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## INTO THE WOODS

The City of Anderson & The Market Theatre Company present the musical *Into The Woods* in Carolina Wren Park

The City of Anderson and The Market Theatre Company have joined forces to bring seven free performances of *Into the Woods* to Carolina Wren Park. Stephen Sondheim's acclaimed production will send audiences on a musical journey under the stars in the heart of downtown Anderson.

*Into the Woods* tells the story of a childless baker and his wife who journey into the woods on a quest to lift a curse in order to start a family. The adventure blends the beloved plots and characters of classic fairy tales such as Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, and Jack and the Beanstalk.

Anderson's first-ever musical in the park represents the work of Director Noah Taylor, Executive Artistic Director of The Market Theatre Company. "Since the inception of Anderson's Shakespeare in the Park five years ago, I have dreamed about bringing *Into the Woods* to Carolina Wren Park," Taylor said.

*Into the Woods* will run September 5-15 at 7 p.m. in



Carolina Wren Park. Performance dates include Thursday through Sunday evenings, with the exception of Friday, Sept. 13.

Audience members are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs for outdoor seating. Admission is free.

Experience the magic of a twisted fairytale musical as we begin our journey *Into the Woods!*

Pictured above and at left: The boy with the book is Eli Stone as Narrator; The tall guy is Drew Whitley as Baker and the girl is Lauren Renner as Baker's Wife; and the Witch is played by Samantha Eyler.



### MEET THE CAST

NARRATOR – Eli Stone  
 CINDERELLA – Rachel Gasdia  
 JACK – Nathan Oliver  
 MILKY WHITE – Kellsey Vickers  
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 CINDERELLA'S STEPMOTHER – Deedy Francis  
 FLORINDA – Anna Navarro  
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Nearly every day, we hear another story pertaining to some act of bullying. The Electric City News is sensitive to its impact on our community. Part 2 of our campaign is "Take the Challenge, Spread the Peace." It is our mission to focus on the positive in every aspect of our publication. It is our hope to create momentum in the challenge to spread peace.

Here are some ways we can spread the peace.

- Take care of yourself first.
- Compliment others.
- Include someone who is on the outside.
- Use positive self talk.
- Look out for the person to your right and on your left.
- Recognize the attributes of others not pertaining to their physical beauty.
- Learn from someone unlike you.

- Minimize conversation that compares people.
- Resist demonizing foods, it may have a negative impact on you or someone listening.
- Celebrate variety in personality types.
- Get water for someone.
- Say thank you.
- Say no when you need to
- Ask for help.
- Make a list of things you appreciate about yourself. Repeat often.

- Make a list of things you appreciate about someone you feel unkindly towards. Repeat often.
  - Let someone go ahead of you.
  - Lend a hand, you'll always be glad you did.
  - It is IMPOSSIBLE to be depressed when you are doing something for someone else.
- Post your photos of spreading the peace to our FB page or email to [electriccitynews@gmail.com](mailto:electriccitynews@gmail.com).

## Hop on board the Mud Bus

By Kay Willis Burns

Meet Evelyn Fischer. She grew up in New Mexico where the ground is clay and Native American culture abounds.

She started with slip ceramics at age 11, and at 23, threw her first mug. She has an insatiable appetite for learning, creating, and — most of all — sharing with others. She believes there's something priceless about sharing a meal with others served in handmade artwork from the earth.

Ever since she discovered the versatility and long history of clay, she has dreamed of having a clay studio to share her passion with others.

Fischer is a self-taught potter and has instructed in various capacities, and prides herself on the fact that every one of her students (from ages 3 to 73) has created FUNctional pottery under her instruction. And now, she is bringing her pottery and 'Mud Bus' to the Electric City.

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school bus to create your own pottery pieces and she will provide everything you need — a one of a kind, hands-on, wildly creative experience that you and your guests will never forget!

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Enjoy the FUNctional pottery and the memories you'll create forever. All pieces created are microwave, dishwasher, and oven safe.

For more information about Eve's Mud Hut, call 864-772-7628. Book your party now!



## How Anderson County Humane Society contributes to animals

Anderson County Humane Society's biggest fundraiser of the year, Furball, is coming up on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 6-11 p.m., at the Anderson Civic Center.

Here are some facts and figures about the spay/neuter clinic and exactly what donations help to do:

- January 2019 saw the low-cost clinic reach 37,000 spay/neuters since the society opened in 2010.

- The number for this year at the end of August is 2,200 animals altered. The society is closing in on the 40,000 number!

- The clinic now houses about 70 cats and kittens all waiting for their chance at adoption via social media or at the local Petsmart location. There are another 30 cats in foster care, and we have about 25 dogs in foster care and at the clinic.

- The humane society is always looking for dry and wet cat food, cat litter, cat toys, and new and gently used cat furniture.

Spay/neuter and basic animal care are very affordable at the clinic, said Stephanie Garrett Giuliani, who heads the humane society. "We provide spay and neuter to all for a fee of under \$100 (the only exception is huge dogs). Our vaccines are \$10, and basic flea meds and heartworm pills are available. We offer special prices to those clients who

qualify as low income for spay/neuter as well as offering low-cost office visits along with medications priced very little above cost from vendors." (The top number for low income spay/neuter is \$30,000 and cost is scaled.)

According to Giuliani, "This year we have taken in 50 cases of neglected, hurt, abused and unwanted sick animals and over 150 orphan animals. Twenty animals required surgeries; these were animals with broken bones, hit by car, thrown out of car, or animals needing infected eye removal or needing other surgery. We have treated over 500 cases brought in by low-income residents. During the year we have adopted approximately 300 cats/kittens and 50 dogs/puppies to people."

The members, both volunteer and staff, are the backbone of the organization; ACHS depends primarily on donations from the public since it is not a government entity. They have several fundraisers during the year that help with costs, and they take individual donations of money and items: all donations go directly to help the needy animals.

"In conclusion, we LOVE animals and try to help as many as we can in as many ways as we can," Giuliani said.

With your help, the humane society can continue on the journey making the lives of many a healthier, safe and loved place to be. A few of the fundraisers that are held during the year include the annual Have a Heart BBQ for the animals and the homeless (always around Valentine's Day); a spring and a fall yard sale; a golf tournament at Cobbs Glenn country club; Classic Cars and Canines at the Oaks wedding venue in August or September; and the biggest one of the year — FURBALL! The event will have great food by many vendors including some main courses from Summa Joes, as well as adult beverages. The City Street Band will play live music and many wonderful silent and live auction items will be available to bid on so plan a Saturday date night now.

"My first date, with my now husband, was at an animal event in Greenville after he attended several years of Furball," said Giuliani. "Love and animals do go together! Thank you Anderson for your continued support!"

The humane society is still accepting gift cards and silent auction items for the event. Call Kelly at 864-314-9881 with these items. For more information about tickets, call or text Stephanie at 864-934-5600.

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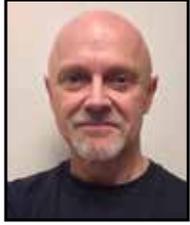
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## FOUNTAINS OF OUR YOUTH

By Clay Martin

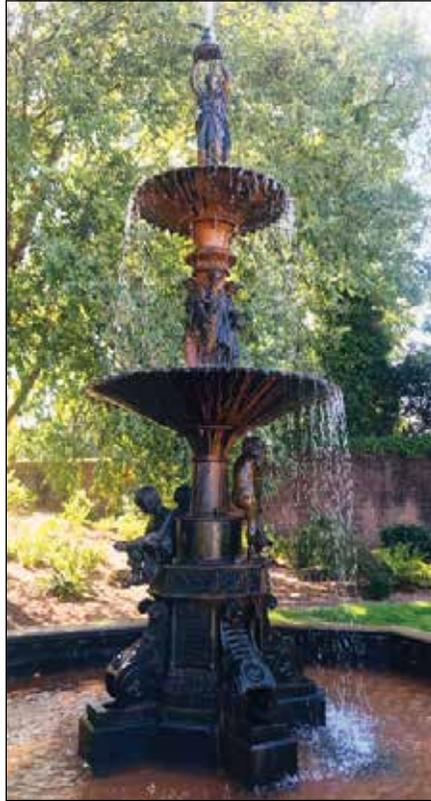
Water, Water Everywhere! Fountains have long been prominent in history, both for their cultural and architectural significance, but also for their more practical and healing contributions as well. Today, fountains are largely appreciated simply for their beauty.



Clay Martin

The Italians have the Trevi Fountain, the French have the Fontaines de la Concorde, and Anderson ... we have the Robert Anderson Memorial Fountain. And while mentioning the RAMF in tandem with some of the world's great fountains is done somewhat tongue-in-cheek, its largely meant to remind my fellow Andersonians that we too have an historic — albeit aquatic — gem right here in our own town.

In the early days of Anderson, water had a more practical purpose as it was used heavily in power generation and manufacturing. When the Robert Anderson Fountain was installed it used water without the purpose of utility, with the sole ambition to provide beauty. It was quite a luxury for a small town at the time. And like its European counterparts that I mentioned earlier, it signaled to the



world that Anderson was growing in wealth, sophistication and influence.

Today, the RAMF is one of Anderson's few remaining sculptural masterpieces that reflects the glory days of Anderson's

history at the turn of the 19th century. The glorious cast iron Victorian fountain is both a relic and a reminder of what once was, as well as what still can be, for the denizens of our historic town. It was cast in 1905 by the Anderson Machine and Foundry Company and installed in 1906 to honor the Revolutionary General and founding father, Robert Anderson.

Water has always been important to public spaces, and we're fortunate our city planners still embrace this tradition today. When Wren Park's fountain was introduced it interpreted the traditional water feature in a new and interactive way by incorporating colored LED lighting, splash pads and cascading waters. No longer are fountains just to be enjoyed idly; they're meant for people to interact with and become part of the water feature itself. Funny how children are better at appreciating the kinetic attributes of modern-day fountains than their older counterparts. And while the RAMF, with its elegant and historical pedigree, would frown upon having anyone frolic within it, the fountain at Wren Park encourages it with complete and utter abandon. Two completely different styles of fountains, each marking their own time in history and creating memories along with it.

Regardless of the size, scale or history of

fountains, water features continue to play an integral part in urban development across the country and the world at large. As we reinvigorate our downtown, we can look to imbue Anderson's varying districts with water features that mirror, and contrast, our rich history. Whether it be a reflecting pool, the roaring rush of a gravity fountain, or revitalizing the Robert Anderson Fountain to the center of the square, water will always be an important part of our personal experiences. Water makes us all feel young again. Soothes the soul and makes our day a little better. Let the waters flow.

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# Taking relationships from good to great

By Mary-Catherine McClain Riner  
PhD, Ed.S., M.S.



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Clients often present with relationship dissatisfaction, concerns, and/or fears. It is important to acknowledge that no relationship is perfect. However, stability over time and satisfaction in relationships are two important factors in the success and health of a relationship. The following highlights 6 steps for taking relationships from good to great.

**1. Build love maps.** The first is knowing what is important to your partner, what they like to do, their friends, likes, and dislikes. The focus should be on working to expand your partner's love map. Consider asking questions such as, what books do they like, who is their favorite author, do they enjoy the beach or mountains, etc. Showing interest sends the message that you care.

**2. Share fondness and admiration.** This question seeks to address the "fun"

in a relationship. Do you like each other, do you respect and admire your partner, and how do you demonstrate to your partner that you are invested? Consider learning a new activity together, such as playing tennis or painting. You may also create rituals together, whether daily, weekly, or monthly to increase interactions and intimacy. For example, read a book together and discuss it as a ritual. Let go of the "big" holidays and focus on the day to day connections. For example, picking a flower weekly versus grabbing an expensive bouquet of flowers one time a year (e.g., Valentine's Day).

**3. Turning towards and not away.** The goal is reaching out for attention and connection. Individuals can receive

or fail to receive bids for connection and attention, such as holding the hand of your partner. Similarly, these individuals have choices to continue bidding versus rejecting bids for connection. During conflict and high stress, turning towards is the most important goal — even if you are sitting in silence and not ignoring the other person.

**4. Positive perspective.** Consider the positive to negative ration in terms of appreciation versus complaining. It takes 5 appreciative statements to counteract 1 criticism statement. It is important NOT to keep score and NOT to take your partner for granted. Likewise, individuals are only responsible and can only change themselves. Lean into yourself and ask how much negativity in experienced internally. What do you replay? Do you focus on the criticisms over enriching qualities and memories?

**5. Managing conflict and what we do about it.** Couples will always have

conflict, as conflict is part of life and can be used for growth and empowerment. Each person brings different needs, desires, goals, and values. The most important part of conflict is how we start it and finish it. Each individual can work on techniques for self-soothing in order to manage internal conflict and therefore create a healthier space for communicating more calmly and assertively. Focus on the repair rather than escalating a crisis situation.

**6. Life dreams and shared meaning together.** It is important to support quality time between one another, which leads to more energy and longevity in the relationship. Contributions, small, medium, and large make a difference. No act of kindness is wasted. Likewise, communication is never wasted. Focused on creating shared meaning, positive rituals, and collaborative dreams together.

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## THE GARDEN SHOP

# WISHING SUMMMER GONE

By Susan Temple

A break in the heat has really brought to mind what a rough summer 2019 has been. At least two little conifers did not make it. They were added to the front garden back in winter to give some winter interest. This is something I think of each year when the garden is dormant but haven't made much headway accomplishing it. I was on a waiting list for woodland peonies last year and was so excited to get a phone call saying they were available. I planted three in late winter then quickly learned one was in too much sun. I dug it up and put in a pot to plant again this fall. It seems doubtful it has survived. Nor am I sure the other two in the ground made it even though I watered them. Opportunity presented itself to get more this year but I passed. The dream of a beautiful patch of woodland peony seed heads may have to stay just that, a dream.



**SUSAN TEMPLE**  
master gardener

White flowers in very early spring are okay, but the red seed heads in fall are stunning. Two incense cedars (*Calocedrus decurrens*) died. I'm hitting about 50% on these surviving. Six seedlings and a one gallon were ordered a few years ago after falling in love with this tree at the house that used to be Evergreen Spa. I've heard of people putting umbrellas on plants in their garden and think these people have run out of something to do. However, I put a wheelbarrow with some mushroom compost in it beside one of the cedars. It shaded the little tree a bit. When it did rain, I poured the mushroom tea water on it. It's lushly green and growing great...knock on wood.



Above: A purple reseeding petunia. Right: A peony seed head.

Deer are eating plants they've never eaten before. Solomon seal, caladium, and angel wing begonias are all new deer food this year. It doesn't matter much about the Solomon seal, as I was going to dig it up anyway. It was left behind when I decided to do away with a small flower bed around a Toyo-Nishiki quince (*Chaenomeles speciosa*). Toyo-Nishiki was tagged to grow three to five feet tall and wide. Wrong. It grows every bit

of eight feet tall and will sucker indefinitely it seems when left to it's on accord. All the plants around it were dug and potted so I could bush hog around it. Toyo is beautiful in bloom with white, pink, pink and white mixed flowers but she's a wild one to contain. The plants removed were grown in pots for about a year to be sure I didn't take any root with them.

A very pleasant surprise has been a patch on ol' timey petunias



that came back from seed. My aunt, Issie, gave me seeds when she still lived in her and Grandmother Crittendon's house. I thought they had played out, even though I tried to baby them since they're special. The whole patch is a purple mauve color and they smell good in early evening. Moths and other night pollinators like them too. I will positively gather seeds in a few weeks. They've bloomed almost all summer.

As the old folks used to say "I'm wishing my life away", but come on fall and winter and come on deer season.

Contact Master Gardener Susan Temple at [gardningirl@yahoo.com](mailto:gardningirl@yahoo.com).

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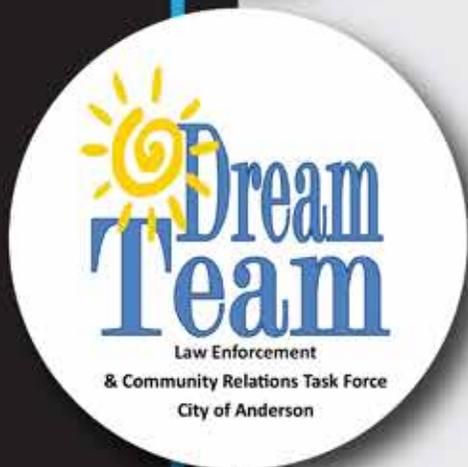
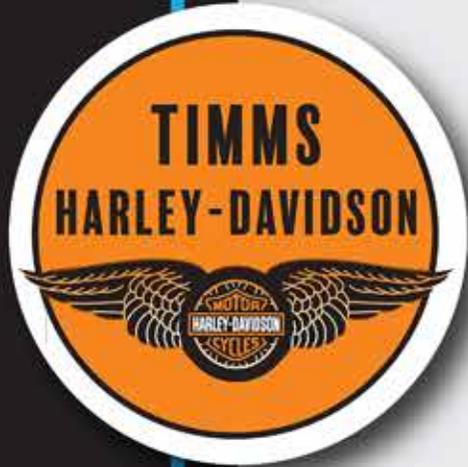
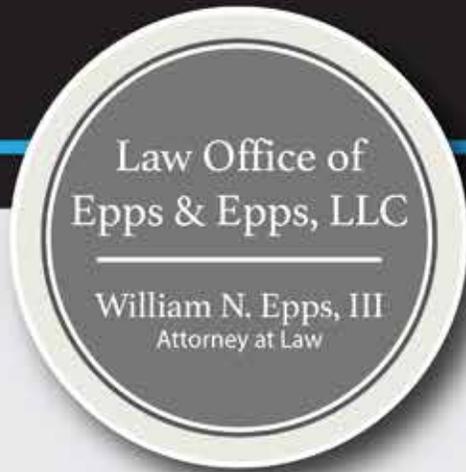
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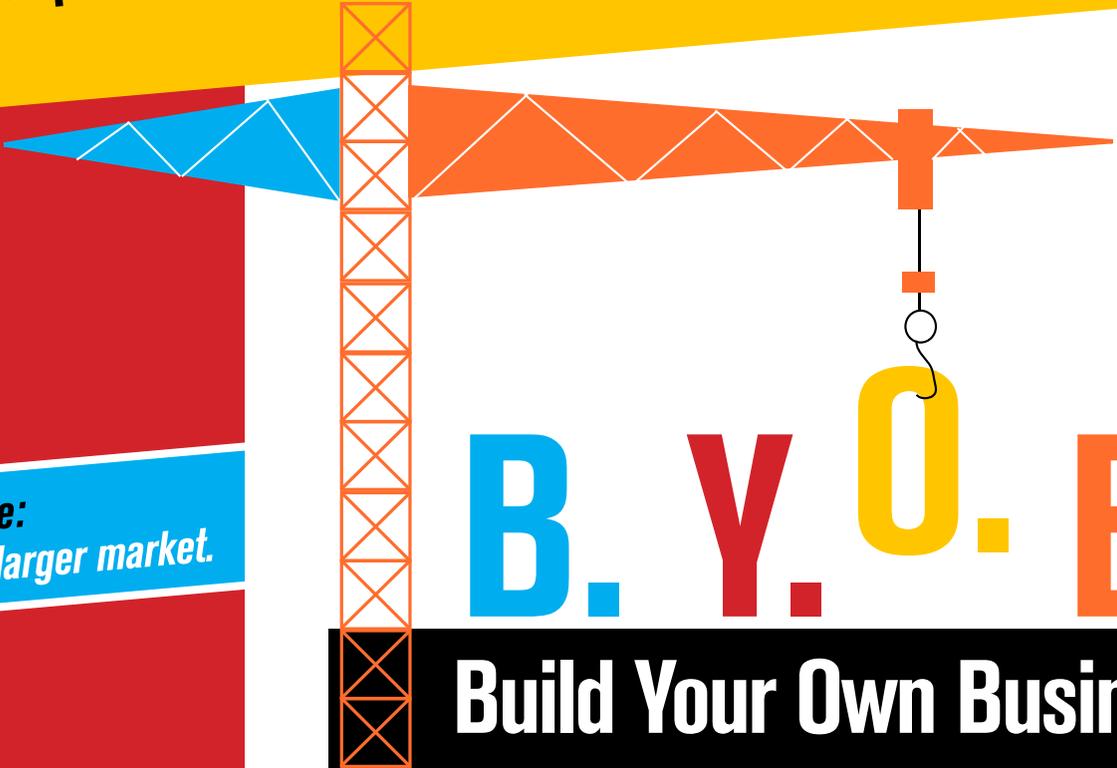
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# Cleaning out closets, getting ready for fall

By Kristine March

Fall is swiftly approaching. It's time to start getting out those boots and sweaters. I have been on an organizational war path as of lately. I like being able to see what I have. I decided to do a closet clear out. At first glance I felt overwhelmed and almost panicky. How does one woman collect so much? Clothes hoarder came to mind. I am just that. I admit it.

At first it was scary, then it slowly started to feel cathartic. Tossing articles in oversized garbage bags is a new past time for me now. I felt free. I started



Kristine March

looking at pieces that could not be altered or had holes in them. Get rid of it. Also a great thing to do is buy color coordinated hangers. Stop using the ones from your local dry cleaner or random ones that are plastic and mismatched and break. Separate blouses, dresses jeans and sweaters. Being able to find what you have is like a breath of fresh air. You will feel like a

brand new person.

You can also prioritize and pick out new assembles that you really didn't know you had. A small clothing rack is a game changer. You can have your outfits ready for the week ahead. There are so many great ways to get organized on Pinterest. Remember you can mix and match with the season. Just because something is white or of a billowy material doesn't necessarily mean you have to put it away for Fall and Winter. You can mix and incorporate all seasons with blazers and dusters.

I like to hang my hat collection on the

wall. You can use the 3M no damage wall hooks. That way your hats don't bend and become warped. The display looks chic as well.

There are hundreds of ways to get organized. Start the project today. You will be so happy you did. It doesn't have to be perfect. It's also a great way to do for others. Donate a bag to a friend or Goodwill. It will definitely make someone smile. Remember to make the sidewalk your runway and get orderly. It makes life so much easier to simplify. Happy almost Fall y'all!

## NIBBLE & SIP

# Meal planning? Eat something first

By Kim von Keller

Many dinner-table conversations have started with the question, "If you could have anything you wanted as a last meal, what would it be?" That is a hard one to answer. I'd have to break it down into appetizer, salad, soup, entrée, side dish, bread, cheese course, and dessert. If it's my last meal, I'm not gonna worry about the calories I'm consuming or the time it takes to consume them. And I'm telling you right now that somewhere on the list would be tater tots. If they were good enough for Napoleon Dynamite, they're good enough for me, so don't judge.

If I were to choose my last Nibble and Sip, though, that would be easy. I would start with a platter of crunchy vegetables and chips and a bowl of Caramelized Onion Dip. It's super creamy and packs a wallop of onion flavor. And just like tater tots have their place in the world, so do chips and dip. There's nothing more fun and social than sitting around a table with friends, serving from a



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common dish, and talking about your kids, news from the neighborhood, and the last bites you take before crossing to the Great Beyond.

To accompany the dip, I'd shake up a round of Hemingway Daiquiris. When Ernest Hemingway lived in Cuba, he frequented El Floridita, a restaurant in Havana. Cocktail legend has it that a barman concocted this variation on a daiquiri especially for the author. "Papa," as he was often known, would order it with twice the rum, hence the drink's original name, the Papa Doble. It has the tartness of a standard daiquiri with the added flavors of cherry liqueur and grapefruit, and it is one of my all-time favorite drinks. My recipe doesn't use nearly as much rum; I like more of a balance of ingredients, and I DON'T

want it to be my last sip!

### CAMELIZED ONION DIP

- 2-3 large onions
  - ¼ cup butter
  - ¼ cup vegetable oil
  - ¼ t. ground cayenne pepper
  - ½ t. black pepper
  - 1 t. salt
  - 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
  - ½ c. sour cream
  - ½ c. mayonnaise (I like Duke's.)
- kettle-style chips and vegetable sticks for serving

Cut the onions in half, remove the peels, and slice into 1/8-inch slices. You will need 3 cups of onion slices.

Over medium heat, combine butter and oil in a large skillet. When the butter has melted, add the onions, red pepper, black pepper, and salt. Sauté for ten minutes, and then reduce the heat to medium-low. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 20 minutes, or until the onions are a deep golden brown

(not burned) and caramelized. Set the onions aside until cool.

Spoon cream cheese, sour cream, and mayonnaise into a medium mixing bowl. Using a hand mixer, blend until thoroughly combined. Add the cooled onion mixture and mix well. Season to taste with additional cayenne pepper, black pepper, and salt. Serve at room temperature.

### HEMINGWAY DAQUIRI

- 1 ½ oz. white rum
- ¼ oz. Luxardo maraschino liqueur
- ½ oz. fresh grapefruit juice
- ¼-½ oz simple syrup (to your desired sweetness)
- ¾ oz. lime juice

In a cocktail shaker, combine all ingredients and a handful of ice cubes. Shake vigorously, then strain into a chilled martini glass. Serves one.

Do you have a favorite nibble or sip? Share it with me at [editkim50@gmail.com](mailto:editkim50@gmail.com), and I might use it in a future column.

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# IT TAKES A VILLAGE

By Katie Laughridge

The now famous quote “It takes a village to raise a child”, although popularized in a book published by “First Lady” Hillary Rodham Clinton in 1996, is said have originated from the roots of ancient African culture. Although the actual author of this saying remains controversial, many scholars ascribe its origin to the Swahilian proverb “Asiyefunzwa na mamae hufunzwa na ulimwengu” - which translates to mean “regardless of a child’s biological parent(s) its upbringing belongs to the community”. No matter the source, the idea is as true today as it was thousands of years ago in lands far away. The responsibility for raising and educating the children of our community is not only the responsibility of the parents who bore them, but of the entire network of individuals who daily connect with them and have a direct influence on their lives. It is also understanding that, without the help of each one of us, the future and hope of this great county, and the world, is in jeopardy. We must all do our part to ensure that each child is afforded the opportunity to reach their full potential. As a tribute to the many individuals who embody the understanding of “it takes a village to raise a child”, I would like to share a story of an inspiring experience I recently had.

As I routinely do each year in preparation for the “first day of school”, I embarked on my annual trip to Walmart to purchase “back-up” supplies for the many first grade children who would show up to school unprepared and poorly equipped to participate in classroom activities. My goal was to buy a large supply of fresh crayons, glue sticks and other basic items that would be essential for the activities I had already planned for our first day back in class. As I proceeded to the checkout register, a customer in the store stopped me to ask why I was purchasing such a large amount of basic school supplies. I briefly explained that I was a first-grade teacher and needed



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these supplies to ensure that each child had what they needed on the first day of school. I continued to explain that, although most parents are well-intentioned, many do not have the means to purchase necessary supplies for their children. A few moments later, just before checking out, a gentleman approached me from behind and tapped me on the shoulder. He began telling me that he had overheard me talking before about being a first-grade teacher and having to purchase school supplies to help needy children. Then, to my heart-felt amazement, he offered to buy everything I had in my hands! After accepting his kind offer, I was unable to hold back the tears over the generosity of this total stranger. In the days that followed, my heart continued to be overwhelmed with thankfulness for the selfless act of kindness offered by this individual who understood that it truly does “take a village”.

Although I will always fondly remember the thoughtful gift I was blessed to receive by this individual, it reminds me of the many other generous people in our community who go above and beyond each day to support teachers and students. For this reason, I want to take a moment to say “THANK YOU” for all your hard work and sincere dedication. My job would be impossible without you! Your kind acts truly embrace the concept of “it takes a village”! Although it is not possible to thank each one of you personally, I would like to express my gratitude for the many things that have made a great impact on the daily lives of our precious children. Here are just a few...

Thank you to those of you who help pack “Backpack Snackpacks” each week. I wish you could see the look on our student’s faces every Friday when they receive the bag of food that will help feed them and their families throughout the weekend.

Thank you to those who purchased school supplies and book bags for children in our community. Because of you, these students felt prepared for their first day of school. More importantly, they felt equal to their peers and had the confidence they needed to have a successful day – which will contribute to a successful year.

Thank you to those who helped a teacher this year by funding a grant or by purchasing items listed on a teacher’s “Amazon Wishlist.” Because of your generous contribution, teachers will have the means to obtain supplies needed to motivate students, make seating more comfortable, purchase headphones that better fit little ears, and obtain high quality books teachers can use in their classrooms. Although these items don’t seem like a whole lot, trust me when I say that each one makes a huge difference in the everyday lives of teachers and students. We smile

every time these items are used because it reminds us that someone cared enough to help provide them for our students.

Thank you to those who spend countless hours volunteering in your child’s school, for preparing teacher lunches, cutting out patterns and laminating, helping children pick out new books for their “book baggies,” running “school stores,” coordinating fundraisers and free T-shirts, working in small groups with children, planning classroom parties and field trips, making copies and helping with “Friday folders.” Please know your help is more appreciated than we’ll ever be able to put into words. We love you! The kids adore you. We are so thankful to have you in our corner!

So, on behalf of teachers everywhere, THANK YOU! Thank you for your time. Thank you for your investment. Know that, together, we are building up the next generation. Together we are the “the village” that will make the difference in the lives of our children — and in their hope for a great and successful tomorrow!

*“Children are one third of our population. And all of our future.”*

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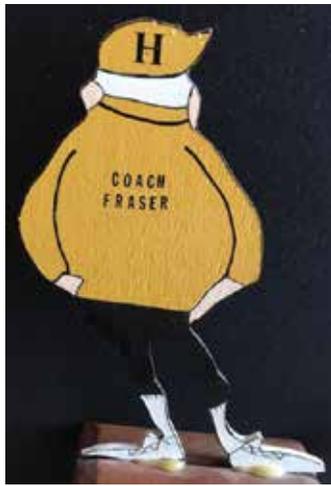
# ON SABER RATTLING

By Jim Fraser

One of the unwritten mantras of determining the hierarchy and coexistence of a group, is to never declare your intentions towards hostility. This group could be a playground, locker room, dormitory, barracks, school, city, state, nation or any entity where people live and work together.

By verbalizing your intentions, it now becomes easier to start a chain of events that could lead to a physical confrontation. Thus a playground escapade can go from, "That's not fair," to "You cheated," "My daddy can beat your daddy," to "I'll punch you in the nose," to violence erupting.

This deterioration of events is further compounded if your intentions are shouted out for all others to hear. Therefore, it is incumbent on world leaders having at their disposal enough fire power to kill a vast segment of kittens and puppies, children, kindly grandmothers, butterflies, siblings, and babies, not to hurl hostile scurrilous invectives at



each other. Once the sabers are unsheathed, it's easier to use them, and whoever said "Nuke the hell out of em" must not care for puppies and babies.

Each declaration of "My Nuke's are bigger than yours," "We're ready for war," "They made a grave mistake," "We'll rain fire and fury down," can only serve to make insecure autocrats sometimes make rash decisions that would wipe out more humanity in an hour than the war of the Roses did from

1855-1885.

One has only to look at the history of past wars to see that most could have been avoided with patience and negotiations. Ask the 630,000 widows and orphans that the Civil War produced, if they would have wanted cooler heads to have prevailed when the southern firebrand congressman boasted, "You dare not make war on cotton, sir, cotton is king," and was answered by his equally bellicose northern counterpart, "Does one show patience when the house is on fire, no, I will not equivocate and I will be heard."

Ask the 10 million plus souls that departed this earth because "the war to end all wars" was promulgated upon them by their saber rattling leaders, who thought this was the answer to their problems. Ask yourself, "Should the assassination of an insignificant Archduke (Franz Ferdinand) from a one horse country (Bosnia) have given us WWI?" Europe had become an

armed camp whose arrogant and postulating leaders had reached that point where negotiations seemed futile.

Man's ingenuity to wage war has reached the point where casualties will not be measured in scores lost, using bows, arrows and muskets, nor even hundreds of thousands with atomic power, but millions with the updated methods we now have at our disposal to kill each other.

A conflagration between a super power such as the U.S. and Iran would have us prevailing but at what cost? No armed confrontation has proven itself to be effective. There must be negotiation, compromise, coalition and respect. The alternative will be that someday, somebody will start a war to end all wars — and civilization with it.

*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.*

# Do you hear what I hear?

By Justin Tyme

Remember life before a smart phone? People always say "I don't know how we got by."

Technology certainly has made life more convenient but I kind of miss seeing people out in public reading a book or actually talking with



Justin Tyme

someone rather than listening only partially because their smart phone is more important. I rarely refer to the past as bad but before the website lyrics.com came

along I don't know how we managed to get by.

It's happened to you both by accident and on purpose. Weird AI made a career out of it. You've laughed at your parents, your children, and your co-workers when they sing the wrong lyrics to a song. You can literally take every single song in the universe and change the words. I do it sometimes to get people to laugh, but sometimes, well I'm just plain dumb. Back in 2006 Ciara released her song "Like a Boy". Instead of singing "Always keep an airtight alibi," I was belting out loud, "always keep an anti alibi." It wasn't until my friend Alisha laughed at me when I realized what I was saying for the past 13 years didn't even make sense.

How about my friend who would sing Gwen Stefani's "Hollaback Girl" but instead would sing "Harlem Black Girl."

I wanted to know what was the most misheard lyric of all time so I did a little research and well there's really no clear answer but over in England a poll was done. The number one most confused song was Dire Straits "Money For Nothing." The Brits heard "Money for nothin' and chips for free." Correct lyric is "Money for nothin' and your chicks for free."

The song of the summer "Ole Town Road" by Billy Ray Cyrus has confused everyone. Instead of saying "horse," people are singing something else. I'll let you figure it out.

What song do you mess up? I want to know. Email me at [RADIOTYME@gmail.com](mailto:RADIOTYME@gmail.com).

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

# If you want an employer to swipe right, it's time to make some changes

By Kim von Keller

There are many things that, as grownups, we know we should do regularly but somehow always forget. Dermatologists say we should replace our bath scrunchies every three to four weeks. Pharmacists tell us to discard our prescription medicines upon date of expiration. Personally, I don't think about having my chimney cleaned until my living room is full of smoke and my driveway is full of firemen. Forgetful people like me are why life coaches, corporate headhunters, and our mothers remind us that September is International Update Your Résumé Month.

I don't know how many of you pay attention to your résumé when you're not actually searching for a job, but I haven't written one since I left teaching, and Moses was in my last year's class. From what I understand, though, a lot of people spend less time writing a résumé than they do writing a dating site profile, when that is the very template they should be



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following: a little bit of truth, a bit more truthiness, and a whole lot of Photoshop. So, if you want a prospective

employer to swipe right on your résumé, here are some terms to avoid and some substitutes that might land you that first interview.

## SEASONED

Would you go on a blind date with someone who described themselves as seasoned? You know what's seasoned? Ancient cast iron skillets and grandmas. The Galapagos Tortoise. Dirt. A seasoned employee is the one who grumbles when the company cafeteria is out of soup or pudding and finds Microsoft Word "high-tech." If you've been around the block a time or two, professionally speaking, *experienced* might be the better term.

## AMBITIOUS

The ambitious date is the one that tells you how nice you look but scans the room at the restaurant for someone more attractive. Likewise, the word ambitious on a résumé suggests that, sure, you'll be happy working on the production line at Cheese Nips, but if there's ever an opening at Cheez It, it's "Bye-bye, baby." *Career oriented* is a softer way of saying you're looking to make advancements in your field.

## TEAM PLAYER

If you want to start a relationship with someone who has no baggage, go for the team player. He or she has only ever been on group dates to the food court at the mall or to a high school football game. Professionally, a team player may be one who's never handled an independent assignment. Unless a potential employer is looking for a blank slate, *collaborative* might be a better term.

## PUNCTUAL

Really? Is this all you have to offer? You might as well add "Bathes." There are certain traits that are generally expected in society, and as a personal characteristic, punctuality is the lowest of the low-hanging fruit. In the dating world, *punctual* is like saying, "Well, he can fog up a mirror," or "She has a steady pulse." And when an employer is looking to fill a position, BEING ON TIME is generally considered a part of the job description. It's probably best to leave out your relationship to the clock.

I hope you'll take some time this month to update your résumé, even if you're comfortable in your current job. It's a good way to evaluate your work history, and it's an opportunity to describe your skills in the most attractive way. Besides, you can never tell when that position might open up at Cheez It.

*How do you describe yourself on a résumé? On a dating website? Share it with me at [editkim50.com](mailto:editkim50.com).*

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# CRESCENT TIGERS



By Dan Lacobie

The Crescent Tigers, (1-1), kicked off the 2019 campaign with a win over the McCormick Chiefs on August 23rd by a score of 21-20. While this may seem like your every day run of the mill football score, consider these two teams didn't get started until 10:00 p.m. that Friday night after a two-hour weather delay.

After a Crescent kickoff return for a touchdown, McCormick took an early lead scoring a touchdown and a 2 point conversion to lead 8-7. McCormick led at halftime by a 14-7 margin. But after #24 Cade Rutledge led the Tigers with his 15 carries for 128 yards and 2 touchdowns, Crescent tied up the game at 14-14. Jamie Ellis highlighted the defense with 9 tackles, 2 tackles for loss and 1 interception.

The game ended approximately 12:30 a.m. with the Crescent Tigers pulling out the win 21-20 for the first win of 2019.

The Tigers went into the next week facing the Blacksburg Wildcats in an away game on Friday, August 30. And, as a matter of fact, this game and the next four will be away games for the Tigers as they won't be back home again until Friday, October 4th when the Powdersville Patriots roll into Iva, SC.

Crescent's second game of the season with the Wildcats didn't go quite as well as Coach Sheldon Evans had hoped as the Tigers took the loss by a score of 39-14.

Crescent's next game will be against another set of Wildcats but this time in the form of the Ninety Six Wildcats. The team will go on the road for the second time this season on Friday, September 6 at 7:30 P.M. in hopes of win Number 2 this year. Ninety Six has had a rough start to this year with an 0-2 record to begin the season, losing to St. Joseph Catholic High School 10-0 last game.

# PENDLETON BULLDOGS



By Dan Lacobie

The 2019 Pendleton Bulldogs took the field against the Powdersville Patriots on August 16th in a region contest but came up on the short end by just 22-13.

This past week the Bulldogs faced the Pickens Blue Flame at Pickens. After starting in a very muggy atmosphere and an almost less-than-eventful first quarter, the second quarter started off a little more to the liking of the Bulldogs' Head Coach Yon Radford. Pendleton's #21 Amir Dendy took off on a 90-yard run resulting in a touchdown. With #33 Sam Andrae adding the point after the touchdown, the Dogs had a 7 point lead. After a kickoff to the Blue Flame, Pickens had the ball at their own 7 yard line. However, Andrae picked up a loose ball for a fumble recovery. Just minutes later, #25 LJ Cannon scored on a 7-yard run. Then Dendy rushed for the 2 point conversion to take the score to 15-0 Pendleton at halftime.

Out of the gate for the second half was a turnover on downs for the Dogs after a kickoff from Pickens. #56 Isaiah Sadler recovered a Blue Flame fumble on the Pickens 32-yard line. Dendy had a busy night adding another touchdown on a 45-yard run. Andrae kicked the extra point to take the score to 22-0 Pendleton. The fourth quarter saw several turnovers on downs with a fumble recovery for the Blue Flame, and the Pendleton Bulldogs pulled out their first victory of the 2019 season.

The Pendleton Bulldogs will face off with the Palmetto Mustangs this Friday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m. in a home game. Palmetto lost its last game against Woodmont on August 30th, 27-7.

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# T.L. HANNA YELLOW JACKETS



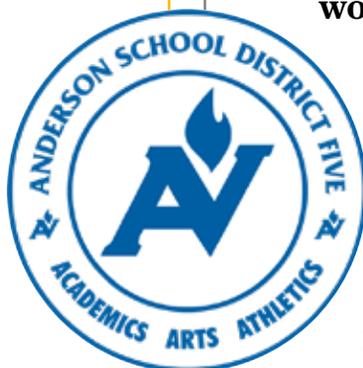
By Dan Lacobie

T.L. Hanna and first year head Coach Jeff Tone didn't have to suit up for week 0 in the high school season. But as week 1 rolled around, the Yellow Jackets put on their pads and went out to Jim Fraser Field to meet the Emerald Vikings.

Hanna rolled against the Vikings throughout the game with several Yellow Jackets getting in on the scoring. Sophomore #6 Jaylon Thompson scored on a dive for 6 points, while #3 J.J. Hudson added a touchdown of his own. Junior #90 Ryan Wynn sacked Emerald quarterback #4 Damarius Morton in the end zone for a 2-point safety in the third quarter. #41 Shy'heen Clemons was a stand out for Hanna during the night with several end around carries resulting in over 10 yards per carry. Quarterback #2 Noah Hamby led Hanna to the victory over Emerald High for a final score of 40-7.

Hanna last took the field in the Westside Ram's Jamboree two weeks ago in which they faced the Palmetto Mustangs for a 33 -14 win.

Hanna will face the Inlet Grove Hurricanes out of Riviera Beach, Florida, on Friday, September 6 for a home game at 7:30 p.m.



# WESTSIDE RAMS



By Dan Lacobie

The 2019 version of Coach Scott Earley's Westside Rams began their season on August 31st against the Boiling Springs Bulldogs in an away contest.

Even though the Rams came out on the short end, they kept it close until the end. #13 Tyson Lewis had a great game on both sides of the ball for Westside with two interceptions on the defensive side and a 41-yard pass reception for a touchdown from quarterback #12 Blair Garner.

Bryce Earley provided the point after touchdowns for the Rams on each of the scores. An interception by the Bulldogs set up Earley for a 32-yard field goal. Boiling Springs started out their scoring on a 25-yard fumble return for a touchdown in the first quarter. Scores stayed the same at 3-7 Bulldogs until almost midway through the second quarter when Boiling Springs scored on a long run to make it 3-14. The half ended with the Bulldogs up by a score of 3-17 after a late second quarter field goal.

The third quarter stayed the same score as both teams traded punts back and forth.

But the fourth quarter saw Westside giving Boiling Springs a run for its money. That is when quarterback #12 Garner hooked up with #13 Lewis for a 41 yard pass and touchdown. That brought the score up to 10-24 with the Bryce Earley P.A.T. Westside tried an onside kick but it was recovered by the Bulldogs on the Rams' 46 yard line.

After a few turnover on downs between the teams, the game ended and Boiling Springs would leave Anderson County with the win.

Next up for the Westside Rams will be a home game versus the Greer Yellow Jackets on Friday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m. Greer was upended by the Spartanburg Vikings in week 1 by a score of 20-12 and the team is starting with a 0-2 after a spectacular season in 2018.