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## AROUND TOWN

### Fifth Annual Josh Lee Memorial 5K set for Oct. 24

USC Upstate athletics, in partnership with Johnny and Laurie Lee of Spartanburg, is set to host the 5th Annual Josh Lee Memorial 5K on Saturday October 24th on Upstate's campus. The race, which was originally scheduled to take place in May, has been moved to a fall date in 2020 and will see some operational modifications to adhere to social distancing protocols.

The annual event was first held in 2016 and is named in honor of the late Josh Lee, a USC Upstate cross country runner and scholar-athlete who was killed in a car accident in October 2015. Proceeds from the race go toward the Josh Lee Memorial Scholarship which was established in 2015 by the Lee family to create transformative opportunities for student-athletes. The scholarship is awarded each year to a member of the cross country/track and field team who is a rising sophomore with at least a 3.0 GPA and in good standing on the team.

Registration for the race is \$25 and participants can sign up here: <https://runsignup.com/Race/SC/Spartanburg/JoshLeeMemorial5KRun>

The race begins at 9:00 a.m. and to avoid crowding at the start line, participants will be encouraged to line up in a socially distant manner and according to estimated running times. Masks will be required the first quarter mile to half mile, or longer if maintaining social distancing is not possible.

### Spartanburg Regional joins U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Community Care Network

Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System is now participating in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Community Care Network (CCN) program, designed to ensure veterans receive timely, high-quality health insurance.

Administered through Optum, a United Healthcare affiliate, the Community Care Network is Veteran Affairs' direct link with community-based providers. The network uses industry-standard approaches and guidelines to administer health services, pay for services promptly, and manage the network to its full potential.

"This provides another option for veterans in our community, with a focus on quality and increased communications between Veterans Affairs and veterans," said Paul Butler, senior vice president of payor strategy for Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System.

The Community Cares Network is comprised of six regional networks. It covers all U.S. states and territories and relies on Third Party Administrators (TPAs) to develop and administer regional networks of high-performing licensed healthcare providers on behalf of Veterans Affairs. Spartanburg Regional has been a part of the program since February 2020.

### S.C. Commerce and DHEC launch Recycling Markets Directory

Columbia - The South Carolina Department of Commerce and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) recently announced the launch of a new online recycling tool that creates a network for recyclable materials. The Recycling Markets Directory is a collaborative resource that connects companies with recyclable waste products with other organizations that can utilize the materials.

A free online tool, the directory helps manufacturers keep valuable materials in motion by reducing waste and helping businesses meet sustainability goals. The platform showcases more than 300 South Carolina recycling companies, and it allows manufacturers to easily find recyclers in the area.

Among its many features, the Recycling Markets Directory is easy to use and provides a robust resource directory where users can search by category, service area or keywords. Searches are downloadable and include company contact information.

For more information on the Recycling Markets Directory, visit <https://www.recyclinginsc.com/directory/>

### Broadband Infrastructure Inc. awarded a fiber infrastructure

Greenville - Broadband Infrastructure Inc (BBI) recently announced that they have been awarded a major fiber optic buildout contract for \$13.6 Million with a major telecommunications company. This project will provide over 12,000 homes access to high-speed internet in the Midwestern United States. Under the terms of the multi-year award, BBI will provide turn-key underground fiber construction and engineering services.

BBI provides turnkey telecommunications/data solutions enabling the future of high-speed connectivity across the US.



Thanks to a recent donation from the Ford Motor Company to Spartanburg Community College, students in the College's Ford ASSET-Automotive Student Service Educational Training program have the opportunity to learn while working on two Ford vehicles - a Fusion and F-150 truck- now part of the SCC Ford ASSET fleet. Students in the photo are, from left: Andrew Grice, Brandon Rawlison, Landon Hoots, Gabriel Cranford, Saul Ramirez-Cruz, Carson McDowell, Drake Nicholas, Tommy Mahaffey, Jonathan Santizo, Wil Sherbert, and Chandler Shealy.

## Ford Motor Company donates vehicles to SCC Ford ASSET program

Thanks to a recent donation from the Ford Motor Company to Spartanburg Community College, students in the College's Ford ASSET-Automotive Student Service Educational Training program have the opportunity to learn while working on two Ford vehicles now part of the SCC Ford ASSET fleet.

"Automotive Technicians are in high demand with an extreme shortage of people with the necessary skills to diagnose and repair the complex vehicles that are on the road today," explains Mark Smith, program director for the SCC Ford ASSET program. "These two vehicles were donated to SCC by Ford Motor Company to keep our program up-to-date with current technology. By having the ASSET program at SCC we are helping meet the demand in industry by training to Ford's standards and providing certified technicians to their dealerships." The vehicles, a Fusion

and F-150 truck, join the College's ASSET vehicle fleet used by students for the hands-on, classroom training critical to solving mechanical problems they will face in the field. In addition to the in-depth classroom work, ASSET students also participate in a paid internship with local Ford dealerships, allowing them to "earn while they learn." The Ford-specific training offers hands-on learning experiences for students pursuing their education in automotive repair professions. Students learn to diagnose, service and maintain Ford and Lincoln automotive products and components, using recommended procedures, special service tools and equipment, and Ford service publications.

ASSET students alternate for six to eight weeks in the classroom and six to eight weeks with their sponsoring Ford or Lincoln dealer over a two-year period. At the end of the two years, they earn an associate degree and valu-

able in-dealer experience, setting them up for a stable and lucrative career path with potential opportunities to become a master tech, show foreman, service manager and even a general manager at dealerships.

Smith adds, "As the automotive service industry continues to grow, job opportunities are increasing. Today's vehicles are more technically advanced and use complex systems to control vehicle functions, and technicians require computer and mechanical skills using sophisticated testing equipment to diagnose vehicles. A technician is extremely valuable at a dealership because they directly interact with customers who depend on their technical expertise to keep their vehicle running safely."

For more information about SCC's Ford ASSET program, visit: [www.sccsc.edu/SCC-Ford-ASSET](http://www.sccsc.edu/SCC-Ford-ASSET) or [www.newfordtech.com](http://www.newfordtech.com)

## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

For the first time since national researchers began tracking data in 1996, South Carolina is no longer in the top-10 on the list of states where women are killed by men at a high rate. This year's report from the Violence Policy Center announced that South Carolina ranked eleventh in the nation in the rate of women murdered by men with its rate of 1.68 per 100,000. The data is featured in its report "When Men Murder Women: An Analysis of 2018 Homicide Data."

Anyone can experience intimate partner violence regardless of employment or educational level, race or ethnic background, religion, marital status, disability status, age, or sexual orientation. In 2019, SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition assisted 5,441 families and children with

domestic violence services; including sheltering 330 adults and children.

While this reduction is welcome news, a recent Post and Courier Article by Sara Coello highlighted a nationwide disparity within the report: Black women are three times more likely than White women to be killed by men, and intimate partner violence is the leading cause of premature death for Black women aged 15 to 44.

Jada Charley, President/CEO for SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition in Spartanburg County, was quoted in the Post and Courier article saying, "I think African American victims all over the nation have fears around calling law enforcement. They fear for their own safety, they have the fear of not being believed, fear of

what happens involving the criminal justice system, fear that they or their partner could be murdered by law enforcement."

The solution is to focus on local support programs that understand their community's needs and help victims choose the services and supports that they believe will allow them to achieve their desired outcomes. During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, they ask you to join in the efforts to raise awareness and raise voices against all forms of Intimate Partner Violence. You can play an integral role for those who are experiencing violence during this unprecedented time by supporting our efforts towards collaboration, prevention, and healing.

## Pomegranate seeds are bursting with nutrition

Pomegranates are known as a superfood with tons of wonderful health benefits, including fighting cancer and heart disease, as well as lowering blood pressure and cholesterol. They're also loaded with B vitamins, potassium and folic acid.

If you've never tried eating or cooking with pomegranates, now's the time! Pomegranates are in season and available through November, and some years into December and even January. Pomegranate concentrate is available throughout the year.

A pomegranate is about the size of an apple, and has a leathery, deep-red to purplish-red rind. When choosing the perfect pomegranate, look at the skin. It should be thin, tough and unbroken, indicating the flavor is well-developed. Pomegranates can be held at room temperature for reasonable periods of time, out of direct sun.

Most of the fiber you get from eating pomegranates comes from the arils (seeds). So to keep up with a healthy dose of daily fiber, crunch away! You also can sprinkle pomegranate seeds over broiled fish, salads, fruit desserts, cakes and puddings, or use them in marinades, glazes and for garnish. Pomegranate seeds also are a delicious topping for waffles, oatmeal, pancakes, cereal or sundaes.

### How to remove pomegranate seeds

1. Wash the pomegranates well before using them.

2. After washing, slice the pomegranate in half horizontally. When you split the hard fruit open, a mass of red seeds in a spongy white membrane is revealed. The white pithy membrane around the pomegranate arils (seeds) should not be too prominent.

3. To remove the seeds, place the pomegranate, cut side down, in your non-dominant hand with your fingers spread apart. Place a deep, medium-sized bowl in a sink to capture the seeds and juice. Hold your hand with the pomegranate over the bowl.

4. Take a sturdy spatula or a wooden spoon and begin to whack the top surface of the pomegranate as hard as you can to dislodge the seeds. Turn the pomegranate over to see where the remaining seeds are lodged. Continue to whack that area and the surface all over the top of the pomegranate until all seeds have fallen out.

5. Repeat this process with the other half of the pomegranate.

6. The whole fruit or seeds can be refrigerated in zippered plastic bags or in an airtight container. Refrigerate the pomegranates at 32 F to 41 F. Pomegranate seeds will keep this way for 4-5 days. They also can be frozen and stored for several months.

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# Around the Upstate

## Wofford's student-athletes read favorite children's books to Spartanburg County elementary students in videos

In the face of the challenges presented by COVID-19, Wofford College student-athletes such as Alexis Tomlin and other members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee knew they would have to change how they connected with the community.

"Before, we've gone and done a lot of in-person things, just something to stay involved with the community, and with COVID-19 that's been really difficult, says Tomlin, a senior biology and mathematics major from Myrtle Beach. "We thought 'what's a way that we can show these young kids that we're thinking about them and that we



care without doing something that's going to jeopardize our health or their health?"

A solution came when Spartanburg elementary schools reached out and requested Wofford student-

athletes record themselves reading some of their favorite children's books.

The initiative is called Terrier Story Time, and according to Tomlin, a member of the women's basketball team, it's a hit

with students.

"Teachers have told us that kids will have the rest of their siblings come and watch it, too," says Tomlin. "It's been great."

So far, one or two student-athletes will submit a

video per week, and those videos are sent to schools across Spartanburg County.

Marcus Stallings, a senior biology and Spanish major from Fort Mill, South Carolina, is a mem-

ber of Wofford's rifle team. He was one of the first students to participate. Stallings says the difficulties brought by COVID-19 fueled a desire to give back.

"I figured I have the time. Quarantine has been affecting everybody, and if I can take 15 minutes to help kids, then absolutely I'll do it," says Stallings. "This was something that I'd never tried before. Very seldom do I get to interact with young kids, and knowing that I helped somebody out, helped somebody learn, got them interested in reading, that's very gratifying."

## Boeing moving 787 production to Charleston, boosting connections between state industries

On October 1, the SC Council on Competitiveness (the Council) released the 2020 SC Logistics Economic Impact Study, which highlighted the logistics sector's role in South Carolina's economy and its growth over the past decade. A major study finding was the increased interconnectivity of advanced manufacturing, logistics, and technology — advanced manufacturers are spending more in logis-

tics, and logistics is relying more heavily on technology suppliers than they ever have before. Hours later the official announcement was made that Boeing would be moving its 787 production from Everett, Washington to the Boeing SC North Charleston facility.

"The decision from Boeing to move all 787 production to South Carolina is a testament not only to the robust aero-

space supply chain within our state; but also recognition of our state's logistics and technology industries that support the manufacturing of aircraft," remarked Susie Shannon, President and CEO of the SC Council on Competitiveness. "Our state's industry clusters are diverse and interconnected, and at the Council we will continue to provide the research, networking and resources to support

future growth."

The Boeing SC 92-acre facility has housed 787-10 Dreamliner production since 2010, but will take on full manufacturing duties in a deal that will begin Summer 2021. We are confident the ripple effects of this decision will create opportunities in many different business sectors across the state and allow South Carolina to continue to foster innovation and leadership in SC

Aerospace, SC Logistics, and SC Tech clusters.

According to ABC 4 News, the decision was made with a focus on long term success of Dreamliner production after commercial air travel recovers from COVID-19. "For months, teams studied options, engaged all of our stakeholders, including unions, and considered a number of factors including logistics, efficiency and long-term health of

our production system," Boeing Commercial Airlines division President and CEO Stan Deal said in a letter to employees about the decision. "It became clear that consolidating to a single 787 production location in South Carolina will make us more competitive and efficient, better positioning Boeing to weather these challenging times and win new business."

## AAA encourages motorists to disconnect and drive: It's not just talking and texting

Charlotte, N.C. — Distracted driving is not only extremely risky, but it is also known to be a leading cause in fatal car crashes. Cell phone use behind the wheel is a major distraction that endangers lives every day and AAA encourages all motorists to put down their mobile devices and 'Disconnect and Drive' to kick off National Distracted Driving Awareness month. "Distracted driving is dangerous and can have devastating consequences," said Tiffany Wright, spokesperson, AAA — The Auto Club Group in the Carolinas. "When a driver's attention is diverted from the road, their reaction-time slows

and lives are jeopardized — that's why focused drivers save lives."

While most attribute texting to distracted driving, it is important to note that other behaviors such as checking and posting to social media, browsing music playlists, reading emails, etc. are all habits that can result in a fatal injury or crash. Over 22 percent of distraction-affected crashes involved confirmed use of a smartphone.

"Social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and TikTok encourage users to 'go live' from locations and unfortunately what we're seeing is that those locations are often inside a vehicle while driving," added Wright.

and check traffic conditions ahead of time. And please, finish dressing and personal grooming at home — before you get on the road.

**Disable or stow electronics.** Never use text messaging, email, video games or internet functions, including those built into the vehicle, while driving. Stow your smartphone away, turn it to airplane mode, or activate call/text blocking features.

**Stay focused.** Do not let anything divert your attention. Be sure to actively scan the road, use your mirrors, and watch out for pedestrians and cyclists. If you have passengers, enlist their help as a "designated texter". Ask them to answer your calls, respond to texts and program the navigation.

In its fourth year in the Carolinas, AAA's distracted driving campaign "Disconnect and Drive" aims to change behavior behind the wheel. This year the Carolinas Foundation for Traffic Safety teamed up with Northwest School of the Arts,

GreyHawk Films, and local artists to create a music video complete with

an original song to spread the traffic safety message and save lives.

### BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

- Is the book of Rehoboam in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- How many times is the word "Bible" mentioned in the scripture of the Bible (KJV)? Zero, 3, 49, Over 1,000
- From Genesis 4, what righteous man started the practice of herding sheep? Adam, Cain, Abel, Job
- According to Jesus, what was Satan from the beginning? Deceiver, Evil, Thief, Murderer
- In biblical times, which was a large unit of money or weight? Levy, Talent, Shekel, Sepulcher
- Of these, which wasn't a son of Noah? Shem, Ham, Levi, Japheth

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Zero; 3) Abel; 4) Murderer; 5) Talent; 6) Levi

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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### Super Crossword

Answers

1. MORIS LABAMBA CANAIL SPIA  
2. TISA ITRONIRE ASTIRA TUX  
3. WHIRLINDOERIVISHNIES ACE  
4. TIERI LEO ORO THANKS  
5. FAHIDIAHDIKIDOGROWHANS  
6. AITA TIRU GIATES  
7. AUTOMOBILIETITRES ATON  
8. ARIKISEVEN ALI MROHOISE  
9. AILMA GAG GOMPIAGI FISGS  
10. EIGAGS GAIF SITAIVE TSART  
11. HEWER FORNADOOS TIGART  
12. TOA THECHWLEN TOPIAGIS  
13. FERRISWHEELS EIDU WISPI  
14. IMPOSTRISLOP EDENIC  
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### Super Crossword

REVOLUTIONS

**ACROSS**

- Mad crowd
- Ritchie Valens hit of 1959
- Artificial waterway
- Jacuzzi joint
- LAX screeners
- Mining stuff
- "Ad — per aspera"
- Formal duds for a dude
- Some Sufi ascetics
- Server's goal
- Actress Garr
- Was ahead
- Julio's gold
- "Much obliged"
- Air-cooling vanes
- Means of telling time
- good clip
- Writer Capote, to pals
- Steed feed
- Firestone products
- Lots and lots
- Gotten up
- Technique: Abbr.
- Feel ill
- Gloomy
- mater
- Wolf down
- They succeeded audiotapes
- "Yipes!"
- Big lug
- Ward (off)
- Alley hisser
- Ax-wielding lumberjack
- Dust devil's cousins
- Old overlords
- Lupino of "Jennifer"
- "Arrow" network
- Quarterback Dawson
- Big printer
- Carnival classics
- Coll. email ender
- Faint trace
- 90 Tax
- "Kidnapped" author's inits.
- Choose
- Paradisical
- Talk back to
- Planets, e.g.
- Fill-in worker
- Tyke
- Pampering, for short
- Record player parts
- Kids hold their horses on them
- Tile design
- German city
- It fills la Seine
- Et — (and others)
- "Devious Maids" actress Ortiz
- What 10 of this puzzle's answers do
- Beer barrel
- See 116-Down
- What's often decorated for Christmas
- "— your call"
- Sooner than, in odes
- One-of — (unique)
- Bleepers of bad words
- Tofu source
- Letters of the weekday
- Actor Milo
- Scottish tyke
- Wee, like
- Abner
- Meyers of orange
- Jovi
- Point of view
- In a self-effacing way
- Engendered
- Ireland's — Lingus
- Nile capital
- Professional org.
- degree
- Soul queen Franklin
- Beat against, as waves
- Get up
- NHL game souvenirs
- Lines of symmetry
- Celery piece
- Loudness knob abbr.
- Actor Aziz —
- Like flimsy excuses
- Expriated
- Little dollop
- Shorten
- Wallops in the ring
- Create a new digital image of
- Small battery type
- E-address
- Sci-fi travel facilitators
- Inedible kind of orange
- Suffix with 116-Across
- Answer to "Are you?"
- Teases mercilessly
- Give a thrill
- Conductor Arturo
- Film award
- Jays' places
- "Girl Code" channel
- In — (agitated)
- Bar none
- Examined before
- a jealous mistress"
- "1984" novelist George
- LP players of old
- Earthly hue, to Brits
- Explorer Hernando
- Seeded
- 1940s pres.
- Hopi abode
- Speakers' platforms
- Ending for Siam
- Zeta follower
- You, in German
- Many laptops
- British island in Polynesia
- Film providing a factual report, for short
- Tax-filing pro
- Rd. relatives
- Piece of mail: Abbr.
- In — (agitated)
- Highest peak in N.Z.
- Copier stuff
- Application
- Martin Van —
- Bridges of film
- Rhea relative
- 111 Moms' sisters, say
- Cyst, e.g. swelling
- Island (old immigration point)
- Give a false story
- Space of "The River"
- With 128-Across, earn wages
- Falco of TV
- DiFranco of song
- The Rams' gridiron gp.
- Magnon
- Ending for cash
- Abode: Abbr.

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# Home projects that don't require a professional

(StatePoint) While spending more time at home, you may have noticed the little things that need to be fixed, and small ways you can improve the appearance and functionality of your home. So why not use this time to test your skills with a few DIY projects?

Here are some easy, affordable tips to fix those items that have been nagging at you, as well as check off small projects that will boost your home's aesthetic.

1. First impressions are everything. From your family and friends to the mail carrier, your front door greets everyone who comes to your home. But it can take a beating from weather and constant use, so revitalize it with a fresh coat of paint. Once the paint has dried, accent it with a new door knocker, hardware or address plate. Worried about drilling into the door? Secure these items with T-Rex Mounting Tape. Mounting



tape is a strong, weather-resistant tape for heavy-duty projects that replaces nails, screws and staples.

2. Trim the walls. Accenting a room with wood trim is a quick way to add another level of

depth and detail to the interior of your home, and it won't cost a lot. Your local home improvement store can provide the best trim to fit your budget. For a smooth installation, ditch the nail gun and runny glues, and opt for a fast-

adhering super glue tape, which sticks on contact and works just as well as traditional nails.

3. Bolster your security. Feeling safe at home is important, and security cameras are a quick and

easy solution to deter unwanted visitors and offer you peace of mind. If you've been toying with the idea of adding smart devices and cameras to the exterior of your home, look to install them above high-risk entry points,

such as the front door, back and side doors, and the garage. There are many great security cameras that can be easily mounted to the exterior of your home without professional installation.

4. Effortless gutter repair. One project to check off your list is fixing that leaky gutter you've been ignoring. Don't worry, it's not as daunting a task as it might seem. Simply wrap waterproof tape around the leak and smooth it around all of the gutter ridges for a tight seal. Formulated to withstand extreme temperatures from -70 to 200 degrees, the UV-resistant formulation will prevent the tape from breaking down under harsh sunlight. Now how simple was that?

During these uncertain times, staying active and checking those to-dos off your list will give both you and your home a much needed refresher.

## Celebrate agriculture, arts and tradition at free, drive-through S.C. State Fair, October 20-21

Columbia - The first-ever free, Drive-Through S.C. State Fair is bringing the tradition of the State Fair to fairgoers in a new way in an effort to spread joy while staying safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. Guests will experience a snippet of the agriculture, arts, entertainment and food they look forward to each year while remaining in the safety of their vehicles. The event will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 20 and Wednesday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Fair food will be available for purchase through a separate drive-through with extended dates, Tuesday, Oct. 20 - Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Find details at [www.scstatefair.org](http://www.scstatefair.org) and follow @scstatefair on social media.

"This is our way of giving back to the community - this year has been difficult for all of us," said General Manager Nancy Smith, who also serves as the current chair of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE). "We hope that folks will experience some of the wide-eyed wonder that they come to the State Fair for each year."

### What to expect at the free, Drive-Through State Fair

With free admission, guests will drive through the fairgrounds to view unique attractions that represent some of the exhibits that have captivated audiences over the years. Enter at the North Gate on Rosewood Drive near the fair's historic Rocket. The route is estimated to take 20 minutes once guests enter the gates. To ensure safety and control the flow of traffic, visitors will not be allowed to exit their vehicles.

Agriculture has always played a significant role in the S.C. State Fair, and this year's event will be no different. Cattle, swine, goats, chickens, as well as draft mules and donkeys, will be visible from the car route. The S.C. Department of Agriculture will showcase farm equipment throughout the years. Exhibits will display blue-ribbon produce and flowers and, in the home and craft division, quilts and

specialty cakes.

Nostalgic exhibits will include the heritage village, an antique fire truck and memories from the popular CIRCUS at the Fair that debuted at the State Fair's 150th anniversary in 2019. Additional fair favorites include artwork by the 'Chicken Man' himself, Ernest Lee, the sounds of the calliope, Thomas Humphries' Fighting Stallions and Metal Band sculptures, the milking parlor and the famous Jupiter Rocket. And look out for samples of student and fine art. A special preview of the S.C. State Fair's upcoming second annual "Carolina Lights" holiday light show will also delight guests along the ride.

Not only will the exhibits showcase traditional fair favorites, but the atmosphere will also return, including PA announcements, the playing of the

national anthem at noon and the raising of the American flag.

"Our team is working hard to keep the traditions of the State Fair alive while prioritizing safety," said Smith. "For over 150 years, South Carolinians have come together to celebrate our state's agriculture, arts, history and more. This year's celebration will look different, but will have all of the spirit and joy as years past."

One exhibit will be a celebration of the State Fair's Ride of Your Life Scholarship recipients. A 501c3 charity, the S.C. State Fair supports statewide education by awarding hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships annually to help students across South Carolina pursue their con-

tinued education at any public or private college, university or technical college in the state.

Follow along with exhibit details and a route map available online at [scstatefair.org](http://scstatefair.org) and via QR codes that will be accessible along the route. As you drive through the fair, enjoy a Spotify playlist of bands that have visited the S.C. State Fair over the years.

The public is invited to share their favorite fair moments by sending them to [favoritememory@scstatefair.org](mailto:favoritememory@scstatefair.org). Submit yours and view the shared photos on [scstatefair.org/memories](http://scstatefair.org/memories).

**Don't miss corn dogs, cotton candy and more available for purchase**

### Oct. 20-24

Guests will not want to miss the opportunity to indulge in their fair food favorites this year. In a twist on the restaurant drive-through concept, guests will be able to drive into the Lexington Medical Center Fair Park on the fairgrounds to purchase Fiske fries, funnel cakes and more. With an anticipated high demand, the fair food vendors have extended the dates to Oct. 20 - 24, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Guests will enter Gate 6 on George Rogers Boulevard, then wind through the parking lot until they reach six separate lines for fair food, all of which will have the same offerings, in an effort to keep the lines moving quickly and efficiently. The following fair

food will be available:

- Fiske fries
- Corn dogs
- Sausage sandwiches
- Turkey Legs
- Funnel cakes
- Elephant ears
- Cotton candy
- Candy apples
- Caramel corn
- Pepsi brand 20 oz. bottled drinks and water

### Plan ahead for Carolina Lights, downtown's most popular drive-through holiday lights show

The second annual "Carolina Lights" drive-through lights show will take place Dec. 5 - 27, 2020, at the LMC Fair Park at the S.C. State Fairgrounds. Find details at [www.scstatefair.org/carolina-lights](http://www.scstatefair.org/carolina-lights)

## VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

### Coffee Shop Vets Are One Man Short

I didn't know if they'd be there, what with the weather snapping cold like it has, but there they were, the elderly veteran crew, arrayed in a wide half circle on the sidewalk outside the coffee shop. Or at least most of them were. I did a head count after I placed my coffee order at the pickup window. One appeared to be missing, and it seemed that I'd arrived in the middle of a conversation. "They kept him overnight, worried about his chest. Coughing, but no fever." "Can't be the virus if there's no fever." "It could be the virus with no symptoms whatsoever." The retired sergeant, in charge of physical spacing, tapped his 6-foot measuring stick on the pavement. "You need to keep up." They batted it back and forth, taking bets about which of them might have had it without knowing, citing questionable statistics and claims. A cell-phone rang, and the sergeant's hand went up, calling for silence. He listened and hung up, sliding the phone back in his fatigue jacket pocket. "It's not the virus," he said. "Common cold. But the grandkid tested positive, so now the whole house is in lockdown. Our good buddy has to go elsewhere." "Bet he's not happy about that." "His other daughter is coming from upstate. Plans to take him with her tomorrow." "He'll be even less happy about that. Poor guy. He's a news junkie. She lives in a cabin on a lake, no cable. Just basic channels." By the time I finished my coffee, hovering at the edge of the group, the general consensus was that their pal, to be trapped for a few weeks in a lakeside cabin in the woods with no cable television, was actually the lucky one. As long as he remembered his fishing pole.

2020 DOWNTOWN EVENT SCHEDULE

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

City permitted/supported events

(New)Synergy Music Series at Bamet Park

**\*\*\*\* Please note that all events through October have been cancelled due to COVID-19. Please visit [www.cityofspartanburg.org](http://www.cityofspartanburg.org) for more information. \*\*\*\***









### Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



### Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



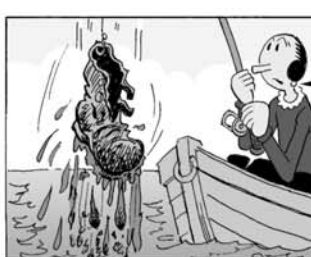
### R.F.D.

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!

Defy  
OLEAVIT

Oppose  
STEUPID

Twirl  
CEPPTER

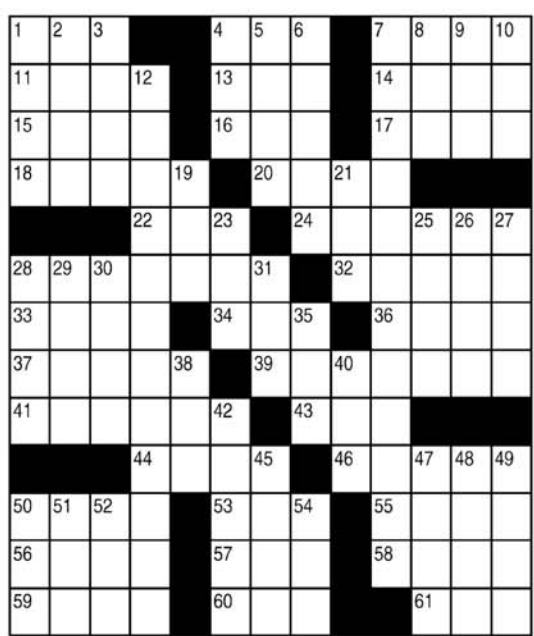
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TODAY'S WORD

### King Crossword

#### ACROSS

- 1 Recede
- 4 Petrol
- 7 Potato
- 11 Settled down
- 13 Mischief-maker
- 14 Cautious
- 15 "Bye"
- 16 Neither partner
- 17 Rice or Tyler
- 18 Ledge
- 20 Dispatch
- 22 Mary — cosmetics
- 24 Half a wet-weather pair
- 28 Game like pinochle
- 32 Hoosegow
- 33 Valhalla VIP
- 34 Dog's foot
- 36 Burrito cousin
- 37 Fifth-day Christmas gift
- 39 Paraphrase
- 41 Impressionist?
- 43 Feathery neckpiece
- 44 List-ending abbr.
- 46 It brings out the kid in you
- 50 Coffee
- 53 Run-down horse
- 55 Stead
- 56 Need for
- 41-Across

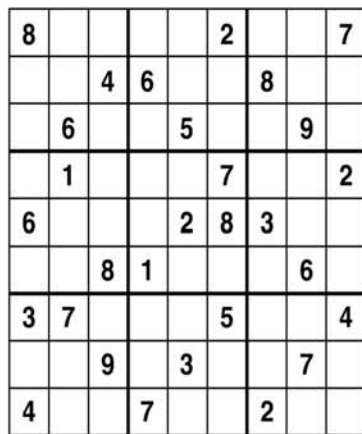


- 57 Wildebeest
- 58 Bridge
- 59 Jewels
- 60 Longing
- 61 Illustrations
- 9 Samovar
- 10 Coloring agent
- 12 TV news pun-dits, often
- 19 Online info
- 21 Once around the track
- 23 "Uh-huh"
- 25 Gumbo need
- 26 Membership
- 27 Advertise strongly
- 28 Drill
- 29 Fix a manuscript
- 30 Galvanizing stuff
- 31 Listener
- 35 "Charlotte's —"
- 38 Collection
- 40 Weep
- 42 Tall and slender
- 45 Kegler's pathway
- 47 Morning co-host Kelly
- 48 Rip
- 49 Quest
- 50 TV drama that spawned "NCIS"
- 51 Expert
- 52 Energy
- 54 Pistol

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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. GEOGRAPHY: Which city is known as "The Eternal City"?
2. FOOD & DRINK: What is the name of the bee used in advertisements for Honey Nut Cheerios?
3. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "ad meliora" mean?
4. MEASUREMENTS: How many inches are in a hand?
5. U.S. STATES: A resident of which state might be called a Buckeye?
6. MOVIES: Who were the three stars of the film "Three Amigos"?
7. GAMES: Which "ailment" was added to the Operation board game in 2004?
8. ASTRONOMY: Which two planets in our solar system lack natural moons?
9. MYTHOLOGY: What is a Valkyrie in Norse mythology?
10. TELEVISION: What was the name of the android on "Star Trek: The Next Generation"?

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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Window is cracked. 2. Boy's hair is different. 3. Bushes are missing. 4. Pile of leaves is larger. 5. House is narrower. 6. Shirt has long sleeves.

1. Rome
2. Buzz
3. Toward better things
4. Four
5. Ohio
6. Steve Martin, Martin Short and Chevy Chase
7. Brain Freeze
8. Mercury and Venus
9. A maiden who chooses who may die in battle, and which of the slain are worthy of a place in Valhalla
10. Data

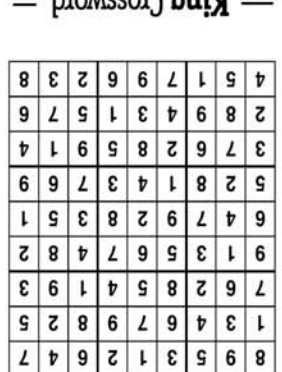
Answers



Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

### King Crossword



Answer

### 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: B equals L

UM CA OCVUAR KORUJOA UT JCEO  
OTNOXCUBBQ MFK CEFBOTXOAVT,  
U'E XCBB UV C NKF-VOOA EUOV.

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### SPORTS

Today's Word

- 1. Violate
- 2. Dispute
- 3. Precept
- 4. Secret

### SCRAMBLERS

solution

### Weekly SUDOKU

If an eating regimen is made especially for adolescents, I'd call it a pro-teen diet.

### CryptoQuip

Answer