijah Caldwell to boost the lead

to 35-7 early in the quarter.

Trying to get going with the big deficit, Woods was picked off on consecutive possessions by Jayden Woods and Justin Spencer, the latter of which led to a 1-yard score from Richard.

Up 42-7 with 5:45 left in the half, the Trojans weren't content and added two more touchdowns from Zilon late in the half to go into the break up 56-7 over the Rams.

With a mandatory running clock for much of the second half due to the large deficit, the Rams managed to find some offense to cut into the lead. Williams found himself open on another deep ball for a 45-yard score early in the third and Jimmar Boston added a 39-yard touchdown reception of his own, but it proved to be too little, too late as the Rams fell 59-21.

With the loss, the Rams finished the season at 10-3 with their lone losses coming to highly ranked BHP, Greenville and Northwestern.



T.L. HANNA YELLOW JACKETS

Vikings eliminate Jackets from playoffs

BY BRU NIMMONS

ANDERSON — After winning their region and pulling out a close win over White Knoll in the first round of the Class 5A state playoffs, the T.L. Hanna Yellow Jackets saw their season come to an end in a 39-14 loss to Spartanburg on Nov. 11.

From the start, it seemed like the Yellow Jackets could be in trouble as a fumble on their opening possession set up Spartanburg around midfield.

Led by East Carolina commit Rahiem Jeter at quarterback, the Vikings wasted little time on offense scoring in just five plays on a 1-yard run by Jeter to take a 7-0 lead with 4:37 left in the first quarter.

Spartanburg kept the momentum in their favor as they recovered an onside on the ensuing kickoff and got on the board once again with a kick from Will Love to

put the Vikings ahead 10-0 heading into the second quarter.

After forcing a punt, the Viking offense continued to move down the field, making it to the Hanna 22 before being forced to convert another field goal. Love was managed to score again from 39

yards out to push the lead to 13-0 with 9:25 left in the half.

Hanna's offensive struggles continued

and after another punt, Spartanburg piled on another touchdown as Jeter hit Que

Moore for a 40-yard touchdown.

Down 19-0, the Yellow Jackets fumbled again on their next possession and Spartanburg scored on a 13-yard run by Rah' Keith Kelly

to extend the lead to 25-0 with just over three minutes left in the half.

A late interception by the Jackets gave

them an opportunity to get points on the board before half, and with 44 seconds left Hanna quarterback Kenny Fretwell scored on a 1-yard run to cut the lead 25-7 at the break.

The game slowed down in the second half, but that didn't stop Jeter from getting back on the scoreboard as he broke loose on a 40-yard touchdown run to boost the lead to 32-7 with 7:55 left in the third quarter.

The Jackets answered moving 65 yards down the field before Edward Pino scored on a 3-yard run to put the game at a more manageable 32-14 with 3:33 left in the third.

However, the Vikings managed to get the last laugh scoring on a touchdown pass from Jeter to Moore and holding out the rest of the way in a 39-14 win.

With the loss, the Yellow Jackets finish the season at 10-2 with their lone losses coming to Spartanburg and Westside.

