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Among this Hallowed Group

Anderson is a relatively small town, but as we all know it packs a powerful punch. There have been so many accomplished people who were born and raised in this town and educated in its school district. It is always amazing to hear about people you shared a kindergarten table with or were in math class with who have gone on to become leaders in their fields, locally and nationally.

In the field of education, this is especially true. Three of the five superintendents in Anderson county school districts are Anderson 5 alumni, including our own Tom Wilson. Richard Rosenberger is the superintendent of Anderson School District 2 and Lee Merchant D'Andrea is the superintendent of Anderson School District 4. Greenville County's school superintendent, Burke Royster, is also a graduate of Anderson School District 5. Each of them graciously agreed to an interview. When Burke Royster was asked to participate along with these other individuals, he agreed and said thank you for including me in this "hallowed group"! (Mr. Wilson's interview can be seen online at theelectriccitynews.com in the August issue).



This issue is dedicated in loving memory of Wendi Walls Cheek.

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Welcome Laurie

The Electric City News welcomes LAURIE PFISTER EPPS to our staff as Advertising Consultant. Laurie is an Anderson girl and is married to Norman Epps of Epps, Nelson & Epps, Attorneys. They have five beautiful children: Molly, Wils, Grey, Halle Cate and Anders. Laurie is an avid writer and former high school English teacher. She enjoys being at the beach with her family and friends and is a huge Carolina Gamecocks fan! Welcome Laurie!

In The News

Lee Merchant D'Andrea

Anderson School District 4

What schools did you attend in Anderson?

North Anderson (grade 1) and Concord Elementary (grade 2-6); Lakeside Junior High (7-9) and T. L. Hanna

In what school sponsored activities did you participate?

National Honor Society, Altruistic Club, annual staff, student government, Latin Club and intramural sports

Who was one of your favorite teachers? What was a quality they possessed that made them a great teacher?

I'll have to give you three who had a real impact on my learning. Mrs. Coleman (5th grade), Mr. Powell (physical science and biology) and Mr. Palmer (trig and calculus). Interestingly, each of these teachers pushed me to examine and defend my responses. There was truly rigor in those classrooms; at the same time, I knew each one of them truly cared and wanted me to be a better citizen.

What made you decide to go into the field of education?

I went to UGA with the intent of going to vet school; during my junior year, upon the counsel of both of my grandmothers who were teachers, I pursued adding a teacher certification to my science studies. I found that I loved being in school. And the rest is history.

How would you describe your experience growing up in Anderson?

My experiences revolved around family, neighborhoods, friends from school and church. I have wonderful memories of neighborhood plays, cookouts, and yes, a few fights! I walked to both elementary schools I attended. There were 8-10 of us in the group. I carpooled with the same four girls to junior high. My high school friends are my best friends today. We get together regularly and share life together. Of course, our home was always filled people. I have six sisters and brothers, so someone always had a friend at our house. Looking back, my experiences created some very happy and often, funny, memories.

What is a vivid a memory from your high school years?

Since this is going to be printed, I'll choose one that is about me, so I don't have to name anyone. My father had this very traditional Land Rover jeep (tall, blue with white top that came off) that I drove to school. My friends and I left school to go to the Hardees that used to be near the Trinity Methodist Church. We carefully planned getting to the jeep in the upper parking lot, quickly getting on to Marchbanks Avenue and over to McLees Road, then going down to Greenville Street, so we would not be seen. I walked into psychology class immediately after lunch, participated in a rich dialogue with Coach Jones and my fellow

classmates (bolstered by my inner pride in what I had just accomplished) until the bell rung. As I closed my book, I heard him say, "Lee Merchant, I'll see you after school in my classroom." He told me he had seen the white top of the jeep moving down the aisle and out of the parking lot! I had been seen before I ever left the parking lot! I learned a lot of lessons that day. We laugh about it today.

What are we missing in school today that we had in the 60's and 70's?

Citizenship, duty, and responsibility for one's self. School was a place where we learned to be a part of something bigger than our family. I had to find out how to communicate with others, express myself appropriately and solve conflicts. And we miss the safety of neighborhoods and community.

Who is your hero?

Right now, Condoleezza Rice. I look at what she has accomplished in her life and see an incredibly intelligent, gifted and strong woman. And she loves football!

You have no doubt influenced many young people along the way in your career. What is a good rule of thumb to keep kids today motivated, grounded and balanced?

First, I think kids need lots of experiences in many different activities. This fosters motivation and ensures balance. And they need to experience the consequences of their actions. The memory I shared in a previous question taught me to think more about the rules and consequences as well as ponder a little on better planning in the future. Life does not revolve around any one person and we all need to figure this out early; but every person is unique and special. Finding this balance makes life more rewarding.

Introduce us to your family.

I have two children, Barbara and Cal. Barbara is an architect in Charleston. She went to school at Calhoun, McCants and Hanna; she graduated from Dutch Fork High School and then Cornell University. Cal graduated from T.L. Hanna and Clemson University. He and his wife, Melissa, live in Anderson. Their first child, Evans, is my first grandchild. My husband, Bill (or Billy D) as he is best known) works in the athletics administration at Clemson. Although he grew up just outside of Pittsburgh, and graduated from Indiana State University, he now orders sweet tea when we are out to eat. My dad, Vernon Merchant, still lives in Anderson with his wife, Joan. All of my brothers and sisters, Cindy, Lyn, Karen, Van, Griff and Holly are married with children and scattered around SC and Kansas! It was a pretty large gathering last Thanksgiving when we all were together; I am very blessed.

Burke Royster

Greenville County School

What schools did you attend in Anderson?

Concord Elementary, McCants Junior High, and T.L. Hanna High School.

In what school sponsored activities did you participate?

I was Battalion Commander for NJROTC, Editor of the "Yellow Jacket," member and officer in Key Club, participant in Palmetto Boys' State, and active in a number of other clubs and activities.

Who was one of your favorite teachers? What was a quality they possessed that made them a great teacher?

I was privileged to have a number of outstanding teachers, many of whom have maintained an interest to this day in my career and life. I could never choose just one. In fact, I think it is that interest in students as individuals that make teachers great. Students enjoy teachers who are engaging, creative, organized, knowledgeable, etc., and I did, too, but the teachers who conveyed their sincere interest in me as an individual were the most effective and influential in my life.

What made you decide to go into the field of education?

I was fortunate to grow up in a family of educators and to witness firsthand the responsibility and gratification that go hand in hand with a career in public education. Additionally, the importance of giving back to the community and utilizing personal abilities for the good of the whole was emphasized to me both at home and at school. After more than 30 years in the education field, I still believe it to be the most fulfilling, meaningful, and important work a person can do.

How would you describe your experience growing up in Anderson?

Anderson was a great community with a "small town" atmosphere. There was and is a true sense of community pride and a shared desire to care for and support one another. Though it has grown significantly since my childhood, Anderson has not lost that small town feel, in part because many familiar faces from my youth are still active in the community.

What is a vivid memory from your high school years?

Students today are fortunate that they won't have to work to recall their most vivid memories from high school; they can just check You Tube or Facebook and those events will be recorded for posterity.

I am equally fortunate that You Tube and Facebook were not around in my day, so there is no evidence to corroborate my most vivid memories.

What are we missing in school today that we had in the 60's and 70's?

I don't know that we are missing anything in school, but I regret that educators are not held in the same esteem by our society that they were several decades ago. Shared trust between parents and teachers produces the ideal environment for students to learn and to understand that they play a crucial role in their own development as a learner. Without student buy-in and without reinforcement from our culture of the credibility and importance of teachers, it is extremely difficult to reach some students.

Who is your hero?

My Dad, and individuals like him, who every day, quietly and without fanfare or a desire for recognition, make a positive difference in the lives of others.

You have no doubt influenced many young people along the way in your career. What is a good rule of thumb to keep kids today motivated, grounded and balanced?

I believe the number one rule to being influential in any young person's life is to care about them, spend time with them, and listen to them. Once they know you see them as an individual important enough to get to know, you are able to counsel them to be involved in meaningful activities. These activities provide structure, discipline, a sense of accomplishment and purpose, and an environment in which they can recognize and develop their inherent potential.

Introduce us to your family.

My immediate family consists of my wife, Tina, and I. Although, unfortunately, we don't have children, we have five nephews whom we have greatly enjoyed, and now are experiencing great nephews and nieces.

In The News

Richard Rosenberger

Anderson School District 2

What schools did you attend in Anderson?
McCants & TL Hanna

In what school sponsored activities did you participate?
Track and Soccer, French Club, Key Club and National Honor Society

Who was one of your favorite teachers? Mr. Harry Pohl – Pre-Calculus
What was a quality he possessed that made him a great teacher? Mr. Pohl built relationships with his students and challenged us to set high goals.

What made you decide to go into the field of education? I have always had a love for education. I never took a sick day from school after third grade and I’ve only used one half-day for sick leave as an educator (my wife was going into labor). I have always believed education was the one vehicle that had close to a guarantee for people to be successful.

How would you describe your experience growing up in Anderson? I have some regrets that I didn’t take advantage of more opportunities sooner. I had moved from Florida during my seventh grade year and was hesitant to get involved in school life and community events. However, I was able to create some strong, lasting relationships that I still cherish today.

Describe a vivid memory from your high school years.
I was a star in a French play where a rooster laid an egg. No one could understand the play but we created a lot of laughs.

What are we missing in school today that we had in the 60’s and 70’s?
Parents! Our parents supported the school and the teachers. Now, we are dealing with “dry-cleaner parents” (drop their kids off for others to raise) or “helicopter parents” (those that hover above their child and don’t allow them to accept responsibility). Schools are desperate for parents to be involved in their child’s education and to support the schools in the decisions they make.

Who is your hero? My wife. She is not an educator but she is been step by step with me while I pursued degrees, while I was a teacher, coach and administrator, and while I worked other jobs to support our family. She is my best friend.

You have no doubt influenced many young people along the way in your career. What is a good rule of thumb to keep kids today motivated, grounded and balanced? Use each achievement as a great play in the game of life. However, remember it is only one play. Celebrate but keep your focus on the end reward.

Introduce us to your family. My wife, Kim, and I have been married for 29 years. We have a son, Luke, that is married (Mandy) and they have an 8 year old daughter (London). He is a mechanical engineer and lives on a ranch in Oklahoma. We have another son, Heath that is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma studying Economics and International Studies. We also have a daughter, Kelsey that has cerebral palsy and lives with us.

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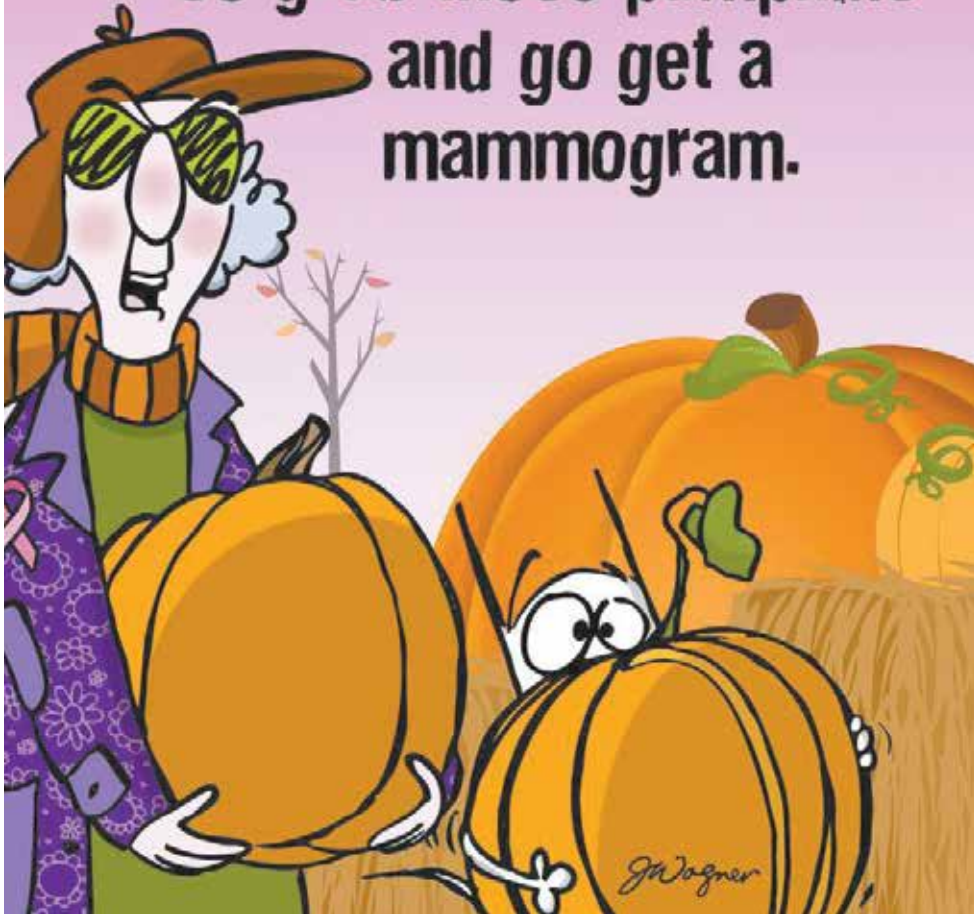
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In The News

Football Fancies

by Merritt Roberts

Every fall, my thoughts instinctively go to football.

Then again, doesn't every southern woman's?

Whether it's preparing food for a tailgating party, cheering on the college team or hanging out on the couch on Sundays to watch the pros, most southern women KNOW about football.

Most of the time, the closest I get to being a football fan is when I put on concealer under my eyes and my husband says I look like a linebacker for Maybelline.

But during fall, when it's time for cooler weather, the Hanna vs. Westside games and the any one vs. USC games, it's time for me to get into the end zone.

Granted, I don't know all the finer points of the game.

I'm not saying there aren't women out there who know the difference between the end zone and a tight end, but I am saying I am one of them.

I always think back to the first time my oldest son played football for the City of Anderson Recreation Department.

Like the good mom, I was there for his first game, eagerly anticipating watching the game. But, you know, they were like 10 and it wasn't exactly the same as watching the Bengals get slaughtered by the 1-2 Browns or something. So, like the nerd that I am, I watched the snap, cause my kid was the center, and then I started reading my book. A few minutes later I looked up and realized there was this huge pile up on the field.

And like most moms, I thought to myself, "dang.... I really feel sorry for the mom whose kid is on the bottom of that mess."

One by one, the kids come peeling off, like layers of leaves on an artichoke, and there, right at the heart of it, is my kid. My first impulse was to say to heck with the possibility of embarrassing my kid, I'm running down there to make sure he's okay. But, he stood up, shook it off, sent me a look and a thumbs up into the stands, and I knew everything was going to be okay. When I was his age, I would spend Sundays watching football with my Dad. On the Sundays he didn't have to work, after church and the obligatory hour and a half for him and Mom to read the newspaper, I'd curl up on the couch and he'd lean back in his recliner and we'd watch the game together. I'd ask questions and he'd tell me about what was going on.

Now, I don't necessarily know ALL the ins and outs of football, but I do know the difference between a touchback and a touchdown. But I'll also be the first to admit what I think about when I'm watching football, probably isn't what my husband is thinking.

He'll look and say "Nice hit, did you see that tackle?"

I'll smile and nod and agree, but what I'm really thinking is "Dang, I wonder who does their laundry, cause I would love to know how they get those grass stains out."

And when he comments about a pass, or a hand-off that I can only barely see, the thing that is usually going through my head is "I wonder what happens if one of the footballs hits one of the cameras overhead when they throw a pass. Do they do a do-over, or do they just decide that's the way it is?"

And when it's college football I always wonder if anyone else sees the irony in beer commercials during a game where half the team is too young to drink.

In the South, football isn't just a game, it's a religion. And for those of us who worship at the alter of the pigskin, this is high holy season.

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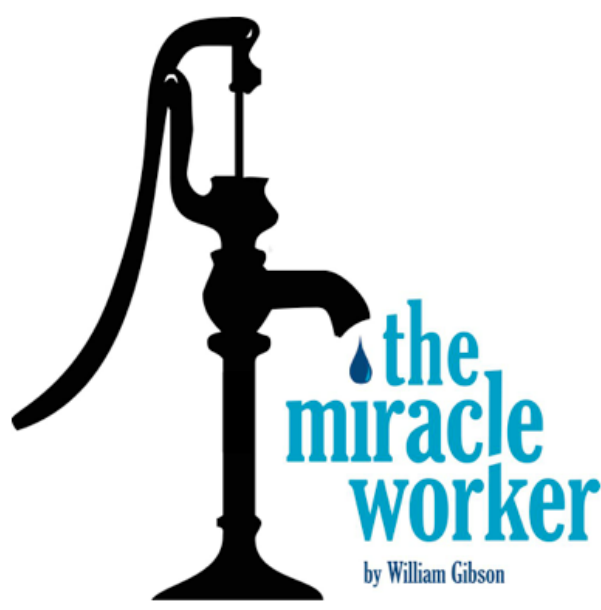
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Prom Queen



Jon DuPre

She said she didn’t expect it. That, I believed. She said she was honored just to have been nominated. I believed that, too. But when she told me, “Dad, I really don’t care if I win or not.” I wasn’t buying it. What teenaged girl wouldn’t want to be prom queen?

At about the mid-point of the Timpanogos High School (Utah) junior-senior prom, the announcement was made. The look on my daughter’s face told the crowd of classmates, faculty, staff, and parents she was stunned and delighted. And what happened immediately after the coronation was more delightful for her father than she or I could have imagined.

I relocated from Arizona to Utah to reclaim something I’d lost or, more accurately, something that had been taken away - the most precious gift of my life - my relationships with my three children. The divorce decree allowed “Father” parenting time every other weekend and on alternating holidays. His Honor had apparently failed to consult a map that would have clearly revealed there are 669 miles between Phoenix, Arizona and Salt Lake City, Utah. For the next two and a half years, the children and I would see very little of each other – 47 days during the first year after the divorce and 51 days during the second year.

We were talking on the phone on Father’s Day of 2008 when my daughter Jessie said something that made my decision to move to Utah easy:

“I want you here, Dad.”

Like countless others, I have struggled to navigate the rough waters of single parenthood. Many days seem like paddling upstream through Class Four rapids. Doing it long-distance, from Arizona, made it seem as though I was going to sink and drown. There is simply no way and not enough money to manufacture those spontaneous and precious parenting moments. The few I’ve had since transplanting myself in Utah far outweigh the hundreds of sacrifices, setbacks, risks, and disappointments, on the way to getting back to being a dad, every day.

Although school administrators knew a week before the event Jessie had been elected prom queen, advance notice never got to me. Jessie and I would be surprised together. She made certain I was invited to the prom.

"You've gotta be there, Dad, just in case they do something crazy and I'm it!"

No matter what might have happened, I was determined to be there, even if only to cheer from a distance. I had nearly three years of lost time to make up for. In one moment, they’d melt away.

Just in time, I walked in to the giant barn, converted into a ballroom. I didn’t think I’d find her in the crowd. It turned out I didn’t have to. She found me.

“Dad! Can you believe it?!” she squealed as she skipped straight to me, threw her arms around my neck and wrapped me in a hug only a daughter can give her father.

Could I believe it? I’d prayed for it a thousand times.

Jon DuPre is a native Andersonian. He is presently a news anchor and reporter for KUSI San Diego News Channel. Jon is the author of the book, The Prodigal Father, and is currently writing it's sequel.

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ASK THE DENTIST - *Dr. Andrew Wilson*

Hello readers! My name is Dr. Andrew Wilson, and I'll be fielding any questions you may have concerning your dental health each month. As of January 1st, I am an equal partner with Dr. Dale Hardy in Cornerstone Family Dentistry, P.A., located across Hwy 81 from the AnMed health campus. My family and I have been in Anderson almost 2 years now, and we look forward to serving the dental needs of the community for many more years to come. My intent in doing this monthly Q & A session is to inform and educate the community of Anderson on common dental questions and concerns that may arise. Please feel free to email me any questions you have at info@cornerstonesmiles.com. I will try my best to respond personally to your questions via email, and also I will post a response to a single question each month in the Electric City News as seen below. I'm looking forward to hearing your questions!

Q. What is a deep cleaning and how is it different than a normal cleaning?

A. A "deep cleaning" or scaling and root planing, is a procedure that is done in order to remove the root surface of the tooth that is affected by tartar build up, and/or impregnated with bacteria associated with gingivitis/periodontitis. Gingivitis occurs when plaque is not removed sufficiently and, as a result, the gum tissue around the teeth becomes irritated and swollen. This condition can usually be reversed easily by adequate brushing and flossing techniques. Gingivitis can progress to periodontitis if not treated properly. Periodontitis is the condition in which the supporting tissues (bone and connective tissue) around the teeth begin to breakdown, mainly as a result of inadequate oral hygiene (there are certain systemic and genetic conditions that predispose patients to periodontal disease). The attachment between the teeth and the bone becomes compromised, and eventually, teeth loosen and can be lost. "Pockets," or separation between the gum tissue and teeth, can form quickly as a result of periodontitis. A "deep cleaning" or scaling and root planing is the initial attack on recently diagnosed periodontal disease in a patient. The dental hygienist uses specialized instruments to thoroughly clean these pockets of detached gum tissue. The goal of scaling and root planing is for removal of plaque associated bacteria, and to allow the gum tissue to reattach to the teeth. Once destroyed, bone cannot grow back around the teeth. However, the gum tissue can reattach to the teeth causing reduction in pocket depth. Scaling and root planing usually takes multiple visits (depending on the situation) and sometimes the use of local anesthetic is required. Management of periodontal disease is long term, and it is not something that is necessarily "cured" by a single "deep cleaning." Progress has to be tracked and monitored at regular follow up visits. Periodontal health, or the health of the supporting tissues around teeth, is of utmost importance for long term quality of life. If you have any further questions about periodontal disease, and/or the associated procedures required to manage it, please contact your dentist today!

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Social Scene



Dorothy "Dot" Fant, Dorothy "Dean" Fant Camak, and Dorothy "Dottie" Camak are three generations of Anderson gals. We look forward to spotting y'all around town. We love our Electric City!



Beautiful ladies!!! Sweet friends Lara Bouknight and Bron Broome celebrate Bron's wedding day!!! Bron married Tyler Tatum in a gorgeous outdoor ceremony in Pendleton.



Wedding guests Kirstie and Stephen Dickey, both former residents of Anderson, enjoyed the festivities with friends.



Chris Honeycutt and cutie daughter, McKenna were spotted handing out flyers for the upcoming First Flight Hit the Patch Jack 5k on October 26!



Handsome fellas!! We spotted these brothers, Clay and Kenny Crosson, getting ready for a fun fall day

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Morning Breath

It may be more than morning breath... that constant, sometimes almost comforting cause its always there pungent odor emanating from your dog or cats mouth. This is not a good thing. Most bad breath in cats and dogs comes from within the oral cavity and is due to the bacteria that are present in the plaque and tartar build up on their teeth. Wild canines and felines chew harsh things that keep this at bay, but our loving companions that often eat soft food and don't chew sticks and things really struggle with tartar buildup and dental disease, and this leads to many other health problems. Dental chews and sticks are great to help prevent buildup, but once is gets to a certain point, the only thing that will fix it is a dental evaluation and cleaning under general anesthesia by your veterinarian. This procedure lasts anywhere from 30 to 90 minutes on average depending on what needs to be done. Afterwards, a veterinary technician will go over things you can do at home to help prevent buildup and delay or eliminate the need for future procedures!

Dr. Jackson Walker is a native of Anderson and is a graduate of T.L. Hanna High School, Anderson College, and Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine. After practicing for 3 years in Alabama, he and his wife, Lauren moved to Anderson and opened Walker Animal Hospital. They have 2 dogs and enjoy fishing, boating, and antiquing together. Call for an appointment or consultation at 864-622-1117.

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Talk of the Town

ELECTRIC CITY EVENTS

The Third Friday "Bach to Box" concert will be held October 18, at Boulevard Baptist Church, Anderson. Kenneth Varner, organist and music associate, will play a variety of selections on the Reuter organ and will accompany Quarndra Battle-Ryan, soprano. Battle-Ryan was a popular performer in last year's series. She has sung with the Cincinnati Opera and has taught at Erskine College. The event begins at 12 noon at the church on the corner of Boulevard and Greenville Streets, Anderson. A box lunch will be provided following the concert, for eat in or take out. For more information, call the church at 864-225-8693.

United Way of Anderson County and the Women's Leadership Council invite you to the 2013 Annual Fall Luncheon featuring Michael Cogdill, WYFF-TV 4 Tuesday, October 29, 2013 12:00 noon. \$10.00 per person. Boulevard Baptist Church Christian Activity Center. Catering by Friends. Seating is limited. Please RSVP 226-3438 by Friday, October 25th. Jamie Nimmo VP Community Impact. United Way of Anderson County 864-226-3438 ext 501.

The Anderson Artists' Guild will meet on Monday, October 14, at 6:30 PM, at the Anderson Arts Center, located at 110 Federal Street next to the Farmers Market, in Anderson/SC. Guild members and guests will be painting and decorating ornaments for the Foothills Alliance Christmas Tree Sale and Fundraiser. The ornaments will either be hung on a tree (which is sold as a unit) or sold as individual ornaments. Members and guests will work on designs for spheres and 3x3 or 3x4 mini framed pieces. The Artists' Guild will supply blank spheres as well as mini frames. Members and guests are encouraged to bring their own paints and other material for decorating. Guests are welcome to attend. There is no fee.

Registration Now Open For New Cooking Classes at Tri-County

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October 26 -- Halloween Yummy Goblins & Freaky Treats

October 29 -- Introduction to Cooking

November 2 -- Never Order Out Pizza Again

For more information or to register, call (864) 646-1700 or visit www.tctc.edu/learn.

AARP Driver Safety Program - Drive Safety Classes to be held at the Anderson YMCA, 201 East Reed Road. Nov. 2 (Saturday) at 9 am. Cost of class \$12 for AARP members, \$14 for Non AARP members. For registration up coming class, call Instructor at 864-261-9242. Class size Limited. Class participants must attend six (6) hour class to receive a certificate which may be turned into your insurance company for a possible discount on your auto insurance. South Carolina and Georgia, auto insurance discounts start at age 26.

The Anderson County Republican Party's Annual Fundraiser will be held on Monday, October 21 at Creekside Barbeque, 1115 Salem Church Road, Anderson. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and the meal is served at 6:30. SC Congressman Jeff Duncan will speak concerning National issues including the Debt Ceiling, Obamacare, and the Continuing Resolution. Conservative Comedian and blogger Eric Golah will provide entertainment along with Tim Daniels Bluegrass band. The public is invited, and the cost is \$15 per person, \$25 per couple. Attire is casual. Includes delicious Barbeque. Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 15 to reserve your spot and ensure there will be enough food for everyone. Contact Mary Mills at 864-226-6705 or e-mail mamills_2001@yahoo.com. (note underscore between s and 2 - include name and number of people attending) Proceeds will support the AC Republican Party and conservative principles through a scholarship program for Anderson County students. If you cannot attend but would like to support the AC Republican Party, please send your contribution to the Anderson County Republican Party, P. O. Box 4282, Anderson SC 29622. This event is sponsored in part by Rep. Brian White, Rep. Mike Gambrell, WAIM Radio, Dennis Burt, Senate candidate Richard Cash.

Fundraisers, events, meetings, fun stuff...send us your events and we will publish them...
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Andersonians Having Fun



Wayne Alexander is spotted with his beautiful 1940 Ford which his father bought in the 1960's! It's been in their family for over 50 years. What a beauty!



On Saturday, September 14, Girl Scouts from Service Unit 642 in Anderson were at Sadler Creek State Park learning how to tie flies, make a woolly bully fly lure, learned several casting methods, and worked on their technique.

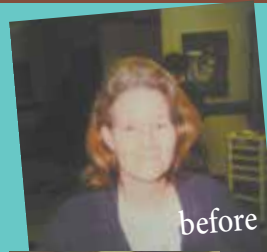


L to R - Cousins, Easton and Jayden, enjoy some craft time after having their faces painted at the Robert's Church Fall for All Festival

8 and Under Cheerleaders for Anderson Rec Center Hurricanes: Keniyah Clinkscales, Destinee Earl, Kemirah Clinkscales, Kennedy Clinkscales, Denylah Earl, DeYonah Earl and Brenia Earl. Go Canes!



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In The News

Anderson CAVS Corner



On October 4, 2013, the varsity Cavaliers hosted the North Georgia Falcons in the National Homeschool Football Association game of the week. The Cavaliers came into the game ranked #2 in country and the Falcons were ranked #12.

On the opening play for the Cavaliers, Danny Waldsmith threw a long touchdown pass to Isaac Moorhouse. Daniel Nguyen added the extra point to give the Cavaliers a 7-0 lead. With 8:31 remaining in the second quarter, Wayne Johnson ran it into the end zone from 9 yards out. The extra point was good to give the Cavaliers a 14-0 lead. With 30 seconds left in the first half, quarterback Davis Cousar completed a touchdown pass to Johnson in the back of the end zone. Nguyen added the extra point to give the Cavaliers a 21-0 lead heading into the intermission.

On the opening play of the second half, Falcon halfback, Tevon Valdez, completed a long pass to Jake Sena for a touchdown. The extra point was good making the score 21-7. With 5:49 remaining in the third quarter, Cousar connected with Johnson for a 13-yard touchdown pass. The extra point was good giving the Cavaliers a 28-7 lead. With 1:43 left in the third quarter, Cousar rushed into the end zone. The extra point was blocked, giving the Cavaliers a 34-7 lead.

With 8:34 remaining in the game, Nguyen chipped in a 24-yard field goal to give the Cavaliers a 37-7 lead. With 39 seconds remaining in the game, Tevon Valdez completed a touchdown pass. The extra point was blocked making the final score 37-13. The Cavaliers improve to 6-0 on the season.

On the same night, the Cavalier middle school team hosted the North Georgia middle school team. With a balanced attack on both offense and defense, the Cavaliers cruised to a 27-8 win. With this win, the middle school improves to 9-0 on the season.

On October 5, the Cavalier JV team hosted the Southside Sabres from Simpsonville. The Sabres brought a very balanced attack, including a strong defensive line. The Sabres were able to put up three touchdowns before the half and held the Cavaliers scoreless. In the second half, the Cavaliers fought back to get within one touchdown, but Southside added a score toward the end of the game to preserve a victory, 40-26. The Cavaliers are now 4-1 on the season.



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Meet The Artist

Lori Solymosi

“Having studied at the country’s oldest fine arts institution, The Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, classicism is in my core,” explained Lori Solymosi, local artist. Mrs. Solymosi’s paintings are contemporary and expressive. “I respond to my subject matter intuitively and love bold colors and texture. To quote Aristotle, I feel that ‘The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance.’”

She uses modern materials such as acrylic and polymer paints as well some ancient ones like encaustic. “I love to mix media for a unique effect. I work quickly and directly and like Plato, will

argue ‘that contemplation of physical beauty allows the mind to better understand spiritual beauty.’ The human figure, nature and spirituality have been ongoing themes in my work,” continued Mrs. Solymosi

Lori Solymosi resides in Pendleton, South Carolina and is a graduate of The Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia. She received the prestigious Emlen Cresson Traveling Scholarship award. The award granted her ten weeks of European travel, as well as a private studio, and a year of post-graduate work at the Academy. At the Academy she majored in painting and printmaking.

After graduation, Lori co-founded the North Penn Arts Alliance, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of the visual arts. While there she developed an outreach arts education program and held positions of education coordinator, instructor, and executive director. During this interval Lori received a certification in Arts Management from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and continued with the Arts Alliance until her husband’s relocation to the Detroit area in 1994. In Michigan Lori continued her career as a studio artist, educator and arts administrator. While there she developed her interest in writing and was involved in the production of the book *Almost Touching*, an anthology of Michigan writers.

When Lori’s husband, Laszlo, retired in 2004 the couple relocated to Pendleton. Their decision to move to Pendleton was made partially because of its proximity to several regional arts organizations. Lori works from her home studio in Pendleton, and teaches art part time at Saint Joseph’s in Anderson where she instructs children from kindergarten age to 8th grade. Lori also has quite a passion for gardening. She and her husband have a daughter who teaches music in Charleston.

Mrs. Solymosi has won several prestigious local awards, and most recently won “Best in Show” at the 2013 annual Anderson Artists Guild membership show. She is an active member of the Clemson Arts Center where she has taught classes. She won a third place award in their juried show this year. She will be selling her work at the Clemson Arts Center’s 2013 holiday market. Her work can be seen in the Bay3 Artisan Gallery located in the Anderson Arts Center Warehouse on Federal Street in Anderson where she is a partner. Bay3 is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. and on Saturday’s from 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.



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On The Homefront

By Bill Ducworth

LOVE YOUR HOME

Dear Bill,
I've just rented a space in a newer retail strip center. The space has wall to wall carpet. I want to use the concrete sub floor as the visible floor, but it has glue all over it. HELP? ~ Jo

This situation arises often where leased spaced is involved. Thankfully new retail space is left for the leasee to use the concrete floor or to put a glue down carpet. You are lucky in that your space is newer and some relic from the days of those blasted asbestos tiles! If that were the case your tile and adhesive would be a problem when removed. In the 30 plus years of design I have yet to hear of an asbestos floor killing someone, but then I'm sure our government knows more about this than I do. To salvage the existing floor you will first need to pull up the carpet and dispose of it in an appropriate place that allows this. The only other way to get that glue off is to SAND IT. You will need to use a good commercial sander and grind that mess away. It's messy and labor intensive.... but modern glue is space age not stone age. It's meant to hold. Once sanded you can seal the floor which will turn a lovely gray color. Neutral, smoother and ready for your products to sell. A great way to avoid all of this is a floating floor that actually holds itself down without adhesive..It works beautifully except in very wet areas. Contact your carpet professional about other flooring options. If your carpet isn't terrible you may want to leave it since it's not your property. Even old asbestos tile looks pretty good when its your landlord's floor!. Love your home.....and your carpet.



"Love Your Home" is a weekly article by noted local designer Bill Ducworth. He answers real life questions about the joys and challenges of interior and architectural renovation/decoration. Everything from color dos and don'ts to what kind of shingle your roof needs. He is a master of blending old and new, good and not so good. With over 25 years of design experience, he has seen and or dealt with just about every kind of design dilemma. Bill is well known throughout the Upstate and Beaufort for his beautiful residential and commercial designs. He is the owner of Ducworth and Company 114. W. Greenville St., Anderson. 231-7047.



The Garden Shop - Goldenrod

As I write this with a stuffy nose, it's not the Goldenrod to blame but Ragweed. We don't see the flowers of Ragweed but the bright yellow flowers of Goldenrod stand out and get the blame. I didn't know that Goldenrod (*Solidago altissima*) is the state wildflower. Another variety, *Solidago gigantea*, is the state flower of Kentucky and Nebraska. As the name suggests, *gigantea* is taller. Other than that, it seems we'd need to be a botanist to know the difference. I try to keep the state wildflower out of my flower beds. It spreads by rhizomes, flops over other plants, often has powdery mildew, and is just a little unruly even for my tastes. Mother Nature plants it in the pasture though so it's a consistent thing to pull.

I learned quite a bit while reading about Goldenrod. Indians used "sun medicine" on cuts, wounds, for stomach cramps, and as a die. *Solidago* in Latin means to make whole. Thomas Edison was studying it to make rubber for tires on the request of Henry Ford. It has a high amount of latex in it. But he died before his studies were complete.

I love Goldenrod mixed in with the other colors of fall. If you want the bright yellow colors in your garden, there are several varieties to grow that behave a little nicer. All they need is a sunny spot that has at least 6 hours of sun. Probably the most popular is Fireworks (*Solidago rugosa*). It grows about three or four feet tall and forms a clump about as wide. I haven't noticed it seeding in other parts of the garden, it doesn't flop, and I have never noticed any powdery mildew. It blooms for a couple of months beginning in September. Little Lemon is a short, compact form that blooms a little earlier, usually beginning in August. It will rebloom if deadheaded and only grows to about a foot or so tall and wide. Golden Baby is a variety that grows somewhere in between at about two feet tall and wide.

Goldenrod is a good plant for bees, butterflies, and many moths. The seeds are food for many types of birds. The state wildflower variety will often have a knot in the stem. This is the Goldenrod Gall Fly. It provides food for beetles. Deer and rabbits eat the leaves and stems (I've not noticed them eating the Fireworks in my garden). And because it often grows in thickets, it's good cover for wildlife. I guess I'll look at this weedy state wildflower a little differently now.



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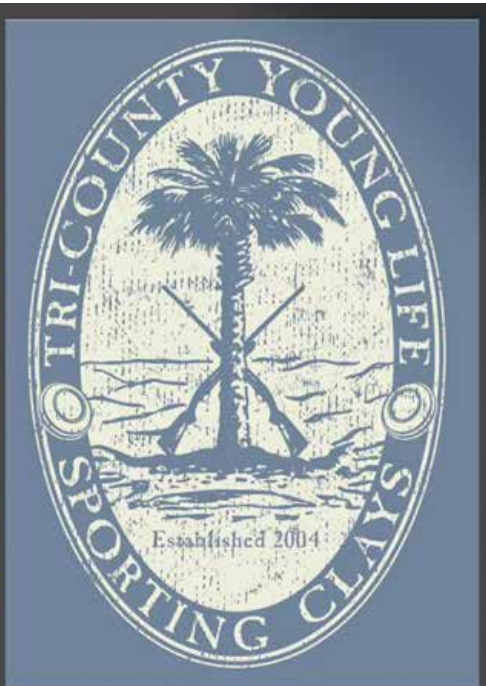
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Walter's Corner: Tales From A Middle Aged Fanatic



By Walter Hudson

Two weeks ago I wrote an emotional column about my best friend's daughter who is battling a critical illness and I would like to give a sincere thank you to family, friends, and folks in the community I'm not acquainted with that read it and responded with kind words. I only write for two reasons - because it makes me feel good to express my thoughts and feelings in words and to try to get others to think, feel, and laugh if I'm able. Despite the comments you can read under "tweets" from around the globe, we were put on this planet to lift up and support one another, not derive joy and feed our egos by ripping each other to shreds. I mention that often don't I? Man I tell you, the internet is the most useful, addictive, yet depressing invention of all time. I wrote this opening paragraph to say sorry to disappoint any new readers I might have gained but I was originally offered this space in the paper to discuss sports and occasionally I must switch gears back to that subject, however mundane it may seem. Insert sideways frowny face.

As I write this, The Atlanta Braves are down 2 games to 1 in a best of 5 series in their NLDS matchup against The Los Angeles Dodgers, better known as The New York Yankees west. L.A. has spent a couple hundred million dollars to stack their lineup with sluggers and Cy Young caliber starting pitchers in an effort to win their first World Series since 1988. I can't say I blame them for following the blueprint of The Yankees, Red Sox, and Cardinals, all of which have made it rain greenbacks and successfully brought home the trophy in recent years. Thankfully the spend happy strategy is not always fool proof. Look no further than The L.A. Angels who signed multiple All - Stars like the aging and declining Albert Pujols yet finished with a losing record. Also, occasionally teams with low to middle of the pack payrolls manage to claw their way to October. Since Ted Turner sold the team, The Braves have a much tighter budget and as a result have missed the playoffs five times since 2006. No, I'm not the least bit jealous or bitter. I also would never consider panhandling outside "The Ted" to hand it over to the GM for a better starting pitcher. Well, not without a raincoat and comfortable shoes.

I stayed up way past my bedtime watching the NFL and Game 3 of the NLDS last night. Fredi Gonzalez, the Braves manager, gave me nightmares of the old days and the same mistakes Bobby Cox used to make during the playoffs. It's a do or die, win or go home short series. You put all of your chips in the middle of the table. If a hitter is in an awful slump or has a pathetic history versus the opposing pitcher, you bench him. More importantly, if your starting pitcher doesn't have his best stuff, you bring in a reliever way faster than usual before the game gets out of hand. It's called a "short leash" and it is crucial to the team's survival. That's why MLB allows playoff teams to expand their rosters in October. Every guy not already in a game can sprint in to stop the bleeding. In Game 3, Atlanta jumped out to a first inning 2-0 lead and led fans like myself to believe for 12 seconds that we were about to take command. L.A. then proceeded to crush practically every pitch that our starter Teheran carefully lobbed down the middle. It just wasn't his night. It happens all the time in baseball. In July, you give him a chance to fight it off and your lineup a chance to even the score. In October, a great manager would yank him out of the game so quickly that it would alter his equilibrium. In typical Braves fashion, solidifying our legacy as a perennial playoff punch line, Fredi G lets him simmer on the mound until he's given up 6 runs in less than 3 innings, making it next to impossible for any comeback versus a 200 million dollar team. If you love and watch the Braves like clockwork the way I do, you are numb to it by now, the jokes become funny rather than painful, and you are the least surprised human on the planet. In sports you can't win if you beat yourself. When April arrives there will be new life but as for now let's shake it off and switch over to football. That's one if its major functions, a band-aid to the scars left by the Braves in October.

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The proceeds from this year's patch will be given to Women and Children Succeeding (a ministry of Anderson Interfaith Ministries that assists women in education, employment, and life skills), Anderson Free Clinic (provides free medical services and medicine to those in need), Cancer Association of Anderson (serves cancer patients and their families), Parkinsons Association of the Carolinas (serves those with Parkinsons disease and their families), Electric City Young Marines (serves young men and women developing discipline and life skills for making positive choices), and the Costa Rica Rural Methodist Missions (builds churches, supports feeding programs for the poor, women's and children's ministries).

The patch is open from 10 am to 8 pm from October 10-31 (12 noon to 8 pm on Sundays). Field trip experiences are available for preschool classes, senior adults, church groups, or other age groups by appointment only by calling 224-2531.

There will be a special celebration on Saturday, October 26, from 3:00 – 6:30 pm with \$10 BBQ (half-chicken) plate. All proceeds from it will benefit the Costa Rica Rural Methodist Missions. To order a plate, come by the church office by Sunday, October 20 to purchase your tickets or call 224-2531 for more info.

Trinity's Pumpkin Patch is located at the church at 1809 North Main Street, Anderson, SC, across from Ingles and the main Post Office.



United Daughters of the Confederacy

The Emmala Reed Miller United Daughters of the Confederacy ladies of Anderson County had the pleasure of meeting the only real daughter of the Confederacy in SC at the 117th UDC SC Division Awards Luncheon in West Columbia, SC. Maggie Rose Williams Grimes Kinney's father served in the War Between the States.



*Teresa Reed, Janice Waters, Mendy Fuller and Teresa Welborn.
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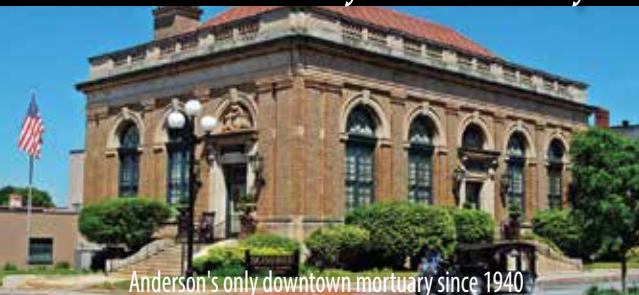
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Anderson School District Five would like to congratulate the following students for being named to All County Orchestra!

Glenview Middle School

Violin

Austin Geer
Rhiannon Pearson
Jayla Lawton
Frank Kay
Audrey Myer
Sarah Grace Reno
Max Kolb

Viola

Kya Dawson

Cello

Destiny Burdette

Bass

Deshaun Williams

McCants Middle School

Violin

Jack Heeney – Concert Master
Haley Hilliard
Herlinda Zevallos
Shelby Jones
Brenasia Jasmin
Katia Ashy
Caroline Crawford

Viola

Grayson Gasque
Hunter Dial
Kelly Rogers

Cello

Sarah Johnson

Southwood Academy

Violin

Jacob Gooden
Violet Harris
Renn Brissey
Zach Alexander
Anthony Rojas
Shammah Rogers
Lilliana Taylor
Jake Van Buren
Asha Johnson
Heaven McMullen
Shatina Smith
Asia Williams
Olivia Speed

Viola

Jack Preston
David Hilburn
Princess Helvy
Luke Gibson
Zion Harris

Cello

Devin Dickerson
Matthew Lemmons
Robyn Collins
Josiah Cook
Hannah Brennan

Bass

Garrett Graettinger

High School

Violin

Hyein Kim (SAA)
Alex Geiger (TLH/SAA)
Lora Lassiter (TLH/SAA)
Allea Nickell (TLH)
Chris Geer (TLH/SAA)
Derone Massey (SAA)
Zachary Skelton (TLH)
Katie Hanley (TLH/SAA)
Chavis Tabor (TLH/SAA)
Katherine Giraldo (TLH)
Kendra Hamilton (TLH)
Anslie Vickery (SAA)

Viola

Ben Delorme (TLH/SAA)
Alexis Mattison (SAA)
Tom Grisham (SAA)
Rachel Brennan (TLH)
Ryan Brock (SAA)
Lina Baroni (TLH)
Dayzhana Hunter (TLH)

Cello

Jacob Turner (TLH)
Kenan Hunter (TLH)
Katie Hammond (TLH)
Ashley Hampton (TLH/SAA)
Chanel Brown (WESTSIDE/SAA)

Bass

Broderick Copeland (TLH)
Conner Martin (TLH)



All County Orchestra is a chance for advanced students to play more difficult music in a larger orchestra, and to have the opportunity to perform with skilled students from other Anderson area schools.

Middle School All County Orchestra will be performing at 2:30,
and High School All County Orchestra will be performing at 3:30
on Saturday, Oct. 26th at Anderson University.