



West Pelzer

South Carolina



EXPAND YOUR WINGS

Walking Tour

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WEST PELZER TOWN CODE

ARTICLE III. BIRD SANCTUARY

Editor's Note. This article derives from general authority given to municipalities by §5-7-30 of the 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws, Question 20 of the West Pelzer Questionnaire and generally accepted municipal practices.

3.301. ESTABLISHED

The entire area within the corporate limits of the Town of West Pelzer is hereby established and declared to be a wild bird sanctuary.

3.302. KILLING, INJURING, MOLESTING BIRDS

The Town Of West Pelzer is hereby declared to be a bird sanctuary, and it shall be unlawful to shoot, attempt to shoot, trap or molest in any manner any bird or to remove the eggs from or otherwise molest or disturb any bird's nest in the town.

3.303. BIRDS CONSTITUTING A NUISANCE. ACTION.

a. If starlings or similar birds are found to be congregating in such numbers in a particular locality that they constitute a menace to health or property, in the opinion of the Anderson County Board of Health, the Council shall meet with said health authorities to resolve the problem.

b. If no satisfactory course of action is found to abate such nuisance at such meeting, said birds may be destroyed in such numbers and manner as is deemed advisable by said health authorities under the supervision of such persons as may be approved by the Council.

3.304. FARM LANDS, SWAMPS EXCLUDED

The provisions of this article shall not apply to farms or swamp lands within the corporate limits.

HUMMINGBIRD



CAROLINA WREN



NEW TO BIRDING?

Hint #1:

You need a **FIELD GUIDE** for your area. A field guide is a book with pictures of the birds and tips for identifying them.

Hint # 2:

You need a **BINOCULAR** to see the birds.

Hint #3:

You need to **KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT** in your area. Many State and National parks near you have checklists of the birds seen in the park.

Hint #4:

You need to be able to **FIND THE BIRDS**. To do this, you should learn about the habitat each species of bird prefers.

Hint #5:

JOIN A GROUP of other birders. Birders are very friendly and helpful.

Hint #6:

Try a birding trip or **TOUR**.

Hint #7:

READ about birds.

Hint #8:

BRING THE BIRDS TO YOU. Planting the right flowers will attract hummingbirds. Sunflower seeds in a new feeder will bring lots of new birds to your house. You might even want to build a Bluebird house.

Hint #9:

RECORD your bird sightings.

Hint #10:

HAVE FUN. ASK LOTS OF QUESTIONS. BE KIND TO BIRDS. ([HTTP://WWW.WILDBIRDS.COM](http://www.wildbirds.com))

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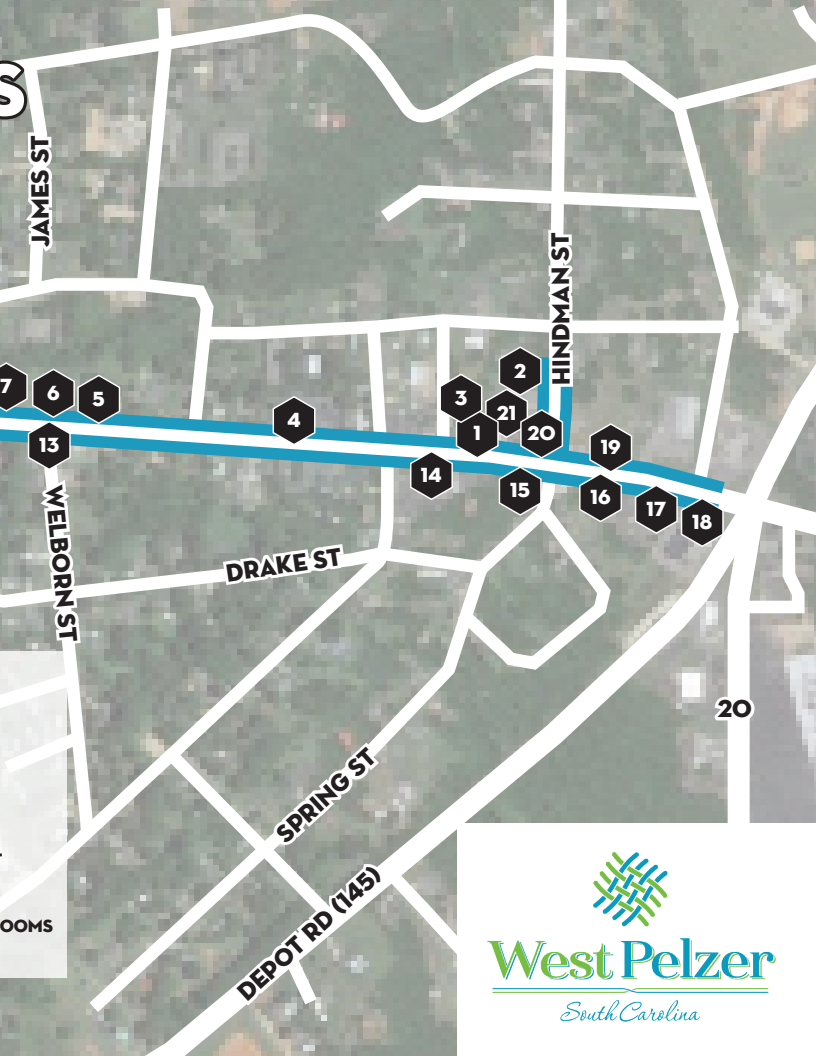
2 Mile Route:

Starting at:

1. WP MUNICIPAL CENTER
2. O'DELL COMMUNITY CENTER
3. CHAPMAN PARK
4. GRAY MORTUARY
5. 1882 HOUSE
6. PELZER LIBRARY
7. MAYOR'S HOUSE
8. VIOLA SCHOOL
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20. SNIPES DRUG STORE
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TOWN OF WEST PELZER MUNICIPAL CENTER

30 Main Street

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30 Main Street, formerly an automotive parts store and abandoned at time of purchase, was purchased in the fall of 2017 to begin the revitalization the Main Street Business District.



O'DELL COMMUNITY CENTER



3 Hindman Street



The O'Dell Community Center, constructed in 1958 originally as the first West Pelzer Town Hall, is named after Senator William “Billy” O’dell, SC Senator from 1988 to 2016. Senator O’Dell was instrumental in the development of park and community facilities in West Pelzer. Senator O’Dell, serving as Chairman of the General Committee, tirelessly pursued state and federal grants that would allow West Pelzer to prosper throughout his term in the Senate.

Hindman Street is named after C.C. Hindman, Frankville’s first mayor (1913-1923).



CHAPMAN PARK

34 Main Street



*THE LAND FOR THIS PARK WAS
DONATED IN MEMORY OF
H. T. AND BEULAH CHAPMAN.*

Formerly the site of Chapman's General Store, Chapman Park was implemented in 2011 by Mayor Paxton. The property was generously donated to the Town of West Pelzer by the Chapman Family in honor of their late parents. Today, Chapman Park hosts the town's many annual events including the Fall Festival and Christmas Parade.

GRAY MORTUARY

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52 Main Street

Gray Mortuary had its beginning as the Welborn Funeral Home in the early 1900's and was owned by Walter L. Welborn. The funeral home was operated from the back of the Welborn Furniture Company located in Pelzer. Samuel Lee Gray, a funeral director and embalmer from Anniston, Alabama, came to Pelzer to work at the funeral home and purchased it from the Welborn Family in 1934, changing the name to Gray Mortuary, Inc.

The business was moved to West Pelzer and operated from 45 Main Street for many years. In 1952, the establishment was moved next door to its current location. This new building is reported to be one of the first funeral homes in this area that was built from the ground up to be a funeral home. In 1985 a formal chapel was added and an addition expansion, which is mainly used for visitation, was constructed in 1999.





5 1889 HOUSE (PRIVATE RESIDENCE)

62 Main Street

This historic home has been in West Pelzer since 1889. Originally built as a one bedroom log cabin, this home is reportedly the oldest home in the Tri-City area (Pelzer, West Pelzer, Williamston) still standing.



**PELZER LIBRARY
(PRIVATE RESIDENCE)**



64 Main Street



The Pelzer Library, was originally a bicycle shop for the Pelzer Mill Company, and renovated as a specialty grocer, barber shop, and a jewelry shop. Rick Sanders purchased the building from the Town of Pelzer in 2010 and moved the structure, closing Main Street for an entire day, to it's current location. The building has had additions over the years (1954 by Wesley Page) but remains original on the interior.



MAYOR'S HOUSE (PRIVATE RESIDENCE)

66 Main Street

Mayor Blake Sanders, is the current Mayor of the Town of West Pelzer. A graduate of Clemson University, Mayor Sanders, with the guidance of his council, has been instrumental in the revitalization of Main Street West Pelzer. Mayor Sanders has served on various local, county, and state committees for economic development and transportation alternatives. Blake is married with two children that currently attend West Pelzer Elementary School.



VIOLA (PRIVATE RESIDENCE)



100 Main Street

The first school in the vicinity as founded in 1887. It was named Viola and served the school needs until the 1912-1913 school year. Pelzer organized a high school in 1916 and West Pelzer continued its high school until 1922 when its pupils were transferred to Pelzer. West Pelzer elementary school was consolidated into the Pelzer-Williamston School District in 1949. In 1952, it became School District One of Anderson County.





WELCOME TO THE TOWN OF WEST PELZER

101 Main Street

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WEST PELZER FIRE DEPARTMENT



101 Main Street

The West Pelzer Fire Department was founded in 1963 as a volunteer fire department. Supplemented by Anderson County, the West Pelzer Fire Department continues to be a 100% volunteer department with one of the highest ISO ratings in South Carolina for a full volunteer department.

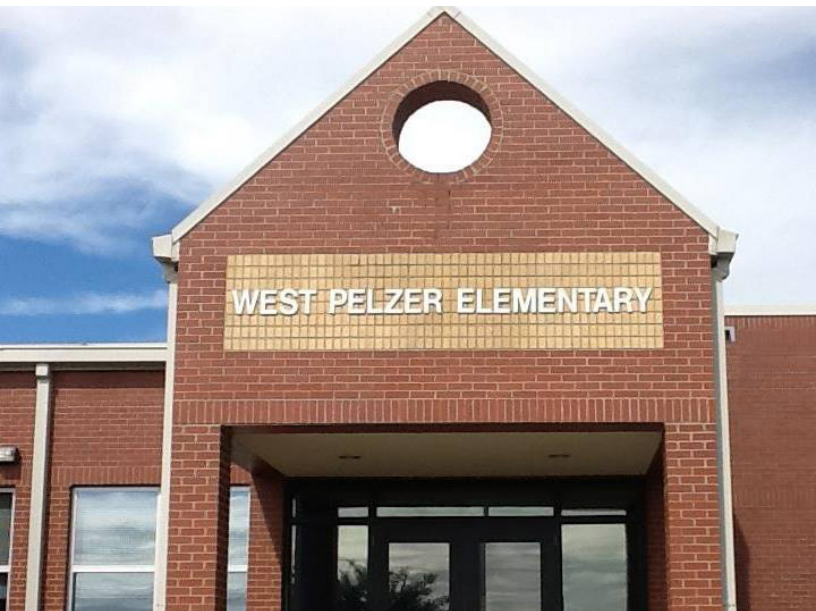




WEST PELZER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

10 Stewart Street

West Pelzer lost its third school building by fire in November 1953. All pupils attended Gossett School in Williamston for the remainder of the term and during a part of the following term. In February 1955, the West Pelzer Elementary School opened across the street from the old location.



**WELBORN HOUSE
(PRIVATE RESIDENCE)**

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61 Main Street

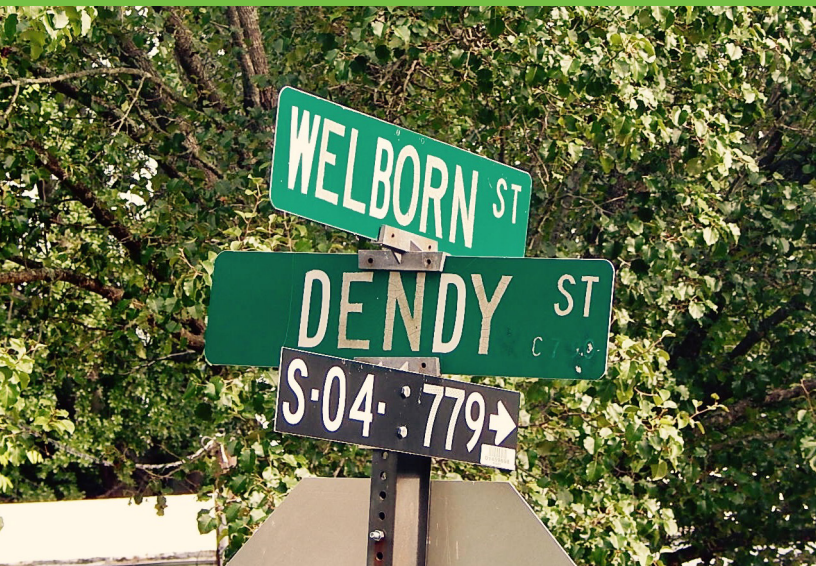
Originally the house of Mr. Welborn, this home served as the mortuary for one year in 1931. Rumor has it that this home is haunted – perhaps confirmed in the book *Ghost of Upstate South Carolina*. Notice the full window on the front porch? This is where the gurneys were pushed through prior to embalming...in the kitchen!!





WELBORN STREET

Welborn Street is named after W.L. Welborn Sr. W.L. Welborn, along with John W. Garrett and A.W. Crenshaw, issued the original commission on November 19, 1913 to form the town of Frankville. This effort empowered them to provide for the registration of all electors within the corporate limits and to certify results.



WEST PELZER BAPTIST CHURCH



29 Main Street



The West Pelzer Baptist Church was organized in March 1954 and is located on the southeast corner of Main Street (formerly Lebbly Street Extension) and Dendy Street. Pelzer First Baptist Church, organized in 1882, recognized a need in 1953 for a Baptist mission in West Pelzer. The church organized this work and placed Harry Padgett to lead the work as superintendent. On March 14, 1954, the church duly granted 51 letters to members of this mission and it was constituted into a Southern Baptist Church. Rev. Glenn Owen, associate pastor of Pelzer Baptist, was called as pastor of the West Pelzer Baptist Church. He served with distinction until his death in June of 1957.



DOLLY COOPER FURNITURE

19 Main Street

Currently Design Depot, a local print shop of signs, banners, and other print material, the building's previous owner has more history than perhaps the town itself.

M.J. "Dolly" Cooper, considered integral to the success of Anderson County and who championed military veterans and health care, formerly owned a furniture store in this location. Cooper was elected to the S.C. House of Representatives in 1974 on a platform of bringing more health care services to Pelzer, Piedmont and Williamston. Cooper served for 16 years in House District 10 and was a member of the Medical Military and Municipal Affairs Committee. He also received the Order of the Palmetto from Gov. Carroll Campbell in 1989. Cooper was known for his World War II military service, where served as a combat infantryman with the 30th Infantry Division. He saw 11 months of combat in Europe and was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, American Defense Silver Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge. Cooper saw military action at Normandy, at the Battle of the Bulge, at the Rhine River, among others, and was involved with the capture of the last large German city, Madgeburg, which was 45 miles from Berlin. For his service at the Battle of the Bulge, he received the Belgian Forragere Award For

his military service and support of veterans, the state General Assembly named the first veterans cemetery in Anderson after him.



M.J. "Dolly" Cooper, right, laughs with World War II Army veteran George Eskew, left, in May 2008 during the opening ceremony of the M.J. Dolly Copper Veterans Cemetery.



SPIRITS

9 Main Street

Opened throughout the 20th century as many retail and restaurant establishments, the most memorable is of the liquor store that was here in its early days. Frankville was founded in 1913 due to the Pelzer Mill Company controlling the number and type of stores in Pelzer. As the story goes, the Pelzer Mill Company did not allow alcohol or gambling, both of which would be allowed in the new town of Frankville. Old timers will tell you that the spirits that were sold here, led the owner to shut down the store and begin faithfully attending Living Water Church next door.



LIVING WATER CHURCH



7 Main Street

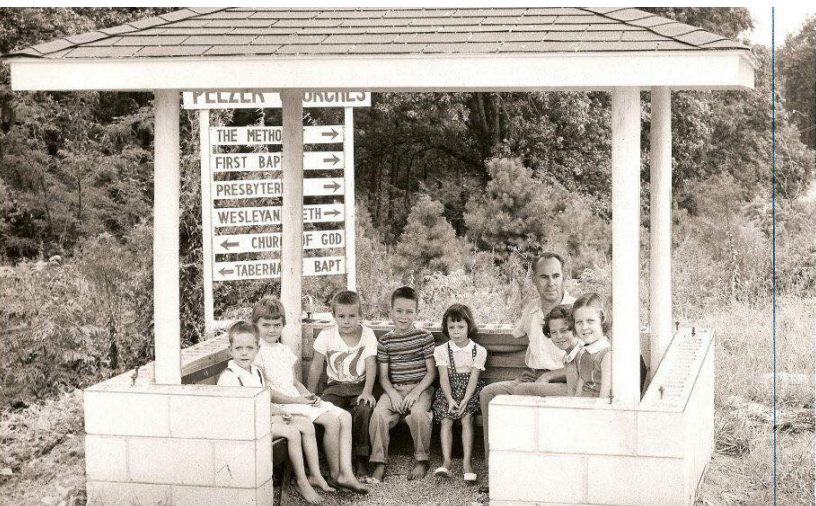


The Church of God of Prophecy was organized in 1924 and met in a building west of the Southern Railway Depot until 1953 when they built on Lebby Street Extension (Main Street), West Pelzer. Now called Living Water, this church has deep roots in showing and sharing their faith with everyone they come in contact with.



GREYHOUND BUS STOP AND P&N DEPOT

2 Main Street



Formerly a Greyhound Bus Stop, this location was one of many hangouts. The P&N Railroad formerly had a full service depot nearby that served hundreds of people. Connecting Anderson to Greenville, if you follow this abandoned railway, you would connect to the Swamp Rabbit Trail at Bramlett Road in Greenville County.

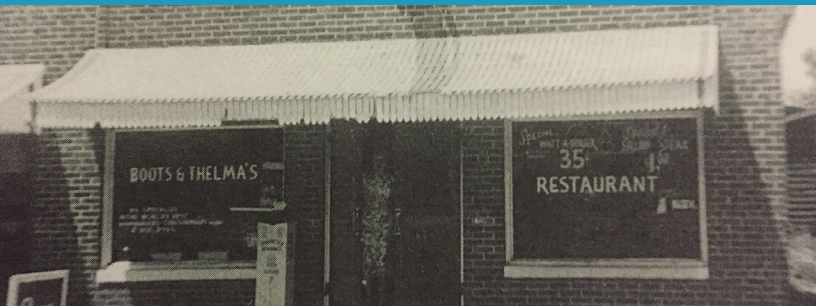
BOOTS & THELMA'S (THE MILL TOWN PLACE



18 Main Street

By owning all the store buildings and real estate in Pelzer, Pelzer Manufacturing Company controlled how many and who could do business in town. This put a limit on the number of merchants that could operate in Pelzer. Therefore, if a person wished to open a store but could not get a location in Pelzer, he would go to West Pelzer to do business and by doing so he catered to both towns.

Opening in the 1950's as Boots and Thelma's Restaurant, The Mill Town Place (Est. 2016) is stake hold in the Main Street Business District. Boots Durham remembers...His father advertising a promotion saying that Lum and Abner would be at his store at 3:00pm Friday. Friday came and a large crowd gathered waiting to see, in person, the national known radio personalities, Lum and Abner. At three o'clock Eddie Durham came out of his store, looked down the street and announced, 'Here comes Lum and Abner.' Walking up the street was Lum Day and Abner Garrett, both local Pelzer boys.





20 SNIPES DRUG STORE

26 Main Street

Ansel Snipes, owner and operator of Dendy and Snipes Drug Store and council member in the 1940's, operated as a full service pharmacy and general store. Ronnie Trotter remembers..."You got your money's worth when you took your prescription to Dendy and Snipes' Drug Store. In addition to getting your prescription filled, you would hear one of Ansel Snipes' stories that did you more than the prescription. One that Ronnie remembers...John lived in Pelzer and owned a pig. The pig loved to bird hunt and John would always take the pig hunting with him. When the pig came upon a covey of quail, he would stop in his tracks and his curly tail would become as straight as an arrow – better than any bird dog you ever saw. Word got around about John's pig. One day a man approached John and asked if he would sell the pig. 'Not for sale,' John said. The man offered John an unreasonable amount of money for the pig. John scratched his head and said, 'Well OK, but where do you live?' The man responded, 'In Piedmont.' John replied, 'In that case, I can't sell you the pig because he also loves to fish and you would never get him across the river.'



WESTY'S ANTIQUES AND VINTAGE HEIRLOOMS



28 Main Street



Westy's Antiques and Vintage Heirlooms is a new store in town and one that hasn't specifically been here throughout the history of Frankville and West Pelzer. Owned and operated by West Pelzer residents, Westy's is sure to provide you with memories of Upstate South Carolina through their vintage collection of antiques, signs, and unique finds.



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