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Anderson expanding recreation complex



Pictured, from left, are city team members Derrik Driver and Brett Broyles meeting with site manager for JM Cope, Andy Green.



The City of Anderson has announced a major expansion of its Recreation Complex to benefit the community now and years into the future.

The project includes the construction of a new 10,000 square

foot multi-purpose field to accommodate baseball, softball, soccer, football and other events. The expansion also includes bleachers, an open-air pavilion for picnic tables, and a new concession building. The improved amenities will allow

for larger events and tournaments, attracting more tourism to the City. "This project is the result of community input and a farsighted approach by our City Council,"

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SEPTEMBER 10TH - OCTOBER 15TH
ANDERSON ARTISTS GUILD MEMBER-SHIP SHOW
Anderson Arts Center Warehouse Galleries
110 Federal Street
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SEPTEMBER 17TH - 20TH
ANDERSON BALLOON GLOW
Food trucks, vendors, activities for kids, hot air balloons, tethered rides
Balloon Lane, Anderson SC

SEPTEMBER 17TH
FREE SHRED EVENT
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Better Business Bureau
Anderson Mall
3131 North Main Street

SEPTEMBER 25TH
AIRPORT GRAND OPENING & FAMILY DAY
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Anderson Regional Airport
5805 Airport Road, Anderson SC

SEPTEMBER 25TH
THE GREAT AMERICAN ANDERSON GUN SHOW
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Anderson Sports & Entertainment Center
3027 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Anderson SC

SEPTEMBER 30TH
SUCCULENT PUMPKIN MAKE & TAKE
6:30 TO 8:30 PM

City Seed at the Station
520 N Murray Avenue, Anderson, SC

SEPTEMBER 30TH - OCTOBER 5TH
THE MARKET THEATRE PRESENTS
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6:00 to 7:30 PM
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BELTON STANDPIPE HERITAGE & ARTS FESTIVAL
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
224 Main Street Square, Belton, SC
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OCTOBER 2ND
BRICK EXPO
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Anderson County Museum
202 E Greenville Street, Anderson SC

OCTOBER 5TH
TASTE OF ANDERSON
2:00 to 5:00 PM
The Bleckley Station
31 S Main Street, Anderson, SC

OCTOBER 5TH
BLUEGRASS TUESDAY NIGHTS
5:30 to 9:30 PM
Anderson Lights of Hope
150 Rose Valley Blvd, Anderson SC
Music, food, classic cars & bikes

OCTOBER 30TH
5TH ANNUAL ELECTRIC CITY CRUISE IN
9:00 AM to 11:00 PM
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TRAVEL CLUB MEETING
Anderson University Travel Club will meet at 1 pm Thursday, October 7th at the Anderson County Library. Due to Covid restrictions, reservations are recommended at lbrasher.brasher@gmail.com. Zeb Earley will give a presentation about Wilderness Way.

Complex

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said Mayor Terence Roberts. “We are in the midst of unparalleled growth in Anderson and this investment fits within our strategic plan to enhance the quality of life here, while becoming the most desirable city in the region.”

The facilities will be located just off of Murray Avenue behind the current red and blue baseball fields. The centerpiece of the new construction, a multi-purpose field, will feature state-of-the-art artificial turf. Anderson will be only the fourth field in the country to have this new, safer quality turf developed in Europe. “This turf will not only be safer for our participants, it will also be more environmentally

friendly than a lot of what is out there,” said Bobby Beville, Parks and Recreation Director. “We are really proud to make a quality investment like that in the field.” J.M. Cope Construction will handle the development of the new facility. Matt Smith, J.M. Cope’s vice president of the Upstate market, says the company is proud to contribute to the City’s development. “J.M. Cope is very excited to partner with

the City of Anderson on the development of these new ball-parks and the associated facility improvements to enhance the fan experience,” Smith says. “It is an honor to play a part in Anderson’s commitment to their citizens through recreation and sports to build character in their youth and provide opportunities for outdoor family and community activities.” The project is scheduled for completion in summer 2022.

At 101, Charleston gardener receives Order of the Palmetto

BY MAURA HOGAN
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On July 31, Charleston gardener Lucile MacLennan received an unexpected and priceless gift at the celebration of her 101st birthday.

As she marked the occasion with relatives and friends at her West Ashley home, MacLennan was surprised by another happening: the announcement that she had received the Order of the Palmetto. The state of South Carolina's highest civilian honor, it is presented in recognition of a lifetime of extraordinary achievement, service and contributions on a national or statewide scale. Recipients of the Order of the Palmetto are nominated for the honor.

She was presented the award by state Sen. Chip Campsen of the Isle of Palms on behalf of Gov. Henry McMaster. Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg was also in attendance.

"At 101 years old Lucile MacLennan has one of the finest minds I have ever encountered," said Campsen in a statement to The Post and Courier. "She is astute in horticulture and theology, borne out of love for nature and the God who created it. A vociferous reader, Lucille's analyses of our cultural moment and current events is usually spot on. She ministered with the Billy Graham Organization, and to the downtrodden with my mentor Chuck Colson and his Prison Fellowship organization. She is a role model for my wife Lalla Lee and many others."

MacLennan's fascination with the natural world started at the age of 7 when she planted her first marigold seeds. She then studied botany at Agnes Scott College.

Her love of gardening flourished when she moved to Charleston in the late 1950s with her late husband, Murdock. She became an understudy to renowned gardener Elizabeth Horlbeck, and joined the Garden Club of Charleston where she has remained a member for some 50 years.

A highly regarded horticultural devotee, MacLennan has long championed the use of native plant species in Lowcountry gardens. She has been featured in event programs and in publications. She was the recipient of the Charleston Horticultural Society's 1830 Award in 2010 "in recognition of her commitment to botanical pursuits that has further enriched the greater Charleston horticultural community." Charleston's annual recognition of "Lucile MacLennan Day" is on April 12.

For the past 53 years, her scholarly and ambitious tending of such plants has radiated from her own sprawling, majestic backyard in West Ashley's Crescent neighborhood, which incorporates formal garden design, mementos from her numerous world travels and wilder, forested woodland area as well.

There, she has tirelessly and joyfully toiled in the soil, particularly driven to nurture native species like the pitcher plant. Many of them were discoveries from the wilds of the Lowcountry, with MacLennan and other



Sen. Chip Campsen presents Lucille MacLennan with the Order of the Palmetto (Photo by Jack Crumbley)

intrepid fellow enthusiasts carrying them from swamps or from property that was earmarked for development.

MacLennan also has engaged in decades of civic engagement and leadership, serving as president of the Century Club of Charleston and president of the Association for the Blind Charleston.

In a 2020 interview with The Post and Courier, MacLennan credited her longevity to her devotion to gardening.

"The calming influence of nature restores the brain," she said.

Now entering her second century, the sociable, inquisitive MacLennan can still be found frequently in her garden, sharing its marvels with visitors or settling in to converse on a wide range of topics over a glass of her special iced tea. It is topped off with fresh mint, from her garden of course.

Lucile was born in Hartwell, Georgia and moved to Anderson at age seven. She started first grade at

North Anderson Elementary School. She graduated for Anderson Girls' High and later graduated from Agnes Scott College. Lucile returned to Anderson after college and taught English, Spanish and French for four years at Girls' and Boys' High Schools.

Lucile is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Gaines of Anderson. Prior to his death, Dr. Gaines was a beloved Anderson physician. He opened his medical practice in 1927 as Anderson Eye and Ear (now Medicus). Dr. Gaines was among the first inductees in the Anderson County Hall of Fame.

Lucile has resided in Charleston for the past seventy three years. She has served on the Board of Trust at Anderson College (now University) where a scholarship in her Mother's name has helped educate many Anderson County students. Her sister, Gloria Gaines Klugh, was a lifelong Anderson resident. Her son, Tom, and his wife, Jane Gilliland MacLennan, have lived in Anderson for the past thirty five years.

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SEPTEMBER IS AFIB AWARENESS MONTH. DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNS?

BY EMMY WILLIAMS
Normally, the human heart pumps more than 100,000 heartbeats each day. But with atrial fibrillation, or AFib, the heart doesn't always beat the way it should. Many people with AFib say they can feel palpitations or their heart racing, fluttering or skipping beats.

AFib is the most common heart rhythm disorder. A major concern with AFib is that it increases the risk of developing blood clots in the heart. This can lead to a blood clot traveling to the brain and causing a stroke or blocking blood flow to other critical organs. People with AFib are five times more likely to have a stroke than people without the condition. If left untreated, it can also lead to heart failure.

The AnMed Health AFib Clinic is here to recognize the warning signs and symptoms of AFib. The AFib Clinic helps patients create an individualized treatment plan that is easy to understand for both the patient and their caregiver.



Michael Gibson, RN, BSN, B.S., NE-BC and Melinda Jenkins, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

"Creating a sense of trust and understanding between the practitioner and the patient is of the utmost importance to us," said nurse practitioner Melinda Jenkins. "AnMed Health's AFib Clinic is designed to see patients quickly after discharge and work to inform

the patient's primary care provider of their visit to the clinic. We also follow up with the patient two to three times to make sure testing is complete, review findings with the patient, and refer to cardiology as appropriate."

Health care providers can refer

patients to AnMed Health's AFib Clinic to help patients take a more in-depth look into their AFib diagnosis. They also decide an action plan together for healthy lifestyle choices and other relevant education to help the patient further their longevity.

"One afternoon I felt my pulse racing so I was sent to the emergency department. Dr. Jerry Champ explained that the symptoms were AFib and referred me to AnMed Health's AFib Clinic. The next morning I was in the AFib Clinic with Melinda. I needed someone who would walk me through the AFib diagnosis and create a plan of care that was personalized to me. That is what I found at the AnMed Health AFib Clinic," remarked patient Kay Gilbert.

Living with AFib can affect many different aspects of your life, but taking an active role in your care can help you feel better and more in control. "I have not had a recurrence and I feel fine just like I did before the episode.

Knowing that five minutes away there is help for me with people that I really trust is amazing," Kay said.

Join AnMed Health's AFib Clinic on Wednesday, September 29, from 8 p.m.-noon and 3-6 p.m. for an AFib screening and health fair event. The health fair will include AFib screenings and education by Melinda Jenkins, DNP, as well as screenings for sleep apnea by a respiratory therapist, nutrition information by a clinical dietitian, cardiac education by the chest pain center coordinator and a COVID-19 vaccine clinic. AnMed Health's AFib Clinic is located at 100 Healthy Way, Suite 1210, Anderson, SC 29621.

If you are having symptoms that indicate that your heart might be out of rhythm, speak to your primary care provider a referral to AnMed Health's AFib Clinic. Melinda and her team will be happy to help in a timely manner. For more information, call 864.512.7910 or go to www.anmedhealth.org/afib-clinic.

Fall in love with family time

The seasons are changing and that means new and exciting adventures are just around the corner! We will all miss our summer days by the pool but the season of Fall also brings much excitement and adventure. Below you will find some fun ways to welcome Fall with your family:



Katie Laughridge

Lucille Colandro "Pumpkin Jack" by Will Hubbell
"The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything" by Linda Williams
"We're Going on a Leaf Hunt" by Steve Metzger
"Pete the Cat" Trick or Pete" By James and Kimberly Dean
"Room on the Broom" by Julia Donaldson

"Peek-a-Flap Boo" by Rosa Von Feder
"Touch and Feel Fall" by Scholastic

PLACES TO VISIT:

- Sky Top Orchard
- Justus Orchard
- Callaham Orchard
- Denver Downs
- Trinity United Methodist Church's "pumpkin patch"

ACTIVITIES TO DO:

- Make homemade apple pie and applesauce
- Build a scarecrow stuffed with newspaper to sit in your front porch rocking chair
- Make a leaf pile and jump into it
- Create leaf rubbings (place a leaf under a piece of white paper and color on top of it)
- Make apple stamps (cut an apple in half, dip it in paint, and stamp it onto a piece of paper)
- Stuff leaves in bags and decorate them like a pumpkin
- Play "I spy" during a nature walk
- Collect and identify leaves; make a

- leaf collection and press leaves
- Toast pumpkin seeds from your carved pumpkin
- Decorate a pumpkin with paint, markers, and/or stickers
- Carve a pumpkin
- Collect acorns and make faces on them
- Coordinate family Halloween costumes
- Go on a color walk collecting outside "treasure" that are yellow, orange, red, or brown
- Dress each other up as toilet paper mummies
- Play your own game of flag-football in the yard
- Use white tissues, a black marker, and rubber bands to make miniature ghosts

Whatever you choose to do, the fall season is sure to provide fun and adventure for your entire family. Engaging in fun activities together as a family is an excellent way to help your child build important background knowledge and learn pertinent social skills!

Here's to a brand new season!



PAYING UP

Trevor Lawrence wasn't the only person to lose a bet on the Clemson-Georgia game. My family has four generations of Clemson fans. I haven't made a bet on Clemson in years, but I was prodded into a friendly bet by a Georgia fan (Scott Dawson). Some of my friends and family said to me, 'Why did you do that?' My reply was, 'I would rather wear a Georgia shirt than not stick up for THOSE MIGHTY CLEMSON TIGERS!' How did that work out for me? Well, they say that a picture is worth a thousand words. You be the judge!

— Billy Black

Skin's celebrating 75 years in the Upstate

BY JIM HARRIS

Skin's Hotdogs is a certainly a tradition and an institution in the area. The success of Skin's, which is celebrating its 75th year, is based mainly on the commitment to provide a consistent experience and quality meal for the customer on every visit.

Skin's had its beginnings in Anderson in 1946 when Loyd "Skin" Thrasher began serving short order meals out of a tiny house with a "pool hall" atmosphere. Over time, the pool tables went away to accommodate more diners, and the famous hotdogs became the menu's centerpiece. That founding location is still in operation today at 203 Hudgens Street.

For the past thirty-five years, the company has been run by Mike Thrasher, Matt Thrasher, and Wayne Harbin. Skin's has been named "Best of Anderson" thirteen times, Best of Upstate fourteen times, and Best of Seneca ten times. The company has been featured in national magazines, on TV, and radio programs and visited by dignitaries and celebrities, even Presidents. Skin's was even included in a charity fundraiser event in Washington, DC, called "Taste of the South".

Despite all the accolades and famous guests, the company's leadership stays grounded and focused on consistency in every visitor's experience every day. Wayne says, "The thing I love to hear is when people who have moved away come back to visit, and they say it's the same as it was years ago. It hasn't changed one bit."

With 11 locations across the Upstate, growth is a part of the company's long-term strategy. Still, they base new sites on the readiness of managers in the ranks who can make sure the new restaurant delivers the Skin's experience for its customers. In other words, do it the Skin's way. Management is usually developed from within, growing through the ranks from a group of long-term team members.

Loyal customers take their relationships with Skin's personally, well beyond just a dining destination. Mike Thrasher tells a story about having a roof repaired on a location, and a customer stopped him and asked what they were doing. He wanted to be sure "his Skin's" wasn't changing.

Having served the community for three-quarters of a century, Skin's has become a part of innumerable family traditions and memories. One customer said, in an online review, "If you want to try an Anderson original, you must have a Skin's hotdog." Still, others refer to it as a lifelong experience. One reviewer says, "A lifetime tradition. If it isn't Skin's, it isn't a hot dog." The rave reviews also praise the Skin's staff as well as the food.

A family friendly atmosphere is important. Signs in each location and on the company's website advise patrons that, "The language you use in church is good enough to use here." The original location also serves beer with a two per person limit.

You'll not find the owners boasting about what the company does to give back to the community, but regular visitors will recognize



major promotions every year to benefit the MS Society and the American Cancer Society. A ride around Anderson shows the company's consistent support of schools and other local interests. The Chamber of Commerce once named Skin's "A pillar of the community."

The location on Clemson Boulevard has been closed due to a fire but that restaurant recently reopened. The folks in the Upstate are hoping for another seventy-five years from this dining locale that has become a part of the area's fabric.

RESTORING HOPE



**MARY-CATHERINE
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The pandemic has created significant distress for both parents and children. Depression, anxiety, and anger have significantly risen. As a result, stakes are extremely high for building hope and cultivating positivity. It is important to remember that anxiety occurs when an individual underestimates his/her ability to manage the perceived stressor. Over time and with repetition, this process leads to developing confirmation bias and hopelessness overall.

Hopelessness develops due to extreme and absolute thinking (e.g., good/bad), resignation (e.g., nothing will ever change), and/or isolation (e.g., live in seclusion). In order to generate hope, it is important to break the anxiety, depressed, and apathy cycle. To break

free from this cycle:

1) Identify and replace the passive and negative thinking with positive action and engagement. Consider hopelessness a virus and engagement or participation as the antibiotic to treat it.

2) Do something. Become altruistic, kind, and compassionate. YOU have the power to become a light for someone else. As you give hope to someone else, you will also receive it.

3) Engage in humor. Laughter is one of the best medicines, and truly releases endorphins and adrenaline.

4) Become mindful and use self-reflection to disrupt the negative thinking patterns.

Decide you want more hopefulness and go for it. Set mini goals each day and redirect your thoughts and actions to something with meaning and purpose

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Landshark Cajun Cooking and Catering new in town

BY JIM HARRIS

Anderson has a new entry on the dining scene, and it has become very popular in just its first year of operation. The Landshark Cajun Cooking and Catering is a new food truck on the scene, specializing in low country boil type Cajun food.

Owner Ryan Roberts, an Anderson native, became connected to Cajun food through his wife, a Mississippian who loves crawfish and wanted to prepare it at home. A college friend of Ryan's at Ole Miss, Jarred Foster, had a rapidly growing food truck business in Mississippi. Ryan reached out to him, looking for an inside track for crawfish and other Cajun specialties for his personal use. Soon realizing there was an underserved market for Cajun seafood in Anderson, he decided to acquire Foster's food truck model franchise. With another Anderson native, Matt Lemmon, as manager, they opened for business with their first cook on New Year's Eve 2020. They started out cooking under a tent but soon added the truck to the mix.

The relationship with concept founder

Foster has provided an excellent source for sausage, spice mixes, butter, and seasonings that give their offerings their unique taste. Ryan also looks to local growers for produce. Dungeness crab, lobster, and red beans and rice are also added to the menu when available.

The Cajun and seafood segments of the food industry have experienced steady growth and are projected to continue in the upcoming years. The food truck industry, however, has exploded. According to Forbes Magazine, with annual growth averaging 12% each year, it has become a \$2.7 billion per year segment. With many facilities unable to offer in-dining room



fare due to the Covid pandemic, carry out has become a go-to for busy families, and the food truck neatly hits that sweet spot.

The operators are trying out a variety of locations, deciding on a permanent home. Currently, the truck is located on Miracle Mile in Anderson, behind Regions Bank. The hours are Thursday and Friday 3-8 PM and Saturday 4-9 PM. Fans can track their location and special offerings on their Facebook group page, LandSharkSeafoodSC (Anderson). Ryan posts daily to advise of menus.

Those who like a less spicy version can get their order modified. Each day, the options include an individual meal, a platter that feeds 2-3 people, and a larger platter that serves 4-6. The smaller platter includes Royal Red shrimp, potatoes, corn, sausage, and eggs. The large platter adds more of each item, plus three snow crab clusters. Customized offerings are also available.

Anderson has taken to the Cajun Seafood concept, and LandShark's fans are not shy about their passion for the food. One posted an online review, saying, "How can I put into words how delicious EVERYTHING was? I can't. Try them, if you haven't already, and you'll see what I'm trying to say. You won't be sorry. DELICIOUS!" Another posted, "Best part of the day is seeing these guys and getting my fix after a SUPER long day at work!". A third posted, "THE BEST low country boil around - highly recommend if you're a seafood lover."

Looking toward the future, the team plans to add a lunch offering and, with the addition of new deep fryers, fish dinners. They also offer catering for private events.

NIBBLE & SIP

THE BIG BATCH

Recently, we were invited to spend a weekend out of town with a couple we haven't seen since The Before Times. Wanting to be gracious guests, we asked what we could bring. I was thinking about a breakfast casserole,



Kim von Keller

but their thoughts had already turned to 5 p.m. "We'll take care of everything else if you just provide a couple of Nibbles and Sips," they said.

Luckily, I know a few recipes.

The secret to a traveling cocktail party, even if it is a small one, is to prepare ahead and in batches, and any kind of nut or snack mix is easy to make and transport. Spice Cabinet Nut Mix is salty and spicy, combining Southwestern and Indian seasonings. And the easiest cocktail to travel with is Island Time Rum Punch. A classic tiki-style drink, it combines two different rums, two liqueurs, and two fruit juices. Go easy, though; overserve in this sneaky little drink and your friends will wind up with two times the headache.

Spice Cabinet Nut Mix

- ¼ c. olive oil
- 1 ½ garlic salt
- 1 ½ t. cumin
- 1 ½ t. chili powder
- ¾ t. cinnamon

- ¾ t. ginger
 - ¾ t. curry powder
 - ½ t. red pepper
 - 2 c. raw almonds
 - 2 c. pecan halves
- Preheat oven to 325°. Spray a jelly roll pan or large rimmed cookie sheet with quick-release spray and set aside.
- Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the spices to the oil, stirring well, and add the almonds. Cook for four minutes, stirring constantly. Add the pecans and stir until coated.
- Transfer the nut and spice mixture to the prepared pan and bake for 20 minutes, stirring every five minutes so that the nuts cook evenly. Remove the pan from the oven and cool thoroughly before storing in an airtight container.

Island Time Rum Punch

- ¾ c. orange juice
 - ¾ c. pineapple juice
 - ¾ c. dark rum
 - ¾ c. golden rum
 - ½ c. apricot liqueur
 - 2 T. triple sec
 - 1 T. Angostura bitters
- pineapple wedges, orange slices, or maraschino cherries, to garnish
- Combine all ingredients in a pitcher, stir, and refrigerate until cold. Divide between six ice-filled glasses and garnish to serve.

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Iris Apfel

Icon Iris Apfel turns 100

Iris Apfel turned 100 years old recently and is still one of the most iconic fashion gurus of our time. I've written about her in years past and I think she is truly a national treasure.

As a young girl from Queens she loved riding the subway to Greenwich Village and collecting jewelry from old fashion antique shops. As she got older she then started to travel abroad and begin buying a collection of all sorts of rare and funky jewels. She loved clothing and artifacts so much so that she



Kristine March

decided to study at NYU and worked in interior design and textiles. She soon started interior designs for The White House for over nine different presidencies and the rest is history.

She hobnobbed with all the big wigs in the art and fashion scene of Manhattan and made an affluent name for herself. She even recently launched an autobiographical coloring book and all proceeds went to up and coming fashion students. What a gem. Believe it or not she still likes to ride the subway to Queens and go to random costume jewelry stores and collect pieces. It's not all designer ensembles that she collects. My kind of girl.

There are many books and documentaries on her that you should check out if you haven't already. She has amazing inspirational quotes that are all about self expression and having a good self esteem. One of my favorites is, "I don't dress to be stared at, I dress for myself." She literally has never had any hang ups which is so bold, brave and authentic. We all need to be more like Iris. She's a rare bird and completely fascinating.

You're never too old to wear what you like and she's a prime example of that. She's known for her big round reading glasses and a dozen bangles on each arm. Huge over the top necklaces and big feathered coats. I can only imagine what it would be like to go inside her closet. Heaven on earth. She's vibrant and full of spunk. A colorful being and so intriguing. So be an Iris today and remember to make the sidewalk your runway and kindness always matters.

'Point of light' Frances Ferrene dies, still dreaming of the circus

BY DAVID LAUDERDALE
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AND BEAUFORT GAZETTE

Frances Welborn Ferrene, the Hilton Head Island woman who came up with the concept of the Rotary Reader program that was replicated worldwide and earned her an invitation to the White House, died April 30.

She had fought cancer for five years, said her husband, attorney Otto Ferrene Jr. She was 80.

With her spunk and Southern drawl, Frances Ferrene touched countless lives as a physical education teacher, elementary school counselor, private counselor and volunteer since moving to rural Hilton Head in 1973.

The Rotary Reader program was born not long after she became a counselor at Hilton Head Primary School.

It places adult volunteers in elementary schools to read to students, and they become long-term mentors, advisers and confidants.

"I was pretty overwhelmed with children who needed a counselor," Ferrene told a Rotary Club in Aiken in one of many presentations she and her husband made to spread the idea.

"But I soon found that they did not really need a counselor. They needed a friend, and I needed help."

She told her husband that his Rotarian colleagues "make great mentors," and the Hilton Head VanLandingham Rotary Club ran with the plan in 1989.

She would write a 67-page manual for the new support system for children who tended to have three things in common: They had great potential, they could not read and they had been in trouble.

But she said they also "can sit and listen; they want a Rotary reader; and they have the ability to learn and are receptive to different experiences."

President George H.W. Bush and Barbara Bush welcomed the Ferrenes to the White House as his 740th Point of Light honorees in January 1993.

Bush recognized an American Point of Light six days a week, spotlighting individuals and organizations that "successfully address pressing social problems through direct and consequential acts of community service."

Otto Ferrene went along as a representative of the VanLandingham Rotary Club.

They took the president a golf shirt from Hilton Head Primary School, emblazoned with the likeness of Seamore the Pelican, the mascot for the school and the Rotary Reader program.

THE CIRCUS

Frances Ferrene — known to us as a Presbyterian elder and deacon — always wanted to run away with the circus.



Frances Welborn Ferrene

She planned to study physical education at Florida State University because of its link to the circus world, but her parents wouldn't hear of it.

Her father William Harper Welborn, an attorney, state representative, and University of South Carolina trustee from the Upstate city of Anderson, and her mother Alice Perry Welborn, who did tax work for the law firm and later demonstrated foods at a variety of grocery stores, thought Frances should become a scientist.

She ended up studying physical education at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, then a women's college that produced thousands of teachers.

Otto was a student at Presbyterian College in Clinton, then mostly a men's college, when he gave a friend a detailed description of his idea of a dream date. That led to a blind date with Frances at a Winthrop Valentine's ball, and they married in 1962.

"She was a mail-order bride," Otto likes to say.

She put him through the University of South Carolina School of Law following his six-year stint with the U.S. Army.

She taught physical education at the then-segregated C.A. Johnson High School for Black students in Columbia, starting a gymnastics program that in three years became the best in the state.

She saw physical education as something much broader than team sports, saying basketball is fine for the ones who like it but a dreadful bore to most in the class.

In 13 years of teaching physical education at Sea Pines Academy (today's Hilton Head Preparatory School), she included a wide range of movement skills in her classes, including juggling and walking on stilts.

"People tell me I'm too interested in trick skills," she said. "But I like to go beyond the required everyday physical education program

and teach things you might use all your life — wonderful skills that make it fun."

CUB SCOUTS

Ferrene's dream came true in the spring of 1985.

She got to ride an elephant in the opening parade of a Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus show in Savannah.

"I put my foot on his knee and swung on up," she said.

At last she got to talk to one of her idols when a young girl in one of the 10 tightly knit families that made up the circus did her make-up and fit her into a dazzling costume.

"It's really and truly like going into a different world," she told our newspaper at the time. "For me it was more than just a ride on an elephant, wonderful and exciting as that was."

Ferrene expanded the world of young islanders, organizing the island's first Cub Scout pack.

Both her sons would become Eagle Scouts and would end up in Hollywood. Otto III is supervising picture editor at Nickelodeon Animation Studios, and Welborn is a film editor, producer and actor specializing in trailers for potential reality TV shows.

She expanded her own world by getting a doctorate at age 59. She also opened a private counseling business.

For a quarter-century, she was the disaster mental health lead for the Palmetto Chapter of the American Red Cross.

But she never lost hope that when Otto retired (he hasn't), they both would join the circus.

"I think it's important to kick your heels together," she said.

A celebration of Dr. Ferrene's life was held on September 4, at First Presbyterian Church in Hilton Head, with a reception at Taste of Europe restaurant. A jazz band added to the celebration of Frances to honor her love of music and love for her family and friends.

Tulip mania

BY RICH OTTER

You may have found Bitcoin and cryptocurrency a bit confusing and frightening, especially considering warnings issued by the US Securities and Exchange Commission indicating cryptocurrency could be manipulated as a Ponzi scheme by unscrupulous exploiters. In fact, it appears some of the biggest winners may be the so-called miners with minimal risk profiting by analyzing rollercoaster market values through high tech computer equipment guiding cryptocurrency investors during rapid market vacillations.

Now even treasured secrecy of such transactions is challenged since cryptocurrency transactions may end up being reportable to the Internal Revenue Service in the same manner as stock sales. That potential is under attack by some members of both major political parties. If challenges are successful, however, it may not be welcomed by average taxpayers suspicious of high-roller tax dodges.

It is interesting that during this period of the Coronavirus epidemic, there may be a strange economic correlation to another virus epidemic that occurred in the Netherlands in the 1630s. Fortunately that was not an illness that directly infected human beings.

The virus was inherited by tulips - yes, tulips - and it bloomed into an economic upheaval creating in humans what has been

declared Tulip mania. It perhaps is a stretch to relate Tulip mania to the cryptocurrency surge but the perception may be somewhat similar.

In the 17th century the Netherlands was constituted an economic powerhouse. The celebration of increased wealth brought a high standard of living in the most fortunate citizens who flaunted appearances, often at an exorbitant price. The period coincided with the introduction of the tulip in Europe. The tulip, with its unusual beauty and profusion of varieties, became a prime garden compliment generating considerable interest by the affluent. The cultivating of the most favored varieties at the time could take years, their scarcity inflating their perceived value.

The demand for exotic tulips exploded. A variety known as the Rosen, was one of the favored tulips infected by the virus. As a result of the virus, the Rosen produced outstanding bands of color and immediately became a prized acquisition through a limited market with soaring prices affordable by a relative few and stimulating speculation.

The infected tulips had a short flowering period with their propagation slowed by the virus. They created a demand exceeding their production, the demand then extending throughout the year and resulting in contracts to acquire future tulips or the rights thereto. In this day such contracts would be referred



Wagon of Fools by Hendrik Gerritsz with tulips

to as futures. The contracts often would be bought and sold numerous times escalating the price with each transaction. Even the value of non-virus tulips was caught in the frenzy. In February of 1637 it was said some single tulip bulbs sold for 10 times the annual income of a skilled artisan.

By 1636 the tulip bulb became the fourth leading export of Holland followed by gin, herring and cheese. Producers of the tulips gave them exotic names enhancing their marketing strategies.

But in February of 1637 a sudden collapse of the market occurred. At a bulb auction in Haarlem, Holland, (Haarlem ironically then hosting an attack of bubonic plague along with the tulip virus), sellers showed up for the auction but not buyers. A panic spread across the country as speculators realized their contracts were worthless. Judges in Holland considered the contracts nothing more than



Rosen Tulip with virus

gambling debts not legally recognized.

Although for some the situation was devastating, the losses were primarily involved with those who had had sufficient resources to engage in speculation and it did not materially impact the general economy of the Netherlands.

Going back to cryptocurrency, an equivalent question may be whether it will continue to flower or just go to seed with the tulips?

The Big Dipper got us home

BY ANN BAILES

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For years in earth science classes I taught the constellations to eighth graders. I loved watching students discover the beauty of learning the patterns in the night sky throughout the fall semester every year, as we added new ones every couple of weeks. We learned about how the ancient mariners used the stars for navigation. But little did I think that the ancient mariners and I would ever have that in common.

This incident happened just before the era of smartphones and GPS units was ushered into our lives. My dear friend Nancy and I, both of us teachers, went to a girls' volleyball match to cheer on our high school team at a gym somewhere in the boonies of north Georgia. It was one of those locations that really does seem to be in the middle of nowhere. We were able to get there fine, even though there were five or six turns on curvy mountain roads. But then, the sun was still shining on the way there.

The way back was another story. Darkness had fallen. We left before the evening's tournament activities were over. We were the only ones on the deserted roads and we were on our own to find the way. And we got hopelessly lost. Two women, who tend to get sidetracked

to begin with, neither with much road sense, on mountainous backroads at night. That's a recipe for disaster. We backtracked, changed our minds about where we had turned on our way there, and realized we really had no clue where we were. And then we came to a T in the road and had to make a decision.

Enter the knowledge of the constellations. We did know that we were on the western side of I-85. No idea where, or how far, but the interstate had to be east of our location. So I looked out the passenger window and found the Big Dipper, which in an early autumn evening is just to the left of the North Star. And since the North Star was behind our car, we were therefore headed south. In order to travel east, we should turn left.

Sure enough, it was the right direction. Eventually we saw I-85 signs and managed to get home. (I'm leaving the part out about how we were laughing so hard that we actually crossed the interstate interchange and didn't realize it, because then you would really think we were crazy. Which is true, but I'd rather not expound upon it.)

I never thought that the Big Dipper would help us get home one late September Friday night. And now I feel a kindred spirit with those ancient astronomers and travelers.



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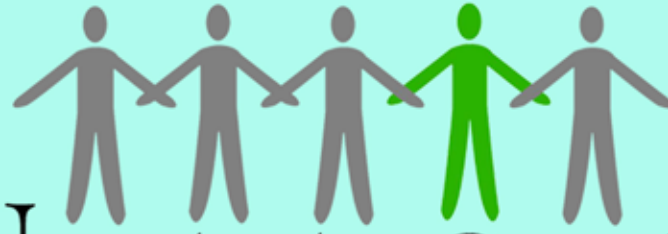
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FROM THE SHELF

'The Bromance Book Club'

by Lyssa Kay Adams



Sara Leady

At the end of every year I go over all the books I read over the previous year (yes, I keep a list. It's even handwritten and not just on Goodreads) and see where I might challenge myself in my next year of reading. This year, as I finished out my first year of handling the majority of the fiction ordering for the library, I decided I should challenge myself with different areas of fiction I was purchasing but wasn't necessarily familiar with.

I decided that I would go beyond just knowing all the big author names for a given genre, and move into actually being able to talk from the experience of reading their works and not just reading the book reviews.

So... my friends, I decided to take a dive into the romance genre. Now, just about anyone who's had a conversation with me about books will know that I tend to gravitate toward murder and mayhem, anything with dragons, have an unhealthy love of unreliable narrators, and maybe the worst, I absolutely love when a major character dies. So choosing to go almost the polar opposite of my typical reading habits was a bold move on my part.

Y'all, I'm loving it. Prior to this year I've read some romance here and there, but it's always been in the context of murder or dragons, and the romance has been a side quest at best. The closest to true romance I've gotten

honestly might be *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab, and even then I don't think I could make the argument that it's a true romance novel (it's lovely if you haven't read it--very different than her more typical sci-fi geared titles, which are also great).

I'm seven months into intentional romance reading and I have a clear favorite (and this is topping the *Bridgerton* books which somehow managed to be even more funny than the show.) In the past two weeks I have rabidly consumed the first three books of the *Bromance Book Club* series by Lyssa Kay Adams. **RABIDLY.**

Let me set the premise for this gem. It follows a group of dudes, and not just average dudes but hyper masculine dudes (couple of pro athletes, a night club owner, a guy who says he's not a spy but, like the guys, I'm not convinced yet, etc) that are all part of a book club... that reads romance novels as a means to better connect with the women in their lives. Hence the name, *The Bromance Book Club*. Each book focuses on a different member of the book club and how that man is using the novels (they call them "manuals") to help fix their marriage, get the courage to ask the dream girl out, or even take a deep dive into their own personal issues that are keeping them from moving forward into meaningful relationships (yes, it gets that deep.)

An added literary element for the texts (yes, I said literary for romance-Austen anyone?) is that each title in the series plays off a typical romance trope. The books



examine the different tropes by also diving into the very real feelings and conversations had in a relationship to overcome the different challenges within the text.

The first book in the series, *The Bromance Book Club*, follows Gavin, a second baseman for the local MLB team as he works to save his marriage and rekindle the romance he and his wife have lost. The first book is great because it introduces readers to the concept of romance novels being more than trivial, or specifically for women, as Gavin struggles through the first book club pick and how it reflects back to him his own insecurities in his marriage. This mirroring makes you take the genre serious because it shows exactly how an overtop regency romance (the club's first book) can reflect the challenges in a 21st century marriage.

Book two, *Undercover Bromance*, takes on the 'suspense romance' trope and the enemies to lovers trope, as Mac (the original founding

book clubber) helps Liv take down her former boss/sexual predator after he fires her and blackballs her in the restaurant circles (she's a very sassy pastry chef.) Added to those basic tropes in book two, is Mac and Liv both having to move past their personal histories with trust in order to finally move forward into real and meaningful relationships, which is extra powerful with Mac as the founding member who always does the "right" or "perfect" thing, but can't ever seal the deal for true love.

Book three, *Crazy Stupid Bromance*, follows Noah, the spy (not really but like, maybe? He's a computer genius) and his quest to finally profess his love for his best friend Alexis. Obviously we're looking at the friends to lovers/unrequited love trope here BUT there's a huge emphasis on their relationship being grounded in their friendship first which is obviously great. Their friendship is key with the different major life events happening in their separate lives and how it provides support. This one also has Beefcake, a very large, very angry mainecoon cat who is very protective of his mom Alexis (he's feared by all and I love him.)

I haven't read book four, *Isn't It Bromantic?*, yet as I'm on the holds list with the library (yes, staff waits for holds too.) It, however, will feature my favorite book club member, Vlad, a.k.a. The Russian, a hockey player that has dairy allergies and digestive issues (because farts are funny.) I'm very, very excited.

As these are contemporary romance novels, there are some spicy scenes in them, so if you're looking for a cleaner romance read they probably won't be the right fit for you. The spice is more like seasoning for the stories than the actual main course, so if you're on the fence with that content I'd say they're still worth it for hilarity alone. I mean, it's a bunch of dudes getting in their feelings, reading romance novels, and even arguing over each club title's merit, so what's not to love?

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WHAT LURKS AMONGST THE STALKS?

Recently, Ted and I had a lovely drive from the South Carolina Upstate to Scaly Mountain, North Carolina. We avoided interstate highways as much as possible, instead choosing the back roads that took us through the green, undulating countryside. We passed quaint farmhouses, herds of cattle, rural churches, and small mom-and-pop markets and restaurants. While the trip was long, it was also lovely... until we came upon a sight so eerie and foreboding that I had to turn my face from the car window.

Corn. Acres and acres and ACRES of corn.

It was the healthiest corn I'd ever seen.

There was not a person in sight, as the farmers who grew those unbelievably tall stalks were probably at their kitchen tables, imagining the stacks of money they'd be counting come harvest time. But as far as I'm concerned, the only good things to ever come out of a cornfield are bourbon whiskey, those combination caramel corn and cheddar cheese popcorn tins, and Ray Kinsella's dad. Everything else is just a horror show.

Literally, a horror show. For decades, filmmakers have used cornfields as the setting for some pretty scary movies. And if none come to mind, all you have to do is consult the Internet Movie Database, or IMDb, to find out what's going on down on the farm:



Kim von Keller

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farm:

"The Fields," 2011

- During the Manson

Family murder trials,

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something disturbing in

the cornfield behind his grandparents' house.

The poster reads, **BASED ON ACTUAL EVENTS.**

"The Maze," 2010 - A group of teenagers (of course) break into a closed corn maze, only to be stalked by a knife-wielding crazy person.

"Scarecrow," 2014 - A group of teenagers (of course) run for their lives through a cornfield, pursued by an evil — wait for it — scarecrow

on the eve of the — wait for it — Scarecrow Festival.

"Signs," 2002 - Mel Gibson's cornfields are full of space aliens.

"A Quiet Place," 2018 - Emily Blunt's son runs through a cornfield full of space aliens.

"Children of the Corn," 1984 - Weird children with no fashion sense fertilize their small town's cornfields by sacrificing adult humans.

It's definitely no field of dreams out there.

But if, unlike me, you're not afraid of what lurks in the corn, this is the time of year to test your bravery AND your sense of direction as corn mazes are opening across the Upstate. If you've never been to one, a corn maze is a series of paths, some dead-end and some not, designed by a computer program and cut into a cornfield using GPS coordinates. The object is to work your way from the entrance to the exit in the shortest time possible. And while horror-movie corn mazes add obstacles like crazed killers and extraterrestrials, most real corn mazes are fun, gentle family affairs, suitable for

parents, young children, and, yes, teenagers.

One of the best-known and most visited corn mazes in the Upstate runs from September 25 through November 14 at Denver Downs. While it's still a working farm, the Denver Downs' annual Fall Festival and Corn Maze draw big crowds of guests who long to get lost. The corn maze is open from Wednesday through Sunday, but on Fridays and Saturdays, it's open until 10 p.m., offering the chance for a spookier evening experience. In West Union, Little Cane Creek Farm's corn maze runs from October 2 through November 7 on Saturdays and Sundays. And at Stewart Farm in Enoree, you can work your way through the Big Boo: Family-Friendly Haunted MAiZE on Fridays and Saturdays, October 15-30.

If you visit a corn maze this fall, drop me a line about your experience at editkim50@gmail.com. It's sure to be a fun day with the family. But IF you encounter Martians, murderous children, or psychotic scarecrows, don't say I didn't warn you.

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Crescent High School Athletic Hall of Fame adds five to the Class of 2021-2022

The Crescent High School Athletic Hall of Fame is proud to announce the selection of five new members to its 2021-2022 group of inductees. The Class of 2021-22 will be formally inducted at a ceremony on Thursday, October 28. They will also be recognized at the Crescent v. Liberty football game on Friday, October 29.

The five inductees for the 2021-2022 Crescent Athletic Hall of Fame are:

Ronald Bryant – Class of 1961: Ronald Bryant was a three-sport athlete standout in baseball, basketball, and football during his time at Crescent. In football, he played all four positions in the backfield and helped lead Crescent's basketball team to a state championship in 1961. As a baseball standout, he accepted an offer to play baseball at Clemson upon graduation from Crescent. While at Crescent, Ronald was selected to Boys State, voted Most Athletic, and received the Crescent Citizenship Award. Ronald remained an active youth coach and member of the Starr-Iva community over the years and was well-known throughout the area as a standout softball and tennis player. Ronald joins his wife (Judy Erwin Bryant, Class of '63) in the Crescent/New Deal Athletic Hall of Fame. Sadly, Mrs. Bryant passed away on July 13 of this year.

Lee Wiles – Class of 1979: Lee Wiles was a three-sport star in baseball, basketball, and football during his time at Crescent. A 4-year letterman in baseball and a 3-year letter winner in basketball and football, he made the All-Area Football Team in 1978, the Skyline All-Conference Basketball Team in 1979, and was the MVP for Crescent Baseball in 1979. Lee received scholarships to both Spartanburg Methodist College and Clemson University for baseball. In 1980, he was named the Most Valuable Player for Spartanburg Methodist College. Lee led the Clemson Baseball team in relief appearances during the 1982 season, and that year Clemson Baseball won the ACC regular-season championship and advanced to the NCAA College World Series. In addition to his numerous relief appearances, Lee concluded his two-year Clemson career with a career pitching record of 7-4 with three saves.

Mary Mackey Simpson - Class of 1984: Mary Mackey Simpson was a two-sport standout in basketball and softball during her time at Crescent. As a basketball player, she was a member of the varsity team all four years, was All-State her junior and senior years, and was the 1984 Skyline Conference Player of the Year. She scored 1,523 points during her high school career. In softball, Mary was the Region Player of the Year, All-Region, and Team MVP in 1984. She has the highest winning percentage of any pitcher in Crescent history, is 14th in career strikeouts,



and ranks in the top 20 in several Crescent categories. Mary starred in softball and basketball at Spartanburg Methodist College and was an All-Conference basketball player at UNC-Asheville. Mary has served as a successful high school and semi-pro basketball coach and is currently an award-winning educator in Greenville County.

Kelsey Davis McGill - Class of 2010: Kelsey Davis McGill was a standout at Crescent in both basketball and softball. In basketball, she was a 3-year varsity starter and received the Scholar Award in 2008, the Most Versatile Award in 2009, and the MVP Award in 2010. In softball, she was a member of the AA State Championship team in 2009 and the AA State Runner-Up team in 2010. Kelsey was a five-year starter in softball. She was the team MVP, All-Region, All-State, the AA State Player of the Year, and the Anderson Independent Player of the Year in 2009 and 2010. As a pitcher, Kelsey ranks 4th in career innings pitched at CHS. As a senior, Kelsey was the Crescent Wendy's High School Heisman selection and CHS Athlete of the Year. Academically, she was a Junior Marshal and an Honor Graduate. Upon graduation, Kelsey played softball at both Anderson University and Lander University.

Ann Cioffi - Coach, Athletic Director, Teacher: Coach Ann Cioffi served as a leader at Crescent High School and Anderson 3 for many years. She taught in Anderson Three for 31 years and was the Teacher of the Year at Crescent in 1996-97. Ann started the volleyball program at Crescent in 1986 and was a CAWS All-Star Volleyball Coach in 1996. In softball, she was a coach for 29 years, serving as an assistant coach to Hall of Fame Coach Gary Adams for twenty-three years and as co-head coach for six. She was a coach on 15 state championship teams and 20 total upper-state championship teams. Ann was the

Region Co-Coach of the Year three years and a CAWS All-Star Coach in 1998 and 2003. She received the CAWS Assistant Coach of the Year Award in 2001. As Athletic Director at Anderson Three for 6 years and Assistant AD for 10, Ann was the AA Athletic Director of the Year in 2013 and the Region Athletic Director of the Year in 2016. Her initiative, focus, and heart for the best interest of our students was a major catalyst in Anderson Three securing a full-time athletic trainer for our sports programs.

The 2021-22 Hall of Fame Banquet is currently scheduled for Thursday, October 28. Tickets will be \$25. Persons interested in purchasing tickets should contact Jeff Craft at Crescent High School, 864-352-6175, or email at craftj@acsd3.org.



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THE GARDEN SHOP

Landscape recovery in process



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As I write this Garden Shop issue, views out the window are of painters on ladders. It is surprising how white a fresh coat of paint named white white can be. Since I'm working towards a self-fulfilled prophecy of being the weird old lady at the end of the road in the house that's all grown up, I did think about re-painting some bold, odd color. The gray has faded to a nice driftwood color with no real obvious difference is sunny and shady sides of the house. When a more sane side kicked in, it was back where we started...storm with white white trim. Not that blending in with the landscape was of much concern, but gray does look good with the flora around the house. I still miss visions of blue hydrangeas against the gray house but so what.

After plants were given extreme prunings,



at an extreme time, it's been surprising how fast some have re-sprouted. Elephant ears are about knee high. Ginger lilies are growing back. Solomon Seal too. The huge loquat was stumped to about three or four feet tall. The durn brand new chain saw didn't crank and the loquat was cut the old fashioned way, with a hand saw. Two trunks did not get a clean cut and split. Time will tell if that is more damage than it can bear. A lilac, rescued from an old house many years ago, had to be stumped too.

It is really going to hurt my feelings if it does not recover, even though it has not bloomed in several years. I've often read that shocking a plant will cause them to grow and bloom when they have not. Maybe this will be the case with it. It also had a bad case of powdery mildew. A couple of hydrangeas, rooted for spring's master gardener plant sale, also have powdery mildew this year. It does seem to have been an exceptionally humid year. Good air circulation and not watering overhead are the best ways to pre-

vent powdery mildew. There are several treatment options for powdery mildew, some being home-made. Bordeaux is a common, long used product. Milk seems to be the new idea. It's unclear yet how it works. But mixing with water, it even seems to help plants grow better too. Be careful if you decide to treat though. Even some organic products can hurt pollinators. I don't treat plants if they get it. Powdery mildew most likely will not kill any plant. Therefore, as usual, I let Mother Nature figure it out.

Most everything around the house that I did not move, or dig up, is smushed. At first I thought I would try to keep plants from growing too close to the house again. But that means I would have to put mulch or pine needles to keep dirt from splashing up on the white white trim. I know that is an annual, or more often, effort I will not give. I'm still thinking about the trellis where confederate jasmine was and what to do with it. There is no sign of jasmine re-sprouting yet. If it doesn't, I will not plant anymore there. If it does, a decision will have to be made on future pruning efforts to keep it in check. Maybe I'll be struck with a cool, creative idea for the trellis that won't involve a plant.

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF ANDERSON
IN THE FAMILY COURT**

C.A. No.: 2021-DR-04-179

NOTICE OF PROCEEDINGS TO

RITA FAYE LOLLIS

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Inside my pockets, 1962

I'm seven years old, it's summer, and I'm wearing a pair of Levi jeans rolled up to the knees and nothing else. In my right back pocket, I have a homemade slingshot that my grand-



Neal Parnell

dad carved and strung with an old inner tube and a piece of leather. I've been instructed not to shoot windows, cars, people or animals, but stop signs, mailboxes, tin cans and telephone poles are fair game. In my left rear pocket is my ammunition that was carefully picked for size and roundness from the gravel driveway beside the house.

Hold on just a second, I see a strange dog walking towards me as I'm leaving the yard. I whip out my slingshot, load up a medium rock, pull back and fire. My timing was perfect. Just as the mutt was walking under the neighbor's mailbox, I hit

the mailbox and "Blam", the dog yelped, jumped, and took off the opposite way in a flash.

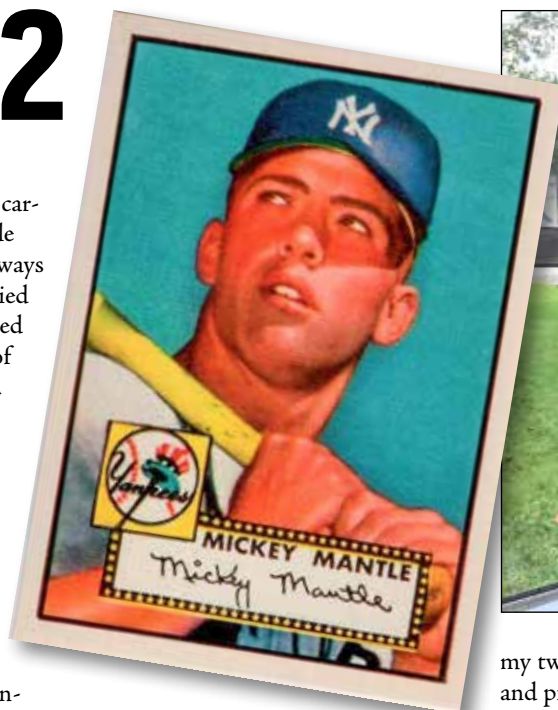
In my front left pocket I have money and items I'll use to buy candy or trade for something. There are two buffalo nickels and three wheat pennies. The pennies would purchase Bazooka bubble gum, and the nickels would get me a 6oz. Coke-a-cola if I find an empty bottle to return with them. Also in the same pocket is a Mickey Mantle rookie baseball card, but everybody has one so it's probably worthless. My Johnny Quest decoder ring is there. I got it free with my P.F. Flyer shoes. I was disappointed when I decoded the secret message on a box of Wheaties. It said, "Buy P.F. Flyers". Lastly, there's an Orange Crush bottle cap, and on the cork seal are stamped the words, "You Win". I've had a couple of these and I know what I win; another Orange Crush.

In my right front pocket is my most prized possession, a Barlow

pocket knife that my grandad carried forever. He said the handle sides were real bones, and I always wondered whose bones. I carried that knife everywhere, and loved it. But to tell the truth, most of the time I couldn't get it open.

Now for the tiny pocket above the right front pocket. It's called a watch pocket, but no one uses it for that anymore. For me, it was where my grandmother put a piece of paper with her phone number, just in case of emergency.

Of course I had an emergency, ambulances would follow me around waiting for my next one. Anyway, I walked to the Winn-Dixie grocery store to get my grandmother a loaf of bread. There was an open phone booth just outside, and since I'd never been in one, I was curious. I stepped inside and closed the folding door. I looked around for a minute at the weird phone and sat on the built-in stool



and then tried to open the door. I couldn't get it open, I pushed and pulled but the crazy glass box had me trapped. I was banging on the door for help when a man walked out of the store. He looked me dead in the eyes and started laughing and walked away. I then remembered that number in my little pocket. I stood on the stool and dropped

my two nickels into the 5 slot, and picked up the phone. I heard nothing but a tone and the people walking past thought I was on the phone. Just as I was about to hang up the phone I heard someone say, "Operator". I said, "I'm trapped, get me outta here!" She hung up on me, but a few seconds later the store manager was also laughing as he set me free. I ran all the way back and told my grandmother the store was out of bread.



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Hanna cruises to win against county foe Belton-Honea Path

Hanna Yellow Jackets

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

BY BRU NIMMONS

ANDERSON — After a 2-0 start to the season and a week off, the T.L. Hanna Yellow Jackets returned to action this past Friday and kept to their winning ways against Belton-Honea Path.

Hanna received the opening kickoff of the night, but neither team could do much offensively early, leading to multiple three-and-outs.

Taking over again midway through the first, the Hanna offense got going, as quarterback Jay Dillard found Knox Whitten on a 31-yard pass to move into Bear territory. A run by Carson Bacheller moved the Jackets inside the BHP 10, where Kabrail Morrison scored on a three-yard run for an early 7-0 lead.

After the Jacket score, the Bear offense got on the move, getting deep into Jacket territory before a sack by Hanna defensive lineman Tracy Cheatham killed their momentum, leading to a punt at the start of the second quarter.

The Yellow Jackets went back to work after the punt, driving 75 yards behind runs from Bacheller, Kam Johnson, Morrison and Walt Smith. Morrison finished the drive with a one-yard run to put Hanna ahead 14-0 with 6:50 left in the half.

BHP bounced back after the Hanna score behind the legs of tailback Marquise Henderson, getting down inside the Hanna 10. There, Bear quarterback A.J. Pendleton ran in the ball from eight yards out to cut the lead to 14-7.

Hanna answered right back on a drive powered by Johnson,

who picked up runs of 16 and 15 yards to get the Jackets down to the 1. With one yard to go, Hanna turned to Fletcher Cothran, who responded with a touchdown run to give the Jackets a 21-7 lead with 3:29 left in the half.

The Bears refused to quit on their next possession, driving all the way down to the Jacket 23 before Johnson intercepted Pendleton to secure the Hanna lead going into the half.

The Jackets got back on the board early in the third quarter, with Dillard connecting with Johnson on a 38-yard touchdown pass. A two-point conversion from Cothran put Hanna ahead 29-7 with 7:53 left in the third.

On the very next play from scrimmage, the Hanna defense came up huge once again, as N.J. Williams picked off Pendleton to give the Jackets the ball back at the Bear 29.

On the first play of the drive, the Jackets went back to the air, with Dillard hitting Chase Burton for a 29-yard touchdown pass to increase the lead to 36-7.

The Hanna onslaught continued on the kickoff, as the Jackets forced a fumble on the kick and it was recovered by Jack Murphy. Murphy took the fumble 19 yards for a score to give Hanna its third score in a minute and a 43-7 lead.

The Bears later got back on the board with a 27-yard Peter Bertoni field goal, but Hanna held on for the 43-10 win.

Up next, the Jackets will face off with 1-2 Easley on the road this Friday.



WESTSIDE RAMS

Rams take barnburner over 5A heavyweight Byrnes

BY BRU NIMMONS

ANDERSON — The 2021 season had gotten off to an abysmal start for the Westside Rams going into their matchup with Byrnes on Sept. 10.

After a season-opening loss to BHP, the Rams were struck by COVID-19, leading them to cancel their game with Summerville and lose 28-25 to Greer with a severely depleted roster.

Facing perennial 5A power Byrnes, the Rams looked like the team many expected to see before the season in a barn-burning 64-62 come-from-behind win.

After taking a 16-14 lead early in the second quarter, the Rams saw Byrnes score twice to make it a 28-16 game at about the seven-minute mark of the quarter. Westside stormed right back to take a 30-27 lead on a Jimmar Boston touchdown grab — his second of the night — but the Rebels again responded, scoring moments later to take a 35-30 advantage into halftime.

With time winding down in the half, the Rebel offense drove the length of the field before Cook scored again from five yards out to give the Rebels a 35-30 lead at the half.

After a Westside punt to start the second half, the Rebels' lead grew even more with a 97-yard touchdown pass from Gabe Rogers to Thomas Gregory. After the PAT, Byrnes led 42-30 with 7:47 left in the third quarter.

The Rams answered the long touchdown play right back with a big play of their own, as Amir Dendy broke free for a 70-yard touchdown run to cut the lead to 42-37.

The Rams then stepped things up on defense, forcing a Rebel punt on the ensuing possession, before Zamora found Ryan Brownell for his second touchdown. The Westside defense also came up with a loose ball moments later at the Rebel 4, and Hunter Puckett scored from there to extend the lead to 51-42 entering the fourth quarter.

The Rams snuffed out a Byrnes fake punt on fourth-and-11 on the next drive, then Puckett found paydirt once again to make it a 58-42 game with just 6:44 to play.

The Rebels took about two minutes to answer with another Rogers-to-Gregory touchdown, but a two-point conversion failed, to leave the score 58-48 with 4:45 left.

The Rebels later cut the lead to just 58-55 on another touchdown pass from Rogers to Gregory, but Zamora and Dendy hooked up for a 61-yard touchdown to extend the advantage back to 64-55 with 1:35 left.

The Rebels scored again with a pass from Rogers to Gregory with 12 seconds left, but an onside recovery from Westside's Cameron Spadafina sealed the 64-62 win.

This week, the Rams will host Hart County (Ga.) before preparing for a matchup with archrival Hanna.



Westside Rams

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