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BY JIM HARRIS
Every Wednesday at 9:30 AM, a group of folks from the Anderson area meet in the Elk's Club on McGee Road. As the attendees roll in, you'll notice that almost

all proudly wear their "Vets Helping Vets" T-shirts. Most also don a cap embroidered with their branch of service. A smaller group wears hats that show them as recipients of Purple Hearts. In short

order, you'll realize you are in a room filled with heroes.

Seven years ago, the VA ceased providing group therapy services for veterans with PTSD issues. A local group of 14 veterans, led by Jesse Taylor, realized the need for those services to continue and

took matters into their own hands. They began meeting with the initial focus on PTSD. After six months or so, the Elks Club offered the use of a larger meeting space, which allowed the organization to begin to grow. Today meetings may include 100

members or more, and the organization has expanded into providing and sponsoring various services for veterans. As the awareness of their work becomes more widely known, veterans in other

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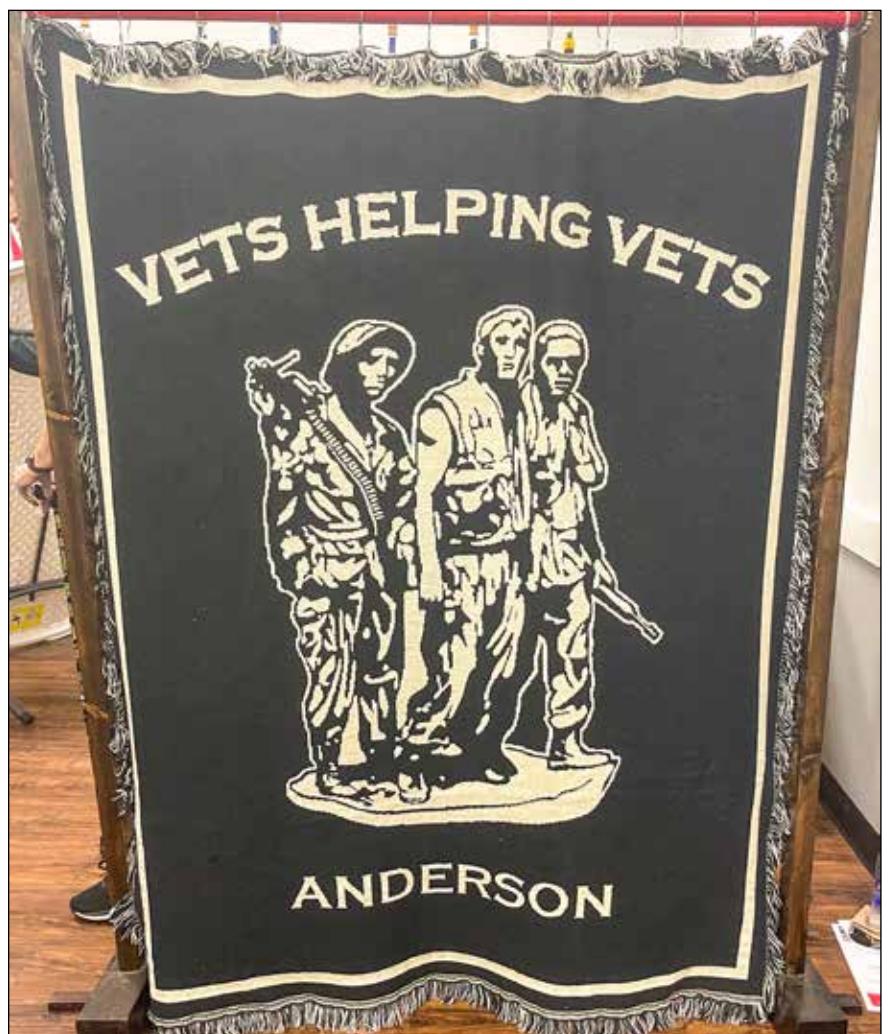
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parts of the region have taken the blueprint of the Anderson group and have used it to start similar organizations.

Eavesdropping on the conversations as the attendees make their way to their seats is like a history lesson. Every meeting begins with the Pledge of Allegiance. For some, standing may be a challenge, but not standing isn't an option for them. Even among the oldest vets, the salutes were crisp, and the postures ramrod straight.

After welcoming everyone, business items are discussed. Then come updates on all of the projects in the works. Next, the microphone circles around the room, with each member introducing themselves.

They share their branch and years of service. Frequently members mention how highly they value the organization and the benefits. Each member gets a round of applause. Many share that they look forward to these meetings as the highlight of their week. Those who have passed are remembered, as well as those currently facing health challenges. Some only share the basics, while others elaborate on their experiences with stories that may give you misty eyes and a lump in your throat.

With members coming from all the service branches, there is an unmistakable air of broth-

erhood among all in attendance. Many served in Vietnam, but some were in Korea, and one man in attendance served during WWII. One vet was one of five brothers in his family that served our country. Respect and patriotism are there in abundance. Members are diverse in age and demographics, but you'll see no division whatsoever, only unity, respect, and support.

Executive Officer Bob Robinson says that the group is "driven by a love for each other and the country. Our name is Vets Helping Vets. That's what we do. We help each other." The sense of camaraderie is palpable and without limit. One vet even donated a kidney to another member.

In addition to the fellowship and support from the meetings, the group provides various services as needed by fellow veterans. This year, they kept up 28 lawns for individuals who were physically unable to do so themselves or widows of veterans. They make donations for service dogs and build wheelchair ramps and provide transportation when possible. In November, the group will give away \$10,000, \$2,500 each, to four veteran families in need.

Vets Helping Vets also donates to other veterans' groups. They select those organizations that share their philosophy of service and have low expense ratios to ensure that the majority of donations received impact veterans.

The only requirement for membership is service in any armed forces or reserves branch and an honorable discharge. There are no membership fees. More information is available on their website, www.vethelpingvetsanderson.com.

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Saturday November 6 & Sunday November 7 – Bernese Mountain Dogs

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Contact – Dawn Hitchcock – 262-443-1712

Saturday November 6 – Greg Elgin's Retirement Party

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Contact – Jennifer Elgin – 864-844-3925

Saturday November 6 – Young Marines 5k

Chris Taylor Park –

Contact – Owen Greenlee – 864-559-1067

Saturday November 6 – Veterans Day Celebration

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Contact – Matthew Muth – 864-260-4242

Sunday November 7 – Garba Party

Arena – 5pm – 3am
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Monday November 8 – Home Builders Association of Anderson – Meeting/Dinner
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ing Lot – 11am – 4pm
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Contact – Christi Lee – 864-260-4368

Tuesday November 16 – Sheriff's Department – Thanksgiving Meal

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4-ballrooms and Arena – 9am – 5pm

Friday November 19 – Holly Jolly Holiday Fair – set-up – 9am – 2pm

Event time – 3pm – 9pm

Saturday November 20 – Holly Jolly Holiday Fair

Event time – 10am – 6pm

Sunday November 21 – Holly Jolly Holiday Fair

Event time – 11am – 5pm

Thursday November 25 and Friday November 26 – County Holidays

Friday November 26 – James Gregory
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Halloween 2021: Where monsters lurk

Don't look under the bed or in the closet. Bogeymen have been everywhere this year, but they're not the ones you're thinking of.

HELLO!

"How did you get this number?" she screamed into her iPhone.

The calls had been coming in for days, a strangely robotic voice claiming to know things about Janice. She tried to block the caller, but the calls would just come in from other numbers. She stopped answering, but her voicemail box quickly filled up with the repeated messages. She had even gotten the calls at her office. This time, though, the caller claimed to have mailed something to her home, the oasis she shared with her husband and family.

"You okay, Hon?" Ron called from the kitchen.

"I'm good," she said. Janice didn't want him to know how the calls were unnerving her, so she ran a bath, filling the tub with suds. She was soon enveloped by the warm water and calmed by the scent of lemon verbena. She had almost

drifted off to sleep when Ron walked into the bathroom.

"Hey, Hon, your phone is ringing," he said, handing the device to her. "I don't recognize the number, but I thought it might be important."

She wiped her hands on a towel and glanced at the display:

Unknown Caller. This could be anyone, she thought. Someone from the PTA. The new neighbor down the street. The Publishers Clearinghouse Sweepstakes. She clicked "Accept" and languidly said, "This is Janice."

As her screams pierced the house, she dropped the phone into the tub. Just before it sank to the bottom, Ron could hear the voice on the other end:

"Hello! We've been trying to reach you about your car's extended warranty. You should have received a notice in the mail..."



Kim von Keller

THE BEAST WITHIN

It must never become hungry, or all hell would break loose, and today, Terrence was the only one who could feed It.

First, he consulted The Book. The Book contained the instructions on what to feed, how to prepare the feeding, and how to offer it. On this morning, however, he didn't have the right offering. As the clock hands inched toward noon, he could feel the panic rising in his chest. Terrence had witnessed Its wrath when the instructions weren't followed. Maybe I can offer It something better, he thought, something that will show my devotion.

He immediately went to work, and the pot bubbled and boiled as this replacement offering slowly came together. He quickly carried it outside to the altar, hoping to get there before It did, but he was too late.

"I've been waiting, Daddy. Where is my lunch?"

"It's right here, Pumpkin," he said, placing a tray on the Little

Tykes Picnic Table in the backyard.

"What is this?" the tiny girl asked.

"It's tomato soup, Pookie" Terrence explained, trying to sound perfectly normal. "I used your Moana bowl and spoon and sippy cup. See the Goldfish crackers swimming on the top of the soup?"

"Mommy doesn't give me soup for lunch," she said, her voice rising in volume. "Mommy gives me a Lunchable. Mommy wrote it in The Book before she went out of town. Look at The Book. Get my Lunchable."

"I read the book, Princess, but there weren't any Lunchables at Ingles. Or Publix. Or Target. Or Walmart. You see, Sweetie, the supply chain is broken, which means deliveries" --

Terrence stopped mid-sentence, barely dodging the soup bowl, the spoon, and the sippy cup.

"I want Mommy!" she belled, her angelic face turning red and distorted. "I. WANT. MY. LUNCHABLE!"

HYPNOSIS

Cheryl and Eddie were captivated by the bright, shiny object in front of them, and the more the man talked, the deeper they fell into a trance.

"It's the only one," he said, "the only one. The only one. The only one."

"The only one," Cheryl and Eddie repeated together.

"Its value cannot be measured."

"Cannot be measured," they said.

"But to make it yours," the man said, "you have to promise me something in return and sign the promise, binding your word."

"We promise," they said, "promise you our" --

Their trance was disrupted by the blare of a PA system.

"Welcome, car shoppers. Be sure to help yourself to a cup of coffee or cocoa in our showroom, especially since that's about all we have right now!"

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Shining a spotlight on domestic violence

BY JIM HARRIS

Each minute, in the United States, 20 people are physically abused by an intimate partner. In one year, that totals over 10 million women and men. We are blessed to have an organization like Safe Harbor, which provides a broad spectrum of benefits and services to assist victims in our area.

In South Carolina, the problem is widespread. 41.5% of women and 17.4% of men in our state will experience intimate partner physical or sexual violence, or stalking within their lifetime, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The murder rate of women in South Carolina at the hands of men is sometimes double the national average.

Safe Harbor is a central contact for all services needed by domestic violence victims. They serve the residents of Anderson, Pickens, Greenville, and Oconee counties. In addition to an always staffed, 24/7 helpline, they offer emergency housing, counseling services, and assistance with long-term issues to help those folks get their lives on track. Through a partnership with allies, they address domestic violence as a community issue requiring education, prevention, and collaboration.

Safe Harbor touches a large number of lives here. In 2020, they sheltered 389 people, took 1,599 crisis calls, provided 1,973 hours of counseling and case management in their shelter, and 2,828 counseling advocacies in their community program. In years before Covid, those numbers were even higher.

Amanda Callahan is Safe Harbor's Director of Prevention and Outreach. She says that domestic violence needs to be considered a public health issue because of the number of injuries

and death. Victims must know that they are not alone, and they are from every walk of life and economic level. She says, "This isn't an individual problem. It is a problem that is an insidious part of our culture; it's an insidious part of our media. The way that we talk about it, the way that we view relationships produces domestic violence. When we begin to look through that framework, we begin to see a lot more solutions."

Toxic masculinity may be one of the most misused and misunderstood terms in today's lexicon. Societal expectations and cultural norms limit men's outwardly visible emotional responses yet may show implicit acceptance of physical reactions. Too often, this behavior is reinforced through celebrities and pop culture. Callahan cites the Chris Brown and Rihanna incident from a few years ago. She says, "We have photographic evidence that this man badly beat his partner, and he didn't go to jail for it. Not only that, his next album was like his best-selling album. Not only are we taught



South Carolina native Andie MacDowell and her real-life daughter, Margaret Qualley, star in the Netflix series "Maid."

that violence is OK, but, in our culture, you're taught that you're cool because of it."

The number one reason that women are homeless in our country is domestic violence. One of the issues that face us is in creating affordable housing solutions. Safe Harbor addresses that by providing safe, temporary housing for up to 60 days. During those 60 days, the staff provides one on one advocacy and assists in finding the long-term solutions needed in housing, employment, childcare, and everything necessary to facilitate a fresh start.

When asked what words she would like to pass to women in abusive situations, she says,

"know that you are not alone. Safe Harbor exists to help you." She recommends that, if possible, survivors create an advance

safety plan to facilitate the safest possible exit. Assistance in developing this plan is one of the resources provided.

The Netflix series, Maid, is currently one of the network's most popular worldwide and is bringing widespread attention to the issue of domestic violence. The series portrays the challenges of escaping an abusive relationship from a safety, financial, vocational, and logistical standpoint. Maid's main character Alex, played by Margaret Qualley, is trying to leave an emotionally abusive home environment with her daughter. The series accurately portrays the challenges that victims face in trying to find a safe path forward.

Callahan says, "The thing that Maid does so well in what it portrays is that it doesn't have to be physical abuse. She (Alex) still is wrapped up in domestic violence services in the shelter she goes to. The same is true with Safe Harbor. Even if your partner has never touched you, emotional abuse is real."

Series co-star Andie MacDowell plays

woman working in security in an airport who relayed her personal story. "Her eyes had tears in them. She was talking about the poverty. She had been in an abusive relationship, and she had gone through that system."

MacDowell feels she can personally relate to the situation portrayed in Maid. "I do feel like I grew up, being told, as a woman, to mind men. We made excuses for men. I learned how to maneuver myself around men's control, and we were less than. That can lead a dangerous man to feel they have the right to tell women what to do. That can come from the social structure of who I'm supposed to be."

MacDowell says that she didn't see the potential impact the show would have while filming. She says, "I wasn't there all the time, so I couldn't see the whole thing. I didn't see it until I watched it, and then I was like, Oh my God." Of the show, MacDowell says, "For me, it really gets powerful in the last three episodes."

Information about Safe Harbor is available on their website, www.safeharborsc.org. For immediate assistance, the 24-hour number is 1-800-291-2139. Press one to speak with someone immediately.

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Alex's Mom, Paula. The South Carolina native is Qualley's real-life mother. She says of the show's impact, "I love how it's touching so many people. I go through the airport, and people just have tears in their eyes. They really relate to it." She relates an encounter with a

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Never too young

BY ANN K. BAILES

Daniel Cribb was displaying his artwork at a craft show last November when I first met him and discovered that he also loves birds. He has been to most of the major birding locations in South Carolina and also several other places in the U.S. He's got 25 more bird species on his life list than I do (a point of purely personal contention). Oh, and did I mention? Daniel is 14 years old.

Daniel started watching birds at the feeders in the yard at his home. He then was invited to join the Anderson University birding course lab trips, as his father is an AU professor who knows the ornithology professors Dr. Kozel and Dr. Norris. On those lab trips, Daniel saw his first palm warblers and killdeer at Cox Creek. At the Dobbins farm ponds, he saw wintering ducks and horned larks for the first time. At the Rocky River Nature Preserve, owned by AU, he was introduced to his first warblers. And after that, his hobby just took off.

He and I have talked birds a few times, as he has now enrolled at my school and is in one of my classes. But I've been seeing his reports on eBird.org since well before meeting him. They are very knowledgeable and detailed and give nothing away to indicate that he is a young teenager. He uses accurate terms like "lores" (area between the eye and the beak) and "primaries" (main feathers) with which most people are not familiar. Sometimes his name is on daily rare bird sightings lists from our area.

Daniel's family doesn't really share his interest, although they are very supportive. After all, at this stage of life his parents have to do the driving for him--which has included birding on family trips to Kentucky and Indiana as well as the Carolinas. His dad works on schoolwork while waiting, and his mom talks to other birders or reads. To date he has seen 225 species - amazing for an adult, much less a young teenager.

He says "My favorite places to bird are in the TN/NC mountains and Lake Hartwell region nearby. I love drawing and painting birds in my free time and have an Etsy shop (BirdingbyWatercolors)."

Those who enjoy birding need to keep an eye out for Daniel Cribb, since you'll probably be seeing his name for a while. That's because, when asked about continuing his hobby, he answers quickly and firmly: "I think I'll be doing this the rest of my life."

THE GARDEN SHOP



Obedient plant with fall backdrop

Shades of purple



SUSAN
TEMPLE
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gardener

The garden these days seems to be predominantly shades of purple. Obedient plant (*Physostegia virginiana*) is in full bloom. It grows in three different areas at my place. The best stand is under a willow oak. Very late in the day, just before the sun goes down behind the woods, it gets a bit of sun, maybe an hour. The patch is standing tall at about three and half feet. I did not plant it there. It came with an azalea which has long been dead but it has turned out to be a good accident. Another patch, that I generally try to keep from growing, is under Lady Claire camellia. I don't know how it got there. Another patch is mixed in with winter berry holly. This patch flops around and doesn't stand straight like under the oak tree. Maybe the soil is too rich there. I know it never gets totally dried out. Don't let obedient in the name fool you. It is obedient in that a stem will stay the way it is bent. The rhizomatous roots can spread quite a bit. It is in the mint family and has square stems to show it. Another common name is Virginia Lions-heart. Maybe if I ever get any lion's tale, from last issue, I can mix the two together and let the best square stem win. There is also a white variety that grows shorter, only about half the height of regular purple. A very nice benefit is deer do not eat this native, bees love it, and

it blooms for a long time.

Another fall purple is ageratum. It came from Grandmother Cooley's but was not a garden floosy in her garden like it is in mine. *Conoclinium coelestinum*, also called blue mistflower and blue boneset, is a fall favorite. It spreads by roots but must seed too as it has come up in multiple places. It is also a native that deer do not eat. Ageratum is great in arrangements and will grow just about anywhere - sun, shade, wet, dry. Butterflies love it. Generally it grows to about two feet tall. But in a shady spot behind the house, it planted itself beside a Formosa azalea and is almost as tall as the azalea. Fortunately it is easy to pull up if I take a notion.

Fall would not be fall without purple berries of beauty berry (*Callicarpa americana*). Deer also pass this native by. Until fall, it's just a humdrum shrub. But once it sets berries, beauty berry turns into a standout. Growing

about six feet tall and a bit wider, the size can be maintained some by cutting it back in winter. However by late summer, it needs a bit of room. It is worth the pruning effort though. Beauty berry will also get around the garden some but not too bad. Best berries will be in full sun. It needs at least about five hours of sun.

Other shades of fall these days are pink muhly grass. Every gardener should find space for some ornamental grasses. There is one for most any spot. It may take a bit of effort finding the right ones for shade, but there are options. Purple asters are blooming. Ryan's pink and peach mums are beginning to bloom. The pasture is turning its golden and amber colors. In the picture, the golden background is the late afternoon sun shining on it. After a killing frost, I'll bush hog. For now, it makes a beautiful backdrop to the whole place and is another fall favorite.



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Learning to live with diabetes begins at AnMed Health

BY EMMY WILLIAMS

November is Diabetes Awareness Month and AnMed Health wants to make diabetes education a priority in the community. AnMed Health's certified diabetes educators have highlighted the resources they offer to people with diabetes and how they can help them learn to live with the condition.

The American Diabetes Association recommends that everyone who has diabetes receive diabetes education when they are first diagnosed and as needed thereafter. AnMed Health's certified diabetes educators teach skills to help patients manage diabetes so they can live their life to the fullest.

AnMed Health's diabetes education program is officially recognized by the American Diabetes Association. They offer classes in general diabetes education, insulin instruction, advanced carbohydrate counting, gestational diabetes and diabetes updates. Educators teach patients to make healthy eating choices, increase physical activity, take their medicines as prescribed and use diabetic devices – all of which lower the risk for problems related to diabetes.

"From inpatient consultations to outpatient classes, the diabetes education program helps patients get the resources they need to live successfully with diabetes," said Karen Rosato, out-patient program quality coordinator for AnMed Health's diabetes education program.

The most common diabetes diagnoses are either Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes.

With Type 1 diabetes, the body makes little or no insulin due to an overactive auto-

immune system. People with Type 1 diabetes must take insulin every day.

"There is a lot of confusion around Type 1 diabetes because Type 1 has been previously thought of as only a childhood disease. However, 50% of newly diagnosed Type 1 diabetes cases each year occur in adults," said Patricia Neely, lead in-patient educator for AnMed Health's diabetes education program.

With Type 2 diabetes, the body prevents insulin from working correctly, which results in high blood sugar. Type 2 stems from obesity, family history and having certain ethnic backgrounds.

"Type 2 is more common in older adults, but an increase in the number of children with obesity has led to more cases of Type 2 diabetes in younger people," Neely said.

Millions of people have been diagnosed with diabetes. South Carolina ranks seventh highest for diabetes diagnoses and has the sixth highest adult population with diabetes in the United States. In Anderson County, one in seven people have diabetes – a figure that continues to grow, according to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

"There is a lot of stigma surrounding people with diabetes. This is a major barrier in people not seeking diabetes education and support services. The negative stigma surrounding diabetes can lead to feelings of embarrassment, guilt, anxiety and low self-esteem. These negative emotions can result in higher levels of stress, which we work with patients to address," Rosato said.



Pictured, from left, are Patricia Neely, Thomasena Hunt, Karen Rosato, Beverly Stewart

AnMed Health's educators want people with diabetes to know that following a healthy lifestyle and diet and making regular appointments with a physician can greatly decrease the risk of diabetes related health issues. All a patient needs to get started is a physician referral.

Diabetes education and support is covered

by most insurance plans, including Medicare and Medicaid. People with diabetes who receive diabetes education have lower average health care costs than those who do not.

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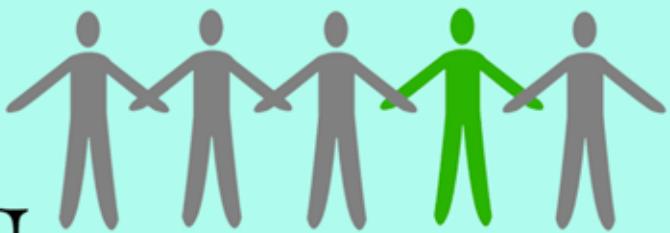
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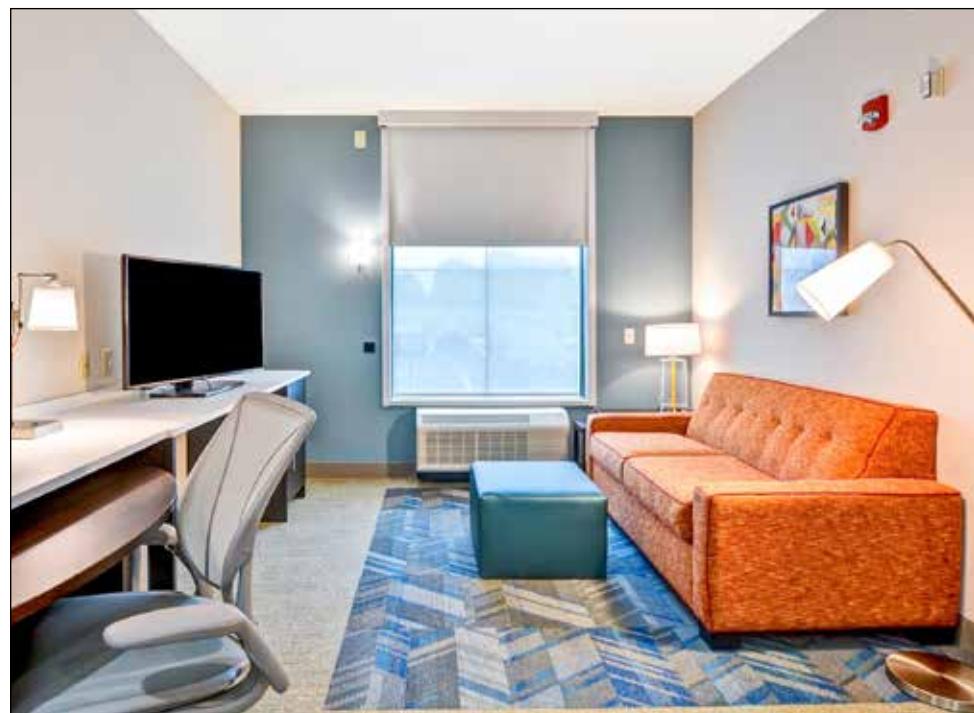
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NEW HOTEL OPEN ON SOUTH MAIN

BY JIM HARRIS

There's an exciting new option for accommodations in Anderson, the Home2 Suites by Hilton. Located at 315 South Main Street, it brings a successful new hotel brand to the vibrant downtown area.

The new hotel has received a warm welcome. For their grand opening celebration, they reached out to several of the area's restaurants, bars, and shops to share in the spotlight; all said yes. "Just the welcoming of the community, of our hotel coming was just a wow," Paragon Vice President Brad Marsico says. He adds, "It's been welcomed by all city leaders and residents. It's really helped promote and instill the 'wow' factor of how excited they are to have a new, branded property in downtown Anderson for corporate travelers as well as leisure travelers." Guests are already posting five-star reviews on sites like Trip Advisor and Expedia.

The company that operates the hotel, The Paragon Hotel Company, saw the potential for tremendous synergy between one of Hilton's newest brands and Anderson's growth in dining, shopping, and other activities in the downtown area. They identified a need to accommodate both business travelers and leisure, weekend travelers. As Anderson's largest operator of hotels, they already offer a Residence Inn by Marriott, two Hampton Inns, and a full-service Holiday Inn in the area.

The concept compliments the locations already in operation. Marsico says, "It's a way to build a



hotel in downtown that's not going to be a direct competitor to something that we already own." The region's manufacturing facilities,

Clemson and Anderson Universities, and Lake Hartwell appeal to visitors that they feel will be an excellent fit for their new property.

The hotel features all suites. All rooms include fully equipped kitchens with dishwashers, full-sized refrigerators and are stocked with

cookware, flatware, and drinkware. Each unit has a separate sitting area for either workspace or casual living space. The rooms are pet-friendly and spacious, as large as 1,240 square feet.

The property also offers an outdoor pool, business center, state-of-the-art fitness facility, guest laundry, and meeting space. Guests can enjoy a complimentary hot breakfast each day. There's also a pantry and sweet shop for drinks, snacks, or sodas. Door Dash and Grub Hub can deliver a wide variety of nearby Anderson dining options for guests as well.

The Home2 Suites brand is the fastest growing in Hilton's history and has been a proven concept in areas across the country, having opened an incredible 500 hotels in its first ten years. Another 400 facilities are in development, making it one of the most popular concepts in the industry. Home2 Suites by Hilton ranked highest in the extended-stay category of the J.D. Power 2018 North America Hotel Guest Satisfaction Index.

In helping to draw people downtown to all the new eateries, breweries, and shops, now 87 new guest rooms will help those businesses thrive, as guests will easily be able to walk, visit and partake in all that. Guests will accumulate points and perks in all of the Hilton rewards programs. One of the partners in the new venture has also joined with the city to build a seven-story parking garage, which the downtown area needed. That facility is available for guests at no charge.

Anderson's entertainment bonanza

BY RICH OTTER

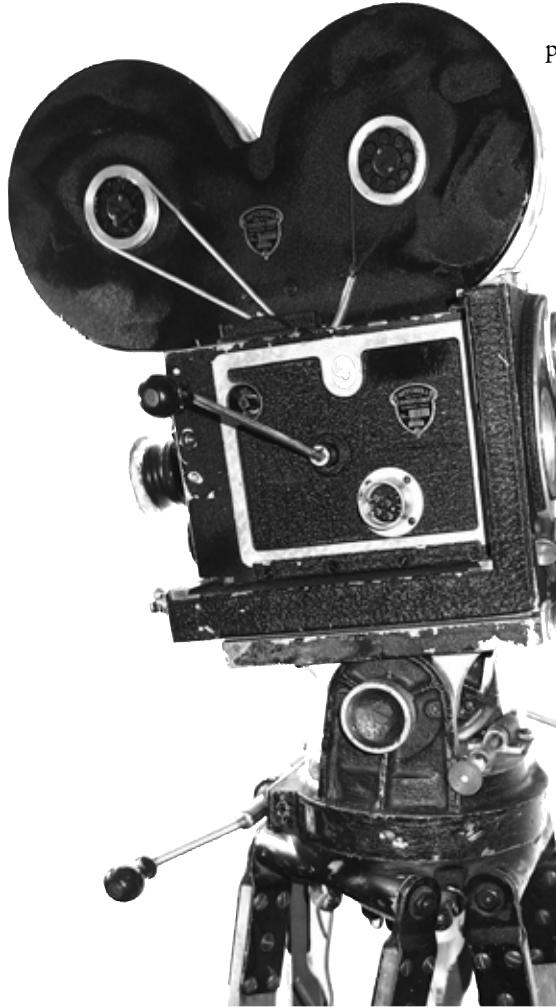
It was 1837 when the first crude but durable photographs could be made, but another 50 years elapsed before a functional camera for the general public would appear through George Eastman.

Then, about 1895, it was demonstrated how successive frames could be sequenced for what were cleverly called m-o-v-i-e-s.

That cinematic wonder started with one-minute segments. The initial movies were hand-cranked and accompanied by a piano in the theater since no sound could be produced by the film. Rushing to enhance this new technical marvel, records were created that could be played for the audience more-or-less correlated with what was

being mouthed on the screen. The next fantastic addition came with a sound track, movies surprisingly known as t-a-l-k-i-e-s. The first partial talkie in 1927 featured Al Jolson in *The Jazz Singer*.

Anderson was not to be



bypassed by the new entertainment bonanza. Percy Cummings Osteen had come to Anderson from North Carolina and opened a barbershop. But he envisioned a future in the movie business and purchased equipment from a supply company in Charlotte and created a theatre with his first movie being shown on Armistice Day in 1918 – *Crashing Through Berlin*.

Osteen's son, Harry M. Osteen, grew up working in the theater and remembered, not fondly, the turntable for records. When the film would break, the records would have to be played back and synchronized with the film before the movie could resume. The early movies ran 10, 15 or 20 minutes,

primarily with comedians such as Buster Keaton, Harold Owens and Charlie Chaplin. Osteen understood the first movie actually coming to Anderson had been shown at the Masonic Temple by a New Jersey magician demonstrating things moving around a table like knives, forks and spoons.

Harry Osteen became the youngest projectionist in the state at age 14 (about 1928). Initially they played roll music on a player piano and also had a set of drums and records with things for noises such as to simulate horse's hooves and recorded gunshots for westerns. There was a cue sheet indicating when sound effects were to be used.

When he was 12 years old Harry Osteen portrayed

Freckles in an Our Gang comedy movie named *Why Mothers Get Grey*. Anderson's mayor's son Billy Godfrey played Tuffy along with police officer Bas Hilliard's son, Joe. The movie lasted 20 minutes. Harry Osteen refused to play a scene throwing a pie in the face of Walking Joe Shanklin "who was not exactly right," but another boy did.

Percy Osteen owned interests in various theatres over the years and in 1926 built the Carolina theatre at 201 N. Main Street, a much larger theatre than previous "hole-in-the wall" operations. At the Carolina, on the stage, they would have guest appearances by some of the actors.

Mr. Osteen was also an inventor. He developed innovations for cameras and even a way to adjust the spray of a fire hose. For theatre operations he attacked a problem of employees pocketing tickets. The collector and cashier were making a side profit reselling tickets. He invented a turnstile that eliminated the collector and destroyed the tickets.

Serials were run at the theaters Fridays through Tuesdays always ending as cliff-hangers. Concluding each serial the hero or heroine would be left in a perilous position making it imperative that theater-goers return the next week. Charles W. Fant, Jr. said they got into the picture shows for 9 cents.

After World War II, operators branched into drive-in theaters. The biggest problem faced then was a car rolling into the theatre with a sole driver but with three or four others secreted in the trunk. The manager would be notified by the ticket taker and he would be waiting when the kids popped out of the



Percy Osteen (Courtesy Anderson County Museum)

trunk. There was seldom a problem. The kids had just thought it a lark to try to get away with it. Our future leaders.





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Be thankful

The celebration of Thanksgiving Day is one of America's most anticipated and beloved seasons of the year. As a child, I remember learning about how the very first Thanksgiving was shared in 1621 between the Pilgrims of Plymouth and the native Wampanoag people. Tradition tells us that this historic first Thanksgiving feast was held to celebrate and give thanks for a bountiful harvest and for the many blessings they have received during the



Katie Laughridge

favorite part about Thanksgiving is the "yearly reminder" that we all need to slow down

previous year. Today, Thanksgiving is a holiday rich in legend and symbolism, and most always includes turkey, bread stuffing, potatoes, cranberries, pumpkin pie, and or course- the Macy's Thanksgiving parade and a lot of football!

While I truly love all the festive food and family fun, my most

and give thanks for the many blessings that grace our lives each and every day. Although life will never be perfect, and sorrow and loss will unavoidably be part of our experience, Thanksgiving should nevertheless be celebrated as a time to give thanks for the multitude of gifts that we have and continue to receive. While this is an important lesson for adults to embrace, Thanksgiving also presents an excellent opportunity to teach our children the importance of recognizing and giving thanks for what has blessed their lives over the past year.

There are many creative ways to help your child understand the importance of identifying and expressing appreciation for the things they are thankful for. One great way to achieve this is to use the entire month of November, leading up to Thanksgiving Day, to engage your child in activities centered around thankfulness. I have complied a list of ideas that you may want to consider, but feel free to create a few of your own.

As a family, discuss the important role of community helpers (police officers, firefighters, etc.) and write thank-you cards to them to express your gratitude.

Make a "gratitude paper chain." Give each family member strips of colorful paper on which to write or draw images of the things for which they are grateful. Use these strips of

paper to form a chain that you can use to decorate your home for the coming weeks.

Play "gratitude 20 questions." To play, have one family member, the "answerer" think of something they are thankful for; and the remaining family members, the "questioners", try to determine what the "answerer" is thinking about using twenty or less "yes or no" questions.

Make a "gratitude tablecloth." Cover your dining table with banner paper or kraft paper and have each member of the family write or draw pictures of things for which they are grateful. If you prefer, use fabric markers and puff paints to make your creation even for more memorable. Be sure to share your completed "gratitude tablecloth" with family and friends during the holiday season.

Volunteer to serve the needy. Take the whole family to a soup kitchen, food bank, or similar charity and volunteer together. If you have mostly younger children, you can still get the whole family involved by teaching young kids to drop coins into donation kettles and helping them select toys to donate to toy drives.

However you decide to celebrate Thanksgiving this year, I hope the memories and traditions that are created will bless the lives of your family and friends for many years to come!

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!
-Katie



ROBERTSON PRESENTED WITH LEGACY AWARD

At the Governor's Award Ceremony at the South Carolina Service Commission Luncheon, held September 22 in Columbia, Scott Robertson of Morgan Stanley and long-time member of the United Way of Anderson County was presented the

Legacy Award for the State of South Carolina. Robertson is on the Board and the campaign cabinet of the United Way of Anderson County, and serves as the Endowment Chair. Pictured, from left, are Carol Burdette, President & CEO United Way of Anderson County; Alison Youngblood Board Chair United Way of Anderson County; Naomi Lett President CEO United Way Association of SC; Scott Robertson, Morgan Stanley, winner of the statewide Legacy Award; Brandy Singleton Director Disaster Svcs. & Community Impact; and Mary King with WBTV News in Columbia, speaker and MC.

A whole new woman

I just recently had my hair done, and my goodness does it make you feel like a whole new woman. I generally

get a partial foil and a beautiful toner that has gradually given me the icy blonde shade that I love. I've always had long hair and never in my life have I had it drastically cut. I've had bangs before and that lasted only a few months because they were just way too much maintenance.

The haircut trends out now are the best I've seen and I'm really interested in trying curtain bangs. Although, I swore I'd never cut bangs again. You see, these bangs are absolutely gorgeous. They were big in the sixties and seventies, think Brigitte Bardot or Goldie Hawn but with a modern-day look. The cool thing about this cut is it goes with everyone's face shape and they're extremely flattering and much easier to style. The fringe across the forehead is the part I just can't handle. You can brush these to the side or part them down the center of the head. They're called curtains because they frame the face just as a curtain frames a window. Genius. I'm on



Kristine March

the brink of trying this style - maybe this winter. So, If I'm not pleased with them by summer they will have grown to my liking.

Another trend that is simply amazing is called a shadow root. This color needs touch ups only twice a year. Yes, I said twice a year! Imagine the money and time you would save on this stunning trend. The shade blends into your natural hair color and looks beautiful on everyone. It gives you the ability to extend your hair growth patterns. Sign me up.

Balayage is still in style and beautiful, almond hues look great and natural. Shades of red are big and would be so fun to try even if you're not a natural red head. After all, it's just hair. Short hair is always here to stay. Try a pixie cut if that's your style.

Hair accessories are my absolute favorite. I love big velvet bejeweled headbands that instantly give you a British chic "I'm a royal vibe". Statement bows are cool if that's your thing and Halo crowns would be beautiful for holiday parties or a wedding. Whatever your fancy, all these trends are easy to achieve and will give you instant gratification if you're in a slump and need a reboot. So, get out there and make the sidewalk your runway. Have a good hair day and kindness matters y'all.



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NIBBLE & SIP

Taking a bite out of Halloween

This year, we have two bites -- vampire pun intended -- at Halloween. There's Saturday, October 30th, when most parties will occur and most trick-or-treating will take place, and Sunday, October 31st, when cable television and streaming services will be offering terrifying tales of horror. That means we have two opportunities to enjoy a delicious Halloween-themed Nibble and Sip.



Kim von Keller

Halloween is a night of sweets, so while the kiddies are enjoying their candy, mix up a batch of Pumpkin Spice Dip. Thanks to the folks at McCormick, you can avoid a trip to Starbucks and enjoy all creaminess and warm baking spices of your favorite latte without the caffeine to keep you awake. I like to serve it with crispy gingersnaps.

When it comes to the cocktail, there are multiple ways to go. Some, like the Zombie, are strong enough to wake the undead. Others, like a Tipsy Mulled Cider, are built around apple, cinnamon, and other flavors of the season. This year, though, I'm going with one that visually suggests Halloween. I call it Lucy's Lament, named for the young Englishwoman who became Dracula's victim. While it's delicious any time of the year, rim-



ming the glass with strawberry syrup gives it a bloody appearance that suggests all things vampire without making it unbearably sweet.

Pumpkin Spice Dip

8 oz. whipped cream cheese
¾ c. vanilla Greek Yogurt
¼ c. brown sugar
2 tsp. Pumpkin Pie Spice

cheese, yogurt, and brown sugar, stirring gently to combine. Sprinkle in the pumpkin pie spice and stir gently until evenly distributed. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for one hour before serving with gingersnaps. Serves 4-6.

Lucy's Lament

Strawberry syrup, such as Smucker's
1 oz. vodka
½ oz. orange liqueur
½ oz. lemon juice
½ oz. simple syrup
3 oz. sparkling wine

Pour strawberry syrup onto a plate.

Holding a wine glass by the stem, dip the rim into the syrup and then turn upright, allowing the syrup to drip down the inside and outside of the glass. Set the glass aside in the freezer.

In a cocktail shaker, combine the vodka, orange liqueur, lemon juice, and simple syrup. Fill the shaker with ice, cover tightly with the lid, and shake vigorously. Strain the mixture into the prepared glass, disturbing the syrup as little as possible. Add the sparkling wine, stir gently, and serve. Makes 1.

Gingersnaps, for serving
In a small mixing bowl, combine the cream

BAMA Ghost Walk brings strange stories to light

It's that time again! Get ready to hear about ghoulies and ghosties that make their home in Belton as you stroll down the historic streets during the Belton Area Museum Association's fourth annual Halloween Ghost Walk.

Six all-new historic properties are on the tour. Zalin's Department Store (present-day Palmetto Roots Salon), the Cobb/Garrett House, the Charles Berry Lewis House, the Floride Cox House, the Central School, and the site of the original city jail (present day Belton Tire Company) are all scheduled stops. Exteriors of homes and businesses will be accessible and spine-tingling stories attached to each property will be shared by costumed presenters of the Belton-Honea Path High School drama team.

Price per person (\$10 adults, \$5 children 10 and under) includes guided tours of historic properties and unusual entertainment.

Purchasing advanced tickets is encouraged as slots fill up quickly. Price rises to \$15 if purchased the day of the event.

Tours begin at 6 PM and will depart from the depot every 15 minutes until 8:15 PM. Each tour will last approximately 1 1/2 hours. Limited slots are available. Tours will be family-friendly in content.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by visiting or calling the museum during regular opening hours, Wednesday-Friday, 9 - 2 and Saturday 10 - noon.

Make plans to attend now. All attendees should wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a flashlight. Wearing facemasks and practicing social distancing are encouraged.

For more information, contact Abigail Burden at 864-338-7400 or beltonmuseum@bellsouth.net.

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Its eyes are open now, but it would not stir



until it had determined what day of the week it was. Its alien-like intellect tabulated that it was

Sunday, and it exhaled a sigh of relief as its eyes slowly closed, and its massive brain idled once again.

It's 10 a.m. and it's now awakened by bright sunlight and the

faint odor of dead meat cooking, along with a hint of that dark roasted bean that it now craves. Its empty stomach growls and its mouth salivates as it calculates the amount of fried carcass its pearly whites will help devour.

It knows that its brainwashed captive is busy fulfilling its wishes that have been hypnotically injected into that tiny mind. It can often send messages to its subordinate telepathically, and it knows that more butter will



indeed be added, and that toast that is too dark will result in painful monetary repercussions. It has no worry that the prisoner will escape and allows him to roam freely while being certain that thirty-six years of programming undying love into his minuscule cerebral matter will insure complete servitude and obedience.



Neal Parnell

It sits up in its bed and feels around for the device that sends an invisible beam that activates millions of lighted pixels and displays the three words that fuel its being...ADD TO CART.

It now hears the breaking of shells and the whisking of embryos that signal that its first meal of the day is nearly complete. The zombified servant delivers the tray of hot food and drink to its waiting lap. It looks up at the mindless simpleton and says, "Thank you Honey, it looks delicious". To which he responds robotically, "You're welcome Sweety, can I get you anything else?". It says, "I'll let you know, but I did just order you something for being the best husband a wife could have". I looked at the large screen that was showing a brand new four-slot toaster. I gave It my best 'I love it look' as it clicked the other three words that will surely be on its tombstone...

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Yellow Jackets a win away from unbeaten regular season

Hanna Yellow Jackets

Aug. 20	Laurens	W, 23-17
Aug. 27	Wren	W, 27-16
Sept. 10	BHP	W, 43-10
Sept. 17	Easley	W, 62-14
Sept. 24	Westside	W, 45-14
Oct. 1	Woodmont	W, 37-14
Oct. 8	Mauldin	W, 43-22
Oct. 15	J.L. Mann	W, 50-7
Oct. 22	Byrnes	W, 28-22
Oct. 29	Hillcrest	AWAY

BY BRU NIMMONS

DUNCAN — With their undefeated season on the line, the T.L. Hanna Yellow Jackets traveled to Spartanburg County on Friday night to face off with Byrnes.

The Jackets hadn't won in Duncan since 1979, but that changed by night's end in a 28-22 win.

Things didn't start out great for Hanna, as Byrnes' Thomas Gregory took the opening kickoff inside the Jacket 30. With the great field position, the Rebels took no time to score, with quarterback Gabriel Rogers finding Elijah Barnes for a 21-yard touchdown to go ahead 7-0 with 10:42 left in the first.

The passing game proved big on Hanna's first scoring drive later in the quarter, with big catches and runs from Chase Burton and Walt Smith, moving them inside the Byrnes 20. Three plays later, Hanna back Fletcher Cothran raced in on a seven-yard touchdown run to tie the game at 7-7 with 2:47 left in the first.

Both offenses stalled out heading into the second quarter, but Byrnes finally got a strong drive going midway through the quarter behind a catch and run from Gregory. The Rebels made it all the way down to the 13 before a penalty on a would-be touchdown pass forced them to bring out the field goal unit. The Jackets managed to block the 35-yard attempt and took over again at their own 20.

After drawing Byrnes offsides on a huge fourth-down

play two possessions later, Carson Bacheller broke free on a 24-yard run inside the Byrnes 10. Two plays later, Kam Johnson brought the drive home on a five-yard touchdown run to put Hanna ahead 14-7 at the half.

Punts continued to fly to start the half until Hanna got back on the score board on a 28-yard touchdown pass from Kenny Fretwell to Knox Whitten to go ahead 21-7 with just less than six minutes left in the third.

With the Hanna defense swarming, Byrnes headed to the fourth in dire need of a score. Starting at their own 35, the Rebels worked their way down the field before Kyai Cook raced his way to the end zone on a 10-yard score to cut it to 21-14 with 6:26 left in the game.

The Jackets took almost four minutes off the clock before they were forced to bring out the punting team. The Hanna kick was blocked by Caleb Melton.

Taking over inside the 15, the Rebels scored in short order on an 11-yard touchdown pass Rogers to Knai Cook. The Rebels went back to the air on their two-point attempt and took a 22-21 lead on a Gregory catch.

The Jackets moved quickly down field in the final two minutes on passes to Burton and Whitten. Runs by Johnson and Smith got Hanna down to the 14, where Jay Dillard hit Chap Pendergrass on a 14-yard touchdown pass for the 28-21 win.

The Jackets (9-0) will finish the regular season this week against Hillcrest.



WESTSIDE RAMS

Westside wraps up region championship

BY BRU NIMMONS

With their non-region slate going poorly, the Westside Rams looked like they might not meet their high pre-season expectations.

However, the Rams have mowed through their region slate and with a 56-24 win over Walhalla on Friday, they secured the Region I-4A Championship.

Facing off against the Razorbacks at home, the Rams got on the board first after trading possessions early when tailback Amir Dendy scored on a 14-yard run. Dendy's backfield mate Hunter Puckett scored on the two-point conversion, and Westside led 8-0 with 3:23 left in the first.

Following the score, the Razorbacks marched right back down the field. Then, just four seconds into the second quarter, Walhalla receiver Will Smith made a circus catch in the end zone on a 26-yard pass from Bryce Payne to put Walhalla on the board. The Razors managed to add a two-point conversion of their own to tie the game at 8-8.

A lost fumble put Westside in trouble on its next possession, but the Ram defense proved tough, forcing a rare Walhalla punt.

The Rams took little time getting back on the scoreboard after the punt, as Owen Skelton broke loose on a 56-yard



touchdown run. Puckett converted on the two-point attempt, and Westside led 16-8 with 8:01 left in the half.

Following the score, the Razorbacks pounded their way back down into Ram territory on the ground while eating up much of the second-quarter clock. Finally, with 2:11

left in the quarter, Payne hit Zac Shepard on a 26-yard slant for a touchdown. Payne ran home the two-point conversion to tie the game at 16-16.

After a long Dendy return on the kickoff, the Rams managed to add one more touchdown before half on a pass from Skelton to Jimmar Boston. Puckett ran in the conversion once more and Westside went to half up 24-16.

Neither offense could get much going for much of the third quarter, until Payne scored on a three-yard run with 3:07 left in the third. With another successful conversion, the game was tied at 24-24.

On the ensuing kickoff, Dendy continued his electric play with a 90-yard return touchdown to retake the lead, 32-24.

From there, the Rams scored three consecutive touchdowns on runs down the stretch as the Razorbacks had no answer for Dendy and Puckett to secure a 56-24 win.

The Rams will finish the regular season this week on the road against Pickens.

Westside Rams

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