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## In the Carpool

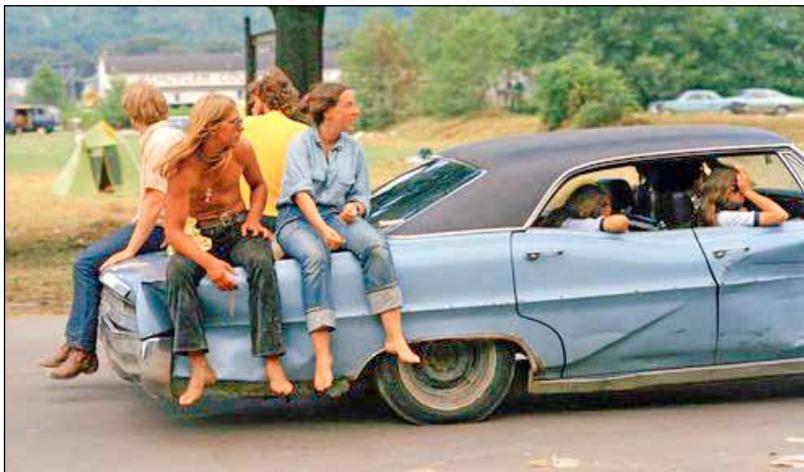


BY JULIE BAILES JOHNSON

For most people, the days of carpooling are long gone. With gas prices the way they are, wouldn't it be great to return to our roots and start carpooling

with your friends and neighbors again?

Back in the '70's, carpooling was not only popular, but it made for some of the greatest memories a young person could have. Every day brought some-



thing new. The morning ride to school and the afternoon ride home were filled with laughter, friendships, great music, discussions of the opposite sex, voting on who made the best lipstick and who had the best smelling shampoo. Collective groaning of homework assignments was always present and popping of Beech Nut gum as adolescent boys and girls giggled their way to their first class of the day.

There was always a bit of excitement in carpool especially if you rode with the cool boys and girls in the neighborhood that were crush worthy. Junior high and high school days were

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# SPEAKING CLEARLY

What happened? Your voice is a croak. Your kids are running rampant because they can't understand you.

Voice disorders can happen to young and old and can develop for many reasons. According to AnMed Health, ear, nose and throat specialists as well as speech pathologists are involved in diagnosing and treating voice disorders. Treatment depends on what's causing your voice disorder, but may include voice therapy, medication, injections or surgery.

AnMed Health has a medical team who are experts in diagnosing and treating voice disorders. Dr. Zachary Griggs is an otolaryngology specialist and with AnMed Health Medicus ENT. He earned his doctorate in osteopathic medicine at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Florida and completed his residency at Henry Ford Health Systems in Michigan. He completed five years of ENT residency training and has been in practice almost two years, both of which have been with AnMed Health Medicus ENT.

The larynx, or voice box, is an organ in the neck that contains

the vocal folds, also known as the vocal cords. Vocal folds protect the trachea, which is also known as the airway or wind-pipe. Sometimes redness or bumps can be seen on the vocal folds during a diagnosis, which can be a sign of a problem with the patient's voice and breathing abilities.

When Dr. Griggs evaluates a patient, he performs a videostroboscopy examination. He evaluates the structure of the throat while the patient is asked to speak. He will perform the procedure using a flexible tube called an endoscope, which is an instrument that combines a camera and fiber-optic strobe light. The endoscope is connected to a video monitor and recorder. The light from the endoscope shines into the voice box so Dr. Griggs can see the motion of the vocal folds while the patient is speaking. This procedure is completely painless.

"Hoarseness, or voice abnor-

malities, can be attributed to a number of causes," explains Dr. Griggs. "As an ENT specialist,



Dr. Zachary Griggs

we have trained in the highly skilled field of laryngology which includes evaluating voice, airway, and swallowing disorders. ENT specialists are able to closely evaluate the vocal folds for a variety of disease and pathology."

Dr. Griggs advises patients to see an ENT spe-

cialist if you have:

- hoarseness lasting more than four weeks, especially in smokers
- severe pain or changes in voice lasting more than a few days
- difficulty breathing or swallowing
- coughing up blood
- neck swelling
- voice changes, including a raspy, weak, or shaky voice, voice fatigue or pitch changes

Another red flag is if voice symptoms persist for more than two weeks after a cold or flu has

gone away – especially if the patient is a smoker. If this is the case, an ENT physician should be consulted right away. Even if a patient's voice has been hoarse since childhood, hoarseness should be evaluated by a specialist such as Dr. Griggs.

"Once a voice disorder has been diagnosed, ENT specialists work closely with speech and language pathologists to create individualized treatment plans. Patients with reflux issues, laryngitis, or inflammation/infection may be suitable for medical treatment. Smokers, or those with a significant history of smoking, should be evaluated promptly given their increased risk of cancer," continues Dr. Griggs.

AnMed Health recommends discussing with your primary care provider, ENT physician or vocal specialist about any vocal concerns. If you need help finding a primary care provider, please call Wellness Connect at 864.512.3748, or visit [www.AnMedHealth.org/Doctors](http://www.AnMedHealth.org/Doctors). Patients do not need a physician referral to be seen by AnMed Health Medicus ENT unless insurance requires it.

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## Carpool

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a time to dress your best and put your best face forward. Teenage girls would painstakingly lay out their best hot pants suit with coordinating blouses and knee-high lace up boots in hopes of catching the eye of a young boy in the carpool. Culottes were also among the favored style with bright colored fabrics, knee high socks and saddle oxfords or platform shoes and the newest eye shadow from Maybelline, paired with a splash of Jean Nate from your mother's vanity. Meanwhile, in the backseat of a green station wagon, overzealous boys dousing themselves in their father's Aqua Velva cologne with the intention of not choking the girl sitting next to them but to hopefully spark some interest.

The early morning rides to junior high and high school filled the cars with constant chatter on everything from what to wear to the upcoming pep rally to who will be asked to the St John's social to note comparisons on an upcoming science test to who will be nominated for "Personality of the Month" in the school newspaper. All the while, backgrounds were filled with music from The Temptations,

The Four Tops, Marvin Gaye, The Eagles, The Doobie Brothers and beyond. The music was what filled our souls and set the tone for the day. The music was our common denominator.

Below are some comments from bygone carpooling days:

"My carpooling days began when I started Lakeside Jr High in 1969. Being too far to walk or ride my bike, my mom explained that she had worked out a deal for me to share the ride to school with some girls who lived nearby. Fortunately for me, they were all attractive.

For the next few years, I was scrunched into a car full of eye candy. My carpool included Kay J, Ardie L, Sandra M, Misty G and Jolie G, Carol T, Rhea S, Debbie W, and Harriet S. There was something special about girls in mini-skirts, hot pants, and go-go boots that had me looking forward to my daily commute, even on the weekends. Sometimes it was unbearable listening to Dizzy, Honky Tonk Women, I Can't Get Next to You, and smelling Love's Baby Soft Perfume, but it was a glimpse of things to come.

It never mattered whether I was arriving or leaving with them. I always felt like I was the luckiest dude in school." Jeff

"My sister and her friend would drive me to school in an old pick up truck. They would both be in their house gowns. When I got out

of the truck, they would lay on the horn just to embarrass me." Lori

"One of my favorite memories is riding to school with my brother, Heyward. He would drop me off at McCants and go on to Hanna. Our uncle had given us his old '64 Plymouth and Heyward added an 8-track tape player and larger speakers. I thought it was so cool riding to school listening to The Doobie Brothers" Andy

"My sister Teresa and I rode to school in her Volkswagen. We would pick up Tina and Peter. Teresa would drop Peter and me off at McCants first and she and Tina would drive on to Hanna. Tina always wore perfect dresses and I was always in jeans and no makeup. Peter didn't say much during the rides to school. There wasn't much excitement in our carpool but they were sweet friends. I loved listening to Blinded by the Light on the radio." Rachel

"I loved riding to school with my brother Billy and listening to Bob Segar." Stephanie  
"Riding to school in the mornings was always an adventure. There were a lot of kids and we all piled into a Volkswagen bus. If we were on time and everyone was halfway behaved, we were lucky enough to stop by Eddie Hammonds store to get a drink and a snack for school. Penny candy, a bag of Lays chips and a Dr Pepper - it was like Christmas each and every time." Julie



# Staying cool with summer sandals

I love a good sandal. Not only are they attractive on the foot, but they keep us cool during these one-hundred-degree temperatures as of late. Sandals date back to the immaculate Egyptian culture, and I'm very grateful that they curated them. This summer



Kristine March

so far has been sweltering, so we might as well embrace the heat and look fabulous while doing it.

I always have my go to wish list and then I have my affordable that I'm absolutely loving at the moment. My splurge item is a sandal company

out of Portugal. Almeda Turquesa. They're a magical company, and a mother daughter duo, that designs the most gorgeous sandals I've ever seen. They come in a sea of exquisite colors from gold strappy conch shell and pearl espadrilles, to little flat ethereal strawberry starfish embellishments. They even make little pearl handbags to match and bathing suits too. Just precious.

If you want to look more on the trendy and designer label side, try the Bottega Venetta knock off's from Shein. They're the braided vamp slide on sandal. If you're searching online that's the exact description you look for to order. They look just like the real thing, but with a much cheaper price tag. They come in practically every color and are great for a busy mom like me, easy to throw on and walk out the door. Add a cute pedicure in a cherry red or white to make those toes shine and you're ready for summer. Remember to make the sidewalk your runway and always be kind.

# Sight unseen

If by some far-fetched chance you are not familiar with the expression "Pig in a poke", it refers to deception, or scam if you will. Scotland in 1655, a man at the local market is looking for a young pig to buy. Word gets



Neal Parnell

around and another man comes to the first and holds up a poke (bag, sack), and says, "I have a pig in here for a half-pence". The man gladly pays him and they part ways. When he opens the poke, a cat jumps out. Never buy a "pig in a poke" or else you just may "Let the cat out of the bag".

It occurs to me that I have been buying pigs in pokes for decades. I'll begin with a poke that fools me every time, Potato Chips. A poke of chips is billion-dollar marketing scam genius. I'm drawn to the large bright yellow or red package that signals my brain to slow down or Stop. Next, my eyes glaze over at the huge perfect potato chip graphic and I imagine that every chip in the poke will look like those. I don't see the fine faded print at the bottom that says "Enlarged to show texture". The chip poke is also the size of a sofa pillow and must be overstuffed with the salty crispiness I crave. Somewhere in Plano Texas, a Lay's executive is smiling as I grab the Party Sized bag of chips. At home, the bag opens with a quiet whoosh and a smell that must be the soul of a fleeing cat. A peek into the poke reveals that I have once again been duped into buying three dollars worth of nitrogen and two dollars worth of greasy salty potato waste. There have been rare sightings of that perfect potato chip that's printed on the package, but mine are usually broken with brown spots and at least one completely burned to a crisp.



ted bag? The red net makes all the oranges appear ripe and ready until you get home and your oranges look like limes. I'm one of those people that question everything I see or don't see. If a package says "Chemical Free", my weak intellect knows that everything on earth and beyond contains chemicals, so the chemicals in the package must cost nothing.

It's up to us to check what we purchase, but there are hundreds of items that the marketers won't allow us to see. We can check the eggs for cracks, inspect the fruit for bruises, and even view a representative slice of bacon. Why can we see ground chuck and chicken liver but not sausage? Trust me, you don't want to know; I'll just say that Jimmy Dean sausage may actually be Jimmy Dean sausage.

Have you ever bought oranges in a red-net-

Billions are spent to trick our minds into thinking we must have the newest, freshest, most trending things on the planet. Some do fill a need but be aware that in every poke, there may not be a pig.

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THE GARDEN SHOP

# Oh deer, Japanese beetles are here



**SUSAN TEMPLE**  
master gardener

If it's not deer, it's Japanese beetles. Deer are eating a few plants this year they've never eaten before. I still have dreams of putting up a deer fence someday for part of my place but that won't stop them from walking through the front garden. There is no farfetched dream of fencing the entire deer buffet. Fencing part could actually make them worse in the front garden by limiting their food even more. Since working from home more, I realize deer come through the yard throughout the day, many days all day long. It was quite surprising to see two walking down the sidewalk at about 7:30 one evening. My faithful four legged companion is getting old and he definitely won't put forth the effort to run them off. That leaves me, clanking pots, hollerin', and sometimes literally trotting towards them, arms flailing, and carrying on like a crazy woman.

There are still some plants, at least for now, that make the list of what deer won't eat. Salvia, fennel, spirea, amsonia, baptisia,

ornamental grasses, castor bean, cleome, canna, hummingbird bush, mock orange, four o'clocks, mountain mint, iris, mock orange, st.johns wort, ferns, mums, ageratum, that come to mind right off. In early spring, after some newly planted azaleas had all their leaves eaten, I decided to try Bobbex deer repellent spray. It's still sitting on the shelf, never opened. It's too hot now. Maybe a "round to it" will show up someday and I'll find out if it's worth the money and effort.

Then Japanese beetles showed up a few weeks ago. Teasing Georgia rose is usually the first plant I find them eating. Knock on wood, they are not a big problem for me. Although they are swarming a Fantasy crepe myrtle near the back of the house. Fantasy (*Lagerstroemia fauriei*) is the daddy of Natchez crepe myrtle. They both have fantastic rust bark, white flowers, and yellow fall color. Fantasy grows bigger than Natchez. I can't see damaged foliage but it looks like a very light snow sometimes with blossoms falling due to the beetles. On perennials, and particularly roses, leaves will be very lacy and blooms will be distorted.

Don't be quick to use chemicals for Japanese beetles (or for any reason). Chemicals kill good bugs that eat bad bugs, butterflies, and other pollinators. They also kill birds that eat the insects which have been

sprayed. According to National Audubon Society, about seven million birds are killed each year from eating things that have been sprayed with pesticides. Mother Nature will sort it out. I was left shaking my head and grumbling after reading a post on a naturalist site. A lady had planted milkweed for butterflies. Milkweed got aphids and she was asking "What can I spray on these bugs that are on my milkweed". Talk about DUH! If you grow milkweed, you'll have aphids. What crazy sideways thinking - plant something to attract something then spray something to kill something. Geez!

If Japanese beetles are damaging your favorite plant, the safest, although not a fast method, is in early evening, thump them into a bucket of soapy water. Those bags work but they may attract more beetles. Bags should be put as far away from plants as possible and early in the year, before you start seeing beetles. They should be emptied every day. Supposedly the smell of dead beetles will repel others. Maybe simply dumping the dead beetles around plants will help. Attract more birds, particularly catbirds, red birds, and robins, to your garden. Starlings and crows prefer to eat the grubs. Tachinid flies help in Japanese beetle control. They lay their eggs on heads of adult Japanese beetles. Their larvae



Japanese beetle damage

bore into the beetles and kills them. These flies like dill, clover, fennel, mint, and gompheana. Japanese beetles need moisture for their eggs to develop. Let your lawn get a little dry in summer to help decrease next year's beetles.

## African American Leadership Society hosts 5th annual Dream Awards Gala

On June 24, 2022 the African American Leadership Society (AALS) of United Way of Anderson County will host its 5th Annual Dream Awards Gala at Tri-County Technical College. The goal of the Dream Awards Gala is to recognize African Americans in the community who work for the betterment Anderson

County. AALS provides guidance to cultivate leadership in the African American community to ensure a diverse voice in efforts that address community needs. The leadership council of AALS consists of volunteers who represent the African American community. The Dream Awards Gala is the signature event of the African American Leadership Society.

Once again, we will recognize leadership in the African American community by presenting the following awards.

The Emerging Leader Community Award will be presented to an individual under the age of 35, who exhibits exemplary professional accomplishments and commitment to service the community.

The Ambassador Leadership Award will celebrate and recognize a distinguished individual who represents the characteristics of a leader, has a spirit of collaboration and cooperation, is exemplary in developing steadfast relationships ultimately building partnerships — cementing societal impacts relating to community, business and public service, science and technology, health and wellness, and/or promotes philanthropic accomplishments within the African American community.

The Community Leader Award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the community through their involvement in volunteer activities and /or their special achievement in specific areas of community and professional life. This individual exemplifies United Way's core mission of improving our community by providing leadership in identifying needs, securing & leveraging resources and driving action.

The Dr. Beatrice Thompson Legacy Award recognizes a pioneer in the community, who

through the years, has fought, worked, advocated, and produced change through their community service, their voice, and their dedication.

Funds raised from this event will go to a partnership program with Varennes

Elementary School.

Tickets are available to purchase for the event at \$60-80 each. To purchase tickets, visit [www.unitedwayofanderson.org/events](http://www.unitedwayofanderson.org/events) or call the United Way office at 226-3438.



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Lauren Castellano

## Anderson Children's Choir holds auditions with director Castellano

The Greater Anderson Musical Arts Consortium is thrilled to introduce Lauren Castellano as Director of the newly formed Anderson Children's Choir. Formerly known as the GAMAC Children's Chorus, the Anderson Children's Choir is designed for talented boys and girls ages 8-10 to learn to read music, improve singing technique, enjoy new musical genres, and much more in a fun-filled way!

A dynamic and passionate music educator, Lauren Castellano has over a decade of experience teaching young singers of all ages throughout South Carolina and New Jersey. She currently serves

as Choral Director for Belton and Honea Path Middle Schools in Anderson County School District 2 where she has previously directed the district-wide Children Chorus Clinic. Elsewhere in South Carolina, she is credited with rebuilding the choral music program for Chesterfield County Schools where she worked with students from high schools in Chesterfield and Cheraw, SC. Her work prior to moving south included teaching elementary general and vocal music to K-6 grade students at the Passiac Arts & Sciences Charter School and Sandshore School in Passaic and Budd Lake, New Jersey. Ms.

Castellano holds a bachelors degree in Music Education from Rutgers University as well as a masters degree from Boston University.

In addition to teaching, Ms. Castellano is an active member of the South Carolina Music Educators Association (SCMEA) and the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) and served as a speaker at the 2022 Spring ACDA Conference. She also serves as Director of Music at Youth Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Anderson.

Auditions for the Anderson Children's Choir will be held

on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 and Wednesday, July 20, 22 from 9am-1pm in the Choir Room at Trinity United Methodist Church. Children ages 8-10 will be asked to sing the 1st verse of America the Beautiful. Auditions are by appointment. Call 864-231-6147 to schedule an appointment for that young singer in your life!

The Anderson Children's Choir is an ensemble of the Greater Anderson Musical Arts Consortium, a 501 (C)3 not-for-profit performing arts organization serving Anderson, SC and the surrounding area. GAMAC is funded in part by the South Carolina Arts Commission.

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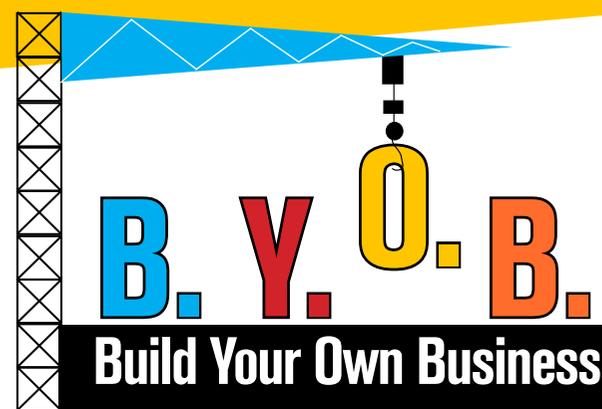
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# Tea time for everyone

BY LEE LEE SEABROOK

I imagine we all have been given or inherited things with a hefty sentimental worth that we just really don't know what to do with. That was the case for my sister, Louise and me over 40 years ago. My grandmother, known to her friends as Poppy, left us her collection of demitasse cups. Each one is unique and probably has a story. My Uncle Grady claims to have sent her a few when he lived in Edinburgh in the late 50s. But, for two young women still in school looking toward the future with no real households of our own, it was a small burden. I say small because they were boxed up and stored away at our family home—mostly out of sight for over 40 years. Not hidden away but stored in plain sight—so, throughout my adult life, out of the corner of my eye, they were always present. That someday that we would need to deal with these treasures arrived a little over 6 months ago with my dear mother's passing.

After the grief came the daunting task of cleaning out 60 years of a life. And not just my mother's life, or my parent's lives, but also a bit of their parent's lives, as various treasures from their homes had been assimilated or stored in our family home. So all told, it was more like a hundred years of stuff. There were letters from WW1, photos of my grandparent's youth, and flapper dresses from the 20s.

The demitasse cups were a bridge between the generations. Collected over decades, I remember them as a child hanging in the cupboard in my grandmother's breakfast room. Poppy hosted an annual holiday Tea Party where she used these fine cups to serve her guests. I remember her wearing a red lace dress and welcoming guests at the front door. She prepared a beautiful array of party food that she had spent days preparing—lemon tarts, tea sandwiches, parched pecans and cookies. We were delighted with the sweets. I must have been in grade school—my sister was there too. Dressed in our Sunday best we were enlisted to help.

My sister Louise and I unpacked the 5 boxes labeled demitasse cups with our names clearly marked on the side—unwrapping them



Poppy Clinkscales

from yellowed newspaper dated 1979. We discovered that there were more cups than were in our boxes, including a collection of actual tea cups that our mother had stashed around the house in drawers and cupboards. When we thought we had them all collected and set out on the dining room table, we found a few more. There were nearly 100. Oh my! What to do. Yes, we both have homes now but neither have the space or more importantly the desire for 100 teacups. We decided the best thing to do was to spread them out in a thin layer among friends, neighbors, and family who may appreciate one or two. We would host our own Tea Party with the caveat that guests had to pick a cup and take it home.

The tea party was a success. It brought joy to us as well as our guests. We actually had tea. The party food was inspired by our grandmother with a contemporary spin. The cream cheese and pecan tea sandwiches were made with goat cheese. Jan Vestal remembers those bite-size sandwiches from the many times she and my mother served at my grandmother's teas when they were young. They were assigned to gather up used plates and cups and move them off to the kitchen as well as be charming and cultivate their social skills. We invited friends from our youth that we hoped would remember Poppy and a few remaining



Pictured, from left, are Helen Kerley, Emily Sands, Mary Speed Lynch, Louise Knisley, Cindy Gillespie and Lee Lee Seabrook

friends of my mother. It was great to hear a friend tell a story about a sleepover at my grandmother's that I had long since forgotten.

My grandmother was a prim and proper gentle woman of her time. She was a quiet woman and very well-mannered. She stood up straight and enunciated her words with care. She grew up in Nova Scotia, the third of seven children, and pronounced some words quite differently from Southerners. That made her, in my mind, more sophisticated. Her home was always tidy and full of nooks and crannies, secret hiding places, and dolls that were my mothers. I enjoyed spending time with her as a

child—maybe because she always had popsicles in the freezer. She liked pretty things and liked to bake—we would make cream puffs and decorate Christmas cookies together.

She came to Anderson to take a nursing position at Anderson Memorial Hospital after graduating from Bellevue Nursing School in New York City in the twenties. What compelled her to move to the Deep South is a mystery. The Story goes that she lived out of her suitcase for six months, always poised to flee. But she then met my grandfather in the operating room at the hospital, was swept off her feet, and so she stayed. We are thankful that she did.



# SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

Hooray! The school year has ended, and summer break has officially begun! That means lots of time for relaxing by the pool, sleeping late, playing outside with



**Katie Laughridge**

friends (don't forget to stay well hydrated), watching cartoons and making final plans for that long-awaited family vacation. While summer fun is important and provides a well-deserved

break for both children and parents, don't forget to encourage your child to incorporate in a little time for reading! Reading a favorite book for just twenty minutes per day can help maintain your child's literary



skills, and effectively minimizes the "summer slump" when they return to school in August.

While the hot summer days are undoubtedly filled with a plethora of fun and exciting activities that competes for every kid's attention, motivating your child to spend a little time reading doesn't have to be a chore! There are many fun and enticing ways to integrate a little

time for reading into your child's busy schedule. One great way is to sign your child up for a Summer Reading Program. Children love these programs because they can earn incentives and prizes by setting and achieving goals based on their reading level. Following is a list of local reading programs I'm sure your child will enjoy. Good luck and happy reading!

**Chuck E. Cheese's:** With the Chuck E. Cheese kids' summer reading program, kids earn 10 FREE points each time they read for two weeks in a row. Complete the form to claim the free tokens. A food purchase is required.

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# MAYOR PETE GLENN

BY RICH OTTER

With a business partner, John W. “Pete” Glenn ran a drug store across Main Street from City Hall. He had a wife and two children and a hobby of raising homing pigeons. He had no political ambitions.

It has been said that during a meeting Pete Glenn appeared with regard to some matter and apparently irritated the then mayor. He was told to shut up and sit down. He decided to run for mayor.

Joe Davenport recalled that when Glenn announced to some friends he was going to run, his friend T. O. Martin, owner of Martin’s Children Shop in the Durham Shopping Center, thinking the idea ridiculous, challenged him by saying if he became mayor he would kiss his... um...posterior. After his election Glenn graciously pardoned his rude subject.

The Anderson daily newspapers were antagonistic right out of the gate. Among other things, Glenn favored switching to a city manager form of government from a strong

mayor form of government favored by the daily newspapers and a former mayor. The form of government had been approved by referendum in 1948 and again while Glenn was in office in 1962.

Carey Hayes was a reporter for the morning and evening newspapers covering City Council meetings while Pete Glenn was mayor. During an interview June 26, 2000 Hayes said Pete Glenn was presiding over a council meeting when a disagreement arose and Glenn cast the deciding vote for its passage. Hayes said, “I wrote the story that Glenn voted for so and so and so and so. Well, they changed my copy and said he voted against it...I went to Pete Glenn and apologized for it and he didn’t believe me. Pete was a good man. He disliked me. He disliked [the paper publisher] Wilton Hall.”

Since Glenn knew he would be attacked for almost anything he proposed, he realized he needed insurance. When faced with a controversial issue, he resorted to appointing

committees to consider matters and make recommendations. The committee members usually were people of strong standing in the community and many advertised in the local papers. It was difficult for the papers to attack such recommendations. It was a successful strategy.

Such committees included: downtown parking; zoning and adjustment board members; a sinking fund; condemnations; a bond petition; the city manager form of government; and financial and investment advisory committees. In sum they involved some 70 wisely chosen individuals.

When interviewed by Joanne Thrift for an article in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution about his taking strong positions regarding difficult issues, Glenn emphatically stated he did not want a “yes council” – he wanted proper results.

Glenn’s ultimate downfall, however, was as the result of what was probably his greatest achievement, installation of the city manager form of government. Cleve Talmage was appointed



Mayor Pete Glenn

city manager. Talmage was an accomplished administrator but established procedures that were not popular in some sectors (including open bidding processes) and he was somewhat brusque in dealing with citizens and employees. The attacks upon Talmage by the daily papers were likely the primary reason for Glenn’s loss to William C. Johnston in 1966. Talmage was abruptly eliminated and the city manager form of government effectively disassembled

until 1968 when a new administration took office.

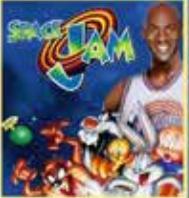
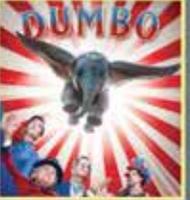
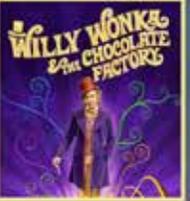
After Glenn had been defeated and Talmage dispatched, Glenn and Talmage were honored by the South Carolina Association of Public Accountants with the “Governmental Accounting Award for 1966.” The procedures for which the award was granted had already been effectively dumped.

In addition to introducing the city manager form of government, Glenn deftly dealt with the beginnings of school integration, a \$4,850,000 bond issue for the expansion of the sewage disposal plant, extended water and sewage lines and constructed a new fire station in North Anderson due to extensive annexation; and other infrastructure issues that had previously been ignored. He employed Black police officers for the first time since Reconstruction who left after Glenn left office.

Glenn was a progressive mayor who served under extremely difficult circumstances and established precedents that in 1966 were promptly eliminated, but subsequently reinstated. For a later administration he often gave advice and assistance.

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## FROM THE SHELF

# I Kissed Shara Wheeler

## by Casey McQuiston

As you may remember, last year I focused a fair amount of my personal reading on romance novels since it's a genre I knew little about. One of the titles was Casey McQuiston's laugh-out-loud debut, *Red, White, & Royal Blue*. It was the absolute epitome of romantic comedy, with a Prince and the President of the United States' son as the leading "enemies to lovers" (popular romance trope) characters being forced to fake a friendship for the media just to fall in love.



Sara Leady

When I saw that McQuiston was debuting a YA novel, I knew I had to read it. Y'all. It was perfection. *I Kissed Shara Wheeler* hit all the points for me. It's funny, romantic, has mystery, and just so much heart in the characters' different searches to find themselves.

*I Kissed Shara Wheeler* is largely told from Chloe Green's perspective, a high school senior whose moms moved her to Alabama from SoCal for high school. As the only 'out' student at Willowgrove Christian Academy, Chloe is constantly fighting with the administration for small infractions since it's part of the bylaws that you can't rep LGBTQIA+ as a student, and well, Chloe doesn't really care. Chloe is in constant battles with the principal and pastor of the school who just happens to be Shara Wheeler's father.

As you can guess from the title, Chloe happens to kiss Shara Wheeler, or more accurately Shara kisses her, as Chloe is very sure to emphasize. The kiss was fireworks, but then Shara literally disappears leaving Chloe even more bothered by the whole situation because she can't confront Shara about it. Chloe isn't the only one trying to track Shara down. So is her boyfriend and her bad-boy neighbor. An unlikely trio, Smith (boyfriend), Rory (hot but very bad neighbor), and Chloe team up after Shara leaves behind little pink notes with clues to follow and theoretically find her, and absolutely in Chloe's case, confront her. The scavenger hunt doesn't just assist our trio in finding Shara, but also, and much more importantly, assists them in finding and celebrating parts of themselves previously undiscovered.

Adding to the drama of the building showdown between Shara and Chloe is that they're also rivals for Valedictorian, and thus Chloe absolutely HATES perfect Shara Wheeler.

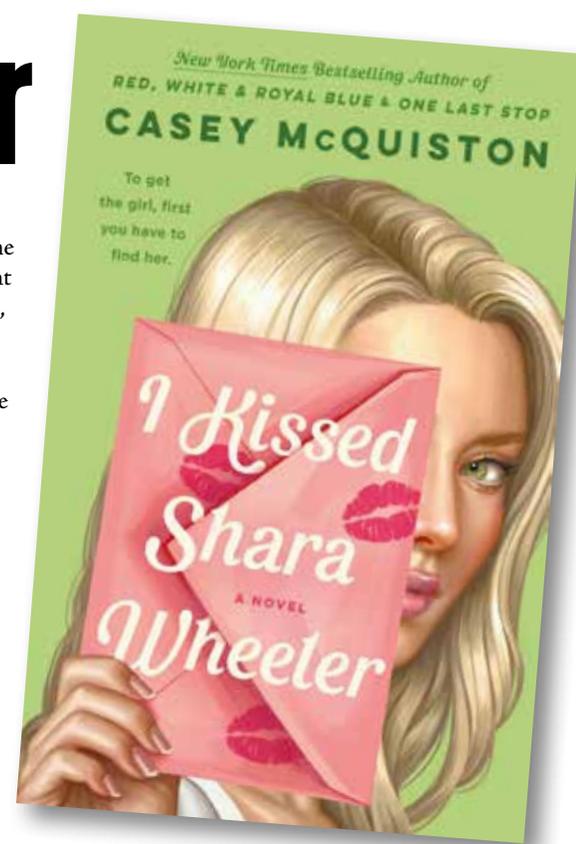
I repeat HATES, there are no other feelings bubbling there. Shara embodies exactly what you'd expect for the most popular girl at a southern Christian high school, especially a pastor's kid. Chloe is the rebel girl to a T, not just because she's out and proud, but she's also constantly doing small things to push the buttons of the faculty, like wearing black nail polish, while also being a theater lead and academic star. It sounds maybe a touch cliché, but McQuiston's handling of it makes it feel fresh even with the high teen drama since Chloe is obviously going to BEAT Shara Wheeler and show everyone her true terrible colors (again, zero feelings to see here).

While it's shelved in YA, and definitely has its teen components, the title reads for adults easily as it has a lot to do with just finding yourself. As book challenges loom across the country surrounding any and all LGBTQIA+ representation (they're honestly lying when they say it's not that), this is a timely novel for McQuiston to release. The book has teens exploring their identity while in the context of a very strict religious environment, and McQuiston explores the strain that environ-

ment can put on an individual and the damage it can do. Two very important things to represent for young readers, especially ones in a more traditionally religious region like the South, where they're seeing just the existence of their identity attacked across all media platforms.

*I Kissed Shara Wheeler* is the type of book that a reader who isn't part of the LGBTQIA+ community can easily step into and read what that community experiences, and see not just their challenges, but how they come to understand their identity and how it affects their interactions with the world. If you have anyone in your life, especially a younger person, who is part of the community, I definitely strongly encourage this title. *I Kissed Shara Wheeler* addresses some major headlines and has weight to it, but it's also absolutely hilarious and just an all around

wonderful romance to read. McQuiston has certainly earned an 'automatically read' status as an author for me.



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# Exploring a South Carolina wildlife gem

BY ANN BAILES

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Huntington Beach State Park in Murrells Inlet, SC (hereafter known as HBSP) is considered to be the crown jewel of South Carolina birding, as over 300 species of birds have been spotted in this one park. People from across the state and nation like to visit for the wealth of wildlife seen here.

After entering HBSP, a visitor crosses a causeway with walking paths on either side. To the left is the tidal creek, and to the right is Mullet Pond, a managed freshwater impoundment. Waterbird species — anhingas, cormorants, herons, egrets, and the beautiful roseate spoonbill (seen in summer and fall) — frequent this pond, as well as red-winged blackbirds, tree swallows, and other smaller birds. Alligators can often be seen sunning themselves in the distance.

We usually drive left after exiting the causeway, and have never failed to see painted buntings on summer trips to HBSP. These stunning



multi-colored songbirds are often seen at the feeders by the wildlife center and can also be spotted at the tops of trees along the road. The painted buntings' warbling song announces their presence, as they love to sing while perched high. In recent years some have remained year-round.

Retracing the route and moving on to the right side of the causeway, we park by a large castle-like structure, Atalaya, which was the winter home of the Huntington family (whose land eventually became HBSP). Famous early 20th century artist Anna Huntington used the carriage path behind Atalaya to

transport her huge sculptures to the now well-known Brookgreen Gardens, located directly across Highway 17.

The old carriage path is now a paved road/sidewalk, usually called the straight road, that divides Mullet Pond from another freshwater impoundment called Mallard

Pond. It is a great walk, with much to see for anyone who prefers a more public walking area rather than secluded unpaved trails. We've found prothonotary warblers, a black-crowned night heron nesting very close to the sidewalk, and what appeared to be an entire rookery of great white egrets across the water in Mallard Pond - a beautiful spectacle. We've seen a pileated woodpecker hole and watched the babies poke their heads out. And this is just a small sampling of the many wildlife sights we've enjoyed on the straight road. On vacation, early morning is our favorite time to go. The park is not yet crowded at that time; the birds are active; and best of all, the heat hasn't gotten bad yet.

This just describes a few of the opportunities of HBSP. If you are even a little interested in wildlife and nature, check it out when you are visiting the south Myrtle Beach area. It also has many camping sites and a beautiful unspoiled oceanfront beach. Huntington Beach State Park is truly a gem in our beautiful state!

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