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ANDERSON PREGNANCY CARE

Center opens new facility with more space, convenient location

By Dorothy Camak

his week, the doors opened on the brand-new home of Anderson Pregnancy Care. The ribbon cutting ceremony with the Anderson Chamber of Commerce signifies the realization of a long time dream for many in the community.

Until this week, a small home on West Whitner Street had been the humble headquarters Anderson Pregnancy Care (formerly Anderson Crisis Pregnancy Center). Accommodating the growing needs of the clients became increasingly difficult. Their needs did not go unnoticed. Kevin and Suzanne Collins noticed. The Collins spend much of their time volunteering for the center. They know first hand that APC is special and have experienced how it impacts families in such a positive way. They saw too, how much more would be possible with more space.

Last year, Kevin and his team at Alair Homes Clemson generously donated the building that is now the center's new home. The Collins did not stop there, however. Alair Clemson has overseen all the renovations and has been integral in finding other community partners and businesses to help bring this vision to life. Much of the



supplies and labor has been given because of the generosity of this community. What a testament to our town.

The center's new home is conveniently located at 1303 North Murray Avenue, near the Anderson Recreation Center. With this move, the center will finally be able to implement services and offerings that were not possible in the previous space. The new facility will allow the center to provide medical services, including ultrasounds. Volunteers can now watch after clients' young children in a dedicated play area. Having

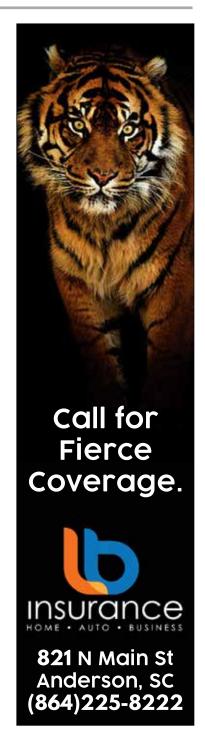
a safe space for children allows clients the opportunity to fully focus on their classes and receive any necessary support.

Inside the newly painted brick exterior, exists the same team that spends their days (and nights) creating a safe place for expectant moms, new moms, and families to receive physical, emotional, and spiritual support. Suzanne's design incorporating barn doors and shiplap walls is inviting, soothing, and even hopeful. The beautiful new space is now an accurate reflection of the warmth and love felt inside.

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To learn more about how you can partner with the center, please visit their website at andersonpregnancycare.org. The new address is 1303 North Murray Avenue, Anderson, SC, 29625





BIKING ACROSS THE STATE

THREE WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL GRADS ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS IN DISTRICT FIVE, AND THEY'RE CYCLING FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE SEA TO GET YOUR ATTENTION — AND YOUR DONATIONS, PAGE 4

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PATRIOTIC DISPLAY



Johnnie Ramey and his next door neighbor, Tim Clardy, put their spirit on display during Memorial Day weekend. Ramey and Clardy lead a show of patriotism that is always apparent on Anderson's Lindale Road during this holiday as many homes on the street prominently display American flags.

Shakespeare in the Park returns with a 'splash'

By Mary Haley Thompson

The Shakespeare in the Park team is at it again and this time they're making a huge "splash" in downtown Anderson.

The Adventures of Pericles is an epic journey featuring myth, magic and adventure. Pericles, Prince of Tyre, is a fairytale hero whose journey leads him to find reunion, redemption and renewal. This mythical adventure will take the stage in Carolina Wren Park but this time, a storm will cast the audience out to sea for a production they will never forget.

Sponsored by the City of Anderson and The Market Theatre Company, the fifth annual production of Shakespeare in the Park represents the work of director David Larson and producer Diane Lee.

"It's a white-knuckle ride from the very first scene," explains David Larson, who directs the production. "Come and join King Pericles' noble saga to restore his family and



save his kingdom. Two shipwrecks, valiant knights dueling for a lovely lady, wild pirates kidnapping a vulnerable princess, and one of Shakespeare's greatest scenes of restoration and revealed identity. All this on the splash pad down at Wren Park. It's Shakespeare as vou've never seen him before!"

"We are proud to play our part in bringing free, quality art to our community through Shakespeare in the Park each year," said Noah Taylor, Executive Artistic Director of The Market Theatre Company. "It is amazing to live in a city that recognizes the value and impact of art on our community. The City of Anderson's support of this event makes Shakespeare in the Park

Shakespeare in the Park runs June 21-24 at 8 p.m. in Carolina Wren Park. The production will be staged on the splash pad and

audience members are encouraged to bring their own chairs.

Anderson will join thousands of other summer productions around the world presenting Shakespeare under the stars, but the amazing talent and storytelling that will happen in Carolina Wren Park will be all

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Piedmont Chapter learns all about STEM

On May 16, 2019, the Piedmont Chapter, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) was very honored to have Ms. Beth Leavitt, STEM teacher at Wade Hampton High School in Greenville, SC, as its speaker.

Ms. Leavitt is the Air Force Association 2018 Teacher of the Year, 2017 National Space Educator of the Year, and a 2013 Presidential Award in Science Teaching finalist. She is an enthusiastic spokesperson for her field. She brought along three students — Chesney Birshing, Ann Doan, and Mark Smith, along with their 125 lb. robot. The robot was designed to move cargo in a space environment and was operated by use of a joystick. The robot project was done in an after- school

program to promote science and technology. NASA closely monitors these robot competitions.

The Piedmont Chapter meets every other month, usually at Tuckers or Occasions. It is a national organization focusing on issues concerning the military, veterans, and their families. At present, they are keeping

pressure on the state to eliminate military retirement pay from state taxes. Many states already do this as a good gesture and in hopes of attracting retired military to their state. On the national level, veteran



benefits — especially health benefits — are always up front. Presently, we see a "chipping away" of promised benefits. The Piedmont Chapter is also involved in high school Jr. ROTC and Clemson University's programs for veterans.

The next Piedmont Chapter, MOAA meeting will be on Thursday, July

18 at Tuckers, and the guest speaker will be Mr. Brennan Beck, veteran and Director of Military and Engagement at Clemson University. Any veteran interested in attending can call 864-933-4067.

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Westside grads bike to raise funds for homeless students

By Kay Burns

After graduating Westside High School in 2000, and then completing his Bachelor's degree in Christian Studies at North Greenville University, Jake Hollingsworth decided it was time to spread his wings and get out of the bubble that he felt an increasing need to burst.

His older brother, Gabe, had graduated from Westside in 1996, and the brothers' mutual friend, Adam Shaw, who had graduated from Westside in 1999, subsequently joined the military.

So for the next nine years Jake the former 6 foot, 6 inch Westside basketball forward — taught English as a second language in Vietnam, New York City, Ukraine,

South Korea, Mexico and India. These experiences impressed upon Jake that all people are the same and have struggles, trials and tribulations. When Jake was in India, he saw the plight of young mothers whose only means of providing for themselves and their children was a life of prostitution. His experiences left a mark, and the memories remain.

After living almost 10 years on the various roads of vagabondia, Jake has come back for a while to the Electric City. His experiences have transformed his world view. And after seeing the other side of life, and reading a recent story in The Electric City News about the problem of student homelessness in our area, Jake decided to enlighten



the community about the problem in a very original way. First, Jake has set up a Go Fund Me account: www.gofundme.com/bra-ride-2019 to receive donations for homeless

students in District Five so that their basic needs can be met. The goal for the fundraiser is \$5,000.

And to raise awareness of the acute nature of the crisis, beginning Monday, June 29, Jake, his brother Gabe and their friend Adam are going to ride their bicycles from the Northwest corner of South Carolina at the South Carolina/ North Carolina line near Travelers Rest to Daufuskie Island (via ferry) at the most Southeastern part of South Carolina. The name of the initiative is: Blue Ridge to the Atlantic, or B.R.A.. The detailed itinerary includes stops in Greenville, Clemson, Anderson, Greenwood, Columbia, Congaree National Park, Orangeburg, Charleston, Hilton Head Island, and taking the ferry to Daufuskie

All donations will support homeless students in Anderson School District Five.

Tips to help you feel healthy this summer

By Kristine March

When it comes to health I can fall on and off the wagon, as we all do. I have discovered that I'm my best self when I'm exercising and taking my vitamins, and putting good things into my body. I love a good cheat day and I'm certainly not going to apologize for that, but it's not just physical, my mental clarity comes

from being in good kilter.

Kristine March

I have my go-to products that I love and I want to share some of my favorites. Cold pressed juices are a must. I'm fortunate to live in a town that has a cold pressed juicery spot on every corner. I love beet juice. It's benefits are extraordinary. It detoxifies the liver. Reduces your risk of cancer. Lowers blood pressure and increases stamina. I love one after a good workout. Carrot juice is amazing too. If you would rather make your own juices at home invest in a good juicer. Pinterest has recipes.

Another health aid drink I love is Kombucha which is a fermented tea. It's great for your gut health and known for its probiotics. It was called The Tea Of Immortality in China. Most natural health food stores carry it and grocery stores. They have delicious flavors. Try some if you haven't.

Vitamins are vital in your daily routine. I discovered this really cool company called Care Of that will personalize your vitamins. Take a quiz online and they send you, what they think is best for you. Whole Foods always has amazing vitamins. Go plant based. It's super effective. Most vitamins are not as nutritious as they say they are. So do your research.

Seasonal vegetables are just good in general. Farmer's markets in the summer are my best friend. I love heirloom tomatoes and squash and cucumbers from a garden. Our vegetables at the market are mostly fake and just don't have the flavor. Try to shop at a farmers market as much as possible, plus it supports local farmers.

Ghee butter is another health food I discovered. Ghee is a clarified butter that originated in India. Ghee is a great heart disease protector. It's good for digestive health and has fatty acids. Try it, you may like it.

Exercise is always a good idea even if it's just a 15-minute power walk around your neighborhood. Or play some good tunes and dance for 20 minutes in your living room. Whatever makes you feel good. You don't have to live at the gym. All of these options will make you shine from the inside out.

The most important thing for health is the way we speak to ourselves. Love who you are. Love your body. Love your originality. After all, no one is you and that is your power. Stay healthy y'all.



ARTIST SHEA ABRAMO

By Kay Burns

Born in Tucson, Arizona, Shea Abramo has traveled far and wide. Her art had been just a means to travel in early years, and sold only for the purpose of getting from point A to point B. Her artwork evolved as she did, and one can see how her Coastal Era resulted from her migration to the South. Settled and inspired, she fell in love. Her landscapes show where she has been, or where she

Shea is one of Anderson's local artists. She encourages everyone to become community driven. She is proactive in the art scene, and encourages other local talent to do the same. "There is so much talent out there! If I can't do it, I know someone who can," she said.

Her goal is to establish a place for artists of all mediums. Her motto and ambition is to get people to reach out, buy local, be local, and continue the trend of community by paying it forward.

Shea's works can be seen all around Anderson. One can see her artwork in venues from local eateries, art centers, churches, and festivals. Shea ingratiates her followers by making connections, and by establishing business where anyone can reach out to her. Shea believes in serving the community and volunteers her time with The LOT Project.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The public is invited to the annual Men's Day Program at Thompson Centennial United Methodist Church at 209 West Market Street in Anderson, SC, on Sunday, June 16, 2019, at 4 p.m. The guest speaker will be former pastor Anthony Waymeyer of Charleston, who will be accompanied by his choir. There will be a host of choirs on the program for this celebration, so please come out and enjoy the performance. Everyone is welcome.

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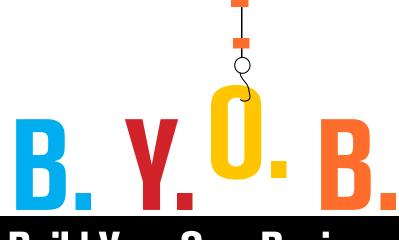
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THE GARDEN SHOP

Identifying Slender Wild Basil

By Susan Temple

We all like to be considered special. Leave it to me to be special in having a weed sample that stumped the smart people. I posted a picture on social media in hopes to get a name. Dr. John Nelson, Chief Curator of A.C. Moore Herbarium at USC, replied with a guess but asked me to send a sample to the Herbarium to be positively identified. I've sent a few things over the years and have always been pleased to find out what I've got.

A couple of weeks later, I got an email from Dr. Nelson. It was an honor to have stumped such an extremely knowledgeable biosystematics, floristics, plant geography, biology professor. My weed was not Mosal, as he had guessed from the picture. It is Clinopodium gracile, Slender Wild Basil. Dr. Nelson said it is an introduced species and they are starting to see more reports of it in the Piedmont. His thinking is it may prove to be somewhat invasive. If you don't know by now, my tolerance of weeds is pretty high except for a few. I noticed Slender Wild Basil bloom for the first time this year and that is what prompted me to find out what this plant is. It has tiny



little pink flower spikes on it that are pretty dainty looking. It has spread at my place but so far I like where it grows and how it looks. Dr. Nelson asked in order for the Herbarium to make a nice label for the specimen, would I please give him whatever information I could concerning where it grows, how, etc. I'm back to that feeling special thing. Me...telling Dr. Nelson something...Wow!

Life is how we look at it lots of times, and I've read if dandelions were sold in specialty nurseries for lots of money, gardeners would be scrambling to get the fancy plant (or something like that, you get my drift). So my gushing description to Dr. Nelson was "Nice plant for deep shade to partial shade. Grows well in moist areas, even tolerant of wet soils. Deer, vole, and rabbit resistant, low growing, pink blooms in early summer. Mingles well under shrubs





Above: The bloom of Slender Wild Basil. Top: The weed growing in Susan's yard.

and among other perennials". All of this description is true. I have not found it growing in any sunny areas yet and it only gets about six or seven inches tall. Most of

it gets cut with the lawnmower and forms a nice, thick carpet. I think it is evergreen but will have to pay closer attention this winter. The picture shows it around Epimedium. The front section, in the path, gets cut. Behind Epimedium is where it has not been cut. Dr. Nelson thanked me for helping them with what he described as a very interesting plant. Remind me of all this, and that gushing description, if the day comes when it has taken over everything.

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





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Dear Kay, the Genealogist

Dear Kay,

I have been corresponding with one of my DNA matches on Ancestry. com. He just sent me these things called 'calling cards' with the names of two of my great grandmother's brothers. For the life of me, I can't remember what the purpose of calling cards were? Do you know?

Dazed and Confused, Christina of Craytonville

Dear Christina,

They are exactly what the name says — to announce you are calling. From the days when you couldn't phone to see if someone was in, you might just drop and leave your card if they were not there. Commonly used by the affluent during courting. You could look a the name and pretend to be indisposed if it wasn't someone you wanted to see. Also, if there was a death in the family and they were not receiving visitors you would leave a card to show you had called and cared.

In the old days when you were accepting callers they would arrive, hand their cards to your doorman or butler, and take them to the lady or gentleman of the house. If they were welcomed, they would be fetched and taken to you. Usually in the drawing room. Very posh and done properly in those days. It would list a name and direction. The direction was their address. Some cards could be scented for lovers and some got pretty fancy!! If the person receiving the calling card didn't want to see the person, the card was turned down on the butler's tray and the butler would tell the caller that 'x' was not taking visitors today. Hence the meaning 'turned down'. 'In the South, there was always a "hall table" whether you had a foyer or not, and a decorative table near the door with a small dish on it for calling cards. The dish could be china, but not an eating dish, possibly hand-painted or silver.

You're VERY lucky to have these calling cards Christina! Try not to touch the surfaces with your hands as the oils can deteriorate the paper. For more, check out the following: https://hobancards.com/ calling-cards-and-visiting-cards.

Sincerely,

Kay

Input needed for county resource guide

By Kay Burns

Dave Phillips and his wife, Zoe Hale, identified the need for a simple, yet comprehensive, document that people in Anderson County could use to find service providers in the local area. So, Dave and Zoe jumped in to tackle the problem. The image of slips of paper on their kitchen table is how they originally organized the categories.

Zoë, a retired Air Force veteran of 27 plus years, and currently working with AmeriCorps VISTA, began collecting information and quickly discovered that many Anderson residents wanted the same information that they, themselves, had thought was needed.

Dave, a retired Air Force veteran of 16+ years, had always had a big heart for community outreach. He had served in various church positions and had chaired the 'Community Needs and Assets Survey' in 2016. Currently, Dave is the Creative Assessment Architect for Healthy Growing Leaders.

Dave and Zoe want to meet with service providers so they can tell other people what they do and learn about current needs.



The Community Resource Guide serving Anderson County was created by Air Force veterans Dave Phillips and his wife, Zoe Hale

The guide is divided into more than 20 categories that Dave and Zoe hope are the most relevant for those who have limited access to, or understanding of, the internet.

They want it to be easy to read and navigate by those who need services or those who are trying to help someone. They also want to make sure the guide is accurate.

The printed Resource Guide does not include everything but they continue to update the website, https:// myresourceguide.org, with more information.

The couple said this is what they need from the community:

• People to review the Resource Guide and look for omissions/errors.

• People to tell them many brochures are used on a monthly basis. They currently have requests for about 2,000 per month, plus 500 for Anderson County.

• Help finding curators: One per category to help keep it

Dave and Zoe said, to those who serve others in the community: "We want to represent your information well. We want to meet with you so we can learn about your organization, your needs, and the heart of why you exist. We



want to point people to you. As we meet with groups and individuals, we are looking for ways to connect people to you as those who need services and those who can volunteer to help.

In the future, they said, "We would like to help people find their calling and discover their passions through our 4-hour workshops then connect them to people and organizations in our community that are serving in their areas of passion."

They are also helping the United Way of Anderson County update 2-1-1.

For more information about how to help, visit https:// myresourceguide.org, or contact Dave and Zoe at manager@ myresourceguide.org, 864-261-1229; dave@myresourceguide. org, 703-398-9471; zoe@ myresourceguide.org, 703-398-

Southwood Academy partners with The LOT Project

Art instructor Josh Powell and his students from Southwood Academy of the Arts contributed their time and talents to painting a mural on the facade of The LOT Project.

"Josh reached out to us earlier this year and said he wanted to paint a mural for us," said David Moore, Director of Operations at The LOT Project. "The Southwood students had painted a mural for Artisan Gardens previously so we were very excited about the opportunity to work with them again."

Moore and Cody Wright, Director of The LOT Project, met with the art class early in the semester and shared some information about their mission and vision at The Lot. "The students worked in groups to develop some sketches for elements they wanted to see in the mural," said Moore. "We went back to Southwood later to view their presentations and pick the elements that



worked best for us. We also worked with the City of Anderson to get permission to create the mural," said Moore.

During the last week of May, Southwood students returned to The LOT to begin their design on the outside wall. "We're all about speaking love, worth, value and potential over the people who come to The LOT," said Moore. "So I think the students

did an incredible job capturing that perfectly in mural. We are so excited to see something new, vibrant and colorful created in a part of town that typically doesn't see much growth."

Thanks to Josh Powell and the students of Southwood Academy of the Arts for their hard work and talents. It is truly a beautiful addition to The LOT and to downtown.



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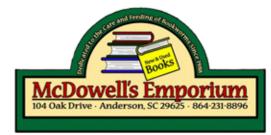
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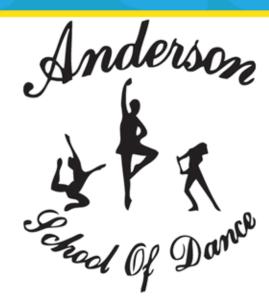


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Get hooked on fishing

Library to loan out fishing poles and tackle boxes

By Kay Burns

Fishermen and Fisherwomen Unite! Thanks to a grant from the Duke Energy Foundation and in partnership with SCDNR, the Anderson County Library will now have fishing poles and tackle boxes available to check out with your library card! See details below about the actual lending out of fishing poles and tackle boxes:

- · Fishing poles and tackle boxes can be checked out by adult patrons (ages 18+) with library cards in good standing
- + The equipment can be checked out just like any other item from the library, (like a book or movie) except that there will be a brief waiver that people will have to sign.
- The equipment can be renewed up to two times, and must be returned to the circulation desk of the library it was borrowed from.
- · Equipment will be available at the Anderson (Main), Pendleton, Powdersville, and Lander Memorial (Williamston) libraries. However, they cannot be placed on "hold" or sent to other libraries, so they are available on a first-come basis, but patrons are welcome to call ahead and see what's available.
- · There will also be some "kid-sized" fishing poles as well!
- · Each tackle box will contain a set of needle-nosed pliers, 4 bobbers, 10 hooks (there are two types), and 6 sinkers. There are also poly fish stringers. The library encourages participants to post/tag the library with their catches on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter account.

"Along with the fishing equipment, the library is also adding new books to their collections about fishing and water conservation," said Brianna McDonell, Marketing and Communications Manager. "We'll be doing more programs throughout this year and next about keeping Anderson's waterways and water environments healthy. We are so excited to be able to offer these items and services to people for free, whether they want to explore fishing as a new hobby, or even just finding something new to do with their families. We plan to keep this going for as long as we can and for as long as people have interest!"

NIBBLE & SIP

For an Italian getaway, bitter is better

I've been thinking about Italy a lot lately. Sadly, thinking is all I'm doing as I have no plans to fly to Rome anytime soon. But when my husband and I invite friends over for a nibble and sip, we can imagine we're there by what we pour in our glasses and put on our plates.

An Italian spirit that I particularly enjoy during the summer is Amaro. Amaro is a bitter liqueur made from herbs, roots, and other botanicals. It can be consumed straight up as an after-dinner drink, or it can be added to a cocktail to tone down its sweet or sour notes. My favorite way to drink Amaro, though, is in an Amaro Spritz. Spritzes are made by combining a spirit



bubbly, like sparkling wine or club soda. The Amaro Spritz uses both, plus a

slice of lime, so the result is a real thirst-quencher when the days are hot and humid. Be sure to chill your Amaro before making the drink.

And if you're going to go on an Italian vacation without leaving your front porch, you don't want to serve your Amaro Spritz with a bag of cheese doodles. I'm going to suggest one of the simplest, most delicious appetizers I've ever made that also happens to have a great Italian name: Spuma di Tonno, which is just a fancy

way of saying "tuna mousse." It has six ingredients, and they're probably in your in your fridge and pantry as you read this. All you need is a can opener and a food processor. Open a box of breadsticks, pour yourself an Amaro Spritz, and it's the cheapest vacation you'll take all summer. Buon viaggio!

AMARO SPRITZ

2 oz. Amaro, chilled 3 oz. sparkling wine, such as Prosecco, chilled

1 oz. club soda, chilled 1 slice lime

Pour the Amaro into a wine glass. Add the sparkling wine and club soda, stirring gently to combine. Add Drop in the lime slice, and add ice cubes. Serves 1.

(TUNA MOUSSE)

17-oz can tuna packed in oil, drained

½ T. butter, softened

1 T. heavy cream

2 t. balsamic vinegar

2 t. soy sauce

2 t. lemon juice

breadsticks and sour pickles for serving

Put tuna into the bowl of a food processor and pulse briefly to break it up. Add the butter, cream, vinegar, soy sauce, and lemon juice, and process until smooth. Scrape down the sides of the bowl and process again. Season to taste with salt and pepper, transfer to a small bowl, and serve with crisp breadsticks and tiny sour pickles. Serves

VIEW FROM THE STANDS

By Dan Lacobie

In the wide world of sports, the main goal of any team is a championship. And here in Anderson County, championship trophies adorn the hallways of many of our local schools. This fact rings no truer than it does for Coach Gary Adams and his softball teams at Crescent High

Coach Gary Adams began his career at Crescent High in 1976. After seeing an ad for a softball coach, Adams, who had only seen one fast pitch game in his life, began a career that would stand out as one of the most successful in the state's history.

In his 43 year career, Coach Adams has amassed 33 straight region titles in a league that when he started, had no regions and most in it had only heard of slow pitch.

On top of the 33 region titles, Crescent's



girls have to their credit under Adams, 19 state championships which include 11 straight state titles in the years 1987 - 1997. Also with those 19 championships are 8

state runner-up titles.

While putting up numbers like 1,043 wins with only 169 losses, Adams began building his dynasty with his first ever state title in his 6th year as coach and it's been full steam ahead ever since.

With his remaining time at Crescent being short, Coach Adams stated that he would miss his players and staff as well as the opportunities to make a difference in peoples lives. Coach Adams also stated that the most satisfying accomplishment

he could have is for one of his former students to teach, coach or both.

Adams, along with wife Kathy, have amassed a crew of volunteers called "Dirt Dads." "Dirt Dads" are essentially a crew of parents who care for the athletic fields and have aspiring young ladies with dreams of playing on those fields when their time comes.

When speaking on the coming retirement of Coach Adams, Crescent Athletic Director Jeff Craft was quoted as saying, "You knew the time was inevitable but you don't want to see it happen."

So after many, many years, all those championships, and the countless lives that were molded by you and your program, The Electric City News commends you, Coach Gary Adams, for your dedication and years of winning traditions.

Barefoot Fest to raise money for Alzheimer's Association and Anderson Pregnancy Care

By Mary Haley **Thompson**

The first annual Barefoot Fest will be held on Saturday, June 15th at Bent Creek Farm in Belton, SC.

The event was inspired by local resident Sylvia Wham whose husband was affected by Alzhiemer's. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association and the

Anderson Pregnancy Care

Barefoot Fest will offer a variety of activities all day long. See below a lineup of events.

- 7 a.m.: Race Registration
- + 8 a.m.: 1K & 5K Fun Run
- + 9 a.m.: Udder Mudder

Contest: *A course that features* 15 obstacles such as fire jumps, a hay bale climb and even cow milking, just to name a few.

+ 10 a.m.: Mini-Mudder Run Available for those 10 and under.

+ 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Crafts & games for all ages. Enjoy train rides, a miniature petting zoo and inflatable houses.

- 4 p.m.: Classic Car Show
- 4 9 p.m.: Music & BBQ

Tickets can be purchased online or at the door.

For more information, visit www.barefootfest.org.



Not your typical mobile home

By Bob Haynie

I think I was around 13 and my brother Bill and I worked at Charles Davis Shell Station on S. Main Street across from the Vim Herb building. I've never been a student of architecture by any means and certainly not at 13, but somehow the Sullivan house, as it is known, caught my eye. It sat elegantly very near the station and I remember thinking how nice the long porch and unusual railings (fretworks) were. Plus the fact that my maternal grandmother was a Sullivan, although I have never established any relationship to the Sullivan's that bought the house in 1872, all made an impression on me.

Fast forward 30 years. My friends Phil and Dale McClary buy the house from the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation, which is under order to be razed by the City of Anderson. They move it to an area they have developed just out of Greenwood, named Friendfield, also the name of a 1735 Georgetown County plantation from which they drew inspiration. Inspiration indeed!

It is now an elegant trifecta of architecture, history and gardens in a private pastoral setting. Everything about this property is unique. It was built by a Charleston family in 1859 as a summer home but probably never used due to the outbreak of the Civil War. It features distinctive architecture referred to as Chinese Chippendale, so



The Sullivan House was built in Anderson in 1859, and was moved to an area just outside of Greenwood. called Friendfield. in 1997.

called for the steeply pitched roofs with flared eaves and the intricately patterned porch railings with columns reminiscent of 18th century Chinese-style. The house has been identified as one of only five remaining houses of this style in S.C.

When purchased by the Sullivan Family in 1872, it was in a state of neglect. The Sullivans refurbished the house, and used it as a showplace for many years. George Bell Timmerman Sr., once associate justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court, occupied the house for a time and George Bell Timmerman Jr. — South Carolina Governor from 1955 to 1959 — was born in the house in 1912. The house was listed on The National Register of Historic Places in 1973. The Palmetto Trust optioned the property in 1996, and in 1997 my friends moved it from Anderson to Greenwood placing it in their Friendfield community on a site overlooking a 5+ acre

pond where they lovingly and painstakingly refurbished and renovated it over the next eight years.

Entering the neighborhood today, you drive through a European style entry feature through a Sycamore allee bounded on each side by horse pasture. The entrance lane then becomes a country lane and brings you to the porte-cochere on the left side of the house. The main entrance is to the right through the Boxwood Parterre garden to the 80-foot wide covered porch that practically stretches across the entire front of the house. Here the porch comes into full view displaying the intricately patterned geometric designs of the porch supports and railings that caught my eye as a kid.

The front door opens into the grand entrance hall and is flanked by two French style doors that open into the formal dining room and living room. Standing in the grand entrance hall with twelve-foot

ceilings soaring overhead the symmetry of the original portion of the house is striking. The French style 1814 wallpaper was replicated by the Metropolitan Museum and was original to the Friendfield Plantation house in Georgetown. The plaster moldings and medallion are original. Both rooms have masonry fireplaces with gas logs. The entire first floor is wide plank antique heart pine and the front part of the house is all original flooring. To the right and left of the formal dining room and living room respectively is a large

butler's pantry and library.



This leads into the side entrance hall and kitchen/ great room area. The library on the other side boasts tall cabinets and shelving for the classic volumes and family memorabilia. All of these areas are original and the restoration almost unbelievable looking back at the condition of the house when brought to the site in three pieces. The balance of the structure was masterfully integrated into the original portion, making it difficult to know when old starts and new begins.

There are gardens of several varieties with structures to complement them including water features. There are formal beds, shade gardens, a cutting garden, rose garden and a raised vegetable

garden with a potting shed to match the architecture of the main house. A workshop with a front porch and loft storage sits near the water's edge. There is a working greenhouse on the grounds cleverly placed but not concealed. There is a Koi pond and gazebo, a pergola with double facing porch swings and a cherry tree allee accented by a fountain on one end.

Fast forward another 22 years and I have now listed it for sale for the first time since it moved to Greenwood. What a great circle back around for me having known and admired it for all these many years.

Bob Haynie is an Anderson native and Greenwood Real Estate Broker.



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Make very specific new friends at adult summer camp

By Kim von Keller

There are certain experiences that I missed when I was young, the kind that seem to define the classic American childhood. I never had a clown at my birthday parties. I never had a tree house. I never discovered a secret European grandma and learned that I could be royal if I just believed in myself and got my hair straightened and oh, wait. That's just the plot of "The Princess Diaries."

I also never went to summer camp. It's not that our parents wouldn't send us. My sister went to Girl Scout camp and loved it, but then Lisa would have gone to a child labor camp if it had meant that she could hang out with other kids. I was never as socially brave as she was, so I was frankly too scared to spend a week with strange people in a strange place where there might be bugs. But I'm over that now — except for the bug part —



Kim von Keller

and totally ready to make new friends. I was thrilled, therefore, when I found out that adult summer camp is a new trend. I first heard about it from an acquaintance who went to a week-long

camp for knitters. I did a quick google search for other options, and you won't believe what I found.

Yoga Camp. Circus Camp. '90s Camp. Surf Camp. I just want a place where you canoe by day and eat s'mores by night, but adult summer camps cater to such specific interests that you probably couldn't tell a real one from a fabricated one. So, let's try a little experiment. Below, you'll find three camp descriptions. Two are actual adult summer camps, and the other is one I made up. I'll reveal the phony camp at

the end.

Zombie Survival Camp

This one is for fans of "The Walking Dead" and "World War Z." As a camper, you'll attend break-out sessions on advanced first-aid techniques, knife throwing, crossbow use, and building a bug-out bag. You'll also learn Zombitsu, a specialized close quarters hand-to-hand fighting style. If Rick had sent Carl to Zombie Survival Camp, he might still be

Broadway Musical Camp

Are you a Lin-Manuel Miranda groupie? Is "Fosse/Verdon" in your DVR queue? Sign up now! Participants will be assigned roles in a production of "Into the Woods" to be performed on the last evening of the camp. Between rehearsal sessions, instructors will lead classes on playing to the back row, belting, and jazz hands. By the time you return to Anderson, The Electric City Playhouse will be begging

you to star in its next production!

Epic Nerd Camp

Don't hide your inner nerd when you can meet others just like you! Epic Nerd Camp features activities like Live-Action Role Playing, Light Sabering, and Wizarding, where you'll make your own wand and receive your International Wand Permit. Looking for a new friend who speaks like Yoda? A camp you will enjoy, this is.

Did you guess which ones are actual camps? If you can't wait for a zombie apocalypse, or if you have a Star Trek uniform in the back of your closet, you're in luck! Unfortunately, the Broadway Musical Camp exists only in my dreams, so maybe I'll start one. And if you attend, I promise you lots of singing and dancing, but no bugs.

What kind of camp would you like to attend? Let me know at editkim50@gmail.

HOT HITS

Achy Breaky Heart Part 2

By Justin Tyme

If you've ever been to a wedding, especially in the South, then you've most definitely been line dancing to the sound of Billy Ray Cyrus and his song Achy Breaky Heart.

Almost 30 years later and Billy Ray Cyrus has shattered all kinds of records and seems to have the smash of the summer. His song Ole Town Road reached Number 1 on the country, pop, and



Justin Tyme

rap chart. But it was totally by accident.

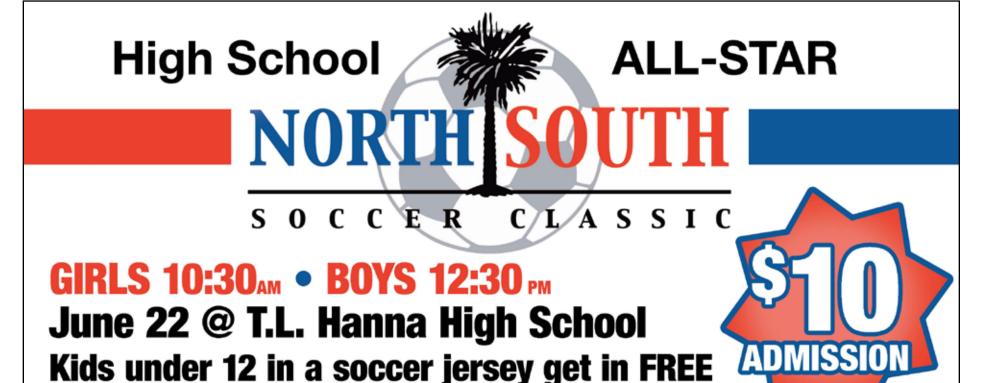
Billy Ray Cyrus joined the song after it had already reached Number 1 on the country chart. It was the first time a rap artist made it to Number 1 on the country chart. Billboard removed the song,

for whatever reason, saying it wasn't a fit. (I call BS

on that.) Anyway, in order to keep the song on the chart, Lil Nas X asked Billy Ray to join the song. It then just literally blew up on all the radio stations.

Billboard has not allowed the song to re-enter the country chart, even with Billy Ray Cyrus on the remix. It doesn't really matter though, does it? I'm proud of Miley's dad.

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



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MUSINGS OF AN OLE BALL COACH

Stats don't lie?

Anything can be proved using statistics. Playing the percentages will foresee the winner in elections, games, etc., right? Not so fast my friend, consider this story. A man was having an evening meal when a friend dropped by and was invited to share the meal.

"What are we having?" asked the guest. Rabbit stew, was the answer. "I love rabbit stew," the guest offered as he took a generous portion. "Phew, this doesn't taste like rabbit stew, are you sure it is?"

"Of course it's rabbit stew," said the man. "Well, it's 90%, I put nine



rabbits and one mule in it"

In the bailiwick of sports, the gerrymandering of statistics is more prevalent. Check out the following inconsistences and ask yourself, do they get a thumb's up or a thumb's down?

Baseball sluggers such as Mike Trout, Brice Harper and a plethora of others earn as much as \$590,000 a week for the next 14 years. They demand these preposterous salaries because they are successful getting on

base 40% of the time.

Steph Curry is paid \$790,000 a week for the next five years because he is successful on 44% of his shots from behind the three point arc.

Aaron Rodgers' weekly compensation is over \$644,000. He receives this princely sum because he completes 64% of his passes.

Now try telling those in power that it's okay for your local high school football or any coach for that matter, to average winning four out of 10 games. The moving vans would be lined up around that coach's house. Our local area is an aberration because we've got a high

school coach in Jeff Herron and college coach in Dabo Swinney who win like nine out of 10.

How about doctors? We want 100% proficiency. I asked Dr. Barry Davis several years ago what my chances of surviving a tedious surgery. "82%" he answered.

"Ok," I said. "If you had said 80%, there'd be no deal."

T.V. weatherman and politicians promise 100% and give you much less. Kamikaze pilots are at 100% (you never saw one of those guys with experience on his resume).

A husband who can win 40% of his household battles is considered to have an ideal marriage. A student can give the right answer 93% of the time and get in the college of his choice (or he can have a well-heeled, well connected uncle and be right 73% of the time). A Marine can hit a 12 inch bull's eye at 500 yards, one out of five times, and earn an expert rifleman designation. A lottery winner only has to be successful one out of 2.5 million times to afford an apartment in Trump Tower and drive a Rolls Royce Silver Cloud.

Consider this, a bass fisherman only has to be successful on 3% of his casts to be euphoric, while 3% return for a

shrimp boat would be catastrophic. A large percent of the population would profess they could define socialism. A percentage of those would think Karl Marx was a member of a comedy team.

So what have we derived from this skewering of statistics, this tsunami of numbers? You tell me, I've got a craving for some mule, oops, I mean rabbit, stew.

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





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The Frog and the Board of Education

By Rich Otter

In these days he probably would end up in the calaboose or at least lose his job, but Carroll Frederick Reames is one of the most revered educators in Anderson County history.

As Robert S. Fant, Jr. described it: "We all greatly feared and later loved Mr. Frog Reames. In those days it was permissible to inflict corporal punishment." Federal Judge G. Ross Anderson described him as a strict disciplinarian. "You would reach over and hold your ankles and he would apply a big board he called the Board of Education."

Reames was born July 3, 1904 in Bishopville, SC. He attended Furman and the University of Georgia, and received his AB degree from Wofford College and a Masters Degree from the University of South Carolina. He was awarded a Doctorate of Humanities from Wofford in 1990.

He served as director of health and physical education for the City of Anderson schools, was a teacher, coach

and principal at Boys High School from 1927 to 1962, and principal of Lakeside Junior High School from 1962 until retiring in 1969. He received numerous local and state awards.

Robert Gallant II said Mr. Reames had acquired the name "Frog" because in earlier years he had owned and operated a swimming area called Key Springs Lake out West Market Street past the Anderson Country Club. Roberta (Bobby) Cathcart Hopkins recalled her first swimming lesson at Key Springs Lake: "There was a little platform out there and Frog Reames took me out on it and threw me in the water. I went straight down to the bottom and I didn't think I would ever

Judge G. Ross Anderson Jr. described antics Frog Reames encountered. "About every third day I would take off with some of my buddies. Professor Reames got tired of it and called my father. My father said 'Tear him up.' I got the paddling of my



Carroll Frederick "Frog" Reames.

life. He would say, 'Now I'm just doing this because I love you.' My God, what would he have done if he hated me."

Charles B. Timms Sr. spoke of skipping school with friends five days in a row. Frog Reams took them out of class to his office, had them write their full names on the blackboard and paddled each for the number of letters in their

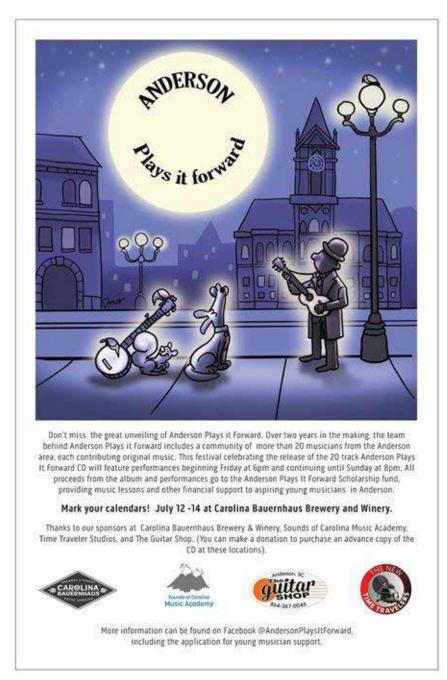
name, and, worse yet, made them sit and study for an hour after school. There was no more playing hooky.

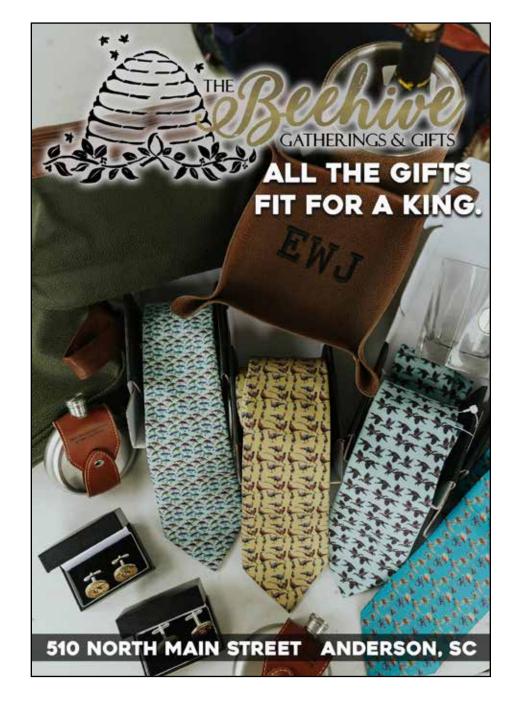
But Jack P. Glenn told how Reames would take him home after football practice to make sure he got there safely. And Jimmy Stathakis said that, beside his parents, Reames was one of two people who helped shape his life (the other being his scout master. Julian M.

Cordes Seabrook Jr. commented he thought the only reason he didn't get paddled was because Reames was probably afraid of his mother who was a very intimidating person.

Lee Roy Best Jr. told how Frog Reames allowed his father to take books from Boy's High for his 7th and 8th graders to put on plays such as Miles Standish that their sharecropper parents could come and watch them perform.

Reames passed away February 10, 1995, leaving many grateful people for the lessons he and the "Board of Education" had taught.







Ashland Craft is a country music singer/ songwriter from Piedmont, SC. In 2017, she competed in NBC's hit television show "The Voice" where she finished as a top 10 finalist. You don't want to miss this show!



SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY

By Katie Laughridge

Looking for great way to help your child have a cool, fun, and adventurous summer- without experiencing the dreaded "summer slump"? Look no further — the Anderson Library is the best kept secret in town!

Whether you have toddlers, preschoolers, or teenagers, the Anderson Library offers a wide range of engaging and educational activities for all ages. While some may enjoy story-time with arts and crafts, other children may prefer the "summer reading challenge" — where their imagination can be stimulated with books and stories about everything imaginable.

Check out the weekly Anderson Library Summer Schedule below:

FOR PRESCHOOLERS:

- Toddler Tales and Tunes (ages 18 months-3 years): Tuesdays, 9:15 a.m. or
- Books and Babies (ages 0-18 months): Wednesdays 9:15 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
- Mini Makers (ages 3-5 years): Thursdays 9:15 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
- Family Storytime (ages 0-5 years): Saturdays 10:30 a.m.



Katie Laughridge

FOR GRADE SCHOOL KIDS:

- SciGirls: Spark Curiosity with Codinglearn to create a mobile app in this free 4-session workshop series (for 5th-8th graders) June 10-14, 1-3 p.m.
- Hypertufa Flare: Mix. stir. and mold

your own hypertufa garden pots. Let your imagination run free as you create different textures and designs (ages 6-13) June 21, 3:30-5 p.m. and July 26, 3:30-5 p.m.

- Solar Weaving: Learn how to weave a solar bracelet and learn about the cool ways clothes are being used as solar conductors in the fashion industry (ages 6-13) June 27, 1-3 p.m. and July 19, 1-2:30 p.m.
- Subway Share the Color: Learn about nutrition and making healthy food choices then build a healthy sandwich with Subway (ages 6-13) July 22 at 4 p.m.

As an added feature, the Anderson Library also offers weekly performances for your school-aged children. Check out the

schedule below:

- June 12: New Frontiers with musician Aspen Black- Kids will sing, dance, move, and create their own lyrics in this musical performance that explores America's quest for new frontiers.
- + June 19: Stories from Space-Enjoy story time from the International Space Station as a real astronaut reads a sciencethemed story. Then, explore how we communicate with astronauts on the ISS and use a 2-way radio with the Anderson
- June 26: Backyard Aliens with the Wildlife Geek- Explore the "aliens" in your own backyard with Chuck Alberding, the Wildlife Geek. Learn out-of-this-world facts about animal habits and habitats with some of Chuck's rescue animal assistants.
- + July 10: Alien's Escape from Earth- A meteor shower, a falling object, and a race against time...The Science Tellers bring the tale of an alien rescue to life with incredible special effects. In the second half, go "behind the scenes" of the tale and learn the science creating the special effects in interactive demonstrations.
- + July 17: A Universe of Appalachian Stories- Enter the universe of Southern

Appalachia with Johnny Thomas Fowler's stories and songs. Listen to the sounds of the banjo, fiddle, and even the spoons as Johnny recounts tales of growing up.

+ July 24: End of Summer Reading Moon Landing Party- Help celebrate the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11's Moon landing by reading and learning about this exciting time in our history.

Get started on your Summer Reading Adventure today by signing up at the Anderson Library, or by visiting www. andersonlibrary.org/summerreading/.

You can also enter your child for a chance to win lots of prizes such as Amazon Kindles, Leapfrog LeapPads, coupons, and more! For extra incentive, every child who completes the reading challenge will win a medal, certificate, and a ticket voucher for the Greenville Drive. This is a great way to keep your child entertained and motivated all summer long. As an added bonus- she is sure to fall in love with reading and will be better prepared to embrace the educational challenges in the year to come!

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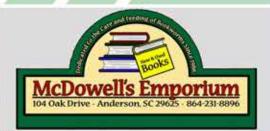


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