Hometown music store offers numerous services

By Anna Mock

Guitars hang on a brick wall along with album covers and pictures of gigs played. Guitar cases and amps cover the floor. Big windows offer a beautiful view of the town outside.

Located in a comfy spot on the corner of Broad and Rutledge, Davis and Sons in Camden, SC is the local place to go for your guitar needs.

Rusty gives great lessons. I’ve been going to him for three years and I have learned a lot in those years. He makes it fun by focusing on teaching songs but manages to throw in some music theory while doing it. Rusty is passionate about what he does and loves to jam out with his students; he even hosts a yearly student night at La Fiesta to let his students get performance experience in a non-judgmental environment. I have learned a lot in the past three years and have built a great foundation to play other instruments, such as bass and ukulele. Rusty knows his stuff. I couldn’t imagine taking lessons from someone other than Rusty; we are blessed to have such a great guitar teacher right in town.

I have also purchased two guitars from Rusty, an acoustic Jasmine and an electric Ventura. The acoustic was only about 120 bucks and has served me faithfully for the past three years and still remains a favorite of mine. The Ventura I play less but it has served me well in the school jazz band and by no means do I regret buying it. It was about 200 dollars, which is standard for an electric. Rusty’s prices are reasonable. The only complaint I have with these guitars is that there is fret buzz on a few frets, but Rusty has been great in helping me work around this issue. Rusty will gladly help you change strings or make any adjustments to your guitar that are needed.

Davis and Sons is a fantastic place to go by if one needs an amp, guitar case, stand, straps, pick, strings, or anything else that one might need for a guitar. Among the guitars hanging on the wall one will also see the occasional bass guitar or banjo, so if one might be looking for a local place to buy one of these then Davis and Sons will be the place. In addition, Davis and Sons is the place to go if you have any guitar questions or problems. Rusty is ready and willing to help. I cannot emphasize enough how friendly Rusty is.

The only drawback to Davis and Sons is the lack of selection, as they do not really have a lot of guitars. For a broad selection of guitars, basses, and banjos, Guitar Center in Columbia would be your best bet. However, if you’ve never strummed a guitar in your life but you’re willing to start, I would wholeheartedly recommend Davis and Sons for a first guitar and lessons, which are extremely helpful as guitar tends to have a steep learning curve. If you know someone who has always wanted to start playing guitar or bass or banjo, take them on down to Rusty’s this Christmas season and give them the gift of music.