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## Sammy Moore: *A Change of Art*

By KAY WILLIS BURNS

When it comes to artistic ability, Sammy Moore believes that some people are born with it, while others develop it. But make no mistake, Sammy's gift of artistry was congenital.

"My love for art was pre-birth, I'm sure," Sammy explained. "It didn't take long for my artistic ability to manifest itself when I was growing up. One of my earliest memories was tearing up a leaf and using spit to piece it back together in the shape of an eagle on my Grandpa's car. So yeah, 'Spit Leaf Art' was born in 1982," laughed Sammy.

From the lipstick drawings hidden under his grandmother's coffee table, to building tall structures out of scrap wood, Sammy's world was always filled with art.

Sammy says art projects vary from the tiny to the towering. They can be as diverse as the ocean floor, and as broad as the ceiling of outer space. No boundaries.

"I love drawing stuff straight out of my head," says Sammy. "Like the picture of a giant rabbit capturing a little human under a cup. Or 'Gazebo,' the giant elderly monster with a little village strapped on his



back. Cool stuff!"

For a while, Sammy's dream was to have a cat-themed puppet TV show called "The Litter." It would be about a single cat dad living with a grandpa cat and a bunch of kittens. There would be sinister Siamese kittens next door and various special guests like Robo Hobo and Mr. Alien. "I started drawing the story board and making the puppets. It was a really good idea, but it was too much for one guy so I had to scale back and change gears," he said.

Then, Sammy kicked it into high gear. And that high gear became what he called junk art. With junk art, Sammy used parts from 25-30 vacuum cleaners to create a robot sculpture that was hunched over in an action pose, but was still 7 feet, 5 inches tall. It was a major project that took nine months to build. Sammy likened that process to giving birth, and he named his robo baby, Chamber. When the robot debuted outside on Peachtree Street in Anderson, it appeared to neighbors that the goliath, transformer-like creature was signaling the end of times.

What came next involved a little dumpster diving. Sammy began collecting the clear, hard plastic sleeves for circuit board components at his job. "I started experimenting with them and made an enormous set of arms and hands. Naturally, the arms and hands needed a body. And then the idea hit me — I will make him an angel.

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# Community champions help raise awareness for Meals On Wheels

Meals on Wheels will welcome Community Champions Rep. Jonathon Hill, County Councilman Craig Wooten, County Councilwoman Grace Floyd and County Councilman Tommy Dunn this week to prepare or deliver meals in honor of the 2019 March for Meals Community Champions Week.

Across the country this week, Meals on Wheels programs have enlisted elected officials, local celebrities and other prominent figures to deliver meals, speak out for seniors and raise awareness for the power of Meals on Wheels.

Meals on Wheels - Anderson Executive Director Laurie Ashley, states, "It is our pleasure to welcome local elected officials to Meals on Wheels this week. Every elderly and disabled homebound resident of Anderson County deserves the opportunity to be cared for through the delivery of a hot meal and the attention of a caring volunteer. We appreciate each of the Community Champions who will lend their voices and hands to raising awareness of senior hunger and isolation."

The annual March for Meals commemorates the historic day in

March 1972 when President Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older. Since 2002, Meals on Wheels programs from across the country have joined forces for the annual awareness campaign to celebrate this successful public-private partnership and garner the support needed to fill the gap between the seniors served and those still in need.

"We commend all of our 2019 Community Champions for stepping up in support of Meals on Wheels," said Ellie Hollander, President and CEO of Meals on Wheels America. "With 12,000 Americans turning 60 each day, now is the time to invest in these vital programs so that we can provide every senior in need with the nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks that will enable them to live healthier and independent in their own homes."

For more information on how to volunteer, contribute or speak out for the seniors in Anderson County this March, visit [www.acmow.org](http://www.acmow.org)

Meals on Wheels - Anderson is dedicated to facing senior hunger and

isolation. Meals on Wheels recipients are characterized by the inability to access food and physical or mental disabilities preventing them from preparing food for themselves. They live alone or with another disabled person. Most are 65 and older but those younger than 65 who are disabled, homebound and unable to access food are also eligible.

Volunteers, numbering over 80 each weekday, pack meals and drive 40 routes as they reach out to their neighbors. They offer more than a meal, as their smile and greeting help alleviate the isolation that so many seniors face. The safety, well-being and overall health of recipients are positively affected by their participation in Meals on Wheels and the relationships that develop between volunteers and recipients.

The primary objectives of the program are the feeding of as many of the elderly and/or disabled homebound in Anderson County as funding allows and the pursuit of additional resources to increase our reach in the community to all who need Meals on Wheels. Currently hot meals are delivered to approximately 400 recipients each weekday.

## Art

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"Eventually people in my workplace stopped throwing the plastic sleeves away and gave them to me. When the angel was all finished, he was 9 feet tall and his wing span was over 18 feet wide. He was enormous! Everyone at the art show seemed to really like him. He's all dismantled and tucked away under my parents' house now. Maybe he'll rise again one day."

After that, Sammy decided to go out on the streets of downtown Anderson and do caricature art. "I called my business 'Cartoon You'. I had a little sign and everything. It was fun! I got to draw a lot of people and it was always such a thrill for me to turn the page around and let them see their picture. Some would laugh, some would hug their friends and cackle, others were amazed and thanked me while whipping



Sammy Moore

out their wallets and giving me a nice tip! I'm so thankful that God gave me a way to share my art with others." Sammy is also thankful for those young days of boredom. That boredom was the fuel for imagination, the catalyst



An original drawing by Anderson artist Sammy Moore.

for creativity. "I'm thankful for not being chained to someone else's creativity," said Sammy. "Looking back on my younger, summer days trapped inside during the rain ... there was always something that could come out of nothing. I think

everyone has a spark of creativity. Somehow, somewhere it's there. The question for everyone is, 'What's inside of you?' 'What's in there that must be refined and released?' So be free, be forgiving, be patient. Find your medium, find your niche, and let it out!"

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FROM THE STATEHOUSE WITH REP. ANNE THAYER

## The latest: Baby, budget, ports and Panthers

The BIG NEWS this week is that we had our first grandbaby. It is a beautiful little boy with a head full of hair, named Lochlan Thomas Edmondson. For the women, he was 20 1/2" long and weighed a whopping 8 lbs, 15 ozs.

Although the baby is named, my husband Mark and I are having difficulty finding that grandparent name by which we will be called. Feel free to Facebook any suggestions.

The other news is the South Carolina State House passed its version of the budget. Unlike the House of Representatives in Washington DC, your SC House of Representatives knows it's responsible to you to pass a state budget that is balanced and spend your tax dollars on meaningful and important priorities. Our goal was to protect taxpayers as we focused



Rep. Anne Thayer

on the core functions of state government. Not only does the budget not increase taxes, our version of the budget actually provides tax relief in the form of a rebate for everyone who pays income tax. Don't spend that rebate yet because it still has to pass the Senate.

'Budget Week' is rather grueling; Tuesday's debate alone extended to more than 15 hours. With a General Fund balance of \$8.7 million to appropriate, we successfully sent the 2019-2020 budget to the Senate with only one "nay" vote. The highlights:

- \$160 million to provide every teacher a pay raise, helping to ensure we recruit and retain the very best teachers.

- \$50 million for high-poverty school districts to use for building renovations and upgrades.

- \$20 million for new and improved textbooks and instructional for our schools.

- \$10 million to hire 120 more school-resource officers for schools that cannot afford them.

- \$41 million to raise state employee salaries.

- \$49.7 million to cover state employee health and dental insurance increases.

- \$40 million to upgrade voting machines

- Once again defunded Planned Parenthood (the courts will decide eventually).

In his budget request to Congress, President Trump included \$138 million to continue dredging Charleston Harbor. It's great to have a president who understands the

importance of the economic engine that the ports represent to SC. Our state has already contributed \$300 million for this dredging project, which will allow the largest container ships in the world to easily utilize the Charleston Port.

Lastly, there is more good news for South Carolina. The Carolina Panthers are working on a deal to move their NFL team's headquarters and training facilities out of Charlotte and into South Carolina. This would be a huge economic win for our state that would drive hundreds of millions of dollars into our economy. At a Statehouse news conference, Gov. McMaster announced they are working on an incentives package and also working with SCDOT to provide infrastructure improvements for the Rock Hill and York County areas.

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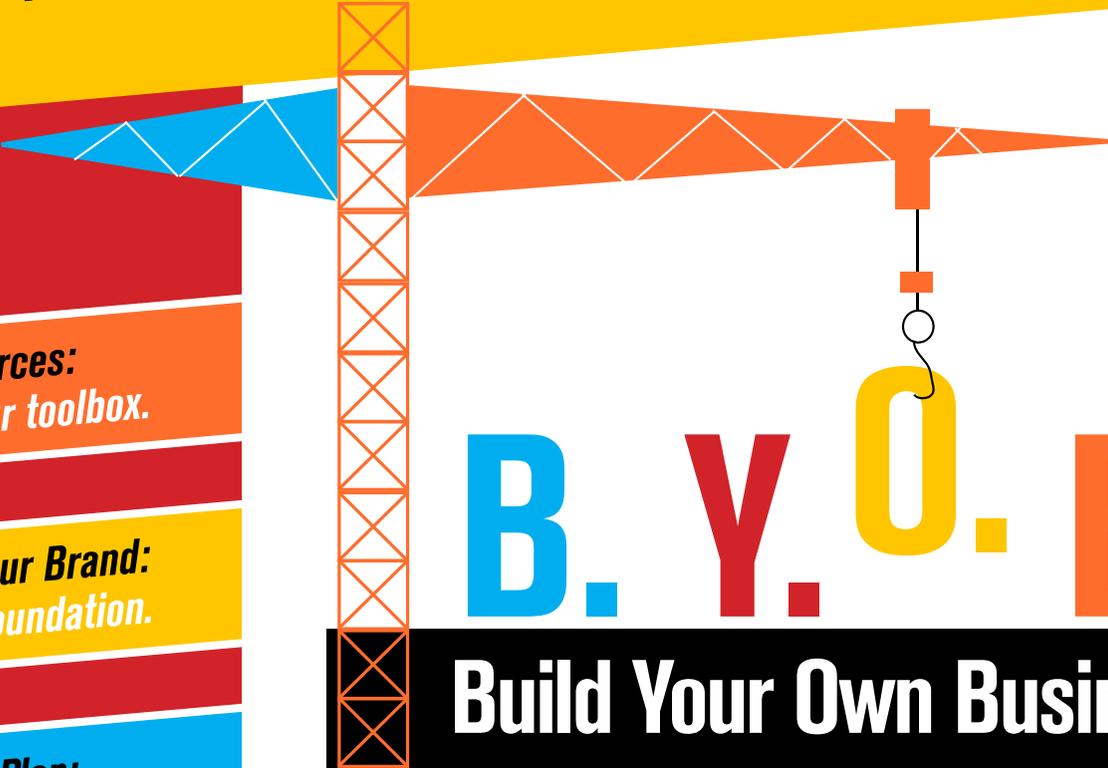
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# Sam's Curb Market treats customers like family

By Kim von Keller

If you've lived in Anderson for any time at all, you're probably familiar with Sam's Curb Market. It's been in the Chasteen family for three generations, and a fourth generation is now making an appearance.

Paul Brown, of The Life FM's "Conversations with Paul Brown" recently sat down with Marty Chasteen and his mother, Teresa, to learn about the market, its history, and why everyone loved the bologna.

**Paul:** Marty, how did Sam's Curb Market get started?

**Marty:** My grandfather borrowed money from his father to get the market started. He'd just always wanted to own a store. This is actually the third building we've been in on Sayre Street.

**Paul:** When did your dad take over?

**Marty:** When my grandfather felt led to preach, he retired. My dad had always worked at the store, so he just took over.



Sam's Curb Market offers fresh seafood and produce and is located at 603 Sayre Street in Anderson.

**Paul:** When did you start working here?

**Marty:** I started when I was 11. I would ride with them to farmers markets and watch them buy produce.

**Paul:** And now your son works here!

**Marty:** He's in the 11th grade and works weekends and holidays like I used to.

**Paul:** Teresa, when did you come into the picture?

**Teresa:** I was living in Columbus, Georgia, when my

dad started driving for Dow Badische here. Sammy lived right across the street. There really were fireworks when we met because we went to some friends' house and shot fireworks! When we got married, I'd come to the market at closing and play checkers with Grandpa. Eventually, I started working here.

**Paul:** What was it like, having two children and running the market?

**Teresa:** One of us would work nights and one of us would

work days, so we would switch off, taking care of the kids. My daughter used to come to the store and shove peanuts in her pocket. When she napped, she'd eat her peanuts in the bed!

**Paul:** Marty, what makes the market different?

**Marty:** Except for the grocery stores, we're the only fresh seafood market in town. We get whole catfish, mullet, croaker, porgies, spots, and black bass. We have fish filets, shrimp, scallops, and oysters. Our customers are regulars, and we know what they like. We also have old-fashioned stick bologna that we slice with a knife. It makes a pretty good sandwich!

**Teresa:** I make a bologna omelet with cheese and onions. It's good!

**Paul:** Teresa, I hear you make a special trip for one product.

**Teresa:** They used to make Buffalo Rock Ginger Ale in Belton, but now it's made in Alabama. The problem is that

they don't ship it to South Carolina. When I go to Mama's in Columbia, I buy a load. It's a sipper, though, not a gulper, and you can only get it at Sam's Curb Market.

**Paul:** How about produce?

**Teresa:** Marty goes to the market in Columbia and brings it back. We have turnip greens, cabbage, sweet potatoes, peanuts, and more.

**Paul:** I know the market keeps you busy, Marty, but I hear you're a talented artist.

**Marty:** Ever since I picked up a crayon, I've been drawing on something. It's mostly comic-style. My art teachers thought I should pursue it, and I had a scholarship to Anderson College, but I went into the family business instead.

**Teresa:** The market is our life. It pays the bills, but more than that, our customers are our family. We know all about them, and they know all about us. It's a very special place.



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Today Ben and one of those groomsmen, Jeff Plotner, have an operation that honors artisan techniques, distinctive style and the spirit of the South — making their creations available to others who won't settle for ordinary accessories.

Brackish is redefining tradition while crafting memorable yet personal pieces for the modern man's closet. In their Charleston production base, they have fine-tuned their process and expanded designs in order to make a lasting impact on the wardrobes of many with one-of-a-kind works of art.

Every tie is handcrafted in South Carolina by a team of 50 artisans and production assistants. And because every single feather is hand selected, no two Brackish bow ties are exactly alike. Every tie is a sustainable work of art.

This small local business puts painstaking effort into its products and prides itself on genuine, intricate detail not found in mass production.



# Bullies are created, not born

By Mary-Catherine McClain Riner

Altruism, paying it forward, and random acts of kindness lead to powerful and positive emotional, cognitive, and physical benefits. To thrive in this performance driven and victimized society, children and adolescents need more "warm and fuzzy" praises to promote a well-rounded and balanced well-being.

Research continually and consistently shows that kindness changes the brain (and releases endorphins), and that kindness is most developed when it is talked about, demonstrated, and felt personally. Pro-social behavior further fuels compassion that naturally fosters positive behavior and authentic and naturally rewarding friendships. This kindness can be taught at the home, school, neighborhood, city, and societal level — everyone can play an active role.

### FOR CHILDREN:

- Use humor to defuse a bully
- Walk away and demonstrate assertive behavior
- Recruit a buddy or pal to be with you in uncomfortable situations
- Tell an adult or someone you trust; talk about it
- Call the Childline or visit [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)
- Document encounters or episodes of bullying, whether saving photos, text messages, videos, snap chats, etc.
- Do not retaliate, as this could lead to more consequences or harm
- Be kind to yourself and other people



MARY-CATHERINE McCLAIN RINER

### FOR PARENTS:

- Promote self-confidence and encourage assertive dialogue
  - Ask your children how relationships with peers/friends are at school/in the neighborhood
  - Children are often ashamed of being targeted at school, do not be afraid to bring up bullying behavior
  - Monitor social media accounts
  - Model positive and healthy relationships at home
  - Invite their friends over for sleepovers or to participate in activities at the house
  - Intervene when necessary; talk to other parents, school administrators, teachers, and at home
  - Reduce aggressive TV exposure
  - Encourage sports, extracurricular activities, and other group outlets to develop more social connections and overall social competencies
- The takeaway is that the key for reducing bullying behavior is teaching kindness and practicing compassion — across multiple contexts and with multiple people.

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THE GARDEN SHOP

# Learning the temperament of Lenton Roses

By Susan Temple

Continuing last article's theme of Lenton Roses, it seems to be a great year for them. Maybe it's all the rain.

Lenton roses are great for shady areas. Most flowers nod, so planting on a hill or a raised area of the garden like a retaining wall, etc., where they could be seen from below would be great. I've heard of gardeners cutting the foliage off so flowers can be seen better. My to-do list would never be caught up enough for such. But the foliage does get sort of ragged looking sometimes.

When I first bought my land I made the big, big mistake of planting two Empress trees (*Paulownia tomentosa*). I killed one soon after planting it when I learned what an invasive monster they are. If you ever notice a tree with huge heart shaped leaves growing in the cracks of buildings downtown, that's an Empress tree. The other Empress tree had



SUSAN TEMPLE master gardener

grown fast enough in a year or so to provide shade for azaleas and lenton roses planted under it. However, I bit the bullet and cut it down.

This mistake also taught me how resilient lenton roses are. Their first summer in full sun cooked them and I was sure they were dying a slow death. By mid-summer, I ran over the whole patch with the lawnmower. In the fall, as weather cooled, the foliage came back. It was lushly green and thicker than before. My thoughts were: if they bloomed good; if not, at least the foliage was pretty. The azaleas were also struggling and the lenton rose foliage helped the patch look better, at least. That fall an Autumn Flame maple



A patch of lenton roses grows well in the shade.

tree was planted and I hoped everything could hang on until it started providing shade. Come winter, the lenton roses bloomed wonderfully. I was very surprised. Five years later, most of the azaleas have survived and the lenton rose patch is bigger and prettier than ever. However, I in no way suggest to plant lenton roses in the sun. Plant them under an oak tree where lots of things won't grow.

Lenton roses (*Helleborus*

*orientalis*) will probably be the most common type seen in garden centers. They can be pricey but will reseed and multiply. Fancier varieties will have a higher price. If you have a friend who grows them, they probably have some to share. Larger divisions are probably better. Little babies will be under the bigger plants but I've found these are harder to transplant. The big ones are going to most likely pout too. They can be left to get over it on their own



The Bears Foot variety of lenton roses.

accord or the foliage can be cut back.

I've found new hybrid types like Pink Frost (*Helleborus x ballardaie*) don't fare so well. If you try (and succeed) to grow Bears Foot (*Helleborus foetidus*), commonly called stinking helleborus, more power to you. Foliage and flowers are different. Their temperament is too. These are on the "Not Going To Try Anymore" list. I've failed enough.

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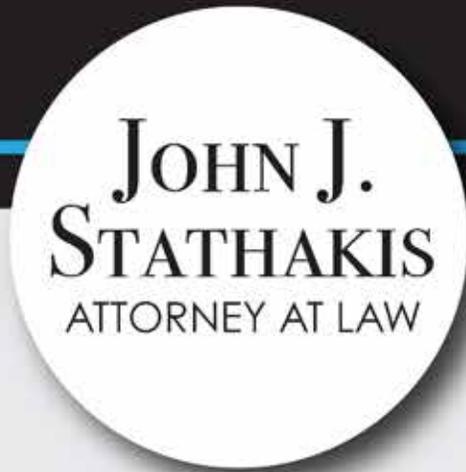


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# A night on the town

As my lovely wife Joyce was approaching her 20 3/4 birthday (leap year baby), I felt it was incumbent that I give her a night on the town.

She has been low maintenance during the 60-plus years of our marriage, and after all, she had a \$20 gift certificate from Sullivan's Met Grill. Dressing semi-casual, as we didn't want to appear too ostentatious when we strolled into Sullivan's on our spiffy canes, (you've heard of a two car family, we're a two cane family), we left for our destination at a stylish 6 p.m.

Turning right at the stop light at the hospital, I experienced mild consternation that we were 7th in line. I nervously remarked to my L.W., "I hope all these people aren't going downtown!"

As we prepared to turn left on Main, we were now 8th in



**JIM FRASER**

line, as a Cadillac Escalade had cut me off from my valued 7th spot. "Hey," I sputtered as the cortege of cars turned into a caravan. "Don't you people know it's Thursday? You gotta work tomorrow!"

Passing Shucks and the headquarters of The Electric City News, it began to dawn on my limited reasoning powers that a spot to deposit our Camry was going to be limited indeed. From Summa Joe's to the police station there were no spaces on the right. Circling the station, we checked the other side, nada. Taking a right, we circled the historic courthouse and made a

sortie by Sullivan's. Same result. Indeed, the traffic was so horrific, that while taking a left on a green we sometimes had to wait on 4-5 cars to pass. After about 8 sorties by Sullivan's — which was not all bad, after all, what's so bad about riding through downtown Anderson, while chauffeuring a child bride while listening to a Sinatra tape? — we decided to give up.

Finally, as I was thinking about the 2 for \$5 fish special at Arby's, the L.W. chimed, "Let's check that handicapped space back at Summa Joe's."

"Really, Honey," I disdainfully replied, "that was an hour ago."

Dutifully, I accelerated towards Summa Joe's and there it was in all it's glory: Main Street's only vacant parking space. But it's across the street. Should I u-turn? No, better not, one of Jim Stewart's finest is sure to

catch me and wreck a salvageable evening. Turning left on Orr, I did my best Cale Yarborough impression and careened right on Murray, right on Tribble and right again on Main. I blew the doors off the Camry and it was still there in pristine wonder, the vaunted parking space.

We casually strode into Summa Joe's as if it were our first choice, and knew forthright we had made the right choice. How better to celebrate one's birthday than to table hop among friends, which the birthday girl did. From Penny and Gladys Sullivan to Amy Lyles and Richard O'Leary and their family and on to Phyllis and Duane Loftis, Madison and one of her many boyfriends. Billy and Margaret Dillard joined us in our booth.

Our birthday repast consisted of seared scallops and an

all American pizza. We always split our meals, we're children of the Depression Era. Miracles continued to rain down on us as my good buddy, Duane, stood for our tab.

Driving home I said to my L.W., "You know hon, I feel a little guilty spending no money on your birthday."

"OK," she answered, "if it will assuage your parsimony, stop by Krispy Kreme and get me a dozen glazed doughnuts."

So there you have it, Dear Reader, my lovely low maintenance wife cost me a grand total of \$7.28 for a splendid birthday celebration.

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



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# Regarding the comma, the war is real

By Kim von Keller

**TRIGGER WARNING:** What you are about to read may be extremely disturbing. If you are a writer, editor, English teacher, or punctuation nerd, proceed at your own risk.

I'd like to tell you a true story. Recently, my husband, daughter, and I were travelling from Atlanta to Spartanburg on I-85.

Traffic was light. We had a family-size bag of Snyder's of Hanover Hot Buffalo Wing Pretzel Pieces, the one true snack food.

We even agreed on all the same songs on iTunes. In other words, it was a perfect trip.

We were right outside of Greenville when a recently divorced friend called to give us some news.

"I'm finally ready to get back in the dating game," she said, "and I'm using Match.com, eharmony, and Bumble. I've been talking to someone, and he wants to meet! We're trying to decide between a wine bar, a coffee shop, or a fro-yo place. I'm really excited



Kim von Keller

because he's the only one so far who has met my conditions."

"Your what?" we said.

"My conditions; you know, my deal-breakers, the things we have to agree on before we go any further."

"That's great!" we said. "And what are your conditions?"

"There are three," she said. "One, what are your political affiliations; two, are you allergic to dogs; and three, how do you feel about the Oxford comma?"

The conversation meandered from there to movies, family, and vacation plans. After we disconnected, my husband said, "Well, I'm glad she's met someone, but why even ask about the Oxford comma? Nobody uses that."

"What do you mean?" our daughter screeched. "The Oxford comma is sacred! You HAVE to use it! It's wrong NOT to use it!"

When writing about the Oxford comma, you use a lot of capital letters, exclamation points, and raw emotion.

If you're primarily a numbers person, I will remind you that the Oxford, or serial, comma is the one that's used before the conjunction in a list of three or more words or phrases. I am also a proponent of the Oxford comma. In case you didn't notice, I've used it seven times in this story already. Not everyone uses it, however, and if you google "Oxford comma," you'll find 8,950,000 search results. The war is real.

"Turn the music off!" my daughter screamed. "It's like I don't even know you."

I had to agree with her. I have known my husband for 38 years, and I thought I knew him well. The last time I learned anything

new about him was around 1997, when he told me that he really liked almond-flavored things. I continued driving quietly, though, as this seemed like a battle for which she was prepared.

"There is never any need to use the Oxford," he said, "because the conjunction takes the place of the last comma. Just look at this." He pulled a pad and pen from the center console and wrote, "I packed my toothbrush, toothpaste and floss. I went to France, England and Spain."

"See?" he said. "I didn't use the Oxford, and there is no misunderstanding."

She took the pen and pad and wrote, "I love my parents, Ariana Grande and Cap'n Crunch."

"I didn't use the Oxford," she said, "and there's a BIG misunderstanding, unless you want to hand over your Crunch Berries."

And it's Elizabeth —and the Oxford — for the win.

## HOT HITS

# Highlights from the 2019 iHeart Music Awards

By Justin Tyme

Last year, the very first article I wrote in The Electric City News was about Ella Mai. I knew she was going to be a huge performer.

Last week, at the iHeartRadio Music Awards, Ella Mai took home three awards including R&B artist of the year. The awards show was broadcast live on FOX and on iheart radio stations across the country. It was hosted by "The Masked Singer" T-Pain.

Women performers dominated as winners — Alicia Keys won the innovator award, presented by Jamie Foxx; Halsey received the Fangirls award for her activism and her social media platform; Taylor Swift, who was shut out of the Grammys, won an



Justin Tyme

award for Concert Tour of the Year; and Cardi B, who had been nominated for 13 awards, walked away with Hip Hop Artist of the Year.

The final award of the night was presented to Zedd, Maren Morris, & Grey for their song "The Middle" which won both Song of the Year and Dance Song of the Year.

One male did represent and that would be Garth Brooks, who won Artist of the Decade.

If you missed the awards show, it's available on demand.

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# The secret life of local genealogical society

By Rich Otter

The public must be aware of a semi-secret organization functioning in our community. It is the Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society. Sounds innocent enough, but don't be fooled.

It operates from a 40' by 30' control center crammed with files, maps, four computers and books dedicated to all elements of our county and region. There are a number of women, many deceptively appearing to be in their 70s and 80s, collecting reams of information about your ancestors. The primary culprits working day in and day out (and this investigative reporter is not afraid to name names) are: Shirley Phillips, President of the Society, administrator and researcher; Sue Brewer, Publications; and Sue Sears, Research Coordinator. But there are a number of others who may be encountered including Linda Rogers, Mary Burgess, Joyce Gibson and Ona Glen.

Their operation is secreted behind the Anderson Visitor Center (a brilliant cover) in the Arts Center Warehouse

## IFYOU GO

**What:** Anderson County Chapter of the SC Genealogical Society  
**When:** Open Tues. - Thurs., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
**Where:** The Carolyn Duncan Research Center in the Arts Center Warehouse, 110 Federal Street, Anderson, SC 29625

near the Farmers Market.

They are not alone in their activities. All too frequently, computer expert Ted Burgess can be seen slipping in as well as vice president and researcher Gary Farmer. Perhaps most dangerous is what spies refer to as a mole, Kay Burns, who surreptitiously circulates in the community and even writes a genealogy segment in *The Electric City News* to entice eager genealogy researchers to seek help.

Communications are delivered like radio messages to the French underground during WWII by Dot Turpin transmitting emails, often several times a week, to members advising of meetings where information can be

collected about similar activities from around the state and even across the waters in Georgia.

The researchers receive requests from all over the United States as well as abroad to trace ancestor information while contributing family information that continues to swell the thousands of files and books in the Society's packed stacks and cabinets

The telephone rings constantly with questions about ancestors and visitors appear seeking help, to be taught procedures for their own research, or to report what they have discovered. Most become members. That further extends the tentacles of the organization. There is a constant effort to recruit help for the overtaxed volunteers who are serving gratuitously, dedicated to the cause.

Yes, there is important information disclosed. Recently a recorded instrument was discovered while assisting a gentleman (his identity must be protected) whose great-grandfather had purchased his wife from her mother for \$1,250 in Tennessee — certainly incriminating information in this day

and age. Countless situations have been discovered where otherwise respectable citizens have been found to have had confederate ancestors. Would they be subject to elimination along with monuments?

A great risk of genealogical discovery is that people may learn actions taken in their historical perspective were not known to be intentional perpetrations of evil. They may represent a reflection of their times, of traditions, of religious teachings, or the then level of scientific knowledge. These are not now acceptable justifications.

So don't be fooled by these nice, seemingly helpful workers at the center. Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday mornings of each week they stand ready to dig into the depths of your family history with vigor and expose whatever they can find. Once you start down the genealogy trail there is no turning back. It is an addiction, intentionally perpetuated by these people. Next thing you know, you may even spiral into the depths of DNA analysis.

## CRESCENT HIGH SCHOOL ART STUDENTS

### Junior Tamela Jernigan



"Art is a way for me to express the things that go on in my head that I can't say out loud," said Tamela.

"She is never afraid to develop her personal style even with previously unexplored mediums," says her art teacher Kyunga Hill.

### Senior Kaz Pettus



"For me, art is an outlet for my imagination and a way for me to express all of my interests that have little content already created for it," says Kaz.

Art teacher Kyunga Hill said, "Kaz continuously draws in her sketchbook, developing new characters or re-imagining old ones."

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# Create the space and they will come

By Katie Laughridge

*"Fill your house with stacks of books in all the crannies and all the nooks."* – Dr. Seuss

As the infamous and wise Dr. Seuss states



Katie Laughridge

in his own uniquely poetic style, nothing gives a child a better head-start in life than fostering within them a love for books and reading. While we as parents know this to be true, it is sometimes challenging to provide an

enjoyable environment that encourages our children to experience the excitement and fulfillment that reading can provide. If you are searching for an effective resolution to this common dilemma, the solution may be easier than you think! A great place to start is to create within your home a cozy, comfortable and entertaining reading nook that will make reading a fun and adventurous activity. Without even knowing it, your child will quickly fall in love with the wondrous world of literature and will soon be begging you to buy him more and more books to read!

Getting started is easy. The following are three simple steps that will help you to create the perfect reading nook for your home:

## A cozy seat to snuggle up in

Creating a cozy place for your child to settle in with a good book is an essential part of any reading nook. A few suggestions for providing cozy "kid-friendly" seating include beanbag chairs, furry rugs, foot stools and pillows. Also, since all kids love small, unique "hide-away" spaces, consider creating a reading nook in an unusual space—such as under a stair case or in the middle of a main room with teepees and bean bags!

## A smart book display

It is important to choose books that are colorful, creative and enticing for little eyes, as well as easy for small children to grab off the shelf. To accomplish this, it is essential to think beyond a "traditional" book shelf! One great idea is to utilize a book rail or newspaper rack, which will make book covers come alive — and will not take up much space. Another idea is to use a library cart in place of a book shelf (i.e. the IKEA Raskog Cart is available on Amazon.com). If you're into do-it-yourself projects, try creating a book crate by adding legs to an old dresser drawer. It makes looking for books easy to find and flip through for little hands!



## Natural sunlight or creative lighting

Natural lighting is great, but if your reading nook location doesn't have windows nearby, fun and functional lighting can be provided in other imaginative ways. For example, a bendable clip-on book light can be attached to a variety of surfaces, or you may prefer to hang a creative chandelier to add to the nook's unique character. A personal favorite of mine is using repurposed holiday lights, or bigger hanging bulbs, to make a reading corner feel extra special. White holiday lights are inexpensive and are super easy to drape over a door opening, the top of a tent, or the perimeter of a window.

For babies and toddlers who have a hard time sitting still in a reading nook, a good solution is to put a variety of board books into plastic baskets (i.e. available at your local Walmart) and then place the baskets in strategic locations around the house. This idea worked great for my two girls when they were little. With a basket of books located in every room of my house, they loved to crawl to each location and grab out books to hold and look at. When they were a little older, the girls found joy and amusement in dumping the entire basket of books out on the floor! Even though they weren't exactly "reading" the books, the important thing is that they considered the books interesting and fun to play with. Eventually, as play-time led to curiosity about the pictures and words on each page, they started handing the books to me — begging me to sit down and read to them for hours!

Someone once said, "If you create the space, they will come." I have witnessed this concept proven true many times over with my students, as well as with my own children. I encourage you to try it, you'll be glad you did! Keep reading, friends!

# Leadership Anderson Class 35 announces public campaign to build first tiny home

On Thursday, March 7, the 29 members of Leadership Anderson Class 35 announced the public campaign to build the first "tiny home" in the City of Anderson. The announcement occurred at Toast 'N Topics, an event sponsored by the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce and hosted at Anderson University.

The tiny home will be constructed on a quarter-acre vacant lot at 308 E Street, Anderson, SC purchased by Leadership class members using architectural plans commissioned by the class members and recently approved by the City of Anderson.

This new construction will be notable, as it will be the first new construction in the "alphabet streets," as they are colloquially known, in many decades. Anderson County officials confirmed there has been no new construction in the area since its Building & Codes department was founded in 1985. City officials also confirmed there has been no new construction in recent memory in the area.

Class members said the project is one of the most ambitious annual "class projects" Leadership Anderson has taken on since the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce established the leadership development program in 1984. Class members said they hoped tiny home would serve as a model to inspire a community-wide movement towards the adequate, affordable housing desperately needed for the revitalization without gentrification of former mill neighborhoods across Anderson County. City of Anderson Chief Building Official Alan Eklund has signed off on the architectural plans, a general contractor has been secured,

and a Memorandum of Understanding with The LOT Project to take over the home has been signed.

Leadership Anderson is now reaching out to the local community to raise the approximately \$75,000 worth of materials and labor needed to complete the project. The class is aiming to raise funds by the end of April and complete construction by June. The class has created a website where interested individuals, organizations, and corporations can learn more and donate online at [andersontinyhome.com](http://andersontinyhome.com).

Checks (made payable to Foothills Community Foundation with "LA35 Tiny Home" in the memo) may also be mailed to Leadership Anderson Tiny Home Fund, c/o Foothills Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1228, Anderson, SC 29622.

The class will be facilitating opportunities for permanent recognition for significant contributions.

Leadership Anderson, founded in 1984, is a 10-month leadership development program devoted to strengthening and dedicating our community leaders. More than 800 local leaders have graduated from the program and continue their commitment to the growth, development and prosperity to Anderson County.

The LOT Project, based on Market Street in downtown Anderson, opens its doors multiple times per week to give away a meal and bag of clothing to those who need it. They strive to "provide a platform for the body of Christ to love, pursue, and provide for the least of these."

## ANDERSON UNIVERSITY TO HOST CALVARY ARTS FESTIVAL

Anderson University and its South Carolina School of the Arts is hosting an event in support of Calvary Home for Children, a non-profit that provides help for abused and neglected children.

The student-organized event takes place on the Anderson University campus on Saturday, March 23, from 12-4 p.m.

The fundraiser will include free live entertainment, including performances from Authenticity, Anderson University's student vocal group, along with AU student-produced theatre performances. Artists from AU and the greater Anderson community are selling their crafts, with 50 percent of the profits being donated to Calvary Home for Children.

## Roberts honored by foundation

Foothills Community Foundation honored Danielle K. Roberts as the 2018 recipient of the Robert M. Rainey Philanthropy Award at a luncheon on March 10 at Anderson University.

The award is named for Robert Rainey, who served the foundation as president from 2001 until December 2016 and has played an instrumental role in numerous philanthropic initiatives.

Guests enjoyed an observance of the foundation's 20th anniversary as a charitable entity. Remarks by Sally Marshall, daughter of founder William Law Watkins, and Gloria Duryea, granddaughter of founding board chairman Cordes Seabrook, provided insight into the inspiration and motivation of those visionary leaders. Founding Board Member Fred Foster offered his personal recollections of early efforts in 1999 to establish a community foundation.

Dr. Marshall L. Meadors, III, the inaugural recipient of the Rainey Award, conferred the honor to Roberts, whose family and friends were in attendance.

Roberts is the driving force



Danielle K. Roberts, second from left, was the recipient of the Rainey Philanthropy Award from the Foothills Community Foundation. She is pictured with husband, Jeff, and daughters Caroline (left) and Catherine (right).

behind Sol Flowers, an annual fundraiser that transforms a parcel of rural acreage off of Highway 81 into a field of sunflower. Sales of sunflowers fund the Sol Flowers Fund at Foothills Community Foundation. Grants from Sol Flowers have assisted Safe Harbor, Calvary Home for Children, the Haven of Rest, AIM, Foothills Alliance and other area charitable organizations. Watch for updates on the progress of this summer's crop

of sunflowers on Facebook at SolFlowersAndersonSC.

Roberts is a native of Birmingham, Alabama, but grew up in the Anderson/Pendleton area. She graduated from Pendleton High School and Lander College with a BS in Business Administration. Her family includes husband, Jeff, and their three children — 2nd Lt. Al Roberts of Ft. Bragg, NC; Catherine Roberts of Charlotte, NC; and Caroline Roberts of Anderson.

## Dear Kay, the Genealogist

Dear Kay,

Can you give me some tips on gifting an Ancestry DNA Test Kit to a friend of mine who lives in another state?

Thank you,

Annie Lou, (aka Ancestrally Challenged)

Dear Annie Lou,

DNA tests can be purchased for yourself or as a gift. DNA kits display AncestryDNA® on the shipping packaging, so if you have the test mailed directly to someone else, they will know what the gift is when they receive it in the mail. DNA tests cannot be sent to someone who lives in a different country.

Details

When a test is bought as a gift, the buyer can have the test sent either to themselves or to the test taker. The shipping address does not affect who can take the test; a test isn't identified with a specific person until the activation code associated with the test is entered in an Ancestry® account. The billing address should be the address of the purchaser.

Because purchase confirmation is sent to the purchaser via email, no receipts are included in the physical packaging of DNA tests; the person receiving the test in the mail will not see the price of the test or the name of the purchaser. If you do send a DNA test directly to someone else, you'll need to let them know that it's from you. DNA tests can be purchased as gifts both online and by telephone.

Creating an Ancestry account

It is necessary to create an Ancestry account (or use an existing account) both to purchase a DNA test and to activate a DNA test. Creating an account is free and means providing your email address and creating a password. If you purchase a DNA test and wish to receive no further emails from Ancestry after your purchase, you can unsubscribe from emails.

If the test taker does not already have an Ancestry account, they will need to create an account in order to activate the test. This is the account on which the test results will appear. Each test requires its own Ancestry account.

What's included in a DNA gift

A person who receives a DNA test as a gift will have access to the following features on Ancestry:

- A username and password (to create a free account on Ancestry)
- Anytime access to their online DNA results, including their ethnicity estimate and DNA matches
- Automatic updates to their ethnicity estimate as updates are released
- Automatic updates to their list of DNA matches as additional people take the test
- Ability to contact their DNA matches

When gifting a DNA kit, you don't need to purchase a subscription as well. The basics of a DNA test are covered in the original purchase price. DNA kits expire one year after the date of

The results of AncestryDNA tests are displayed online and are accessible only via username and password. When the test is taken, the code printed on the test tube should be entered in an Ancestry account. The test results will appear in the account on which the test was activated.

Sharing DNA results

The gift recipient's DNA results will not appear on your (the purchaser's) Ancestry account unless the tester invites you to view your results. If they do invite you to view their results, their test results will appear in your account under your DNA tab. If you already have a DNA test on your account, the second test can be viewed by clicking the view another test button on your DNA homepage.

Hope this helps, Annie Lou,  
Kay

## SC LT. GOVERNOR VISITS ANDERSON

On Monday, March 4, South Carolina Lieutenant Governor Pamela Evette took a tour of Anderson Interfaith Ministries (AIM) campus.

During the tour, she met Roy Pitts, one of AIM's dedicated volunteers. Pitts, a former ExxonMobile employee, has been volunteering with AIM since 2006. Volunteer Coordinator Sarah Ann Skelton said, "You will never see Mr. Roy without a smile on his face. Throughout the morning you can catch him reminding other volunteers and our staff members to 'Keep Smiling.'"

He volunteers in the food pantry almost every morning from 7:30-11:30 a.m. packing produce, counting cans, and getting everything prepared for client's food packages. ExxonMobile provides AIM with a grant for Pitts' volunteer hours.

According to Skelton, AIM's Food Pantry serves, on average, 35 people a day. That's 750 families a month. "With amazing volunteers like Mr. Roy, AIM can continue giving hope and changing lives," she said.



At right: South Carolina Lieutenant Governor poses with AIM Food Pantry Volunteer Roy Pitts during her tour of Anderson Interfaith Ministries.

# Embrace ethical fashion by wearing vintage

By Kristine March

My twin sister and I are celebrating our 34th birthday on the first day of spring. We're going out for a fancy dinner with family. It never fails that I have the same old question, "What am



Kristine March

I going to wear?"

There will be lots of pictures and celebratory fun and I want to look back at them and not

look super trendy and all glittery, like

a literal birthday cake, like I have in years past.

So this year I have decided to go vintage. I have really been into long vintage dresses, lately. I'm fortunate enough to live in a city where there are amazing thrift stores on every corner.

These thrift stores go above and beyond. I have a favorite haunt that I go to regularly. They break it down and even name the clothing to give you inspiration and set the vibe.



This year I have found a dress that I have been scoping out already. It's a long pink and peach colored dress that is floor length with a cinched waist in gold lame. Glamorous country, if you

will. It's actually dated from the 70's This particular store picks out things that are in mint condition and in my price range.

Instead of shopping your normal

boutique, try thrifting a magical vintage dress. They look good on everyone and you will get tons of compliments. I like things that have a history. I imagine who wore it before and I just think vintage looks so cool and unique. It's recycled and ethical fashion.

Everyone is getting in on the vintage fashion movement. Celebs on the red carpet have been doing it for years. Kate Hudson in vintage Valentino and Gwyneth Paltrow in that classic pink Ralph Lauren gown were total game changers and brought originality to those award shows. You will be wearing a one of a kind look that no one else will have. It's a must! So if you're celebrating a birthday or going to a party, go thrifty, and make that sidewalk your runway. People are going to stare, so make it worth their while.

Party on and remember the three "R's". Reduce, Reuse, Recycle...even with your clothes.

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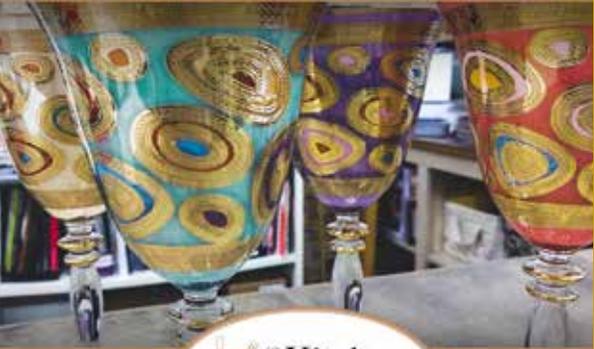
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## VIEW FROM THE STANDS

By Dan Lacobie

Wow! Spring has sprung for the sporting world! Baseball is almost in full swing as the major leagues get ready to start the regular season.

College baseball is already in conference play and March Madness is about to kick into high gear.

Speaking of March Madness, things are looking good for Wofford as they recently punched their ticket to the "big dance". After a fantastic regular season, the Terriers look to do well in the tourney. Duke and Kentucky are looking good as usual and this year's tournament looks to be a great one. Hope your team does well if they are still playing but if not, we also cover college baseball.

In college baseball, our local area colleges saw lots of action with Clemson hosting Notre Dame this past weekend. After a Notre Dame win (9-2) in the first game, Clemson won the second game (5-1). However in the rubber game of the match, the Fighting Irish won 4-2 and clinched the series.

For the second straight year, the #11 Georgia Bulldogs swept the South Carolina Gamecocks winning 6-1, 8-7 and 4-2. This year's conference opener for both teams was held in Columbia.

Kyle Busch impressed many NASCAR fans this past weekend



Dan Lacobie

by winning his 200th career race, tying "The King" (Richard Petty) in wins. The top 5 at the California Speedway were as follows: #1

Kyle Busch, #2 Joey Logano, #3 Brad Keselowski, #4 Kevin Harvick, and #5 Ryan Blaney. The previous week at Phoenix saw the aforementioned Kyle Busch clinch his 199th win followed by #2 Martin Truex Jr, #3 Ryan Blaney, #4 Aric Almirola and #5 Denny Hamlin. This week, the boys will head to Martinsville Speedway where Clint Bowyer will defend his championship from a year ago.

TPC Sawgrass was the venue that saw Rory McIlroy catch up to a very good Jim Furyk this past weekend at The Players. McIlroy finished with a score of 16 under par, just 1 ahead of Furyk, to win a purse of \$2.3 million. Up next on the PGA Tour will be the Valspar Championship.

The Atlanta Braves are having a nice, warm spring training this season. Julio Tehran has notably had a strong spring. On March 28, we'll see the Braves play a 3 game series at Philadelphia to open the regular season. The Braves will then return home for a series with the Chicago Cubs on April 1.

# PENDLETON BULLDOGS



By Dan Lacobie

The Pendleton Bulldogs baseball team has started the season with a 2-3-1 record overall. The tie was versus Pickens High (8-8). The two wins were against West Oak (6-5), and against the Greenville Hurricanes (16-1). The varsity boys team had 9 runs in the third inning against the Hurricanes which led to the 16 runs being scored. Hayden Fuhr, Payton Bunch and Peyton Hawkins each hit triples and Jacob Morris and Will Barnes contributed with singles in the explosive third inning.

The team did suffer 3 straight losses to Franklin County (10 - 1), West Oak High (1 - 0), and Palmetto High (7 - 0), which threatened to put the brakes on a good season, but a win versus West Oak on March 15 (6-5) put the Bulldogs back on track.

The Bulldogs had an away game versus Powdersville High on March 19 and against Daniel High on March 21. The team has a home game against Powdersville on Friday, March 22.

The Lady Bulldogs softball team has started the season with a 5-5 record overall and a 2-0 record in the conference. The most recent wins were against Pickens High on March 6 (8-4), at Berea High on March 7 (8-2), and Berea again at home on March 11 (17-2). The Lady Bulldogs will face off against Crescent High School and T.L. Hanna High coming up next on the schedule.

In a (10-3) win versus West Oak, Laney Jennings was fabulous at the plate for the Lady Bulldogs, driving in 4 runs on 3 hits. Michaela Hall, Kylie Gall, Jennings and Amelia Kizer all scored runs in the 7th inning.

Meanwhile, the Pendleton varsity boy's soccer team has a 3-1-0 record to start the season. Pendleton has carded wins over West Oak (5 - 1), Powdersville (3 - 2), and Crescent (3-3). The only loss of the season was to Daniel High (0-4).

The Lady Bulldogs varsity soccer team has a 3-3 record with wins against Carolina Academy (8 - 1), Crescent High (5 - 2), and again at Carolina Academy (8 - 1).

Soccer is certainly looking bright at Pendleton High for 2019!

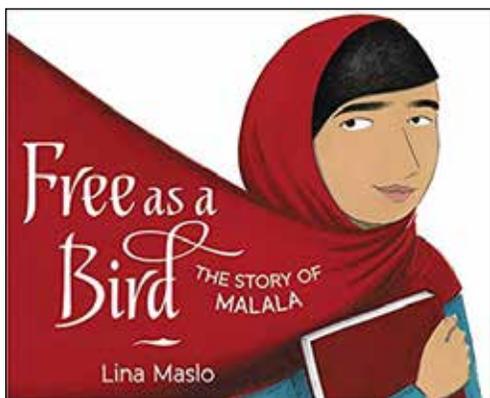


## IN 100 WORDS

# Book publishing: Pounding the Pavement

By Lina Maslo

In this age of social media, is "pounding the pavement" still necessary? In my experience — yes! With children's books, one can no longer just drop off a manuscript or portfolio at a publishing house in New York. Instead, I began to attend conferences, mostly through the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. I learned a lot and met with industry professionals. I joined a critique group, and we meet monthly to share ideas and encourage each other. And after a few years, a breakthrough came in my career — I met my agent at a Highlights retreat, and he went on to sell my first book!



# T.L. HANNA YELLOW JACKETS



By Dan Lacobie

T.L. Hanna High School varsity boy's baseball faced the Westside Rams on March 12 and carded a home win, 5-4. On March 15, the Yellow Jackets made the trip across town to visit the Rams where Jackets pitcher Will McGregor put on an absolute show. McGregor tossed a perfect game against the rival Rams and Hanna left with a 10-0 win.

In the first inning, Hanna's offense ignited when Regan Reid hit a 2-run homer. Hanna had 9 hits in the game and Luke Johnson added another home run in the 5th inning. Hanna will be traveling to Greenwood on March 21st and then to Laurens on April 8th. Hanna baseball is carrying a 7-1 record overall and is 3-0 in conference play this season.

The T.L. Hanna men's track team has had an outstanding year so far. Some items of note are:

- At the Chick-Fil-A Games, Jon Pierre broke the TL Hanna triple jump record with a jump of 47'-11". Congratulations to Jon on a fantastic jump!
- The 4x1600 team had a great day making the finals. The team consists of Jack McGahey, Conner Buckless, Scott Daughtry and Austin Spencer who finished 2nd in the 1600m.
- J.J. Hudson had a strong meet making it to the 100m finals and finishing 5th in the long jump.
- A big shoutout goes to Jay Cheek for being the first T.L. Hanna Yellow Jacket to compete with the Javelin.
- The Hanna guys placed 1st out of 21 schools at the Chick-Fil-A games.
- A track meet at Dorman High School on March 15th resulted in the guys placing 1st out of 15 teams.

The TL Hanna ladies' track team has had success as well. They finished 5th overall against some tough competition at the Chick-Fil-A games.

Leah Dotson finished 3rd in the triple jump, 7th in the long jump and aided the 4x400 team who placed 3rd. Leniah Johnson, Riley Nicholson, and Kaelyn Slaughter also had very good performances. Hanna finished 5th out of 28 schools. The girls also finished 4th overall out of 13 schools at the Dorman High School track meet. Way to go ladies!

Both teams will have their first home meet on March 28th at 5 p.m. Come out and support the track teams!



# WESTSIDE RAMS



By Dan Lacobie

The Westside Rams baseball team has had a rough start to the season with a 1 - 5 record overall thus far. Westside will be looking to get back on track after dropping two games to T.L. Hanna this past week with scores of 4-5 and 0-10. The Rams next few contests will be against the Dorman Cavaliers and the Raiders of Laurens High.

As a team this season, Westside is batting .234 with an on-base percentage of .371. The Rams only have 1 home run this season to go along with 10 stolen bases.

Leading the team in batting are Dakota Smith (.429), Cade Langston (.417) and Malik Smith (.375). The season's lone home run belongs to Jacob Bargiol. Langston and Smith lead the rams with 3 RBI's each.

Conner McGill has seen the most work out of the Rams' pitchers. Conner has an ERA of 4.73 so far this season and is back up with the likes of Dakota Smith, Jackson Bennet and Aden Sanders.

The Lady Rams softball team has a 1-4-1 record so far this season but it's still very early. The Lady Rams' only win this year was against T.L. Hanna High by a score of 4 - 3 on March 6.

The Westside track team participated in an all day event at Southside Christian on Tuesday, March 19. The track team will also participate in the Coaches Classic at Dutch Fork High School on Saturday, March 23.

The Rams soccer team has a 5 - 2 record so far this season. With wins against Greenwood High, Easley High, Walhalla High, T.L. Hanna High, and Laurens High, the varsity boy's team is well on their way to a great year. Upcoming games will be at Woodmont, home against Wade Hampton, and away against Easley.