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Perhaps the World Ends Here

BY JOY HARJO

*The world begins at a kitchen table.
No matter what, we must eat to live.*

*The gifts of earth are brought and
prepared, set on the table. So it has been
since creation, and it will go on.*

*We chase chickens or dogs away from
it. Babies teethe at the corners. They
scrape their knees under it.*

*It is here that children are given
instructions on what it means to be
human. We make men at it, we make
women.*

*At this table we gossip, recall enemies
and the ghosts of lovers.*

*Our dreams drink coffee with us as
they put their arms around our children.
They laugh with us at our poor fall-
ing-down selves and as we put ourselves
back together once again at the table.*

*This table has been a house in the
rain, an umbrella in the sun.*

*Wars have begun and ended at this
table. It is a place to hide in the shadow
of terror. A place to celebrate the terrible
victory.*

*We have given birth on this table, and
have prepared our parents for burial here.*



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The local library — an adventure for everyone!

Few factors can influence your child's ability to achieve success, happiness and confidence more



Katie Laughridge

than a solid foundation in literacy skills. Studies repeatedly confirm that reading to children and encouraging them to

develop a love for exploring new ideas and concepts, is one of the most important commitments a parent or a teacher can make. No other activity has been found to have a more profound impact on nurturing a child's academic ability, mental health, creativity and thinking process. Developing a strong literacy foundation for your child is even more important in today's world because of the many electronic and technological distractions that constantly compete for their attention.

While the role that schools and teachers play in providing our children with a solid education is undeniable and extremely crucial to their development, as parents we should never lose touch with the understanding that we are our child's first and most important teacher. It is the experiences, social interactions, encouragements and life examples learned



at home that will have the greatest impact on the future lives of our little ones.

Fortunately, we have an excellent resource available right here in Anderson, SC that provides a plethora of education tools designed to strengthen the literacy skills of our children and encourage their young minds to explore new creative ideas. The well-known adage, "it takes a village", has never been truer or more relevant than right now. And the best thing about going to the Library is: "it's all free"! The Anderson County Library has a fabulous children's section full of books for every child. The library is also stocked with board books

for babies, picture books for little ones, early readers for those just beginning, and non-fiction books for those with curious minds. You can check out up to 20 books (per library card) and keep them for three weeks at a time. This is a great way to have new books for you and your child to enjoy each day of the week- without ever having to ever pay a dime!

The Anderson Library has something exciting for every member of the family. While school-age children are busy exploring new books to read, babies and toddlers can have a great time playing with "hands-on" education puzzles and games. Electronic "Launchpads" are addi-

tionally available and fully loaded with age-appropriate games and books ready for children to enjoy while in the Library- or check out take home. A large assortment of books on tape and DVD's are also available for check-out.

My personal favorite part of the library is the "NEW children's fiction" shelf. Here you can find a selection of newly published fictional children's books- including new stories from brand new authors! Each of them telling a new story- sometimes silly, sometimes adventurous, and sometimes simply magical. I believe the mystery and promise of a new adventure is what I love the most!

For those who want to experience the Anderson County Library from your home, or even on vacation, down the "libby, by overdrive" app onto your computer or iPad. Using this app, you can browse a virtual library and check out books to enjoy without leaving your home! Once again- it's all free! Before using this app, if you haven't done so already, be sure to stop by the library to get a library card (since you will need to enter your card number to check out "on-line" books).

Whatever your passion, interest or hobby, the Anderson County Library is sure to have something special for you! I am positive you will find something that is perfect for you and your family!

Happy searching, happy reading! -Katie

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World

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At this table we sing with joy, with sorrow. We pray of suffering and remorse. We give thanks.

Perhaps the world will end at the kitchen table, while we are laughing and crying, eating of the last sweet bite.

BY GINNY BAILES FRETWELL

In reading this poem by the nation's very first Native American poet laureate, memories

of our own kitchen table growing up flood my mind. It's usually the most common and least celebrated objects in our lives that have the deepest meaning. Around the kitchen table, life was discussed. Small topics, sad events, celebrations and yes, even gossip surround this space. Relationships were established, pecking order within a family was created and the rules of life were passed on to the next generation.

The food acted as the game pieces and we were all the players. Setting up for the event had its own routine. Everyone had a selected role to play and your seat was always the same, it was the mark of your position within the family. A proper blessing was the announce-

ment to begin. Game rules applied – leaving the table early was only allowed in an emergency, no phone calls, wait your turn, compliment and thank the cook, etc.

A few of my memories include a sibling announcing they're getting married, report card day, introducing a new friend, punishment for one of us who had misbehaved, and deciding we could keep a pet someone had drug home. There are so many stories.

We want to hear your best story of a significant event at your kitchen table. The winning entries will be published in a future addition of the paper. Email your story to electriccitynews@gmail.com.

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Eat local...shop local...ENJOY local! Make a trip to downtown Anderson today to enjoy local shopping and dining at it's finest. Stop by the NEW community mural, enjoy the space, and don't forget to share on social media! And be sure to use the hashtags #MuralOnMain and #MeetAtTheMural!



MEET THE ARTIST

Herman Keith Jr. was born 13 December, 1968 in Greenwood, South Carolina. Keith's work addresses a visual dialogue between "the past" and "the now" using various media. Keith attended Howard University in Washington D.C., in 1987 Majoring in Graphic Design. Upon graduation in 1995 Keith began working as a Graphic Artist for the consulting firm of Booz-Allen & Hamilton. Upon returning to South Carolina Keith attended Lander University to receive his Masters of Arts in Teaching Degree in 1999. Over the next twelve years Keith continued his career in art instruction in the public school systems of South Carolina, North Carolina, Maryland, and Florida. He is the founder of HAKeith Brushwork and the South Carolina Rural Arts Project (S.C.R.A.P.) which is a conscious effort to energize and revitalize rural towns and communities through art by transforming public spaces collectively with local individuals, institutions, and organizations. Keith is an adjunct art instructor at Clifflin University in Orangeburg South Carolina.



Meet the press

THE Electric City News

ANN BAILES Feature writer

Ann Klopfenstein Bailes is the newest feature writer for The Electric City News. Ann attended Illinois State University and Bob Jones University where she earned her master's degree in education. She has been a teacher in the Upstate for over 40 years and has spent the last 30 years teaching at Oakwood Christian School in Anderson.



When asked what she likes most about writing for The Electric City News, she said "I like having the opportunity to share my thoughts and interests with the good people of Anderson." Ann enjoys looking at wildlife with her husband Mike. She also enjoys reading, baking, writing and serving at her church. "It's a quiet life but a good life", she says.

Ann is married to Mike Bailes of Anderson and they have two children, their son Andrew (Teah) of Anderson and daughter Mary Lee Bailes of Summerville.

NEAL PARNELL Columnist

Neal is a lifetime resident of Anderson. At age 65, he is a retiree of the automotive industry.

Neal has been married to his wife Lynn for 35 years.

His hobbies include restoring old photos using Photoshop. He has been designing 3D golf courses for video games since the early 90's.



He claims, "I have only been with the ECN for 7 months and expect to be getting the ax at any time".

"I started writing for the public at a very young age, You may have seen my work"...

I will not chew gum in class
I will not chew gum in class
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Photo courtesy Howard University

Howard University president Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick and Chadwick Boseman

In search of his voice

BY GLADYS ROBERTSON

Chad came to Debate class his senior year with a searching, not just academically but for more than that. He was searching for his voice as a Black man, heading the next year to Howard University with that yearning. He was a gifted writer so he easily learned the debate format for writing position papers. Each debater was required to compete once at a one day tournament against other schools; one hour he must uphold the affirmative position and the next round, he must uphold the negative side. At a Saturday tournament, that meant he had to debate two times affirmatively and another two negatively. Chad met that challenge, and then he chose to compete in another public speaking event ORIGINAL ORATORY He chose a subject, wrote an eight minute speech and memorized it. He never lost a round and ended up representing South Carolina at the National Speech Tournament that June in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. We had several other winners compete, including Angel Brown who was the second Orator from South Carolina. Every day from Monday to Friday of that week, they spoke at least three times in the double elimination tournament. Angel went to Semi-Finals and Chad walked on the stage that Friday evening to receive the 7th place trophy in Oratory, beating out about two hundred other students from schools across the country. Rare for a first year student! His patient and lovely mother accompanied us as a chaperone, along with Diane Lee and me as judges. It is always a long week.

I had lunch with Chad after that first year at Howard and he shared his excitement about going that summer to Africa, having been chosen by a Denzel Washington-sponsored drama group; he was so excited, but it was not his nature to scream, nonetheless his pleasure and excitement were evident. He had always been a shy, quiet-natured young man, but he was on a road to excitement.

His acting teacher at Howard that first year was Felicia Rashad, and she took Chad under her wing as he continued his search for his place in this world. No doubt, she saw not only the talent but also the searching in a young man who was on his way to finding his voice! Having known Chadwick Boseman for just a short time has enabled me to understand how hard it is to overcome what is more accurately referenced today as systemic racism. Chad has enhanced that pathway for a multitude of people. That voice resounds loudly for all to hear and so, in some vicarious way, that searching can still go on.

VICKY COTHRAN MANDRELL INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

Anderson's own Vadis (Vicky) Cothran Mandrell will be honored posthumously on October 17th by being inducted into the University of Chicago's Athletic Hall of Fame. Mandrell died in 2009.

Mandrell was a three-sport star in women's basketball, volleyball and

softball at the University of Chicago in the mid to late 1970s. On the basketball court, she holds the third highest career scoring average in program history.

A four-year team co-captain and MVP, Mandrell led her team to basketball tournament championship wins over MIT, Northwestern and Brown University.

Mandrell grew up in Anderson, SC, the daughter of Edward and Georgia Cothran, with her siblings Dr. Ed Cothran, Tom Cothran, and Susan Cothran Dutt. She graduated from Westside High School as Salutatorian in 1973. She earned a degree



in sociology from the University of Chicago in 1978.

She married Dr. Nelson Mandrell from Anderson. Nelson is a professor of music at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. He is the son of Dr. Eugene and Marion Mandrell, long-time psychology professors at Anderson University. Vadis and Nelson have one son, Nelson Mandrell, MD, of Albuquerque, NM.



The cotton mill village way of life

BY RICH OTTER

Early textile mills depended upon water power and isolation on rivers away from urban areas and, as a result, needed to provide living accommodations for employees. The establishment of the Pelzer Manufacturing Company mill on the Saluda River in the early 1880s introduced the mill village concept to upstate South Carolina.

Such villages became communities unto themselves usually including a company store, churches and schools built by the mill as well as provisions for recreation and competitive company athletic programs. With the innovation of long distance power transmission by Anderson's William C. Whitner the villages moved closer to urban areas but retained their cohesive nature.

Federal Judge G. Ross Anderson, who grew up in the Equinox village, said in the early days the mill owned all the houses and charged what he remembered as fifty cents per room per week rent, a four room house being two dollars a week with water and electricity furnished by the mill. He said: "Everything was provided for the children at Equinox Mill."

"We had our own recreation programs with our own recreation director. We had our own baseball and basketball teams. We also had our own swimming pool. What we used



Orr Mill Village

to call our library sat right in front of the mill. It was really a community Center."

Vernon Edward Pollard who lived in the Gluck Mill village recalled: "Almost every family had sons in World War II. If they would get a letter from a son they would get out in the block and read it to the whole neighborhood. It was unreal how the people were connected. If a family got down and out, sickness or something, they would go from door to door taking up canned goods and things to give to the family."

For many years the Textile League provid-

ed competition in sports between the different mill towns. In addition to being an exciting and cohesive pastime for mill spectators, the teams produced outstanding athletes, some of whom went on to play professional baseball such as Shoeless Joe Jackson, Viola Thompson, Earle Whootten and Olin Saylor.

Many of the traditions stretched down through the generations. William Ronnie Johnson was born in 1958 and raised in the Orr Mill Village south of Anderson. He remembers the community as "the greatest

place on earth." His father, Hoke Smith Johnson, had escaped from the Georgia cotton fields to Anderson along with several brothers and his Anderson wife, Beverly Burriss Johnson, and purchased a home in the village.

Ronnie Johnson recalls how the closely knit community looked after its occupants. If someone was sick or otherwise indisposed, he said help was always available. Even the youngsters often would help in such ways as cutting grass or raking leaves for those not able to do so. The mill brought its occupants together with athletic programs for the kids, a swimming pool, gymnasium and by sponsoring a Boy Scout troop that had its own log cabin as a meeting place. The boys would also challenge other mill teams and meet them for games on the McCants school athletic fields.

The Orr Mill village hosted an elementary school and three churches provided children with parties, ice cream get-togethers, trips such as for water skiing or to a skating rink as well as participation in Little League athletics.

With the demise of cotton mills passed a way of life an integral part of a South Carolina tradition now sorely missed. The mills were sometimes criticized for creating a paternalistic system, but that system was not just a subsistence, it produced many very fine people.

Business pitches with community feedback

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EASE INTO FALL

Fall, my favorite season, is officially here! And as much as I love a hot-weather drink, this is the time of year for transitioning to flavors that are richer and more full-bodied. In South Carolina, though, we need to take it slowly. Our temperatures are still in the 80s, and it won't be hot toddy weather until January at the earliest. That makes October the perfect month to move from summer's gin and tonic to autumn's Sloe Gin Fizz.



Kim von Keller

Flavored with blackthorn fruit, also known as sloes, sloe gin is a slightly herbaceous liqueur that tastes of plum and berries. It doesn't need a lot of other ingredients to make a delicious cocktail, which makes it perfect for a Friday night.

To accompany the Sloe Gin Fizz, I'd try Warm Pumpkin and Sausage Dip. Combining the best flavors of fall, it's salty, creamy, and savory, an excellent complement to the Sloe Gin Fizz.

While the calendar says that fall is three months long, we know that in the South, it may only feel like fall for a few weeks. So when the temperature starts to change, change your Nibble and Sip. Our 20 minutes of winter are just around the corner.

Warm Pumpkin and Sausage Dip
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided
1/2 cup pumpkin puree (NOT pumpkin pie mix)

1/4 cup chopped toasted pecans
1 c. cooked breakfast sausage with sage, crumbled
1/2 tsp. seasoned salt
1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
2 T. green onions, thinly sliced
Crackers, for serving
Preheat oven to 350° F. Grease a small baking dish.

In a mixing bowl, combine the cream cheese, 1/2 c. parmesan cheese, pumpkin puree, pecans, sausage, seasoned salt, and cinnamon. Scrape the mixture into the prepared baking dish and top with the remaining 1/2 c. parmesan cheese. Bake for 20 minutes, or until bub-



bly. Sprinkle with green onions and serve with crackers. Serves 8.

Sloe Gin Fizz
3/4 oz. fresh lemon juice
1 tsp. sugar
1 1/2 oz. sloe gin
1 fresh egg white (optional)
2-3 oz. club soda

In a cocktail shaker, combine lemon juice and sugar. Stir until sugar dissolves. Add the sloe gin and egg white, if using, and fill with ice. Shake vigorously for 10-15 seconds and strain into a highball glass. Add club soda to taste and stir very gently. Fill the glass with ice and serve. Makes 1.

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

BY MARY HALEY THOMPSON

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PRESTON JONES

Park National Bank adds Preston Jones as Vice President and Commercial Lender

ANDERSON, SC — Park National Bank is pleased to welcome Preston Jones as Vice President, Commercial Lender to its Anderson office.

In this role, Jones will be responsible for serving the banking needs of businesses throughout Anderson County as well as the Upstate. A veteran banker, Jones has almost two decades of experience in this market. He will be working out of Park National's full-service downtown Anderson office.

"Preston brings a wealth of proven leadership, banking experience and insights to our strong community banking approach," said Tim Camp, Park National Senior Vice President. "Preston's commitment to clients will be vital to our continued success."

Jones, a native of Anderson, is a graduate of the University of Georgia where he received a BBA in Finance. While at Georgia, he was a member of the Bulldogs football team where he played quarterback. He went on to play five years in the NFL. Jones also has a MSFSB from the University of Colorado and a MBA from Anderson University.

Jones can be contacted at preston.jones@parknationalbank.com or (864) 540-7026.



Local t-shirt company helps small businesses amid pandemic

New owners of Palmetto Screen Print and Embroidery helped recharge the small business economy through a campaign known as Anderson Strong. Mark and Heather Brannon produced t-shirts for businesses to sell amid the most challenging months of today's global health pandemic.

Mark is from Spartanburg, SC and graduated from Clemson University. After graduation, he spent ten years traveling the country to develop his career in corporate sales. Heather is an Anderson native who pursued a career in retail after studying business management at Lander University. As a young married couple, Mark and Heather were bound by the demands of Mark's career and a rigorous travel schedule. That was until they heard about a unique opportunity that would change the course of their life. In 2018, Mark stopped traveling and the couple rejoined their families when they moved back to Anderson to become the new owners Palmetto Screen Print and Embroidery.

The legacy business was staffed with an exceptional team of employees. "We would not be successful without the people that we have" says Heather. Kevin Roland is the screen printer with over 30 years of industry experience. Pam Broome is in charge of purchasing and all-things customer service. Kathy Lloyd is the embroidery technician with over 13 years of experience. Mark is over sales and enjoys making personal deliveries to customers while Heather manages operations, graphic design and overall customer satisfaction. They also have



part-time employees who help with special projects and daily operations.

Palmetto Screen Print and Embroidery specializes in corporate apparel, screen printing, embroidery and monogramming, banners and signs, and promotional items. Their mission is to provide quality products and services while building strong relationships with local customers. As new owners, Mark and Heather were pleased with their first years in the business – that was until COVID-19 crossed into South Carolina in March of this year and turned their world upside down.

"It was devastating to our business,"

Heather explained, "and we knew we weren't the only ones who felt hopeless." They asked themselves "What are we going to do? How are we going to help?" and from there, the Anderson Strong campaign was born.

They reached out to Caryn with Lunchbox Creative to help design the Anderson Strong t-shirt. From there, Mark went out into the community to make this idea a reality. Businesses purchased the t-shirts from Palmetto at cost to then sell for profit. During a time where local restaurants and retailers struggled to maintain sales, the t-shirts were all the buzz and helped attract customers into the stores. "The last time we checked, we were able to put \$9,000 back into our small business economy" says Mark. Nearly 20 businesses participated and the extra revenue from the t-shirts were able to help each one in their own unique way.

"The Anderson Strong t-shirts were definitely an answer to our prayers," says Sissa Sullivan, owner of Blake & Brady Boutique. "With so much uncertainty owning a small business during the COVID-19 shutdown, the t-shirts brought the community together and helped us and many others make it through the tough days. I am thankful for each and every customer who bought a t-shirt and forever grateful to Palmetto Screen Print and Embroidery."

The Anderson Strong campaign shed light on the power of community because even during the most challenging times, we are Anderson Strong, and we are in this together.



Pictured, from left, are Gary Bechard, Exalted Ruler; Tammie Collins, Anderson Free Clinic Director; and, Woody Collins, Past Exalted Ruler

Anderson Free Clinic benefits from \$2,000 donation from the Anderson Elks Lodge

The Anderson Free Clinic experienced a sharp increase in the number of patients due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This strained their pharmacy and health care provider services and seriously challenged their budget.

The Anderson Free Clinic serves the community's lowest income population that is at least 200% below the poverty level. Normally, a Medicare denial letter is also required, but this requirement has been waived due to the closure of Medicare offices.

The Anderson Free Clinic pharmacy does not dispense any narcotics, opioids, or pain medications. Although they do receive many of their medications as no cost donations from major pharmaceutical companies, they still have many expenses that saw a significant increase during this pandemic.

Anderson Elks Lodge became aware of

this need and applied for an Elks National Foundation grant to assist the Clinic in combating these cost increases. It was approved and a check for \$2000 was presented to the Anderson Free Clinic Director, Tammie Collins, at the Lodge on Friday, September 18th.

Director Collins said that this grant will be a tremendous help in defraying their increased expenses and praised the Anderson Elks Lodge for their support of not only the Anderson Free Clinic, but also other community organizations such as Anderson Clean Start, Upstate Hospice, Meals on Wheels, Anderson Young Marines, Cancer Association of Anderson, Anderson Sheriff's Department, Centerville Volunteer Fire Department, Veterans in the community, and our young people in the community.

High noon in Anderson

Young boys in the sixties watched and played Army and Cowboys. TV shows such as Combat, Rat Patrol, Rawhide, Bonanza, Gunsmoke, and Bat Masterson, kept us fueled for battle. We had plastic machine guns, six-shooters with caps, canteens, hand-grenades, boots, hats, and dreamed of wiping out platoons and hordes of enemies from the ditch in the front yard. It was not a big deal to see kids walking with their parents in



Neal Parnell

downtown Anderson brandishing a cap popping Colt Peacemaker and firing at suspected bank robbers...POW! POW! If two young cowpokes were about to meet on the sidewalk, they would freeze, hold their hands out to their sides and wait till one of them made a twitch toward their sidearm, then,

POW! POW!, right there on The Square. I once saw a machine-gun battle between five kids in Sears that cleared the aisles of the toy department and left two G.I. Joes' and Barbie lying helpless in the aftermath.

Our parents made sure that we had plenty of tanks, jeeps, horses, cannons, pup tents, and all that was needed to declare war on any collaborators that dared to try and change our war-loving, cap-popping lives. And trust me, if you've never had to load a roll of caps into a pistol while smelling the burnt powder of your enemy, you don't know what war is.

It pains me to say it, but as a kid, I blasted my parents, my grand-parents, my dogs, and all my sisters numerous times; sometimes they fell over, but more often they denied that they'd even been grazed, and ignored that my weapon made a sound.

So if you happen to see me walking downtown with my white hat and a pair of pearl-handled, silver barreled six-shooters on my sides, don't worry, I'm just looking for the low down slippery varmint that laid out Barbie.



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SC Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities hosts virtual information sessions for interested families

GREENVILLE, S.C. — The South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities is hosting virtual information sessions throughout the fall semester for individuals interested in arts programs for middle and high school students. These 30-minute, online sessions are offered at a variety of times

and dates and provide details about the school's summer programs and residential high school.

Located in Greenville, the Governor's School provides pre-professional arts training in the areas of creative writing, dance, drama, music and visual arts. The nationally recognized residential high school serves

juniors and seniors, as well as exceptionally talented sophomores in Dance and Music. Arts-immersive summer programs are also offered for rising 7th- 11th grade students.

Any South Carolina resident in grades 6-10 can apply to the Governor's School's various programs. Tuition is free for the high

school program, and students only pay for a meal plan and residence hall fee. Costs vary for the summer programs. Financial assistance is available for all programs.

To learn more, register to attend an upcoming virtual information session at <https://bit.ly/32Xb4Wh>.



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Passion for fashion traveling

I have been traveling on my own since I was eighteen.

My first passion for fashion truly began on Park Avenue, on a girls trip that my parents let me go on with my twin sister and best gal pals. I remember walking into Dolce & Gabbana. I knew at that moment I was in love with designer clothes and the vibe and the thrill of it all. I tried on a four thousand dollar skirt that Posh Spice had just purchased a few hours earlier and I was smitten.



Kristine March

I then started going to all the best stores in the country on all of my travels. Even though I couldn't buy that in my teens, I still tried it on, felt the fabric and just respected the craftsmanship.

I loved going to Los Angeles to Kitson that was all the rage at the time and to Miami to Versace just to play dress up. Now, I'm on the more boho thrifty side and I love to hit up a good thrift store or anything vintage, which is more in my lane these days.

I love to go to Mexico and find hand made back backs out of colorful fabrics and now when I go to Manhattan I enjoy all of the old stores in The West Village that make old belt buckles and vintage Members Only jackets. It's funny how your taste can change and mature. I love clothing so much but I really love to put it together and style it myself.

Now that I live in Asheville I am lucky to have all the local designers that are truly creative and funky. The clothing they make is like wearing art. From Vintage Moon to Honeypot we have so much diverse fashion in my little mountain town. You can really express yourself.

Everyday you dress is a statement. Clothes can even put you in a mood, good or bad. I love that quote, "No matter how you feel, get up and dress up." It rings true. What are some of your favorite boutiques and fashion memories? Remember to make the sidewalk your runway and kindness always matters.

The highs, the lows, and the lower lows of adulting

While we don't talk every day, my daughter, Elizabeth, and I text each other all the time. Usually it's about something we saw on social media or what's up with her dog or why Eliza gasps at the end of "Hamilton." But last week, I got a text from her of a more practical nature.

EvK: What kind of laundry machine do y'all have?

(Note: I loved the use of the antiquated term "laundry machine." It's like flying on an "aeroplane" or making a call on the "acoustical telegraph.")

Me: The washer is an LG front loader. The dryer is a Kenmore, and it is older than you are. Why?

EvK: My dryer broke. (Accompanied by sad-face emoji.)

Me: I'm sorry to hear that.

EvK: Adulting sucks. (Accompanied by angry-face emoji.)

An unexpected expense is never a good thing, but I didn't

have the heart to tell her that on the spectrum of being an adult, a broken dryer doesn't even make the mid-line. There are some things she'll just have to learn herself. But just for fun, I compiled a list of the best



Kim von Keller

bad adulting stories from friends, neighbors, and acquaintances. Each one is true, but I am omitting the names because frankly, they'd like to forget that any of this stuff ever happened:

A friend was holding the bottom of a ladder while her husband sawed off a large tree limb. The limb fell on her, and she and the limb rolled to the bottom of a hill. When she was admitted to the hospital – where she stayed for a long, long time – the x-ray techni-

cian made disparaging comments about the style of her underpants.

During the beginning of a violent thunderstorm, a loblolly pine tree came down on a neighbor's house, effectively splitting it in two. To make matters worse, it rained for several hours afterward, turning the home's interior into an indoor swimming pool. Insurance paid for the tree damage, but not the subsequent flooding.

An acquaintance was flying a small plane to visit friends in South Carolina. When engine trouble developed, he was forced to make an emergency landing... on a highway, where the event was captured by a lot of people with cell phones.

These Tales of Being a Grown-Up are clearly out of the ordinary, and the chance of such things occurring can be mitigated by hiring an arborist and flying commercial. Mostly, being a grown-up is full of more mundane things that suck, like paying

taxes, killing bugs, and emptying the vacuum canister. You think it's all about staying up as late as you want, but there comes a time when the latest you can stay awake is 10 o'clock. If we knew what we were in for as kids, we'd have figured out a way to avoid adulthood. Instead, it sneaks up on us like we're that frog in the pot on the stove. By the time we realize the water's boiling, we're already cooked.

Of course, there are positive aspects of adulting. Reading the paper over a cup of coffee is hard to beat. Completing a work task, no matter how prosaic, and clearing your desk is extremely satisfying. Finding someone you love and making a life with that person, paying bills and killing bugs and emptying the vacuum canister, is perhaps the best of all.

And if you're lucky, very lucky, you also get to help a girl with her adulting, one major appliance at a time.



GREATER ANDERSON INTERFAITH NETWORK DONATES PEACE POLE TO ANDERSON COUNTY MAIN LIBRARY

The Greater Anderson Interfaith Network (GAIN) has donated a Peace Pole to the Anderson County Main Library in commemoration of The International Day of Peace. Peace Day is observed around the world each year on September 21. Established in 1981 by unanimous United

Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

GAIN seeks to explore the many commonalities of the world's major religions

with the aim of building bridges of understanding and cooperation between all faith communities within the Anderson area. We invite you to join us in promoting peace and harmony in our hearts, in our homes, in our neighborhoods and between all of the nations of the world.

Yes, that's really its name

BY ANN BAILES

Last week, right after Hurricane Sally, a brown booby was spotted several times at Lake Strom Thurmond, near McCormick. Okay, reader, we're not making this up. This is a real bird that really did come to the lake. I have no idea how it got its name, but that's what it is. And now that we have taken care of that small detail, we can continue.

According to the range maps, the brown booby is not supposed to be found north of Miami. This is a large seabird, living its life in tropical ocean waters worldwide. It nests on Caribbean or other sea islands, or sometimes on sea debris large enough to support a nest. Its back and upper parts are brown, with white underparts, and it has a large bluish bill.

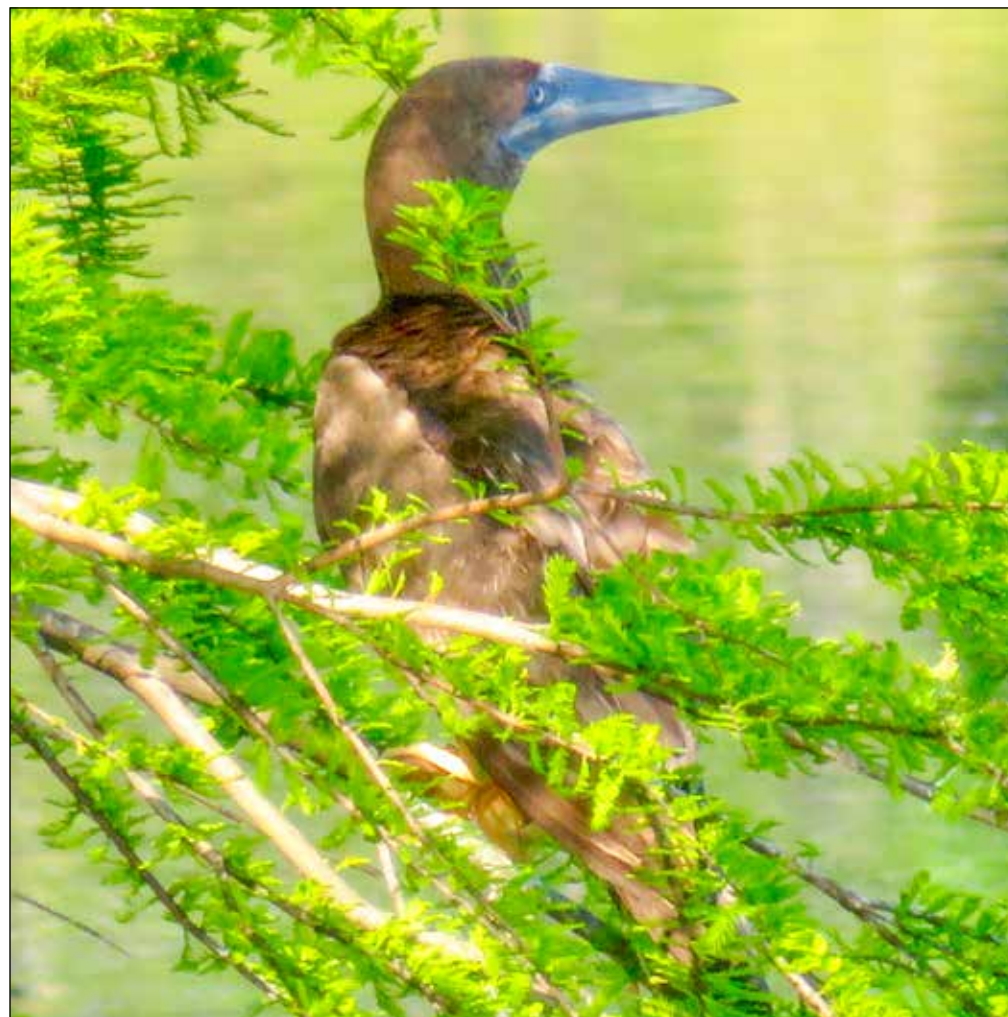
Occasionally a stray finds itself further north, usually because of a hurricane or other strong weather system. Four years ago, another brown booby stayed at the Lake Strom Thurmond dam for two weeks. This caused quite a stir among the local birding community, and many Carolina birders were able to go to the overlooks at the dam to view this unusual bird.

One Friday afternoon, I talked Mike into going to try to see it. The drive was a haul,

going through tiny towns on two-lane roads for a couple of hours. However, the observation was not to be. The winds were horrendous. I could barely hang onto my binoculars, or even myself, on the rocks at the edge of the lake. We scanned the shore and the bridge for a long time, and drove around to other places with views of the lake, but never did see it. We did come home through Abbeville and got a nice meal, so the trip was not all in vain.

In 2018, another brown booby was found in the upstate - this one in Greenville, near the bell tower on the lake at Furman. This bird hung out for most of the month of May, apparently completely blown off course and not sure what to do or where to go. It was not shy and even seemed like it was posing for pictures. It's very unusual looking with its large bluish bill, and we enjoyed the treat of seeing a seabird so far out of its range. We got several good photographs, as did many other local people who came to see it, before it finally disappeared to who knows where.

So there you have it - the brown booby, seen occasionally in the upstate. The story behind the snicker. You may now return to your regularly scheduled serious reading.



Brown booby



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MUSINGS OF AN OLE BALL COACH

THE FALLS — JV & VARSITY

In the pantheons of time I'm told, one's life can be replayed in seconds. I don't know how any one has ever checked that out, but I would like to muse with you about a 3.2 second fall that seemed to last the life span of an elephant. It happened in stages.

I. Terror, as I started my downward descent from my tipped over walker, I was gripped by total abject all encompassing fear. I knew that when I hit that hard unforgiving concrete drive the results would not be favorable. Thoughts scrolled by how did this happen. You fool. If you live and ever walk again you'll die in a rehab of Covid 19.

II. Resignation, my good hip would hit first. I had just recovered from breaking the other hip two days after Christmas. The pain caused a neanderthal scream to emanate from the depths of my throat as my hip crashed full force. It has to be shattered I surmised because my house fall five months earlier was pain free and look at the results. The premonition of what my life would be like was slow motion and vivid.

III. Stay alive, ok, so you won't have much of a life, but then I click into survival mode. How to keep my head from busting open



Jim Fraser

like a ripe watermelon (actual words) when it whip lashed down I tried to break my fall with my scrawny right arm. Alas to no avail, my shoulder hit, and my head now catapulted down. It hurled a barrage of prayers skyward, all punctuated with

"Lord please don't let me die." My head hit the harsh cement with such force it literally bounced at least 4 inches and struck again with equal force. My reaction was I'm conscious. I examined my wound which was bleeding profusely. My right arm and shoulder and now my head was beginning to puddle. I fired a salvo of prayers back to heaven and some must have hit home. Here's why.

Chuck had just cranked his lawn mower and was driving five yards away. He miraculously looked back and saw me. Equally miraculous, as he set me up against my white picket fence the bleeding stopped. After we accessed my situation we agreed no emergency room. He fetched my great neighbor Jimmy Seabolt, who arrived in minutes along with Chuck Allen, and Dickie Smith. These great minds consulted and deemed it necessary that 911 be called. Two outstanding attendants arrived and the first order of business was to get me up right and walking after several failed attempts and at least 30 minutes of commiserating. My son Chuck, my friends Jimmy, Chuck, Dickie, and the attendants decided I had to go to the ER.

I spend the night undergoing a barrage of brain scans, concussion protocol, x-rays and a COVID 19 test, all negative. I was admitted around 6 a.m. and I spent three nights in the hospital with breathing and blood pressure problems.

So that qualified as my junior varsity fall right, nothing broken, no surgery.

Five days later on June 2nd I had my varsity fall which I stood up from the passenger seat of my Camry, stood up, lost my balance and set back in the seat. Result, painfully broken hip, eight days later I had it surgically repaired.

So there you have it, a tale of two falls, one a crushing fall on hard, unforgiving concrete, no surgery, the other sitting down in the padded automobile seat. You call it — which qualified as junior varsity, which as varsity?

Jim Fraser was the athletic director and head football coach at T.L. Hanna High School from 1968-1985. He was also a full time member of the faculty who taught U.S. History.



ANDERSON ELKS REWARD 11 LOCAL STUDENTS WITH SCHOLARSHIPS

The Anderson Elks Lodge 1206 annual Most Valuable Student Scholarship Award Ceremony was held recently at the Lodge. This was another great year with \$11,000 in scholarships being awarded. One winner from the state level received a one-time \$1,000 scholarship from the SC Elks Association and Anderson Lodge 1206 awarded an additional \$10,000 in new and continuing scholarships.

Local BPOE 1206 scholarships are made possible by money raised at various fund-raising events including the highly successful scholarship shootout which raises \$5,000 each year. Additional funds are made available through the generous donations from individuals.

This year we saw a record number of applications. Committee members noted the high quality of all applications. Applying students were found to be well rounded, demonstrating excellence in scholastics, success in many extra-curricular activities, community support through volunteer service, and part/full-time job experience. All of these attributes were graded as well as financial need.

Competition this year was extremely close. It was noted that this is a positive reflection on the quality of our community school systems, the dedication of local educators and counselors,



Pictured, from left, are SC State Scholarship Chairman Allan Templin, Regan Gregory, Erin Adkins, Anderson Chambers, Jakob Davis, Mackenzie Richey, Harley Frizzell, Ivey Gray, Exalted Ruler Gary Bechard, and SC West District Vice-President Jody Patterson. Not pictured were Mason Adkins, Autumn O'Shields, Rayanna Cape, and Tamyah Johnson.

leadership throughout our community, and proper direction of caring parent(s) — as well as the character of these deserving students.

STATE WINNER

Ivey Gray, Crescent HS, Clemson University

B.P.O.E. 1206 NAMED LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Earl Sewell Memorial Scholarship - Mackenzie Richey, Crescent HS, Anderson University

Mary McKinney Memorial Scholarship - Jakob Davis, Crescent HS, Anderson University

T. Ed Garrison Memorial Scholarship - Anderson Chambers, T.L. Hanna HS, Clemson University

Dr. T. L. Senn Memorial Scholarship - Mason Adkins, T.L. Hanna HS, Clemson University

Bill Erwin Memorial Scholarship - Erin Adkins, T.L. Hanna HS, Clemson University

B.P.O.E. 1206 LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Rayanna Cape, Crescent HS, University of South Carolina

Autumn O'Shields, T.L. Hanna HS, Clemson University

Regan Gregory, Palmetto HS, College of Charleston

Tamyah Johnson, Wren HS, NC A&T State University

Harley Frizzell, Crescent HS, Clemson University

Special thanks to all of the scholarship committee members and to all who supported this project for a job well done.

If you have any questions about the Anderson Elks Lodge Scholarship Program, contact Woody Collins, Lodge Scholarship Chair at skccollins@hotmail.com.

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THE GARDEN SHOP

A bit of normal



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Finally, life felt normal. Mama and I got to go on a garden tour. Greenville Garden Council postponed/cancelled their annual spring tour that usually takes place late April, early May. Being doubtful on the postponed part, I was especially surprised, pleasantly so, when notice was sent of a tour on September 18 and 19.

I remembered visiting a couple of the gardens in previous years. Each homeowner gets a piece of granite engraved with the year their garden is on the tour. My memory was confirmed by these markers. Each were on the tour in 2009. My my, where does the time go. Both of the homeowners were out greeting visitors in these gardens. One lady remembered Mama and me. Hmm, what did we do to be remembered? It must have been

our gracious manners in thanking her for having us. When touring the second garden, it occurred to us how nice it was to be on a fall tour. No one ever says fall fever, spring gets all the enthusiasm. It was very nice though to see fall color and fall blooming plants. The lady who remembered us had the biggest beauty berry (*Callicarpa americana*) shrubs we've ever seen. She had tied a piece of rope around it to stake it up and the shrub was still hanging with huge purple berries. She grew several types of perennial sunflowers. Bright yellow blooms beside purple berries were quite showy. Burgundy coleus in the area were a great mix. In her shady back, she had a mix of hosta, lenton roses, and hardy begonias (*Begonia grandis*). I remember back in the 90's when HGTV still had good gardening shows, Erica Glasener, host of *A Gardener's Diary*, visited a lady's garden who had a very large area covered with hardy begonias. They can be prone to get around in the garden. The lady said she started with a small plant she bought for \$1.99. She stated she had thousands of dollars' worth then.

Another garden had a spot of Angelina sedum (*Sedum rupestre 'Angelina'*) with black mondo grass and hardy begonia. I wouldn't have guessed black mondo grass and hardy begonia could grow well with Angelina. It sedum likes sun. The other two do not. I have a few hardy begonias growing on the backside of the breezeway. I haven't tried to encourage their growth but am going to start. At the sidewalk coming up the breezeway, there's a couple of black mondo grass clumps. They used to be in a container under the crabapple tree but I did away with those containers...too much to water. I planted the mondo in the ground. It hasn't grown much either. Angelina sedum is growing in a couple of pots so I'm going to move some of it with the black mondo, scatter some seeds from the hardy begonia, and see if I can get a patch started. I love the chartreuse color of Angelina in plants. The height of these plants will be nice along the sidewalk. I don't know how deer resistant hardy begonias are but if they seed themselves in the front garden, and deer will let them grow, that will be a good thing.



Sedum, mondo, and hardy begonia



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