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## MEALS ON WHEELS IS LETTING THE GOOD TIMES ROLL.. AGAIN

By Julie Bailes Johnson

**M**eals on Wheels will be bringing Mardi Gras to the Electric City once again with their annual New Orleans celebration on Fat Tuesday, March 5th. The annual fundraiser is an event that features a dance party band, fun silent and live auctions and delicious food and drinks from favorite local restaurants.

On the night of the event, the doors will open at 7:00 PM at the Anderson Sports and Entertainment Center where guests will be greeted with brightly colored beads, feather boas and masks in conjunction with the Mardi Gras theme. Guests will also enjoy street vendors reminiscent of those in the popular Jackson Square District in New Orleans. There will also be a magician, a fortune teller and a caricaturist.

Proceeds from this annual event will help Meals on Wheels continue to provide weekday meal deliveries to disabled and elderly homebound residents of Anderson County.

"We are very excited that Mardi Gras in the Electric City will be a true Fat Tuesday celebration this year," says Laurie Ashley, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels. "Guests always enjoy the beads, masks, and boas they are greeted with as they arrive, and the delicious food offered by favorite local restaurants. Back Nine Band will be part of



the celebration once again, and there will be silent and live auctions. It's a party featuring all the best traditions of a New Orleans Mardi Gras celebration with the added benefit of supporting the elderly and disabled homebound in Anderson County. For 12 years, the Anderson community has turned out for this event. We are looking forward to a wonderful evening and greeting Meals on Wheels supporters as we celebrate Mardi Gras."

Individual Mardi Gras tickets are \$40 and may be purchased online at [www.acmow.org](http://www.acmow.org) or by calling Meals on Wheels at 864-225-6800.

A limited number of tickets will be available at the door on the night of the event. Tickets include all-you-can-eat heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and soft drinks. Specialty cocktails will be available for purchase.

Reserved tables are available as a "Table of Friends" sponsorship. The sponsorship is \$400, reserving a table with eight tickets and displaying your business or group's name. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information on how to support Meals on Wheels-Anderson or this event, call 864-225-6800 or visit [www.acmow.org](http://www.acmow.org).





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# A proposal of a lifetime

My husband set the bar high as far as proposals go. He put tremendous thought and effort (literally) into his proposal! Allow me to share...

My husband is Drew Sharpe. He and I are both runners and hikers. You have probably seen him around town or in videos that have gone viral on Facebook. He is a USMC veteran and frequently runs around Anderson with a US flag as well as a Marine Corps flag. He runs regularly but especially on Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and the anniversary of his fellow veteran who was KIA in Operation Iraqi Freedom. (Our youngest daughter, Lauren Kendall, is his buddy's namesake, actually).

On Valentine's Day 2015, Drew asked me to watch him run the Myrtle Beach Marathon. Although I have run half-marathons, a full marathon is NOT a bucket list item of mine, so I happily agreed to wait at the finish line. I was sure to wear my Marine sweatshirt to support him running his first marathon. As he was about 3 miles from the finish line, he called me to be sure I was there and waiting. As he crossed the finish line, I noticed him talking to a Sun News reporter. He motioned me over and said the reporter asked to do a small segment on him because she noticed he had on a USMC t-shirt. Noticing we both had on Marine shirts, he claims he asked



the reporter if I could join him for the interview. (I was QUICK to touch up my lipstick as I walked to the finish line to join him. Hello! A reporter! The news!)

I joined Drew at the finish line and noticed the reporter handed him a microphone. I noticed a video camera

also. I thought to myself, as I whipped my cell phone out of my pocket, I better catch this interview of him on camera or he will NEVER forgive me. He started talking and I noticed he pointed at me. (Thank goodness I touched up that lipstick!). Then I saw him drop to a knee. "Oh no, he is about to pass out! He just ran a 26.2 miles and somebody, anybody, give him a banana or some water or something!", I thought to myself.

Then the reporter snatched my phone out of my hand about the same time I noticed him holding a ring. He asked me to marry him and I said yes. Honestly, I cannot remember the rest because MIND. BLOWN.

Congratulations to our winners. Enjoy a night at the gorgeous Bleckley Inn on us.

Thanks to all of our entries for participating. We enjoyed reading each and every one.

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# It's a Family Affair: Jay Agnew

**By Ginny Bailes Fretwell**  
Success is joy. Looking for success in all the wrong places will eventually teach this. It is obvious that Jay Agnew is successful.  
Minnie L. Agnew, Jay's mother, worked at First Presbyterian Church for 35 years. His father, William, worked at Abney Mill until it closed. When the Abney Mill closed, the pastor at the time, Dr. Pettitt, asked Mrs. Agnew if her husband would also like to come to work at First Presbyterian. William agreed. He came to work and stayed for 20 years.  
"I have been around First Presbyterian all my life," said Jay, 68. "My parents would bring me to work with them when I was little and I would help them do work around the church on the weekends. That's how I would get spending money for the fair. My uncle W.L. Scott was the president of the colored fair

during the 60's. It came right after the regular fair."  
Jay remembers, "My uncle would take me places with him all the time. I had a lot of energy as a kid, just like him. So, he would let me go places with him to keep me entertained. People who had hogs would call on my uncle to come kill them and I would ride along. He also used to drive to Inman to the peach orchards and haul the pallets of peaches from the orchard to the peach sheds. He let me go along to help with that. I always wanted to pick the peaches, but I was too young and didn't get the chance."  
Jay's family grew up in Belton and attended Welfare Baptist Church. "My father sang and had a beautiful voice. He also wrote songs of his own. Our mother made sure all of us had piano lessons. Once I got to high school and started playing sports, that



Jay Agnew is in charge of maintenance on the property of First Presbyterian Church that includes four buildings.

was the end of my piano lessons," he laughed.  
Over the years, Jay has known four pastors who served First Presbyterian. Remembering those

days, he recalled the year when the property seemed overrun with squirrels. They were everywhere. Dr. Pettitt told him one day, "Jay, go down to White Jones and buy some poison to get rid of the squirrels." After spreading the poison, Jay saw two or three of the squirrels die. Jay said he didn't like that. So, he never put out anymore poison.  
A funny incident was the night the burglar alarm company called him four times during the night because the alarm was activated. He met the police there each time and they couldn't find any signs of trespassing. A few days later he was in the attic of the Kirk and noticed something scurry. He found that the wire to the alarm system had been chewed. The culprit was identified!  
Jay has been in charge of all the maintenance on the church property that includes four

buildings for 26 years. "Sometimes I like coming in on Saturdays when the buildings are empty and I can get things done."  
"I see a lot of homeless in the area. It breaks my heart. I am not afraid of these people. At one time when I used to trim the hedges around the property, I would see bedding in the bushes where the homeless were sleeping," Jay said it makes him sad to see the homeless population in Anderson and surrounding communities. "It's a problem everywhere."  
Jay said he loves seeing the children at the school each day. Jay raised three sons of his own — Carlas, 46; Marquis, 44; and Kendrick, 42.  
Although Jay is unsure if his sons will continue the tradition, the hard work and dedication his family has put into the church for nearly 60 years will always be remembered.

# Group honors Churchill's Pub owner through charity

**By Kay Willis Burns**  
Justin Hedden exuded warmth. Just ask anyone who knew him as a friend and as the owner of Churchill's Pub in Anderson. And by all accounts, he never met a stranger. But if he did, the stranger would inevitably become an instant friend. Justin cared for others. Friends say that he would give away anything he had to someone in need. If he saw a man without a coat in wintertime, he would give him his own. His smile lit up a room.  
Yet for all the big-heartedness that Justin embodied, his physical heart had been defective from birth. This past December, Justin unexpectedly passed away.  
The grief of Churchill's staff, patrons, friends and family was turned into a celebration of Justin's life. A small group gathered not long after his passing and talked about how they wanted to become more charitable this year. They decided to choose a charity each month of the year to donate

to and support. As this group of people had mainly become friends through their connection to the pub, they decided to call the initiative Churchill's Angels and dedicate their efforts in honor of Justin, who was instrumental in bringing friends and patrons together.  
"Each month's donations will be made to local charities, primarily in Justin's honor and memory," said Catherine Stathakis, one of the initial group members. In January, the group chose Whiskey's Animal Rescue in Pendleton that Justin and his wife, Neely, strongly supported. In February the group is focusing on Meals on Wheels in Anderson. Justin and Neely believed in being charitable as well so the group will continue to pay it forward.  
"Justin would be humbled at the origin of Churchill's Angels and his positive impact on so many people," said Neely.  
To support this local effort, like Churchill's Angels' on Facebook.



Justin Hedden is seen with his wife, Neely. Justin, the owner of Churchill's Pub, passed away in Dec. A group of friends and family hope to honor his memory by donating to local charity organizations.

# Meet Dr. Kim Sanders, Director of PAWS

Meet Dr. Kim Sanders, Director of PAWS, which stands for Paws Are Worth Saving. Dr. Sanders is revolutionizing the culture, processes, and mindset of sheltering Anderson County's four-legged angels with cold, wet noses.  
Dr. Sanders is a native of Anderson, and when asked how she came to be in the veterinary field, she replied, "It was my only passion in life." She first came on board in October 2016 and at that time 60% of the shelter animals were being euthanized. Within 90 days after she started, they were able to put several programs in place resulting

in 90% of the animals being saved. "We've been able to do that every month since," said Dr. Sanders.  
"We've started a volunteer program, a very robust volunteer group ... so we can get about 20 dogs at a time in 'doggie play' outside. That allows us to get about 75-100 dogs out of the facility and playing every day. When the dogs play, they use



up their energy, they socialize better, they eat better, they sleep better ... And that has been a tremendous program for us."  
Dr. Sanders and staff are working hard on building a new dog park. They have received funding and

most of the permitting. "It is going to be a huge outdoor facility, with multiple separate areas for dogs," she said. "It will have a walking trail that will go down into the woods, as well as an amphitheater ... because we really want to include the community." The work should be completed by next year.  
Another key initiative of PAWS is the adoption trailer that allows animals to be taken to various areas of Anderson County for potential adoption. PAWS staff encounter people who aren't comfortable going to an animal shelter, but are very comfortable approaching dogs and

cats in the adoption trailer.  
Dr. Sanders would like the public to know that their pets can be chipped at PAWS for only \$10. If a pet gets lost and the pet is chipped, the pet can be scanned and the owner can be identified. Dr. Sanders would also like the community to know that PAWS can always use cat food, dog food, and blankets.  
Because of the success of PAWS, Dr. Sanders has become a sought-after resource for assisting and advising other animal organizations in South Carolina, and out of state.  
PAWS is located at 1320 US-29, Anderson, SC 29626.



# The power of 3D

By Amie Buice Speer

One of the pivotal stages of the interior design process is presenting your concept to the client. It is the point where you decide if your vision brings their ideas to life, and how the project



Amie Speer

will proceed. Being able to communicate your thoughts in a way that helps the client visualize them is crucial. There are many tools that designers use to convey their ideas, and different tools are appropriate for different scenarios. For example, AutoCad drawings can provide the client with plans for interior architecture, furniture layout, lighting placement, millwork and other spatial details. Power point presentations can show the client your ideas for lighting,




furniture combinations, rugs and accessories. Samples of flooring, tile, fabric and paint allow the client to see and touch finish options. And inspiration photos are a great way of showing the client how an idea might look in a room. All of these tools play an important role, depending on where you are in the design process.


On of my favorite tools, and one of the most fun to present to a client are 3D drawings. 3D drawings can be used for any space but are particularly effective in showing cabinetry, kitchen and bathroom layouts. They are also great for illustrating changes that you plan to make in interior architecture. When looking at a floorplan

of a new kitchen it can be hard for clients to envision how it will look in real life. Will the wall cabinets go to the ceiling? Will the overhang on the island be supported by corbels or legs? Where will the hardware be placed? Where will the backsplash begin and end? What would my cabinets look like in a certain color? How thick should my

countertops be? Questions like this are answered easily, and different options can be explored when you can move through the space in 3D form. On top of being a great way of communicating information, nothing gets a client more excited than seeing a room that they have been dreaming about brought to life. One of my wonderful Anderson clients has been kind enough to share one of the images that I created for their kitchen. We explored different possibilities for their kitchen, mud room and sitting area and in the end combined their favorite parts until it was their ideal design. Thanks to the power of 3D this process was fun, exciting and gave the clients a sneak peek into their beautiful new space.  
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# Freshen up with flowers

By Kristine March

Spring is fast approaching. Flowers are always needed! Be it for parties, birthdays, weddings or showers, so I started doing some research on what's trending. It's not just your typical tulips and gladiolas. There are some exquisite flowers out there that you may have never heard of before and are easily accessible.



Kristine March

I am really loving Pampas grass at the moment. It's absolutely stunning used as a centerpiece, or on any table. You can even hang it on some fishing wire overhead. It gives a really earthy, natural vibe. It even comes in pink. It would be so pretty for a baby girl's shower.

Next on my list of favorite flowers is an Anemone. It's a lovely poppy flower. I love the apricot colored ones. They're fun and flirty for a shower. The black and white ones would be lovely for a wedding. Another interesting flower or really it's considered a form of grass, is a dried bunny tail or lagurus grass. It is so airy and light and absolutely breathtaking in an arrangement. It comes in beautiful colors. It's so perfect for Easter, hence the name bunny tail, it truly favors one.

Another favorite that's on trend is adding Eucalyptus or feathers to your flowers. It will smell beautiful and look amazing. Pheasant feathers can be ordered on Amazon by the bundle for super cheap. It adds a minimalistic look.

Lastly, I'm currently obsessed with the protea



flower. It's super exotic. It's also one of the oldest flowers on the earth. Dating back over 300 million years. Wow! It almost favors an artichoke but has a pink bulb. If you can't find the actual flower, Micheals has dried fake ones. Incorporating real and fake flowers can look amazing if you have the right eye.

So take a trip to your local florist. Ask questions. See what they can get and don't be afraid to add the fake ones y'all. I even had a few fake ones at my own wedding and no one knew. Get creative. Be bold. Think outside the lines and leave those Peonies and Hydrangeas for another day. Happy almost Spring.

# Art Gallery on Pendleton Square hosts March event

On Friday, March 8, from 6 to 8 p.m., Art Gallery on Pendleton Square will be open for its monthly Second Friday event.

The gallery will feature the work of painter Kathleen Wiley. Kathleen's earliest inspiration was on her family's horse farm in Western New York. She enjoys nature photography and uses it for inspiration in her paintings. She photographed her first wild black bear when she was just 8 years old.

Kathleen studied graphic design at the Art Institute of Pittsburg. She says that her photographs give her accuracy, but field experience gives her the depth, light and atmosphere of nature.

She is a nationally award-winning artist who currently lives in Walhalla, SC, with her husband, two daughters, and three dogs.

Enjoy wine, soft drinks and light refreshments as Kathleen talks about her work and process.

Art Gallery on Pendleton Square is located at 150 Exchange Street, Pendleton, SC, 29670, next to The Islander Restaurant. For more information, visit [artgalleryps.org](http://artgalleryps.org) or call 864-221-0129. Or find them on Facebook at [facebook.com/agpendletonsquare](https://facebook.com/agpendletonsquare).

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THE GARDEN SHOP

Learning about new plants from Mr. Maple

By Susan Temple

This winter has been one of the slowest gardening seasons for me. I suppose because of all the rain. And my gardening budget is helping pay for a trip to Ireland in May. Nevertheless, an avid gardener cannot attend the annual Greater Greenville Master Gardener Symposium and not come home with new plants. Mr. Maple was a new vender this year. I pre-ordered and had them bring some trees with them. If you don't know Mr. Maple, they are a specialty nursery in East Flat Rock, NC. Mr. Maple is actually two brothers, Matt and Tim Nichols, who grew up in the nursery business owned by their father.

Japanese maples are generally too formal to suit the hodgepodge of my cottage gardening style. However, after planting a Seiryu years ago, then adding a weeping type which I have no idea where it came from or what it is, I decided



SUSAN TEMPLE master gardener

to add a few more to this area along the driveway. We're going bold with a Purple Ghost (*Acer palmatum*). Leaves are a mix of deep lavender and purple and it grows semi-pendulous. This should tie in nicely between the upright Seiryu and the mystery weeping one. Germaine's Gyration (*Acer palmatum dissectum*) is another one I decided to try. It grows contorted and twisting. Germaine's gyration is supposed to grow to 10 feet tall and 15 ft wide in 20 years. Mr. Maple said it is one of the fastest growing cascading laceleaf types. Spring color is bright green. Germaine's Gyration is a little one-gallon tree so I'm going to grow it in a pot for at least a year.



Above: Purple Ghost leaves. Right: Germaine's Gyration.

Only the strong survive in my garden and I'm afraid this little guy is not strong enough yet. Mr. Maple also offers conifers. I ordered a Falling Waters Weeping Bald Cypress. This is my second attempt to grow this one. The first one was grown in a pot for a couple of years then put in the ground. It struggled the first year but was making a comeback. That same year I decided to stop cutting the grass in the conifer

garden and try a meadow look with paths cut in a few places. I lost track of the little weeping bald cypress and cut it down. It did not make a comeback from that. One of my Mr. Maple impulse purchases at the symposium was a Wild Fire Japanese maple. Chartreuse green leaves during the growing season will also tie in nicely with the other Japanese maples. Fall color is great on most all of these types of trees. Winter



color on Wildfire's bark is why I chose it. Towards the bottom of the trunk, colors are a mix of golden yellow and orange. Then it blends more towards fiery orange and red on the ends of the branches. Wild Fire was planted at the end of this new area in front of large tea olives Nanjing Beauty and native Devilwood (*Osmanthus americanus*). These fiery colors in front of dark green foliage will be fantastic. Contact Master Gardener Susan Temple at [gardningirl@yahoo.com](mailto:gardningirl@yahoo.com).

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Updates on legislation to reform education in SC

Our discussion on education reform continues to dominate the conversation inside and outside Columbia. As always, I am grateful for all of the comments I have received from constituents on fixing this issue. Legislators are working hard to make this comprehensive reform bill the best it can be for our students and teachers. Last week hundreds of teachers, students and others attended an evening Statehouse hearing to give their input on the bill. Their testimony to the K-12 subcommittee took over 5 hours. Legislators listened carefully to feedback on different components of the bill. Right now, there are 80 bipartisan cosponsors on the legislation, as the House is dedicated to providing students with a quality education that prepares them with the skills they need to succeed. Here are some fast facts on the legislation:

- The base starting teacher pay will increase to \$35,000. All other teachers



Rep. Anne Thayer

will receive a raise (that will be addressed in budget) that will bring them above the Southeastern average with a goal of moving teacher pay to the national average within 5 years.

- The Zero-to-Twenty Committee is not another oversight committee. It will consist of a unique group of individuals - not bureaucrats - who will monitor our education system from pre- kindergarten to post-graduation and make suggestions to the General Assembly on how to improve the education-to-workforce pipeline.
- This bill will eliminate 4 of the 6 mandated state assessment tests...giving teachers more time for classroom instruction. We will eliminate the 8th grade science test,

the 5th and the 7th grade social studies tests, and the U.S. History end-of-course test. Doing away with these tests will save an estimated \$3.1 million and allow more time for classroom instruction.

- This bill allows the elected State Superintendent of Education to remove a principal or teacher as a last resort if, after intensive assistance, a school has chronically underperformed for 3 of the last 4 years. Any teacher or principal can be hired back at the discretion of the State Superintendent of Education.

The House also joined with the Senate in approving a measure which calls on the Department of Education to develop recommendations for reducing and streamlining the amount of paperwork and reporting required of teachers, schools and school districts. The report is due by January 2020.

In an effort to crack down on drunk driving, the House introduced a

bill that will require DUI offenders to have ignition-interlock devices (breathalyzers) in order to start the engine of their cars. Right now, the law in SC requires interlocks for all offenders with a BAC of .15 or greater, but this bill would require offenders with a BAC of .08 or higher to have one in their car. The bill is supported by Governor McMaster and Attorney General Alan Wilson and a companion bill is in the Senate as well.

As a state our military is important to us. We voted unanimously for legislation calling for veterans with service-connected disabilities to receive in-state tuition at the state's public colleges and universities regardless of the length of time the vet has resided in this state. In addition, the House approved a bill allowing those who served in the National Guard to receive the Veteran's designation on their driver's license.

As always, I appreciate the opportunity of serving you.

Anderson County Chapter  
South Carolina Genealogical Society  
2019 Program Schedule

(Unless otherwise noted, programs begin at 7:00 pm at  
Senior Solutions, 3420 Clemson Blvd. #17, Anderson, SC.)

February 4 <sup>th</sup> Mr. Olin Saylor will share his stories and experiences of playing textile league baseball in Anderson.	
March 4 <sup>th</sup> Whitney Ellis, Interpretive Guide and Sales Manager at Visit Anderson, will share information about the Landmark Conference (SC State History Conference) that will be held in Anderson, April 11-13, 2019.	
April 1 <sup>st</sup> (Off Site) Anderson County Register of Deeds Office This program will be held at the Anderson County Annex Building at the Register of Deeds Office, 401 East River Street (where you pay your taxes/former Kroger building). We will have the opportunity to learn about recording and indexing deeds, where and how to find them, and maintaining legal documents that establish ownership of real and personal property in Anderson County. The office provides public assistance in accessing these records.	
May 6 <sup>th</sup> SC historian and Upstate Forever's Extraordinary Achievement Award winner, Dennis Chastain, will present Part III of the Cherokee Path: Midlands to the Low Country. Dennis has written feature articles for South Carolina Wildlife and other outdoor magazines for more than 20 years.	
June 3 <sup>rd</sup> We will visit a historic church in Anderson County. Everyone is asked to bring a food item (ie casserole, dessert, or other dish) to share with others as part of this Society tradition. Arrive before the meal to allow time to walk through the cemetery.	
July 1 <sup>st</sup> In the month of America's 243 <sup>rd</sup> birthday, local historian, Durant Ashmore, will share his program, "The Life and Times of Colonel Robert Anderson."	
August 5 <sup>th</sup> Susan Stika Rozakos Ehrhard will share her decades-long journey to find her biological mother and biological father.	
September Labor Day - No Meeting	
October 7 <sup>th</sup> The Anderson Werewolf, and the Halloweens of Yesteryear	
November 4 <sup>th</sup> Dr. Walter B. Curry, African American professor and member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, will share his family story and book: The Thompson Family: Untold Stories from the Past, 1830-1960. Dr. Curry will bring his books to sale.	
December 2 <sup>nd</sup> Join us for fellowship, friends, and fun at our annual ACGS Christmas dinner! We will have our annual 'Show and Tell', so bring a family heirloom or historic relic, or anything that is special to you to 'Show and Tell'!	

For more information about the Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society,  
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# Groucho's Deli opens in Anderson

Veteran Groucho's Operators have joined forces to form Electric City Deli, LLC which will be doing business as Groucho's Deli in Downtown Anderson, SC.

Operating Partner Traywick Duffie began his deli story as a high school student in 2010 working for the first ever Groucho's franchised location in Lexington, SC as a cashier/server.

A move to the Upstate for college brought him to work at the Groucho's in Clemson, SC where he grew into the general manager for the past five years. Always wanting to own his own Groucho's, Duffie welcomed the opportunity to partner with other veteran Groucho's Deli owners to bring the sought-after subs, salads and sauces loved by many to Anderson.

"I never dreamed I could be an owner of a Groucho's when I first started," said Duffie. "It's really an amazing franchise to provide such a great opportunity."

Partner Nick Taffee — who started his career in 2006 at Groucho's in Blythewood, SC, and is currently the operating partner in Easley — has had his eye on opening a second Groucho's for some time now and feels the time is right to expand into the growing



Traywick Duffie is the operating partner of the newly opened Groucho's Deli in downtown Anderson.

Anderson market.

"While growth and potential were clear, it's the people that have made us know that Anderson will be a great fit," said Taffee. "Traywick and I look forward to using our combined experience to deliver the Groucho's Deli experience to the Electric City."

Partners Walker Garrison and Nash Patton, who currently own and operate several successful Groucho's Franchised locations in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia — are proud

to be a part of the team making this newest location possible.

Since the 1940s, Groucho's Deli has established its reputation by serving high quality meats and cheeses on trademarked subs and salads with famous dressings and sides.

Third generation family owned and operated by the founder's grandson Bruce Miller, Groucho's Franchise Systems has a growing total of 35 open locations.

"Groucho's Franchise Systems is proud to encourage grassroots employees to seek a path to franchise ownership. Both Traywick and Nick began as young kitchen employees. Nash and Walker began working at Groucho's Original Deli in Columbia, SC directly after college," said Bruce Miller. "Groucho's of Anderson is the culmination of several years of their hard work, dedication, and ambition. We are lucky to have these gentlemen as franchise owners."

Groucho's Deli of Anderson, SC is located in the Downtown Anderson Historic District at 129 East Whitner Street and is open Monday – Sunday, 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. Additional contact information to include menus can be found by visiting [www.grouchos.com/anderson](http://www.grouchos.com/anderson).

# Dear Kay, the Genealogist

Dear Kay,

There are a lot of relatives that I never met. Sadly to say, I had many opportunities to spend a lot more time with uncles and aunts as well as cousins. And those who are still living, well, I probably wouldn't even recognize them if I passed them on the street. So, my New Year's resolution is to locate and get to know as many of my close cousins as I can. And that's where you come in, dear Kay. Please give me some suggestions on how I can make up for lost time?

Sincerely,  
Jenny Lost

Dear Jenny,

Don't be too hard on yourself. All of us have put our family ancestry on the back burner of life. Just be glad you have decided to start now and find out more about who you are! Following are some suggestions that can help you on your genealogical journey for each relative whom you hope to find and learn about:

1. Create a list of all the information you have about your select relative.
2. Use well-known search engines as well as more advanced ones.
3. Use Facebook and other social media sites.
4. Access genealogy records to locate historical and public records of your relatives.
5. Go to the Anderson County Genealogy Research Center for help. They are located in the Visit Anderson offices in the Arts Center Warehouse beside the Farmers Market.

And Jenny, although Google is the most popular search engine, other search engines may kick back different information that can be very useful. Each search engine uses a different database, and this will determine what information you will receive. Don't depend on one search engine! Other search engines you should try are Bing, Yahoo, AOL, and Duck Duck Go. Meta search engines can search multiple search engines at the same time. So, if you want to try it, check out Dogpile, WebCrawler, and Monster Crawler.

Next, Jenny, if you're not on Facebook, you need to get a Facebook account. 79% of American internet users are registered on Facebook.

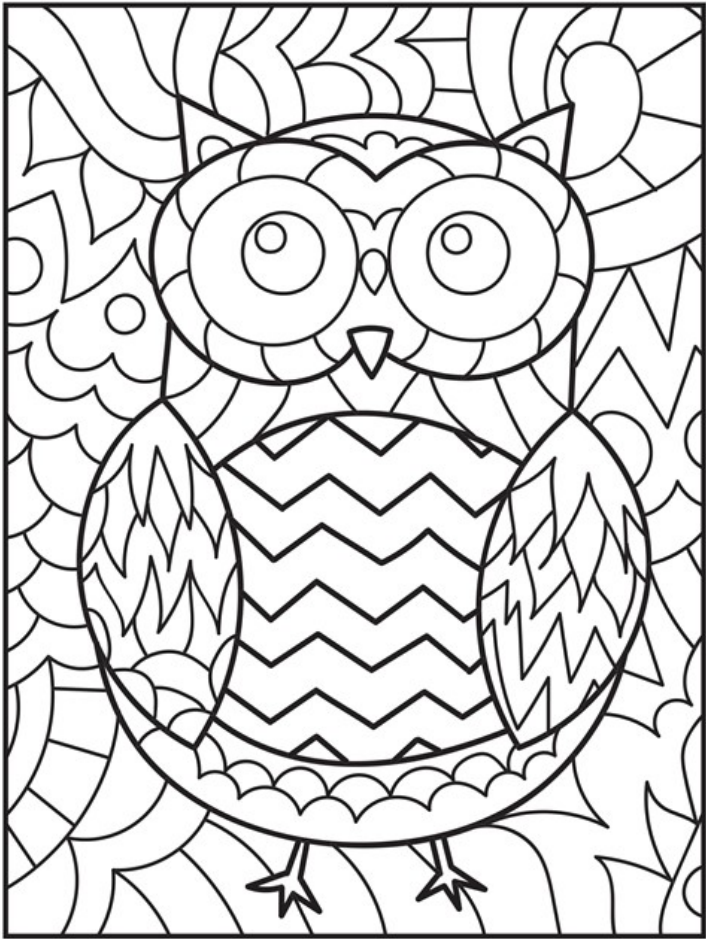
LinkedIn is another tool that can be helpful in finding your relatives. Currently, the free version has search limitations. Right now, a free version of LinkedIn has limited search results. However, you can get a free trial of the premium membership that will let you see the full results and access more powerful search features.

Finally, check out various helpful internet sites that you might not have heard about. They are: Cyndi's List, Roots Web, and Genealogy Today.

Happy Hunting, Jenny!  
Kay

## COLORING FOR KIDS

Hey Kids! Wine & Design, Anderson, SC / ART BUZZ KIDS is collaborating with The Electric City News to encourage reading, creativity, and self motivation. Youth under the age of 12 are encouraged to read the paper and color the image below. Then send in your completed picture to [andersonsc@wineanddesign.com](mailto:andersonsc@wineanddesign.com), and a winner will be chosen and awarded a prize. Look for information about afterschool and summer camp art classes coming soon.



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# Boy Scouts launch new program for young women

The Boy Scouts of America is pleased to announce the launch of the new Scouts BSA program for young women. This great program provides opportunities for young women age 11-17 to experience camping, shooting sports and other outdoor activities. Scouts BSA launched on February 1 and is now open to all young women.

The Scouts BSA program joins other iconic Scouting programs such as Cub Scouts, Venturing, Sea Scouts, Exploring

and STEM Scouts. The Scout BSA program is not co-ed, rather young women will meet in their own Troop. The young men age 11-17 that are currently in the program — formerly known as Boy Scouts — will continue to meet in their own troop as they have done for over 100 years.

The Boy Scouts of America has a long tradition of serving young women. In 1971, the career-based Exploring program began serving young women as a

co-ed program with young men. In 1998, Venturing was introduced as a co-ed outdoor and camping program for young women and young men. STEM Scouts was launched in 2013 to teach boys and girls grades 3-12 more about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The Cub Scout program expanded in 2018 to include elementary school-aged girls. The Scouts BSA program brings the entire spectrum of Scouting programs to male and female youth of all ages.

The overall organization name of Boy Scouts of America is not changing. The Boy Scouts of America is committed to serving youth, families and communities through programs that deliver character development and values-based leadership training for young people — all while remaining true to the mission and core values outlined in the Scout Oath and Law.

For more information on opportunities for young women to join a Scouts BSA program, visit [www.blueridgescouncil.org](http://www.blueridgescouncil.org).

## Anderson County Republican Party to hold meeting

The Anderson County Republican Party is hosting a Dutch Treat meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at Athas Family Restaurant, 11006 Anderson Road, Piedmont, SC, 29673 to introduce the head of the local GOP to all Anderson County residents.

Cheryl Cuthrell was installed as Chairman of the Anderson County

Republican Party in January 2018.

All members of the Anderson Delegation of SC Senators and SC House Representatives, and local County Council members are invited to attend. U.S. Representatives are also invited as well as local Representatives for the Powdersville/Easley/Piedmont area. SC Senator Richard Cash and County Councilman

Jimmy Davis will be in attendance and SC House Representative West Cox is also expected to attend.

A good discussion of many important issues is planned along with time for questions and answers for our representatives.

The gathering time is 6:00 p.m. Come out for a brief introduction of Cheryl

and for a Dutch Treat meal. Enjoy meeting other board members of the local Anderson County Republican Party and hear plans for the future.

All are welcome. The public is invited. You do not have to be a member to attend. Dress is casual.

Any questions call Cheryl at 864-270-0907.

## Clean Start fundraiser serves good meals for worthy cause

Clean Start of Anderson, a hygiene and resource center, hosts its 12th annual "Scoop Some Soup" fundraiser on Thursday, February 28 at their 219 Townsend Street headquarters.

The public can purchase tickets for dine-in or carry-out meals to be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Free meal delivery is available for groups of 10 or more supporters, but delivery orders must be placed by February 25.

Scoop Some Soup is the only fundraiser held each year for Clean Start. Each meal includes vegetable soup or chili with

cornbread or crackers, dessert and tea. Ticket prices are \$7 per meal. Supporters can call 864-716-0066 to purchase tickets. All proceeds will support Clean Start's mission to help those living on the streets to clean up and start again. By offering laundering services, clothing and hygiene supplies, the non-profit encourages clients to better themselves. Recipients feel empowered, knowing someone values and cares about them.

Serving 100-150 clients per week, Clean Start washes about 35 weekly loads of laundry, allows clients to bathe or shave

in on-site showers, and supplies new or gently used clothing. In addition, they offer referrals for other Anderson area assistance, as well as telephone and mailing services.

The Clean Start ministry, in the spirit of God's call to compassion, serves the homeless, poor and marginalized by providing facilities for them to achieve basic hygiene, cleanliness, mail and phone access, and to help direct them toward the availability of other services they may need. This 501C3 charity, founded in 2006, helps clients feel

better physically, improves their self-worth and confidence, and supports them improving their situations. The volunteer staff treats clients with respect and provides a safe, welcoming environment to help them maintain a feeling of dignity through their daily contact with others.

For details about Clean Start's Scoop Some Soup fundraiser or to purchase tickets for the February 28 lunch event, call 864-716-0066. For more information about Clean Start of Anderson, visit [www.CleanStartAndersonSC.com](http://www.CleanStartAndersonSC.com).

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## ANDERSON TRAVEL CLUB TO HOLD MEETING

The Anderson Travel Club and AU Lifelong Learning Institute Program will meet on Tuesday, March 7. The meeting will be held at the Anderson County Main Library, 300 N. McDuffie St., in rooms B and C on the first floor at 1 p.m. The speaker will be Neil Paul, executive director of Visit Anderson. He will present information about the many travel opportunities in Anderson County. The Travel Club welcomes those who would like to present a program on their travels to interesting places in the United States and around the world. For more information, contact 864-338-8318. Sallie Moreland is the president of the Anderson Travel Club. Nancy Hanley is director of the Anderson University LLI Lifelong Learning Institute (AU LLI).



MUSINGS OF AN OLE BALL COACH

# A bad night on the Bayou

*Good morning America how are you?*

*Don't you know me, I'm your native son*

*I'm the train they call The City of New Orleans*

*I'll be gone 500 miles when day is done.*

— *City of New Orleans lyrics by Arlo Guthrie*

During my first year out of coaching, Joyce and I were staying at a stately New Orleans Hotel known for its elegance and ambience. My new employer, Equitable Life Assurance Society, whose pedigree pre-dates the Civil War, was footing the bill. After a splendid awards banquet, we revelers retired to our rooms.

Following a restful sleep, I awakened around 6 a.m. with an awareness that Joyce and I were not the only occupants in our room. I dismissed the urge to get up thinking I was dreaming. How could anyone get in a locked room? In the



**JIM FRASER**

stupor of half sleep-half awake, I was becoming convinced that I saw a ghostly apparition flit towards the bathroom area. I bolted upright in bed still not convinced I wasn't dreaming. I concluded that if there's a "creole slasher" here, you'd better check it out. I thought OK, I'll use the bathroom and put this charade to rest. Emerging from the bathroom, I staggered back to my inviting bed, still half asleep. I thought to myself, "You fool: why didn't look behind the door?"

Dutifully I got back up and looked in the tub area. I pulled back the shower curtain and there he was, the ghostly apparition, the creole slasher. I assessed the situation rather quickly, and as he was

a slightly built youngster of maybe 20 years and 140 pounds, I pulled him out of the bathroom holding him at arms length to prevent him from biting me or kneeling me in my groin. Unable to break my grasp, he protested, "Sir forgive me, I entered your room by mistake." I backed him out of the bathroom and shouted at Joyce, "Call room service to send us security."

Joyce assessed the situation and ever the one to take over, charged the intruder, shouting, "What are you doing, you came to steal from us?"

Never a shrinking violet, my lovely wife was recovering from minor surgery. My goal now became to stay between her and the intruder, as she continued to berate and charge. By some miracle I was able to open the door, get my quarry in the hall and shut Joyce inside. So here we were, me in my briefs, holding my quarry at bay as he was trying to knee me and bite

me as I shouted, "Police! Somebody call the police!"

In a matter of minutes, doors were open, several security guys appeared and order was restored.

Now began a bizarre sequence that caused me to doubt the integrity and character of some members of the human race.

**#1: Officer:** "Are you going to press charges?"

Me: "Press charges? The guy was robbing me."

Officer: "He says your wife invited him up, you weren't supposed to be there."

Me: "What? I do your job and apprehend a punk robber and you believe him? So what are my options?"

Officer: "The judge will set a court date."

Me: "Will I have to be there?"

Officer: "Yes."

Me: "By the way, if I need protection before I leave, please don't help."

**#2: Hotel manager:** "Mr. Fraser, we don't perceive we have a problem with our security."

Me: "When you enter your room the door does not lock, therefore an intruder can traverse the halls and find many unlocked doors. That's what happened to me."

Manager: "We have no record of that, sir."

Me: "You have no record of the police arresting a guy trying to rob me?"

Manager: "No sir."

As I stormed from the meeting, it was obvious this grand hotel had no intention of admitting that robbers stalked its halls preying on its patrons, and the NOPD were either bad cops or on the take. Either way, I couldn't wait to board the Amtrak and get out of town.

*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.*

## Musings of an Ole Ball Coach



*By Jim Fraser*



## Musings of an Ole Ball Coach

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# The Children's Museum of the Upstate

By Katie Laughridge

As a mother of two energetic daughters, I often find myself reminiscing about how exciting and fun it was to experience new adventures and ideas for the first time as a little girl. I fondly remember spending hours on end pretending to be a doctor, a train conductor, a mommy, a teacher and even a musician. These are experiences I will cherish forever, and it warms my heart to watch as my own daughters create unique and imaginative memories that they will one day share with their own children.

As busy parents, it is sometimes difficult to consistently create the environment that will spark your child's creative and imaginative energy. One great solution that you and your child will surely love is closer than you think! The Children's Museum of the Upstate, located in downtown Greenville, is a place of possibility where children and adults alike can explore, discover, imagine, and *pretend to*



Katie Laughridge

making your own videos (which can later be purchased at the gift shop!), and an Art Studio where children can use their imagination to create their own masterpieces!

The second floor includes a Publix grocery store where children can "shop" for groceries, and then check out at miniature cash registers. Children can also visit the local Bank, pretend to be a fireman, blast off in a

*be anything!* This three-story building features many things for children of all ages. The first floor features a variety of water tables, Garage Rock! (a music room full of instruments), the "7 News Studio," a Green Room for

space ship, and climb treacherous rock walls- while pretending to be mountain climbers!

The third floor features a life- size "Light-Bright," a Spark!Lab for creating and designing, and a construction site for building with blocks and tools. Here you will also find "Grandma Betty's Farm", where babies and toddlers can crawl around and slide down a big "tree slide". Another favorite is the "Dino Train" display where children can be "train conductors", dress up like "dinosaurs", and even sit in a dinosaur nest! Don't forget to check out the amazing outdoor playground (Bib's World) and the Museum Cafe where you can enjoy lunch indoors or outdoors!

Additionally, The Children's Museum offers daily programs such as "Story-Time" (for ages 5 and under) where children get to listen to a story- and then create a craft to take home. "Mommy and Me Yoga," "Terrific Tuesdays," "Open Art Studios,"

and "Spanish Story-Time" are other great options. "Random Acts of Science" is another excellent program where children can engage in interactive demonstrations that teach science skills in fun and exciting ways. Best of all, these weekend programs are taught by a phenomenal programming team dedicated to creating an educational and fun-filled environment where children can experience the excitement of learning amazing new concepts about the world around them.

The winter season can make planning fun and engaging activities for our little ones a bit challenging at times. The Children's Museum of the Upstate is always a great option, and is sure to keep your little ones entertained, active, and engaged in hands-on learning activities for hours on end. I hope you and your family will enjoy it as much as we do! For more information, please visit [tcmupstate.org](http://tcmupstate.org).

## Field notes from an adult sick day

By Kim von Keller

This is shaping up to be a rough cold and flu season. During the third week of January, Concrete Primary in Anderson School District One had an absence rate that peaked at 20 percent. Two weeks ago, a private school in Greenville County closed on Friday in an attempt to stop the spread of the flu amongst its students. Hopefully, the children who were stricken were able to spend their days at home enjoying cozy tuck-ins, grilled cheese sandwiches, regular refills on ginger ale, and finding out if SpongeBob ever got his driver's license.

But if you are an adult, take a long Purell bath and tie on a face mask right now because if you fall ill and have to stay home, your sick day will be nothing like a child's. On an adult sick day, no one can hear you whine.

Last week, I had a minor head cold that turned into a major sinus infection, and my

coworkers very kindly asked me to take my copious amounts of germs and mucus and leave the building. I was home for two days. My husband set me up with everything I needed, and then he was off to work. These are my field notes from an adult sick day.

First, I did not hydrate with delicious, bubbly soda. On an adult sick day, it's water only, like being in prison or at a Weight Watchers meeting. A child can metabolize a 5-pound bag of sugar by walking to the mailbox. At 30, you're metabolizing like a sloth. By the time you're 40, you're more like a slug. Add to the equation that a sick person's greatest exertion is rolling over, and that six-pack of ginger ale will soon have your six-pack abs looking more like a pony keg.

Next, I was not entertained. Contrary to popular belief, binging while sick really isn't a good idea. If you "accidentally" take Nyquil instead of Dayquil as you're just starting



Kim von Keller

International, Tiny House Hunters, and House Hunters Off the Grid. House Hunters programming is all the same: A couple must choose between three different homes to buy or rent. The only difference between the series is that in one, the houses are in America; in the next, the houses could be anywhere in the world; in the third, the houses are really small; and in the last, they spend an uncomfortable amount of time talking about composting toilets.

*Stranger Things*, you will never understand what's going on with Eleven. If you're not interested in cable news or Family Feud, that only leaves the House Hunters franchise: House Hunters,

Finally, I ate a LOT of chicken noodle soup, the universal sick person's meal. It's brothy, it's light, and all you have to do is pop it in the microwave. Over the course of my two days at home, I ate four cans of soup. My husband even bought four different brands so I could have variety. The problem is, there is no variety. Every can of chicken noodle soup tastes exactly the same. The only difference is the noodles. Some are wide, some are skinny, and some are shaped like letters of the alphabet. With my alphabet noodles, I spelled out the word H-E-L-P and some other words that can't be printed in a family newspaper.

So if a child in your life has to stay home because of illness, spoil him or her with all the comforts you remember from your own childhood sick days.

Just do it from a distance, wearing a mask. And a few squirts of Purell wouldn't be a bad idea either.

### HOT HITS

## Reviving a love for Trina

By Justin Tyme

Nineteen years ago I fell in love with a female rapper named Trina. I was in my late twenties and Trina is just one year younger than me.

She was raunchy yet so classy. You could tell she was educated, and so beautiful. I look at Cardi B in the same way. Through the years, I've watched Trina emerge as a superstar. And always humble.



Justin Tyme

At the Grammys, Cardi B's speech literally brought me to tears. I feel like Cardi B could be Trina's daughter.

I was so excited back in December when I got to see Trina perform in Greenville. I haven't had a chance to tell you about until now. Trina opened for T.I. at the Convention Center. I could've cared less about T.I. though, I was there to see my girl. (And it's a good thing too. T.I. didn't hit the stage until 11:35 p.m. — more than four hours after doors opened.)

Back to Trina, I couldn't believe someone my age



could dance like that and still perform like she was 25.

When Trina told the crowd she was "too old to be filthy," the crowd jeered,

and persuaded Trina to stick to her roots. She did not disappoint.

Trina can be seen on VH-1's "Love and Hip Hop: Miami."

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





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## VIEW FROM THE STANDS

By Dan Lacobie

Here we are in the late of winter with spring just around the corner. We have no college football or NFL to look forward to each weekend and it's a little early for major league baseball. However, we do have college baseball which started this past weekend.

And let's not forget NASCAR also got its season start at Daytona this past weekend. So, how did your favorite driver fare? Lets take a quick look to see what happened at the Daytona 500.

As many of you know, Denny Hamlin won "The Great American Race" on Sunday. For the second time in four years, Hamlin captured the checkered flag and immediately gave all the credit to J.D. Gibbs in the post-race interview. J.D. Gibbs was the son of car owner and former Washington Redskins head coach, Joe Gibbs. J.D. passed away in January after a long fight with a neurological disease.

The race had its usual ups and downs and produced another "big one" in terms of wrecks as it so famously tends to do. The crash involved 21 cars and has gone viral across the internet the past few days. A total of five wrecks occurred during the last twenty laps and the race had to be stopped twice for about 40 minutes to allow for track cleanup.

The top 5 finishers were as follows: Denny Hamlin, Kyle Busch, Erik Jones, Joey Logano (reigning 500 champ), and Michael McDowell. As always, the Daytona 500 provided great excitement around the upcoming NASCAR season.



Dan Lacobie

In college baseball this past weekend, the University of South Carolina lost its opening game on to Liberty 6-5 in 11 innings. The Gamecocks quickly recovered however and managed to win the series 2 games to 1. Clemson faced South Alabama in their first series of the season and won the first game 6-2. The Tigers split a double-header on Saturday, February 16th, winning the first game 7-2 and dropping the second game 3-4.

The University of Georgia started their season with a 3 game sweep of Dayton by scores of 5-1, 10-7, and 13-1. Georgia is looking to improve this season over their performance the past few years.

In the Pro Golf Association this past weekend, J.B. Holmes won the Genesis Open at Riviera Country Club. Holmes won the tournament with a final round (-1) and (-14) overall. Holmes was followed by J. Thomas (-13) and Si Woo Kim (-12).

In the coming weeks, we'll see the start of pro baseball, racing season in full force and March Madness which always proves to be a sport fan's delight.

## PENDLETON BULLDOGS



By Dan Lacobie

Pendleton men's basketball team, coached by Michael Noble, finished their season 16-7 overall and 9-1 in region play. The last couple of games resulted in wins for the Bulldogs – the first versus Liberty 46-44 and the second against Seneca, 58-42. In the first round of the state playoffs, the Bulldogs suffered a loss against Fairfield-Central, 50-37.

Team leaders for Pendleton were as follows: #23 Sidney Mattison who averaged 15.4 PPG, #10 Jamal Blakley with 11.8 PPG, and #2 Bobby Spear with 10.5 PPG.

Coach Tim Wood's Lady Bulldogs basketball team finished up the year with an overall record of 14-11 overall and a regional record of 7-3. Their last couple of games yielded mixed results with a loss to the Seneca Bobcats 65-27 and a win against Powdersville, 50-44.

In the first round of the state playoffs, the team narrowly beat Camden High, winning 44-42. However, the Lady Bulldogs suffered a heartbreaking loss to Southside, 48-47. Congratulations to all the amazing athletes at Pendleton on a great season!

Coach Kevin Durham's varsity boys baseball team will hit the diamond at 7 p.m on Friday, March 8 at home against Daniel High School. Tuesday, March 12, the team will play host to West Oak High at 7 p.m.

The preseason roster for the Pendleton Bulldogs is as follows: #2 Ian Powell, #3 Will Barnes, #4 Peyton Hawkins, #5 Clay Martin, #6 Adler Simmons, #8 Conner Simpson, #11 Ellison Walker, #14 Grant O'Sheilds, #15 Payton Bunch, #17 Hayden Fuhr, #22 Jacob Morris, and #24 Caden James. Kennan Worley, Luke Taylor and Matthew Slaton are also listed on the roster.

The Lady Bulldogs softball team will play in several preseason tournaments before the regular season games against Liberty High on Monday, March 4 at 5:30 p.m., and Pickens High on Wednesday, March 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Coach Billy Anderson's roster has yet to be released but hopefully will be available for the next issue. Good luck to the 2019 baseball and softball teams!



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# T.L. HANNA YELLOW JACKETS



By Dan Lacobie

T L Hanna High School's varsity boy's basketball team carded a win against Easley 55-40 and a win against crosstown rival Westside High, 70-45.

However, in the first round of the state playoffs, T.L. Hanna ran into a buzzsaw against Mauldin High School, losing 66-62. The Yellow Jackets finished the season with an overall record of 19-8 and went 11-3 in the region.

T.L. Hanna's scoring leaders were #4 James Lovorn, with 15.4 PPG, #11 Ja'heim Handy with 12 PPG, #32 John Rogers with 9.4 PPG and #10 Avery Jones with 9 PPG. Congratulations to Coach Keith Arrington and his Yellow Jackets on a great season!

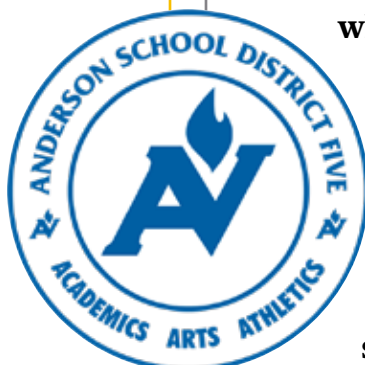
The Lady Yellow Jackets finished their season with an overall record of 19-7 and a regional record of 10-4. In the last two games, the team lost against rival Westside 54-46, and won against Hillcrest 53-42. In the first round of the playoffs T.L. Hanna lost a hard-fought game against Nations Ford, 58-46.

Leaders for varsity girls' basketball included scoring leader #24 Maleia Bracone who averaged 19 PPG. #23 Alexis Glover was next in scoring and averaged 9.3 PPG. #33 Dro Lee finished third in scoring averaging 9.2 PPG. Congratulations to Coach Glenn Elrod and his Lady Jackets on a great season!

Looking forward high school baseball, the T.L. Hanna varsity boys team is anticipating another great season. The Yellow Jackets lost the opener on February 15 against Riverside 9-3 in 10 innings. Their next few games are at Wren High School on February 21 and J.L. Mann on Friday, March 8.

At press time, a roster was not available for the team but will hopefully be in the next edition.

The T.L. Hanna varsity girls softball team will begin its season with a preseason tournament at Brashier Middle College Charger High School on Monday, February 25. Also, on Tuesday, February 26, a preseason tournament will be played at Wren High. Regular season play begins at J.L. Mann on Tuesday, March 5. Rosters will be available next issue.



# WESTSIDE RAMS



By Dan Lacobie

The Westside Rams boys basketball team, with Coach Nick Agnello, finished the 2018-19 season 19-6 overall and an impressive 12-2 in region play.

The final games of the season did result in a loss to rival T.L. Hanna High 70-45 to finish off the regular season, and another loss in the first round of the state playoffs against the Spartanburg Vikings, 52-46.

#3 Traye Carson led the Rams in scoring this season averaging 16.2 PPG. Carson was followed by #2 Odarius Cade with 11.9 PPG and # 11 C.J. Plantin with 10 PPG.

The Westside Lady Rams basketball team, coached by Jackie Roberts, finished the regular season 18-6 overall and 9-5 in region play. The Lady Rams captured wins in the last two games of the regular season, defeating Wade Hampton High 68-64 and T.L. Hanna High 54-46. In the first round of the state playoffs, Westside knocked off Dorman 74-72. At press time it looked like the Lady Rams will face Sumter in the next round of the playoffs.

Turning to baseball, Coach Jarrod Payne looks to have his varsity boys team ready to open the season on the road against the Greenville Red Raiders on Friday, February 22 and the Hillcrest Rams on Saturday, February 23.

Westside's preseason roster is as follows: #1 Malik Smith, #2 Jackson Bennet, #3 Andrew Patterson, #4 Braeden Jordon, #5 Cole Pearson, #7 Cade Langston, #8 Garrett Patterson, #9 Jaden Cribb, #10 Nate Bailey, #11 Jordan Young, #12 Odis Williams, #13 Tristan Elgin, #14 Tyler Pearson, #17 Dakota Smith, #20 Luke Boyce, #22 Connor McGill, #24 Jacob Bargiol, and #25 Curt Robinson.

The Westside Rams varsity girls softball team will start its 2019 season with four away games which include, Walhalla on Thursday, March 7, Laurens High on Wednesday, March 13, and a double header at Greenwood High on Wednesday, April 10.

The Westside Lady Rams' softball team roster was not set as of press time but will hopefully be available next issue.

Good luck to both squads on the new season of spring sports!