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## AROUND TOWN

### Foster care providers get help

Due to the current state of emergency, the South Carolina Department of Social Services has been able to provide an additional \$90 per month temporary increase in board rates to foster families and group homes for 3,264 children in care. The supplemental payments were issued retroactively for the month of March and are planned to continue for the duration of the State of Emergency. To qualify, the child must have been in the placement for the entire month, for which the foster parent or group home is receiving the benefit. For more details, email [FPHelp@dss.sc.gov](mailto:FPHelp@dss.sc.gov).

### Bedell named to PING All-Southeast Region team

Norman, Oklahoma – The Golf Coaches Association of America recently announced the Division I All-Region Teams. USC Upstate senior Reid Bedell has been named to the Southeast Region team.

“Reid played with passion and heart this year,” USC Upstate golf coach Todd Lawton said. “He worked every day to get better and did. To have a season like his cut short was so tough. This achievement is not an easy one to earn and I’m proud of Reid and how he represents our program and Upstate overall. A great honor.”

When the season ended Bedell was ranked No. 78 nationally by Golfstat.com. The New Jersey native was a two-time Big South Golfer of the Week and had the lowest stroke average in the conference with a 70.31. Bedell, recorded four Top-10 finishes this season, tying him for the conference lead.

In his final event of the season Bedell, took down a trio of top-30 players, including UNLV’s Jack Trent who was previously ranked No. 10 in the nation by Golfstat. Bedell, ended the season with a 5-2 record against opponents who rank between 51-100.

Bedell joins Pontus Nyholm of Campbell as the only two Big South golfers named to an All-Region Team.

### GSSM accepting applications for its GoSciTech residential summer camp

Hartsville – The South Carolina Governor’s School for Science & Mathematics (GSSM) is now accepting applications for GoSciTech, its week-long residential STEM summer camp for rising 8th - 10th graders on GSSM’s Hartsville campus. Online applications are available at [www.scgssm.org/goscitech](http://www.scgssm.org/goscitech).

GoSciTech provides unmatched opportunities to explore the endless possibilities of science and technology in an interactive, residential environment. For one week, rising 8th - 10th graders can live on GSSM’s campus and experience an entire camp devoted to their favorite subject. All camps are led by college, university and GSSM professors, along with other professionals in their respective fields.

A wide variety of courses are offered during the four weeks of GoSciTech. Course favorites include Pre-Med & Anatomy, Marine Biology, Science and the Law, Codes & Cryptography, Sisterhood of Coders, Graphic Design, and Astrophysics, along with many more. To check out the full list of 30+ courses offered, please visit [www.scgssm.org/goscitechcourses](http://www.scgssm.org/goscitechcourses).

GoSciTech will run the following weeks:

Week 1: June 14-20, 2020

Week 2: June 21-27, 2020

Week 3: July 5-11, 2020

Week 4: July 12-18, 2020

Tuition for each camp week costs between \$830 and \$930 depending on the course. Students can choose to stay up to four weeks. Need-based financial aid is available to residents of South Carolina on a first-come, first-served basis. To apply, complete the financial aid section of the application before April 15, 2020.

Find a full list of courses, learn more and apply online at [www.scgssm.org/goscitech](http://www.scgssm.org/goscitech)

### United Community Bank recognized for highest customer satisfaction in Southeast

United Community Bank is proud to have been recognized for having the highest customer satisfaction score in the Southeast by J.D. Power’s 2020 U.S. Retail Banking Satisfaction Study<sup>SM</sup>, an award they’ve won six out of the past seven years. More details are below and attached.

In regards to the recognition, Chairman and CEO Lynn Horton said: “We are truly honored and humbled to be recognized by J.D. Power for having the highest customer satisfaction rankings among banks in this region. We consistently strive to make good things happen for our customers, and that commitment has been even more evident during the last six weeks. Earning this recognition for so many years is an extraordinary achievement and every one of our team members should be proud of having their passion recognized by the people that matter – our customers.”

## Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce convenes Bringing Back the Burg Business Recovery Task Force

The Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce has created the Bringing Back the Burg Business Recovery Task Force to identify and address Spartanburg’s economic recovery needs.

The task force, composed of sector leaders and experts, will guide and advise business and elected officials through the process of reviving Spartanburg’s economy as quickly and safely as possible. Guided by key economic and tourism related performance indicators, the group will set measurable benchmarks for success.

Bringing Back the Burg will be co-led by Spartanburg County Councilman David Britt and Kay Woodward of J.W. Woodward Funeral Home.

“David Britt and Kay Woodward are two community stalwarts; proven leaders who know Spartanburg and our business community very well. We are honored to have their leadership influence on this process,” said Allen Smith, President/CEO of the Spartanburg Chamber.

The main focuses of the task force will be:

- \* to identify key performance and economic indicators and develop a



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plan accordingly

- \* to establish a business recovery fund and develop grant and loan criteria, and measure its impact

- \* to research best practices to revive the economy and partner with the appropriate entities to implement those practices

- \* and to explore opportunities for systemic change exposed by the pandemic

- \* to improve Spartanburg’s overall business environment

Task Force members represent the diversity of the county and all come with local government, business, non-profit and community development expertise.

The Spartanburg Chamber is seeking community feedback for Bringing Back the Burg’s focuses, as well. Suggestions for task force goals can be sent to [bringingbacktheburg@spartanburgchamber.com](mailto:bringingbacktheburg@spartanburgchamber.com).

## Spartanburg Methodist College professor receives excellence in teaching award for extraordinary service

Dr. Litasha Dennis, professor of English, has built a reputation among students at Spartanburg Methodist College for being the go-to for help with challenging writing assignments. She’s also known for her energetic and exciting lectures and presentations. Pass her classroom during one of her talks, and you’ll notice students zeroed in on everything she’s saying.

It is this reputation and the admiration from her fellow faculty members that earned her the 2020 South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU) Excellence in Teaching Award.

“Perhaps the best evidence of excellence in teaching is receiving recommendations from the students themselves,” says Professor Pamela Hutto, SMC professor of sociology. “I often hear students telling each other to visit Dr. Dennis in the writing center because of her skill with helping students.”

Dennis has been at SMC since 2012 and brings more than 21 years of teaching experience to the classroom. She earned her Ph.D. in Twentieth-century American Literature with a concentration in African American literature from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, her Master of Arts in English and her Bachelor



**Dr. Litasha Dennis**

of Arts in English both from Winthrop University.

During her time at SMC, Dennis has served as the Chair of the English department, a member of various committees, including the Faculty Steering and Tenure committees, a student advisor and a tutor in the writing center.

“Dr. Dennis is an incredibly gifted professor, and we are fortunate that she has chosen to teach at SMC. She has a unique ability to capture students’ attention and, at the same time, inspire everyone around her,” says President Scott Cochran.

The SCICU Excellence in Teaching Award is accom-

panied by a \$3,000 research grant, which Dennis may use towards professional development.

SCICU is a charitable organization that represents 20 liberal arts institutions in South Carolina. SCICU provides support for its member institutions by fundraising and supplementing scholarships and research. In order to become a member of SCICU, a school must be either a four- or two-year liberal arts college or university, be accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and be a nonprofit institution based in South Carolina.

## Don’t let the kids drive you crazy

*From the American Counseling Association*

One result of the health crisis has been a great many parents getting to spend a lot more home-time with their kids. While situations vary around the country, many school systems have ceased classroom instruction for the year. Instead, kids may be doing online classes, while complaining and trying to sneak in as much TV, cell phone and video game time as possible each day.

However, you can help minimize the complaining, the goofing off, and your own headaches, by taking action to make home-time more productive.

A starting point is having a real plan for your child’s day. Experts recommended making a schedule sheet to hang on the wall or fridge where you and the kids can see what happens throughout the day and week. In school kids have set times for math, English or history lessons. Your home-time should be the same to help move the learning process forward and minimize arguments.

It’s also important to offer choices. Reading time doesn’t have to mean picking up the same book or story each day. Give your child a selection to choose from. This same sort of approach can work for art projects, writing lessons or virtually any subject.

Math studies, for example, might include lessons from a math book some days, but could also include practical math projects around the house. Does your child know how to measure and calculate the square feet in his or her bedroom? Can he or she figure out how to change that recipe to increase or decrease the number of cookies it will make? Then how about going right from there into a delicious baking session?

The opportunities to learn around the house are endless. Your backyard is probably filled with budding plants, small bugs or places to plant a few seeds, all part of science learning. What about helping your child put together a family history (writing project) or family tree project (research and art)? And yes, there are art projects for most kids, regardless of their age.

Kids are very social creatures, and being stuck at home with Mom and Dad (and maybe siblings) for any extended period isn’t as much fun as hanging with friends, or even being back in school. But with a little planning and effort, parents can help fill up the days in productive ways to help make the time go faster and to minimize the complaining.

“Counseling Corner” is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to [ACACorner@counseling.org](mailto:ACACorner@counseling.org)

# Around the Upstate

## Start:ME Spartanburg wraps up 4th cohort

Courtesy of USC Upstate

In a season marked by a destructive tornado and the COVID-19 pandemic, 15 entrepreneurs are prepared to deliver a needed dose of commerce to the city of Spartanburg's Northside community.

The University of South Carolina Upstate recently announced the completion of the fourth cohort of Start:ME Spartanburg, an intensive 14-week business accelerator offered annually for free to aspiring entrepreneurs seeking to provide products or services to the Northside community.

A partnership between USC Upstate's George Dean Johnson, Jr. College of Business and Economics (The George) and Spartanburg's Northside Development Group (NDG), Start:ME Spartanburg has supported more than 50 entrepreneurs and awarded \$60,000 in peer-selected loan investments to benefit the Northside community since 2017.

"We are very excited to

recognize and celebrate the 15 Start:ME Spartanburg entrepreneurs who worked so hard these past 14 weeks," said Brian Brady, director of USC Upstate's GreenHouse Business Incubator and an instructor at The George.

"We received more than 100 applications for this cohort," Brady added. "That's the largest number we've ever received. We'd especially like to thank the mentors who gave so much of their time and expertise to support our entrepreneurs this year."

This year's participants were:

- Annie Foster, owner of Faces N More, a face and body salon.
- Adia Herbert, owner of Mane Tame, a wig cleaning service.
- Tenisha Hackett, owner of Breakfast Buffet, a breakfast restaurant.
- John Johnson, owner of One in the Bucket Mobile Detailing, a mobile car detailing service.
- Jaleesa Drummond, owner of Simply Elegant Events, an event planning



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- business.
- Cecily Baker, owner of Be Patient Caregiving, an in-home health care company.
- Rocky Watson, owner of Red Carpet Car Detailing, a mobile car detailing service.
- Jasmine Tinsley, owner of Serenity Health and Wellness, an integrative women's wellness care provider.
- Chrishema Leggett, owner of Lotus Creations Co., a maker of natural soaps and candles.
- Ashonte Wofford, owner of ANW Fitness, a Zumba and fitness studio.

- Nicole Epps and Angelica Foster, owners of Ambishon Academy, a health care training provider.
  - Rita Mims, owner of Breath of Life, a provider of CPR, health and wellness training.
  - Roshelle Carree, owner of Faith Hands, a hair braiding service.
  - Kendra Lyles, owner of Red Chair Hair Studio, a mobile hairstylist.
- Three of the businesses will each receive up to \$5,000 in peer-based loan funds to help them grow. The loan recipients, who were announced virtually

on Saturday, May 2, were Cecily Baker with Be Patient Caregiving, Rita Mims with Breath of Life and Jaleesa Drummond of Simply Elegant Events.

Drummond was also selected for the Best Pitch Award. Angelica Foster and Nicole Epps with Ambishon Academy were chosen as the winners of the inaugural Community Impact Award.

"Start:ME Spartanburg is forging small businesses that anchor the local economy," said Lekesa Whitner, support services manager for NDG. "I'm excited about our graduating class. These businesses will continue to energize the Northside community with human activity, production, consumption, exchange and distribution of goods and services."

Program participants took part in weekly sessions focused on helping them develop critical entrepreneurial skills. They were mentored by a group of 30 local business leaders from Milliken & Co., Johnson Develop-

ment, American Credit Acceptance, the City of Spartanburg, TD Bank, USC Upstate, the United Way of the Piedmont and Start:ME Spartanburg alumni companies.

Other local partners that played critical roles in supporting this year's crop of entrepreneurs included Northside Voyagers, Cleveland Academy of Leadership and Community Works SC.

"During the past four years, I have seen more than 50 entrepreneurs graduate from the Start:ME Spartanburg microbusiness accelerator," said Dr. Elise Harvey, assistant professor of marketing for USC Upstate. "The diligence, perseverance and dedication demonstrated by the Start:ME 2020 entrepreneurs in pursuing business ownership and success in turbulent times is unsurpassed. I have no doubt that these businesses will impact the Northside community and the larger Spartanburg community in remarkable ways."

## NHE relocates corporate headquarters to Legacy Square within Verdae community in Greenville

Greenville - Noted Southeastern property management firm NHE, Inc. has relocated its corporate headquarters to a new building at Legacy Square within the Verdae community in Greenville, company leadership announced on April 5th.

Joining NHE in the newly completed, 50,000 square foot building at Legacy Square are noted Southeastern insurance defense law firm Willson Jones Carter & Baxley, P.A. along with DeHollander and Janse Financial Group, a Greenville-based wealth management firm. The ground floor of the mixed-use property is earmarked for as-yet unannounced retail tenants, likely including a full-service spa as well as restaurant and event space.

The new building is sited at 325 Rocky Slope Road, adjacent to the 20-acre Legacy Park and in the heart of the 300-acre Hollingsworth Park residential community. The 3-story building provides convenient parking onsite, and offers easy access to interstates, downtown, shopping, recreation, hotels, and the Swamp Rabbit Trail, among other features.

"NHE is excited to announce our relocation into this beautiful and expansive space here at Legacy Square in the heart of Verdae, which we consider to be one of Greenville's finest addresses for both business and residence in this region," said Taylor Davis, CEO of NHE, Inc. "We have eagerly anticipated this day for several years as we grew and are pleased to bring

our NHE team together at this magnificent address."

Among the features of the new NHE offices include bright and open co-working areas, multiple meeting and conference rooms with built-in audiovisual technology, a game/recreation area, central kitchen and dining area, flex working space for visiting customers and staff, and an elevated open air gathering area for post-work receptions. Plenty of onsite parking is provided and the building overlooks the lush vistas of adjoining Legacy Park.

In moving its headquarters into the 50,000 square foot new building, NHE consolidated physical operations from two nearby Greenville locations and a Columbia office that the fast-growing firm had expanded into over several years, Davis noted. "It's great to have our entire leadership team together where we can better strategize and collaborate in ways to best serve our customers, employees and to

move our business forward," he added.

NHE provides professional association management, conventional and affordable apartment home management, and service coordination to communities across the Southeast, and currently represents more than 14,000 homes, apartments, and condominiums in more than a dozen states.

NHE's clients benefit expertise, experience and leading-edge technology delivered by a dedicated staff offering diverse services to assure premium performance and value. Actively engaged with national and state industry trade associations and government regulatory bodies, NHE holds the prestigious AMO (Accredited Management Organization) designation through the Institute of Real Estate Management.

Also occupying portions of the building are Willson Jones Carter & Baxley, P.A. (WJCB), an insurance defense law firm with

seven offices across South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. The Legacy Square office will serve as headquarter operations for WJCB as well. The firm has more than 70 attorneys in its various offices and handles workers' compensation and general liability matters for all types of

insurance carriers, employers, self-insured funds and government entities.

A third primary occupant of the new building will be a second office of DeHollander & Janse Financial Group, a wealth management firm that has been assisting individuals,

families and corporations in upstate South Carolina for nearly 20 years. Serving as fiduciaries, the firm features broad expertise in all aspects of financial planning, customized investment management and corporate retirement plans.

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Public notice is hereby given that the New Prospect Board of Fire and Control will hold a public meeting for the New Prospect Fire Department budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the New Prospect Fire Department, 8951 Highway 9, Inman, S.C.

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**Super Crossword**  
Answers

ACROSS  
1 EPIE  
2 SAMS  
3 ELIOPIS  
4 SILOP  
5 NIEL  
6 ASAP  
7 ROMERO  
8 TIEAL  
9 GREENWICH  
10 CHEAST  
11 TIME  
12 ANTE  
13 MCCOY  
14 HEM  
15 PITREMAR  
16 SHIA  
17 SETTLE  
18 FOLLES  
19 IBERNT  
20 TARTAN  
21 OK  
22 NIGEL  
23 ATONE  
24 UNIVERSTY  
25 VIOTIA  
26 GENE  
27 CLAD  
28 ANTSEA  
29 FRAU  
30 WHAT  
31 VERVOUD  
32 MERIR  
33 ECSTASY  
34 LOB  
35 PIPS  
36 ADELE  
37 MOTORS  
38 WON  
39 CHISEL  
40 BLANG  
41 FARM  
42 DODD  
43 AULEER  
44 ROY  
45 GIBBA  
46 DONOR  
47 MA  
48 ARIA  
49 ASIIGS  
50 TOOT  
51 TERIA  
52 CIVITL  
53 TIGHT  
54 SMANIC  
55 BETES  
56 NERO  
57 HELK  
58 DRAWA  
59 FIGHT  
60 INDIRIS  
61 BALANCE  
62 BEBA  
63 OAH  
64 DONNIC  
65 OWITL  
66 THANK  
67 ODITS  
68 FRIDA  
69 ZONE  
70 HASTIES  
71 ECRU  
72 ITON  
73 ORES  
74 ODESSA  
75 SKITP  
76 DYNE

**Super Crossword**

**APPELLATION TRUNCATION**

**ACROSS**  
1 Duelist's weapon  
5 — Club (retail chain)  
9 Weds on the sly  
15 Swine food  
19 Carter of "Gimme a Break!"  
20 "Stat!"  
21 Film director George A. —  
22 Bluish hue  
23 Cruel Curry in a London borough?  
26 Kitty chip  
27 The real —  
28 Skirt's edge  
29 Give Mason the ax?  
31 Make do with Paul?  
34 — a Letter to My Love" (1981 film)  
35 Road goop  
36 Song syllable  
37 Acne care brand  
38 Physics prize of note  
42 Show penitence  
44 College founded by Hagen?  
51 Heredity determiner

**DOWN**  
1 Sheffield loc.  
2 Pervade  
3 It's negatively charged  
4 Vote in  
5 Twain's Tom  
6 — live and breathe!  
7 Very virile  
8 Nearly globe-shaped  
9 Palindromic "before"  
10 Lounges idly  
11 All: Prefix  
12 Lab's — dish  
13 Great Lakes tribesmen  
14 Northern French river  
15 Commence  
16 Monocle, e.g.  
17 Pledge  
18 Answer from the accused  
24 "Warrior" co-star Nick  
25 2,065, in old Rome  
30 Year, in old Rome  
31 Fawn's father  
32 Defective answer  
33 Uvea's organ  
39 Cat breed  
40 Virtual marketer

**ACROSS**  
52 Attired  
53 Flummoxed  
54 Mrs., in Bonn  
55 Question for Knotts when he's holding a package?  
60 Bygone space station  
61 Extreme joy  
64 Arcing tennis shot  
65 Second letter addendum: Abbr.  
66 Singer with the 2011 album "21"  
68 Goes by car  
69 Came in first  
71 Sculpting aid  
72 Not too tasty  
73 — a Rock" (1966 hit)  
76 "Ni-ii-ice!"  
78 Semis, say  
79 Go bad  
80 Return Shearer's phone call?  
84 Operatic solo  
86 Running shoe brand  
87 Traffic sound  
88 Billion: giga-; trillion: —  
92 Anthony championing personal liberties?

**DOWN**  
96 — noires (bugbears)  
97 January, in Spain  
98 Coll. dorm supervisors  
99 — how (donkey's sound)  
101 Moose kin  
102 With 111-Down, connect two dots, maybe  
106 Battling it out with Murdoch?  
109 Put Arthur on mood-stabilizing medication?  
113 Regatta  
114 Poet John  
115 Exclude  
116 "Whew, such a relief that Kahlo arrived!"  
120 Area  
121 Samplings  
122 Kin of beige  
123 Prep school on the Thames  
124 Tram loads  
125 Ukrainian port city  
126 Exclude  
127 Unit of force

**DOWN**  
41 Victors' wreaths  
43 Sir Isaac —  
45 Slangy negative  
46 Shaft of light  
47 Call a halt to  
48 "The jig —"  
49 Turner and Kennedy  
50 Ming of basketball  
52 Elliot of the Mamas & the Papas  
56 Feature of "gum" but not "gem"  
57 Pledge  
58 Download for a Kindle  
59 Bible book before Habakkuk  
61 Give a hug to  
62 Fill with a crayon  
63 Not dynamic, as a verb  
67 Expand  
70 — so  
71 Lug  
73 "Who's there?"  
74 Make — deal out of  
75 Speed-of-sound ratio  
77 Scorching  
78 "The — Coochi Coo" (1961 hit)  
81 Musicality  
82 Winter hrs. in Wichita  
83 "... — iron bars a cage"  
85 When shows are broadcast  
89 Forever  
90 Had faith in  
91 Inquires  
93 Bereft  
94 — Lanka  
95 Myopic "Mr."  
96 "I — You" (hit for Elvis)  
100 Concludes before  
103 Hard — follow  
104 "I thought — a deal!"  
105 Humble  
106 Phonies  
107 Fast one  
108 One way to mark losses  
109 Clown name  
110 Love deity  
111 See 102-Across  
112 Sinus docs  
117 Cookie-pushing org.  
118 Hexahalved  
119 Hex- ending

# Newly unemployed? Understanding your health insurance options

(StatePoint) With millions of people nationwide filing for unemployment since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, many individuals and families across the country are suddenly finding themselves without health insurance at a precarious time. Fortunately, new options may be able to help those on tight budgets.

“The sudden and unexpected loss of health insurance only compounds the stress caused by job loss amidst this unprecedented economic and public health crisis. However, unemployed individuals have more options for affordable health insurance than they did during past economic recessions thanks to provisions in the Affordable Care Act, along with actions recently taken by Congress and some states,” says American Medical Association (AMA) president, Patrice A. Harris, M.D.

Whether you recently lost your job-based health insurance or were uninsured before COVID-19 struck, the AMA, a long-time advocate for health insurance coverage for all Americans, is highlighting the following options:

- Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplaces: Family and individual



health plans can be bought in the health insurance marketplaces created by the ACA. Losing a job is a qualifying life event that allows unemployed individuals up to 60 days to enroll in a marketplace health plan before the close of a special enrollment period. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, certain states have reopened enrollment periods when all consumers

-- not only those who have experienced a job loss -- can enroll in marketplace health plans and potentially qualify for financial assistance to purchase these plans based on their income.

Subsidies available to eligible individuals through the health insurance marketplaces can help with premiums and out-of-pocket costs, making coverage

more affordable. The Kaiser Family Foundation can help calculate an estimate of premiums and subsidies based on an individual's income, age and family size. It will also estimate an individual's eligibility for Medicaid.

- Medicaid: While each state's program has unique attributes for coverage, Medicaid can offer no- or

low-cost coverage for those with the lowest incomes with limited cost-sharing requirements. Unlike the ACA marketplaces, there is no defined open enrollment period for Medicaid, and eligible people can sign up at any time. State eligibility requirements and income qualifications vary by state. Every state covers low-income children, pregnant women and people with

disabilities, while 36 states and the District of Columbia have expanded Medicaid coverage so that adults with income up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level can qualify.

- Beware Short-Term Plans: The AMA cautions patients to avoid short-term limited duration plans whenever possible, especially during this pandemic. Short-term plans are designed to fill temporary gaps in health insurance when comprehensive coverage may not be an option. But it is important to understand that these plans offer very limited benefits and do not usually cover COVID-19 testing and treatment, preexisting medical conditions, mental health services, prescription drugs, and preventative and wellness care.

“Avoiding gaps in coverage should be a top priority for anyone who has recently lost their health insurance,” says Harris. “The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of having meaningful health insurance coverage.”

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# Keeping math skills up-to-date while school is closed for the foreseeable future

(StatePoint) The transition from in-person to online learning isn't easy, particularly when it comes to mathematics, a subject where many students benefit from classroom learning and individualized attention from their teacher.

With closures affecting schools and universities for the foreseeable future, sustaining one's math skills is very important, as research has shown that academic gains can quickly be lost without practice -- on average, students lose approximately 2.6 months of learning in math over a typical summer, according to the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

During the COVID-19 crisis, consider accessing the following free distance-learning tools from Casio America, Inc., which are designed to support educators, parents and students K-12 and beyond:

- Tools for calculation, graphing, geometry, statistics and more can be accessed at ClassPad.net, an all-in-one web-based platform with an interactive menu that enables students and teachers to draw geometry figures freehand and input calculations as they would on real scratch paper. Users can also plot data points and add text labels, expressions and pictures to graphs or geometry diagrams.

- Emulator calculator software recreating the functionality of scientific and graphic calculators, including Casio's PRIZM fx-CG50 and fx-CG500, is supported in Windows and Mac operating systems.

- Downloadable math activities created by teachers for students in grade levels kindergarten through college can help students practice their math skills and learn new techniques for their continuing education.

resources, as well as online support, visit CasioEducation.com/remo

te-learning. Formal class may not currently be in session, but

that doesn't mean the learning needs to be put on hold. Leveraging available

resources can help students maintain their math skills so that when schools

reopen, students can enjoy a successful return to the classroom.



## 2020 DOWNTOWN EVENT SCHEDULE

March 14	Shenanigans on the Square, Noon-10 pm
March 14	Queen Fest, Barnet Park, 2-10 pm
Thursdays in April	Music on Main, Morgan Square, 5:30-8:30 pm
Fridays in April	Jazz on the Square, Morgan Square, 5:30-8 pm
April 3 & 4	Hub City Hog Fest, Morgan Square/Church Street
April 18	Spartanburg Soaring Kite Festival, 11am-5 pm
April 18	Cribb's Burger Cookoff, West Main St., 1-8 pm
April 24-26	Spring Fling Weekend/Criterium
Thursdays in May	Music on Main, Morgan Square, 5:30-8:30 pm
Fridays in May	Jazz on the Square, Morgan Square, 5:30-8 pm
May 2	Cinco de Mayo, Noon-9 pm
May 9	Soul Fest, Barnet Park
Monday, May 18	Assault on Mt. Mitchell
May 30	Worship Without Walls, Barnet Park
Thursdays in June	Music on Main, Morgan Square, 5:30-8:30 pm
June 6	Sparkle City Rhythm & Ribs (Barnet Park)
June 20	Afro Fest, Barnet Park
Thursdays in July	Music on Main, Morgan Square, 5:30-8:30 pm
July 4	Red, White, & Boom, Barnet Park, 5-10 pm
August 22	85 South Country Fest, Barnet Park
September 12	Hispanic/LatinX Music Fest, Barnet Park
September 17-20	Spartanburg Greek Festival
October 3	International Festival, Barnet Park, 11am-7pm
October 24	Hub City Brew Fest, Spring/Broad Streets, 1-5 pm
October 24	Synergy Music Fest, Barnet Park
November 7	Upstate PRIDE Festival, Barnet Park
December 3	Dickens of a Christmas, 6-9 pm
December 8	Spartanburg Jaycees Christmas Parade

City organized events

City permitted/supported events

(New)Synergy Music Series at Barnet Park

**\*\*\*\* Please note that events in April and part of May have been cancelled due to COVID-19. Please visit [www.cityofspartanburg.org](http://www.cityofspartanburg.org) for more information. \*\*\*\***

For access to these

# Simple and fun crafts to keep kids entertained

(StatePoint) Keeping children content and occupied isn't always an easy task -- especially with more and more days being spent at home. As parents and caregivers, it can also be challenging to come up with creative solutions and fun projects that differ each day. However, even if you lack crafting abilities, you can still inspire your kids and help them stretch their creative muscles with items commonly found right at home, including scissors, straws, rulers and duct tape.

In an effort to keep your kids entertained on those rainy, "I'm bored," or just need something to do days, Duck Tape Brand Duct Tape offers several ideas for kids of all ages to engage in crafting fun -- from teens to toddlers. And, Duck Tape keeps messes at bay since no glue, glitter or markers are needed.

**1. Flower Power.** Bring the garden inside with Duck Tape roses -- no watering required! Creating these roses will get your kids excited for the new season ahead and



test their measuring and counting skills as they pull together a colorful bouquet. Plus, these flowers make great gifts!

**2. Luck of the Draw.** Are your kids having a day where everything you suggest sounds unappealing? Help them avoid boredom

with a popsicle stick activity jar. Work together to identify fun activities and write each down on a popsicle stick. Let your kids add colorful designs to the sticks and place them in a jar. Next time your family is feeling less than inspired during playtime, bust out the activity jar and leave it

to the sticks to decide.

**3. Home-Schooled Fun.** With most children adjusting to remote learning during this time, it's important to provide a space where they feel inspired to learn. One great way to do this is to designate a work station where each kid can house

favorite supplies and personalize it with a few decorations -- just as they do at school. Let kids create their own desk organizers with a few items you likely already have on hand, such as Duck Tape, scissors, and empty paper rolls or cereal boxes. Once all the supplies are gathered, all they

need to do is wrap the paper rolls and boxes in the tape design of their choosing. Next, designate each container to hold pencils, markers and important homework. Not only will your kids take pride in their new creations, you'll enjoy not having to search for missing papers each morning.

**4. Creative Reading.** Help keep reading fun by letting kids create their own custom bookmarks. This easy, DIY project is perfect for beginners, since all the crafter needs to do is cut the tape and fold it over card stock for a one-of-a-kind design.

For more inspiration and craft instructions, visit [DuckBrand.com](http://DuckBrand.com).

By providing a little creative inspiration, you can help your kids spark their imaginations and have them on their way to creating their next masterpiece. Plus, these crafts are easy enough that you can end the day proud of your Pinterest-worthy parenting.

# What you need to know about filing your 2019 taxes

(StatePoint) Spring is the season of warmer weather and blossoming flowers, but it is also -- usually -- the season of taxes. Tax Day is typically April 15, but the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) recently extended the deadline for filing and paying your 2019 federal income taxes to July 15, 2020.

While this gives you more time to get your tax records in order, the IRS recommends that anyone expecting to receive a tax refund should file as soon as possible. According to the IRS, most refunds are being issued within three weeks of

a tax return's acceptance. You should also double check your state's tax deadlines. Some states have announced tax filing or payment extensions, but other deadlines remain in place.

Here are five other changes to keep in mind while you prepare your 2019 taxes:

- There is no longer a federal tax penalty for not having health insurance. However, some states will charge their own penalties for taxpayers who did not have health insurance in 2019.



- The standard deduction increased to \$24,800 for married couples filing jointly and to \$12,400 for single filers.

- If you received, sold, sent or exchanged any virtual

currency in 2019, you will need to report that on your tax return.

- Mortgage insurance premiums above \$600 are now deductible. Mortgage premiums can also be retroactively

applied to 2018.

- The Child Tax Credit doubled to \$2,000 per child, up to \$1,400 of which is refundable. The credit is also available to more families for the 2019 tax year, since the income thresholds for when this benefit phases out were raised to \$400,000 for married couples filing jointly and \$200,000 for individual filers.

Experts say it is never too early to begin thinking about and planning for the next year's taxes. Once you have filed your 2019 return, you may want to consider speak-

ing to a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) professional for guidance on maximizing your 2020 tax benefits. A CFP professional can help you understand tax rules for retirement accounts, such as pre-tax contribution limits and tax credits available to savers, for example. You can find a CFP professional near you by visiting [www.lets-makeaplan.org](http://www.lets-makeaplan.org).

Timely and thoughtful tax preparation is an important part of a comprehensive financial plan.

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## CryptoQuip

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Clue: Q equals B

EBAPN MOC QBNLQADPNCG EOB

ZBJJCJCN MOC QDHH CJM ZCYMBGTP

FAJYPCJ QC T YOCJMFTJMCG?

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### Kids' Maze

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—STREET

muscles be a chestmaster?

possessed the biggest pectoral

Would the bodybuilder who

answer

Cryptoquip

Kids' Maze Solution

### MAGIC MAZE ● — STREET

A P M J G D A X D V S Y Q N K  
I F D E H T S S O R C A A X V  
T Q O M J H H F W C A W Y W U  
R P N L J H F G N D B O Z X V  
T W L R Q O M D I O K W I H F  
D B O Z Y W V T N H B T T R N  
Q O M R N L L E G E K R N I I  
H F B D R L W E K C D I U A S  
Z X A Y S A E L W C A A V O A  
U S R R Y W N F E M A S E S B  
Q O D N M K J I H F E B D D B

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: **Most Crooked Street in the World**

Across the Back	Dead-end Downing	High Main	Sesame Two-way
Basin	Easy	Narrow	Wall
Bourbon	Fleet	One-way	

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**CHARACTER PROFILE:**

**SECRET AGENT X-9**

WRITTEN BY DASHIELL HAMMETT AND ILLUSTRATED BY ALEX RAYMOND. "SECRET AGENT X-9" FIRST APPEARED IN NEWSPAPERS ON JANUARY 22, 1934.

...INTERNATIONAL ADVENTURER "JUNGLE JIM" AND A SCI-FI STRIP CALLED "FLASH GORDON."

YES--OH GAWD CALL ME DEETER-- IT'S NOT MY NAME BUT IT'S... DO

DURING RAYMOND'S TENURE ON "SECRET AGENT X-9" HE WORKED SIMULTANEOUSLY ON TWO OTHER COMIC STRIPS--

...INTERNATIONAL ADVENTURER "JUNGLE JIM" AND A SCI-FI STRIP CALLED "FLASH GORDON."

DALE... NO!

AND AS THE PORTAL CLOSES BEHIND THEM...

TO BE CONTINUED

## The Garden Bug

**Solomon's seal** spreads well in shady areas. In spring, its gracefully arching stems become lined with small, white, bell-shaped blooms that hang in clusters. Its fruit are bluish-black berries loved by wildlife. It is also used in tinctures, salves and teas as a traditional treatment for injuries of the tendons, joints, ligaments, bones, bruises, connecting tissues, and more. You can find dwarf versions just a few inches in height, and other varieties up to 12 feet tall. —Brenda Weaver

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### 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



### 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!

Notable

SALTINE

Choice

PITON

Remove

SPEEDO

Extent

PECOS

### TODAY'S WORD

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Work units
- 5 Urban carrier
- 8 Wanders
- 12 Hoodlum
- 13 Bobby of hockey
- 14 Leave out
- 15 Atmosphere
- 17 With skill
- 18 Godlike
- 19 Indefinite interval
- 21 To and —
- 22 Regimen
- 23 Sheepish comment
- 26 Mess up
- 28 Manicurist's concerns
- 31 Mater preceder
- 33 Insult (Sl.)
- 35 Nike slogan, "Just —"
- 36 Unpaid bills
- 38 1960s Pontiac
- 40 Homer's neighbor
- 41 Faraway fleet?
- 43 Actress Thurman
- 45 Help
- 47 Least adorned
- 51 Physicist Niels
- 52 Food of the gods

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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			21			22				
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36				37		38	39		40	
			41		42	43	44			
45	46					47		48	49	50
51					52	53				
54					55			56		
57					58			59		

- 54 Tourney situations
- 55 Wire measure
- 56 Soda fountain treat
- 57 Right on the map?
- 58 Snoo
- 59 Arctic diving birds
- 5 Massachus- etts city
- 6 Joan of —
- 7 The staff of life
- 8 Proceed
- 9 Drive
- 10 Pickling herb
- 11 Eyelid woe
- 16 Ireland
- 20 Victory
- 23 Evil
- 24 Brewery product
- 25 Surprise attacks
- 27 Tractor-trailer
- 29 Falsehood
- 30 Norm: Abbr.
- 32 Originally
- 34 Unshaven, in a way
- 37 "Mayday!"
- 39 Mr. Sharif
- 42 Postage buy
- 44 Scent
- 45 Singer Lane
- 46 Protein-rich bean
- 48 Birthright barterer
- 49 Symbol of smoothness
- 50 Body pics
- 53 Russian space station

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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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. GEOGRAPHY: The island of Hispaniola is divided into which two countries?
2. U.S. STATES: Which state is known as the Badger State?
3. MEDICAL: Which human organ is involved in the development of diabetes?
4. AD SLOGANS: Which company advises clients to "leave the driving to us"?
5. MONUMENTS: How long ago was Stonehenge built?
6. ENTERTAINERS: Which singer/actress was born with the name Anna Mae Bullock?
7. COMICS: What kind of dog is Snoopy in the "Peanuts" comic strip?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many official languages does the United Nations have?
9. MEASUREMENTS: How many drops are in a teaspoon?
10. MUSIC: How many members sing in the Mormon Tabernacle Choir?

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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



Differences: 1. Plant is missing; 2. Frame is added; 3. Woman's blouse is different; 4. Lamp is added; 5. Girl's skirt is different; 6. Woman's earring is added.

E	A	S	T	P	R	V	A	L	K	S
B	E	S	M	I	L	M	A	L	T	S
B	O	R	H	O	R	A	B	O	S	I
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U	F	O	S	U	M	A				
D	E	R	T	S	G	T	O			
A	L	A	L	D	I	S				
B	A	A	E	R	R	A	N	A	I	L
F	E	R								
D	E	F	I	C	I	A	M	H	I	L
A	M	B	I	N	E	N	C	E	A	B
G	O	O	M	I	N	G				
E	R	G	S	C	A	B	G	A	D	S

Solution time: 25 mins.

### Answers

### King Crossword

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

### Answer

### Weekly SUDOKU

Cryptoquip  
Would the bodybuilder who possessed the biggest pectoral muscles be a chestmaster?

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ZBJJCJCN MOC QDHCJM ZCYMBGTP  
FAJYPCJ QC T YOCJMFJTMCG?

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### STOPPED

Today's Word

1. Salient; 2. Option; 3. Depose; 4. Scope

### SCRAMBLERS

solution

# Legal Notices

## LEGAL NOTICE

This is an attempt to locate the legal owner of the following vehicle.

1961 Econoline Ford van  
VIN: E10SH113231  
Gray in color

Contact: Blackwell's Truck and Tractor at 1-864-320-3692 5-7, 14, 21

## LEGAL NOTICE

This is an attempt to locate the legal owner of the following vehicle.

2000 Chevrolet S-10  
VIN: 1GCC14Z0M828365  
Blue in Color

Contact: Blackwell's Truck and Tractor at 1-864-320-3692 5-7, 14, 21

## LEGAL NOTICE

This is an attempt to locate the legal owner of the following vehicle.

1961 Ford Falcon  
VIN: 1H118137417  
Rust in Color

Contact: Blackwell's Truck and Tractor at 1-864-320-3692 5-7, 14, 21

## LEGAL NOTICE

This is an attempt to locate the legal owner of the following vehicle.

1965 Ford Falcon  
VIN: 5H176167780  
Red in Color

Contact: Blackwell's Truck and Tractor at 1-864-320-3692 5-7, 14, 21

## LEGAL NOTICE

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1964 Ford Falcon  
VIN: 4T17U174087  
Rust in color

Contact: Blackwell's Truck and Tractor at 1-864-320-3692 5-7, 14, 21

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A No.: 2019-CP-42-02831 Bank of America, NA, Plaintiff, vs. The Estate of Louie W. Brooks and John Doe and Richard Roe, as Representatives of all heirs and devisees of Louie W. Brooks, deceased, and all persons entitled to claim under or through them; also, all other persons, corporations or entities unknown claiming any right, title, interest in or lien upon the subject real estate described herein, any unknown adults, whose true names are unknown, being a class designated as John Doe, and any unknown infants, persons under disability, or person in the Military Service of the United States of America, whose true names are unknown, being a class designated as Richard Roe, Willard Oil Company, Inc., Defendant(s).

**AMENDED SUMMONS AND NOTICES (Non-Jury) FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND BY ANSWERING THE COMPLAINT IN THIS ACTION, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREBY SERVED UPON YOU, AND TO SERVE A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER ON THE SUBSCRIBERS AT THEIR OFFICES AT 508 HAMPTON STREET, SUITE 301, COLUMBIA, SC 29201, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE SERVICE HEREOF, EXCLUSIVE OF THE DAY OF SUCH SERVICE; EXCEPT THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IF NAMED, SHALL HAVE SIXTY (60) DAYS TO ANSWER AFTER THE SERVICE HEREOF, EXCLUSIVE OF THE DAY OF SUCH SERVICE; AND IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE THAT PLAINTIFF WILL MOVE FOR AN ORDER OF REFERENCE OR THE COURT MAY ISSUE A GENERAL ORDER OF REFERENCE OF THIS ACTION TO A MASTER-IN-EQUITY/SPECIAL REFEREE, PURSUANT TO RULE 53 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE. TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY: YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED TO APPLY FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN AD LITEM WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS AND NOTICE UPON YOU. IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, APPLICATION FOR SUCH APPOINTMENT WILL BE MADE BY ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF. AMENDED LIS PENDENS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ACTION HAS BEEN OR WILL BE COMMENCED IN THIS COURT UPON COMPLAINT OF THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF AGAINST THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S) FOR THE FORECLOSURE OF A CERTAIN MORTGAGE OF REAL ESTATE GIVEN BY LOUIE W. BROOKS TO MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR BIRMINGHAM BANCORP MORTGAGE CORPORATION DATED FEBRUARY 27, 2010 AND RECORDED ON MARCH 23, 2010 IN BOOK 4333 AT PAGE 8, IN THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY REGISTRY (HEREINAFTER, "Sub-**

ject Mortgage"). Thereafter, the Mortgage was transferred to the Plaintiff herein by assignment. The premises covered and affected by the said Mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof were, at the time of the making thereof and at the time of the filing of this notice, more particularly described in the said Mortgage and are more commonly described as: All that lot or parcel of land located about one mile Northwest of Fairforest in Spartanburg County, State of South Carolina, lying on the Southeast side of Walden Circle, being known and designated as Lot No. 15 as shown on Subdivision Plat for Walden Estate Development, recorded in Plat Book 33, Pages 438 to 433, Register of Deeds Office for Spartanburg County, South Carolina, which property is more recently shown on a plat prepared for John E. Brandien by Gooch & Taylor, Surveyors, dated November 16, 1959, and recorded December 28, 1959, in Plat Book 39 at Page 689, in the Register of Deeds Office for Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Being the same property conveyed to Louie W. Brooks and Norma D. Brooks by deed of Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of Washington, D.C., acting by and through the Federal Housing Commissioner, dated July 28, 1966 and recorded August 5, 1966, in Deed Book 32-T at Page 234, Register of Deeds for Spartanburg County, South Carolina; thereafter, Norma D. Brooks died testate on December 29, 1994, leaving subject property to her heirs at law or devisees, namely, Louie W. Brooks as is more fully preserved in the Probate Records for Spartanburg County, in Case No. 95ES4200083. Parcel No. 6 17-01 063.00 Property Address: 119 Walden Circle Spartanburg, SC 29301

**ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY FOR UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS IN MILITARY SERVICE** It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon reading the filed Petition for Appointment of J. Marshall Swails, Esq. as Guardian ad Litem for known and unknown minors, and for all persons who may be under a disability, and it appearing that J. Marshall Swails, Esq. has consented to said appointment, it is FURTHER upon reading the Petition filed by Plaintiff for the appointment of an attorney to represent any unknown Defendants who may be in the Military Service of the United States of America, and may be, as such, entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act, and any amendments thereto, and it appearing that J. Marshall Swails, Esq. has consented to act for and represent said Defendants, it is ORDERED that J. Marshall Swails, Esq., 8 Williams Street, Greenville, SC 29601, be and hereby is appointed Guardian ad Litem on behalf of all known and unknown minors and all unknown persons who may be under a disability, all of whom may have or claim to have some interest or claim to the real property commonly known as 119 Walden Circle, Spartanburg, SC 29301; that he is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent said Defendants, unless said Defendants, or someone on their behalf, shall within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof as directed, procure the appointment of Guardian or Guardians ad Litem for said Defendants. AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that J. Marshall Swails, Esq., 8 Williams Street, Greenville, SC 29601, be and hereby is appointed Attorney for any unknown Defendants who are, or may be, in the Military Service of the United States of America and as such are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act aka Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, and any amendments thereto, to represent and protect the interest of said Defendants, AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be forth with served upon said Defendants by publication in Spartan Weekly, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Spartanburg, State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, together with the Summons and Notice of Filing of Complaint in the above entitled action.

**NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE ORIGINAL COMPLAINT, SUMMONS, AND CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FROM ADR IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED ACTION WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT FOR SPARTANBURG COUNTY ON AUGUST 13, 2019, AND AMENDED PLEADINGS WERE FILED IN THE SAME OFFICE ON FEBRUARY**

6, 2020. J. Martin Page, Esq. (SC Bar: 100200) D. Max Sims, Esq. (SC Bar: 103945) Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor Columbia, SC 29201 Phone 803.509.5078 Attorney for the Plaintiff ECPG No. 19-42627 5-14, 21, 28

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371ES with the Probate Court of Spartanburg County, the address of which is 180 Magnolia Street Room 302, Spartanburg, SC 29306, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or 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: Elizabeth J. Sain Date of Death: February 11, 2020 Case Number: 2020ES4200565 Personal Representative: Merrietta S. McClure 516 Laurens Road Landrum, SC 29356 4-30, 5-7, 14

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nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Raymond Lee Wilson Date of Death: February 21, 2020 Case Number: 2020ES4200409 Personal Representative: Ms. Chastidy N. McCombs 109 Peachtree Lane Chesnee, SC 29323 4-30, 5-7, 14

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Date of Death: March 31, 2020 Case Number: 2020ES4200570 Personal Representative: Ms. Karen Frances Murphy 105 Belvedere Drive Spartanburg, SC 29301 4-30, 5-7, 14

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2020ES4200499 The Will of Eugene Calvert AKA Hartwell Eugene Calvert AKA Gene Calvert, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed March 20, 2020. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 4-30, 5-7, 14

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Date of Death: March 19, 2020  
Case Number: 2020ES4200511  
Personal Representative: Mr. Roger Mark Stillinger  
1053 Maryland Avenue  
Spartanburg, SC 29307  
5-7, 14, 21

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AKA Bert O. Hodge  
Date of Death: February 11, 2020  
Case Number: 2020ES4200448  
Personal Representative: Ms. Martha O. Horton  
154 Foxhall Road  
Spartanburg, SC 29306  
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Date of Death: March 30, 2020  
Case Number: 2020ES4200572  
Personal Representative: Mr. Bobby Daniel Hall  
128 Walden Circle  
Spartanburg, SC 29301  
5-7, 14, 21

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Date of Death: April 7, 2020  
Case Number: 2020ES4200586  
Personal Representative: Carly A. Lineberry  
4658 Stone Station Road  
Pauline, SC 29374  
Atty: Kristin Burnett Barber  
Post Office Drawer 5587  
Spartanburg, SC 29304-5587  
5-7, 14, 21

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Date of Death: December 25, 2019  
Case Number: 2020ES4200575  
Personal Representative: Nykia Lee  
60 Tillerson Drive  
Campobello, SC 29322  
Atty: George Brandt, III  
360 E. Henry St., Suite 101  
Spartanburg, SC 29302  
5-7, 14, 21

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Date of Death: February 18, 2020  
Case Number: 2020ES4200382  
Personal Representative: Ms. Lillian E. Vaughn  
151 Gas Plant Road  
Moore, SC 29369  
5-14, 21, 28

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Date of Death: January 24, 2020  
Case Number: 2020ES4200592  
Personal Representative: Mary S. Belue  
101 W. Crestview Street  
Landrum, SC 29356  
Atty: Thomas A. Killoren, Jr.  
Post Office Box 3547  
Spartanburg, SC 29304  
5-14, 21, 28

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AKA Albert Pershing Surret  
Date of Death: January 25, 2020  
Case Number: 2020ES4200385  
Personal Representatives: Ms. Melissa Surret Hammond  
138 Eastwood Circle  
Spartanburg, SC 29302 AND  
Mr. Brett Michael Surret

111 Pine Trace  
Campobello, SC 29322  
5-14, 21, 28

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AKA Brenda Green Voyles  
Date of Death: April 4, 2020  
Case Number: 2020ES4200562  
Personal Representative: Mr. James O. Ownby  
280 Henry Court  
Spartanburg, SC 29306  
5-14, 21, 28

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Date of Death: March 27, 2020  
Case Number: 2020ES4200584  
Personal Representative: Ms. Vivian L. Thomas  
126 Timberlake Drive  
Irman, SC 29349  
5-14, 21, 28

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Date of Death: March 30, 2020  
Case Number: 2020ES4200594  
Personal Representative: Kenneth C. Griswold  
780 Dickson Road  
Campobello, SC 29322  
5-14, 21, 28

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Date of Death: April 1, 2020  
Case Number: 2020ES4200595  
Personal Representative: Mr. Jason Chumley  
327 Springwalk Lane  
West Columbia, SC 29169  
5-14, 21, 28

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AKA Vernon Smith  
Date of Death: January 30, 2020  
Case Number: 2020ES4200466  
Personal Representative: Mr. Michael C. Dantzler  
212 Cherry Grove Drive  
West Columbia, SC 29170  
5-14, 21, 28

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Date of Death: January 16, 2020  
Case Number: 2020ES4200150  
Personal Representative: Ms. Audrey Drake  
Post Office Box 56  
Compens, SC 29330  
5-14, 21, 28

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Date of Death: March 24, 2020  
Case Number: 2020ES4200611  
Personal Representative: Shirley Jones Lark  
310 Fishemans Cove  
Irman, SC 29349  
5-14, 21, 28

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

**2020ES4200585**

The Will of Frankie Mildred Denmark Edenfield, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed April 27, 2020. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun.  
HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL  
Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C.  
5-14, 21, 28

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

**2020ES4200588**

The Will of Etta Joline Smith AKA Joey Ross Belcher Smith, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed April 29, 2020. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun.  
HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL  
Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C.  
5-14, 21, 28

## Benefitfocus introduces For You SC to assist South Carolina residents affected by the economic downturn

Charleston - Benefitfocus, Inc.), a technology platform provider enabling rapid innovation for employers, health plans and consumers, has launched For You SC, an initiative to offer a selection of health insurance, life insurance, financial services and lifestyle benefits for residents of South Carolina who have been impacted by the economic downturn caused by COVID-19.

ForYouSC.com directs South Carolinians to a range of insurance, benefits and resources, some of which are only available in the state. This offering, accessible online or via mobile devices, is designed to provide a wide array of options to those facing unemployment or economic uncertainty during this crisis through a single digital experience.

“Our mission is to connect consumers to the ben-

efits and services that improve their lives and, since the onset of this crisis, we have worked diligently and quickly to help those most directly affected,” said Ray August, president and CEO of Benefitfocus. “We are now paying particular attention to helping those in our home state. For You SC is our initial effort to present a state-focused option to residents who may need them the most.”

Through the end of 2020, Benefitfocus will donate profits generated through For You SC to the One SC Fund: COVID-19 Response. This partnership between SC Grantmakers Network, Together SC, and the United Way Association of SC will enhance the efforts already underway in several counties and regions across South Carolina to address gaps in the response efforts, including support

for communities that lack resources or an organized philanthropic response.

#### **Benefits Options for South Carolina Residents**

According to the U.S. Labor Department, more than 33 million Americans have filed for unemployment insurance in a seven-week period since the start of the coronavirus crisis. Millions of other self-employed workers have seen their income shrink. Many now have to find benefit plans to replace those provided by their former employers or to revisit their current benefits to determine if they meet their needs, and they will have to do so without the help of an employer.

South Carolina residents visiting ForYouSC.com will find information to help them easily navigate the process of choosing specific benefit options that meet their personal

needs, many of which are only available within the state, including short- and long-term health plans from a local provider. Additionally, Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company, headquartered in Columbia, is offering accident, dental and whole life insurance.

“We are proud to partner with other South Carolina companies to help protect the families, finances and futures of Palmetto State residents,” said Tim Arnold, president and CEO of Colonial Life. “It’s important for families facing unexpected hardships to be able to rely on valuable insurance coverage to remain physically and financially healthy.”

Both the state-focused health plans and national offerings from Doctors on Demand provide virtual care, a service of growing importance as more consumers rely on telehealth

as an alternative to in-person care and consultation.

The site will also have access to national offerings, such as: student loan refinancing from Common Bond; auto and home insurance from Liberty Mutual and Bristol West; prescription savings through ScriptSave Well RX; and grocery shopping and delivery services from Shipt.

Benefitfocus plans to offer similarly tailored consumer solutions, such as For You SC, in other states across the country.

#### **Creating Consumer Access - Benefitplace.com**

ForYouSC.com is part of the direct-to-consumer benefits offering through benefitplace.com, which launched in April as a resource for independent workers and displaced employees to access a selection of affordable

individual and family health plans, as well as a variety of other products and services to support their well-being through this challenging time.

Benefitplace.com reflects Benefitfocus’ long-term strategy to support consumers’ health and financial well-being. It is designed to help individuals who do not have benefits through an employer or have lost their group benefits and are looking to ensure they and their family have access to health, financial, lifestyle and other benefits.

Benefitfocus has constructed its benefits platform so that users receive access to a personal account where they can shop for individual health plans and voluntary benefit to support them and their family’s needs for life.

## SCDNR says take down bird feeders if a black bear is visiting your neighborhood

Biologists with the S.C. Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) are reporting increased black bear activity throughout the state, and they urge people who live in these areas of bear activity to go ahead and remove their birdfeeders.

Black bear breeding season has bears on the move, and bears are hungry and looking for an easy meal. Bird feeders in people's yards are among the favorite targets of black bears.

"If a bear has been reported in your area, go ahead and take your feeder down and leave it down," said Tammy Waldrop, SCDNR black bear biologist stationed in Clemson. "Don't wait until the bear has knocked your feeder down to remove it. If the feeder is taken down and left down, the bear will move on." For more information on dealing with black bears, visit: <https://bearwise.org> and learn the Six BearWise At Home Basics.

Dealing with bears is a neighborhood problem, Waldrop said, and neighbors need to work together.



**Black bears can learn to co-exist with people, but people need to learn some common-sense rules about co-existing with bears, such as removing bird feeders when bears are visiting. (Photo by John Hains)**

If a neighborhood hears of a bear in the area, everyone should take their feeders down, and leave them down. If only a few people take down the feeders and the rest of the neighbors do not, it does not solve the problem.

The mere presence of a black bear does not necessarily represent a problem. Most bears are just passing through, but if there is an easy meal to be found, they will take advantage of it. The key to dealing with wandering bears is not giving

them a reason to hang around. Removing any food source that would attract bears will greatly reduce any bear issues in residential areas.

SCDNR offers these common-sense suggestions to better cope with

bears:

\* **Bird feed and feeders:** If a bear starts getting into your bird feeders—take the feeders down and put them away for a while; the bear will move on quickly.

\* **No garbage:** Keep garbage in tightly shut or

bear-proof trash cans; garbage left in the open, in an open dumpster, or in the back of a truck is an open invitation for a bear.

\* **Pet food storage:** Store pet food properly if kept outside; put pet food in airtight storage containers and don't leave leftover food out in the open.

\* **Clean grills:** Keep charcoal and gas grills covered and clean to keep food odors from attracting bears.

\* **Beehives:** If you're going to have beehives in bear territory, protect your investment with an electric, bear-proof fence.

\* **No feeding:** A bear that becomes accustomed to having food provided is an accident waiting to happen; don't feed a bear it promotes nuisance behavior.

While people may be excited about seeing a bear, biologists urge them to remember that bears are wild animals and should be respected. Black bears are usually shy, evasive and non-aggressive toward people. People and black bears can live in the same area with little conflict by following basic rules.

## Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

### Bake Crunchy Dog Treats

Much to the disappointment of my snack-starved son, who had just bounded into the house, the note on the kitchen counter by the metal cooling rack read:



"Dog Biscuits! Sorry, not for you. — Mom." The tempting treats may have looked and smelled like peanut-butter cookies, but they were hard as a rock, ready for our canine friends to enjoy.

Bake a batch of these crunchy dog biscuits with your kids for doggie gifts. This simple recipe goes together

in minutes, and young kids will have an easy and satisfying time rolling out or patting down the pliable dough to create shapes with cute cookie cutters.

#### CRUNCHY DOG BISCUITS

- 2 cups whole-wheat flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup peanut butter at room temperature
- 1 cup whole milk
- All-purpose flour for rolling the dough

1. Set the oven temperature to 375 F
2. Let one child measure and combine the flour, baking powder and salt in a large mixing bowl.
3. Another child may measure and stir the peanut butter and milk together in a smaller mixing bowl. It will take a minute or two until the mixture is smooth. Slowly pour it into the dry ingredients and stir until well-combined.
4. Sprinkle flour on the counter. Knead the dough a few times until it is easy to roll out into a 1/4-inch rectangle with a lightly floured rolling pin. Cut with cookie cutters in fun shapes such as a fire hydrant, bone, kitty, heart or X's and O's, and transfer to greased (or parchment-paper-covered) cookie sheets.
5. Bake 20 minutes, or until edges are lightly browned. Let cool.

TIP: Divide into gift bags, tie with ribbon and a tag, and deliver to neighborhood dog friends.

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