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AROUND TOWN

Spartanburg School District 2 Board approves four new administrators

Last week, the Spartanburg School District 2 Board of Trustees approved the appointment of four new administrators.

Erik Gerstenacker has been selected to lead the Chesnee High School Eagles. Current CHS principal Angie Ramsey announced her retirement earlier this month.

The Board approved Brittany Green to lead the Mayo Elementary School Falcons. She will take over as principal for Cassandra Davis who has accepted another position.

Brandy Gault has been named an assistant principal at Oakland Elementary School.

Casey Corn will join the team at Rainbow Lake Middle School as an assistant principal.

Two Spartanburg Community College students named to Phi Theta Kappa's All-State Academic Team

Spartanburg, SC - Two Spartanburg Community College students have been named to the 2022 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team, a selection that reflects the individual student's outstanding work ethic, as well as their dedication to service to both their community and the College.

The students, Brooke Dimery and Nathaniel Inman, will be honored alongside their peers from other colleges at a recognition awards ceremony held by the South Carolina Technical College System in April. All told, 34 students from the S.C. Technical College System were named to the 2022 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team.

Brooke and Nathaniel are students at SCC's Spartanburg County Early College High School, an innovative partnership between the seven Spartanburg County School Districts and SCC developed to graduate students with both a high school diploma and the first two years of transferable college credit or an Associate Degree.

Ms. Dimery has also recently been named a semifinalist in the National Beta Scholarship program, earning a \$1,000 scholarship and an opportunity to earn one of the top five scholarships (\$20,000, \$15,000, \$10,000, \$8,000, and \$6,000).

The impact of Spartanburg's outdoor offerings

The Dan, under construction now, will unite more than 50 miles of trails countywide, and a recently-awarded federal grant will expand the impact of outdoor recreation on our community. Join OneSpartanburg, Inc. for a conversation with PAL Executive Director Laura Ringo on these initiatives plus the upcoming CRIT, part of Spartanburg's Spring Fling weekend. This edition of 'Caffeinated Conversations' will take place on Tuesday, April 12, at the OneSpartanburg, Inc. Milliken Board Room, 105 N. Pine St., Spartanburg, from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Register online at <http://spartanburgeareasc.chambermaster.com/>

Spartanburg Philharmonic announces 2022 - 2023 season

For the past 93 years, your Spartanburg Philharmonic has been proud to enrich the community with exceptional concert programs, and experience these moments together with you. And they want to thank the community for making their music a part of your lives.

As they embark on our 94th Season, they look forward to embracing all that live music offers, and genuinely hope you will join. The 2022/23 Season explores a vast catalog of music - one that will challenge, delight, and ignite your senses. Together, they will experience the energy and excitement that the Philharmonic's six prospective music directors bring to each Zimmerli Series concert. Discover new music and artists with the Espresso Series, and be enraptured by the exceptionally harmonic vocals and instrumentals of the Bluegrass Series. Together in 2022/23, WE ARE MUSIC.

Visit <https://www.spartanburghphilharmonic.org/> to view the full season online.

Spartanburg Youth Theatre presents Alice in Wonderland

Spartanburg Youth Theatre will present *Alice in Wonderland*, April 15, 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and April 16 at 2:00 p.m. at the Chapman Cultural Center, 200 E. St. John Street in Spartanburg

Lewis Carroll's timeless classic comes to life onstage in this clever and refreshing adaptation. An acting troupe eager to perform the classic story seeks out someone to play Alice. As Alice's adventure unfolds, the group of actors portray all of the delightfully absurd characters in the curious playground of Wonderland, using clever stagecraft, fast-paced costume changes and hilarious onstage antics. Ages Recommended: Most enjoyed by children 8 and up.

Visit <https://ci.ovationtix.com/35984/production/1071632> to purchase tickets.



The City of Spartanburg will pursue \$300,000 in federal Land and Water Conservation Fund matching grant money for use in Duncan Park improvements.

Community planning process to create vision for Duncan Park improvements

Prepared by the City of Spartanburg staff

In February, Spartanburg City Council approved a resolution authorizing the City to pursue \$300,000 in federal Land and Water Conservation Fund matching grant for improvements to trails and clearing of invasive species in wooded areas of Duncan Park, an opportunity identified as an early opportunity by a new community steering committee working with the National Park Service, the City, and PAL: Play, Advocate, Live Well to create a plan for improvements to the park that will increase its use and provide new recreation opportunities.

The City's largest recreational asset at over 100 acres, Duncan Park is home to tennis courts, a playground, two recreational ball fields, historic Duncan Park stadium, a 14-acre lake, large wooded areas, four miles of natural surface trails, and one mile of paved trail. Last year, the City and PAL were selected by the National Park Service to receive expert consultation for a broad reimagining of Duncan Park. Through the process, the City and PAL will engage with stakeholders, surrounding neighborhood residents, and the broader Spartanburg community in creating a vision for the park that include multi-use

trails, open spaces, and possible water recreation opportunities, with community gathering spaces linking recreational amenities to Historic Duncan Park Stadium.

Recently on the Spartanburg City News podcast, the hosts spoke with PAL Executive Director Laura Ringo about the Duncan Park planning process, and received an update on the group's latest trails work in Spartanburg. Listen to the podcast on Spotify, iTunes, Stitcher or search "Spartanburg City News" in your favorite podcast app. Theme music provided by Spartanburg singer-songwriter, David Ezell.

New vanpool service, SWFT begins operations in Spartanburg

Prepared by OneSpartanburg, Inc. staff

As the City of Spartanburg and partners look for new, innovative ways to ensure the workforce is prepared to take advantage of the diverse and growing array of job opportunities available countywide, they recently announced a new vanpool service - SWFT, the SPARTA Workforce Transit.

Created in partnership with Enterprise, OneSpartanburg, Inc., the United Way of the Piedmont and SC Works of the Upstate, this new service will provide a sustainable shared vanpool option to connect those with transportation needs to economic opportunities that would otherwise be out of reach.

The service is operational and has provided transportation for employees of Grace Management Group, the first employer to utilize the service, this week. Funded by City public transit dollars with subsidies from partnering organizations, each employer SWFT program is customized to the specific needs of its five or

more vanpoolers. The remaining cost is split among participants, with each vanpool rider paying a set fee per month.

Participants in the SWFT program choose a qualifying vanpool vehicle from Enterprise's selection of makes and models that includes crossovers, SUVs, minivans and large passenger vans. Vanpoolers may choose to upgrade their vehicles with optional high-end features such as satellite radio, in-vehicle Wi-Fi service and power ports for individual seats.

While Grace Management's employees are the first to take advantage of this new commuting option, organizations partnering on the program hope to encourage more of Spartanburg County's major employers to add SWFT vanpool service as an option for their employees in the coming months.

"As Spartanburg's economy continues its impressive, sustained growth, it's more important than ever to ensure that we remove transportation concerns as a barrier for folks in our city who can benefit great-

ly from the employment opportunities available in the broader Spartanburg community. The SWFT program is an important tool in addressing those concerns," stated Chris Story, Spartanburg City Manager.

"The SWFT program is yet another positive outcome driven by the collaborative nature of Spartanburg. I'm excited about the impact this program will have on workers in Spartanburg and grateful for the community partners that came together to make it happen," added Katherine O'Neill, OneSpartanburg, Inc. Chief Economic Development Officer.

"United Way of the Piedmont has a bold goal to decrease the number of people living below self-sufficiency in our community. SWFT will not only help businesses recruit and retain talent, but it will help families increase their opportunities for economic mobility and self-sufficiency," added Hannah Jarrett, Director of Economic Mobility Strategy, United Way of the Piedmont.

Splatter ware

It is not easy to identify antique and vintage ceramics, because many were made by small local potteries and not marked. Workmen often moved to another factory but continued to make the same type of wares and decoration.

Spatter ware is a pottery decorated with paint that is actually splattered on the plate by flicking a stick dipped in the paint. Very similar decorations were made by dabbing paint on with a sponge. Many collectors think spatter and sponge are the same, so you must check any written descriptions. Both are popular vintage collectibles.

Both types of folk pottery were made in the early 1800s in Scotland, Italy, Holland, France and the United States. Similar dinnerware and other household dishes are still being made but with the help of machines, not often by hand. Tulips are often pictured either as part of a border or as a single flower in the center. Price is determined by the condition and the skill of the decorator.

Conestoga Auction Co. sold a collection of this type of pottery, with many early examples selling for hundreds of dollars. A plate with a border of green and blue spatter stripes and a center with two stylized tulips did not have a maker's mark and sold for \$224.

Q: After my mother died, we found a Pairpoint lamp in a box in the attic. It looks original except for the cord. There are two stamps under the shade dated July 9, 1901. It has puffy butterflies. The base has a diamond-shaped stamp underneath. Can you tell me what this might be worth?

A: Thomas J. Pairpoint founded the Pairpoint Manufacturing Company in New Bedford, Massachusetts, in 1880. The company became the Pairpoint Glass Company in 1957. It moved to Sagamore, Massachusetts, in 1970 and now makes luxury glass items. Look closely at the patent date on your lamp. Are you sure it's not 1907? Pairpoint's Papillon (butterfly) boudoir lamp marked "patented July 9th - 1907" sells at auction for about \$2,000.

Current prices

Candy container, Easter Bunny pulling cart, papier-mache, glass eyes, wood cart with mossy sides, holds decorated tin eggs, bunny's head removes, Germany, 13 inches, \$375.

Tiffany glass vase, gold iridescent, wide top, dimpled sides, deeply ruffled rim, spread foot, signed "L.C. Tiffany Favre," 4 x 4 1/2 inches, \$625.

Candy container, Easter Bunny, glass eyes, standing on platform, egg and chick in basket, Germany, 9 inches, \$840.

Tip: Use a soft bristle toothbrush to clean hard-to-reach spots on silver or jewelry.

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Around the Upstate

S.C. Governor presents SCC Culinary Arts student with Tourism Award

Recently, Spartanburg Community College announced that SCC Culinary Arts student Mark Stidham is a recipient of the 2021 South Carolina Tourism Student Award and a \$1,000 scholarship check, sponsored by the South Carolina Travel and Tourism Coalition. The award recognizes outstanding students from the state's colleges and universities taking part in the state's various tourism-related academic programs.

South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster presented Mark with his award at a ceremony Monday night at the Governor's Mansion in Columbia.

"Mark is an amazing student that is always excited for class and eager to learn new culinary techniques," said Chef Amy Loyless-Byers, Director of the Culinary Arts Program at Spartanburg Community College. "Mark is a perfect example of what SCC offers our community. He is a true team player in the kitchen and will be an incredible asset to any



Spartanburg Community College Culinary Arts student Mark Stidham recently received the 2021 S.C. Tourism Student Award and a \$1,000 check, presented by S.C. Governor Henry McMaster.

future kitchen."

For twenty-two years, Mark worked as a bankruptcy paralegal but recently decided the time was right for a career change. He decided to take advantage of SCC's free

tuition program and enrolled in the Culinary Arts certificate program. After discovering a newfound passion for culinary arts, and at the urging of his instructors, he recently changed over to the degree

program. "I originally wanted to study medical laboratory technology, but I felt I was instead being led to culinary arts," Mark said. "After winning this scholarship and learning that

tuition will be free for the next year as well, I feel nothing but blessings and affirmation that this is where I am meant to be." "The culinary program is amazing," Mark continued. "The availability of

highly knowledgeable and quality chefs that are eager to share their knowledge is outstanding. Chef Byers and Chef Bez have a unique rapport with the students that makes learning exciting and easy to retain. They are incredible assets to SCC."

Upon graduation, Mark aims to become an executive chef for a fine dining restaurant and, as he reaches the sunset of his career, he hopes to run the kitchen for a school or summer camp.

"Mark's story is one shared by so many of those who are currently enrolled across our five campuses," said Dr. Michael Mikota, President of SCC. "The free tuition program has presented a life-changing opportunity to thousands of individuals in Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union counties and beyond to change the course of their life and their careers – at virtually no cost. In receiving this award, Mark serves as the embodiment of our motto: Dream "It, Chase It, Live it."

Governor's School for Science & Mathematics Foundation receives grant from Duke Energy

Hartsville, - The South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics (GSSM) Foundation was pleased to receive a \$10,000 grant from Duke Energy on Friday, March 11. Mindy Taylor, District Manager, Government and Community Relations for Duke Energy, and Nicole Flippin, Site Vice President, Robinson Nuclear Plant, presented a check to GSSM President Danny Dorsel and Foundation Executive Director Beth Dinndorf.

The grant supports student scholarships for summer 2022 GoSciTech, GSSM's residential summer camp. GoSciTech summer camps serve rising 8th, 9th and 10th graders and provide unmatched opportunities for students to explore the endless possibilities of science and technology in an interactive, residential environment. These week-long

camp are held on GSSM's campus and led by GSSM instructors, university professors, and highly qualified professionals in their respective fields.

The grant also supported January 2022 Interim learning experiences for students enrolled in the new GSSM STEM Foundations online diploma program. The environmental based Interim class focused on biodiversity and plant biology and culminated in a trip that enabled students to observe in nature what they had learned and to come together in person and solidify as a community of learners.

"We are grateful for this grant and for Duke



L-R: GSSM Executive Director Beth Dinndorf, GSSM Research Director Josh Wilton, Site VP/Robinson Nuclear Plant Nicole Flippin, Duke Energy District Manager for Government & Community Relations Mindy Taylor, GSSM Outreach Program Coordinator Susan Engelhardt, GSSM STEM Foundations Program Manager Nicole Krueger, GSSM Outreach Program Coordinator Ashley Rubin, GSSM President Danny Dorsel.

Energy's on-going investment in GSSM and its students," said Beth Dinndorf, GSSM Foundation Executive Vice President. "GSSM is honored to have Duke Energy as an engaged partner. In addition to providing important financial support, Duke Energy employees play critical volunteer roles by serving

on the GSSM Foundation Board of Directors and

GSSM Virtual and Outreach Advisory Board and providing student field experiences. Duke Energy is a valued partner of GSSM."

One of the few specialized public residential high schools of its kind, the South Carolina Governor's School for Science + Mathematics (GSSM) exists to push motivated young learners beyond

their perceived levels of academic ability. Here, challenge is viewed as a gateway to opportunity. GSSM students embrace the school's rigorous approach to education and in so doing begin to realize their full potential. Learn more by visiting www.scgssm.org.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Iscariot in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
2. From Matthew 28:2, who rolled back the stone from the door of Jesus' tomb and sat upon it? Simon, An angel, Villagers, Disciples
3. When Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" came upon the risen Jesus, who did He ask them to inform? Priests, Disciples, No one, Villagers
4. From John 20, which disciple doubted Jesus had risen unless he could see the wounds? Peter, Andrew, Thomas, Thaddeus
5. How long did Jesus remain after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven? Instantaneously, 1 hour, 7 days, 40 days
6. According to the apostle Paul, above what number saw the risen Christ at one time? 100, 300, 500, 1000

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) An angel; 3) Disciples; 4) Thomas (called Didymus); 5) 40 days (Acts 1:3); 6) 500 (1 Cor. 15:3-8)

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

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Super Crossword

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- 10 Hebrew holy text
- 15 Chicago hub
- 20 Rembrandt painted with them
- 21 You RSVP to it online
- 22 Tempos
- 23 Elton and Hogwarts
- 25 RAM units
- 26 Nastase of tennis fame
- 27 The sun, e.g.
- 28 Hooded viper
- 30 Get higher
- 31 Long-necked beast
- 35 Companies with cabbies
- 39 Give the details of
- 42 Kite's home
- 43 Suffix with human
- 44 Skilled thief, slangily
- 48 Adds on
- 52 Positive vote in Congress
- 53 "What's the --?" ("Care to explain that?, slangily)
- 54 Vow
- 56 Dried up
- 57 Weightlifting units
- 59 Cuddle (up)
- 62 "Stay" singer Lisa
- 64 Teensy
- 65 Bug B Gon's brand
- 67 Abbr. on an airport uniform
- 68 Jacob Bronowski book about human history, with "The"
- 71 Platoon unit
- 73 German wine region
- 75 Equipper of horse hooves
- 76 Carnival vessels
- 79 Backpacked beast, maybe
- 82 "Chicago" showgirl Hart
- 84 -- polio
- 85 "Toodles!"
- 86 Club get-togethers
- 89 Bleacher feature
- 90 PC brand
- 92 Part of DJ
- 94 Plant-based salve for treating bruises
- 96 Longtime CBS series
- 97 10th month, in German
- 99 Many golf hits onto the green
- 103 Comic actor
- 104 Sweetheart
- 105 Sitting Bull's tribe
- 106 Hoped-for result of a throw to a receiver
- 111 Frosty and the like
- 115 Face defacer
- 116 Tofu base
- 117 Negative votes in Congress
- 120 Green Hornet's aide
- 121 Gut
- 123 Trip associated with the starts of seven answers in this puzzle
- 129 With 6-Down, boxing legend's daughter
- 130 Devilish grin
- 131 Native of the Raiders' home
- 132 Fidgeting
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- 134 Event for unloading household items in an urban area
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- 5 Jupiter, e.g.
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- 88 "Danke --"
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- 93 D-Day city in France
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- 100 Golf norm
- 101 Shrub shapers
- 102 Sadie -- Day
- 104 Miami Heat great Wade
- 106 Small hand drum of India
- 107 Shark's place
- 108 Not ignited
- 109 "-- daisy!"
- 110 Prefix with payment or partisan
- 112 Sister of Eva and Zsa Zsa
- 113 "I Love Lucy" neighbor
- 114 -- Dame
- 118 I problems?
- 119 Bleacher feature
- 122 "Whoopee!"
- 124 Shark's place
- 125 Weightlifting unit
- 126 MGM rival
- 127 Waitress at Mel's Diner
- 128 Racing circuit

