

Do you know?

Krystan Hurt



BIRTH DATE AND PLACE:
 March 1988,
 Charleston.

RESIDENCE:
 Mount Pleasant.

OCCUPATION:
 Sales clerk at Hal-
 loween Express,
 Mount Pleasant.

Mount Pleasant.

FAMILY: Dad, Jesse Utter, and two sisters, Stephanie and Jessica Utter.

MOST FULFILLING ASPECT OF MY JOB: Being able to scare kids.

MOST CHALLENGING PART OF MY JOB: Stocking and supervising the dressing rooms.

HOBBY: Video games.

NICKNAME: Kaligh.

CELEBRITY I WOULD LOVE TO MEET: Ozzy Osbourne.

FIRST JOB: Arby's.

FAVORITE COLORS: Black and purple.

FIRST CAR: I still have it, a '94 Chevy Cavalier.

FAVORITE TELEVISION SHOW: "Charmed."

SOMETHING I DO THAT IS SILLY BUT FUN: Wrestling over the remote.

IF I COULD BECOME A CARTOON, FILM OR TV STAR IT WOULD BE: Phoebe Halliwell from "Charmed."

WORST HABIT: Biting nails.

ONE THING I MUST HAVE IN MY FRIDGE AT ALL TIMES: Milk.

FAVORITE BOOK: Anything by Anne Rice.

DREAM VACATION: Romania.

FAVORITE BAND: Insane Clown Posse.

TECHNOLOGICAL INVENTIONS I COULD NOT LIVE WITHOUT: Internet and phone.

FAVORITE LOCAL PLACE TO EAT: Kobe Steak House.

HISTORICAL PERIOD IN WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO LIVE: French Renaissance.

PERSON I ADMIRE THE MOST AND WHY: My dad because he took me and my two sisters, and he's doing it all by himself. He owns his own business, Utter's Custom Upholstery.

WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, I WANTED TO BE: A doctor.

IF I COULD CHANGE ANYTHING ABOUT MY LIFE TODAY, I WOULD HAVE: Listened to my parents earlier in life.

BEST COMPLIMENT I RECEIVED LATELY: "You're beautiful," from my fiancé, Luke Eblen.

FIRST THING I NOTICE ABOUT PEOPLE: Eyes.

SOMETHING I LIKE ABOUT MOUNT PLEASANT: My family is all here.

SOMETHING MOUNT PLEASANT NEEDS: Less roads.

IF I COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT THE WORLD TODAY, IT WOULD BE: The ozone layer.

PHILOSOPHY ON LIFE: Live each day as it comes. That's basically what I do.

— Jill Coley



LUCIA WALINCHUS/STAFF

Sam Causey, who will be 90 this month, enjoys working on his grapevines every day. Causey, who used to work for SCE&G, created the vineyard using recycled power lines and power poles.

'Grape' grandpa

Retiree nurtures hobby for five decades

BY LUCIA WALINCHUS
The Post and Courier

Sam Causey may be pushing 90, but that doesn't stop him from working in his vineyard for six hours a day — after he gets home from helping out at his son's barber-shop.

Causey has about 90 plants in his vineyard, interwoven into a natural tapestry. Causey, who used to work

at S.C. Electric & Gas Co., created his hanging garden from recycled power poles and power lines strung together into a framework. He even engineered his own low-voltage electric fence from the lines to keep out raccoons and others eager to steal an afternoon snack.

"I pick the grapes, and I give them to my son to give them to his friends and customers," Causey said.

Causey is a little over 5 feet tall,

with rough hands gnarled by years of hard work. His smile is as wide as the brim on his cowboy hat, and he has a giddy exuberance as he shows off his favorite pastime.

The reason he has been growing grapes for 56 years, he said, is simple: "I enjoy working with them. I like to see them grow."

Dan Causey, 63, Sam Causey's son, owns Causey's Barbershop and operates in three locations, two in Mount

Pleasant and one in North Charleston. Before the light of day, Sam Causey rises and goes to open one of the shops by 6 a.m.

"He's very helpful in the barber-shop. ... He opens the shop for me and has people there waiting for me," Dan Causey said.

"If I'm not there by a certain time in the morning, he calls the house

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EDWARD C. FENNEL/STAFF

Benjamin Anderson, manager of the Mount Pleasant branch of SunTrust Bank, tutors children in an after-school program at James Simons Elementary School. With Anderson are (from left) Quinton Frazier, 5, Joshua Wright, 6, and Carlton Coleman, 5.

SunTrust employees help school

BY EDWARD C. FENNEL
The Post and Courier

The term "bankers' hours" is taking on a new meaning, thanks to an after-school reading program at a downtown Charleston school.

More than a dozen tri-county area employees of SunTrust Bank are helping students at James Simons Elementary School improve reading and homework skills. The bankers and about 40 youngsters meet every Monday in the King Street school's cafeteria under the auspices of the Charleston County School District's

Kaleidoscope After School program. In addition to supplying reading coaches, SunTrust has donated \$60,000 to the district for improving school libraries, said Charleston SunTrust President Mark A. Lattanzio.

Bank Vice President Melissa Pinney of Greenville said about 25 percent of the bank's 60 Charleston area employees volunteered for the reading program. They will take turns serving as reading coaches at Simons, she said.

"It's a good thing for the students, and

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Wando boosters to host marching band festival

BY LUCIA WALINCHUS
The Post and Courier

More than 8,000 people are expected to attend Saturday's Lowcountry Invitational Marching Band Festival at Wando High School.

Nineteen ensembles from across the state and one from North Carolina will compete in five size categories.

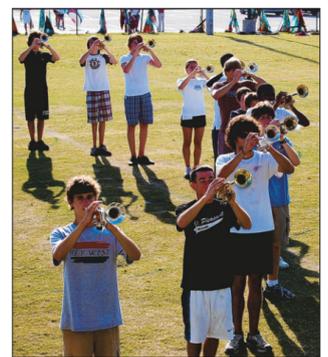
A small army of about 275 parents has volunteered to help with everything from parking to announcing the show. The event is hosted by the Wando Band Boosters, a club of parents and friends who organized the volunteers and helped raise funds for the \$50,000 budget.

"I'm excited to be the host," said Sophomore Hillary Berberian, who plays the clarinet and bass clarinet at Wando. "I think we're a well-rounded type of band. We don't have the thought that we're going to win everything, but we do our best."

Trevor Kirkpatrick, 16, a junior on the drum line, said he thinks the competition will go well.

"I think the judges will be amazed that we've come so far in such a short amount of time," he said. "We still have a few things to put in at the end. We have all the music down, but we need to put in a little more marching stuff. But it's really all coming together."

Bands will be grouped from A to AAAAA, depending on the size of the



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Wando's band practices after school Sept. 28 for the upcoming Lowcountry Invitational Marching Band Festival on Saturday.

school and the number of horns in the band. Wando cannot win a trophy because it is hosting the competition, but it still will be graded on its performance so it can improve for future competitions. Burke High School also will perform for exhibition.

"I think it's great that we can host a contest where we have such great judges, and the bands can come and get such effective

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Calvin Grant,
 Mount Pleasant
 Maintenance
 foreman, Mount
 Pleasant Waterworks

"We need more room for vehicles. We need more roads."



Jay Torner,
 Mount Pleasant
 Engineer

"Don't cut through Brickyard (Plantation). Stop growth. Let infrastructure catch up."

VOICES

Q: What is the biggest transportation issue facing northern Mount Pleasant?

Compiled by
 Jill Coley



Clintt Cobb,
 Mount Pleasant
 Self-employed,
 real estate

"It's important to plan years in advance."



Eleanor Gurney,
 Mount Pleasant
 Retired

"Highway 17 seems to be the most congested as far as I've discovered."