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From left, Nate Laiewski, Miranda Claire Hutson and James Swanson opened Bruno's Donut Café in downtown Central late last year.

Three friends open donut café in Central

Bruno's Donut Café opened its first location at the western gateway of downtown Central, South Carolina. Now in its third month of operation, customers are raving about Bruno's handmade from scratch donuts.

After years developing their careers in the restaurant industry, business owners Miranda Claire Hutson, Nate Laiewski and James

Swanson decided to move back to South Carolina for a venture they would call their own. Nate and James were lifelong friends who grew up in the Central and Clemson areas. Upon graduating Daniel High School, Nate managed corporate franchise restaurants in South Carolina and Tennessee while James ventured

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Countybank Foundation donates to AIM

ANDERSON — The Countybank Foundation, established in 1971 representing Countybank and Greenwood Capital, recently donated \$6,500 to Anderson Interfaith Ministries (AIM). Michael Wooles, Senior Vice President and Anderson Market Executive for Countybank, and Peggy Chamblee, Vice President and Financial Center Manager for Countybank, presented the check on behalf of the foundation to Kristi King-Brock, Executive Director of AIM, and Susan Anderson, Vice President of Resource Development for AIM.



The recent donation from Countybank and Greenwood Capital will go toward AIM events throughout the year geared toward raising money for struggling individuals and families in Anderson County. “Countybank and Greenwood Capital are pleased to continue this important partnership with AIM,” said Wooles. “We see their extraordinary work building up our community by providing a

helping hand and supporting those in need.” Countybank and Greenwood Capital associates are actively involved in supporting AIM’s events and fundraising activities throughout the year. Countybank currently serves as the main sponsor for AIM’s All-In dinner and silent auction. And last year Countybank and Greenwood Capital associates participated in AIM’s annual shoe drive, donating more than 1,000 gently

worn, used, and new shoes. Most recently associates at Countybank’s Anderson financial center participated in AIM’s annual Hearts for Helping fundraiser. “The Hearts for Helping fundraiser is just one of many opportunities for our associates, and the community, to come together in support of a great cause that can positively impact someone’s life,” said Chamblee. “AIM is grateful for Countybank and Greenwood Capital’s continued partnership in helping us fulfill our mission of providing resource, support, and education, which leads our clients to self-sufficiency,” said Kristi King-Brock, Executive Director of AIM. “Together we are ‘Giving Hope and Changing Lives.’” AIM provides emergency assistance, education and workforce development, a housing program, hunger ministries, and manages the Women and Children Succeeding program. For more information about Anderson Interfaith Ministries, visit www.aimcharity.org.

Friends

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south to Florida for school. Upon graduating the University of Central Florida, James pursued a job opportunity at Walt Disney World where he met Claire, an emerging chef who graduated from Johnson & Wales University in Charlotte, North Carolina. As Nate traveled the country gaining industry experience, he remained close friends with James and they would often daydream about one day starting a business of their own. One weekend the three friends met for a trip they would never forget. Amidst the excitement of a music festival, they made the decision to “just go for it” and have since never looked back. James and Claire moved from Atlanta, Georgia to join forces with Nate to develop an idea that would soon become a business that



Miranda Claire Hutson prepares donuts at Bruno’s Donut Café.

will forever mark Central as a destination for the perfect donut. While the business was created by the three entrepreneurs, its namesake was inspired by a fourth member of their team. Nate’s beloved pet Bruno is a 15-year-old Brindle Pitbull who traveled the country with him across 16 state lines. Reviving his first breath, Nate saved Bruno’s life as a puppy. The favor was returned as Bruno breathed life, love, joy and adventure into Nate’s life and the many others he has met along the way. Bruno symbolizes an act of love, happiness and friendship, an act that Claire, Nate and James want to exude to every customer who walks through the door. The menu at Bruno’s fea-

tures handmade from scratch donuts that are fresh to order. Staple items include an original glaze and the chocolate and strawberry iced with sprinkles. Specialty donuts change daily as the team continually creates new and original recipes that feature unique blends of flavors, glazes and toppings. Customers enjoy confections such as the chocolate chip cookie, peaches and cream, coffee chocolate espresso chip, key lime pie and apple cinnamon donuts. With a passion for the industry and a combined total of 47 years of restaurant experience, Claire, Nate and James succeeded the American dream. Visit the Bruno’s team and over delicious donuts, experience the magic baking in the heart of Central, South Carolina.

HANNA HIGH TWINS SHOWCASE WEARABLE ART

BY KAY WILLIS BURNS

STEPHANIE ROZNOWSKI

I am a junior at Hanna High School and the activities chairperson of the National Art Honor Society. I am very proud of how much hard work the Chapter has put into it our projects. It’s really a great opportunity for us to create things on a very innovative and large scale. In the future, I hope I’ll be able to continue doing art and, possibly, pursue



a job in design of some sort, maybe architecture or interior design. For now, I’m looking forward to the upcoming school year so I can continue being involved in the club. This time, I’m striving for two or three dresses and another leadership position. I already know that next year will bring about even more creative designs!

THOMAS ROZNOWSKI

I am Thomas Roznowski and I am a Co-President of the National Art Honor Society this year. I am so incredibly proud of all the hard work that went into the show this year. The teachers, students, and community all came together to pull it off. I personally worked on a few pieces in the show, but my most notable piece is my Bojangles suit. I spent around 20 hours hot gluing a combination of Bojangles cups and boxes together and had a blast the entire time. I am pursuing higher education in Graphic Design at either USC or the University of Tennessee, and I hope to find myself in an artistic field such as concept art down the line.



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Meet your Anderson County librarians

BY KAY WILLIS BURNS

HEATHER BISTYGA Collection Development/ Extension Librarian

I grew up in Ohio, and moved to South Carolina from Florida fourteen years ago. I have a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri, and a master's degree in Library Science from the University of South Florida. I became a librarian because I wanted a job where I'm always learning about interesting, new stuff, and helping other people find out interesting things too. I've been with the library in various positions for almost 14 years. Currently, I'm the Collection Development Librarian and the head of the Extension Department at the Main Library.



DAN BONSALE Digital Services Librarian

I'm from Massachusetts originally, and I moved to the Upstate from New York three years ago. I worked as a paralegal and in higher education before entering the library world. I have an MSLIS degree from Syracuse University, and a BA in English from University of Richmond. Being a librarian suits my natural curiosity and creativity, and allows me to indulge those tendencies in ways that can benefit the community. There's always a new challenge or area to explore. I get to assist a wide array of people, and hopefully they learn from me as much as I learn from them.



Cock-a-doodle-doo!

Grits and Groceries reinvents itself

BY KAY WILLIS BURNS

The story is almost legendary. Heidi and Joe Trull, both from the Carolinas, made their culinary careers, well, their main course. Joe worked for ten years as the pastry chef at 'Nola,' world-renowned restaurant of Emeril Lagasse. Heidi worked with chef Elizabeth Terry at 'Elizabeth's on 37th Street' in Savannah. Heidi also worked at 'Nola' in New Orleans.

So who would have believed that Heidi and Joe would trade it all in for life

at Saylor's Crossroads? And who would have believed that governors, legislators, historians and people from far and wide would visit the small building that is now a converted restaurant? Heidi and Joe named it 'Grits and Groceries,' a building that was originally a functioning post office. Heidi said that members of the community thought they were crazy when they decided to locate their restaurant at Saylor's Crossroads. "I don't think 450 people a day is crazy," said Heidi.

For the past two years, Heidi and Joe were contemplating retiring. But Heidi and Joe missed the people and the camaraderie of friends. Now, they have decided to open with an abbreviated schedule/format for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The hours will be 10:00 am-2:00 pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, as well as Thursday night hours from 5:00 pm- 9:00 pm for supper.

The weekly menu at Grits and Groceries can vary from soul food lasagna to chicken etouffee, and other specialties. Another favorite is grand-daddy catfish stew with cornbread. And the sandwiches are superb. A special favorite is the shrimp po boy that Heidi perfected in New Orleans.

Grits and Groceries has been spotlighted on local programs and national television broadcasts such as the Food Network and PBS' "Travels with Darley." They have also been featured on CNN and in The New York Times. And Heidi was awarded the designation of being one of two Chef Ambassadors for the State of South



Among Grits and Groceries' accolades, owner Heidi Trull has been designated one of two Chef Ambassadors for the State of South Carolina.

Carolina. Also, Heidi has taught a 4H cooking club and mentored teens interested in culinary careers.

A new addition of Grits and Groceries is a 'Cake of the Month' club in which patrons can sign up to order a monthly, two-pound cake and have it sent to their home.

Heidi and Joe are now in the process of building an event space in their backyard for parties and that, in total, would accommodate 200 people.



Located at Saylor's Crossroads in Belton, Grits and Groceries' building was originally a functioning post office.

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN CELEBRATE 80TH HIGH SCHOOL REUNION TOGETHER

Miriam Lark and Leona Tyner celebrated their 80th high school reunion together as the only remaining classmates of the White Plains High School Class of 1940.

Both ladies reside at The Garden House of Anderson. After a spelling bee event held by The Garden House, it was discovered that not only were they the only living classmates of the class of 1940, they were the class valedictorian and salutatorian. A surprise celebration was held for the two ladies complete with flowers, caps and gowns, refreshments and medals. Families of both ladies attended and it was a magical and lovely evening for all.



Anderson's telephone evolution

BY RICH OTTER

It happened in Anderson at midnight, May 15, 1954. No longer could you pick up your telephone and hear that pleasant voice ask: "Number please." It was astounding and somewhat frightening.

Now there was a round dial your finger needed to spin to designate the number you wanted to reach and automatically the call was placed and it either responded with a ring or a buzz if the line was busy.

Beth Ann Klosky, society editor of The Anderson Free Press described the amazing sequence of events: "Picture if you can rows of switches in the control room of the telephone building to which hundreds of telephones are connected. When you lift the receiver the line finder automatically connects you to the terminal. By dialing a number, your telephone is connected through one switch after another until you reach the connector which rings the telephone you are calling." Wow!

The connecting signal for Anderson was CA, standing (for

some reason) for the name Canal. A five digit number then followed the CA.

Gone were the good old days when the friendly operator often knew you by name and sometimes could even tell you if the party you were calling had gone to the store and would be back in about an hour.

Eunice Sullivan Pracht recalled, before machines invaded, that when she used the telephone she would pick it up and get Central, the designation of the area where the operator was located. Her number was 174. Lila Albergotti's number was 453 and Sullivan Hardware was 962. Emma Felkel Holman would get Central and say "Get me 624" – Sara Suggs Clinkscales number.

There was then no 911 but if there ever was an emergency it just had to be communicated to the operator at Central who would get appropriate help.

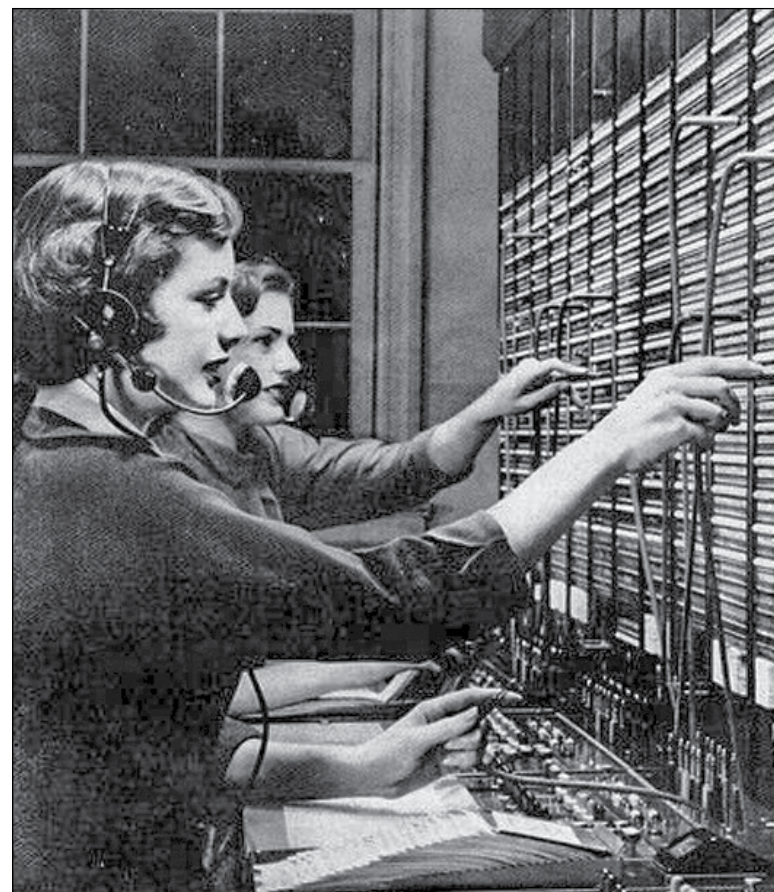
And there were party lines where multiple parties were connected to the same line. This was particularly

true out in the country. Ben Bolt remembered that his family was on an 8 party line. Fleet McClain's family was on a four-party line. "Our house was a four, four rings. You could tell who was getting a call by the number of rings and there was a lot of listening in. Some people wanted to know everything."

Eunice Pracht's grandmother was on a party line and when Eunice was visiting her as a little girl one day she picked up the phone and a maid next door was talking to a friend and said: "Somebody is eavesdropping." Well, how else could you get the local news?

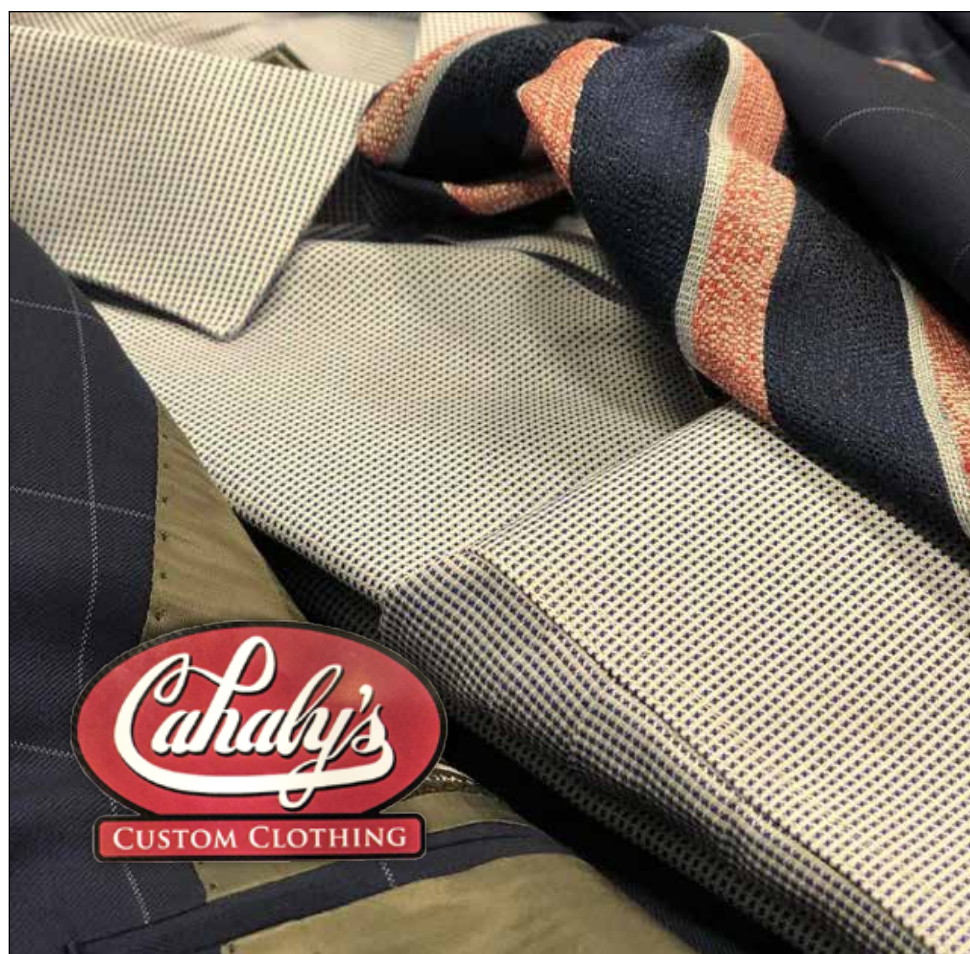
It was about this time that a newspaper comic featured a detective by the name of Dick Tracy. Tracy had a wrist-radio. Well, that was a pretty silly idea at the time but, after all, it was in the comics. There were even some crazy people who suggested someday people would carry around personal telephones.

We have come so far. Now we often don't even get a human being



with whom we can converse and if the robot does not understand the question it keeps repeating the available and usually inapplicable

options. If we do get an individual, the person is half a world away with an accent we can't understand. But, that's progress.



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Colonoscopies can prevent colon cancer

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, making it a timely reminder that adults aged 50 and older are due for a colonoscopy.

"With routine screenings, colon cancer is virtually preventable," said Dr. Brian Sadowski of AnMed Health Piedmont Surgical Associates. He is the only colon and rectal surgeon in Anderson.

Screening for colorectal cancer is a proven lifesaver. A colonoscopy can actually prevent cancer since it can lead to the detection and removal of polyps, some of which may progress to cancer, he said.

A colonoscopy can stop that progression. Without one, the cancerous polyps could continue to grow and be potentially fatal. Colorectal cancers caught early are very treatable



and curable. Patients have a 90 percent survival rate if the cancer is discovered before it spreads outside the colon or rectum, Dr. Sadowski said.

Colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second leading cause of death from cancer in the United States. According to the American Cancer

Society (ACS), there will be nearly 105,000 new cases of colon cancer and over 43,000 new cases of rectal cancer diagnosed this year. The ACS expects more than 50,000 people to die of the disease this year but reports that the death rate is dropping due to increased screenings.

Ninety percent of colorectal cancers occur in people 50 or over, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, so colorectal cancer screening should start at age 50 – younger if one has a personal or family history of cancer – and repeated every 10 years.

Due to someone's history and risk factors, people with an increased risk of colon cancer



Dr. Brian Sadowski

should have colonoscopies earlier or more frequently, Dr. Sadowski said.

Increased risks include personal or family history with polyps, colorectal cancer or certain medical conditions. Lifestyle risks include factors such as obesity, lack of exercise, poor diet, smoking and alcohol.

"Everyone should consider those lifestyle changes to decrease the risk of colorectal cancers, especially if they are already in a high-risk category," Dr. Sadowski said.

Typically, colon cancers start as slow-growing polyps. If they remain,

they can eventually develop into cancer. Dr. Sadowski said many people who do not have colonoscopies avoid them for various reasons, but doing so may make matters worse.

"If patients wait for symptoms, colorectal cancers are usually much more advanced and are more difficult to treat," Dr. Sadowski said.

During a colonoscopy, the doctor uses a long flexible, lighted tube to look for polyps or signs of cancer. The doctor removes small polyps. When the doctor finds polyps that are too large to remove during the screening or spots that are suspected cancers, the doctor removes some tissue for testing, which determines the next steps. Early intervention like that helps stop the disease from advancing, Dr. Sadowski said.

"Starting at the right age, getting consistent follow-ups, following your doctor's advice and living a healthy life are the keys to preventing colorectal cancers," he said.

A colonoscopy requires a doctor's order. To obtain an order or schedule a screening, talk to your primary care provider or make an appointment with your primary care medical home. If you need a primary care provider, please call Wellness Connect at 864.512.3748.

Does Medicare cover cancer treatment? Part 1: The cost of cancer

Ask Fred

Does Medicare Cover Cancer Treatment?
Part 1: The Cost of Cancer

Cancer continues to be the second most common cause of death in the United States. According to recent statistics, men have a 39.3% lifetime chance of being diagnosed with cancer, and woman a 37.7% chance. In 2020, approximately 1.8 million new cancer cases were confirmed, with an associated 606,520 deaths from cancer-related causes. The median age for developing cancer is 66, and 77% of all cases are diagnosed in people 55 or older. In almost all cases, the cost of a cancer diagnosis is staggering, leaving the individual and their family with unexpected bills that can result in severe financial hardship.

Although the cause is not completely understood, there are several health-related factors that are known to potentially raise a person's risk of developing cancer. These

include (but are not limited to):
Increased age
Use of tobacco (of any type), sun exposure, poor diet and exposure to chemicals
Alcohol consumption



Fred Reid, R.Ph.
Senior Insurance
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Regardless of the factors contributing to its development, the cost of cancer is often high, costing around \$150,000 per case on average. The sad reality is that many people will opt to modify their treatment plans (or that of their loved ones) in order to reduce expenses. This often results in unnecessary or premature loss of life.

Diabetes: linked to cancers of the breast, colon and pancreas
Obesity: linked to cancers in the esophagus, pancreas, thyroid, gallbladder, colon, rectum, breast, endometrium, and kidneys
Hepatitis C: increases risk of liver-associated cancers

The diagnosis of cancer is associated with a myriad of costs. There is also a great deal of confusion about how much medical insurance will pay, and what costs will be left behind for the family to cover. Since most cancer diagnoses occur in individuals 65 and older, Medicare is by far the primary payor responsible for covering most cancer-associated treatment costs. While Medicare is responsible for paying nearly half of the \$74 billion spent on cancer treatment each year, the average out-of-pocket cost for each individual case is still approximately \$6,000. It is important to understand that not all cancer-associated costs are covered by Medicare- which can result in a severe financial hardship for the individual and for their family.

Some of the cancer-associated costs to be considered include:
Inpatient hospital cancer care
Surgeries related to cancer
Visits to the oncologist and other physicians
Second opinion consultations (may not be covered if physician is out of network with insurance plan)

Chemotherapy and Radiation
Medications for Chemotherapy (i.e. These medications are not always covered by prescription drug plans- studies found that some specialty drugs for cancer had a median out-of-pocket annual cost of over \$8,000)

Medications to ease side effects, such as nausea
Participation in clinical trials for experimental treatments via clinical studies (may not be covered by insurance plan)
Skilled Nursing for cancer recovery
Home Health services
Durable Medical Equipment
Physical therapy and rehabilitation
Short-term nursing home care
Hospice or End of Life Care (may not be fully covered by insurance plan)
Other miscellaneous costs: travel, lodging, and meals

Part 2 of this series will break down how Medicare pays for cancer-related treatment expenses, what costs are left behind to be paid out-of-pocket, and what options are available to be better prepared for covering these expenses.

Please contact Fred Reid at 864-940-6113 if you have questions or need assistance identifying the Medicare plan that best meets your health-care needs. I am happy to meet with you in your home at your convenience. Also, please connect with me on Facebook (search for "Fred Reid-senior insurance advisor").



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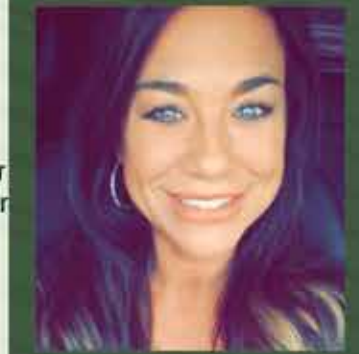


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CRAIG CAHALY: A SELF-MADE MAN

Craig Cahaly has been in the men's clothing business since his days at the University of South Carolina. He was attending USC, where his parents were paying for his school, but his dad encouraged him to find some extra beer money. Cahaly's older brother, Robert, had a friend in the men's clothing business and he decided to apply for a job with him. Joel Lourie of Lourie's Mens Store in Columbia hired Cahaly to work three days a week for \$6 an hour. Then and there, he realized how much he enjoyed the business.

"After a year and a half at Lourie's, I grew to love the customer relations and I was really good at putting clothes together," says Cahaly. Then one day a competitor of Lourie's, Granger/Owings, came into the store and offered Cahaly a job. He accepted. He worked in outside sales but quickly realized that everyone he knew was in Anderson so he started selling to those in his hometown. He then asked the owner of Granger/Owings if he could open and operate a store in Anderson. His sales warranted the move, so they agreed.

In 2006, Granger/Owings in Anderson was renamed Cahaly's. In 2009, he went out on his own and started his business, Cahaly's Custom Clothing. He started his business in

the Sullivan Building and continues to operate in the same location. "I never thought working in a men's store would turn into a lifelong career," Cahaly admits. "And I never dreamed it would turn into what it is today."

After thousands of appointments, phone calls and thousands of sales, the business continued to grow. In 2010 Cahaly hired his first full time employee, Josh Runion, who has been with him ever since. In 2014, Cahaly opened his Greenville showroom as well as an operation in Macon, Georgia. As business grew even more, he took Josh off the road as a salesman and made him his full time business manager.

With clients up and down the east coast, Cahaly continues to travel. "One of the best things about this is getting to meet people from all walks of life," Cahaly says. "I love the creative part of the job and helping men put together a look that they never imagined they would like. Seeing the final product on a client and the reaction from them is very satisfying."

When asked what the not so great part about his career was he said, "There is not a part I don't love. But I do hate making mistakes. It doesn't happen very often, but when I know it's my error, it makes me very unhappy."

In his day to day operations, Cahaly admits

seeing people walk through his door is one of the best feelings. "It's not just about selling the clothes or the look. It's about giving them direction and creating a look that they didn't realize they could achieve."

One misconception of custom clothing is that it's too expensive. But Cahaly says it makes a huge difference in the way you feel. "It's like shopping for insurance or a car or anything else. When someone asks me how much a suit is, it's like asking how much is a car. It depends on what you want, there are a lot of variables there." There is also the misconception that dress clothes are uncomfortable. "That's just not the case," says Josh Runion. "Dress clothes are extremely comfortable and more affordable than you think," he says. "But you don't know the difference until you wear the difference."

Most men have a hair guy, an insurance guy, a favorite restaurant, etc. We're the clothing guys," says Cahaly. "I truly love what I do. I'll put my skills in the business against anyone else in the business. I have people tell me all the time they can tell that I love what I do and they're correct," he says.

In his spare time, Cahaly enjoys attending and tailgating at USC football games, traveling with his wife Andi and watching his kids



Craig Cahaly

and their perspective sports. He has three children, Nash who is 13, Collins who is 11 and Creighton who is 8. "Control the things you can control and leave the rest to the Lord."

A self made man he is.

THE GARDEN SHOP

Botanical Beatrix



SUSAN
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Anderson Garden Club hosted the West Piedmont District Garden Council meeting earlier this month. It's a day of business formalities, but fun is mixed in with awards, vendors for shopping, and speakers for entertainment. I was asked by our club president, Joy Tillirson, to do a design. I've only submitted design to a flower show once and was definitely out of my comfort zone. They gave me an honorable mention. I think it was a case of bless her heart for trying. For the district meeting, Joy assigned me a floral "lady". Again, never having done such, my first thought was oh my goodness how, and then said sure. I got lots of helpful tips on working with chicken wire form, etc., but had another idea. I just listened and kept the idea top secret.

Husband has a vintage mannequin who has been sitting in his antique barber chair for decades. Ah hah!! I had dressed her,

normally known as Korean Kim, in the 90's with real clothes. I could now dress her with plants. Perfect! So Botanical Beatrix was born. Beatrix, in Latin, means she who brings happiness. I got a plain t-shirt dress at a thrift store then started gluing plants to her about a week before the district meeting. The bodice of her dress is made of American Boxwood (*Buxus sempervirens*) and Green Giant (*Thuja plicata x standishii*) foliage. The skirt is made of Pampas Grass (*Cortaderia selloana*) plumes. Her belt is moss from the edge of the woods. Her shoes are covered in Rose Champion (*Lychnis coronaria*) leaves with a Reindeer Moss (*Cladonia rangiferina*) "flower". The ring is made of Hens and Chicks (*Sempervivum tectorum* spp) and an unknown miniature agave. Her cuff bracelet is River Birch (*Betula nigra*) bark with a waxed Lenton Rose (*Helleborus x hybridus*) bloom. This was my first time waxing flowers. It was mix of turning out good and not so good. Don't think I'll be doing much flower waxing. I kept ones that turned out the prettiest to see how long they last.

Botanical Beatrix's hat is covered with Awabuki Viburnum (*Viburnum odoratissimum*) leaves, Arum (*Arum italicum*) leaves,

Golden Mop (*Chamaecyparis pisifera*), Rosemary (*Salvia rosmarinus*), and Spring Bouquet Viburnum (*Viburnum tinus*). Arum leaves moderately hold up well out of water. The ribbon for her hat is Confederate Jasmine (*Trachelospermum jasminoides*). Earrings are Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) balls.

Her table had to be set nicely, with flowers of course, and I decided cake and coffee would be appropriate. The cake was a bit tricky. Floral foam was covered in potting soil, iced with mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*) leaves, and decorated with deodar cedar (*Cedrus deodara*), anise (*Illicium floridanum*) leaves, thistle (*Cirsium horridulum*) leaves, and an unknown variety of Juniperus virginiana. I tried to use all layers from nature - trees, shrubs, perennials, groundcovers, vines, etc. In keeping with what Mother Nature provides, her pocketbook is a hornet's nest with bramble brier handle (*Smilax glauca*). Botanical Beatrix lived up to her name and brought lots of happiness to attendees. She was a big hit.

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

Preserving the past for the future

BY JULIE BARTON

Former President of Anderson Heritage, Inc.

In May, 1985, the following quote appeared in the Yorkville Bulletin:

"Old buildings are not ours. They belong partly to those who built them and partly to the generations of mankind who are to follow us."

This belief became a guiding principle for Anderson Heritage, Inc. Since 1973 countless volunteers have worked to preserve and restore historically and architecturally significant structures in Anderson. Community leaders who supported the goal of preserving the past for the future accomplished extraordinary work in the field of preservation. Many of Anderson's most charming and architecturally important sites still stand today due to the diligence and dedication of the members of Anderson Heritage, Inc. Early leaders of the organization were visionary in their unshakable belief in the value of preservation at a time long before it was "on trend". It is in honor of these visionary leaders that current members of the Anderson Heritage Board of Directors took a bold step. It was unanimously decided that funds long held in an Endowment should be distributed to organizations in the community which are currently striving to do the important work of

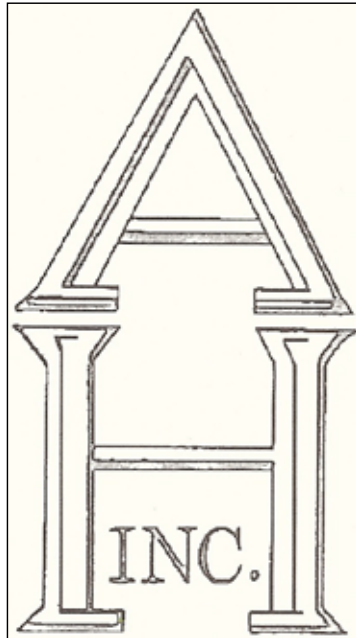
preservation and restoration. Four impactful gifts have been distributed to the Anderson County Museum, the Anderson Arts Center, the City of Anderson and the TBA initiative (To Benefit Anderson) of the Foothills Community Foundation.

The Anderson Heritage Board of Directors stipulated to the Anderson County Museum that funds were exclusively for the maintenance and upkeep of Miss Frierson's Schoolhouse and other assets received from the organization. Funds to the Anderson Arts Center were designated for capital improvements to either of their historic structures, the Carnegie Building or the Arts Warehouse, or to the retirement of debt on the property. Portions of the disbursement to the City of Anderson were designated to the Church Street project, Silver Brook Cemetery and the Gateway Markers project. The Foothills Community Foundation was charged with directing their funds to a proj-

ect of the TBA Initiative (To Benefit Anderson) which aligns with the former mission and vision of Anderson Heritage, Inc.

It is rare that a non-profit organization is able to declare, "Mission, accomplished!" But that is the case for Anderson Heritage, Inc. Past leaders, volunteers and donors have been honored and past goals have been generously funded for future accomplishment. Thanks to the unified voice of the Board of Directors, Anderson Heritage, Inc. has been able to direct final and impactful gifts to the community. After 47 years, the charter of the organization will be suspended by the SC Secretary of State. Anderson Heritage, Inc. will achieve Emeritus status as an organization

no longer active on the front lines of historic preservation, but always supportive of the goal of preserving the past for the future.



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Welcome sweet springtime

I'm a seasonal guy. I don't mean the Biblical kind, you know, "A time to reap and a time to sow, a time to be born and a time to die." I'm talking about the four seasons, summer, winter, spring and fall. To my extreme consternation the seasons seem to have become blurred, the comfortable delineation of weather patterns seem to be encroaching on each other.

As I pen this epistle we have 16 days of winter remaining before spring makes its lovely debut. You think of winter you think of snow, right? Not so fast my friend, we have just finished the wettest winter on record. The year 1968, when we came to Anderson it was a virtual winter wonderland. People were ice skating on Cater's Lake and the small pond at the bank on Clemson Blvd. I purchased a sled for the first time. Several winters later I would get on that sled, lay prone, and with Amy or Chuck on my back, start my dissent on

Marchbanks, go between the band room and the gym at the old Hanna, take wide left, and sled all the way to the football bowl (honest). My 15 year old grandson has never had this exhilarating experience. Why, because spring and summer have encroached on winter.



Jim Fraser

Autumn seems to be faring a little better. The autumn leaves continue to favor us with their lovely color and the days continue to dwindle down to a precious few. But what has happened to those chilly, frosty, sometimes downright cold October and November football nights, when you showed off your fall finery, the sweaters, boots, scarves, cargo coats. Now it's a rare night that doesn't

have most fans in shorts, cutoffs and polo shirts.

Consider summer; My recollection was that summer was from mid-May to maybe mid-September. The 100 degree days were a few in late July. A full week of those sweltering, humid days will now occur during any time. It seems to me that those "Lazy, crazy, hazy days of summer," are now characterized by our youngster retreating to air conditioning homes and arcades to play mindless, habit forming video games.

Okay, spring, time for you to step to the plate. I'm springing forward with all my time pieces. I understand I can now mix my green tie with my blue shirt and my black Hanna blazer (thanks, John & Jeff). I'm expecting you to salvage what has been a horrific winter for me. I'm expecting some light showers, not torrential deluges. If you please, only a few frosty

mornings. However, if you want to go all out I will take a late snow, but only if it sticks (for the kids you know).

Please, Mother Nature, I hope you don't think I'm complaining. Please convey my thoughts to your boss. Although I commiserate my plea to him a couple of times a day. If y'all can't work things out I'll take this 88th spring year in whatever way you see fit.

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.



Grandparents are special

A few days ago, my grandmother (known to all of us as "Mema") left this world and went home to live with Jesus. Although her passing is sad, and I will miss her more than life itself,



Katie Laughridge

I am comforted in knowing that she will live in the hearts of all who knew and loved her forever. Her legacy will never be forgotten. A wise person once said that "what you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." As I grow older and experience more of

what it means to be a mother, a wife, a daughter, a granddaughter, a teacher and a friend, I appreciate even more the powerful meaning behind these words. Through her daily example, Mema taught me that it's not the material wealth you acquire or the accolades and awards you win in life that matters, but instead it's how much love and kindness you are willing to give away to others that's important. The rest, she would say, will take care of itself.

While preparing for Mema's Celebration of Life service, many pleasant memories have resurfaced about the joyous times I spent with her over the past 33 years. I will always treasure the many times Mema and I spent in the kitchen making cookies. The memory is so vivid that it seems like only yesterday. We would make the biggest mess, and she would always let me eat the batter-even though I wasn't supposed to!

I also fondly recall having sleepovers at Mema's house with all nine of my cousins. Sometimes, when I became frightened during the night, Mema would come and lay down beside me until I fell asleep. If I was extra scared, she even let me sneak out of bed and eat a bowl of Raisin Bran with her. Occasionally I would fake it- just so I could spend a little special time with her. My 8-year-old-self thought that was the best thing ever! Mema loved her grandchildren. She thought it was so great to have everyone there at her house! Even with all the noise, the mess, the bickering and the constant "girl" drama- it never seemed to bother her one bit.

Now as a grown woman, I reminisce about all the fun times Mema had with my two girls. I will always treasure the many Saturday mornings we spent eating breakfast together at Mama Penn's and going with her to the library where she would sit and read books with my girls for hours. I will also never forget Mema's unique home-made Christmas gifts. She never had much money to buy expensive presents, but the love she wove into a scarf made of yarn was worth more than gold.

When it became obvious that Mema's time on this earth would soon be over, it was her last request that her family surround her during her final hours. Together we sang old hymns, read Bible verses, told stories of fond memories, expressed our love to her, and gave thanks to our Lord for her life.

Thank you, Mema, for your life and for sharing your love with our world. We love you! I pray I will never forget that it's really the "simple things" in life that are the most extraordinary. Grandparents are truly very special!

Doubts and fears when making career changes



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Years ago, individuals often remained in his/her workplace until retirement. Presently, individuals may stay in a typical job position for 4-6 years before making a change. In other words, over a decade, you can potentially expect to change positions or careers twice. This can be terrifying and challenging, yet also exciting and inviting. The biggest variable or factor holding someone back from changing is fear.

It is extremely common to have fear when making a change or transition. This fear can easily turn into inactivity, paralysis, and higher self-doubt. Focus on remembering that fear is a normal and natural part of any career change process. For example, you may fear failure, making a "bad" or "wrong" choice, not meeting others' expectations, or worry about the perceptions of others. Some may even fear success.

When fear takes your breath and movement away, consider the following:

1) What is the worst thing that could

happen? What comes next?

2) What do you gain by making a choice and taking a risk?

3) How could you make this decision or choice less risky?

4) What would you do if the worst-case scenario happened?

5) How would you break down a change into smaller steps? When could you take this step, and what would you need?

6) Ask yourself if the fear is rational or irrational. What is the likelihood of it becoming true? Is this an opinion or a fact?

7) Would you survive if the worst-case scenario happened? What would you do?

Another important reminder is that failure does not have to be negative; reframe disappointments and hurts as protection, new opportunities, clarity, etc. View it as feedback on ways to improve or become better. Embrace your failures and visualize success being right around the corner. You will find more satisfaction by living in the moment and not obsessing or dwelling on the "what ifs" and "what could go wrong" statements in your mind.

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NIBBLE & SIP

There are cocktails in those books

When I started this column, I introduced Nibble and Sip as an easy way to get together with friends on a Friday night: Shake up a cocktail, whip up an easy appetizer, and hang out for a couple of hours before people move along to a real dinner.

But nibbles and sips aren't just for Fridays. A delicious drink and snack would be appreciated at a bridesmaid's get-together, after a contentious HOA meeting, or amongst Little League parents. (But please, not before the game. Using your Liquid Courage to yell at an umpire will land you in jail or on YouTube.)

I think one of the best places for a nibble and sip is a book club. Adding food and drink to the mix makes the atmosphere a little more casual, and that may encourage members to offer their opinions more freely. Long considered a woman's domain, there are book clubs for men too. In Marin County, California, there's a club called, oddly enough, the Man Book Club that's been meeting since 2007. In Australia, there are Tough Guy Book Clubs that have been meeting around the country for almost a decade. There are also book clubs for couples. If you enjoy a good story, find a club to join or start one on your own.

One of the great things about serving a nibble and sip at a book club is that you have a built-in theme. If you're reading Amor Towles' "Rules of Civility," the story of a small-town girl thrust into New York's high society, you could set up a Bubbly Bar and serve Roasted Smashed Potatoes (December 26, 2019 edition). If you're reading Aravind Adiga's "The White Tiger," the story of a young Indian boy's rise to wealth and power, serve Chai Blossoms and Mumbai Sliders (January 9, 2020 edition).

A popular book among women's, men's, and couples' book clubs is Fredrik Backman's "A Man Called Ove." Ove is a grumpy, reclu-

sive Swede who rides roughshod over his neighborhood association until a young family

moves next door. Set in Sweden, it cries out for a Swedish nibble and sip. Toast Skagen are delicious little open-faced shrimp sandwiches, and to accompany them, an easy and delicious cocktail is the Kilsbergen Martini, which features Swedish vodka and the



Kim von Keller

flavors of forest fruits. You and your book club will be shopping for Saabs in no time.

Toast Skagen

6 slices of whole-grain bread
softened butter
1 pound cooked baby shrimp
3 T. mayonnaise
3 T. sour cream
1 T. chopped fresh dill
salmon caviar, optional

Lightly spread both sides of each bread slice with softened butter. In a skillet over medium heat, grill the bread slices until golden on both sides. Set aside to cool, and slice each bread slice in half diagonally.

In a mixing bowl, gently stir the shrimp, mayonnaise, sour cream, and dill until combined. Spoon on top of the grilled bread halves and top with salmon caviar, if desired. Serves 12.

Kilsbergen Martini

1 ½ oz. Absolut Kurant
½ oz. crème de cassis
¼ oz. fresh lemon juice

Add all ingredients to a cocktail shaker and fill with ice. Shake vigorously and strain into a martini glass. Serves 1.

HOT HITS

Coronavirus forces concert cancellations

By the time you are reading this it is likely that there have been even more cancellations,



Justin Tyme

restrictions, and all around disappointment due to the covid-19 virus. It's serious. Locally all events at arenas have been postponed. Who knows if these shows will ever get rescheduled. With

the price of concert tickets averaging about \$150 dollars its fair to say this is a huge deal for many Americans.

What was your first concert? Mine was Milli Vanilli, Young MC, and Sweet Sensation at the War Memorial Auditorium in Rochester, NY. My ticket cost \$22. I even had great seats! But now it costs \$22 for a beer and a hot dog., and another \$22 to park the car. My point is today people plan

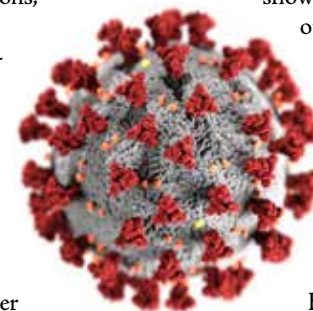
months even years in advance to go see a show. Many times they fly out of town to Miami or Vegas with the girls, or the brothers, or for a romantic weekend. All of that has come to a grinding halt.

Locally Jay Leno, The Zac Brown Band, and Adam

Sandler had to call off their

shows. In Atlanta Taylor Swift, Kenny Chesney, Green Day and BTS won't be performing for fans. If your first concert has been called off because of the virus keep your chin up. You saved a lot of money and hey at least your first concert wasn't Milli Vanilli. Stay safe. Wash your hands.

Justin Tyme can be heard on HOT 98.1 Saturdays and Sundays.



It'll change your life

As I watched the salesman pitch the nine-inch garden gnome, I listened in awe and wonder as the familiar phrase was uttered from



Neal Parnell

his mouth through my big screen speakers, "It'll change your life". Could this be true? Could a solar-powered garden gnome with glowing L.E.D. red eyes actually change my life? He continued to astonish me with the many mystical attributes of this can't

live without elf wannabe. According to this professor of gnomeology, trespassers, burglars, and even garden pests such as rabbits, squirrels, snakes, and deer could be repelled by the ever glowing eyes of your new little friend. But wait, there's more. This nine inches of techno-

logical tenacity also contains a motion-activated night vision camera with built-in speakers, so that you, that is to say, the gnome, can actually speak to the garden intruder from the safety of your kitchen window.

I was beginning to be brainwashed by the gnome selling guru, while the flashing text at the bottom of the screen said, only 500 left. Panic was setting in as I realized that everyone but me would have this prized piece of plastic plant protection. The pitchman became extremely animated as he explained that for five easy payments of twenty-nine ninety-nine, a box would arrive at my home, delivered free of charge within three days. With credit card in hand, I logged on to the site, and just as I was about to purchase with one easy click, I came to my senses, and suddenly realized, I don't have a garden, and the only thing in my life that would change would be my ever-decreasing bank account.

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Remember, kindness always matters

While I usually write about fashion trends and the hottest items on the runway, today I decided to take a different approach. I decided



Kristine March

to go a bit off topic and talk about bullying. It seems like it happens to everyone now. Children especially. Teenagers and adults are no exception to the routine. It's happened to all of us at some point, but in this day and age it's becoming even more intense. So much so that

it's almost dangerous to send our children to school.

We as adults that witness this should always take a stand. It's imperative that we don't just sit back and go about our day. I feel that some people in education just want to get the curriculum taught and go home. Can you blame them? They're underpaid, overwhelmed and overworked. (Which is a whole different article altogether that I could write). That being said, our innocent children are not telling anyone out of fear and some are even taking their own lives at the tender age of eleven and twelve years old. Some are even



younger than that which is unbearable to even type. Something has to be done. Schools need to monitor more. If they see it happening in the classroom, don't just let it happen. Have a meeting or an assembly with the entire grade. Talk to the guidance counselor. Get these bul-

lies the help they need and make sure it stops.

Education is important, yes, but the mental health of the youth in our country is in desperate need. Let's nip it in the bud before it gets worse. It can happen, if we just care a little more. Bullies have usually been abused

at home, mentally and physically. Adults can maybe give these children some extra love and care at school. Be a mentor for them and so on. We can slow down and make the time. These children are our future for crying out loud.

As The Beatles said it best, Come together. Help each other. Speak up. Train our youth about bullying. Set rules. No tolerance. No second or third chances. I'm an advocate and I will personally do all I can to make people aware.

If you are a parent or guardian make sure you ask your child questions after school. If they seem unusually moody or sad, something isn't right. Chances are they are harboring some trauma. Try your best to encourage them to talk before it gets to the point they may be physically assaulted at school. They never forget those mean or harsh comments that a bully may've said. Being physically harmed is just completely unacceptable. There are excellent websites where you can get information on bullying and if your student shows any signs of the listed traits, get something done about it right away. Remember, kindness always matters. Make an impact. Love one another.

PENDLETON BULLDOGS

Pendleton baseball team looking for first win

BY BRU NIMMONS

PENDLETON — After an up-and-down preseason, the Pendleton Bulldogs baseball team had a fruitless start to the regular season.

The Bulldogs traveled far in the preseason, going to Gilbert to face off against Aiken, Chesnee and Emerald in the Sandlapper Shootout in a series of matchups and going 1-1-1.

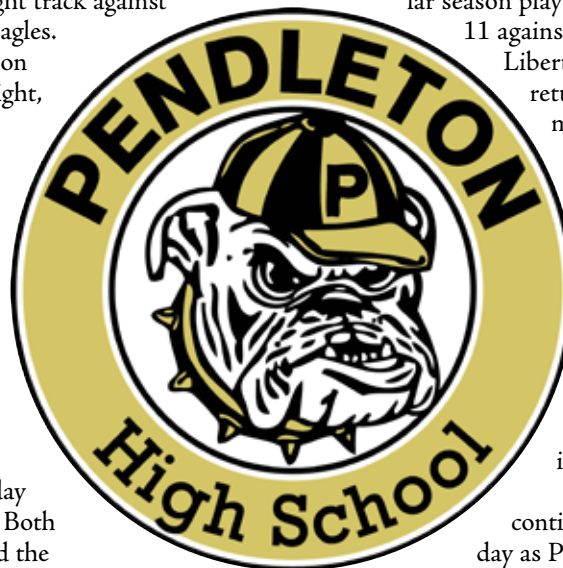
From there, Pendleton (0-4) opened the regular season in disappointing fashion, losing all four of its season-opening matchups.

The Bulldogs began the season facing off against the Emerald Vikings in the front end of a double-header. Pendleton fell behind early but took command of the game in the fourth inning when multiple errors and wild pitches allowed them to pull ahead. That lead didn't last, though, as a four-run seventh inning for Emerald gave the Vikings a 7-6 victory.

Right after the loss, the Bulldogs got back on the right track against the Chesnee Eagles.

Conner Simpson had a stellar night, going seven innings without giving up a run on the mound and going 3-of-4 in the batter's box in a 2-1 win.

Pendleton finished up tournament play the next day against Aiken. Both teams pounded the ball in the matchup, scoring seven runs apiece and leading to the game ending in a time limit tie.



The Bulldogs then began regular season play on March 11 against region foe Liberty.

Simpson returned to the mound for Pendleton and fared well in a pitchers duel against Liberty's Nick Miller before the Bulldogs ultimately came up short in a 3-0 loss.

The action continued the next day as Pendleton hosted Walhalla. A closely contested matchup, Pendleton managed to score three early runs despite having just three

hits to keep up with the Razorbacks, but a two-run seventh for Walhalla gave Pendleton a 6-3 loss.

Hoping to bounce back, the Bulldogs traveled to Liberty the following day for a rematch against the Red Devils. The Bulldogs picked up an early 3-1 lead in the first, but a comedy of errors allowed Liberty to get the lead and never look back in a 5-3 loss for Pendleton.

Pendleton finished out the week the next day, traveling to Walhalla for another rematch. The strain of four games in four days proved costly for the Bulldogs as they got smashed in a 13-2 loss.

It is unknown when or if the Bulldogs will return to action, as Gov. Henry McMaster announced Sunday that all public schools across the state will be closed through the end of the month.

Yellow Jackets win preseason tournament

BY BRU NIMMONS

ANDERSON — After two weeks of play, it's been an up-and-down season for the T.L. Hanna Yellow Jackets baseball team.

The Jackets (0-3) ended the preseason in impressive fashion, taking out the competition in the inaugural Shock City Invitational baseball tournament to win the championship.

Since then, though, it's been rough sledding for the Jackets with two tough losses to region foe Mann sandwiching a loss to Blythewood to keep them without a win as of press time.

The Jackets opened up tournament play on Feb. 28 against the Crescent Tigers. The Hanna staff threw a gem, with Brian Boone, Fletcher Cothran and Keifer Shore combining for a shutout, while shortstop Ross McCurley drove in three runs on a double to pick up a 6-0 win.

Not to be outdone, Shore, Meritt Cane and Jake Jones continued the stellar mound work the next day against

Southside Christian in a 10-0 win. McCurley also kept up his strong play, driving in a run while scoring four of his own in the win.

Things didn't go as well for Hanna in its next matchup against the Pickens Blue Flame on March 3. The Blue Flame shelled starter Carson Bacheller to the tune of four first-inning runs and the Hanna bats just couldn't answer, picking up just three hits in a 4-1 loss.

Despite the loss, the Yellow Jackets qualified for a spot in the championship game against Easley on March 6. Cold weather and harsh winds turned the game

into a pitchers duel, with Hanna picking up the 1-0 win despite not getting a single hit. Shore, Cothran and Boone had yet another dominant night on the mound, giving up just one hit combined, and great plate vision in the fourth for Hanna allowed them to get the game's only run on a bases-loaded walk.

"There's a lot of different ways to win baseball games," T.L. Hanna head coach Daniel Crenshaw said after the game. "Luckily tonight, we found a way to get a win without getting a hit. We took advantage of their pitchers not being able to hit the strike zone."

Off the heels of their championship win, the Jackets traveled to Greenville on March 10 to play J.L. Mann. The Jackets gained an early lead in the first when Tyler Ethington was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, but two late Mann runs proved costly in a 2-1 loss.

Hanna then moved on to host the Blythewood Bengals on March 12. The Jackets fell behind early as the Bengals feasted at the plate and never recovered in a 10-2 loss.

The Jackets tried to get back on track the next day in a home rematch against Mann. Shore gave up an early run for the Jackets, but the staff hunkered down to give up just three hits the rest of the way. That didn't matter, though, as the Jackets managed just one hit on the night in a 1-0 loss.

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WESTSIDE RAMS

After strong tourney, Rams struggle early

BY BRU NIMMONS

ANDERSON — Following a great showing in the inaugural Shock City Invitational, the Westside Rams baseball team has entered the regular season in a bit of a hole.

The Rams (0-4) had a great showing in the tournament, picking up three wins against a lone loss to Easley.

Easley continued its onslaught in the regular season, beating the Rams twice alongside two losses to Seneca to keep Westside winless early in the regular season.

The Rams opened up tournament play on Feb. 28 against Daniel. Jaden Cribb and Connor McGill came up big in the middle innings, with both securing doubles to get the Rams a 5-0 lead. That lead almost collapsed, though, as Daniel came alive late to make it a one-run game before the Rams worked their way out of the jam to gain a 6-4 victory.

Westside moved on to play Easley the following night, and the Green Wave shut down the Westside bats. The Rams only managed a single hit on the night as they fell in a 6-0 loss.

Bouncing back, the Rams took on the Seneca Bobcats in the tournament on March 3. A huge fifth inning for both teams saw Westside score five and Seneca score four in the closely contested game. With the Bobcats gaining on them, a seventh-inning run by Cribb

proved to be the difference in a 7-6 win.

The close contests continued on March 6 for Westside as they took on Southside Christian. The Rams fell behind early before an eight-run fifth inning put them ahead 8-6. Southside Christian stayed in it, scoring two runs in the sixth to even it back up. Needing a run for the win with one out in the bottom

of the seventh, McGill drove home Tristan Elgin to secure the 9-8 win for Westside.

The Rams then opened up the regular

season on March 10 at Easley. Nothing went right for Westside in the matchup, as they were shelled in a 17-0 loss that ended in five innings.

Westside hoped to bounce back against Seneca the following day, but continued its downslide in an 11-2 loss.

The Rams got one last chance against Easley two days later, but fell 5-0. Westside pitcher Ethan Barber fared well against the Green Wave early, but didn't get the support he needed in the batter's box, as the Rams got just one hit.

The Rams got another chance for revenge the next day against Seneca. Westside, however, kept up its trouble in the batter's box, scoring no runs in a 2-0 loss.

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