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## Anderson welcomes new funeral business

By Julie Bailes Johnson

On Friday, Nov. 16, Patrick and Kristi Campbell broke ground on The Standard Cremation & Funeral Center, Anderson's newly formed funeral business. "After serving families in this community for over twenty years, it became very clear to me that the Anderson area needed modestly priced, yet high quality cremation and funeral care," says Campbell.

The facility, which is approximately 9,000 square feet, will be constructed at 1621 Pearman Dairy Road (Hwy 28 By Pass North), across from The Carpenter's Church. The property was the location of the home and country store of Mr. & Mrs. Plumer Mullikin. Many Andersonians remember the Mullikin family operating the store and a beauty salon on the property that catered to the employees of



nearby Wamsutta plant. After standing for over 50 years, the house and store were removed to make way for the funeral center.

Campbell, a funeral director and embalmer, has spent 23 years serving Anderson County families. "For several years, families have expressed to me their desire for a more affordable funeral and cremation

facility. Now I understand," says Campbell. "There are many people who don't see a value in big, expensive funerals anymore. The timing was just right for both my wife and me to establish this option for our friends and neighbors."

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## DEAR KAY

# Where can you look for your family roots?

Dear Kay,  
All my friends have been talking a lot about finding their roots. (I didn't even know they had a garden.) When I offered them some pole beans and squash, they looked at me kinda strange. Then they brought out the family Bible and showed me records of all their grandparents and great-grandparents and aunts and uncles and cousins. I'm starting to feel a little lonely. I don't know much about my family and I'm not sure we have many pictures of them. How can I find out about my grandparents, great-parents, and even further back? I think I'll start by going through the few pictures I have and see if I can find a picture of Pocahontas. I've been told

I descend from her and that I favored her in that Disney movie. That must explain why I loved that song 'Colors of the Wind' so much! (You know I sang it at the Possum Kingdom talent show and won first place!)

Thanks for your help!  
Sally McNalley

Hi Sally,

I'm very excited that you are becoming interested in your family history. Your world will become bigger and more exciting as you travel this genealogical journey. Since you are new at this, I would recommend that you start with the following:

Visit the Carolyn Duncan Genealogy Research Center. It is a service of the Anderson

County Genealogical Society and volunteers are available to help on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Research Center is located in the Arts Center Warehouse, 110 Federal Street, Anderson, SC, next to the Anderson County Farmers Market.

The Carolyn Duncan Research Center is a goldmine of information. It has hundreds of family surname books, maps, free access to Fold3 internet archives on the soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War, Civil War, War of 1812, WWII, as well as other military information. Other sources available are Ancestry.com and Genealogy Bank which includes hundreds of newspapers, obituaries and

more. The Research Center hosts files of newspaper clippings, obituaries, and genealogy magazines and periodicals. They also retain hundreds of books on Anderson County, other counties, and other resources on other states and their counties. The center has also digitized many books related to Anderson County that are for sale.

Now Sally, the next thing on your list should be to consider joining the Anderson County Genealogical Society. It doesn't cost much. And it includes approximately ten programs each year related to genealogy and local history. The programs are held at Senior Solutions in Anderson at 7 p.m. on Mondays.

Now, about that Pocahontas thing...

## Church to partner with Habitat for Humanity

St. John's United Methodist Church in downtown Anderson announces a partnership with Habitat for Humanity to provide housing for a local family. A fundraising goal has been set of \$30,000 for the church to raise outside its yearly budget and mission efforts.

"This goal is ambitious, but certainly doable," says attorney Tom Dunaway, member of St. John's and co-chair of this project. Dunaway has enlisted the help of the Anderson County Bar Association in the fundraising effort.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps low-income families

and individuals who do not qualify for a commercial loan fulfill their dream of becoming a homeowner. Applicants apply for a home and are chosen based on their need and their willingness to put in "sweat equity." When their home is completed, the applicant signs a mortgage and is required to pay a mortgage payment, as all homeowners do, with the major difference that the Habitat mortgage is interest free. This particular house will be for a local family — Tia and her little boy, Nylan.

Chris Harpe, co-chair, encourages participation from the entire community.

"Our church has been presented with this opportunity to put God's love into action. Your contribution of money, time, and meals for the workers will help build a home and hope for Tia and her little boy."

To make a contribution, visit the website at St.JohnsAnderson.net, click the "online giving" button and choose Habitat for Humanity from the drop down menu. Or mail a check to St. John's United Methodist Church, 515 S. McDuffie Street, Anderson, SC 29624, with Habitat in the memo line. For more information, call the church at 864-224-6563.

## Funeral

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The Standard Cremation & Funeral Center will be the first in the area to offer modestly priced, high quality funerals and cremations. Although the center will offer traditional funerals and cremations on site, the center has specifically eliminated the words funeral home and mortuary from its title. "Our center will have a very appealing and relaxed atmosphere where you can feel at ease," says Campbell. "It will be a bright place for celebrating life and at the same time, enjoy a cup of coffee in the lounge while reminiscing about your loved ones."

In addition to the chapel setting, the event room of the center will accommodate receptions or visiting hours with hors d'oeuvres for those families who would rather have a celebration of life. The exterior of the center will feature Appalachian Lodge architecture and exposed timbers with rock pillars. It will



Patrick Campbell is the owner of the new Standard Cremation & Funeral Center

be a one level facility that will be totally handicapped accessible and will have a parking area for over 100 vehicles.

Campbell, a fifth generation Andersonian, grew up in the Flat Rock Community where he graduated from Crescent High School. Patrick and Kristi's son Mac graduated from T.L. Hanna High School and is currently

serving an internship at AnMed. Kristi Campbell graduated from Belton-Honea Path High School and works for her father at Lowe & Company, CPAs on East Greenville Street. "We are thoroughly vested in our Electric City and love our community," says Campbell.

Campbell is also a well known vocalist in the community and active in the Concord Baptist Church choir. He is a former professional recording artist and has recorded two solo projects. He sang with The Carolina Boys Quartet for six years.

"Performing sacred music has been one of the most important aspects of my life," Campbell says. "My faith also allows me the strength and compassion to minister to the needs of all grieving people. I believe I have been prepared for such a time as this."

As for future goals, Campbell says he looks to continue listening to the needs of others, which may mean adapting his services to meet the changing views about death or possibly even more locations. "We will compassionately tend to the wishes of our community and adapt accordingly."

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# *Favorite Local Gift Ideas*



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## Post Thanksgiving 'Fitness'

By Tommy Walls

Thanksgiving should have been the time for family, food and fellowship — now it's time for fitness!

Thanksgiving happens to be my favorite holiday because of all it represents. A time to be thankful and reflect on all the things that we are blessed with every day. It's also the time when you don't feel guilty for missing a few workouts or a few runs. If you don't want to worry about getting back on track or back on the track, keep your fitness level going even through the Holidays. It may be hard, but you can do both. You can enjoy both food and fitness. The key is, be moderate with both.

There are a lot of local fun runs that you can enjoy after Thanksgiving; such as The Reindeer Run which is sponsored and supported by our local community.

How do I get back on track? The best way to get back on track is to "never leave the track." Ha!! You may change your exercise routines due to the season or the weather, but don't let that stop you from continuing your fitness focus.

It's a good thing to put your body through different phases or different levels of exercise regardless of the season. Your health is the main focus of any workout plan or routine. Be realistic with yourself and your body. A healthy body helps encourage a healthy mind. They work hand in hand.

I always felt like I was in great shape until I'd go shopping with my three daughters after Thanksgiving. I was pathetic! They put me through their version of "Boot Camp" — literally!

I found this post which I found to be easy and effective:

Post Thanksgiving Day tips:

- Be flexible: Don't be afraid to park a little further and make it a hike to your stores. You'll not only burn calories but you'll build cardiovascular endurance.

- Be fast: The quicker you move, the higher your metabolism grows. Fast walking is just as effective as jogging; and in my case,



**TOMMY WALLS**  
fitness instructor

my daughters walk faster than I jog. Also, being fast may help you be the first in line!

- Be strong: As you shop and accumulate packages condense them into 1 or 2 bags and build muscular strength in your arms, legs and core as you go back and forth to your car!

The holiday season takes a good dose of motivation, determination, and persistence to stay on track with your health and fitness. You'll be invited to a lot of meals and parties and enticed with a lot of holiday foods; just remember, do it all in moderation. Don't give up training for gaining. Remember if you get in a good workout before or after a feast, you can put those extra carbs and fats to good use without feeling guilty.

I don't know about you, but my body lets me know when I've overindulged. Listen to your body because you know your body better than anybody. I love it when mine tells me to "go exercise!"

Our bodies and our minds need "balance." We need to be balanced both physically and mentally. Having a proper plan for both will help accomplish your goal of a healthy, happy life. Who doesn't want that? God gave us life to enjoy, it's up to us to bring that to fruition.

The pilgrims and the Native Americans didn't drive to their first Thanksgiving feast; they either walked or rode a horse. In other words, they exercised! Exercise does not require a gym or fancy equipment; it involves activity and will power.

It's OK if you carved the turkey as long as afterwards you carve your body.

Go out and enjoy the rest of the holidays but remember: If you want to soar like an eagle, don't fly with turkeys!

## 10 tips on freeing yourself from emotional quicksand

By Mary-Catherine McClain Riner  
PhD, Ed.S., M.S.

Emotions (driven by bodily reactions) and feelings (driven by thoughts) represent responses to situations and events. For example, you are walking to your car in the dark. You see a shadow and chills run down your spine (bodily reaction), and you feel scared (feeling transformed into words). A chain reaction may happen, as this person believes he/she is about to be attacked. Behaviors result from the interactions between both emotions and feelings. Below represent some strategies for freeing yourself from the emotional quicksand.

1. It is not always about what you feel, but what you do. Our brain sends the message to avoid and escape; yet that does not mean you have to listen to and/or respond.

2. While our feelings serve as a compass and protect us from danger/threats, they can also exaggerate and overreact. Consider giving your feelings space, but not your entire house. In other words, do not ignore or stuff them down, yet remind yourself that you ultimately get to decide how much space your feelings take up. Do you give them your entire house or just a closet?

3. Reframe anxiety as an exciting challenge; faster heart rates may signal a sense of anxiety, but it could also serve as excitement. Consider re-appraising your anxiety. For example, graduating from college, getting married, and having a baby may bring feelings of anxiety-as-excitement.

4. When you first feel an emotion bubbling up, tackle it. The earlier you reappraise and evaluate the situation,



**MARY-CATHERINE McCLAIN RINER**

the less opportunity your brain has to be hijacked. When we attempt to suppress, ignore, avoid, or escape our emotions, they often come back more powerful and with a stronger vengeance. Acknowledge the thought/feeling in order to release it and in order for your mind to reduce the need to bring it back to your attention.

5. Acknowledge who has the power: you or your fears? Often, it is not the event itself but how the individual person interprets and perceives the event or situation. For example, a wreck may lead someone to avoid driving while another person may interpret it as gratitude and a blessing to educate others on the safety of driving.

6. Remove the personalization; someone may not respond to a phone call or text message. Instead of believing you are not important or worthy, give yourself alternatives. For example, this person may not be feeling well, this person may be slammed at work, or his/her phone may be broken. If thinking does not work, visualize it. For example, picture them in bed with a migraine headache or behind a desk with papers piled high. Essentially, give your brain another story to hear/play.

7. View your intrusive and catastrophic thoughts and overwhelmingly emotions as children who may not have the tools or skills to process and cope. Talk to your feelings, such as "Go ahead and throw your tantrum. Dump as much as you need right now," or "I will not be bullied by this teenager raging inside of me."

8. Shrink your anxiety or fear by writing it down, speaking it aloud, or dancing it out. Mental space is created as you express and show your emotions.

9. Reduce your tendency to immediately react by taking a deep breath, counting to 10, or tensing and releasing your muscles. Remind yourself that these feelings and emotions are only temporary visitors.

10. Be compassionate and offer forgiveness to yourself when strong or intense emotions are presented; as you forgive, you detach from strong feelings of jealousy, resentment, and anger. Forgiveness provides space for love — which typically counteracts any overwhelmingly negative emotion. It is hard to be stuck in quicksand when you have a spirit of forgiveness and love.

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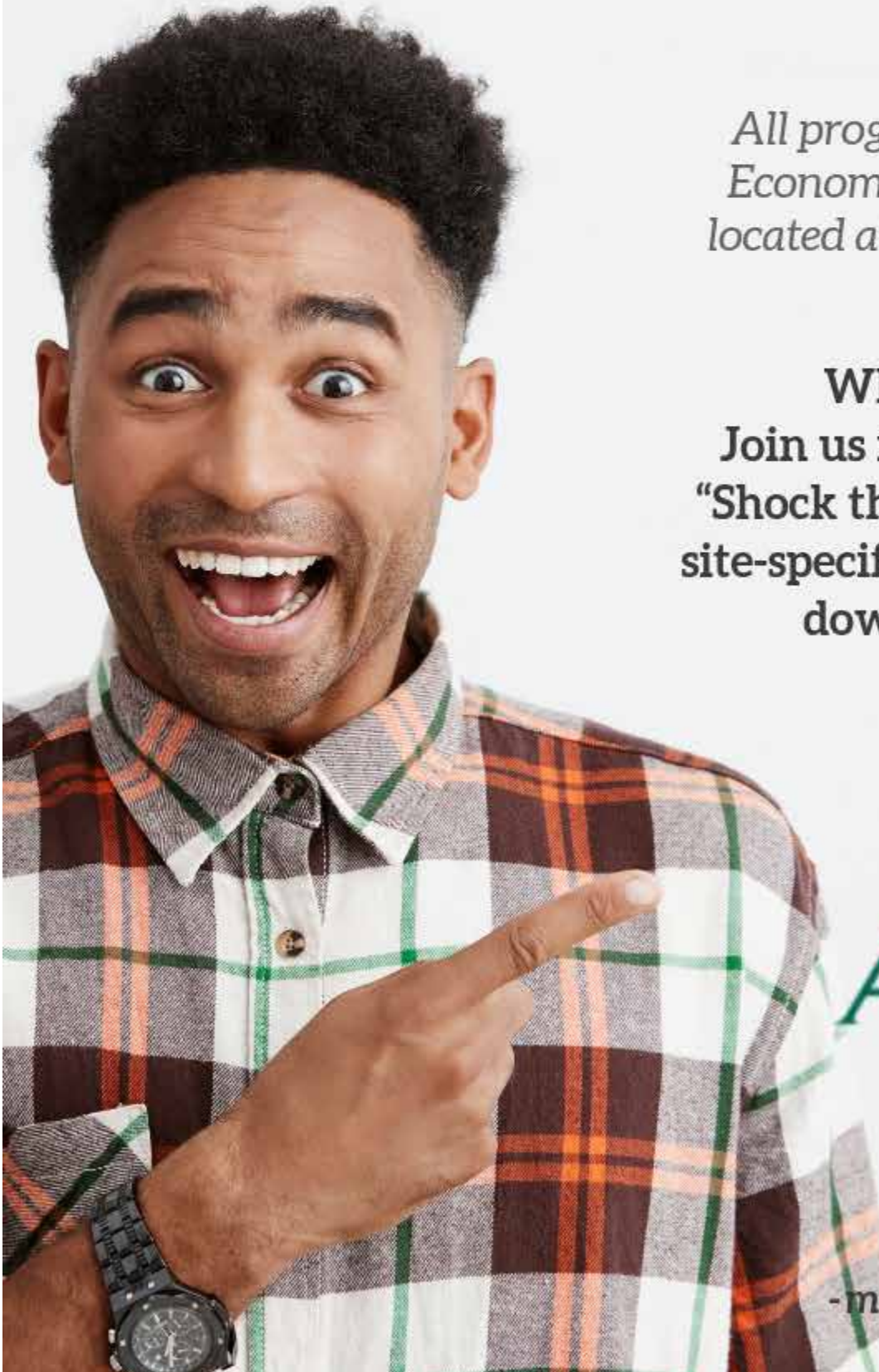
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# A BOX OF CHARLESTON

By Julie Bailes Johnson

When former Anderson resident Tim Benson received a gift from a friend, it sparked an idea and inspiration. "I had already relocated to Charleston when a friend sent me a care package with flavors of another town," he said. "I wondered then if anyone was doing the same thing out of Charleston."

With Charleston's rich heritage, culinary excitement and unique history, there were definitely the right ingredients to package this all together and offer it to others. And from that, Box of Charleston was born.

After recognizing the opportunity and brainstorming the concept of what he wanted, Benson took a chance and dove in. He immediately began to explore how to turn his idea into a reality.

Box of Charleston is filled with some of the best products the city has to offer. Benson said many boxes have been specifically designed with products that complement each other. But, he

added, "If none of those suit your fancy, we offer a custom 'Create Your Own' section that allows the customer to choose either 5 or 7 items to be placed in their box."

Sharing a love of the Holy City with other people is the main objective for Benson. "As more items become available, I think Box of Charleston will become a gift others will want to share with their friends and family and anyone else that matters to them," he said.

As the self-proclaimed "head box stuffer," Benson said, "As for now and through December, we have all the systems, supplies and product to handle the orders. But I'm certain as business increases, we will need to add to our staff."

He plans on expanding his business to export boxes to other cities, sometime in the spring or summer of 2019, while also offering a Corporate Customized Logo box.

When Benson is not filling boxes of Charleston's finest, he continues to practice and sell



real estate, which he has done for more than 20 years. "In addition to selling, I'm also involved in mentoring agents in my office in Charleston," he said.

After leaving Anderson, Benson moved to the Boston area, where he continued his real estate career. Life took a different direction for him while living in the north and he made the decision to move back to the south, where he landed in Charleston. Benson has two children — a son, Chase, who is 16 and plans to attend Clemson University, and a daughter Rachel,



Box of Charleston founder Tim Benson displays local items in his boxes.

13, who concentrates on school and riding horses.

When asked where he would like to be in five years, Benson replied, "Wherever it takes me. And I mean that sincerely. This has already presented other opportunities for me, and will down the road."

One of the best parts of the business for Benson is being involved with others in the city

who take such pride in their products. "Being able to walk down the city market and talk to folks I've partnered with is so gratifying," he admits. "I get to do this in a city that I love and so many others love as well."

If you're looking for a great gift idea for someone who would enjoy a "Box Of Charleston," visit [www.BoxofCharleston.com](http://www.BoxofCharleston.com) or find the business on Facebook.



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A MOVING EXPERIENCE

I wrote in a previous edition about an almost surrealistic, out of body experience regarding my dear departed brother, Coach Herman Boseman. I'd like to tell you of a similar one with Steve Whitfield.

As I recounted in a previous article, Steve and the 1970 T.L. Hanna football team played a major part in the successful integration of our schools. Steve, who died at 65 and had no funeral, finally got a perfect sendoff.

Our saga began on a chilly mid October Saturday morning. Some of Steve's family and friends were to meet at Burrell's Ford on the wild Chatooga River to reminisce and have one last



JIM FRASER

encounter with him on this earth.

A former player and Sunday school student, David Maret, and I began our trek up the mountain bright and early. Burrell's Ford was past Walhalla and Stump-house Mountain almost to the fish hatchery. As we careened around the sharp curves I nervously asked my driver if we were running late? As a retired UPS driver, he was used to a tight schedule. My consternation reached a higher point when I learned he is a licensed wrecker

driver who has worked at most of the Nascar speedways. "I'm the main attraction," he said, "everybody comes to see a wreck."

Burrell's Ford was teeming with hikers, fisherman, and now our little burial party. Steve's sister had chosen a small wooded glare to create a chapel like atmosphere. A table was set up surrounded by chairs. Steve's ashes, some flowers, and cups, adorned the table. Descending downward forty yards below, the angry Chatooga River, fueled by a recent rain, raged on. Whit's sister, Sandra Lowe, led a tasteful ceremony giving heart rendering stories of how big brother Steve, a football star, always had time for her. She told me

privately that on many mornings they would pick up Radio walking to school. I was honored to say a few words after which David read an excerpt from an article I had written on Steve from The Electric City News.

I must confess that my knowledge of sprinkling of ashes was limited. I thought the ashes would be scattered into the river in one fell sweep. Not so, as each of the 18-20 mourners were given a 6 oz cup. In the cup, in addition to the ashes, were beautiful flower petals.

Each of us retreated to a chosen place for reflection and scattering of the petals and ashes. Most went to the riverbank and I retreated to a sunny spot in

the ancient woods with the roar of the river in the distance. The realization that I was suddenly alone with a former player, one who had played such a major part in my career, triggered an almost ethereal feeling. As I slowly scattered ashes and flowers, I had this elevated feeling that Steve would have liked that.

So Steve Whitfield got that earthly closure as befitting one who for a brief shining moment in autumn of 1970 made him the quintessential high school quarterback.

*Jim Fraser was the athletic director and head football coach at T.L. Hanna High School from 1968-1985.*

Christmas Travel: Terms and Conditions

By Kim von Keller

If you were able to make it by car to Grandma's house for Thanksgiving, consider yourself lucky. Air travel amenities are considerably less glamorous than in the past. Seats are smaller, and restrictions are greater. If you'll be flying to your next holiday celebration, make sure to visit your airline's website in advance, but for your convenience, I've condensed the most common Christmas travel terms and conditions below:

• First Class: Passengers may travel with a steamer trunk and a personal valet. Gifts will be wrapped by the flight crew. Wagyu filet mignon is served, and Andrea Bocelli sings "White Christmas."

• Business Class: Passengers may travel with one checked bag and one carry-on. Jeff Bezos' landline number will be

distributed upon deplaning. Lobster mac and cheese is served, and Michael Bubl  sings "White Christmas."

• Budget Class: Passengers may travel with one carry-on. Everyone gets a fidget spinner. Walmart-brand Lunchables are served, and Pee Wee Herman sings "White Christmas."

• Economy Class: Passengers may travel with the clothes on their backs. Vaccinations will be required. A box of Triscuits is passed about the cabin, and the 1964 classic movie "Santa Claus Conquers the Martians" loops throughout the flight.

All right, so I'm exaggerating, but not by much. I know this because I recently booked an overseas flight in a new ticket category called economy light. The price was way too good to pass up, but sadly, I did not read the terms and



Kim von Keller

conditions before clicking "purchase." Upon review, I was fine with the seat selection, and I could live with the connections. What I did not anticipate was the baggage weight restrictions.

Like most overseas flights, one checked bag is allowed free of charge, but who checks a bag these days? If the bag makes it to your final destination at the same time you do — and that's a big if — you'll wait forever at the carousel,

and the chances that someone else grabs your black bag that looks like their black bag are pretty high. I am a firm believer in carry-on only, but the challenge of economy light is that the bag cannot weigh more than 18 pounds.

If I were traveling to Cancun or Costa Rica, I'd have room to spare, but 18 pounds is not a lot to work with when traveling to Europe in the winter. My duffle already weighs three pounds, and cold-weather clothes are heavy. I'm already weighing my pants and sweaters to see how many pieces I can pack, and I'm discovering that all my vacation photos will look exactly the same if I'm not creative. So I've come up with some ideas to maximize my wardrobe without violating the constraints of my ticket.

First, I'm wearing my heaviest clothes on the plane. I'm thinking jeans, T-shirt, long-sleeve shirt, sweater, boots, and a couple of scarves. I may look like the Michelin Man when I board, but this is not the time for vanity. Besides, while the airline may restrict how much I pack, they can't stop me from stripping down at 30,000 feet. Next, I'll top my outfit with my biggest parka, the one that has four cargo-style pockets. One will hold a hat and gloves, one will hold two pair of leggings, and one will hold all of my underwear. The fourth one will remain empty for souvenirs on the return flight. You may think I'm making this up for the sake of humor, but, oh, how little you know me.

In all seriousness, I'm not complaining. I'm a firm believer in traveling whenever the opportunity presents itself, and I've matured out of the desire to wear a different pair of shoes every day. So I plan to have a lovely vacation, no matter the obstacles the airline puts in my way. And now that I understand their rules, I'll just carry my own fidget spinner in the underwear pocket, thank you very much.

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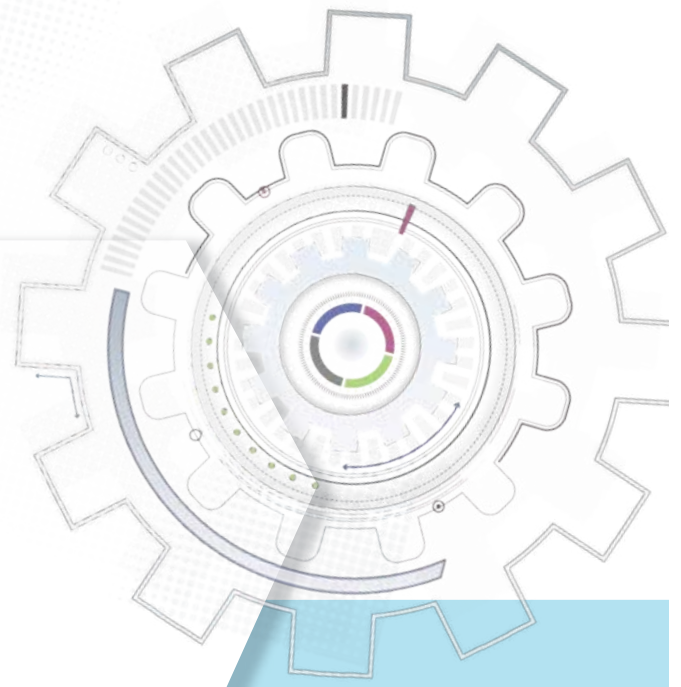
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## CREATING HOME

# Before and after updating a classic home

By Amie Speer

Each design project offers its own unique set of parameters; things to consider and design around. In each scenario one of the more important influences is the shell; the exterior and interior architecture of the home. The bones of the home not only give you a peek into its history, but also a direction in which the design should go.



Amie Speer

This job description was to update the bathroom and kitchen in a 1930's home. The house had great bones. An old fireplace, great wood floors and lots of potential. The living room was adjacent to the kitchen and right off the front entry, so we widened the cased opening to create one open space.

For the kitchen and the bathroom, I kept the design clean. Classic shaker cabinets painted white with black countertops and carrara subway tile. The goal was to speak to the history of the home while creating a fresh and updated



look. A large island in the center of the kitchen incorporated cabinets on the front and back for additional storage, with a countertop overhang that also provided seating. This open approach would encourage connection between the living room and kitchen. The light fixture that I chose to hang above the island was a show stopper. A modern take on a traditional oil lamp, it was finished in matte black with gold leaf on the inside of the shades.

The kitchen was styled with natural wood



tones, deep colored rugs and art and fresh greenery. The walls were painted white and the floors refinished in a dark stain; the perfect combination for accentuating architectural details while also creating a nice backdrop for it's modern updates. This project was so much fun to work on. A home with great structure to work around and lots of opportunity for fresh details; a designer's dream come true!

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## THE POPPE HOUSE

By Kay Willis Burns

The Poppe House, 805 South McDuffie Street in Anderson, was named for German resident, Charles Henry Julius Poppe, who operated a variety store in downtown Anderson. Poppe was a native of Leipsig, Germany and he and his wife purchased the home on McDuffie Street in 1862. Elizabeth Harrison Earle, widow of Captain Samuel Girard Earle, had the house built for her son and his bride circa 1853. The bricks were made by slaves. Features of the Poppe House included cedar closets, pine floors, and 12-inch-thick-walls. The Poppe family made this their home until the early 20th century.

Mr. Poppe was known to be a cultured gentleman, educated in music and the arts. He emigrated to America after the German Revolution of 1848-1849. During the Civil War, he served in Company A., 15th S.C. Regiment until his health began to decline. Later on, he opened his mercantile store and was best remembered for selling unusual toys and beautiful dolls.

Mrs. Poppe was English and suffered with blindness for many years. In the Poppe House gardens, empty wine bottles outlined the flower beds, enabling Mrs. Poppe to find her way around by tapping the bottles with her cane. Others tell the story that Mrs. Poppe had pieces of gold buried in the backyard and would mysteriously find them and pull them out of the ground to surprise the neighborhood children.

The Poppe family lived in the house more than 50 years.

The Poppe House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

# The History of Lebanon School

By Kay Willis Burns

Lebanon School had a long and interesting history of more than 108 years of service to the Lebanon community.

The school first occupied a log cabin, only 16 square feet that had just one door and no windows, merely a 2-foot square hole with a wooden shutter that had to be lowered in cold and rainy weather. The cabin was donated by Uncle Bob Simpson and in 1861, Miss Carrie Douthit became its first teacher. She remained only one year, maybe because she had to walk 3 miles to reach her classroom.

Soon, other teachers came including Methodist circuit rider, Rev. Thomas Edwards, and Miss Anna Darracutt, who stayed 13 years. It was Rev. Edwards who led the charge to erect a second school building — a frame structure approximately 20 x 30 feet with real glass windows. Soon after Miss Douthit arrived, another room was added to the structure.

Throughout the early years, it was said that the school was referred to as "Lick Skillet School" because life during and after the Civil War was so hard that almost everyone had to 'lick the skillet' to survive.

After Miss Darracutt left the school, Mr. W.P. Holland arrived.



**SENIORS OF LEBANON SCHOOL 1897-98**  
Top row left to right: Miss Ada Casey, Mrs. Ethel Welborn Pruitt, Mrs. Carrie Gentry Austin, Mrs. Lola Casey Copeland, Mrs. Eva Gentry Lavender. Bottom row: Mrs. Gussie Welborn Martin, Mrs. Adelia Burress Welborn, Mrs. Florence Smith Norton (Teacher), Miss Annie Wakefield, Mrs. Maude Douthit Bell, Mrs. Eljie Richardson Andrea.

He was a graduate of Peabody Normal School. During his stay, he had many ideas for a better building and better equipment. Within three years, the old building was demolished and a bigger building with a brick chimney was constructed. For the first time, there was room for two teachers at the growing school.

From 1893 to 1900, all teachers were Furman graduates. During this time, enrollment climbed to 100 and an annex was added. But before long, more space was needed and a fourth school was built. The fourth school was two stories tall, with two large rooms on each floor and a long wing on the first floor for the primary students.

By 1903, the school's

enrollment was 180; and when C.D. Coleman became principal in 1911, enrollment had reached 200. Some students were taking high school subjects through the 10th grade. Under the leadership of P.W. Jayroe, the 11th grade was added.

In 1920, the school burned. As a result, the school was held in park pavilions, the Masonic Lodge, the church belfry room, and in a wheat mill. But in 1922, a substantial two-story brick building was erected on 5 and a half acres of land donated by Mrs. J.G. Duckworth. The cost of the school was \$18,000.

In the 1930's, the school was rebuilt. During the period of the 1930's and 1940's, a twelfth grade was added.

In 1952, the Lebanon School



District was consolidated with District 4 at Pendleton. Three years later, Lebanon High School was discontinued because of insufficient enrollment and the students were sent to Pendleton High. The elementary school, however, functioned until 1969. Then it also was consolidated with Pendleton, and the building was abandoned. In 1970 the building was bought at public auction by Lebanon Baptist Church, whose property adjoined the school. The following year the beloved old brick building was demolished; only its separate gymnasium remained to mark the site.

Source: *A History of Lebanon Baptist Church and Community (1815-1986)*, by Rev. Marshall M. Vaughn



# Family traditions matter

By Katie Laughridge

When you hear the word “tradition,” what do you think of? I think of summer beach trips, Saturday mornings eating pancakes at Cracker Barrel, listening to Kenny G and decorating our Christmas tree, family movie nights by the fire, nighttime devotions with Poppie, the family “homework table,” eating Sunday lunches at Mema’s with my 7 cousins, and spending summers at my Mamma’s house on Elm Street. Though many of these things may seem like commonplace every day events, they are anything but ordinary to me. They are traditions. Traditions that have built me into the person I am today. Traditions that inspire me to provide the same heart-warming experiences for my own family.

Traditions are defined as ritualistic behaviors and actions that individuals or groups engage in, usually at the same time and in the same way. However, what specifically characterizes a tradition and how it is celebrated, is typically uniquely different from one individual or family unit to another. Meg Cox, the author of “The Book of New Family Traditions,” defines a family ritual as “any activity you purposefully repeat together as a family that includes heightened attentiveness and something extra that lifts it above the ordinary ruts.” Traditions, when done right, lend a certain magic, spirit, and texture to our everyday lives.

Choosing to focus on experiences, living in anticipation of exciting plans, and “gathering stories and memories” can have a profound impact on how much we enjoy life. Now as the holiday season grows nearer with each passing day, families and close friends are once again anticipating the time-tested traditions that give meaning and purpose to their everyday lives. No matter how we choose to celebrate our traditions, the important thing is that our traditions are uniquely meaningful to our family and friends, and serves to create lasting memories with the people we love and care about.

If you are searching for new traditions to engage in this holiday season, remember that our community offers many opportunities for you and your family to take part in and experience together. Here are a few suggestions:

- Visit “Holiday Ice” at Wren Park to go ice-skating together as a family.
- Get hot chocolate at Figgs Beanery and Creamery and walk around downtown Anderson while



Katie Laughridge

you look at Christmas lights.

• Visit a local tree farm and cut down your own Christmas tree (Tom Sawyer’s Christmas Tree Farm is our family favorite.)

• Have your whole family put

on pajamas, go by Dunkin Donuts to grab some munchkins, then drive around Lights of Hope and neighborhoods in our area looking at Christmas lights! You could even leave a note in the mailbox at your favorite lights display telling them how much you enjoyed their light display (I got this idea from a precious friend of mine.)

• Visit Santa at the Anderson Mall — or wherever you can find him!

Below are a few holiday ideas you may want to try with your family right in your home:

• Read a different Christmas book every night during the month of December.

• Decorate your Christmas tree together as a family. Talk about the ornaments you hang up and what they mean to you. What story do they tell? Did they come from somewhere special?

• Play “I Spy” as your children look for ornaments to give you to hang up (ex: I spy something red and sparkly in the shape of a star!).

• Allow your children to make cards for each family member.

• Wrap presents in brown Kraft wrapping paper, and then allow your children to decorate the paper with pictures or decorations. This activity will help them experience the joy of gift-giving.

• Sing popular Christmas songs together. Teach your children some of your favorite Christmas songs.

• Make Christmas cookies to deliver to your close neighbors.

• Write letters to Santa, and then mail them to the North Pole.

Traditions are not only meaningful for children, but for adults as well. Traditions create a sense of belonging and anticipation for the future. They also give children something to talk about, something to write about, and something to hold close to their hearts for years to come. Traditions are important because they give each one of us a sense of who we are, who we belong to, and most of all, it allows us to share love and togetherness with those who mean the most to us.

## PEOPLE TO KNOW

# Creative minds behind Annie

By Mary Haley Thompson

*Annie the Musical* is a Broadway classic that made its debut in 1977. *The New York Times* estimates that *Annie* is produced 700 to 900 times each year in the United States. The Market Theatre Company is taking their first shot at this classic story in a way that has never been done before.

Join me as I dive into the creative minds that crafted familiar text into a production that will cast new light on *Annie*. Meet The Market’s Artistic Director Noah Taylor and *Annie* Director Jessie Davis.

### Theatre Background

From school and church plays to art lessons and painting sets, Noah engaged the arts at a young age. He has now directed over 17 shows and currently produces all performances that take stage at The Market. Noah is one of the youngest founders and directors of a theatre across the state and beyond.

Jessie dabbled in theatre opportunities growing up, but her introverted spirit deterred her from taking drama in high school. Upon her role as Enchantress in *Beauty and the Beast* her senior year, she was encouraged to pursue theatre as a major going into her freshman year of college at Anderson University. Jessie’s excitement and sense of belonging was a testament to her lifelong itch to pursue the industry.

Jessie has a natural ability to bring any character to life in a way that seems natural. Her talent as an actor has been described as magnetic; she commands an audience the moment she walks on stage.

### Show Selection

The Market is known for making bold choices and producing edgy performances such as *Cabaret* and *Death of a Salesman*. So why *Annie*? Noah explains that he wants

The Market to always offer a season that is conducive to everyone. Although the story of *Annie* is well known, Noah did not negate the inventive and bold spirit of *The Market*, and recruited a director he knew would think outside of the box.

### Directing Style

As a professional actor, Jessie’s directing style is “character-heavy”. She encourages her cast to make bold choices and does not lock them into specific direction or pre-planned blocking early on. “The creative process is organic” she explains.

Jessie’s passion drives her into energetic episodes of interaction with the actors, fueling their energy to embody every emotion. During rehearsal, Jessie directed the actors to think as though they were super villains. “Think dark, menacing, on-edge... think *The Joker!*”. And while everyone in the room thought she was crazy, low and behold, it worked!

### A Creative Twist

Jessie explains that *Annie* symbolizes optimism and a glimmer of hope during the daunting times of the Great Depression. While the characters convey this through acting, singing and dancing, she decided to take it one step further through symbolic colors, fabrics, lighting and design pieces. Down to the very last prop and headband, she made every choice based on metaphorical meaning and symbolism to reflect the underlying message of *Annie*.

I encourage you all as audience members to take advantage of the rare opportunity to see *Annie* in a new light. While taking in the classic tale and characters, pay close attention to the detail that drapes every corner of *The Market Theatre*. Enjoy *Annie* November 29 - December 16; tickets can be purchased online or at the door.

## HOT HITS

# Thankful for Warmth

By Justin Tyme

I remember as a kid waking up every Thanksgiving morning, watching the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. I would always think to myself how cool it would be to watch the parade live and in person. At the age of 29, that dream became a reality. Now living in Texas, I flew to NYC on the Tuesday of Thanksgiving week to be with my friends and my parents who had also made the trip to NYC. The night before the parade, Central Park hosts what they call “The Inflatable Party”. You get to stroll through the park watching these monstrous balloons come to life. It was quite awesome to see. By the time we woke up the next morning and made our way towards 34th street, it was apparent that this was a bad decision, yet we



Justin Tyme

tried to stay optimistic. The wind chill was around 10 degrees, trains were overcrowded, and much like New Years Eve, there was no bathroom available. We were about 6 rows of people back and really couldn’t see anything. I looked up at the apartments above my head and thought wow, that’s the place to watch the parade. Finally, it was over and we went back to our hotel where it was warm!

Last week I watched the parade on a huge tv in the comfort of my jammies at my parents house and as I watched Diana Ross lip sync her way through a Christmas song I thought about how thankful I was to be watching the parade on TV. Al Roker said it was the coldest Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade ever. (I disagree). Anyway I’m glad Diana made it though a number without tripping and falling. Rumor on the street is she likes that hard Apple Cider. Happy Holiday.

*Justin Tyme can be heard on HOT 98-1 Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m.*



## THE GARDEN SHOP

# The benefits of Elderberry

“Hello, who is it?” “I’ll ask him but I don’t think he’ll be very keen you see.” “You don’t frighten us you English Pig Dogs”. “I blow my nose at you”. Ok, if you’re a fan, you know where I’m going. If not, here’s one last hint. “Your mother was a hamster and your father smelt of elderberries.”

Ding Ding Ding. Yes, it’s the Insulting Frenchman from Monty Python and the Holy Grail.

There was a bit of social media discussion last week about health benefits of elderberries for reducing or eliminating cold and flu symptoms. Folklore has stories of elderberry being used for colds and fever, burns, bladder and urinary tract infections, digestive health, for toothaches, and even used against plagues. It is said that Hippocrates described it as his medicine



**SUSAN TEMPLE**  
master gardener

chest. It is also supposed to be good for sinus and allergy related problems. I’ve heard of elderberry syrup for health benefits. And then there’s elderberry wine. Elderberry, like castor beans and poke salat (salad), is a bit of mystery because all, at least parts, are poisonous. But yet some consume them.

American elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*) is native to eastern and central United States and southeastern part of Canada. While reading about health benefits, I also read extracts from leaves have been used as insect repellents for the skin. Interesting yet again is the extracts can be



Elderberry fruit

used as a fungicide for other plants, particularly for powdery mildew. Two common varieties are Nova and York. Nova grows smaller. Neither are small shrubs, growing to about 10 feet tall and maybe as wide. York may be bigger. The fruit can be heavy and make them grow wider rather than tall and straight. This is good if growing to pick the fruit. No ladder required. The white flowers supposedly smell good. But back to the Insulting



Elderberry in bloom

Frenchman, old flowers supposedly have a urine smell. Even the flowers can be used to make batter for muffins, pancakes, and waffles.

For best fruit, more than one will be needed for pollination. They will also need to be pruned back hard every two or three years to keep producing fruit. Two-year-old canes produce best. Elderberries are not subject to late freezes either because buds are formed on new growth, later in spring.

If you have a place in full sun, that even stays damp,

elderberry may be a plant for you. Late blooms support many pollinators. Birds also love them. So netting may be needed to keep the birds from getting the berries. The fruit is also good food for turkey, woodpeckers, quail and pheasants. The shrubs also provide cover. And of course are browsed by deer. I think I’ll do some internet searching for a source. Elderberries are not a common garden center plant.

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Rainbow Records is located at 2705-B North Main Street, Anderson.

Details are also available on Facebook.

## VIEW FROM THE STANDS

By Dan Lacobie

The end of the regular season, already? Yes it is and with Championship Saturday coming on December 1st, how did your team finish out the regular season?

If you are a Clemson Tiger fan you are a pretty happy camper right now. Your team sits at 12 - 0 and looking towards a matchup with the Pittsburg Panthers in the ACC Championship game. After a win in their last conference game against the Duke Blue Devils 35 - 6, the Tigers found cross state rival South Carolina headed toward Clemson.

The Gamecocks looking to disrupt Clemson's perfect season and put a huge hole in the college football playoffs with Michigan losing to Ohio State. The Gamecocks came to play opening the game with a touchdown but eventually freshman phenom Trevor Lawrence put on a football camp and gathered National Player of the Week honors. So for another year the Tigers were triumphant with a 56 - 35 win and await a trip to Columbia in 2019.

The Georgia Bulldogs have had a very successful couple of weeks. This past Saturday we saw the Bulldogs hosting cross state rival Georgia Tech. For any of you that don't know this rival is for the most part just as its billed, "clean old fashioned hate". This



Dan Lacobie

year, after losing the last two at home games to the Yellow Jackets, Georgia was looking to uphold it's #5 ranking against Tech.

Georgia Tech's reputation of having one of the best running games was going to be a test for Georgia's run defense. Once we see the score, 45 - 21, it may tell how the defense did. "They responded really well", Coach Smart said in an interview after the game.

"All the credit goes to our scout team. They did better than Tech did today", Coach Smart said. Jake Fromm saw a very good game as did the rushing game. Georgia Tech responded back after Georgia took a 14-0 lead by running back a kickoff from Rodrigo Blankenship making the score 14 - 7.

The last 2 scores that Georgia Tech made were in the 4th quarter after Georgia went deep in reserve players.

So, December 1st 2018, these teams will face off for the ACC and SEC championships. The Georgia Bulldogs vs. the Alabama Crimson Tide and the Clemson Tiger vs the Pittsburg Panthers. Which team are you pulling for?

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# BELTON-HONEA PATH BEARS



By Dan Lacobie

Belton-Honea Path's Boys Basketball Team has already gotten a jump on the 2018-19 season playing in a game against Carolina Forest out of Myrtle Beach which resulted in a loss of 58-55.

Their next few games will see Greenville High School coming into BHP on November 27, then the Bears will visit T.L. Hanna on Nov. 29 at 6 p.m., followed by Emerald High School out of Greenwood, S.C. on Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. The Bears will face the Seneca Bobcats on Dec. 4 at 6 p.m., then the Westside Rams will come calling for a home game on Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

A look at the roster for the 2018 boys team includes:

- #0 Brevan Patterson, JR. Point
- #1 Sam Woods, JR. Guard
- #2 Jordan Traynum, JR. Point Guard
- #3 Xavier Nance, SR. (no position given)
- #4 Carletho Burgos, (no Position given)
- #12 Joseph LeCroy, SR. Guard
- #13 Derik Vailecillo, JR. Guard
- #20 R.J. Ellis, (no position given)
- #21 Johnathan Johns, SR. Forward
- #23 Cadavius Gary, SR. Forward.

The Lady Bears kicked off their 2018-19 campaign with a win versus the Laurens Lady Raiders with a score of 50-47 in a preseason tournament on Nov. 19. The next day, the team lost to the Lady Eagles of Greenwood High, 66-46.

The next several games for the BHP Lady Bears will see Greenville High on November 27, then a visit to T.L. Hanna on Nov. 29 at 6 p.m., then Emerald High from Greenwood will roll into town for a home game on Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. The team will play the Seneca Bobcats away on Dec. 4 at 6 p.m., and will host the Westside Rams on Dec. 7 at 6 p.m.

Here's a look at the Lady Bears roster for this season:

- #3 Amari Morrison, FR. Point Guard
- #4 India Holloway, JR. Point Guard
- #5 Aaliyah Thomas, SR. Guard/Forward
- #10 Jalice Harris, SO. Forward
- #11 Bri Hawthorne, JR. Guard
- #12 Sailor Wooten, SR. Power Forward
- #14 Hailey Wilson, JR. Guard/Forward
- #15 Whitner Bobo, FR. Guard/Forward
- #20 Bri Oliver, FR. Guard/Forward
- #21 Ivey Holtzclaw, SO. Guard/Forward
- #22 Clara Latimer, JR. Point Guard
- #24 Salena Phillips, SO. Guard/Forward

Best wishes to the Belton-Honea Path Lady Bears for a successful season.

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# PENDLETON BULLDOGS



By Dan Lacobie

The Pendleton Bulldogs Boys Varsity Basketball team started off the 2018 season in the Greenville County Preseason Tournament with a loss to Travelers Rest by a score of 74-28 on November 19. The next day, the Bulldogs played the Pickens Blue Flame for a win 55-36, giving Pendleton at a 1-1 record.

The next several games include the Palmetto Mustangs at home on November 27 followed by the Daniel Lions on Friday, November 30. Then the Bulldogs will visit Palmetto on Dec. 4 for a 7:30 p.m. game.

Pendleton's boys team roster this year includes:

- #2 Bobby Spear, JR. Guard
- #3 Tai'Shein Mahdi, SR. Guard
- #5 Will Barnes, SR. Guard
- #10 Jamal Blakley, SR. Point Guard
- #11 Collin Milstead, JR. Guard
- #12 Jakobe Gibson, JR. Guard
- #15 Payton Bunch, SR. Forward
- #21 Tyrell McDowell, SR. Center
- #23 Sidney Mattison, SR. Forward

The Pendleton Lady Bulldogs roster includes:

- #3 Nya Buxton, FR Guard
- #4 Karsen Cheek, JR. Guard
- #5 Somarian Webb, FR. Guard/Forward
- #10 Onasia Campbell, SO. Forward
- #11 Azianna Jones, SO. Forward
- #12 Sage Dowis, FR. Center
- #14 Shernessa Guyton, SR. Center/For.
- #22 Amelia Kizer, SO. Forward
- #23 Sara Leinonen, SO. Guard/Forward
- #24 Reanna Robinson, SR. Guard
- #32 Mattie Chambers, 8th grade. Forward
- #35 Alyssa Gentry, FR. Guard.

The Lady Bulldogs have started off this season a little slow – losing to the Lady Eagles of Greenwood, 39-28, and the Lauren Lady Raiders, 51-42, in the early Lady Bear Tip-off Tournament.

The Lady Bulldogs hosted the Palmetto Mustangs on Nov. 27, then will face Daniel High School on Friday, Nov. 30.

On December 4, the Lady Dogs will visit Palmetto at 6 p.m., and the Walhalla Razorbacks at home on December 7 at 6 p.m. Best of luck to Pendleton's hard-working basketball players.

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# T.L. HANNA YELLOW JACKETS



By Dan Lacobie

To say the least, the T. L. Hanna High School Yellow Jackets have found the winning way.

In the third round, or Upper State Semi-Final game, Hanna welcomed Dorman High School to Jim Fraser Field on Friday, Nov. 23. Hanna, 13-0 and 7-0 in Region 5-A, took off to an early lead up 14-0 at the end of the first quarter. But, the Dorman Cavaliers came back in the second quarter and scored 21 points going into halftime. But the Yellow Jackets remained strong the rest of the game and beat the Cavaliers with a final score of 35-28. The win sends Hanna to the Upper State Final against the Byrnes Rebels on Friday, November 30.

Hanna's leading passer, #1 Alex Meredith, was 1 for 3 for 24 yards and 0 interceptions. The recipient of Meredith's pass was #8 Peyton Newall. Hanna's win was led by its relentless rushing attack, with #6 Zacch Pickens leading the way. Pickens had 108 yards on 16 attempts and 1 touchdown. Alongside Pickens, #9 Jay Lagroon added 59 yards on 9 carries, #22 Jay McKinney had 4 touches for 24 yards and 4 touchdowns, and #23 Isaiah Norris had 40 yards on 12 carries.

Pickens also led the team in tackles against Dorman with 11 total tackles, 5 solo and 6 assisted, and 1 tackle for loss. #20 Ja'nike Truesdale, #44 Cameron Chandler and #55 Devonte Jones all had 6 tackles each for the Jackets, with Jones adding a quarterback sack for 5 yard loss to his total for the night.

Special teams saw kicker #91 Juan Valarde with 6 kickoffs totaling 321 yards, or an average of 53.5 per kick and 1 touchback. Valarde also scored 5 points on points after touchdown.

Meredith doing the punting duties only had 1 punt for 40 yards putting the ball inside the 20 yards line. Norris handled the kickoff returns with 2 returns for 25 yards, with his longest being 14 yards. Norris also had 25 yards in punt returns.

Good luck to T.L. Hanna in the 2018 Upper State Final.

P.S.: Look for all the stats on the upcoming basketball season for Hanna in The Electric City News.



# WESTSIDE RAMS



By Dan Lacobie

The Westside Rams boys basketball team is gearing up for the 2018-19 season. The Rams opened up their season on Nov. 27 against the Spartanburg Vikings at Westside.

Here is the 2018 part of the Rams' season:

- November 30: Home versus Seneca Bobcats
- December 5: At Spartanburg at 6 p.m.
- December 7: At Belton-Honea Path, 7:30 P.M.
- December 8: Versus Flora in Greenville, S.C. at 5 p.m.

(prep hoops showcase).

Looking at the roster for this year's boys team:

- #1 Tyson Lewis, JR. Guard
- #2 Odarius Cade, SR. Point Guard
- #3 Traye Carson, SR. Point Guard
- #4 Junior Smith, JR. Point Guard
- #5 Tim Johnson, JR. Point Guard
- #11 C.J. Plantin, JR. Forward
- #12 Kiante Miller, SR. Forward
- #13 Kendarius Fant-Miles, SR. Guard
- #20 Trystan Rice, SR. Guard
- #21 Zy Thompson, SR. Forward
- #22 Xavier Thornton, SO Guard/Forward
- #23 Paul Johnson, SR. Forward/Guard
- #24 Ty Danzy, SR. Center
- #32 Jeff McKinley, SR. Center
- #34 Caden Gibson, SR. Forward

The Lady Rams have already started their season with a win over Blue Ridge, 63-58, on Nov. 16. They played South Pointe High the next day but dropped the game 75-44.

The Lady Rams' next few games include a visit from the Spartanburg Lady Vikings on November 27, followed by a game at Spartanburg for a 6 p.m. contest on December 5.

Here's the Lady Rams' roster for this season:

- #0 Keazia Hatten, FR. Center
- #3 Anaiyah Harper, FR. Point Guard
- #4 Aziyah Bell, FR. Point Guard
- #4 Tanazza Wardlaw, SR. Forward
- #5 Chelsea Adger, SR. Point Guard
- #11 Destiny Middleton, FR. Forward
- #12 Branya Pruitt, FR. Power Forward
- #13 De'Khia Pickens, SO. Forward
- #14 Tatyana Lewis, JR. Forward
- #14 Timberly Black, SR. Power Forw.
- #21 Azariah Thomas, JR. Point Guard
- #22 Chyna Dixon, SO. Power Forward
- #23 Ariaiah Miles, JR. Guard/Forward
- #24 Jaida Cobb, SO. Forward
- #25 Keyshuna Fair, JR. Forward
- #30 Marion Williams, JR. Forward.

Good luck to this year's Westside Rams varsity girls and boys basketball teams.