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AROUND TOWN

Highway 14 road closure

NHM Constructors, LLC is performing emergency bridge construction for the South Carolina Department of Transportation that began on November 30. This construction project is on SC-14, 2 miles south of Landrum at the existing culvert for Green Creek. The scope of work is to replace the failing existing culvert with a new 70' Cored slab bridge. Due to the nature of the work, the road will be closed during construction. This project has completion date of February 28, 2021 but this date may be effected by weather or unseen delays.

USC Upstate women's soccer announces Big South Conference schedule

The Big South Conference has announced its Spring 2021 women's soccer conference schedule.

The Big South has allowed USC Upstate to schedule nonconference contests at its discretion.

The Upstate women's soccer conference season begins with a home game on February 21 against Longwood.

Additional information regarding game times, facility capacity and broadcast details will be announced in the near future.

For more information on the USC Upstate women's soccer program log onto upstatespartans.com or follow the team on Twitter @UpstateWSoccer.

Corporate gifts, made in Spartanburg

Corporate spending can make a big difference to small businesses, and can be a great way to reward your team this year.

Spend local this holiday season by ordering gifts that are made in Spartanburg for coworkers or employees. Visit <https://www.onespartanburginc.com/localgifting/> for more information and gifting ideas.

Spartanburg Health Initiative receives Innovation Award

The Road to Better Health was awarded the Community Innovation Award by the Alliance for a Healthier South Carolina at the 2020 Live Healthy SC Annual Meeting.

The Road to Better Health (RTBH) is a community collaborative that engages over 30 nonprofit and social service sector organizations to address seven focus areas: health equity, behavioral health, substance abuse, dental care, access to health, birth outcomes and obesity prevention.

Several key accomplishments in Spartanburg were highlighted at the 2020 Live Healthy SC:

* A 66% decline in the teen birth rate in Spartanburg County since 2008.

* A unique partnership with Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System to bring a dental residency program to Spartanburg, increasing access to high quality, low cost dental care for adults.

* Thousands of teachers and school administrators trained in compassionate schools and trauma-informed practice to improve social and emotional learning.

* Completion of a Community Health Needs Assessment that was informed by diverse voices and experiences throughout Spartanburg County.

* A focus on health equity led to engagement with the Racial Equity Institute (Durham, NC) and over 200 people attending the REI Groundwater training. Due to the foundation laid by the Road to Better Health, a new coalition has formed – the Spartanburg Racial Equity Collaborative – which will release a strategic plan next month to advance racial equity.

The Alliance recognized the current co-chairs of the Road to Better Health, Page Rogers, with DHEC's Upstate Region, and Erica Rhodes, with Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, while acknowledging the long list of individuals and community partners who have worked to create and sustain the community health efforts over the years.

Looking ahead, as the Road to Better Health takes on the very important task of developing Spartanburg's Community Health Improvement Plan in 2021, it will be joining forces with Spartanburg's Way to Wellville, a local effort that is part of a national challenge to promote equitable well-being in communities. The power of these two collaborative efforts coming together will drive future innovation and amplify local successes.

For more information about the Road to Better Health, visit www.rtbhspartanburg.org/ and for more information about the Alliance for a Healthier SC and Live Healthy SC, go to www.livehealthysc.org.



A \$75,000 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation has allowed Spartanburg Community College to implement a new Associate Degree in Welding addressing the growing need for a more qualified Upstate workforce. Shown from left are: Derek Horne, SCC Welding instructor; Dr. Michael Mikota, SCC president; Chris Ray, SCC program chair, Welding; and Cody Knighton, SCC Welding instructor.

Duke Energy awards \$75,000 to Spartanburg Community College Foundation for Welding Workforce Development

A \$75,000 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation has allowed Spartanburg Community College to implement a new Associate Degree in Welding addressing the growing need for a more qualified Upstate workforce.

"The SCC Foundation is proud of its' partnership with the Duke Energy Foundation and thrilled this significant gift took an essential program to the next level," shares Bea Walters Smith, executive director, SCC Foundation.

The demand for qualified welders is increasing in the Upstate as the local economy grows and an aging workforce retires. South Carolina has approximately 920 position vacancies for welders annually and there is expected to be a 14.8 percent rise in this number by 2026. By purchasing new experiential welding equipment and adding new courses to the curriculum,

graduates of SCC's welding program will enter the workforce as skilled, talented professionals ready to meet the critical needs of a growing industry.

"Spartanburg Community College is appreciative of the support from Duke Energy. This investment signifies a commitment to creating a brighter future by investing in industry needs through a partnership with our college that supports the supply of a dedicated talent pipeline that is vital to our economy and our prosperity," states Dr. Michael Mikota, SCC president.

Funding from Duke Energy was used to construct an outdoor metal platform designed to simulate a live field welding workplace, giving students exposure to structures at elevated heights. "This year has proven a challenge for many education organizations and programs across the state,"

said Linda Hannon, government and community relations manager, Duke Energy Carolinas. "That's why it is even more critical today to continue Duke Energy's tradition of investing in education programs that help strengthen the workforce pipeline needed to fuel the Upstate's economic engine now and in the years to come."

"We are incredibly grateful for Duke Energy's support. This new Associate Degree in Welding allows us to implement new courses in a real-world work environment," said Jeff Hunt, dean, SCC Technologies. "Students gain exposure to all safety and workplace skills as well as the technical welding skills that employers demand."

For more information on the SCC Welding Program of study, visit the SCC website at www.sccsc.edu/Welding-Program.

OneSpartanburg, Inc. recognizes 2020 Business Advocates

OneSpartanburg, Inc. recently recognized its most recent group of Business Advocates, local legislators scoring 80% or higher on the organization's annual Legislative Scorecard.

The recognition is given annually to members of the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation who support business-friendly legislation during the legislative session in Columbia.

"OneSpartanburg, Inc., formerly the Spartanburg Chamber, is the voice of business countywide. We work with our members and the business community to advocate for pieces of legislation that will help Spartanburg," said John Kimbrell, OneSpartanburg, Inc. Chief Business Affairs Officer. "When our local lawmakers support our efforts, Spartanburg County as a whole has more economic opportunities."

The 2020 Business Advocates were:

* Sen. Harvey Peeler – Sen. Peeler scored a 100% on the scorecard. Peeler represents District 14, which includes Spartanburg, Cherokee, Union and York counties.

* Sen. Glenn Reese – Sen. Reese scored 90%. Sen. Reese represents District 11 in Spartanburg County.

* Sen. Tom Corbin – Sen. Corbin scored 90%. Sen. Corbin represents District 5, which is in Spartanburg and Greenville counties.

* Sen. Scott Talley – Sen. Talley scored 80%. Sen. Talley represents District 12 in Spartanburg and Greenville counties.

* Rep. Rita Allison - Rep. Allison scored 90%. Rep. Allison represents District 36 in Spartanburg and Greenville counties.

* Rep. Bill Chumley - Rep. Chumley scored 85% and represents District 35

in Spartanburg and Greenville counties.

* Rep. Max Hyde- Rep. Hyde scored 85%. Rep. Hyde represents District 32 in Spartanburg County.

* Rep. Rosalyn Henderson-Myers - Rep. Henderson-Myers scored 85% and represents District 31 in Spartanburg County.

* Rep. Mike Forrester - Rep. Forrester scored 85%. Rep. Forrester represents District 34 in Spartanburg County, and is retiring this year after 12 years of service.

* Rep. Eddie Tallon - Rep. Tallon scored 95%. Rep. Tallon represents District 33 in Spartanburg County, and is retiring this year after serving in the House since 2011.

OneSpartanburg, Inc.'s mission is to build a vibrant Spartanburg through business, economic and tourism development.

Aromatic holiday gifts from the kitchen

Gifts from the kitchen are easy and inexpensive to make and are always welcome during the holidays.

Sachets and potpourri make beautiful and aromatic Christmas gifts. They can be fashioned from a variety of herbs and potpourri, and are simple to make. Bath sachets can be put directly into the tub or tied to the faucet so that the hot water passes through the herbal mixture as the bath is drawn.

Sachet bags also may be placed inside clothes drawers, tucked into the corners of couches or armchairs, or placed inside of closets to freshen up a closed space.

Any number of creative and inexpensive combinations may be used to make potpourri. Spices, flowers, essential oils, your favorite perfume, dried herbs and citrus peels all make a wonderful potpourri.

Using a fixative -- such as a tincture of benzoin, styrax or orris root -- will extend the life of the perfume and ingredients. Most fixatives can be purchased at craft stores or ordered online. These easy-to-make recipes for bath sachets, potpourri and an herbal rubbing lotion will be fragrant reminders long after Christmas is over. Remember, gifts from the heart are part of the true meaning of Christmas. Have a happy holiday season!

Bath Sachets

2 cups dried herbs (lavender, sage, rosemary, pennyroyal, lemon verbena, chamomile, thyme or mint -- alone or in any combination)

8 (4-inch) squares of cheesecloth or cotton (8 small decorative handkerchiefs also work well)

8 (12-inch) lengths of ribbon or lace

1. Place the herbs in a plastic bag. Roll a rolling pin back and forth over the herbs until they are slightly crushed. Place 1/4 cup of the dried herbs in the center of the cloth square.

2. Gather the square in a pouf and knot a piece of ribbon or lace around the neck of the pouf to secure the herbs. Make ribbon or lace into a bow, leaving the ends long enough to tie the bath sachet to a faucet. Makes 8 bath sachets.

Angela Shelf Medearis is an award-winning children's author, culinary historian and the author of seven cookbooks.

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Around the Upstate

Converse College launches the Converse Guarantee program for undergraduate students beginning Fall 2021

Converse College announces its launch of the "Converse Guarantee" – a program guaranteeing undergraduate students will graduate in 4 years and gain employment or graduate school acceptance within 6 months after graduation.

Components of the Converse Guarantee are:

- Guarantee 1: Converse guarantees all undergraduate, full-time students who begin and continue at Converse will graduate in 4 years. Students not completing their degrees in 4 years will be eligible to return to Converse tuition-free to finish their degree, provided they met the Guarantee requirements.

- Guarantee 2: Converse guarantees all students will



The 'Converse Guarantee' program guarantees employment or graduate school acceptance within 6 months of graduation.

be employed full-time or within 6 months of graduation, or be eligible to return to Converse for a full year enrolled in graduate school tuition-free as long as they

followed the Guarantee guidelines.

Students beginning their coursework at Converse in Fall 2021 will be eligible for the Converse Guarantee. The program will be retroactively applied to current Converse students who qualify.

"At Converse we support our students throughout their educational experience so that they have the tools they need to achieve their goals both now and in the future," said Krista Newkirk, Converse President. "From research, to real-world experience, to personal guidance by our faculty, student life, and career advisement teams - Converse opens doors of opportunity for

our students. The Converse Guarantee is our way of committing to our students as they commit to us."

The Converse Guarantee expands upon Converse's commitment to the affordability and accessibility of private, high-quality education. The institution recently announced a tuition freeze for the 2021-2022 academic year. In 2014 Converse reduced tuition for its students by 43 percent, and its tuition is 53 percent below the national average for private schools.

For more information on the Converse Guarantee and eligibility requirements, visit <https://www.converse.edu/converse-guarantee/>

Milliken donates more than 23,000 reusable gowns to local school districts positively impacting the world around us

Milliken & Company, a diversified international manufacturer headquartered in South Carolina, teamed up with local schools to provide Milliken Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) reusable fabric gowns to teachers and faculty. These gowns, donated as part of the company's initiative to support the communities where its associates live and work, will outfit teachers with a reusable gown to help alleviate health concerns and financial burdens of educating students in-person. As part of the company's manufacturing pivot to meet the demands of the ongoing pandemic, Milliken now manufactures and retails

reusable Level 1 PPE gowns made with Perimeter™ medical fabric that are typically used in healthcare settings.

"As our communities prepared to transition back to in-person learning, we recognized the immediate need for PPE to support a safe environment for our children and their teachers," shares Chad McAllister, president of Milliken's Textile Division. "We wanted to donate our products to make a difference." Milliken is donating 23,040 gowns to 15 school districts in Upstate South Carolina—Cherokee County School District, Union County Schools, Spartanburg County School Districts

One through Seven, Greenville County Schools and Anderson School Districts One through Five. Each district will distribute gowns to faculty and staff for general protective use within their facilities. "Community and business partnerships have always been the cornerstones of school district success, more so now than ever before," states Dr. Ronald W. Garner, Spartanburg District One superintendent and chairman of Spartanburg County Superintendents. "Milliken and Company is an important partner to Spartanburg County schools, and we are thankful for their generous donation of PPE that

shows their investment in the health of our school communities." "Union County Schools is very appreciative of Milliken & Company for donating their protective gowns to our district," adds Eric Childers, director of administration for Union County Schools. "COVID-19 has proved to be extremely challenging to handle for all schools, in particular districts like ours, where funding is limited. We feel very fortunate to have a company like Milliken reach out to us and provide protective equipment during this pandemic for our nurses, special education workers and teachers."

Milliken's Level 1 PPE

gowns, domestically sourced and produced, extend the life of a traditional disposable gown from single-use to a reusable garment. Able to be laundered 25 or more times, these gowns offer critical protection for a reasonable economic investment—substantially extending PPE inventory lifetimes. To learn more about Milliken's pivot in textile manufacturing, visit medicalfabrics.milliken.com.

Materials science expert Milliken & Company knows that a single molecule has the potential to change the world. With innovations spanning textiles, flooring, specialty chemicals, and healthcare, Milliken solutions answer the call of some of the world's greatest challenges. Named to the World's Most Ethical Companies list by Ethisphere Institute for 14 years, the company continues to meet the moment with an unwavering commitment to sustainably solving problems for its customers, industries and communities. Eight thousand associates across 46 locations globally rally behind a common purpose: to positively impact the world for generations.

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BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Titus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament and is divided into how many verses? 21, 64, 101, 164
3. Who climbed the Mount of Olives (Mount Olivet) while barefoot and weeping? Moses, David, Abraham, Noah
4. Which New Testament chapter is known to many as the "Love Chapter"? 1 John 4, Jude 1, James 5, 1 Corinthians 13
5. From 1 Samuel 25:3, what's the name of Abigail's first husband? Aaron, Solomon, Ethan, Nabal
6. What are the two gospels that feature the Lord's Prayer? Matthew/Mark, Luke/John, Matthew/Luke, Mark/John

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) 21; 3) David; 4) 1 Corinthians 13; 5) Nabal; 6) Matthew 5:9-13/Luke 11:2-4

Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," makes a great and is available in bookstores and online.

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The Garden Bug

Poinsettia

The plant called "Flor de la Noche Buena" grows in the wild as a shrub from Mexico down to South America, covering the hills with its bright red foliage. Dr. Joel Poinsett, a United States minister to Mexico in the early 1800s, was visiting an area south of Mexico City and noticed this plant's showy mid-winter color. Cuttings of it were sent to a nursery in the United States, and by 1836 the plant was widely known as the "poinsettia" and sold as a Christmas houseplant. - *Aracida Warner*

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Super Crossword

Answers

OFFMILKE AGLEAM PROMPTI
GIRAKIE DEANNA OHDEAR
HIGHEAREYARINING TODDLE
EDU GILTIMEO NAH LIEN
NEATTO BIT MULTIT
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ULTIAR DODOR NOIRAYEAR
DAKOTA IANRE MAIL FLIU
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ENRIOLIE WACKOFFINTEREIST
LESILIE PRAISIE AIRSEINALL
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Super Crossword PUZZLING-LY

ACROSS

- 1 Like many announcers' private side comments
- 8 Glistening
- 14 Give a cue
- 20 Sounded like a frog
- 21 Durbin of old Hollywood
- 22 Worrier's cry
- 23 Deeper level of longing?
- 25 Walk like a little 'un
- 26 Coll. website suffix
- 27 Slandered really badly
- 28 "Uh-uh"
- 30 Legal claim
- 31 White water whereabouts
- 35 Give it a go
- 36 Place to bathe on the grass outside a house?
- 38 "Marvyl"
- 40 They cause actions
- 42 Really boring chairs, desks and tables?
- 47 Two-grid vacuum tube
- 52 Cry to a matador
- 53 Manning of the Giants
- 54 Far-off
- 56 Of charged particles
- 57 Extreme type
- 59 Lysol target
- 61 What 1066 is famous as?
- 64 Territory split in 1889
- 66 Pertaining to
- 68 Bad, to Jules
- 69 Viral malady
- 70 "Allow me to provide a leavening agent, if nothing else?"
- 76 Blvds. and aves.
- 78 China's Long March leader
- 79 Aquatic bird
- 80 — Leone
- 83 "Pray that I find some cool gross stuff!"
- 88 Isle of Man man, e.g.
- 90 Scout unit
- 91 — pittance (hardly any)
- 92 Garage job
- 94 Atop, to bards
- 96 Short snooze
- 97 Bit of voice mail
- 100 Hankerings to take pictures of small and distant objects?
- 103 Places for milk products
- 105 Bored feeling
- 106 Measure of how much a ship swerves off course?
- 110 2000-15 TV series
- 112 Facet
- 116 Horror film lab aide
- 117 With 108-Down, deteriorate
- 118 Pre-entree dishes
- 121 Lanai wreath
- 122 Join the club
- 124 Chatter that's engaging?
- 129 Entertainer Uggams
- 130 Give kudos
- 131 Arms depot
- 132 Abides
- 133 Breadwinner
- 134 What vets provide
- 43 Penne — vodka
- 44 Sloppy smooches
- 45 Wry twisting
- 46 — Haute
- 48 Acuff of song
- 49 Like a swap
- 50 Radio tuner
- 51 Hose color
- 55 Otter's kin
- 58 "Bosh!"
- 60 Go extinct
- 62 Bub
- 63 " 'Tis so sad"
- 65 "You lookin' —?"
- 67 Nosh
- 71 Stable stock
- 72 Seamless transition
- 73 Von — family ("The Sound of Music" clan)
- 74 — oxide (anesthetic)
- 75 The, to Hans
- 76 Emulated a fish
- 77 1 p.m. is one
- 81 Horse color
- 82 iPad downloads
- 84 Oct.'s 744
- 85 Union general
- 86 George
- 87 Bodily joint
- 89 Aquatic bird
- 93 Lofty trains in Sicily
- 95 Tall volcano
- 98 Groups of geese
- 99 Dubliner's land
- 101 Model Klum
- 102 Dog's bark
- 104 Key in anew
- 106 Give in (to)
- 107 Nixon veep
- 108 See Spiro
- 117-Across
- 109 Drily comical
- 110 In the vicinity
- 111 Not as risky
- 113 Kagan of justice
- 114 Romero of "Batman"
- 115 Work's name
- 118 Lasting mark
- 119 Related (to)
- 120 Take a pic of
- 123 — Abner
- 125 Legendary coach
- 126 Three, in Bari
- 127 D.C. winter hrs.
- 128 Acronym button abbr.

