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From modest beginnings, a mighty life

When Pearlie Mae Suber Harris was young, a teacher told her, "Giant oak trees grow from tiny acorns." As a child, she didn't understand what that meant, even though her life would ultimately follow the same trajectory. While she started off as a student in a tiny one-room school in Saluda, North Carolina, Mrs. Harris is now the namesake of one of Bon Secours St. Francis Health System's premier health centers.

Mrs. Harris was born in Hendersonville, North Carolina, in 1936 to the Reverend Lester Suber and Blandena Hawkins Suber. The Subers eventually settled in Saluda, converting an old school house to the family home. "To me, the fireplace logs seemed 10 feet long," she said at an event sponsored by the Historic Saluda Committee and the Saluda Community Land Trust. "My parents had four children,

and we had to cut wood. He had four axes and four saws." Mrs. Harris's mother took in laundry, washing clothes in boiling wash pots with water the children collected from a spring.

Her early education took place with other African-American students, grades 1-9, in a single room. "I was the only one in 3rd grade," she says, "and there was only one fellow in 9th grade. We had one teacher that taught everything to all classes." Eventually, the small school was closed. "Polk County gave our parents the option of going to Tryon or Hendersonville, and our

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CALVIN BROCK

Calvin Brock grew up in Anderson. He went to school through the 8th grade, then quit to go home and work on his family's farm. Young and feisty, he moved around working different jobs and sewing a few wild oats. Calvin decided to move back and settle in his hometown. Once he returned home, he steered clear of any vices and characters that brought trouble into his life. "The Lord blessed me to be a good guy. When you get a blessing, why let it go," he explained.

During his travels, Calvin learned the skill of shining shoes. His first pair of shined shoes paid twenty-five cents. Calvin's full time job was at the Anderson Country Club. "I did a little bit of everything – cook, clean, groom the grounds – you name it, I did it. I would caddy for some of the golfers. From time to time, they would hand me their club and ask me to take a shot." With a pretty good swing, Calvin soon learned to love the game. "LuJack Orr gave me my first set of golf clubs," he smiled. He began playing whenever he could and soon formed a team. During those regretful days, African Americans were only allowed to play the course at Anderson Country Club on Mondays from 9-1. A natural athlete, his best score on 18 holes was a 68, he averaged in the 70's.

On occasion, Calvin would shine shoes for some of the golfers. Word spread of his ability to take a rough pair of shoes and make them look new again. Calvin began to take jobs around town, shining shoes. He would either come to a business office and shine shoes there or take them home, shine them and bring them back. "I don't shine shoes to get rich. I shine shoes to put money in my pocket and stay busy. I bring them home, set up my shoe stand in front of the tv and watch golf while I shine."

He has shined shoes for so many people over the years, he says it's hard to remember them all. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, he works out at the YMCA with a friend. People will bring their shoes to be shined and pick them up on the next work out day. Sometimes he goes to an office and shines everyone's shoes while he's there. He says he can clean up any pair of shoes and make them like new again. He has shined dress shoes, tennis shoes, golf shoes, boots, etc. He says he always notices people's shoes. So many times he will see a well groomed man who has on nice clothes and look down at his feet and see a beat up pair of shoes. "What a disappointment," he notes, shaking his head.

Calvin and his buddies of



The Electric City Golf Team meet every Thursday at George's Restaurant for lunch. They talk golf and break bread together. His regular expressions of gratitude for his blessings and a good life explain the happiness in his eyes. He occasionally volunteers as a mentor for troubled teens in the community. He gives the young boys advice on self care and presenting themselves in a positive way. He emphasizes basic consideration with these messages:

"Quit being a bully."

"Don't wait to be asked to do something that needs to be done, just do it."

"Stay clear minded. If your

mind is not right, your life won't be."

"Dress in a way that shows respect for those around you."

The way you dress and take care of your clothes is not everything, but it's a start.

Shining shoes is a talent and an art form. It is an act of consideration and respect for others. Working with your hands is critical for keeping the mind from wandering. One-on-one social interaction with people makes for an enriched life. He claims at times he shines 100 pair of shoes in a week. Seems that Calvin has found the recipe for a life well-shined!

Harris

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father chose Hendersonville," she says. "There were fewer curves, and we did not have to climb the steep grade." Mrs. Harris and her siblings rode to the new school in a neighbor's car until the state provided a school bus. When the bus driver had an accident, the state arranged for the students to be transported by Trailways bus.

When Mrs. Harris was 16, she graduated from Ninth Avenue High School in Hendersonville. Encouraged by Principal John Marable, she enrolled in Barber-Scotia College, a women's college in Concord, North Carolina. "Mr. Marable said, 'You need to go to college,'" Mrs. Harris says. "You don't need to waste your brain." She heeded his advice, graduating in 1957 with a degree in elementary education.

Her first job was in Beaufort, South Carolina. For a girl from the North Carolina mountains, the Lowcountry was quite a shock. "I had never been exposed to all of the water,

the Atlantic Ocean, the changing tides, the language, and the flat country," she says. She married James Harris, a Marine, and they had two sons, Anthony and Lee. They moved to the Greenville area in 1962, and she eventually earned a Master's degree in education from Furman. "I loved teaching," she says. "The children and their parents were a part of my life for 37 years. "She was widowed in 1987 and retired from teaching in 1994.

But Mrs. Harris hadn't retired from life. "Upon retirement, I was asked to work at the volunteer desk at St. Francis Health System, and later, on the Internal Review Board," she says. "I was eventually asked to join the Board of Directors, and I later became the Chairman of the Board." She was the first woman and the first African American to serve in that position. When a contribution was left to the hospital to honor her service to St. Francis, she was given a couple of options to which she could lend her name. I chose to support breast health," she says. "My interest came from a student who once told me her mother had breast cancer, and I didn't really know what to say. I thought

I would get a plaque on a door."

What she got was the Pearlie Harris Center for Breast Health at St. Francis Eastside Hospital, which opened in 2011.

"I am so grateful for all the donors who thought so highly of me. My daily prayers are for all cancer patients. This disease can walk into our lives at the blink of an eye," she says. "I am an ambassador for the center, and I am always visiting and helping in any way the center would like to use me."

When she's not volunteering at the Center for Breast Health, Mrs. Harris gives her time to other organizations in Greenville. She has worked on the Centre Stage, The Greenville County Art Museum, Unity on Main Health Clinic, and the Greenville County Youth Orchestra. She also visits assisted living homes as a eucharist minister for her church.

Like the acorn and the oak, big lives often have small beginnings. "Today, I thank God for all of those that pushed and encouraged me through the years," Mrs. Harris says. "I must also thank God for all of those who allowed me the privilege of standing on their shoulders, even today."

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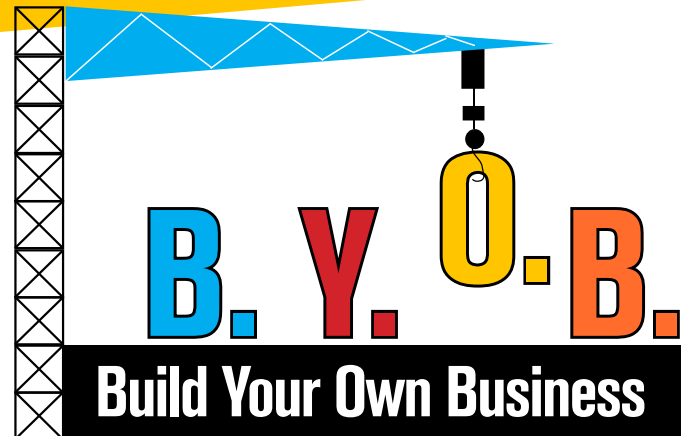
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Ellie Resa, left, and Lizeth Martinez Molina

Westside High School names Art Students of the Month

Each month at Westside, the Art teachers, Christa Eberhard and Seth Scheving, assign an Upper Level and Intro Level Art Student of the Month. January's students were Lizeth Martinez Molina and Ellie Resa respectively. Students are chosen for their hard work, a constant willingness to try new things, showing creativity through their work, and being a positive example to other students in the classroom.

My name is Lizeth Martinez Molina. I am a sophomore at Westside. I was born in Morelia Michoacan Mexico and have only been in America for over two years. I took art last semester and I enjoyed it because of how Ms. Eberhard taught art. My favorite parts of art are painting and drawing portraits, and designing Mandala Art.

"Part of what I appreciate most about Lizeth is her willingness to push herself past her comfort zone. She commits wholeheartedly to every project and is willing to try any-

thing. She also knows how to accept criticism while still advocating for her own ideas." - Ms. Eberhard about Lizeth

My name is Ellie Resa and I am a sophomore at Westside. I took Art 1 last semester. Going into the class, I was focused on passing the class and getting a graduation credit. However, I was surprised at how good I was and how much I enjoyed the class. I was very satisfied with my artwork. My favorite materials to create with are charcoal, acrylic paint and oil pastel.

"Ellie really bought into the class and embraced the concept of process over product. She was willing to re-do things until they looked good, despite the urge to settle. She even began to experiment with new materials and work beyond what was asked of her. Ellie is hard on herself, but I think by the end of the semester, she was pleased with her artwork. It is always rewarding as a teacher when the students are proud of their own work." - Mr. Scheving about Ellie

Salem Presbyterian Church celebrates Black History Month

The congregation of Salem Presbyterian Church celebrated black history month on Sunday February 23rd with a special service that included a praise dance by Joyce Johnson and a dramatic reading of Maya Angelou's "I Rise" by Paula Johnson. The service also included a one-act play imagining a dream where Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Nelson Mandela appear to inspire President and Mrs. Obama to persevere.

The play featured performances by Deesha Teasley, Nyla Teasley, Maylia Pitts and Joyce Johnson. Elder Mary Burt shared a poem by Paul Laurence Dunbar who was among the first African-American writers to receive national recognition. Many of the congregants donned traditional clothing, adding to the festive atmosphere of the day.



Pastors of Salem Presbyterian Church welcome guests dressed for the occasion at the Black History Celebration on February 23rd. (Left to right) Phil Batson, Brandy Bell Greer, Rev. Rose Nance, Rev. Mashon Nance, Dr. Beatrice Thompson, and Beth Batson.

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Room renovation competition THE Electric City News



Clay Martin

Last month I announced that we would be having a 'Before and After' competition sponsored by the The Electric City News. I am looking for a room that has lots of interesting details, like built-in features such as bookcases, interesting molding and lots of character. Keep in mind I will be using your furnishings so I would choose a room that is not too large. You will get better impact with a medium sized room. It will take a couple of days to design the room, so be prepared to have me hanging around for a while.

First prize winner will be awarded a design make over from yours truly, Clay Martin. I will be using your own furniture and accessories to create a new design for the winning room. Your room will be published with a picture of the before and after in the May issue of The Electric City News. Along with the make over the winner will receive a prize gift from Tracie Starr Home for the finishing touch.

Second Prize is a \$75 gift card from Tracie Starr Home

Third Prize is a \$50 gift card from

The Kitchen Emporium & Gifts

During the month of March, we will be receiving videos from contestants in the Anderson area that feel they should have their room redesigned.

Here are a few guidelines to help make your entry successful:

-Your submission should be no longer than 30 seconds.

-Give your name.

-Describe the kind of room you want to be made over.

-Tell us why you think your room should be chosen.

-Choose a room you feel will make the most impact with a makeover.

-This room should be the one you feel will best showcase your home furnishings.

All submissions should be emailed to electriccitynews@gmail.com

All entries should be email time-stamped no later than March 31.

I'm excited to make this our first design competition and look forward to all your many stories and why your room is perfect for a makeover.

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Blooming spring fashion trends

Flowers are slowly starting to pop out. The days are getting longer and the sun is starting to shine again. Spring is just about here and I don't know about you, but it can't come soon enough. In the fashion department there are some really lovely trends blooming as well.



Kristine March

Striped dresses, leather, and puff sleeves. The color red is going to be big this season which is rather unusual for the spring, but oh so sexy. Satin and lace and all things ultra-feminine and

fresh are going to be available for those warm soft days while you're in a big field on a blanket or tapestry sipping rosé. Sounds like Heaven to me.

Since certain days can still have a nip to the air, pop on a slouchy lilac or mint colored sweater over your dress or jumpsuit. So effortless and pretty. Blazers and big belts are huge. It gives you that street style look. Cropped high waisted wide leg jeans to show off that perfect shoe or loafer are back. Big round tortoise shell glasses will bring you a late sixties posh, yet wearable, runway vibe this year.

To get some great ideas, check out designers. I'm loving Chloe and Gucci this season. Cynthia Rowley showcased turquoise and pink on her runway and it was divine. That combo makes anyone look stunning. Crotchets are huge. Swimsuits and midi dresses with a matching cardigan will make you look like a beautiful Italian lady on The Amalfi Coast. It's not just your typical great-grandma's poncho look. It's super wearable and flattering on everyone.

Missoni makes gorgeous pieces if you want to get a feel for the look. Belted silk earth tone duster jackets are incredibly cool looking and extra comfortable for the temperature transitions. All of these looks don't have to be designer labels either. You don't have to bust your budget to find any of these great styles. What trends will you be rocking this spring? Don't forget to make the sidewalk your runway and kindness always matters and never goes out of style. Happy almost Spring y'all.

Meet your Anderson County librarians

JEAN RAUTON Reference Librarian

Jean has spent 34 years as a library media specialist, with 32 years at the same school. During this time, Jean also worked part-time at several other libraries. She worked at Tri-County Tech and Anderson University Libraries. She has a BA degree from Clemson University and a Masters Degree of Library Science from USC.



Jean loved reading books growing up and worked in the library during high school, and she really liked it. The job was nothing like what she saw as a teenager, but she loved the time she worked in the school system. Jean loves working in the public library setting. She works in the reference department of the Main Library and has worked there for four years part-time.

SUSAN MANALLI Librarian III Head of Technical Services

Susan spent 25 years as a Spanish teacher in secondary schools in Wisconsin, and traveled and lived in both Mexico & Spain. Susan was very interested in curriculum development, but also loved literacy programs and Spanish. She didn't want to leave teaching unless a new career path could include all those opportunities. Susan investigated the library science degree program at UW-Madison. The library world was getting ready for the big shift to digital information access and retrieval. All the campus libraries were preparing for a union catalog and a future of shared databases. It was the most exciting time to study. Susan could see what impact that instant retrieval would have in the library world. She was offered an assistant's position to the professor of indexing and retrieval with the opportunity to study for her doctorate. And then her husband died. Susan turned down the offer and returned to the Spanish classrooms in order to regroup. Two years later she married her second husband.



She took three years off from education to live and work with him in Europe running their own business as educational sales representatives for five major U.S. producers of film and video to schools. It soon became obvious that film and video would be replaced rapidly by digital formats, so they moved back to the U.S.

Susan's husband was made district manager for one of the companies they had represented. Susan was employed in Hampton, VA as a

high school media specialist. Within two years, her husband was promoted to southeastern regional manager and they relocated to St. Augustine, FL where Susan worked as a media specialist in St. Johns County's school district. During those 13 years, Susan was assigned the responsibility of the print and audio/visual collection building in two separate new media centers, setting up and running a school TV studio, and updating the collections in the county's

high school. She retired in 2002, and she and her husband chose Anderson, SC as the place they wanted to be. Susan took a part-time job as a receptionist in a leading upstate law firm. Susan is now working at the Anderson County Library as Manager of Technical Services, Librarian III.

Put on your grownup pants and try a negroni

There are very few foods I won't eat. In fact, I can think of only three that I can't stomach: beef liver, lychee, and sprouts. Just to be sure, I still try them every few years or so, and my dislike has only intensified. In the cocktail world, though, what I formerly disliked – Campari – has now become a favorite ingredient in one of my favorite drinks, the Negroni.

Campari, an Italian aperitivo, is described by its maker as "an infusion of bitter herbs, aromatic plants and fruit in alcohol and water." In my 20s, I first tasted it straight, which was a mistake. I was overwhelmed by the bitter quality. I vowed to never try it again, but years later I was coaxed into having it with orange juice – delicious – and finally, within the last few years, as part of the Negroni.

The Negroni has only three ingredients, so it is important that both the gin and the sweet ver-

mouth are the best you can afford. And if you're having an Italian



Kim von Keller

movie night with friends – think "Roman Holiday," "Eat Pray Love," or "Letters to Juliet" – an appropriate Nibble and

Sip would be to pair the Negroni with Parmesan Cheese Straws. The bold flavors of the Campari and the gin are balanced by the salty cheese.

Negroni

- 1 oz. gin
- 1 oz. Campari
- 1 oz. sweet vermouth
- 2-inch strip of orange peel, optional

Add the gin, Campari, and sweet vermouth to a cocktail shaker filled with ice. Shake vigorously, strain

into an ice-filled rocks glass, and garnish with the orange peel. Serves 1.

Parmesan Cheese Straws

- 1 egg mixed with 1 teaspoon water
- 1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon sweet paprika
- ½ pound store-bought puff pastry, thawed, but chilled

In a small bowl, beat the egg with the water until thoroughly combined. In a second bowl, use a fork to toss the Parmesan with the paprika. Set both bowls aside.

Without unfolding it, roll the dough into a rectangle about 1/4-inch thick on a lightly floured surface. Brush with some of the egg wash and sprinkle with half of the Parmesan and paprika. Gently press the cheese mixture into the dough. Turn the dough over, brush it again with egg wash, and sprinkle with remaining cheese and paprika. Again, lightly

press the cheese into the dough. Transfer the dough to a baking sheet lined with parchment paper and chill for at least 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Line two baking sheets with parchment paper that does not extend all the way to the end, leaving about 1 inch of baking sheet uncovered. With a sharp knife or a pizza cutter, cut the dough lengthwise into 1/2-inch strips. You should have around 18 strips. Twist the strips corkscrew fashion and arrange 1/2 inch apart on the two parchment-lined baking sheets, nine to a sheet. Press the ends of the strips onto the bare baking sheet at each end so they stick and hold the dough in place. Bake in the oven for 12 minutes, switching the sheets from top to bottom after 6 minutes, until puffed and golden. Cut crosswise into 4-inch lengths while hot and let cool on racks. Makes 72 pieces.

WHAT DIRECTION ARE YOU MOVING?



**MARY-CATHERINE
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Clients often struggle with distinguishing between values and goals, and identifying his/her personal values versus the values stemming from people in his/her life that they fear disappointing and not pleasing. Values are what is important to the person and point to the deepest desires in our heart. Values also motivate behavior and action. On the other hand, goals are achievable and what someone wants to accomplish within a specific time period. Values are ongoing and are never “crossed off” a list or achieved.

Every 3, 6, and/or 12 months, it can be healthy to complete a values inventory. It is also important to remember that values may not be the same across friends, family, or partners. There are no “correct” or “perfect” values. Consider the following values:

Relationships: What qualities do you want to add to relationships, how do you want to interact with others, who do you want to be in friendships versus intimate

relationships? What type of parent do you want to be for your children? How do you invest and add to these relationships/friendships?

Education/Career: What do you find meaningful in work? What kind of student or colleague would you like to be? How much do you invest into your work or school relationships? How much do you value learning, training, or personal growth?

Leisure/Fun/Play: How much time do you give yourself to relax and rest? What brings a sense of fun to your week? Which hobbies, sports, or activities do you enjoy? When is the last time you took a vacation or trip?

Spirituality/Meditation: What are ways you embrace stillness? How do you invest in connecting with nature and the present moment? Would you like to spend more time in organized religion or formal groups? Are there books, podcasts, scripture, or meditations you find comforting?

Service and Community: How much do you enjoy connecting or contributing to your community? Is volunteering, recycling, or fundraising a significant part of your identity? Do you support a charity or political group?

Health: How do you create time for

exercising? How important is sleep, nutrition, smoking, alcohol, activity, etc. in your life? Do you attend annual check-ups? How much protection do you give your skin from the sun? What makes these things important or not important?

Finances: Do you have a budget? How important is investing, saving, and spending? Do you monitor your bank account statements? Have you contributed money to your retirement?

Other: Are there are other things you value not mentioned included on this list?

Based on this list, and after writing down your own definition for each value, consider rating each value on a scale of 0-10 (low to high importance). Some values may receive a score of 0. Values can also have the same number assigned. After you consider the importance level, rate how successful you have been in living this value in your daily life over the past month. Lastly, prioritize the values most important to you for the next month. Review and repeat as often as desired.

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Early electric streetcars in the Electric City

BY RICH OTTER

Transportation took an enormous leap forward in Anderson in the early 1900s when the Electric City became host to some of the first electric streetcars in South Carolina.

J. C. Brock, president of Anderson Cotton Mill, with interests in insurance and banking and a promoter of the Carnegie Library, spearheaded the construction of the power system and tracks for the new Anderson Traction Company created in 1904. The development was supervised by W. B. Crabtree. The first cars, constructed by Southern Car Manufacturing, arrived in 1905. The cars were said to be convertible as the windows could be removed in the summer.

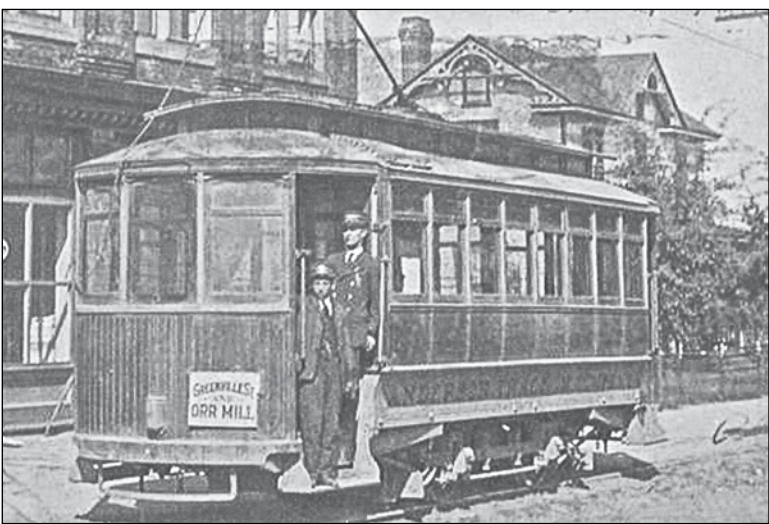
Formal operations began February 19, 1905 with three streetcars leaving the Courthouse Square at 11:00 a.m. in three directions, north and south on Main Street and west on Whitner. The Company was reported as having six miles of track at that time.

The operations in the City of Anderson were connecting the downtown to the cotton mills and

mill villages, granting access to and from the outlying areas. And the streetcars were a useful and exciting innovation for the people in the community.

As a young boy Robert Gallant recalled he would stand at the northeast corner of Main Street and Whitner and described the old electric streetcars as having a big wand that hooked on an electric wire up above. "It would crackle and spark and spit and put on a good show. The street cars would come around that corner and turn right in front of the old Chiquola Hotel. When they did, often the big antennae or wand would jump off the track and sparks would go flying everywhere. It was like a fireworks show. The trolley would stop and the driver would take the long cord that swung back and forth from the antennae and swing it around until it finally would jump back on the wire."

Earle M. Rice remembered Luta Keith saying men would stand around the corners where the streetcars stopped for passengers and watch the ladies boarding who had to show their ankles when they went up



58 Anderson Traction Company Orr Mill

the steps.

As a youngster Dr. Jimmy Young would see the streetcar coming toward Anderson College, run, jump on, ride to the end of the line and help reverse the seats for the trip back downtown. They let him swing the rope for the connector to the return hotwire.

The exciting new development of North Anderson was not to be outdone. Developer John Linley and C. G. Boleman weren't far behind. The North Anderson Street Railway was chartered October 23, 1913 and James L. Harden described how a two mile line was extended from Greenville Street up the left side of North Main Street to North Avenue, down the middle of North Avenue and up the middle of West North Avenue to Westview Avenue where it stopped. Linley's grandson, George Sands, remembers his moth-

er, then a little girl, talking about the process in the back yard of their home of preparing the trolley to return downtown.

James Harden recalled "The first streetcar ran on Halloween Day, October 31, 1913. The Orr Mill band along with some of us made the first trip. The band got off at the station house and gave a concert from 3 to 5:30." The ticket cost was five cents but John Linley issued special free passes for the opening day through November 3.

Harden further recalled: "I remember one time I had a goat and my mother had gone down the block below our house to St. Mary's Hospital for some reason or other. She caught a streetcar going to town. As the streetcar passed our house she saw that my goat would not let my father on the front porch. Mr. Herwin stopped the streetcar, mother got off and went up and held the goat while Daddy went in the house. Mother went back out, got on the car and went to town."

Fred Hewin's job was also to turn off the street lights on the last run of the night.

THE GARDEN SHOP

The days of daffodils



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These are days of daffodils. They are one of my favorites. I'm still trying to add winter interest to the front garden. Two or three conifers and a few Japanese boxwoods added are too small to make a show. I'm also running quite behind on getting peonies cleaned up. So these days the garden is a hodgepodge of dead foliage and daffodils. Dead foliage is a type of winter interest, I suppose, providing structure of sorts and needed habitat for Mother Nature's creatures. Daffodils have been planted amongst perennials throughout the whole garden. All the peonies have daffodils planted with them too. Neither interferes with the other and my thinking is daffodils will keep voles away from the peonies since daffodils are poisonous. Knock on wood

though, I haven't noticed vole damage in a few years and they never bothered the peonies. When voles were so bad, I quit mulching the garden and it seemed to help (yes, a contradiction of habitat for creatures mentioned above). No mulch brought weed problems though but somehow a middle of the road has been achieved.

The majority of daffodils were rescued from my grandmother's neighbor yard, my great great aunt's yard, and another yard of an abandoned home here in Anderson. The house had a for sale sign for years so I called the owner. The house, gone now, was in a rough part of town but that didn't scare me away. With a yard jammed with all sorts of daffodils, I couldn't let rational thinking get in the way. There is also a very special patch of a unique smaller variety that came from an area close to where my Grandmother Crittendon was raised. They are separated so I know they're "The Ridge" daffodils.

Botanically speaking, daffodils (*Narcissus*) are in the amaryllis family. There are several categories – trumpet, large cupped, double,



miniature, jonquils, poeticus, small cupped, split corona, tazetta, triandrus, cyclamineus, and then within these varieties comes oodles of choices. Butter and eggs is a double variety in the garden I can name. Tete a tete is a miniature I can name. I bought Pink Blend, that to my surprise was tagged part sun. Another bought one is Trepolo, a fancy type that has a split corona (the colorful part in the middle). Neither variety blooms nearly as good as the rescued types.

Ideally these bulbs should be planted in the fall. Most stores will have them in September or October. Once we see them blooming, it's

probably too late to find any to buy. In my rescuing, I have dug them whenever I could see them. I also change the rules of how to plant them. Rules say two to three times deep as big as the bulb is. I never plant them that deep. When the bulbs get too deep they don't bloom well, nor when they get too crowded. I just barely cover the bulbs and space them eight or so inches apart. Planting them shallow saves me from having to replant them so soon. Mixing them with perennials hides the foliage as it dies. Foliage must be left so the bulbs have energy for next year. Perennials start growing as the foliage is turning brown.



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STOP ME BEFORE I SOUP AGAIN

The Amazon guy thinks I'm opening a restaurant.

My kitchen windows are constantly steamed up.

I'm slowly losing the ability to chew solid food.

These are just three of the problems associated with my latest hobby: making soup. Honestly, I fear that I've gone full throttle now to an actual soup obsession. It's just my husband and me at home, but as I write this column, I have more than a dozen quarts in the deep freeze and I'm watching a giant pot bubbling away on the stove. I either need a cannery or an intervention.

This whole thing started with an invitation from our friend Sam: "I've probably mentioned that my cousin M. is undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer. I thought it would be nice if we could stock her freezer with simple meals that

she could microwave on days when she's feeling puny. So on Super Bowl Sunday, I'll provide the football food if you will bring one quart of soup



Kim von Keller

each of the other couples."

I immediately accepted the invitation. First, I know M., a lovely retired lady who plays a mean blues guitar, and I'm all for helping her through a rough patch on her road to recovery. Second, Sam and his wife, Karen, besides being exceedingly kind and generous of spirit, host a heck of a party. And third,

four dinners ready to pop into the microwave when I'm pressed for time is a definite no-brainer.

My friend Debi, who knows the entire inventory of Amazon, told me where I could buy the plastic quart containers. They're the tall, stackable kind like the ones you buy pimento cheese in if you're going to a big tailgate or making a sandwich for a teenaged boy. Then it was time to choose the kind of soup I was going to prepare. My standard has always been beef and barley, a thick, hearty concoction full of the aforementioned ingredients plus vegetables and herbs. I doubled the recipe, leaving me with three containers in my freezer plus the five I needed for the party. As we drove to Sam and Karen's house, the 49ers and the Chiefs could not have been as anxious about the game as I was about the soups I would be bringing home.

And like Patrick Mahomes, my friends did not disappoint.

In no particular order, there was a shrimp bisque, beautifully pink and creamy, the very essence of shrimp. An Italian minestrone, full of vegetables and ditalini pasta, would have made a room full of nonne weep. The sausage, potato, and kale soup was like a warm and spicy blanket. And the she-crab soup reminded me of every delicious vacation I've ever taken to the Low Country.

After the game, Ted and I returned home and put our bounty in the freezer, along with my extra beef and barley. But if seven quarts were good, wouldn't 17 be awesome? Sticking to the basics, I made several quarts of chicken noodle soup. After that, another five quarts of Moroccan curried vegetable soup. I'm currently working on a split pea with ham soup that should carry us

through the cold of winter and the chill of early spring. My kitchen is starting to resemble the deli department of Ingles.

But despite the satisfaction of having so many meals on hand, I think it's time to stop. There's a lot of other food in the world besides soup, and I need to eat something crunchy while I still remember how to crunch. What is most likely to convince me to give up making soup, though, is if I can convince you, readers, to take it up. Order your containers, and sign up a few friends. When you get together for your soup swap, make sure you have one quart to give for each quart you receive plus one extra. Give those extra quarts to someone who's sick or who just had a baby or who's a caregiver. You'll be hooked on soup-making in no time.

Just remember to crack your kitchen windows.

Will your money last as long as you do?

What do your fellow citizens fear most? Almost half of them – 49% – are most afraid of running out of money during retirement, a higher percentage than the 44% whose chief concern is failing health, according to a recent survey by Aegon Center for Longevity and other groups.

What steps can you take to help ensure your money will last as long as you do?

Here are a few suggestions:

- Estimate your longevity. None of us can say for sure how long we'll live. However, you can make some educated guesses based on your health and family history. And once you do have at least a ballpark figure, you can then determine about how much money you may need to last the rest of your lifetime. A word of caution: It's probably going to be more than you think. Health care costs alone can run into the hundreds of thousands, even with Medicare.
- Determine when you'll retire. Your retirement age will have a big



The thought of running out of money during retirement is scary indeed – but by making smart choices, you can go a long way toward alleviating this fear and enjoying your life as a retiree.

impact on how long your money can last. The longer you work, the more you can contribute to your retirement plans, such as your IRA and 401(k). Plus, if you have health insurance through work, you should be able to cover some of the out of pocket health care costs you'd normally have to pay if you're retired.

- Invest as much as you can in your retirement. During your working years, contribute as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. And every time you get a raise, try to increase the amount you put into your employer's plan.

- Protect yourself from long-term care costs. If you're fortunate, you'll never need any type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home or the services of a home health care provider. Still, there are no guarantees, and long-term care expenses can be big enough to threaten your retirement savings. The average cost for a private room in a nursing home is about \$100,000 per year, while a home health aide costs about \$50,000 per year, according to the insurance company Genworth. Medicare typically pays just a small portion of these amounts, so you may want to purchase a long-term care insurance policy that will pay for qualified long-term care costs. Or you might consider a "hybrid" policy, which combines long-term care protection with life insurance. So, if you never needed long-term care, your hybrid policy would pay a death benefit to your beneficiary, but if you did need the care, your policy would pay benefits toward those expenses.
- Choose an appropriate with-

drawal rate. During your retirement, you'll need to withdraw money from your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement accounts. But you'll want to avoid taking out too much each year, especially during the early years of your retirement. It's important to establish an annual withdrawal rate that's appropriate for your needs, taking into account your age, sources of income, lifestyle and other factors.

The thought of running out of money during retirement is scary indeed – but by making smart choices, you can go a long way toward alleviating this fear and enjoying your life as a retiree.

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“What do I need to know about Medicare enrollment, and which Medicare option is best for me?”: Part 7

Ask Fred

Choose Your Medicare Option Wisely...
“The Fourth Option”

In Part 4 and 5 of this series, I presented a comparison of the three basic options used by most individuals to receive their Medicare benefits:

Option 1: Traditional Medicare (Part A and Part B) + Part D (drug coverage)

Option 2: Traditional Medicare + Medigap coverage (i.e. Plan G, N, etc.)

Option 3: Medicare Advantage plan (Part C)

As was explained in Part 6 of this series, the cost for identical medical services can be vastly different from person to person—depending on which Medicare option is chosen. Although choosing the best Medicare coverage option can be challenging, the one thing that rings true for most every Medicare beneficiary is always the same:

“I want a Medicare plan that provides excellent medical coverage, pays for my medications,

covers my physician visits, and provides dental and vision coverage – all at the lowest cost possible”.

The good news is.... there is a Fourth Option

that provides the benefits of a Medicare Advantage plan (MAPD) with the cost-coverage guarantee of a Medigap Plan for reasonable price.

To illustrate how the Fourth Option works, let's look at the same example used in Part 6:

Example: Mr. Jones, a 75-year old gentleman suffers a mild cardiac



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arrest at his home. He is transported to the hospital where he remains for five days. Over the next five years, Mr. Jones encounters the following additional medical costs:

Gastrointestinal endoscopy procedure (Outpatient)

20 physician visits (PCP = 10; Specialist = 10)

Colonoscopy

Additional two-day hospital-stay

As you may recall, the 5-year costs associated with each of the previously discussed Medicare options is as follows:

Option 1: \$17,182; Option 2: \$21,876;
Option 3: \$11,816

Now, consider the Fourth Option:

MAPD + Hospital Indemnity Plan:

As before, assume that Mr. Jones enrolls in a typical MAPD plan:

Monthly Premium cost = \$0

Hospitalization:

Admission 1: \$320/day x 5 days = \$1,600

Admission 2: \$320/day x 2 = \$640

Physician visits: PCP: 10 x \$0/visit = \$0;

Specialist: 10 x \$40/visit = \$400

Part B premium: 12 x \$144.60 = \$1,735.20;
\$1,735.20 x 5 years = \$8,676

Outpatient Surgery: 2 x \$250/procedure = \$500

Prescription Drug Plan: \$0 (provided in plan)

A “Hospital Indemnity” policy will also be added to provide coverage for copayments

associated with hospitalization, outpatient surgery and ambulance transportation. For Mr. Jones (75), the cost for this policy is \$64.00 per month (\$3,840 over 5 years). With a Hospital Indemnity policy now in place, the cost for the Fourth Option is \$12,916.

As is true with a MediGap policy (i.e. plan F, G or N), the Hospital Indemnity policy can be repeatedly used to provide coverage for future hospitalizations and out-patient surgeries. Therefore, the Fourth Option combines the cost-coverage security of Option 2 (Medigap + Part D) with the low-cost benefits of Option 3 (MAPD alone).

As you are probably aware, many of the available MAPD's offer a “Part B Give-Back” as a plan benefit (i.e. \$35 to \$60 per month). If a MAPD with this benefit is chosen, the five-year out-of-pocket cost for the Fourth Option would be reduced to less than \$10,000—“potentially” making it the best “all-around” Medicare coverage option available!

As always, it is important to weigh the pros and cons of each Medicare option against your specific medical needs before making any decisions.

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What is the best defense against viral infection?

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Lately the news has been filled with reports about the viral outbreak in China. As I write this it has spread to other countries with some cases reported here in the United States. Indeed, we seem to be experiencing more such episodes. Undeniably we are more globally connected than at any time in history — thereby increasing our exposure.



Dr. Gabrielle F. Cannick

This begs the question: Is there anything we can do in our daily lives to help protect ourselves and our loved ones from these health risks?

Yes. We can boost our immune systems, a marvelous frontline defense in the on-going war taking place in our bodies. We do get sick, but despite constant attack most of the time we remain healthy. Our immune system is comprised of white blood cells that recognize and

destroy specific invaders. On top this our brain contains messenger molecules produced by our immune system that enable the brain and the immune system to work together in harmony to protect us.

It is nothing short of amazing. And it proves how our physical condition is closely related to our mental and emotional state. If we're happy and free from stress, our immune system is better able to fight sickness. Enjoyment can boost the body's immune system for hours. Positive feelings stimulate the spleen, producing an increase in healthy red blood cells and simultaneously increasing the number of cancer-fighting cells. Experiencing pleasure can increase levels of a compound in the body called immunoglobulin A — our first line of defense against colds and flu.

Armed with this knowledge, who would not want to boost their immune system? The blueprint is well known. Make it your life's mission to embrace a healthy lifestyle:

Diet. Stick with whole food, not processed food. Eat fresh fruits, vegetables, and lean cuts

of meat. Drinking plenty of water helps cells operate more efficiently to process food and eliminate waste.

Exercise. Even moderate exercise mobilizes immune system cells, helping the body defend itself against pathogens and even cancer cell growth. Exercise may also protect the immune system from the effects of aging.

Stress Reduction. Prolonged stress may wear down the immune system. To keep your stress in check, there's meditation and yoga. But to keep it simple, try deep breathing to relax!

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HOT HITS

THEY'RE BACK... MEOW!

For the past two weeks I have been experiencing what I can only describe as complete and utter happiness. I don't know about you but when I hear that from someone I think that they are either pregnant, in love, or that their divorce is final. Those are the three things that come to the top of my head when someone tells me how happy they are. But I'm cut from a different cloth. My euphoria is coming



Justin Tyme

because two weeks ago The Pussycat Dolls released their first single in ten years. Back in August of 2018 I wrote an article about the possible reunion of PCD but that it hadn't come together and was called off. My assumption was lead singer Nicole Scherzinger was being unreasonable. Yet 18 months later they



The Pussycat Dolls

are here. Reunited. Together again. Here's the thing. I am so late to this party. This apparently is kinda old news. Its been public knowledge since the end of November. The girls did a surprise performance on the season finale of X Factor. What the heck was I

doing in November? How did I not hear of this until now? Did you know? Anyway I guess it really doesn't matter because now we all know. Me, You, everyone. It is now common knowledge that the girls broke up because they felt betrayed by Nicole.

She had been battling many serious mental health issues, as well as bulimia and kept it all hidden from the others. Things kind of spiraled out of control from there and then they were gone. It was as if they never existed when someone suggested replacing the original Dolls with 5 unknowns. Same name-, different girls. Mia was supposed to be the lead singer. I was so upset. That's the last I knew of the possible reunion. Until two weeks ago. Their new song is called React and the girls will launch their world tour this spring across Europe. So far no US dates have been announced. Good thing I have a passport. One former doll however is notably missing from the band. Melody Thornton declined to rejoin to focus on her solo career. Girl, you've had ten years to do that. Whatever. They are back with or without you.

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MUSINGS OF AN OLE BALL COACH

Resolutions in disguise

The coach was preparing this as a New Years article. His untimely fall that resulted in a broken hip, the ensuing surgery and two weeks rehabilitation, followed by the demise of his L.W. put him slightly off schedule.

You've heard me loudly and vociferously proclaim, "I always make News Years Resolutions and what's more, I'll always make them until I get it right." Well, forget I said that! I'm replacing them with some things to avoid. I think they might be easier to keep.

#1 Avoid hypocrisy. What a scurrilous blight on mankind when we do, in spades, what we admonish others for doing like,

"Man the preacher went too long today." After this guy just delivered a six minute diatribe on almost nothing of importance. As the good book admonishes, "Don't complain about the mote in thy neighbors eye until you remove the log in thine own eye."



Jim Fraser

#2 Avoid taking anything for granted. Don't expect a friendship to last or a bad habit to reoccur if you stop working at it. The erudite

Satchel Paige once succinctly said, "Don't look back, somebody might be gaining on you." Why not include the USA also: "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance."

If athletics teaches us anything and I believe it is a microcosm of life, it is that if you think your opponents can't come back from an insurmountable lead, you're gonna lose.

#3 Avoid pomposity. You'll never endear yourself to others, if you act smug and pompous just because your team just won a football game. Your friend might embrace a philosophy which is, "I don't let 22 teenagers playing a game determine what kind of weekend you have."

#4 Avoid the "I don't have time to do that now syndrome." If you don't have the time and energy to do it now, just think tomorrow you'll only be a day older and deeper in debt. So prioritize, but don't procrastinate.

#5 Avoid lecturing. You might be passionate about your politics, your religion or your faith, but that doesn't mean that the prey you have cornered is. I've reached an age that I should be empowered with a certain amount of sagacity and wisdom, so why is it I'm getting lectured to so often?

#6 Avoid saying, "I told you so." This is probably the most egregious of all the above, and the hardest one to avoid. We get a delicious feeling of well-being and accomplishment by pointing out we were right. We try to disguise it in many ways such as, "It was pretty obvious how that was going to turn out. The law of averages was working against you. What did you expect?" The best way I know to destroy a relationship would be a steady diet of that type of rhetoric.

#7 Be thankful. Whatever your station in life, almost even your circumstances never minimize more your blessings. My recent experience made me realize that value of friends and support systems. Your least ardent acquaintance might be a colossus of support in your time of need.

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THE SALTY FEATHER

Keeping a wild child like me occupied, and preventing me from destroying the house like an F5 tornado was challenging, but my grandmother had her ways.



Neal Parnell

"Grandmother, there's a red bird in the front yard". She'd say, If you put salt on its tail, you can catch it". I'd get the salt shaker and slowly opened the screen door and creep down the steps with the salt shaker poised in my right hand, and my

left hand ready for the capture. I took a second to look back at my grandmother standing at the door with a knowing smile, and I would be feeling the pride of thinking I was about to trick that red bird into my hands. If there had been iPhones back then, the next few moments would be recorded and go viral on YouTube within seconds. But all I have is a memory of that salt shaker flying through the air



and knocking that red bird out cold as it left the ground. The odds of that happening were astronomical, but it had happened, and I looked back at my grandmother, and her mouth was agape with astonishment. I walked toward the unconscious cardinal, and just as I was about to grab the lifeless mound of red feathers, it shook it's



head and flew away in a flash. Underneath the salt shaker was one small Red Feather. I sprinkled a little salt on it, and picked it up. I kept that salty feather in my pocket, it was the only evidence I had of my most unbelievable bird hunting excursion. The salt shaker would be the only casualty that day, and never saw the inside again.



At supper that evening I told my grandfather what happened, and pulled out that salty feather as proof. He looked at my grandmother with a question mark on his face, and she denied my true tale, saying, "he must have picked up that thing outside somewhere". I couldn't believe it, my only eyewitness was turning against me, and I would be known as a pants on fire fibber, never to have my stories heard as truth again.

He then looked at me and said, "Get that nasty feather out of here, and go wash your hands". I got up from the table with my salty feather evidence, walked over to the kitchen sink, and washed my hands, letting the salty feather go down the drain, along with my innocence. I wasn't hungry anymore, and as I was leaving the kitchen I heard my grandfather say, "PASS the SALT."



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Kevin Henkes, an American author and illustrator of many critically acclaimed and award-winning children's picture books and novels, is well known for his imaginative,



Katie Laughridge

artistic and captivating writing style. Born November 27, 1960 in Racine, Wisconsin as one of five children, Henkes frequently shares that many of his unique storylines were motivated by his family and the neighborhood he grew up in. Henkes also enjoys reminiscing about his childhood ritual of visiting the

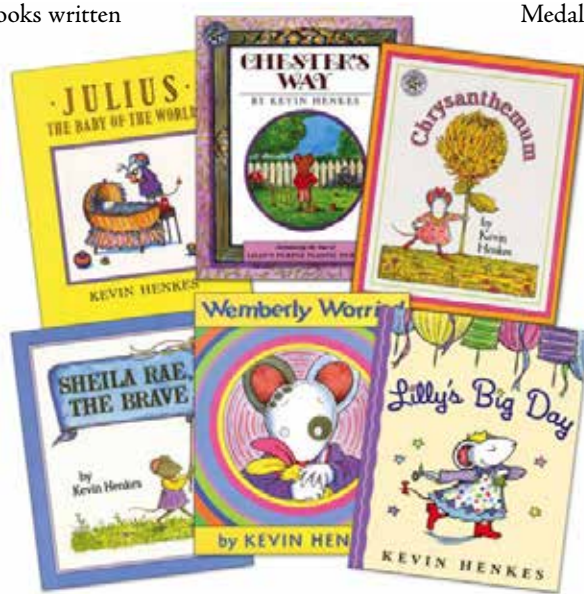
local public library with his family- where he carefully selected a handful of books each week that piqued his curiosity. Henkes often credits much of his success as a writer to the fascinating world of adventure and imagination contained in the many captivating books he read as a young boy.

It was also at an early age that Henkes became fascinated with the powerful impact that artistic illustrations had when combined

with stories and books written for children.

Henkes attributes much of his artistic ambition to the influence of his favorite authors, and to his frequent childhood visits to the nearby art museum. It was a high school teacher's encouragement of his writing, however, that gave Henkes the idea for his future career. At the age of 19, Henkes traveled to New York City to have his first book published. Today, forty years later, Henkes has authored and illustrated more than fifty books for children.

As an illustrator, Henkes has won the Caldecott Medal for "Kitten's First Full Moon" (2004). Two of his books were Newbery



Medal Honor Books, "Olive's Ocean" in 2004 and "The Year of Billy Miller" in 2014. In 2016, his picture book, "Waiting," was named both a 2016 Caldecott Honor Book and a Geisel Honor Book- marking only the second time any author has won both awards in the same year. Most recently, Henkes was the winner of the

2020 Children's Literature Legacy Award- an award that honors a United States author or illustrator whose books have made a significant and lasting contribution to literature for children.

If you are looking for entertaining and imaginative stories with hilarious characters

and enchanting illustrations, don't miss out on the award-winning books written by Kevin Henkes! You and your children will love reading along with hilarious characters of Julius, Mr. Slinger, Wemberly, Chester, and many others. Many of his books can be found at the local bookstore or library. Listed below you will find some of our personal favorites:

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Lilly's Big DAY
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"If we expose kids to books and art, nothing but good can come from it." -Kevin Henkes



Kevin Henkes

PENDLETON BULLDOGS

Pendleton girls' basketball season ends after second-round playoff struggles

BY BRU NIMMONS

PENDLETON — With much success before ultimately falling short of their goals, the winter sports season has finally come to an end for the Pendleton Bulldogs.

Postseason play began for the Bulldogs on Feb. 17 as the girls' basketball team took on the Chesnee Eagles in the first round of the playoffs. The Bulldogs struggled early, but soared as sophomore wing and 3A all-state selection Somarion Webb took control for a 50-34 Pendleton win.

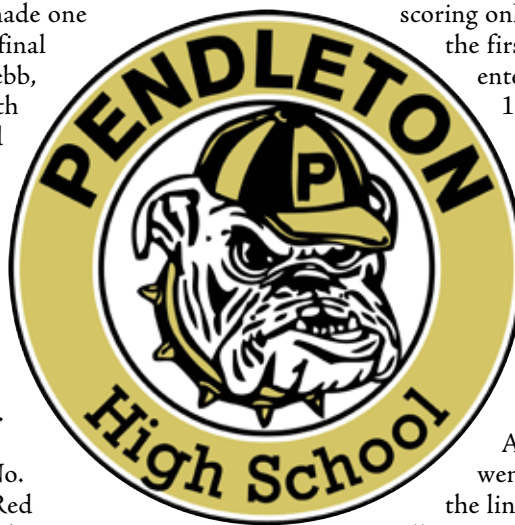
With both offenses stalled early, Webb took the opportunity to dazzle, scoring six points and adding six assists to get her team out to a 27-21 halftime lead.

Still, the Eagles refused to go away, cutting the lead before a 12-2 Pendleton run pushed the Bulldogs

ahead entering the fourth.

The Eagles made one last push in the final frame before Webb, who finished with 16 points, ended their chances with some crucial late buckets to pick up the 50-34 win.

That play didn't continue in their next matchup on Feb. 21, as they went up against the No. 1 seed Clinton Red Devils. The Bulldogs struggled to score, putting up no field goals in the first half and only six in the game as they fell 34-28.



The Bulldogs were a mess early, scoring only one point in the first quarter and entering half down 19-6. Things

improved in the third period for Pendleton as it outscored Clinton 11-6 to make it a game as the Red Devils continued to miss free throws. All told, Clinton

went 8-of-27 from the line on the night, allowing Pendleton to fight back, but the lack of offense killed the Bulldogs' chances and ended their season in a 34-28 defeat.

The Bulldogs had another chance for postseason glory on Feb. 29 as wrestler Asa Addison wrestled for his second consecutive state championship in the 120-pound weight division.

Despite being the defending champion, Addison actually entered the tournament as a two seed after falling to Dylan Layton, a sophomore from Indian Land and a third-place finisher in Florida last year, in the qualifier.

Addison fought through the competition over the weekend, leading to another chance against Layton, but just couldn't defeat the sophomore, losing 8-1 on decision.

With winter sports over, the Bulldogs have plenty to look forward to in the spring with many successful track athletes returning and a boys/soccer team coming off an upper state championship berth a season ago.

Hanna boys upset in first round of playoffs, girls' season comes to an end in third round

BY BRU NIMMONS

ANDERSON — Basketball season has come to an end for the T.L. Hanna High School basketball teams, as the Yellow Jacket boys lost in a surprise upset in round one, while the girls made a deep run in the playoffs before losing in the third round to end their season.

The boys opened up the playoffs at home on Feb. 20 against the Blythewood Bengals. The Jackets fell behind in the first half against the Bengals, 33-26, but were able to fight back behind the stand-out play of James Lovorn, who scored a game-high 27 points, and John Haddock Rogers, who poured in 19 points and 11 boards, to take the lead in the fourth.

Leading 59-57 with just 38 seconds left, disaster struck for the Jackets as Bengal guard Stacy Shepard hit two

free throws to tie the game up. Then Blythewood all-state forward Julian Phillips

sank two free throws with two seconds left to secure the victory for the Bengals.

Unlike the boys, the girls got off to a great start in the playoffs, defeating Fort Mill on Feb. 18.

The Yellow Jackets had a hard fight early, leading Fort Mill just 22-20 early in the third, before going on a monster 28-4

run down the stretch to pick up a 50-24 first round victory.

Carmen Chandler and 5A state player of the year Maleia Bracone led the the Jackets in scoring with 12 and 14 points, respectively.

The Jackets then moved on to match up against the Dorman Cavaliers. The Cavaliers

proved no trouble, with the Jackets jumping out to a 17-8 lead in the first quarter.

Bracone and Alexis Glover led the offensive onslaught, scoring 18 and 17 points, respectively, as the Jackets outscored Dorman, increasing their lead each quarter in a 69-38 win.

Hanna's dream season finally came to an end in the third round against the Irmo Yellow Jackets. Hanna fell behind in the first, 17-5, but clawed its way back and trailed just 33-30 going into the final frame.

Irmo put on the clamps in the fourth, holding Hanna to just six points to secure a 51-36 victory and eliminate the Jackets from the playoffs.

With no wrestlers in the state wrestling tournament, the Jackets will now move on to a spring sports slate that includes a tennis team that qualified for the upper state championship during the 2019 season.



WESTSIDE RAMS

Westside basketball teams eliminated from postseason by Spartanburg and Clover

BY BRU NIMMONS

ANDERSON — Heartbreak defined the end of basketball season for the Westside Rams, with the boys and girls both being eliminated from the playoffs over the past couple of weeks.

The boys began their postseason play on Feb. 19 and were stunned in a double-overtime upset against the fourth-seeded Spartanburg Vikings.

Coming off the high of beating archrival T.L. Hanna, the Rams fell behind early and trailed 28-21 at halftime against the Vikings, needing to make adjustments.

Westside did just that, fighting back behind the efforts of senior leaders Junior Smith, who scored 19 points, and Tyson Lewis, who added 14 points, as they

managed to even things up and even take a lead late. The Rams just weren't able to hold on to that late lead though, as a three by Viking Zay Foster sent the game to overtime.

Foster was unstoppable for Spartanburg, scoring 21 points and adding five boards on the night. There, the Rams battled but just couldn't hold on, losing 65-60 to end their season.

Meanwhile, on Feb. 18, the Lady Rams opened up the playoffs with a win over Hillcrest. Led by 5A all-state selection Keyshuna Fair, the Rams were able to pull out a hard-fought 48-36 victory to move on to a matchup with the Clover Blue Eagles.

The Blue Eagles (28-2) proved to be too tough a challenge for Westside. The

Rams stayed in it early, but were outscored 20-9 in the second quarter as Eagle Aylesha Wade got going. Wade, a Class 5A all-state selection, scored 34 on the night as the Eagles took home a 54-38 victory to eliminate Westside.

The Rams were also unable to qualify any athletes for the Class 5A wrestling state championship, ending their spring sports season as they prepare to move on to a successful stretch.

The Rams figure to continue to be successful in the realm of track and field following a third-place finish by their girls and a first-place finish by their boys last spring. While many of their contributors are gone, they still return great athletes like last year's second place finisher in the discus event, Devanta Gambrell.

