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AROUND TOWN

Jonathan W. Lounsberry joins firm in family law

Harrison White, P.C. recently announced the addition of attorney Jonathan W. Lounsberry as an associate in its Spartanburg office. Lounsberry will join managing partner John B. White, Jr., partner Allison Dunham, and associate Tatyana Ustimchuk as the newest member of the firm's family law team.

As a Fellow in the International Academy of Family Lawyers and a Fellow in American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Lounsberry's professional experience includes extensive work in complex family court litigation, international family law issues, and 1980 Hague Convention litigation, which is designed to protect children and promote prompt return of abducted children to their habitual residence.

Three Spartanburg County students graduate from South Carolina Governor's School for Science + Mathematics

Hartsville - Samuel Evins, Georgina Fitzmaurice, and Devin Laye graduated from the South Carolina Governor's School for Science + Mathematics (GSSM) on Saturday, May 22, at the GSSM Campus.

Samuel Evins, child of Alex Evins and Jennifer Evins, will attend Clemson University.

Georgina Fitzmaurice, child of Dr. Stephen Fitzmaurice and Dr. Kim Purdy, will attend Clemson University.

Devin Laye, child of M. Ryan Laye and Julie Laye, will attend Vanderbilt University.

SMC holds historic graduation ceremony

After a year of uncertainty, change, and anxiety, 238 Spartanburg Methodist College students celebrated their perseverance and success at the school's 2021 commencement ceremony at the Spartanburg High School football stadium.

The commencement was particularly special to SMC as it marked the first time in its history that four-year bachelor's degree students receive their diplomas from the school. The new Bachelor of Arts program was launched in 2019 and graduated 22 students this year. The college will be launching a new Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration in the fall of 2021.

In addition to the inaugural senior class, the 2020 associate degree graduates walked in the ceremony. Last year's commencement was canceled due to the pandemic, so the college was eager to provide those students with the experience they missed. Approximately 50 students returned to participate in the ceremony.

Immediate Past Chairman of the SMC Board of Trustees, James Fletcher Thompson, delivered the keynote address, encouraging the students to accept and adapt to change and praising their perseverance through a challenging year.

SpiritFest 2021

Greenville - SpiritFest, a concert with a purpose, focused on inspiring the community through song, while awarding scholarships to deserving students, returns this year with a remarkable lineup! The legacy event takes place Sunday, September 5, at Bon Secours Wellness Arena at 5:00 pm (Preshow at 4:15), featuring award winning and anointed gospel artists. Back by popular demand are the electrifying Tye Tribbett and highly anointed Tamela Mann! Appearing at SpiritFest for the first time ever are the legendary Clark Sisters. Two legendary quartet groups return to the Spirit Fest stage in The Williams Brothers and the Cantons Spirituals along with the The Gospel Legends. Alphaeus Anderson reunites Teen Pure -N- Heart after ten years. More information on Praise and Worship to come.

The 29th annual SpiritFest will follow state and local safety protocol for the event. Tickets are on sale now at the GSP International Airport Box Office at the Bon Secours Wellness Arena and Ticketmaster.com. A limited amount of early bird tickets will be available through June 17 - only \$37 (GA General Admission Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$50 the day of the event. Floors seats are \$50 and VIP - first five rows are \$55. Groups of 10 or more tickets are available. Note that additional service charges may be added to all ticket purchases.

Roebuck students named to Dean's List at Anderson University

Anderson - Despite the incredible challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the following students were named to the Dean's List at Anderson University for the spring semester, 2021. In order to be named to the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester.

Makaria Sanders and Nicole Tabares, both of Roebuck, were named to the list.

Blue Duck Scooters officially launch in downtown Spartanburg

From the City of Spartanburg and OneSpartanburg

Blue Duck, an e-scooter company based out of San Antonio, TX., launched its first fleet of scooters in South Carolina, kicking off a six-month pilot program in Downtown Spartanburg on Thursday, May 27.

Blue Duck's fleet of 100 scooters are available for rent, seven days a week from 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. To rent a scooter, riders need to download the Blue Duck app to find and unlock scooters near them. An online safety tutorial must also be completed before riding.

The Blue Duck app download, complete with map of eligible ride locations in Spartanburg, can be found online.

"We've worked closely with Blue Duck, and we're excited launch day is finally here. This is a valuable opportunity for Spartanburg that will directly benefit the businesses and thriving cultural district at the heart of Downtown Spartanburg," stated OneSpartanburg, Inc. Chief Economic Development Officer Katherine O'Neill.

"It's more important than ever to think creatively



Blue Duck, an e-scooter company based out of San Antonio, TX, recently began operations in downtown Spartanburg.

about how folks get around within our city's urban core. We're excited at the prospect of building on the successes we've seen over the last decade with Spartanburg's BCycle program on that front and we can't wait to see our residents and visitors taking advantage of the new way to experience Downtown Spartanburg that Blue Duck will provide," stated City of Spartanburg City Manager Chris Story.

Blue Duck Senior Director of Partnerships Megan McNamara added, "The Blue Duck team has been long engaged with key stakeholders from Spartanburg to collaboratively design a thoughtful approach for the communi-

ty's shared micromobility program and future. We are very excited to officially launch the first e-scooter program in the state of South Carolina and to provide a last-mile solution to residents, students and visitors. This will be a great addition and amenity for all those who live, work and play in Spartanburg."

The scooters can only be ridden in bike lanes or streets where the speed limit is 25 mph or lower. Users must be 18 or older with a valid driver's license.

Spartanburg is the 11th location nationwide with a fleet of Blue Duck scooters, and the first in South Carolina.

Sweet research: Pittman receives \$400,000 NIH grant

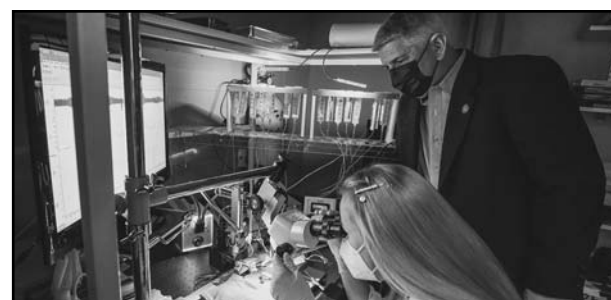
Courtesy of Wofford College

Dr. David Pittman, a professor of psychology and coordinator of the program in neuroscience, has been awarded a five-year, \$400,755 grant from the National Institutes of Health to conduct taste research in collaboration with the University of Southern California. Dr. Lindsey Schier and her team at USC discovered a new, second mechanism that can detect glucose in the mouth.

Schier's team will conduct behavioral tests in genetically altered mice to establish the functionality of the glucosensor, while Pittman's group will record from taste neurons in the brains of those mice. The grant Pittman received will allow his team to do the groundwork that characterizes the neurophysiology of the glucosensor.

"One of the things I find fascinating is that we don't know a lot about taste," Pittman says. "We know a great deal about vision and hearing, but we don't know all the ways our mouths can taste things. There are a lot of really big questions that can be answered."

The study involves performing a delicate surgery on the brains of lab mice. Pittman and his research assistant, Lina Settlemayer '21, have spent countless hours trying to perfect the



Dr. David Pittman '94 and Lina Settlemayer '21 are leading a really sweet research project.

procedure.

"It's a pretty technical neurosurgery on part of the brain," Pittman says. "The surgery takes an hour or two, and then you can spend another two to four hours searching for the taste neurons. Once you find them you can run the test protocols and record the data."

The study could, eventually, lead to practical strategies for containing sugar consumption in humans.

Settlemayer, a psychology major from Germany, plans to go to medical school after graduation. She says participating in this project has her considering becoming a surgeon.

"The first time I did the whole procedure by myself, I felt the adrenaline as soon as I made the first cut," Settlemayer says. "My hands were steady, my mind was focused and the mouse survived, and I was so proud."

Whatever she ultimately decides, she says she's grateful for the opportunity and experience that

Wofford has provided.

"In my home country I would probably not have the chance to participate in this kind of research because universities are so much bigger and only a few students get the chance to be a research assistant," Settlemayer says.

Alex Schrader '24, a Richardson Scholar from Fredonia, N.Y., also is part of the team. He came aboard this spring.

Pittman has been involved with two previous taste research projects while at Wofford. The first sought to determine whether rats can detect dietary fats, how they detect them and how they respond. The second sought to determine how anti-anxiety drugs can act on the taste system and cause people to overeat.

"Wofford is very supportive of research because of the value it gives to students," Pittman says. "The grant allows students to get paid like a job to learn research skills that will be so valuable after graduation."

Patriotic potatoes

Do you love potatoes but think they're fattening? Potatoes are good for you and have one of the highest nutritional values in the produce department. At just 25 cents per serving, a medium potato (5.3 ounces), eaten with its skin on, has just 110 calories. Potatoes provide nearly half your daily value of vitamin C and are one of the best sources of potassium, which helps to maintain normal blood pressure. Potatoes also are naturally fat- and sodium-free and contain many of the nutrients that are recommended as part of a healthy diet.

To create a festive dish in honor of Flag Day, try using red, white and blue potatoes! Here's some more information about these colorful tubers.

Red potatoes

Rosy-red skin and white flesh. Firm, smooth, moist texture; well-suited for salads, roasting, boiling and steaming. Round reds are often referred to as "new potatoes," but the term "new" technically refers to any variety of potato that is harvested before reaching maturity.

Tip: Roast Reds for Salads -- Instead of boiling red potatoes for salads, try roasting them, whole or cut up, to intensify their flavor and bring out their sweetness. Then add vinaigrette or a mayo-based dressing.

White potatoes

Round and long, whites are medium in starch level with a creamy texture. They hold their shape well after cooking. The ultra-versatile round white can be used in most potato preparations.

Tip: Potato Salads -- To create signature potato salads, just toss cooked white potatoes with dressings and ingredients "borrowed" from other salads, e.g., Caesar dressing and grated Parmesan, or Ranch dressing, chopped egg and bacon crumbles.

Blue/Purple potatoes

Blue/purple potatoes originated in South America and have now become popular in the U.S. They have a subtle, nutty flavor and flesh ranging from dark blue or lavender to white. Microwaving best preserves color, but steaming and baking also are recommended.

Tip: Red, White and Blues -- Combine blue potatoes with whites and reds in salads or roasted medleys to make all three colors "pop."

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Around the Upstate

Converse College celebrates the life and contributions of Life Trustee Kurt Zimmerli

The Converse community celebrates the life and legacy of longtime supporter, philanthropist, and Converse Life Trustee Kurt Zimmerli, who passed on May 30th. Mr. Zimmerli is survived by his wife, Nelly, daughter Kathy Zimmerli Wofford '09, and son Mark (Lea Anne).

Mr. Zimmerli's special understanding and appreciation for the arts and culture at Converse created an enormous impact on Converse and the Spartanburg community. His commitment to Converse began with his love of music, and Mr. Zimmerli was a faithful attendee of the Carlos Moseley Chamber Music Series. His presence at Converse became an interest in serving on Converse's Board of Trustees, with his first term beginning in 1983. In 2004, he was designated as a Life Trustee. In 2002, Mr. Zimmerli was presented with Converse's highest honor, the Dexter Edgar Converse Award. He served for several years as chair of the Finance Committee and of the Buildings and Grounds Committee at Converse, enthusiastically providing dedicated service to the fulfillment of the College's mission, to its financial health, and to its physical plant and appearance.

"Kurt was an extraordinary man. He was a gifted problem solver and, together with his wife Nelly and through their philanthropy, the Zimmerlis generously provided leadership and financial support for the arts at Converse and in the Spartanburg community, with their numerous gifts supporting facility improvements, performances, and events," said Krista Newkirk, Converse president. "Kurt led the first renovation of Twichell auditorium in 1989 and, when he noted the need for accessibility, the Zimmerlis made a generous lead donation to renovate the building again. The Zimmerlis understood that many others in the community were missing events because Twichell was not easily accessible. Kurt and Nelly were deeply involved in making certain that this renovation truly made the auditorium inclusive for individuals of varying mobility needs, while ensuring that nothing was done that would degrade the beautiful acoustics of that space. Deep in his heart, I believe Kurt was a musician. He was kind, generous, and whip-smart to the end."

The Zimmerlis enabled progress in the Petrie School of Music by providing endowed scholar-



Converse Life Trustee Kurt Zimmerli (left) passed away on May 30th.

ships for Converse students, endowed funding for instrument repairs, and gifts for Steinway pianos that led to Converse in 2005 becoming the first women's college to achieve All-Steinway School designation.

Doug Weeks, Babcock Professor of Piano and longtime friend of Mr. Zimmerli, would regularly stop by the Zimmerli's home to play the piano for them. He recalls how the Zimmerlis decided to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a \$100,000 donation toward a Steinway. They sought Weeks' help to choose one, with Weeks spending a few hours playing a selection of pianos until Mr. Zimmerli found the appropriate one. "Kurt's generosity was beyond words," remarked Doug Weeks. "What he did for

Converse, the community of Spartanburg, and for the Brevard Music Center will go on for generations."

Under Mr. Zimmerli's guidance, Converse designed and implemented a comprehensive campus master plan that focused on creating an attractive and welcoming environment. As the Buildings and Grounds Committee chair, he collaborated with Converse faculty, administrators, and students; worked with architects; negotiated with building contractors; and oversaw the design and construction of Phifer Science Hall, Milliken Fine Arts Building, and the Weisiger Center at the Sally Abney Rose Physical Activity Complex. Zimmerli Common, part of Converse's award-winning apartment housing facility for Converse seniors

known as "The Heath," was named after Kurt and Nelly Zimmerli and is a gathering place for both large groups and smaller circles of friends, offering a fireplace, vaulted ceilings, a full kitchen and the technical capabilities necessary for performance and meeting needs.

In 2019 the Zimmerlis championed the campaign to renovate Twichell Auditorium, making a lead gift towards the renovation of the world-class performance hall on the Converse campus that was near to their hearts. In honor of their support, Converse bestowed the name Zimmerli Performance Center on the facility that houses Twichell Auditorium, which has long been hailed as one of the South's leading performance venues.

At the Zimmerli Performance Center dedication ceremony, Converse Life Trustee and former Spartanburg mayor Bill Barnet reflected on the contribution that Mr. Zimmerli made to the lives of those in the Spartanburg community. "Kurt Zimmerli and his wife Nelly entered the United States with very little resources," Barnet said. "They moved from the Northeast to Spartanburg, South Carolina, and they built a family and a

remarkable business. They created a very special understanding and appreciation for the arts and for culture, and they created an enormous impact on what you and I share today – not only in this place but in many other aspects of our community. Just think for a moment across the space that is Spartanburg – of the entrance to the library and the sculpture that is there. Of the wonderful fountain that was created at their behest to honor their friend Hans Balmer at the Spartanburg Community College campus downtown, or the amphitheater in the middle of our community that bears their name. They have done so much for our lives and it's appropriate, I think, that we spend a moment in appreciation for what they have done... It is important to recognize that there is not one building that I know of on the Converse campus that his patience, skill, love for the campus, quality of engineering, and his ability to incorporate great taste into a building are not present. He is a project engineer but he is more than that, and he has given his life to making this campus – as he has to Spartanburg – something very special."

Chapman Cultural Center promotes Dawkins to facilities director

Chapman Cultural Center recently announced that Tarah S. Dawkins has been promoted to the Director of Facility Operations for Chapman Cultural Center.

Dawkins joined the organization in 2016 and has assisted the President & CEO in managing payables, vendor relationships, crisis management, operational needs, and supervising the cultural center facilities and security. Prior to joining Chapman Cultural Center, Dawkins worked in the field of property management in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Facilities Director is responsible for the efficient operation, maintenance, and management of the facilities owned and operated by Chapman Cultural Center Inc, including Chapman Cultural Center and Mayfair Art Studios. The grounds of the Chapman Cultural Center consist of approximately five acres of parking lots, facilities, and land. Mayfair Art Studios is a 20,000 square foot facility operated by Chapman Cultural Center adjacent to the Arcadia Station Lofts in Spartanburg.

As the Facilities Director, Dawkins is responsible for

supervising the Facilities Maintenance Technician, security personnel, Mayfair Art Studios Operations Manager, the Office and Event Services Manager, and Theatre Services Manager, plus contracted custodial personnel.

Chapman Cultural Center is committed to their external and internal customers so they may conduct their programs and services without concern for their physical environment. The goal is to serve as a resource for the community by providing a clean, safe, and accessible facility for all.

Super Crossword

CITY HITS

ACROSS

- 1 Shoe statistic
- 6 ExxonMobil, BP, Chevron and such
- 12 "Lemme think about that ..."
- 15 "This looks bad"
- 19 New Olds in 1999
- 20 Get excited
- 21 Lead-in to classical
- 22 Cuban money
- 23 1964 Elvis Presley hit
- 25 Native of France's capital
- 27 Retired NBA star Ming
- 28 Ellipsis part
- 29 Article in many rap song titles
- 30 Printer insert
- 31 1974 Paper Lace hit
- 35 Copy and Paste setting
- 37 Demand (of)
- 38 '80s prez
- 39 Horn blast
- 40 Stocking-holding band
- 44 "It's my turn now"
- 45 Throw softly
- 48 Rear target in bowling
- 51 1985 Jan Hammer hit
- 55 Equine animal
- 56 — Moines
- 58 World Series org.
- 59 Cry of epiphany
- 60 Pie's place
- 61 Zest and Coast
- 63 Dangling bit of jewelry
- 65 Tip over
- 66 1959 Freddy Cannon hit
- 69 Battle reminders
- 71 Missionary "Mother"
- 72 "Sands of Iwo Jima" director
- 73 Raines of old films
- 74 Riverbed sand
- 75 Suffix with duct or project
- 77 Big klutz
- 78 Pig's place
- 81 1969 Glen Campbell hit
- 85 Rich Italian ice cream
- 87 Rescue request
- 88 Note after fa
- 89 Time pieces?
- 91 Noted times
- 92 Move to and —
- 93 Droop down
- 95 Carrier to Milan
- 98 1975 Elton John hit
- 105 Atlas feature showing altitude
- 106 Former big record gp.
- 107 Ultrasecret govt. org.
- 108 Big klutz
- 111 Quick web ordering option
- 112 1986 John Cougar Mellencamp hit that summarizes this puzzle?
- 115 Friendly bat of the eye
- 116 Mr. — (Clue-like board game)
- 117 Cry of epiphany
- 118 Some upscale hotels
- 119 Some jeans
- 120 G.P.'s field
- 121 Looks hard
- 122 Occupy, as a desk

DOWN

- 1 Like tides
- 2 Figure skater
- 3 Private prayers
- 4 "—la-la"
- 5 Poker variety
- 6 Moistening while cooking
- 7 Hip-hop mogul Gotti
- 8 "Pride — before destruction"
- 9 Need (to)
- 10 Son of Abraham
- 11 Guitarr maker Paul
- 12 Empty a suitcase
- 13 Comic Anne
- 14 Home loan offerer
- 15 Good aspect
- 16 Klum on many covers
- 17 Inedible type of orange
- 18 Fine-tuned
- 24 Top-caliber
- 26 Asimov classic
- 30 Lead-in to gender
- 32 URL lead-in locale
- 33 Apra Harbor
- 34 Mata —
- 35 Bluesy James
- 36 Performs
- 41 Cup part
- 42 Writer Gay or editor Nan
- 43 Diplomats' residences
- 44 Winter fight projectile
- 45 Flood barrier
- 46 Ill sign, say
- 47 Be flexible
- 49 Huge heroes
- 50 Sci-fi writer
- 52 Sensed feeling
- 53 Land in the water, in Livorno
- 54 Cabbie's cry
- 57 Of positional relations
- 61 Wife of Abraham
- 62 Turtle topper
- 64 Purviews
- 65 Consumption
- 66 Shower powders
- 67 Intro drawing class, maybe
- 68 Wallop
- 69 Embroiders, e.g.
- 70 Ad biz award
- 74 Didn't waver
- 76 Water, to Henri
- 78 Of utmost importance
- 79 And the like: Abbr.
- 80 Prone to pry
- 82 Haifa's home
- 83 Close to
- 84 Close to
- 86 Jared of "Mr. Nobody"
- 90 "Burnt" hues
- 92 Movies, informally
- 93 Quenched, as thirst
- 94 Instagram, for one
- 96 Breather
- 97 Baking potatoes
- 98 Be on the hunt
- 99 Skating legend Sonja
- 100 Graft of "Ladybugs"
- 101 Pageant VIP
- 102 Folder's call
- 103 Ghana port
- 104 Phony sort
- 109 That's home
- 110 Swift
- 112 Where one lives: Abbr.
- 113 '50s prez
- 114 Former big record gp.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

- Is the book of Balaam in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- How did the paralyzed man's friends present him through the crowds to get to Jesus? *Donkey-pulled cart, Lowered through roof, Pulled up stairs, Trumpets blaring*
- From Genesis 8, what was the first thing Noah did after leaving the ark? *Burned it, Built an altar, Performed a marriage, Hiked to mountains*
- What group did John the Baptist exhort to be content with their pay? *Priests, Zealots, Judges, Soldiers*
- Which king of Israel had a reputation as a wild chariot driver? *Jehoa-haz, Jehoash, Jehu, Jehoram*
- Whose biblical name means "eagle"? *Nehemiah, Timothy, Aquila, Miriam*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Lowered through roof; 3) Built an altar; 4) Soldiers; 5) Jehu; 6) Aquila

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Super Crossword

Answers

WITOTR, AIGOTIL, UMM, UHIOH, ALLEG, AROUSE, NEGRO, FIEGO, VIVALAS, VEIGAS, PAIRISIAN, YAO, DODI, TIA, CARTRIDGE, THE, HENRI, QUINCE, GIGOTI, EDITMIEN, ASK, ABIE, FOOT, BARITER, TIO, LOB, TENPIT, TIAN, SVICIE, THEME, AIS, DIES, WILD, TISIE, OVENI, BOAPS, EARBLOB, UPENDI, TALLCAH, ASSIE, ELIASIE, SCARIE, TRESSE, AILLAN, ELLA, STILITILE, NUO, PEN, WICHTIT, LITINEMAN, GELATIO, FIO, ELO, H, ISIESE, ERAS, FRO, BAG, AIRITITALY, PHILADELPHIA, FREEDOM, HELTETIM, AM, NIS, OAF, QWECITIC, BOCK, INTRESA, WINK, REE, EURIEKIA, DMNIS, LIEIS, MED, SITARIES, SITITAT

How small businesses can overcome common cash flow challenges

(StatePoint) A new study reveals that the majority of small business owners and the self-employed share pressing money management struggles.

The 2021 State of Small Business Payments and Cash Flow report, released by Intuit QuickBooks, found that 75% of small businesses in the U.S. feel stressed about cash flow, and nearly a third aren't using any tools to manage or forecast their cash flows. Not surprisingly, 56% of U.S. small business owners report having made a poor business decision due to concerns about insufficient cash flow.

"Small businesses face unique challenges in the management of their finances. Too often, they track and manage their money in more than one place, which can lead to increased fees, lack of visibility, and wasted time," says Rob Daniel, director, product management, Intuit QuickBooks.

Part of the problem is that small business banking accounts often come with fees and minimum balance requirements, driving many small business owners to use personal checking accounts, even



when a business checking account provides the specific features small businesses need to run their business and pay their employees.

Small businesses can benefit greatly from one streamlined digital financial management solution that integrates all aspects of their business finances - banking, bill pay, payroll, payments and more - end-to-end. Without this, small

business owners can spend hours a week managing their cash flow. In fact, more than 60% of U.S. small businesses spend three hours or more a week managing money for their business.

Daniel says that all-in-one digital banking platforms can be a lifeline for small businesses, helping them holistically manage and plan their finances affordably and efficiently.

One example is QuickBooks Cash, a banking services solution aimed at helping drive small business efficiency through technology, which delivers what many other current business bank accounts don't. It offers no monthly fees, no minimum balance requirements, planning and forecasting tools, and an overall banking experience that works seamlessly with QuickBooks' addi-

tional offerings to enable small businesses to accept payments and pay teams and vendors with automatic reconciliation for easy financial management. Additionally, the bank account's Envelopes feature makes saving easy, allowing for high-yield interest buckets for routine expenses or long-term goals.

"This tool can also deliver faster money movement

and help small businesses discover options for accessing capital. By incorporating the availability of instant payments for eligible QuickBooks Payments transactions and personalized loan recommendations, we're building a digital tool that helps accelerate the growth of small businesses," says Daniel.

To learn more about new tools to help your business thrive or for more information about QuickBooks Cash (Intuit QuickBooks is not a bank, banking services provided by and the QuickBooks Visa Debit Card is issued by Green Dot Bank, Member FDIC, pursuant to license from Visa U.S.A., Inc.), visit quickbooks.intuit.com.

Achieving a perfect balance of money in and money out can be a challenge for small businesses. Fortunately, new digital tools are helping small businesses find their footing in a challenging economy.

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S.C. Small Business Development Centers urges preparation for hurricane season

Columbia - The South Carolina SBDC network, the state's principal provider of small business assistance, urges small businesses to prepare for the 2021 Atlantic hurricane season, extending through November 30.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center is forecasting another above-normal Atlantic hurricane season, with a likely range of 6 to 10 hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 3 to 5 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher).

"Now is the time for small business owners to contact the SC SBDC," said SC SBDC State Director Michele Abraham. "One of our 50 consultants located throughout the state can help them develop comprehensive business continuity, emergency preparedness and disaster recovery plans at no fee."

In the past several years, South Carolina has faced

multiple hurricane threats which caused significant damage to homes and businesses. "Last year's record-breaking season serves as a reminder to all residents in coastal regions or areas prone to inland flooding from rainfall to be prepared for the 2021 hurricane season," said Abraham.

With the arrival of June, the SC SBDC network encourages businesses to consider the following aspects of disaster preparedness: protecting staff, building/property, data and inventory.

It is also critical to prepare a post-disaster recovery plan which may include provisions to relo-

cate to a pre-identified site, retrieve vital data (including employee, customer and vendor records) and operate efficiently with a smaller staff.

The SC SBDC also strongly encourages businesses to back up data and secure essential files such as tax records, legal documents and financial reports.

The SC SBDC is a public-private partnership that leverages higher education and economic development resources to serve the needs of aspiring and existing small businesses. As a principal responder in the state's Emergency Support Function ESF-24 for Business & Industry,

the SC SBDC is a vital economic development organization that supports disaster preparedness, recovery, and mitigation through its Business Continuation Services. Disaster preparedness materials, tips and resources are available at scsbdc.com.

After a declared disaster, SC SBDC consultants are available to help affected businesses apply for a low-interest disaster recovery loan through the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These loans help compensate businesses for damaged and destroyed assets such as real estate, personal property, machinery, equipment

and inventory.

SC Emergency Management Division officially launched hurricane.sc, an interactive website that will guide people through the fundamentals of being prepared for hurricanes and tropical storms.

A hurricane preparedness checklist and other emergency preparedness resources from the SBA are available at [SBA Emergency Preparedness Resources](https://SBAEmergencyPreparednessResources.com).

Twenty South Carolina Small Business Development Centers (SC SBDC) located throughout the state's 46 counties offer no-fee individual, confidential business consulting. Highly-trained con-

sultants assist both existing and startup companies by providing a variety of services including business plan development, fiscal and operations management, human resources, financing options, marketing strategies and much more. In addition to conducting a variety of affordable education workshops, SBDC centers refer clients to useful business resources. Specialized services include government contracting, exporting, technology commercialization, veterans' business assistance and minority outreach.

Visit scsbdc.com to find a center and make an appointment.

VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Volunteering at the VA

The Department of Veterans Affairs just celebrated its 75th year of using volunteers to run programs for veterans. In that time they've toted up 1 billion hours of volunteer time. Last year alone, 46,000 volunteers worked 4.4 million service hours and gave \$108 million worth of gifts and donations.

That's huge, and it's a credit to all those volunteers that they found ways to support veterans despite COVID and all the restrictions it brought to our lives.

We can make this year even better. Go to Voluntary Services at www.volunteer.va.gov and see how you can help. On the left side look at Volunteer or Donate Now. Pick your state and the facility you want to support.

If you want to donate money, you can do that online with a credit card. Be sure to identify the facility you'd like the money to go to.

If you want to volunteer in person, select the facility and check the list for slots that need filled. It might be parking-lot shuttle driver, mealtime companion, maintenance help or any other type of service. If the facility has a hospice unit, look at the list and consider the families that are staying there.

If you're a member of a service organization such as the American Legion and want to make a group donation, look at the list of wish items they need. Right now at my medical facility, they're looking for store gift cards, sneakers, underwear, canteen coupon books and gas cards. Other facility lists are more specific, down to the actual size of pants and shoes that are needed or the type of paperback books that are preferred.

If there is a large homeless population in your area, facilities often try to put together care packages for those veterans or apartment start-up kits for those moving into housing.

Call the Voluntary Services department at a facility near you and ask how you can help.

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Self driving cars stuck in neutral on the road to acceptance

Courtesy of Ellen Edmonds, Manager, AAA Public Relations, eedmonds@national.aaa.com



(Orlando, FL) A new AAA survey on automated vehicles reveals that only one in ten drivers (12%) would trust riding in a self-driving car. Even more Americans – 28% – don't know how they feel about the technology, signaling consumers are stuck in neutral on the road to accepting self-driving cars. AAA believes consumer sentiment of automated vehicles will be driven by tangible information on key issues and, equally important, quality education and experience.

Consumers told AAA that they have a desire to see more news stories or public information on key issues surrounding self-driving vehicles like safety and liability:

Six in ten (57%) Americans say they would like to have a clear understanding of who will be legally responsible in the event of a crash with a self-driving vehicle.

Half (51%) are interested about laws to make sure self-driving cars are safe.

Half (49%) want to know how vulnerable they will be to hackers.

“Consumers have made it clear what it will take to overcome their doubts – consistent and transparent information – which will help make them feel safer about the idea of riding in a self-driving car,” said Greg Brannon, AAA's director of Automotive

Engineering and Industry Relations. “AAA's automated vehicle survey tell us when people have the opportunity to take back control or even build their understanding of how this technology works, they are much more likely to embrace it.”

Americans specifically voiced their opinion on what would make them

feel safer about self-driving cars. Seven in ten (72%) U.S. adults would feel safer riding in a self-driving car if they had the ability to take over control if something goes wrong. A similar proportion (69%) would feel safer if there was a human backup driver. Half (47%) would feel safer knowing the self-driving car has passed rigorous

testing and inspections. Four in ten (42%) would feel safer after seeing or experiencing a demonstration prior to getting into a self-driving car.

“Knowing how people truly feel about self-driving cars will help the industry to identify the steps needed to move consumers towards greater acceptance,” continued

Brannon.

Automated vehicles are still decades away from hitting the roads, however AAA conducts research like this study and others to help inform and encourage the industry, media and policymakers to find ways to help consumers connect better with advanced vehicle technology.

Methodology

Due to a change in methodology in 2020, this year's survey results are not directly comparable to results from prior years. This survey was conducted January 17 – 19, 2020, using a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population overall. The panel provides sample coverage of approximately 97% of the U.S. household population. Most surveys were completed online; consumers without internet access were surveyed over the phone. A total of 1,301 interviews were completed among U.S. adults, 18 years of age or older. The margin of error for the study overall is 4% at the 95% confidence level. Smaller subgroups have larger error margins.

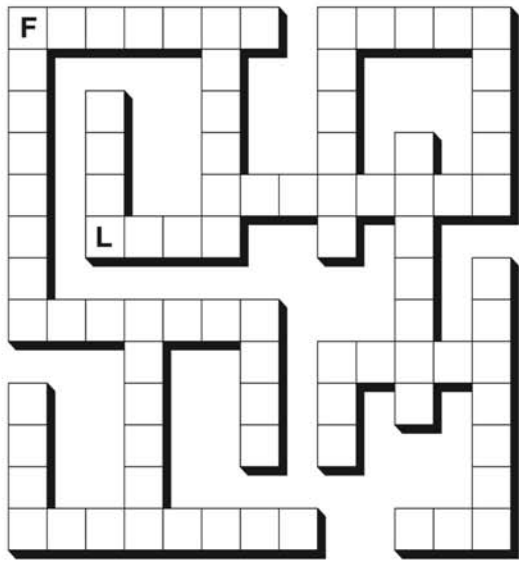
Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – “AW” WORDS

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
 - AWE
 - SAW
- 4 Letters
 - BAWL
 - DAWN
 - LAWS
 - PAWS
- 5 Letters
 - LAWSN
 - SHAWL
 - STRAW
- 6 Letters
 - AWARDS
 - SCRRAWL
 - WARSAW
- 7 Letters
 - FARAWAY
 - JAWBONE
 - SEAWEED
 - UNAWARE
- 8 Letters
 - DRAWINGS
 - FLAWLESS
 - SEAWATER



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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.

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|------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. Toss | _____ W | Pound | _____ B |
| 2. Tea pot | K _____ | Resolve a lawsuit | S _____ |
| 3. Small stream | _____ K | Litter of pups | _____ D |
| 4. Angelic instruments | _____ S | Chico's brother | _____ O |
| 5. Mr. Fudd | _____ M _____ | Church leader | _____ D _____ |
| 6. Similar | _____ K _____ | Ralph Kramden's wife | _____ C _____ |
| 7. Bee bite | _____ T _____ | Playground structure | _____ W _____ |
| 8. Blowing hard | _____ Y _____ | Enthusiasm | _____ O _____ |
| 9. Heavenly plea | _____ R _____ | Team member | _____ L _____ |
| 10. _____ con carne | _____ I _____ | Cool down | _____ L _____ |

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Differences: 1. Plate is missing. 2. Elbow patch is added. 3. Tree limb is shorter. 4. Car is moved. 5. Parts are different. 6. Belt is missing.



A STICKY JOB! A few lines are needed to complete this do-it-yourself disaster scene. Add them quickly from dot to dot.

NAIL POLISH! Hiram Ballpeene has laid out 12 nails in the form of an equation using Roman numerals. The equation is wrong. Can you correct it by moving just one nail to a new location?



DISPLAY PROBLEM! At right we see one of Sam Bolt's fastener display boards. The compartments contain nails (N), screws (S), washers (W) and bolts (B). Sam wants to move the items so that the compartments in each row, column and both diagonals contain nails, screws, washers and bolts. How would you rearrange the fasteners? Each compartment must contain only one type of fastener.



1.	N	N	N	N
2.	S	S	S	S
3.	W	W	W	W
4.	B	B	B	B

One answer: Row 1 - N,S,W,B; Row 2 - W,B,N,S; Row 3 - B,W,S,N; Row 4 - S,N,B,W.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



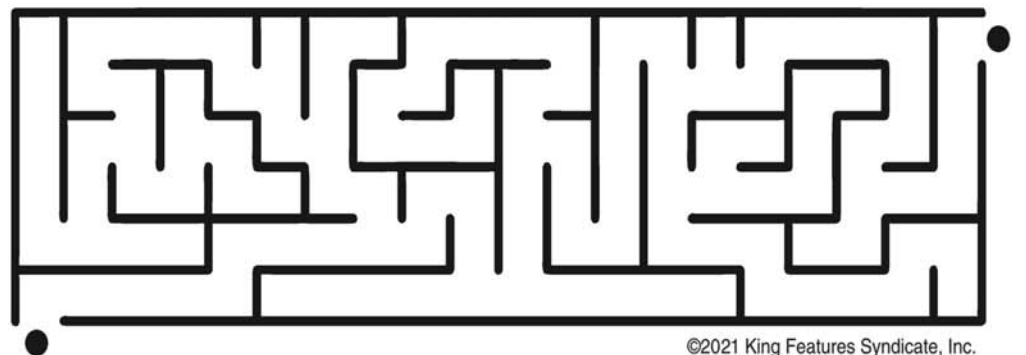
INVENTORY PROBLEM! Sam Bolt is trying to take inventory of his stock, but everything got scrambled up in his warehouse. Can you help him figure out what these hardware items are? Just unscramble the letters.

1.					
2.					
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10.					

- 1. LUGE
- 2. EWRI
- 3. ASREK
- 4. NSIAL
- 5. ERHSSA
- 6. RSLDIL
- 7. HVSAIRN
- 8. SEHLOSV
- 9. DRNIGESR
- 10. CHRWESNE

1. Glue, 2. Wire, 3. Rakes, 4. Nails, 5. Shears, 6. Drills, 7. Varnish, 8. Shovels, 9. Grinders, 10. Wrenches.

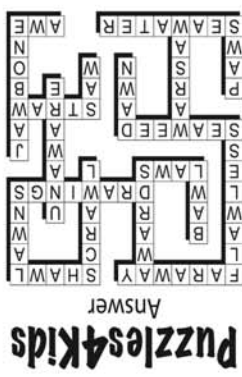
Kids' Maze



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- Even Exchange answers**
- 1. Throw, Throb
 - 2. Kettle, Settle
 - 3. Brook, Brood
 - 4. Harps, Harpo
 - 5. Elmer, Elder
 - 6. Sting, Swing
 - 7. Gusty, Gusto
 - 8. Prayer, Player
 - 9. Chill, Chill
 - 10. Throw, Throb



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



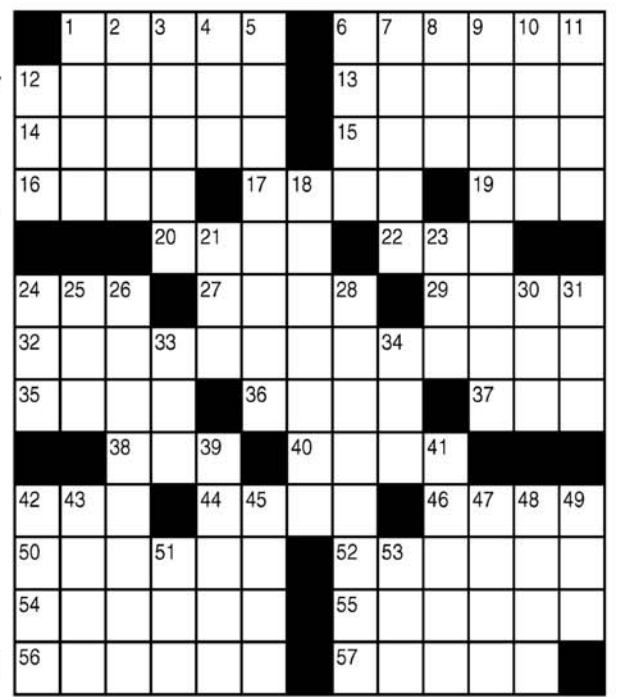
LAFF-A-DAY



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Lingo
- 6 Slopes regular
- 12 Tenant
- 13 Sheathe
- 14 Schedules
- 15 Pumpkin relatives
- 16 Appointment
- 17 Spring melt-down
- 19 Cooking fuel
- 20 Libertine
- 22 Poseidon's home
- 24 Satisfied sigh
- 27 La Scala solo
- 29 Fine spray
- 32 Fruity rum cocktail
- 35 Author Wiesel
- 36 Eve's third son
- 37 That girl
- 38 "Awesome, dude!"
- 40 Pop
- 42 Trojans' sch.
- 44 Org.
- 46 Forget-me- (flowers)
- 50 Paris art museum
- 52 Athlete's woe
- 54 Tempt
- 55 Point maker
- 56 Op-ed pieces
- 57 Dwelling



DOWN

- 1 Actress Ward
- 2 Aspiring atty.'s exam
- 3 Fall bloom
- 4 Formerly called
- 5 Hand signals
- 6 Video game giant
- 7 Recognizes
- 8 Hosp. section
- 9 Haggles
- 10 Fed. food inspector
- 11 GI dining hall
- 12 Leary's drug
- 18 Patty Hearst, for one
- 21 Feed-bag morsel
- 23 Outback bird
- 24 Mimic
- 25 100 percent
- 26 Barber's offerings
- 28 Flabbergast
- 30 Learning ctr.
- 31 Common title start
- 33 Museum-funding org.
- 34 Prof's degree
- 39 "Pride and Prejudice" suitor
- 41 Pear variety
- 42 Peter Fonda's beekeeper role
- 43 Male deliveries?
- 45 Beholds
- 47 Partially mine
- 48 Genealogy chart
- 49 Neighbor of Leb.
- 51 By way of
- 53 Sgt., e.g.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

1. MOVIE: Which 1985 Brat Pack movie featured the theme song "Don't You (Forget About Me)"?
2. FOOD & DRINK: What is the color of the spirit called absinthe?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which Central American country used to be called British Honduras?
4. TELEVISION: What is the dog's name on "Family Guy"?
5. MEDICAL: What is the common name for the condition called lateral epicondylitis?
6. LANGUAGE: What does the Japanese word tsunami mean in English?
7. BUSINESS: In what year did Amazon launch?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What animal has no vocal cords?
9. U.S. STATES: What is the only state that borders just one other state?
10. SCIENCE: What is empirical science?

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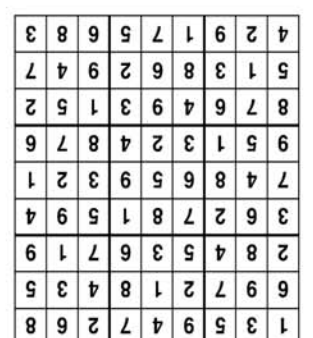
- Answers
1. "The Breakfast Club"
 2. Green
 3. Belize
 4. Brian
 5. Tennis elbow
 6. Harbor wave
 7. 1994
 8. Graffe
 9. Maine
 10. Science based on observation and experiment



Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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!

- Cause: UNICED
- Notice: GRADER
- Lift: AIRES
- Soften: ANEW

TODAY'S WORD



"Why, we'd love to go _____, Jill!"

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DANCING

Today's Word

3. Raise; 4. Wane

1. Induce 2. Regard;

solution

SCRAMBLERS

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: C equals P

DS MQA ZQ FQ T WDWVWM

BXZTBJXJ CQJDTFBDPF, D

PACCQPX MQAB SXXF TBX DL

ZQQJ WTLJP.

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Answer

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CryptoQuip

If you go to a highly regarded podiatrist, I suppose your feet are in good hands.