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Wellford students named to Ellsworth Community College 2020 Fall Term Dean's List

Iowa Falls, IA - One hundred thirty-five students were named to the Fall 2020 (August to December) Dean's List at Ellsworth Community College. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must have taken 12 or more credit hours during the semester (a full-time class load) and have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average for the Fall 2020 semester (Note: Developmental courses do not count towards GPA.) Part-time students are not included in this list.

Grace Marino of Wellford was named to the list.

The Spartanburg County Foundation announces 12% investment portfolio gain for 2020

With a global pandemic shutting down much of the world's economy, 2020 was a very challenging year in the financial markets.

The effects of the shutdown resulted in steep losses in the financial markets during the first quarter, with the Dow falling 23% and the S&P 500 dropping 20%, by the end of the quarter.

At that time, the Foundation's Investment Portfolio was down 13.9%.

Working in concert, the Foundation's Investment Consultant, Prime Buchholz & Associates; the Investment Advisory Committee, Trustees and staff monitored the situation closely.

Relying on the Foundation's Investment Policy, our strategy-guided decision making during the subsequent months allowed the investment portfolio to fully recover by the end of the second quarter!

The Spartanburg County Foundation is pleased to report that for calendar year 2020, the investment portfolio gained 12.0%.

Plan a visit to Chapman Cultural Center

Chapman Cultural Center is open and there's plenty of things to discover, experience, and celebrate within their campus!

Whether you'd like to explore Spartanburg's past inside the Spartanburg County History Museum, see local artwork within the Artists' Guild of Spartanburg Gallery, check out thought-provoking contemporary art at Spartanburg Art Museum, or hang out with reptiles at Spartanburg Science Center, there is something for everyone. Visit www.chapmanculturalcenter.org/visit/ to plan your visit today!

Town of Cowpens receives grant

Columbia - Fifteen communities across South Carolina are slated to benefit from public improvement projects supported by more than \$6.4 million in funds from the latest round of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. The S.C. Department of Commerce is awarding CDBG funds to these communities, representing 40,916 residents, for improvement projects.

The Town of Cowpens received \$521,000 for South Main Streetscape improvements. All grants awarded through the CDBG program must meet at least one of three objectives:

- * Benefit low- to moderate-income persons.
- * Aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blighted conditions.
- * Meet other urgent community needs where existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to public health and welfare and where other financial resources are not readily available to meet such needs.

Ladies' Night In with author Brit Bennett

As part of Adult Winter Reading, Spartanburg County Public Library is thrilled to virtually host bestselling author Brit Bennett on February 4th at 7pm. Bennett is the author of *The Mothers*, considered one of the great debuts of 2017, and most recently of *The Vanishing Half*, which was selected by Good Morning America, Vox, BuzzFeed, and the LA Times as a book club pick. Bennett's novels explore race in America and the importance of family and community in the face of hardship.

To celebrate Bennett's virtual visit, we're giving away a hundred copies of *The Vanishing Half* at all locations. Supplies are limited, so check with your local branch to see if they have one available for you to take home and read before February 4th. We also have book club kits available for *The Vanishing Half*, so if your book club wants to discuss Bennett's latest novel, visit our Book Club Kits page to reserve a kit!

To sign up for a spot for Ladies' Night In, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ladies-night-in-with-brit-bennett-tickets-129321852141>



Silver Airways has announced new nonstop service from Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport to Orlando, FL, Tampa, FL and Jacksonville, FL.

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Silver Airways announced plans to offer new nonstop service from Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP) to Orlando, FL (MCO), Tampa, FL (TPA) and Jacksonville, FL (JAX). Silver Airways will offer the only nonstop service to each of the three popular Florida destinations. In addition, Silver will provide same-plane direct service through Jacksonville to Fort Lauderdale, FL (FLL) providing additional options to reach south Florida. These flights will provide seamless

connections to Silver's extensive network throughout Florida, the Bahamas, the Caribbean, and destinations worldwide through Silver's many codeshare and interline ticketing partners.

Service to Orlando and Tampa will operate twice weekly on Thursdays and Sundays and flights to Jacksonville will operate on Mondays and Fridays beginning March 18, 2021. Members of United's MileagePlus® and JetBlue's loyalty programs will earn frequent flyer awards for

travel throughout Silver's network. Flights will operate on 46 and 70-seat ATR aircraft. Tickets are available now and can be purchased at www.silverairways.com.

"Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport continues to pursue opportunities that enhance air service access for the Upstate region," said Dave Edwards, President and CEO of GSP. "We are pleased to welcome Silver Airways to our family of airlines and we look forward to growing together in the years to come."



Representative John Lewis made lasting impression in meetings with Wofford staff, students.

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Courtesy of Wofford College

The first time he saw U.S. Rep. John Lewis in person, James Stukes learned the truth about giants.

Giants come in all sizes. "It was a surreal moment," says Stukes, the coordinator for college access and student success who helped lead a group of first-year Bonner Scholars and other Wofford students on trips to Washington, D.C., during Interim in 2018 and 2019. "We were in his office, and it was my first time being in the Capitol. He walked in and the first thing that struck me was seeing in the flesh how small (5-foot-6) he was, but realizing what a huge legacy he had built."

Lewis, who represented Georgia in Congress from 1987 until his death in July, was a key figure, along with Martin Luther King Jr., in the civil rights movement that sought to end segregation. He was one of the leaders who helped organize the 1963 March on Washington, and led a march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, that resulted in state troopers and police attacking marchers, including Lewis, on the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

Lewis spoke to visitors from Wofford on several occasions. Sarah Hager, a 2011 graduate from Rock Hill, South Carolina, worked in Lewis'

office and helped organize the congressman's meetings with the Wofford groups. Hager is now a senior communications associate with the American Federation of Teachers in the district.

"This may sound off since it is a professional workplace, but his office was like family," Hager says. "Really, hardly anyone left and hardly anyone new was hired. So, because of that, we were all very close. You can only do so much to 'demand' the congressman take such and such meeting, but I explained to him and his scheduler how important it was to meet with a group of students from Wofford as often as possible. He was familiar with Bonner Scholars and was happy to do so. He was inspired by their leadership and interest in the world."

Jessalyn Story, the director of the Center for Community-Based Learning, has led numerous trips to the capitol. Like Stukes, she says it was an emotional scene the first time she met Lewis, which was in 2017, days before President Donald Trump's inauguration.

Story says Lewis told the group about growing up in Alabama as the son of sharecroppers, and how his parents feared for his safety as he was growing up.

"One of the many things that struck me about each of the three visits with him was how

generous he was with his time, even with students from a school three hours away from his district," Story says. "The 50 or so Wofford students who had the opportunity to spend time with him and learn from him over the years and I will carry that memory with us and be inspired by it for the rest of our lives."

There was no trip this month because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. There are hopes that a trip will be held later this year. Story and Stukes, though, don't know who can fill the void left by Lewis' death.

For Hager, no one can. She first met Lewis at the home of Medgar Evers, another pioneer of the civil rights movement who was shot and killed by a white supremacist in 1963, and worked for him for five years.

"My life's biggest lessons will always be from him," she says. "He taught me perseverance in the face of adversity, patience, kindness, forgiveness but accountability. And more than all of that he taught me that despite the world's woes, you can always make time for fun. Activism is a lifetime's calling and you must never give up or give in. We're all in this thing together, trying to create what Dr. King called the Beloved Community. It's not the work of a day or a week, but a lifetime."

A toast to your health

One of the best things about writing a food and recipe column is the opportunity to introduce my family, friends and readers to something new. I also enjoy experimenting with new ingredients and products.

Recently, I discovered a wonderful line of naturally sweetened, zero-calorie beverages called Zevia. It's one of the first drink brands focused on healthy versions of sodas (14 different kinds), energy drinks (grapefruit, mango ginger, raspberry, lime and kola), sparkling water (lime, blackberry, Mandarin orange and cucumber lemon), as well as a line of mixers, organic teas and Zevia Kidz.

So, what is Zevia Kidz? It's got the fizz of soda and the tangy sweet flavor of juice, but somehow it's neither. It keeps all the good stuff and leaves out all the bad with zero sugar and nothing artificial. Zevia formulas also are certified non-GMO, vegan, kosher, color-free, gluten-free, keto and paleo-friendly. I served the Zevia Kidz to children ages 3 to 10, and they loved the taste and the colorful Disney characters on the cans.

While Zevia is a healthy and delicious drink, it's also great as a nutritious, zero-calorie ingredient in drink recipes, snacks, main course dishes and desserts. Use it to create a light, crispy batter for the Zevia Orange Cauliflower Poppers, as the salad dressing base for the Quinoa Salad and to give a wonderful strawberry flavor and sweetness to the batter for the Strawberry Almond Cobbler. It's the perfect way to cut calories to create a "new you" in the new year!

Strawberry Almond Cobbler

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 4 cups hulled strawberries
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 cup Zevia Strawberry soda
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 1-2 teaspoons liquid stevia to taste (if desired)
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup milk of choice

1. Preheat oven to 375 F.
2. Melt butter in a 9 by 13-inch pan in the oven while it's heating.
3. In a saucepan, bring strawberries, cinnamon, 1/4 cup of strawberry soda, and almond extract to a boil. Stir and let reduce for 5 minutes, adding stevia if desired.
4. In a large mixing bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. Slowly whisk in milk and remaining 1/2 cup of strawberry soda, until fully combined to form a batter.
5. Pour the batter into the pan of melted butter without stirring.
6. Add in the strawberry mixture on top of the batter without stirring.
7. Bake for 35-45 minutes until golden brown. Serve warm and enjoy! Makes 8 servings.

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Around the Upstate

Despite pandemic, Greenville County continues to see strong, strategic growth into 2021

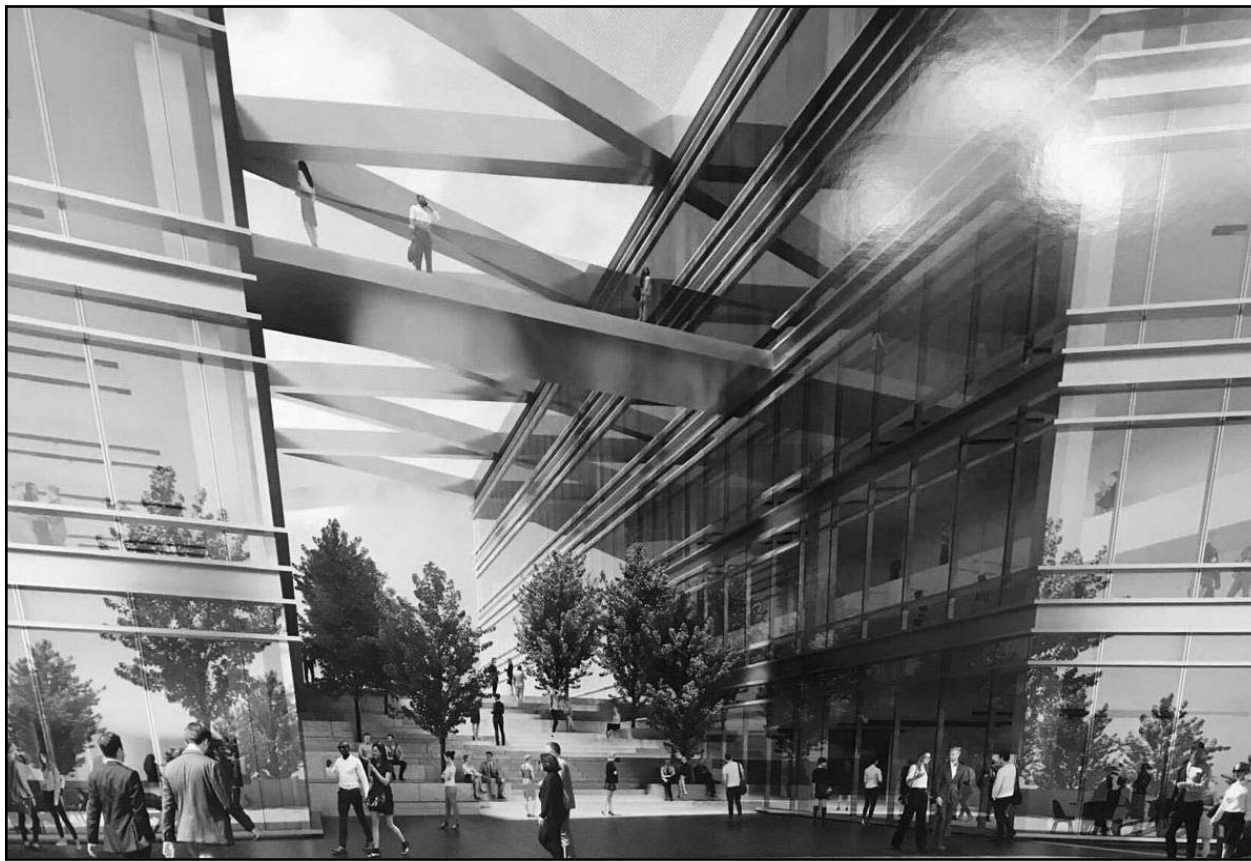
While COVID-19 dramatically impacted everyday life for all of us, development across Greenville County remained amazingly strong... a testament to years of sage planning, strategic recruiting and proactive business retention initiatives.

A major highlight is the start of work on the first piece of the planned \$1 billion redevelopment of the 40-acre County Square site downtown. Greenville County broke ground recently on its new \$66.8 million county administrative office building, a 5-story tower with 250,000 square feet, keying a site to be filled with offices, restaurants, apartments and amenities. Among other highlights:

DC Blox is building a 45,000 square foot data center in Greenville's Global Business Park off I-85, expected to open in Q3 of 2021. The investment is estimated to be more than \$200 million in the coming years.

The new \$105 million Carroll A. Campbell Jr. Federal Courthouse and its 10-story shell is rising to a new presence on the downtown skyline.

The \$350 million



Greenville's new county administrative building will have a north and south tower constructed of steel and glass connected by a common terrace level.

Camperdown mixed-use project is finishing up after 5 years in the making. The 17-story tower with offices and condos overlooks the Peace Center and Falls Park, the AC Marriott hotel is nearing completion, a 10-story Deca apartment tower began renting to its first tenants, and across the river the

187-room Grand Bohemian Hotel has risen and will open this summer. The Big Dig -- a \$50 million sewer project headed by Renewable Water Resources sewer utility is proceeding, and should serve the county's sewage needs for the next century. It all portends a strong and vibrant future for

Greenville County and its citizens long into the future. *** Also: * One year after expanding its Garlington Road facility, Greenville's Accurate Brazing is doubling its capacity again to serve the aerospace and medical industries, adding

a second hot isostatic press, investing \$5 million and adding more jobs. * Willis Meadows has been voted to serve as Chairman of Greenville County Council. A longtime resident of District 19 and an owner of Willis Meadows Insurance, he succeeds longtime Chairman Butch Kirven in

his new role. * GADC Project Manager Tavia Gaddy was honored by Bausch & Lomb Greenville executives Michael Schrader and Kay Standridge with its inaugural Trusted Partner Award for helping the organization successfully compete for a multimillion-dollar capital investment and expansion by their parent organization, and for helping attain special County support. The 500-person facility has enjoyed numerous expansions since breaking ground here in 1983. * The U.S. Air Force awarded a \$900 million F-16 depot contract to Lockheed Martin Aero-nautics and its operations facility at the SCTAC campus in Greenville. Lockheed Martin Greenville now will both produce and maintain F-16s, and establishes the first ever U.S.-based F-16 industry depot. Lockheed expects to add 50 to 80 new jobs in Greenville as a result. GADC CEO Mark Farris has again been named to Greenville Business Magazine's 50 Most Influential list for 2020... his third consecutive year on the list.

How to help the millions of Americans facing hunger

(StatePoint) Millions of people nationwide face hunger. And the COVID-19 pandemic has thrust even more Americans into this vulnerable position. Before the COVID-19 crisis began, one in nine people, including 10 million children, already lived in a food insecure household. Communities of color are disproportionately affected by both poverty and hunger. For example, one in four Native American and Alaska Natives experience food insecurity. One in five Blacks and one in six Latinos experience food insecurity. As a result of the pandemic, unemployment has soared and the need for food assistance

has increased. More families are accessing food banks than ever before, and many of them for the very first time, which is why it's really important for everyone to come together to help fight hunger," says Casey Marsh, chief development officer for Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization. Fortunately, efforts are being made to meet the sharp rise in food insecurity. As part of its "Many Hearts, One Community." campaign, Wells Fargo fulfilled its commitment to help provide 82 million meals to families in need through the Feeding America network of 200 food banks during the holidays. This was a continuation of a decade-long relationship with the Feeding America network which, since the start of the pandemic, has included efforts such as turning Wells Fargo corporate properties and branch locations into mobile food distribution centers. Additionally, the company made grants over the holiday season to food banks operating in Wells Fargo's global footprint.

"It was life-changing," says Andrea Thomas, a single mother who received food assistance in Mesa, Ariz. "I didn't have to figure out if I was going to pay for groceries or pay for rent to keep my household afloat." So how can you get involved? There are 200 Feeding America member food banks across the country, many of which need volunteers to help pack food boxes, distribute food at drive-through pantries and more. Feeding America food banks have adjusted their practices to ensure social distancing to keep everyone safe. Contact your local food bank to see how you can help families in need. You can also join the fight to end hunger by making a donation. For more information, visit feedingamerica.org. While the issue of hunger is pervasive and persistent, philanthropy, volunteerism and innovative efforts like drive-up food banks can help meet the needs of families across America.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Timothy in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Ruth 1, who called herself Marah, a name meaning "bitter"? Priscilla, Miriam, Naomi, Deborah
3. What did Malachi say the people of Judah were stealing from God? Servants, Unrighteous miracles, Holy Grail, Owed tithes
4. Which was a city of Ephraim and home of the Ark of the Covenant? Ai, Sardis, Gaza, Shiloh
5. What Old Testament word means "anointed"? Bishop, Messiah, Jehovah, Salvation
6. Ahasuerus was also known as ...? Noadiah, Agrippa, Joash, Xerxes

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Naomi; 3) Owed tithes; 4) Shiloh; 5) Messiah; 6) Xerxes

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's book "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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Super Crossword

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Don't let heartburn sideline you during the big game

(StatePoint) It is hard to imagine the Big Game without hot wings, zesty delivery pizza or home-made buffalo chicken dip, despite the anticipated heartburn that might follow. On top of all your favorite rich and spicy foods is the anxiety you may get from the game itself, not to mention the built-up stress associated with the past year.

With stress increasingly being recognized as a contributing factor to heartburn, taking steps to mitigate symptoms can help you better enjoy the game, especially as this year is shaping up to be more unpredictable – and therefore more stressful – than ever.

“This unprecedented year is generating anxiety and stress for all those involved in the planning leading up to the Big Game, from event coordinators to the players, advertisers, and fans,” says Kenny White, a sports analyst and legendary oddsmaker known as the “Wizard of Odds.” “But die-hard football fans and casual viewers alike could use some of this uncertainty to actually enjoy the whole Big Game experience even more than in previous years.”



De-Stress with a Little Fun

To stress less, look for ways to have a bit of extra fun around the Big Game. For example, TUMS, the brand that celebrated “TUMSworthy” moments during the game last year, will be launching a new bingo experience on February 1. To participate, download your game board at @TUMSofficial and fol-

low it during the game. Delivery pizza arrives with the wrong toppings? Out of chicken wings? Fumble on the field? Scorching dip? Examples such as these could represent a #TUMSworthy moment on your bingo board. Players who complete B-I-N-G-O by the end of the game are entered into a drawing to win up to \$55,000 in prizes. “While the Big Game will

once again be full of uncertainties, creative propositions such as the #TUMSBingoSweepstakes can make the whole experience more fun for fans and non-fans alike,” says White.

Beat Symptoms

Generally characterized by a burning sensation in the chest, other signs of heartburn include acid indigestion, sour stomach, and

upset stomach associated with these symptoms. But you can take action to reduce this discomfort, whether ordering from your favorite restaurant or testing out that new buffalo chicken dip recipe that you have been eager to try.

Because eating too fast can contribute to heartburn, one of the most effective ways to alleviate symptoms is to take time to savor all

those tasty snacks. Also, consider mixing up your spread with a few items you know are not heartburn triggers.

You might also want to make spectating more active. When you lie flat, your esophagus and stomach are on an even plane, making it easy for stomach acids to flow into your esophagus, which can cause heartburn. Sitting at a 45-degree angle could compress your stomach and make things worse. So, try to get up and move around between plays.

You can also turn to America’s #1 heartburn brand TUMS and have some TUMS Chewy Bites on hand. With a main ingredient of calcium carbonate, delivering fast-acting multi-symptom relief, and neutralizing acid on contact to treat the signs of heartburn, TUMS goes to work in seconds to deliver heartburn relief. To learn more, and for more heartburn relief tips, visit tums.com.

This Big Game, relax and have fun. With a smart game plan, there is no need to be sidelined by heartburn.

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Top tips for getting organized before filing your taxes this year

(StatePoint) 2020 was a particularly stressful year -- but filing its taxes doesn't need to be. With the following tips, you can stay organized and cool-headed throughout the process.

File Early

File early so you check this major to-do off your list and relax. The good news is that the sooner you file, the better. This is true no matter what your circumstances are. If you owe money, you'll have that much more time to plan your payment. If you're due for a refund, filing sooner means you'll

have your money sooner, money which can be used to pay bills, be invested or be added to a rainy day fund. To that end, take some time to glance at your overall financial picture so you can make a smart game plan for directing your refund usefully.

Check Your Work

A multi-functional printing calculator with a 12-digit display can help you check your work and track and manage any necessary calculations, while ensuring your figures aren't truncated. Look for a model that prints in two

colors, such as Casio's HR-170RC, so you can quickly see both positive and negative numbers to avoid reading errors. If you have any international holdings, this is a must-have tax season tool, as its functions include currency exchange. This model also has a built-in tax fea-

ture that lets you store a frequently-used rate and pull it up when needed, as well as a check function that allows you to scroll up to 150 steps of previous calculations.

Stay Secure

Your financials and personal data are especially

vulnerable during tax season. Be sure to keep all the paperwork associated with your taxes organized securely. As forms arrive by mail, file them neatly in one place that's locked and secure. Sensitive information can easily be misused if it falls into the wrong hands. If you're

storing information electronically, be sure to use strong passwords and work only on a secure network.

By giving yourself the right tools and plenty of time, you can better ensure timely, accurate tax preparation.

Moments in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Feb. 14, 278 A.D., Valentine, a holy priest in Rome, is executed. Ruler Claudius the Cruel was having difficulty getting soldiers to join his military because of their strong attachment to their wives, and had banned marriages. Valentine continued to perform marriages in secret and was beheaded for it.
- On Feb. 10, 1846, Brigham Young leaves Nauvoo, Illinois, and begins leading 1,600 Mormons west across the frozen Mississippi to a temporary refuge at Sugar Grove, Iowa. It was their first stop in a westward migration that eventually brought 12,000 of them to the Great Salt Lake in Utah.
- On Feb. 12, 1912, Hsian-T'ung, the last emperor of China, is forced to abdicate. A provisional government was established, ending 267 years of Manchu rule in China and 2,000 years of imperial rule. The emperor was only 6 years old.
- On Feb. 13, 1920, The League of Nations, the international organization formed at the peace conference at Versailles in the wake of World War I, recognizes the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland.
- On Feb. 11, 1937, after a six-week sit-down strike by General Motors autoworkers in Flint, Michigan, GM president Alfred P. Sloan signs the first union contract in the history of the American auto industry.
- On Feb. 9, 1964, America meets the Beatles on "The Ed Sullivan Show," with an estimated 73 million Americans watching as the group made its live U.S. television debut. When they sang "She Loves You," the audience exploded in what was perhaps the most important 2 minutes and 16 seconds of music ever broadcast on American television.
- On Feb. 8, 1983, gunmen steal champion Irish racehorse Shergar in County Kildare, Ireland. The 5-year-old thoroughbred stallion was worth \$13.5 million. A \$2 million ransom demand was never paid, and Shergar was never seen again.

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VETERANS POST
by Freddy Groves

VA Is Rolling Out the COVID Vaccine

As of this writing, the Department of Veterans Affairs has given more COVID vaccine shots than multiple U.S. states added together. The VA started with 37 vaccination sites, quickly expanded to an additional 128 sites, and at this point has grown to 195 sites.

It followed a COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan first conceived in September and firmed up in early December. In other words, they were ready the minute the vaccine was.

But the states are struggling with their logistics. How and why this is, no one seems to be explaining. The VA plan followed three basic steps: Lower the risk of infection and spread, make staff and veterans the highest priority, and ensure distribution is fair, transparent and aimed at maximizing the benefits of the vaccine. The detailed plan included lists of what needs to be done and who's doing it.

What's so hard about that?

You have to do your part, though. Yes, the initial doses are being given to medical staff and patients in VA hospitals. But I've already heard of vaccines being offered to veterans in general who are not hospitalized. To do that the VA will need to contact you. Call your health care team and be sure they have your current contact information. Also, if you have not yet taken the flu shot, ask if there is a required time delay between a flu shot and the COVID vaccine.

What we don't want to hear about the COVID vaccine is this: Even after getting the vaccine (and the second dose), you'll still need to beware. Wear your mask, scrub your hands (for one full minute, please) and stay out of risky situations. This will likely go on until a large percentage of the population has received the vaccine.

For updates, check this website: www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine.

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within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.) or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statement on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Ashok Sujjanani Date of Death: July 16, 2020 Case Number: 2020ES4201941 Personal Representative: Remu Sujjanani 4339 Conrad Drive Spartanburg, SC 29301 1-28, 2-4, 11

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104 Atty. Bran A. Schievera Post Office Box 10186 Savannah, GA 31412 1-28, 2-4, 11

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any security as to the claim. Estate: Deborah Owens Brooks Date of Death: July 13, 2020 Case Number: 2020ES4201368 Personal Representative: Mr. Michael Brooks 640 Plainview Drive Spartanburg, SC 29307 Atty. Max Thomas Hyde, Jr. 360 East Main Street Spartanburg, SC 29302 1-28, 2-4, 11

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LEGAL NOTICE

2020ES4201847

The Will of Louise F. Emory aka Emma Louise Emory aka Emma Shirley Emory aka Shirley Emory, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed November 30, 2020. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 1-28, 2-4, 11



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The safety of our community is top priority
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Due to concerns regarding COVID-19 and in an abundance of
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4 Ways to uplift small business in your community

(StatePoint) With nearly half of all Americans employed by a small business, these establishments need our support more than ever.

According to the latest Wells Fargo/Gallup Small Business Index, 46 percent of business owners surveyed have seen a drop in revenue over the past 12 months, with some entrepreneurs seeing even more severe impact.

“Small businesses are at the heart of our communities and the key to millions of jobs,” says Steve Troutner, head of Small Business, Wells Fargo. “Keeping spending dollars in local communities is an impactful way to rally around small business owners.”

Wells Fargo is sharing four ways to uplift small businesses near you:

1. Shop local. While one-stop shopping on leading e-commerce sites can be tempting, the simple act of purchasing something from your favorite local retailer can go a long way in keeping business afloat and money in your community. Returning or exchanging gifts? Ask for store credit instead of cash. It helps keep money with a small business and makes their



cash flow more stable.

Many shops have safety measures in place, such as limiting occupancy or offering contactless pick-up.

2. Eat local. Support your neighbors by dining at locally-owned establishments. Getting takeout or having food delivered? Order directly from the restaurant rather than through third-party sites that take a cut. When it comes to food shopping,

opt for neighborhood grocers, which often carry produce from small family-owned farms and other locally-sourced goods. Many offer the same curbside pickup and delivery options as major chains.

3. Uplift diverse-owned businesses. Keep in mind that minority- and women-owned businesses have been hard hit by COVID-19. Many are counting on your patronage to survive.

To help entrepreneurs stay open and support local jobs, Wells Fargo is deploying approximately \$400 million from its Open for Business Fund to nonprofits serving small businesses. The initiative focuses on increasing access to training and flexible capital that businesses can use for rent, utilities, payroll and other business needs. If you are a business owner looking for assistance and resources, visit

wellsfargo.com/shoplocal to learn more.

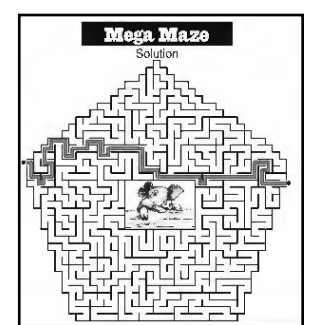
4. Shine a light on your favorite business. Whether it's expanding outdoor patios and installing heat lamps or updating tech to facilitate contactless check-out, small businesses have had to get creative to stay relevant. One simple way of supporting businesses as they make these changes is to follow them on social media and give positive

reviews on websites like Yelp.

As part of its “Many hearts. One community” campaign, Wells Fargo is highlighting the determination, resilience and creativity that so many small businesses have shown this past year.

“Community has meant everything to me,” says Kadijatu Ahene, owner of Dija’s Touch Designs, which benefitted from Wells Fargo and Local Initiatives Support Corporation working together. “The challenges we’re dealing with have brought us closer. Whether its friends and neighbors checking on me and my girls, delivering food and more, COVID has reminded us that we need each other to move forward in unity.”

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Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – HAI

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters
AHA
HAT

4 Letters
CHAT
HAIR
HAZY
THAN
THAT

5 Letters
CHAIN
HARPS
SASHA

6 Letters
EXHALE
MARTHA
NATHAN
ORPHAN
SHAGGY

7 Letters
ASPHALT
ENCHANT
EXHAUST
HAMSTER
SHARPLY

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. Toast topping | ___ U ___ | Pancake mix | ___ A ___ |
| 2. Bit by a bee | ___ ___ G | Publicity feat | ___ ___ T |
| 3. Hamburger shape | ___ A ___ | Silly ___ | ___ U ___ |
| 4. Like some potatoes | ___ ___ H ___ | Like some bandits | ___ ___ K ___ |
| 5. Mix of metals | ___ ___ Y | Consent to | ___ ___ W |
| 6. Sweepstakes | ___ A ___ | Mess up feathers | ___ U ___ |
| 7. Courageous | ___ ___ E | Well done!! | ___ ___ O |
| 8. Weeping tree | ___ I ___ | Roll about in mud | ___ A ___ |
| 9. Ornate dress | ___ R ___ | Group of sheep | ___ L ___ |
| 10. Twin of Pollux | ___ S ___ | Hijacker | ___ P ___ |

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

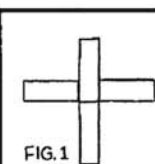


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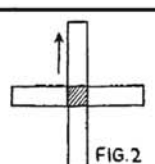
A RHYMING RIDDLE!

Four jolly men sat down to play,
And played all night till the break
of day.
They played for cash and not for fun.
With separate scores for everyone.
Yet when they came to square
accounts,
They all had made quite fair amounts.
Can you this paradox explain?
If no one lost, how could all gain?

CAN YOU FIGURE OUT how all four made money?



A “SQUARE WAGER”!
Bet your friends that you can form a square by moving only one of the sticks in Fig. 1. The answer is to move the middle stick “up,” thus forming a small square in the middle (Fig. 2).



ATTENTION ALL WORD FANS! In this puzzle, all of the words get progressively longer, and they all start with FAN.

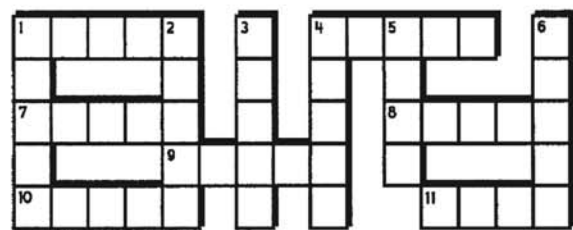
- Some hints:
- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Keeps you cool. | 2. Type of tooth. |
| 3. To like. | 4. Type of airplane. |
| 5. Loud trumpet flourish. | 6. Animated Spanish dance. |



Answers: 1. Fan; 2. Fang; 3. Fancy; 4. Fanjet; 5. Fantare; 6. Fandango.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



HERE'S A “TAME” PUZZLE!

To the left is a crossword puzzle grid. Below are the names of 13 tame and not-so-tame animals that you'll need to complete the puzzle grid. Use the trial-and-error method.

- | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 4-Letter Words | 5-Letter Words | 5-Letter Words |
| Fawn | Bison | Lions |
| Puma | Camel | Lions |
| | Chimp | Mamba |
| | Crabs | Mules |
| | Hippo | Seals |
| | Horse | |

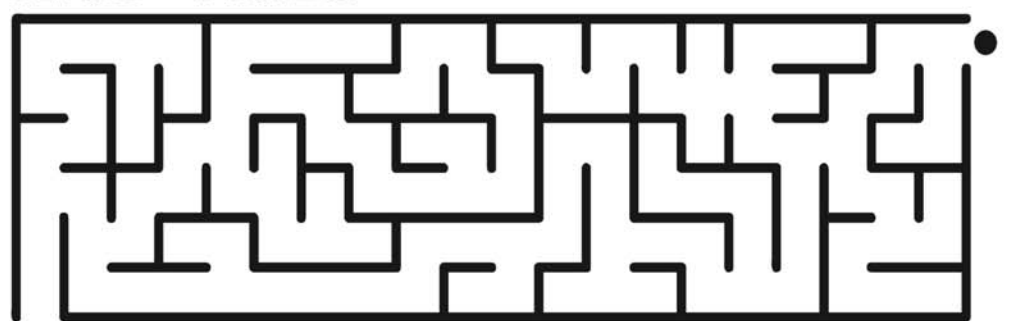
Answers: (Across) 1. Crabs; 2. Seal; 3. Chimp; 4. Horse; 5. Puma; 6. Bison; 7. Mamba; 8. Mules; 9. Lions; 10. Lion; 11. Fawn.



- Answers:
- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Butter, Batter | 6. Raffle, Ruffie |
| 2. Stung, Stunt | 7. Brave, Bravo |
| 3. Pally, Pully | 8. Willow, Willow |
| 4. Mashed, Masked | 9. Frock, Flock |
| 5. Alloy, Allow | 10. Castor, Captor |



Kids' Maze



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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



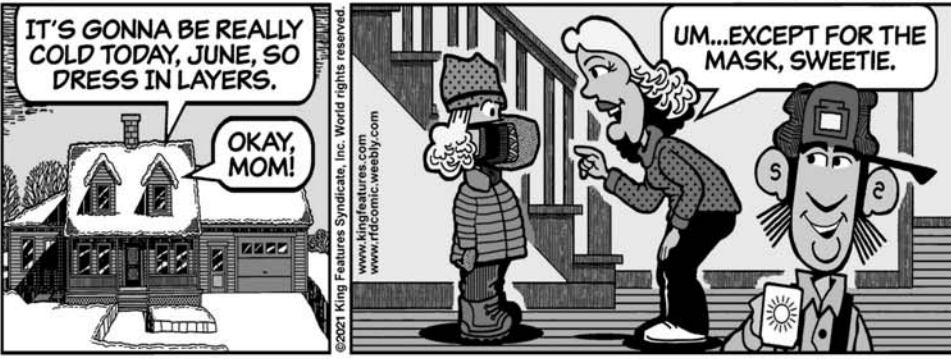
Out on a Limb

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R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

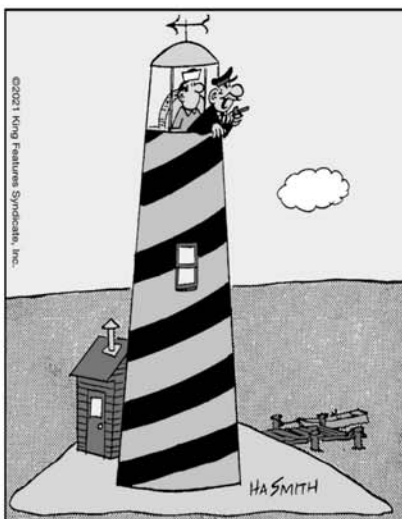


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF - A - DAY



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Heave: CRUHL
- Shake: MORTER
- Hitch: RECUSE
- Meld: MELIGN

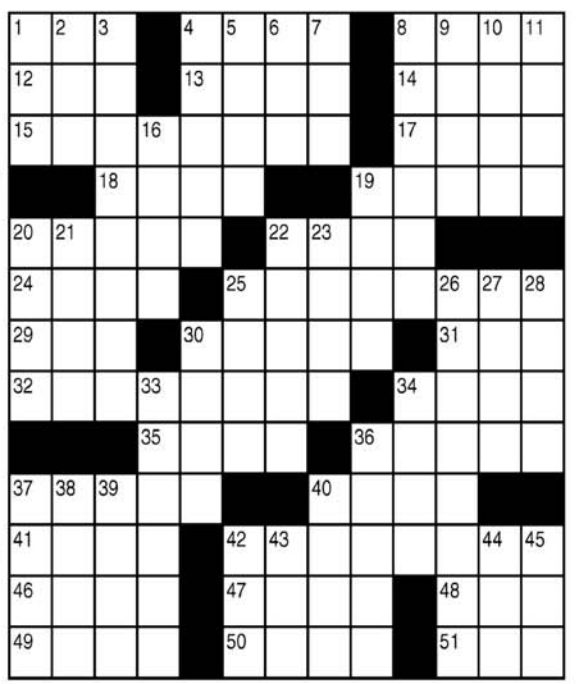
TODAY'S WORD



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Atlas page
- 4 Act of faith?
- 8 TV's "Warrior Princess"
- 12 Oklahoma city
- 13 Operatic solo
- 14 Sick as —
- 15 Newscast opener
- 17 Cathedral area
- 18 Vittles
- 19 Half of a '60s group
- 20 Sad song
- 22 Begged
- 24 Early Peruvian
- 25 Taylor Swift's genre, say
- 29 R-V link
- 30 Beetle
- 31 As well
- 32 Bargain for leniency
- 34 Felines
- 35 Fail to see
- 36 Island porch
- 37 Neptune's realm
- 40 Ride the waves
- 41 Actress Cameron
- 42 Cowboy Cassidy
- 46 Challenge
- 47 Matty of



- 7 Salary
- 8 Idyllic place
- 9 Dutch cheese
- 10 Bright star
- 11 Mellows
- 16 Long tale
- 19 Viral Web phenomenon
- 20 Platter
- 21 Division word
- 22 Sweat outlets
- 23 Women's links org.
- 25 Buddies
- 26 Silicon Valley school
- 27 Teeny bit
- 28 Mozart's "— fan tutte"
- 30 Whirl
- 33 Stunned
- 34 Sagan or Sandburg
- 36 Waikiki wing-dings
- 37 Probability
- 38 Pisa farewell
- 39 British noble
- 40 Espy
- 42 Deli meat
- 43 Flamenco cheer
- 44 Born abroad?
- 45 Sailor

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

		6	7					3	
5				8					2
	7				6	9			
		9	7						6
7			2						9
	4				3	8			
		3	5	1		7			
1			4						5
	9				7				6

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: The United States shares a land border with how many countries?
- HISTORY: When did the Great Fire of London take place?
- MEASUREMENTS: What does a sphygmomanometer measure?
- FOOD & DRINK: What kind of food has varieties called castelvetro, manzanilla and nyon?
- TELEVISION: What was the name of the Coneheads' home planet ("Saturday Night Live")?
- MOVIES: How many versions of "A Star Is Born" have been made?
- LITERATURE: The title of William Faulkner's novel "The Sound and the Fury" is taken from which of Shakespeare's plays?
- SCIENCE: What does the acronym DNA stand for?
- MUSIC: What is a diggeridoo?
- CURRENCY: Whose likeness is depicted on the U.S. \$50 bill?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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- Two, Mexico and Canada
- 1666
- Blood pressure
- Olive
- Remlak
- Four
- "Macbeth"
- Deoxyribonucleic Acid
- An Australian wind instrument
- Ulysses Grant



Solution time: 26 mins.

King Crossword

Answers

4	9	5	8	3	7	2	6	1	
1	2	7	4	6	9	3	8	5	
6	8	3	5	1	2	7	4	9	
2	4	1	6	9	3	8	5	7	
7	6	8	2	4	5	1	9	3	
3	5	9	1	7	8	4	2	6	
8	7	2	3	5	6	9	1	4	
5	3	4	9	8	1	6	7	2	
9	1	6	7	2	4	5	3	8	

Weekly SUDOKU

Answers

1. Lurch 2. Temor; 3. Secure; 4. Mingle

Today's Word: SUMMER

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: H equals D

DR TWZ VIIS HXDCDQF ICIQ BLWZFL

TWZX FEM BEQV DM QIEXKT

IPSBT, D'H MET BLEB'M E RZIKDML

PDMBEVI.

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Answers

If you keep driving even though your gas tank is nearly empty, it's just a fuelish mistake.