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IN ANDERSON, PETS ARE WORTH SAVING

BY PAMELA BROWNSTEIN

Across Anderson County, dedicated staff and volunteers work tirelessly to provide assistance for pets in peril and improve the quality of life for animals in need.

Creating safe havens for four-legged friends requires a network of animal lovers coming together as well as support from the entire community.



At Anderson County PAWS (Pets Are Worth Saving) Animal Shelter, Executive Director and Veterinarian Dr. Kim Sanders has been leading improvement

There are so many sweet pets looking for forever homes, so consider adopting a shelter dog today.



Dedicated staff members stand outside of the Anderson County P.A.W.S. building.

efforts since she took the helm three years ago.

She implemented changes in the way the shelter was managed, most notably when it comes to owner surrenders. Before, any county resident could come and drop off their pet, but now an appointment must be made before surrounding the animal. "Now we are a resource for people, instead of a dumping ground for their pets," Sanders said.

They help owners by treating health issues and assisting with provisions — essentially doing everything in their power to make sure the animals don't end up in the shelter. "We work hard with people so

they can keep their pets," she added.

They also have a successful community cat program that provides free spay/neutering for feral cats and releases them back outside where they were found.

A representative from the county says that the humane society does receive \$75,000 per year from the county.

However, even with that, there is still a great need for funding.

Sanders attributes the increase in donations — from approximately \$24,500 to \$40,000 in

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Communication with Borderline Personality Disorder

Communication can be difficult in friendships and relationships from time to time, yet it is especially challenging for individuals who struggle with mood swings and emotional instability. Individuals with borderline personality disorder often express feeling misunderstood—which creates additional frustration and emotional distress. Practicing effective and positive communication skills to make it easier to express needs and thoughts can improve any relationship.

The first building block is TRUST. Communication will flow better when a general level of trust exists between partners and/or friends. The greater the connection, the more trust is needed. Trust ultimately leads to more vulnerability and openness—which are key ingredients to have more meaningful dialogues.



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Next, it is important to BREATHE. Conversations can become too heated and too intense fast without pausing and listening to the other person before responding. Often, individuals react before truly having the capacity to respond in a meaningful way. Hard conversations can lead to holding your breath, which deepen and strengthen frustration and anger. Breathing slowly and deeply allow the negative emotions and thoughts to dissipate.

Staying FOCUSED on the individual topic at hand rather than bringing up past issues is

equally important. Bringing up old topics often confuses and deflects the situation at hand. Reminding yourself that the past cannot be changed may be helpful. Defending and accusations increase

when focus is lost.

LISTEN during an argument is challenging yet extremely powerful. Try to repeat what your friend or partner said. Ask if there is anything that you misheard. Ask yourself what actual content words were spoken versus an emotion interpretation. Also, focus on UNDERSTANDING despite whether you fully agree with what the other person is speaking.

Incorporate I STATEMENTS when communicating. This can take away accusations and allow you to express

yourself without automatically receiving a defensive reaction. First, state your feelings, next connect the feeling to the presenting concern, and lastly state your hope or expectation.

BREAKS are valid. This provides an opportunity to change perspective, step away from negative feelings, and soften language.

LET GO OF WINNING and focus on understanding different perspectives. Know what your PURPOSE of the communication is in the discussion. Ask yourself if you have control of this purpose/outcome. Lastly, ADMIT RESPONSIBILITY and acknowledge mistakes when appropriate.

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Pets

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one year — to the fact that people are more supportive when they know their money is not going toward euthanizations. “When you’re doing things to save lives, people want to help,” she said.

For example, in 2018, a donation of \$100,000 gave PAWS the ability to build a new dog park that will be attached to their facility and will replace the existing park. Sanders said they just broke ground on the project this week and she is hopeful it will be completed in a few months.

“It makes a huge difference to have community support,” she said.

The number of animals adopted increased from 1,449 in 2016 to 2,895 in 2017. PAWS encourages shelter adoptions by attending community events and by making the process simple and affordable. Adoption fees for dogs and puppies are only \$35, while cats and kittens are free, and that includes the cost of spay/neuter surgery, booster shots, feline leukemia test for cats/kittens, heart worm test for adult dogs, and rabies vaccination for all animals three months or older.

For more information, visit www.anderson-countysc.org or call 864-260-4151 to make an appointment or to surrender a pet. The shelter is located at 1320 Highway 29 S, Anderson, SC, 29626, and is open for adoptions from 12-6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; closed Wednesdays and Sundays.

In addition to PAWS, the Anderson County Humane Society works to improve



In September, Gracie James McBride asked her birthday party attendees to bring donations for the animals instead of gifts for her. Gracie James and her parents, Leanne and Sheriff Chad McBride, dropped the donations off at the shelter and gave some goodies to the animals.

the quality of life for animals countywide. Located at 407 Pearman Dairy Road in Anderson, the private nonprofit relies largely on donations from concerned citizens.

The organization operates a low cost spay/neuter clinic several days a week and is currently open to all. Normal fees range from \$35 - \$65, depending on sex and size of the animal, and additional financial help is also available for some pet owners. The clinic has spayed and neutered more than 31,000 animals to date.

Volunteer opportunities include foster

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- Dish Detergent
- Blankets

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programs, legislative support through lobbying and educating state and local representatives, fundraising, helping with special events, and providing rescue assistance to animals.

“While Anderson Humane Society is a separate entity, as far as funding and their status as a nonprofit, we work together,” said Sanders.

Those interested in donating items can find a wish list of necessary supplies on amazon.com. Donations may be dropped off at the clinic Tuesday and Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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All Hallows Eve

BY FATHER CHRISTOPHER J DUNN, OFM

November 1st has been celebrated as the feast of All Saints for centuries by the Roman Catholic Church and many other Christian churches. All Hallows' Eve is the eve of All Saints' Day. Hallows is an Old English term for holy or saint. The Catholic Church has the practice of extending the prayer of a feast day or holy day to the evening before the feast: "the eve". In the case of All Saints Day, it was called "All Hollows' Eve". Now a days the feast is called the Feast of All Saints or Solemnity of All Saints. The feast celebrates all those saints who have not been officially recognized as such and the vocation of all baptized Christians to be saints. The different Christian churches have different dates and customs associated with this feast.

The Solemnity of All Saints should not be confused with the "The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed" (All Souls) which is celebrated on Nov. 2nd as a day to pray for all the deceased.

Both feasts together call us to give thanks to God for our baptismal vocation to live as saints, to re-dedicated ourselves to that vocation, and to thank God for the faith we have received from those Christians who have gone before us.

While I am not an expert, it seems the celebration of Halloween (All Hallows' Eve) is basically a British Isles tradition. In the British Isles, many pre-Christian customs (Celtic) were mixed-in with the Christian feast and that evolved into our current day popular culture feast known as Halloween: witches, candy, masks, costumes, parties, tricks, or treats. In many Latino countries, pre-Christian customs have been mixed into The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed feast to produce a cult to death: Day of the Dead. Both of these celebrations, Halloween and Day of the Dead, have some of their origins in Christianity but they also have elements that have distorted their Christian origins. Popular religiosity or pop culture is not necessarily Christian.

THE WEREWOLF OF ANDERSON

BY KAY WILLIS BURNS

On August 6th 1945, the atomic bomb was dropped on Japan, ending almost four years of the American conflict in World War II. This event was interpreted as the cause of strange happenings. One of which was the mysterious sightings of a werewolf. The place was Anderson, S.C. and the time, late 1945.

The following are actual reports from 1945 (84 years ago!) according to The Anderson Independent:

September 14, 1945

Werewolf Reported To Be On Prowl Here In Anderson

The story that he had fought an eerie battle with a strange and sinister creature during the early morning hours in a dark alley was flatly denied last night by Detective Captain Parker Clamp, who said he was getting plenty tired of hearing reports on his dealings with "supernatural by-products of the atomic bomb."

Irrespective of Captain Clamp's lack of experience with the mythical werewolf, plenty of people will swear on a stack of Sunday school books five feet high that something out of this world is traipsing around-causing people to have nervous breakdowns. Reports have it that this werewolf resembles a bat when first sighted, but approaching, a person rapidly assumes the size of a calf. It never appears after 7:30 pm, then lurks in dark places to slink out at the approach of an unsuspecting pedestrian.

Some folks will tell you that Captain Clamp was approached by the animal the other night.

Sept 16, 1945

George Quattlebaum, local news dealer who seldom ever heads homeward before the small hours of the morning, doesn't intend to fall victim of the 'werewolf' which is supposed to be on the prowl in and around Anderson after 7:30 o'clock every night. He totes a nine-shot rifle, once used by guards years ago at the Judge Fowler stockade, about two miles west of the city. Back then, prisoners from the S.C. State Penitentiary were leased to farmers. Descriptions of the werewolf vary, but the latest is that the "thing" has webbed feet. It and other eerie creatures, all extinct thousands of years or are the products of mythology, are supposed to have been released by the atomic bomb to plague this world for fifty

years. Then Dooms Day will arrive and everything will be over.



Oct 18, 1945

Werewolf Attempts To Break Into House; Two More Reports

When a werewolf, or whatever "it" is, crawls up under a good citizen's house at 2:00 o'clock in the morning and starts trying to burst through the floor while uttering blood-curdling cries, it's high time for somebody to get up and do something. R.M. Shaw of La France did do something. Grabbing his shotgun, he tore out the back door just in time to see a big black animal go lumbering off through the moonlight. Mr. Shaw cut loose with his

shotgun, but apparently was too far away to do any damage.

October 31st

Halloween, 1945. Various witches and goblins expected to be seen. This year, however, Halloween in the Anderson area is still expected to center around the werewolves.

Need a good scare? It's time to get crafty

This time of year, there's one place on Earth that terrifies me. You've probably been there before and gotten lost in its labyrinth of sharp objects and multicolored potions as you move further and further into the unknown.

I'm not talking about haunted houses. I'm fine with a decaying mansion and all its occupants. Chainsaw maniacs? Please. Sewer clowns? Yawn. Faced with a pair of hand-holding twins with dark eye sockets and faded dresses, I'll sort them out with a tube of concealer and a tub of OxiClean.

From October 1 through December 24, the place that scares me the most is a craft store.

Just the thought of a Hobby Lobby gives me the shivers. Once inside, I am soon lost in the aisles bulging with goods for a DIY

Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas. The wall art section of Michaels displays a poster that



Kim von Keller

says, "Do not go where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." Leave a trail so that my husband can find me hyperventilating in the knitting and crochet section is what they really mean.

Why the fear? For starters, I once ran my finger through a sewing machine needle while making a dashiki in a home ec class. I'm also the only woman I know who is incapable of crafting

anything, and I'm afraid I will be found out and sentenced to a lifetime of shopping at Lowe's.

Case in point: I wanted to frame a photo as a last-minute gift, so I decided to buy the materials at a craft store for the easiest of all projects. Choosing the mat was easy, but the store had more frames than a crime novel: wall frames, tabletop frames, floating frames, and shadowboxes. They were polished, antiques, distressed, and rhinestoned. I got a white one and raced to check out. There was one register open and a dozen women in line ahead of me. They had carts full of stuff with mysterious names like "Mod Podge" and "Washi Tape." In unison, these experienced, confident crafters turned to see what I had in my cart. I had no cart. I didn't even have a basket. I had one item in each hand. Head hung

low, I took my two items home, where I promptly cut my finger putting them together.

While I run from craft stores, I am drawn to beautiful hand-crafted goods made by talented individuals with boundless creativity. I know a good thing when I see it, even if – and maybe because – I have no idea how to make it. That's why I like events like the Holiday Artisan Market. On Friday, November 8, 2019, from 4-8 p.m., the Anderson Arts Center will feature jewelry, photography, pottery, paintings, furniture, body products, clothing, fine food vendors, and more. And the best part? No Band-Aids or judging involved.

The Anderson Arts Center is located at 110 Federal Street. There is a \$5 admission fee to the Holiday Artisan Market.

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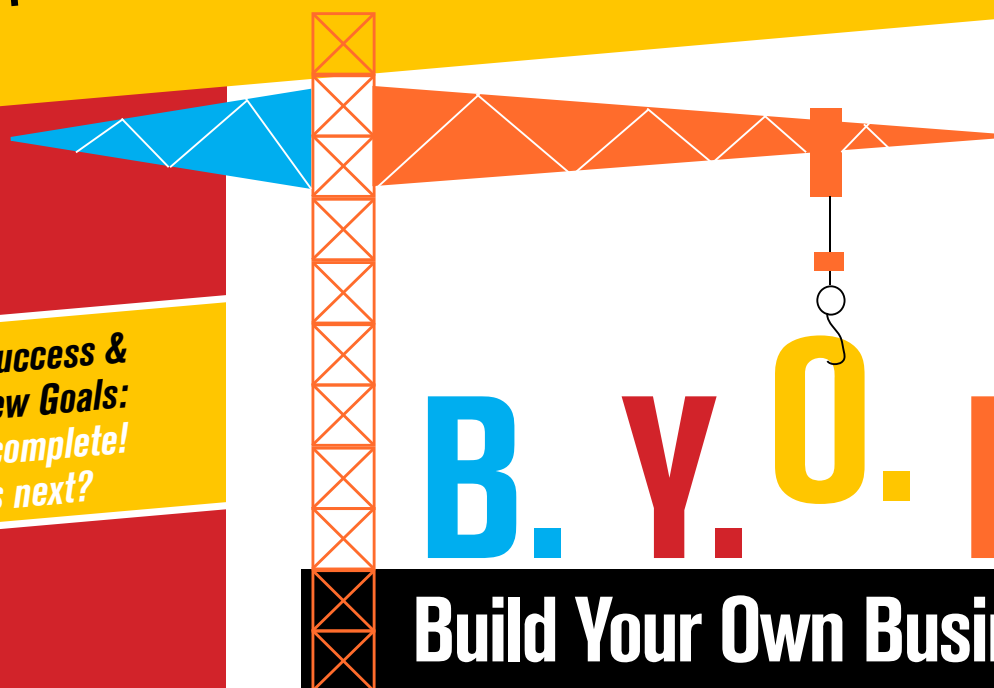
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OUR FAVORITE VILLAINS

BY JULIE BAILES JOHNSON

On October 4th, JOKER was released in theaters starring Joaquin Phoenix. The modern day version of the Batman enemy features Phoenix as loner and failed comedian Arthur Fleck who walks the streets of Gotham City alone. He wears a mask for his daytime job as a clown making a futile attempt to feel like he is part of the world around him but only brings isolation and bullying and disregard by society. He begins a slow descent into madness as he transforms into the criminal mastermind known as the Joker. It promises to be a dark but entertaining feature film with superb acting by Phoenix.

But as entertaining as this promises, is there really anything that could replace the old

Batman series that ran from 1966 to 1968 starring Adam West as Bruce Wayne / Batman? Based on the DC comic book character, West and Burt Ward, who portrayed Robin / Dick Grayson, the two crime fighting heroes defended Gotham City from a variety of arch villains such as The Joker.

Its largely teenage audience turned on the tube everyday to watch and learn. With its catchy theme music, humorous and simple morality, the series conveyed the importance of things like wearing a seatbelt, eating your vegetables, doing your homework and the benefits of drinking milk.

Each two part show featured an unforgettable villain that kept the Dynamic Duo racing out of the Bat Cave on a weekly basis. Each episode had the Duo facing captivity or certain death only to fight their way to freedom in the following episode. Absurd costumes, underlying comedy, catchy comebacks and some of the biggest stars of that time only added to the popularity of it all. Teen obsessions made way for adult entertainment with parents parking themselves in front of the "groove tube" with a TV dinner and a folding tray eagerly awaiting the all familiar theme song.

And who can forget those colorful and endearing villains that showed up each and every week to torment and tantalize Batman and Robin. Everyone had a favorite. Among those most unforgettable were the following:

The Riddler: Played by Frank Gorshin had his quirky quotes and a bright green leotard and tights with a big question mark on his chest. The Riddler was also played by John Astin of The Addams Family for two episodes.

The Penguin: The most iconic villain played by Burgess Meredith with his purple top hat, monocle and long cigarette clenched between his teeth made him the longest standing villain of the series.

The Joker: Before Joaquin Phoenix there



was Cesar Romero. With his bright green hair, stark white makeup, ruby red lips and

uncanny laugh, Romero was at the top of the list of favorite bad guys to watch.

Cat Woman: Julie Newmar's body hugging black cat suit, red hair and cat ears made her sensuality a force to be reckoned with. Not only was she desired by the male population of TV watchers, but she was also the "bad girl" that most girls secretly dreamed of being. Cat Woman was also played by Eartha Kitt, singer, actress and all around dynamo as she was once called.

Egghead: Is there anyone any creepier than

Vincent Price? Price was well loved as a villain who wore a signature white and yellow suit and had an enormous bald head. Possibly the most lovable villain, Egghead kept a lair with bacon and egg drawings on the walls and usually tossed tear gas at his enemies.

Chandell: The piano playing virtuoso villain was played by none other than Liberace. His character had a twin Harry, which Liberace also played. It has been said that if Liberace had played more villains, the tv world would have been much more interesting.

There were a total of 37 villains in the series, each and every one with their own distinct evil. Although arch enemies of Batman and Robin, they were loved just as much as the Duo and created a great following. If you feel like a trip down memory lane, you can watch the series on Amazon Prime. But for now...to the Bat Cave...and don't forget to eat your vegetables.

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'WALKING JOE'

BY RICH OTTER

Joseph Augustus Shanklin, Walking Joe, was the son of Joseph Barbour Shanklin and Mary Elizabeth Davis Shanklin. Joe was born February 21, 1898 in Oconee County and became one of the most noticeable individuals in the City of Anderson as he walked the city streets constantly swinging his right arm out to the side and slapping it down against his leg. He was in perpetual motion and was one of the best recognized, but least actually known, individuals in the city.

Walking Joe was reported by Elizabeth Wakefield as having been president of his freshman class at Clemson College and Charles Mull has said he only remained at Clemson for three years. He was an electrician by trade as were two of his brothers.

A commonly understood story was that Walking Joe went to the Blue Ridge Railroad Station every day hoping to meet his future bride who had left and never returned. James L. Harden said Walking Joe would meet every train that came to Anderson except the ones that came through at 1:30 and 2:20 (presumably a.m.). It would take him about 15 minutes to make the loop. Charles Mull never knew of Joe Shanklin actually crossing

Market Street, he would just get to that point and turn around.

He lived with his brother and sister-in-law, W. A. Shanklin and Dora Shanklin, and Elizabeth Wakefield wrote that Dora Shanklin said "He may well have been meeting the train. No one but Joe could have known that." Supposedly he once said he just like trains.

James Harden commented: "Joe was smart. Why he walked all the time I don't know. I know one time our doorbell went out of whack and my mother got Joe to come up there. He had to crawl under the house and check the wires. He walked down to Sullivan Hardware, bought a transformer and came back and put it in. When he got through Mama asked how much she owed him. He said: 'Would a quarter be too much?' Some people here took advantage of that. He was a good electrician."

Harden said when he was going to town sometimes he would see Joe and pick him up. If Harden stopped at the post office Joe would stand outside the car until Harden got back. Harden could not understand why he wouldn't stay in the car.

As a young man Charles Mull was working for Gentile Electric. He was having difficulty getting a light fixture to func-

tion at a building downtown. Walking Joe happened to be passing by and said: "Son, change the polarity on the fixture." He did. It worked. Mull said many of the large companies would call on Shanklin if they had an electrical problem they couldn't solve.

Emma Felkel Holman described a situation when she and her husband Arthur where considering buying the old Criterion theater as a site for Arthur's office. "The most surreal thing happened when Arthur and I went down and walked into the theatre to look it over. We looked up on the stage and Joe Shanklin walked across the stage banging his hand against his side. It was like something out of a novel."

Marshall A. Fant remembered Walking Joe as a nice man who would tip his hat to any lady he saw, but that he had gone over the edge when his girlfriend walked out on him. Dora Shanklin indicated to Elizabeth Wakefield that was not what caused his problem. It may have been related to the 1918 influenza epidemic that killed some 50 million people and resulted in a raging fever suffered by Joe.

John Gates was appearing in a movie filmed at Cater's Lake and was directed to throw a pie in Joe's face. He refused to do it. He felt it unfair to do that to a man "who was not right." He may not have been "right" by usual standards, but Joe Shanklin was certainly a very intelligent, gentle, kind and humble man.

Walking Joe died May 15, 1972.



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THE HISTORY OF ANDERSON COUNTY TOWNSHIPS: A SERIES

Varennnes Township

Anderson County Townships



BY KAY WILLIS BURNS

The township lying south of Anderson was named from old Varennes church. It had been a sort of social center for many years, having been one of the earliest churches and schools in the section. The word Varennes is French and means 'waste land'. How the school, for it preceded the church, came to be called by so unpromising a name can only be conjectured. French Huguenots settled Abbeville county and town, and named it from their old home in France. It is probable that this section lying north of the little town was at first inhabited by Indians and came to be known to the white people as the waste land - Varennes. When the tongue became Anglicized, the meaning of the word was lost, but it was a pretty word, sounded well, and so came to be given to the school and church, and also to a sort of trading post which grew up there; then when a township was to be named, why there was the pretty name ready to be bestowed upon it.

The word long ago lost its French pro-

nunciation, though it retained its original spelling, and the Americans, by degrees, pronounced it according to the rules of their own tongue.

The town of Starr in Varennes township was named for one of the officers of the C. and W. C. railroad which passed through the place.

One of the leading citizens of Varennes township was Colonel C. S. Mattison, who had long been colonel in the old militia service of the Fourth Regiment, and when the state called for volunteers in 1861 he entered the army as lieutenant colonel of the Fourth, which became famous. When that regiment expired, he was elected colonel of the Fourth Battalion in which the reorganization resulted.

At the battle of Seven Pines he was wounded in the chest and received an honorable discharge from the army. No braver soldier went from Anderson, and after he was disabled for active service, there was no call of the Confederacy, nor any way in which he could assist the South, to which he

failed to respond. After the war he was three times elected to the state legislature and finally declined to run for the position again.

Colonel Mattison was a man of fine practical judgment and in every way worthy of the confidence of his community. A man of large means for his time and locality, he was always generous. Just and upright himself, he never entertained suspicions of others. His home was ever open to his friends and his hospitality was gladly accepted and eagerly sought by many.

Colonel Jesse Norris was another of the prominent citizens of the township and a man of large means, highly respected by all who knew him. A devoted member for many years of the First Presbyterian church in Anderson. He had no sons but was the father of three daughters, Mrs. Will Simpson of Anderson; Mrs. Jule Anderson and Mrs. Thompson.

A well-known character in Varennes was Dr. Dick Thompson. He was the son of Dr. Addison Thompson, of Savannah township, and grew up in that section.

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That's why I'd like to introduce you to a liqueur that delivers a lot of flavor in a tiny pour: allspice dram.

Allspice dram is made from Jamaican rum and allspice berries, a primary ingredient in pumpkin spice blends. Allspice dram is dark brown in color, and it brings a warm spiciness to whatever it mixes with. The Internet is full of allspice dram recipes if you want to make your own, but I like St. Elizabeth's Allspice Dram. It costs around \$25 for a 375 ml bottle, but you use so little that it's likely to last for some time; I bought a bottle two years ago that is likely to carry me into the 2020s. And while allspice dram is frequently used in island-style tiki drinks, it shines most brightly in The Lion's Tail.

When I serve The Lion's Tail, I like to offer an appetizer with a little heat. Your favorite hot chicken wing will do in a pinch, but if you have a little time, I'd suggest a Spicy Cheese Straw. And while everyone in the South has a favorite recipe, I'd suggest one that is heavier on the cayenne pepper.

The Lion's Tail

- 2 ounces bourbon
- ½ ounce fresh lime juice

- ½ ounce allspice dram
- 1 dash Angostura bitters
- 1 teaspoon simple syrup, or to taste

Combine all ingredients in a shaker with ice. Shake vigorously and strain into a martini glass. Serves one.

Spicy Cheese Straw

- 4 cups shredded extra-sharp cheddar cheese, room temperature
- 4 oz. unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. dry mustard
- 1/8 tsp. sugar
- 1 Tbs. ground cayenne pepper

In the bowl of a stand mixer with a paddle attachment, combine cheese and butter until a paste-like mixture forms. In a small bowl, combine flour, salt, dry mustard, sugar, and cayenne. Stir with a fork until blended.

Gradually add the flour mixture to the cheese and butter mixture, beating on low speed until thoroughly combined. Transfer the dough to a work surface and roll into a log approximately 2 inches in diameter. Wrap the log in plastic wrap and chill at least four hours. (The dough can also be made a day or two in advance.)

Preheat oven to 350°. Line baking sheet with parchment paper. Unwrap dough, and with a sharp knife, slice into thin rounds approximately ¼-inch thick. Transfer rounds to the prepared baking sheet, spacing about an inch apart. Prick each round two or three times with a fork to keep them from puffing up and bake until tops and edges are golden, 12-15 minutes. Repeat with remaining rounds. Cool completely before serving.

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What's in your purse?

It's been said that going through a lady's purse is an absolute no-no. But today, I'm going to let you be nosey and go through mine. I thought it would be something different to do and let's admit it, who doesn't like to snoop on occasion?

I personally love to buy all these products. I am also a makeup junkie, if you will. For starters, my purse contains a small makeup bag so that nothing spills out into it. Keep a powder brush with a compact so you don't get shiny. Physicians Formula is my favorite. It's pretty packaging and has a mirror on it. My obsession is with Burts Bees anything. I love their lip shine gloss in the color Whisper. My bag always contains M.A.C. lipgloss in the color Prrr and SmashBox lip color in the shade Babe Alert.

I always have a good hand sanitizer. Purell is a must. Visine eyedrops for allergies and just revitalizing is a must on the go. Being a mom, I like to keep Trader Joe's Dark Chocolate Almonds and some granola bars for my little one. Evian water for hydration and their Brumisateur facial spray is always on my person.

I'm obsessed with my bright red Michael Kors wallet. It stores my credit cards, ID and money together neatly. Organization is paramount. I stay on the go so I like things in order or I can't function. The wallet came with a keychain clipped on the side so it's big enough to see and makes it possible to

always find my keys.

I love natural fragrances. I keep a line called Zusa. It's a little roller ball. My favorite scent is called Egyptian Goddess, I've been wearing it since high school. Always keep a back up phone charger in your bag. There is nothing worse than a dead phone battery.



Kristine March

I love hand cream. My favorite at the moment is Geranium Walnut by Jo Malone. Always keep clear spiral hair ties and bobby pins just in case your hair needs to be pulled away from your face. My sunglasses are always with me. I love a brand called GAMT from Amazon. They're oversized tortoise shell. So great and affordable. I love them when running errands.

Gum and Altoids mints are always in my purse. Lastly, I keep some bandaids and Ibuprofen on hand. You never know when you or someone else may need one for an emergency. Having these things on me gives me comfort, especially during travel. It keeps me together and prepared for whatever life may throw at me. What do you keep in your handbag? Remember to make the sidewalk your runway and kindness always matters.

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Tour de Frances'

How a grandmother's cancer battle inspired one rider to crush her fundraising goal

Allison King, an affordable housing attorney, fixes her eyes on the spinning wheel and the road ahead of her, her tired legs pedaling harder with each cycle, sweat crawling down the spine of her back, her bicycle fighting the intense push of the wind.

She breathes hard and releases her hands, one by one, easing the tight grip she has on her handlebars. For Frances, she thinks.

King lost her maternal grandmother, Frances Johnson, to cancer, and that's why she will be riding 100 miles in her memory on November 2, choosing the hardest of the three LOWVELO routes.

With Johnson as her motivation, she made a commitment to dedicate a portion of her time to LOWVELO after being introduced to the ride by her close friend, Colleen Cloud. Both an indoor cycling instructor at Tidal Strength & Cycle Studio and program manager at MUSC's Center for Cellular Therapy, Cloud inspired King to take the leap from indoor cycling to an outdoor road bike.

Since then, she has been riding about three times a week throughout the trails of Washington, D.C., the scenic Charleston Greenway and quiet roads near her home on Johns Island. "Cycling is amazing exercise and a great way to see the world," she says, adding that she and peloton member Trish Schuler

recently took their love of cycling overseas to the Italian Dolomites in preparation for LOWVELO or, as King calls it, the "Tour de Frances" in memory of her grandmother.

Since February, King has raised \$1,900 individually and has joined the Tidal Strength & Cycle peloton, which has raised nearly \$7,500. Gaining an overwhelming amount of support from her friends at Tidal Strength & Cycle, her coworkers and family members, King has motivated many of her peers to support her ride. After sending out only a single group email, people donated right away and even reached out to others to spread the word, she says.

King says she also has discovered that people are incredibly willing to donate. "Cancer has touched the lives of so many people in all walks of life," she says. "They all want to support this cause."

King explored many different fundraising strategies, finding that a simple conversation, email or text message to be most effective in meeting her fundraising goal. Her peloton organized a fundraising event at Seanachai, a local pub owned by one of her peloton members, and they encouraged small business owners who attend Tidal Strength & Cycle to donate a portion of their proceeds to the cause. She has also turned to social media to



Pictured, from left, are Allison King, Karen Hempfling and Colleen Cloud.

help advertise the ride and inspire people to donate. A few local businesses have posted information about her fundraising events, which has been pivotal in spreading the word.

"An elaborate fundraising event is great, but not needed. Just telling people about LOWVELO speaks for itself," she says.

King encourages all interested people at any fitness level to participate in the ride and in fundraising. "If you would love to ride but are worried about meeting the fundraising requirement, a peloton is a great way to go," she says. "Many of the pelotons are looking for more riders, and your team can help you fundraise. Reach out to teams if you don't know anyone who rides. It's a great way to make new friends."

Along with meeting her fundraising goal, King enjoys training with her peloton, made up of mostly Tidal indoor cycling class participants. Every couple of weeks, the peloton members meet to train outdoors. They train on medium to long rides and usually

stick to well-traveled bike routes throughout Charleston, as most of the riders are new to outdoor cycling. They also attend indoor cycling classes at Tidal Strength & Cycle and regularly incorporate strength and flexibility training into their regimen. She notes that participating in local cycling club events together and attending fundraising events as a group is a great way to keep peloton members motivated.

As King continues to spread the word about LOWVELO and recruit new participants for the ride, she keeps Frances at the top of her mind. With the incredible amount of support she has received from her community, she's confident in her ability to finish the ride.

Her advice to others: "Hop on a bike and start fundraising, post on social media and send an email to your coworkers, and begin to embark on your own 'Tour de Frances.'"

To donate go to: LOWVELO.org/blog/king_blog

Story by Emma Navarro

A blog post on LOWVELO.org

WHEN ARTISTS SUFFER A FALL FROM GRACE

Rapper Travis Scott took a nasty fall while performing in New York City the other night. He had just started his 30 minute set when he landed wrong on his left knee and slammed into the stage. He laid there unable to move for several minutes. When he finally got up he was able to finish his entire performance. (minus any dancing, running, or movement of any kind.)

There have been many celebrities going down to the ground and with everyone having a smartphone these days, they are now seen more than

ever. When I was growing up you heard about these falls but rarely were they recorded. You got lucky if they showed the fall on the morning news.



Justin Tyme

I remember the first fall I ever watched on youtube and to this very day it's my number one, absolute favorite. It was back in 2014. The all female group Destiny's Child, with lead sing-

er Beyonce, were debuting their new single "Soldier" on BET's daily show 106 & Park. Less than ten seconds into the song here comes Michelle Williams, trips up and falls hard. While Michelle was on the ground, her bandmates carried on through their song and within 7 seconds, Michelle had gotten up and fell right back into line and continued to dance like nothing happened. A true professional. If you stop the video right as she went down, you can almost see Beyonce chuckle at her friend's bad luck. But karma is a real thing because

two years later Beyonce went down a flight of stairs at a show in Lisbon. In fact Beyonce has fallen many, many times, but the award for the most falls recorded during on stage performances goes to Lady Gaga. Off the top of my head I can recall at least 6 different times I saw video of my Mother Monster going to the ground. To see all of these videos and enjoy hours of laughter, just hit up youtube and type in "celebrity falls."

Justin Tyme can be heard on *HOT 98.1 Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m.*

WONDERBOOKS

In a 1985 report published by the National Academy of Education, entitled "Becoming a Nation of Readers: The Report of the Commission on Reading," the author concluded that "the single



Katie Laughridge

most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children." This statement rings as true today as it did thirty-five years ago. The ability to read, comprehend, learn new vocabu-

lary, and understand new concepts and ideas remains the most important skill that separates students who perform well in school from those who don't. Studies show that children who struggle to achieve proficiency in reading are more likely to lose interest in learning, drop out of school, and possess below-average reading comprehension skills as adults.

Thankfully, the age of technology has once again come to the rescue! "Wonderbooks", a creation of the Cleveland-based digital technology company Findaway, has recently marketed a new creation that offers children of all reading levels the opportunity to significantly improve their reading skills. "Wonderbook" is a print book with a ready-to-play audiobook inside. Kids use it by simply pressing "play" to read along with their favorite books, then switch to learning mode for literacy learning and fun! This product has quickly made its way into schools and public libraries across the nation. The Wonderbook generally targets children aged 3 to 13, and its catalogue now includes 175 award-winning and popular picture books, leveled readers, early chapter books and non-fiction books.

The exciting thing is that Wonderbook users can listen to stories independently with headphones or through an external speaker. While having a great time reading along and listening to their favorite stories, Wonderbook is exposing children to a fluent read-aloud model, a variety of high-level vocabulary words, and the confidence and motivation to learn and achieve more.

During a recent trip to the Anderson County Library, I was introduced to Wonderbooks for the first time. More accurately, I should give credit to my adventurous five-year old daughter, Cora, whom I witnessed climbing up on a big red chair to grab several books that caught her eye. The books she chose were all from a new collection of Wonderbooks that are now available at the local library. As I continued helping my seven-year daughter, Stella, pick out a chapter book from a nearby shelf, I glanced over to see Cora's little face smile contently as she inde-



pendently completed one Wonderbook, and then went on to read the next.

As a mother, I was overcome with joy as I watched how excited little Cora was by her newfound ability to read by herself. As a first-grade teacher, I also saw the great potential that this new classroom tool held for my students- especially for the ones who consistently struggle with reading.

Wonderbooks are available at the Anderson County Library in the "Audiobooks" section. With a library card you can check out as many as five at a time and keep them for up to three weeks. The latest favorites my family took home include Corduroy, Skippyjon Jones, Fancy Nancy, and Junie B Jones- Boo and I Mean It!

Wonderbooks provide yet another avenue to motivate and encourage kids to embrace a love for reading. It's also a nice way to "mix-up" story time or independent reading time, and it's even an excellent activity for the car! Not only are Wonderbooks great for children who are experiencing reading difficulties, these books can also challenge children of all levels to improve their reading skills, learn new vocabulary words and begin to read chapter books at an earlier age.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation and gratitude for the Anderson County Library and for the dedicated staff who are always available to assist us in every way possible. We are all so very fortunate to have within our county such a valuable educational resource. Most of all, thank you for "going the extra mile" to ensure that our children, by instilling within them a life-long joy for reading and learning, are afforded the opportunity to become the best version of themselves- which is the foundation for a long, successful, fruitful and happy life!

"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book." – Dr. Seuss

THE GARDEN SHOP

Wicked plants

Halloween and gardening, not something that usually comes to mind together, unless it's maybe growing pumpkins. For some goolish (or foolish) humor in honor of Halloween, this Garden Shop is about potions and superstitions. Inspiration comes from a book "Wicked Plants – The Weed that Killed Lincoln's Mother & Other Botanical Atrocities" by Amy Stewart. My brother in law gave me this book years ago for Christmas. Husband became concerned. The book contains facts, not so factual, and weird information. If that's not strange enough, there's always the internet.

Fennel repels evil spirits. It is considered good luck to grow it around your home for protection. To further protect, hang it at your windows and doors. If you're really scared, put fennel seeds in the keyhole of doors. Fact – it's good for butterflies. Marigolds will protect your home from unwanted visitors. If you're aiming for a promotion, bathe in a hot bath with marigolds. Factual – we know marigolds are good for keeping bad bugs out of gardens. Acorns in windows protect from lightning, floods, and sickness. Put some on your windowsill when the moon is full and they will bring money your way. Morning glories will draw happiness and tranquility your way, possibly because eating large amounts can be similar to an acid trip. Fact (for me), they don't bring much happiness when I'm having to pull those prolific suckers. From about 1864 to about 1900, marijuana was sold as candy in Manhattan. Trick or treat, give me some "Arabian Gunje of Enchantment" please.

When the recipe calls for eye of newt,



SUSAN TEMPLE
master gardener

it's really mustard seed. Does the recipe call for dog tongue? It's really a type of borage. I've scattered many packs of borage seed for it's pretty blue flowers. Fact – none have

ever germinated. A witch's broom must be made from ash trees to prevent them from drowning. I thought water made witches melt. Want to communicate with the dead? Use thyme. I thought that's what Ouija boards and séances are for. Fact – that Ouija board was right in 1977. "Name omitted to protect the not so innocent" and I did not get married. Don't take flowers on a plane, it's bad luck. It's also bad luck to give

flowers to a performer before a show.

Jack-o-lanterns come from an Irish legend of drunk, miserable, Stingy Jack. He fooled the devil, and people, with his devious ways. As the story goes, when Jack died, he was turned away from Heaven and Hell. The devil gave him a burning ember for light and sent him away. Jack was doomed to wander with no resting place. He hollowed out a turnip to hold the ember, hence "Jack of the Lanterns". Pumpkins, being easier to carve, replaced the turnip to keep evil spirits, and Stingy Jack, away on all Hallows' Eve. Fact – a pumpkin is easier to carve than a turnip.

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MUSINGS OF AN OLE BALL COACH

Some good buddies I've known

BY JIM FRASER

Today October 16th was the first day in roughly 4,750 days that my good buddy C.C. did not meet me at my back door. To badger, cajole, or harass me to either let him in and feed him or let him out for his morning constitution. There was no middle ground here. My need for coffee and relaxing with my morning papers were transcended by his wants, which were punctuated by a loud booming, almost amplified meow. C.C. was a small feline, but his meow was louder than a Bengal Tiger. He controlled me with that meow that shouted, "Now I'm in charge here, stop what you're doing and minister to me."

C.C. met the fate that many good cats meet, he went one on one with the nemesis of all cats, cars, in his own driveway, no less. The only animal the lovely wife and I have owned outright was a Chihuahua, Ginger, and a stray cat, Bowser. Amy had a show dog a boyfriend had given to her and fell to my lot to care for. Niki was a pedigree blue eye Dalmatian. She was high maintenance, disdaining the many expensive dog houses and an expensive



picket fence, to spend most of her time inside. She made up for that however, by going on long walks with us through the neighborhood. She was never more than two steps behind and always haughty and aloof. Jack, was a tiny all white cat that Chuck and a girlfriend had brought home as a tiny kitten. C.C., Niki and Jack were each with us like 13 years each.

Growing up in Florence during the depression and WWII years, we had no pets. Most of our neigh-



bors weren't going to share food with animals. The story is told of a neighborhood dog who had to make a fair catch when a bone was thrown his way. Our neighborhood dogs were Bingo and Buckshot and I have many happy memories of these two good buddies. I delivered The Florence Morning News for four years and four months, and on most mornings one of these guys was with me.

Bingo's routine was to meet me

at 5:30 a.m. on my back porch, following me as I rode my bicycle to the newspaper office, patiently waited as I loaded my 160 papers and accompanied me to his home about three miles away.

Buckshot's m.o. was to meet me at his house in Magnolia Heights, which was also Bingo's neighborhood. One of my fondest memories is riding my bike down a dark often unpaved road with Buckshot stealthy padding at my side.

You Hanna students of the early 70's will remember 'Ol Blue, the Bassett Hound of Sissy and Tom Hughes, who roamed the hall with a particular affinity for the cafeteria. He was the pet of legions of Jacket students.

Yes, animals are an integral part of our lives, they wrap their innocence, trust and vulnerability around our heart strings. They love and support us unabashedly and thus make our lives sweeter. We miss them and grieve for them when they leave us. I've heard that animals have their own Heaven, I hope not. I hope they're at mine because I want to hook back up with Ginger, Bowser, Niki, Jack, Bingo, Buckshot and now C.C.

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La Maison, 'Parisian Chic'

Whether it be food, fashion, architecture, art – Oh, hell, just about everything – the French have perpetually been blessed with that certain je ne sais quoi. I'm particularly

enamored with how the French seem to decorate their homes in a way that seems effortless and elegantly thrown together - Much the way a French woman would throw on a Hermes scarf on her way out the door. The French not only value their

heritage, but they hold to tried-and-true design rules that have served them well for centuries and have helped shaped a design aesthetic that would be too limiting to call 'Parisian Chic'.

The French have always had a pride and respect for their heritage and it shows in how they preserve, cherish, and incorporate objects into their interiors; that found Louis XIV chair with its worn-out fabric or the antique

trumeau mirror with flaking paint that's been handed down thru the generations, and so on. Each repurposed furnishing or accessory is appreciated for its age and history but brought forward into a new era by juxtaposing it with modern elements that together create an element of surprise that honors the spirit of the individual object while creating a dialogue between everything else in the room.

From the French perspective, the approach to interior design is almost one of anti-design; interiors shouldn't look predictable or too arranged. The notion of buying a dining or bedroom 'Set' to the French would be the equivalent of wearing pajama bottoms and flip-flops to the grocery store – Sacre' Bleu!! The French have taught us that its perfectly acceptable to pair furnishing, art and/or objects that wouldn't normally be together because it's the tension between the unfamiliar that makes for the element of drama and interest. Creating spaces that are too curated or too perfect make a space too rigid and therefore less livable.

'Upcycling or repurposing has been a

growing trend in just about every aspect of life as of late, but the French have been applying this philosophy to their interior designs for some time. Combing the flea markets and second-hand shops for that perfect side table or chandelier that helps put an exclamation point on the room they are trying to complete.

In fact, flea markets and re-sale shops can be a rich resource for those seeking inspiration or wanting to find unique accessories and furnishings that balance quality and pedigree. Incorporating found pieces can blur the line between genres, helping create a transition that forms an interesting hybrid of décor.

Of course, when it comes to trends the French know a thing or two. In many instances the French create the trend, but alas, tend not to follow them. Like politics, fashion, and - dare I say it - décor, trends come and go.

The Parisians hold to the fundamentals of tradition but embrace tried and true elements of modernism. It's a balance that has long been a discipline of the French and one that designers look toward for inspiration and guidance as they seek to create a style that's unique both to themselves and their clients. Like the late Karl Lagerfeld once said, "trendy is the last stage before tacky."

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Tigers hope to salvage tough season with trip to West-Oak

BY DAN LACOBIE

The Crescent Tigers have had a rough season. After coming close to winning several games, the team welcomed the Seneca Bobcats into Iva on October 24th for a conference home game.

But it was like a few other games this season, Crescent came up just short. The Tigers started off putting up 7 in the 1st quarter and 7 more in the 2nd to take a 14 – 13 lead into halftime and at the end of the 3rd quarter had a 21 – 19 lead. Seneca would tack on 6 unanswered points in the 4th to win the game by a score of 25 – 21.

Looking back at Crescents season, in the 1st game, August 23rd, Crescent took an extremely close win versus McCormick. Then the 1st of 5 straight road games for the Tigers took them to Blacksburg, won by the Wildcats 39 -14. Next was a good

game against Ninety Six, the Tigers dropped that one 21 – 14.

Close games with Powdersville, 12 – 7, Liberty, 24 – 21, and now Seneca 25 – 21 all qualify Crescent for the heart-breaks of the year.

Looking at some stats for the Tigers this season in the passing department #6 Kaydon Sauers in 3 games has 27 completions in 51 attempts for 353 yards averaging 117.7 yards per game. While #8 Landon Sauers in 4 games played has 5 completions in 21

attempts for 92 yards.

Leading the team in rushing with only 2 games played is #17 Clay Rebrick with 28 attempts for 171 yards, averaging 6.1 yards per carry.

Next in rushing numbers is #8 Landon Sauers with 68 yards on 17 attempts in 4 appearances.

In 4 games played #22 Moses Kemp has 13 receptions for 210 yards, averaging 16.2 yard per reception.

As a team on defense the Tigers have amassed 265 total tackles. While

individually 2 Tigers are tied for most tackles. #23 Elijah Richey and #34 Jaime Ellis are tied with 38 tackles each. Both are also tied with 5 tackles for loss. #55 Jayden Ellis has contributed 37 tackles with 3 tackles for loss to the team.

There is a whole den full of Tigers with at least 1 sack to their credit but 2 Tigers lead the team with 2 sacks. They are #52 Jaheim Bowman and #62 Jayson McClain. 2 Tigers are tied with 1 interception each they are, #3 Bryant Ford and #16 Isaiah Hubbard.

Next up for Crescent High is an away game at West-Oak. Last game of the season for the Tigers. We wish you all the luck!



Next game:
at West-Oak
Friday, Nov. 1
7:30 p.m.

Region championship on the line for Bulldogs in season finale

BY DAN LACOBIE

The Pendleton Bulldogs, like every team in South Carolina, are headed towards the end of the regular season. Pendleton stands with a 6 – 3 overall record and a perfect 4 – 0 region record.

In the month of October the Dogs have won each Friday of the month. Starting with West-Oak on the 4th, they won 49 -14. On October 11th Pendleton defeated Powdersville 32 – 0, October 18th sent Crescent High School away with a 55 – 0 shut-out and just this past weekend shut Liberty High School out with a 35 – 0 win. That folks is 3 straight shutouts pitched by the Bulldog defense.

A quick look at some of the stats the Bulldogs are putting up starting with the quarterback position, (stats based on 8 games), #14 Kameron Jones is putting up great numbers in

8 games. Jones has 106 completions on 181 attempts for a completion percentage .586 and 1,393 yards passing. Jones also has 15 touchdown passes and is averaging 174.1 yards passing per game.

A couple of players that stand out catching those Jones passes are #4 senior Jason Wright-Mann. In 7 games played Wright-Mann caught 34 passes for 530 yards averaging 15.6 yards per catch. #11 senior Bobby Spear, in 8 games played, has 32 catches for 504

yards. Spear is averaging 15.8 yards per reception.

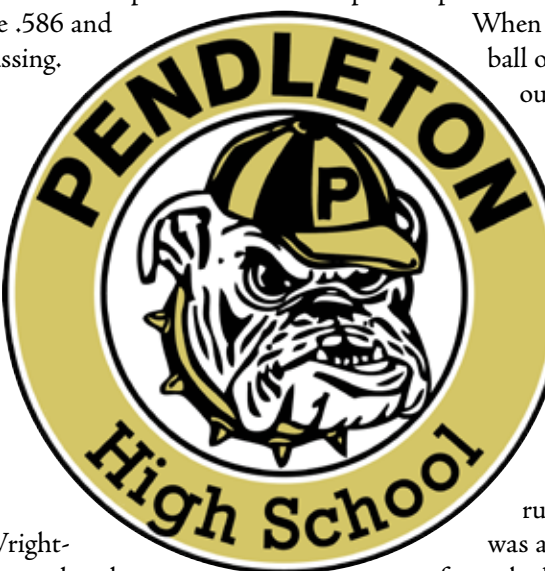
When rushing the ball one stat stands out and that belongs to #21 sophomore Amir Dendy. Dendy, on 115 attempts in 8 games, has accumulated 723 yards so far this season. Dendy's longest run this season was a 91 yard bolt from the line of scrimmage.

Leaders on defense this year have been outstanding. Being led in the total tackle department with #8

senior Cameron Williams. In his 8 games played Williams has 96 total tackles. 66 solo tackles and 30 assists, 4 quarterback sacks along with 13 tackles for loss should have college scouts drooling.

Also shining for the Pendleton team is #10 sophomore Ethan Jackson. Ethan has accumulated 77 stops 50 solo and 27 assisted in his 8 games. Senior #1 Jakobe Gibson leads the team in interceptions with 2.

On November the 1st Pendleton will travel to Seneca for a conference matchup and the last game of the regular season.



Next game:
at Seneca
Friday, Nov. 1
7:30 p.m.

Jackets set to close regular season with visit from Woodmont

BY DAN LACOBIE

Well high school football fans believe it or not the end of the regular season is rapidly coming this way. So, how are the Yellow Jackets looking as the playoffs loom just a few weeks away?

Hanna is sporting a 6 – 2 overall record and a region mark of 4 – 2. The Jackets first loss back at the first of October, was to Greenwood 49 – 22.

After picking up a couple of wins by the way of Easley, 37 – 10 and Wade Hampton, 43 -14, the Jackets got on the bus and headed to Laurens in an away game to decide the region 5AAAAA championship.

The Hanna squad started off with 6 points in the first quarter with a #8 Kamren Johnson 3 yard touchdown run. However the kick failed and it was Hanna 6 – 0 early. In the 2nd quarter Hanna kicker #16

Jay Billingsley, tacked on a 23 yard field goal. But the Raiders put up 2 touchdowns of their own but both

extra point failed. As halftime rolled around the score was Hanna 9 Laurens 12.

During the 3rd quarter #3 J.J. Hudson provided Hanna with a 55 yard run and

a Billingsley extra point. Hanna also added 7 more points with a #7 Billy Ray Moss 1 yard score and Billingsley's extra point. The 4th quarter was a defensive contest with Laurens taking the win 33 – 23.

During that game #3 J.J. Hudson

led all rushers with 12 attempts for 109 yards and 1 touchdown. Congratulations to J.J. on a great

game. In the passing dept #7 Billy Ray Moss went 5 for 6 for 52 yards and no touchdowns and no interceptions. Catching those passes #42 Melakai Tate hauled in 3 passes for 39 yards.

As we are nearing the end of regular season play some of the leaders in the stats area look a little like this:

#1 Carson Bacheller in 5 games has 5 completions on 11 attempts for 19 yards. #2 Noah Hamby in 4 games has 2 completions on 6

attempts for 35 yards. Freshman #7 Truly Jones in 2 games has 3 completions on 5 attempts for 46 yards.

Rushing leaders so far this season are Senior #15 Jackson Pusey in 7 games played he has 346 yards on 32 carries, averaging 10.8 yards per touch. Junior rusher #3 J.J. Hudson is the next leading rusher. Hudson, in 7 games has 319 yards on 52 carries for an average of 6.1 yards per carry.

Hanna closes out the regular season with Woodmont coming into Jim Fraser Field on November 1st.

**All stats based on 7 games played.*



Next game:
vs. Woodmont
Friday, Nov. 1
7:30 p.m.

WESTSIDE RAMS

Rams showing 'never say quit' as season's end approaches

BY DAN LACOBIE

At the beginning of this season things were a little slow for the Westside Rams. Coach Scott Earleys team dropped the first couple of games against Greer and Daniel. They picked up a win against the Easley Greenwave and dropped a very tight game with T.L. Hanna. The Rams then dropped one game against Laurens, once again in a very tight game, 20 – 17.

But, since those tight games and a slow start, the Westside Rams show that the old saying "never say quit" can be applied. Since the Laurens contest Westside has won at J.L. Mann, 49 – 10, at home against Woodmont, 37 – 7 and Greenwood, who upset Hanna a couple of weeks ago by a score of 26 -9.

With the ending of this season

knocking on the door and the playoffs looming, Westside at 4 – 4

overall and a region record of 4 – 2, the Rams look to make it in to the playoffs. And with that we would like to recognize the seniors for their last playing year:

- #2 J. (Shedrick) Smith, Quarterback
- #12 Blair Garner, Quarterback
- #13 Tyson Lewis, Free Safety

#17 Elijah Harper, Quarterback, Middle linebacker



- #19 T. Williams, Wide Receiver
- #21 Jabril Geer, nose guard
- #22 Christian Edwards, Outside Linebacker
- #30 Santonio Hatten, cornerback
- #32

- Jaelin Jones, outside linebacker
- #50 Jeremiah Diaz, Middle line-backer

- #51 N."ni" Mansell, middle linebacker
- #62 Hayden Hubbard, Center
- #79 Mark Melnik, tackle
- #91 Christian Blassingame
- #99 Wesley King



Next game:
at Wade Hampton
Friday, Nov. 1
7:30 p.m.

Congratulations on your senior campaigns for the Westside Rams. We wish all the seniors the best of luck.

Westside will take on the Wade Hampton Generals on November the 1st at 7:30 at Wade Hampton High School for the last regular season game.