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# Spartan Weekly

Community news from Spartanburg and the surrounding upstate area  
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## AROUND TOWN

### Lawsuit and liability reform

Lawsuit and liability reform are front-of-mind for many businesses across South Carolina, so join OneSpartanburg, Inc. for a deep dive into the issue and potential fixes with Russ Dubisky from the S.C. Coalition for Lawsuit Reform. This session is a must for anyone looking to understand how these reforms could impact doing business in our state. This Voice of Business Brunch will be held on Monday, January 27, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at The Piedmont Club, 361 East Main Street in Spartanburg. Register for this event online at <https://web.onespartanburginc.com/atlas/events-v4/register/9335>

### Spartanburg County student named to UW-Madison Fall Dean's List

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2024-2025 academic year. Spartanburg County student Payson Valinski, College of Engineering, was recognized on the list.

### Spartanburg County students named to Carson-Newman University Fall Dean's List

Jefferson City, TN - The following Carson-Newman University students from Spartanburg County made Dean's List for the Fall 2024 Semester.

The University awards Dean's List honors to students earning a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 while taking 12 or more credit hours.

The honorees were:

Boiling Springs: Carolina Button and Will Humphreys  
Spartanburg: Jackson Cleland

### Sign up now for MLK Day 2025 volunteer projects countywide

It's January, which means hundreds of volunteers from our community will make it a Day ON to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Volunteer projects are listed on the United Way of the Piedmont's website, [www.uwpiedmont.org/mlkday](http://www.uwpiedmont.org/mlkday), so make your plan to serve Spartanburg this year.

### TINA - The Tina Turner Musical coming to Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium January 22

TINA - The Tina Turner Musical is the inspiring journey of a woman who broke barriers and became the Queen of Rock n' Roll.

This musical will come to the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium on January 22, with the show beginning at 7:30 p.m. Purchase tickets online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or at the SMA box office at (864) 582-8107 M-F 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. to avoid service fees.

### New Chipotle location to open in Duncan

A new Chipotle Mexican Grill location is set to open on Highway 290 at Tyger River Drive in Duncan in the near future. The exact date isn't known at this time but is anticipated to open in the spring.

### OneSpartanburg Inc. named ConventionSouth's annual Readers' Choice Award-Winner

It is with great honor that the publishers of ConventionSouth, the national multimedia resource for planning events in the South, present OneSpartanburg Inc. with a 2024 Readers' Choice Award.

"ConventionSouth readers and fans have once again voted to decide the best meeting sites in the South, and it is no surprise to us that OneSpartanburg Inc. has been selected to receive our annual Readers' Choice Award," said ConventionSouth Associate Publisher Tiffany Burnnett.

OneSpartanburg Inc. is among 474 convention and visitor bureaus (CVBs), meeting facilities, hotels, and unique venues located across the South to receive this year's Readers' Choice Award. Throughout the year, meeting professionals nominated the meeting sites they believe provide exemplary service for group events. The nominated sites are then compiled onto an online ballot where meeting professionals and fans are asked to vote for the best of the best. With over 7,200 voters participating in the selection process and the highest social media interaction to date, this has been the most successful and engaging year ever!

Since its creation in 2001, this is the fifth time that OneSpartanburg Inc. has received the award, making it an even greater honor to present the venue with a 2024 Readers' Choice Award. OneSpartanburg Inc. will be featured as an award recipient in the December 2024 Awards Issue of ConventionSouth magazine.



## In Hurricane Helene aftermath, James Bright leads Walmart's Spartanburg County distribution center with innovation and community first

Spartanburg County, SC – James Bright, General Manager of Walmart's new distribution center in Spartanburg County, is responsible for spearheading one of the retailer's most innovative and essential operations in the region. The state-of-the-art facility will play a critical role in Walmart's supply chain, distributing perishable items – such as produce, eggs, dairy, flowers and frozen goods – to more than 100 Walmart stores across the area, once fully operational.

So, when Hurricane Helene made landfall in late September, and the center faced a seven-day power outage, Bright and his team had to quickly organize to ensure that essential functions like refrigeration remained operational.

"People are the backbone of everything we do," Bright said.

People like the facility's AC manager, worked around the clock to ensure perishable products like food and other essentials stayed safe for distribution, providing the community with the necessities they needed from local Walmart stores.

Born and raised in upstate South Carolina, Bright brings a unique sense of commitment to the community he serves. Under his leadership, the Spartanburg Distribution Center is focused on bringing faster service to stores, while supporting people, both within the company and in the surrounding community.

"It's about the team working together, adapting to challenges, and putting the needs of the community first," Bright shared.

And that's exactly what they did in the face of a natural disaster. Bright's team quickly mobilized in support of local disaster relief efforts, helping organize a convoy of 47 Walmart trucks that would deliver critical supplies to upstate South Carolina and Western North Carolina, just days after the storm.

"During times of crisis, we have a responsibility to do more than just our jobs," Bright remarked. "We're not just a distribution center—we're part of the fabric of this community. Helping our neighbors in their time of need is what truly defines us."

A sentiment felt through-



Cardboard boxes being prepared for packing essential items in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene.

out the facility with four of the center's managers joining in to provide logistical support to Asheville's Emergency Operations Center, while Walmart assisted local organizations like Angel Flight and the Army National Guard in transporting essential goods. Walmart and Sam's Club parking lots across South Carolina became places of hope for communities where people could access charging stations, laundry, showers and hot meals.

In addition to Bright's leadership in Spartanburg, Walmart played a major role in recovery efforts across the region. Together with Sam's Club, the Walmart Foundation, its customers and members, the retailer helped raise more than \$30 million in hurricane relief, including:

- Donating 178 truckloads of food, water, and essential items
- Contributing nearly \$10 million in grants to relief organizations, including the One SC Fund
- Raising more than \$14.5 million from customers and members for the American Red Cross

Looking to the future, Bright is determined to build upon the distribution cen-

ter's success, not only by improving its operations but also by further strengthening its ties to Spartanburg.

"Walmart's commitment to the community doesn't stop after a crisis ends," Bright said. "We're focused on staying engaged and ensuring that our team remains actively involved in supporting our neighbors through the colder months and beyond."

With a focus on innovation, community engagement, and resilience, James Bright is leading Walmart's Spartanburg Perishable Distribution Center to new heights—making it a key part of the local community, bringing Walmart's purpose of helping people save money and live better to life. As the region continues its recovery efforts, Bright and his team remain focused on the holiday season with plans to support local nonprofits like PS, I Love You and Breaking Bread for Jesus, which will help provide meals for those in need.

"Our work is just beginning. We want to continue making an impact, not just with our distribution capabilities, but with how we support and invest in the local community," he added.



## Converse University receives donation from Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation

Converse University has received \$10,000 from the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation to restore hope and help rebuild after Hurricane Helene devastated the region in September 2024. This disaster relief grant provides financial assistance to community partners, like Converse, who have played a vital role in helping those affected by the storm.

The Foundation granted the University \$1,500 in 2023. Converse Director of Community Engagement and University Chaplain Eliza Smith DeBevoise was "overwhelmed with appreciation" by the generosity of this year's funding. Hurricane Helene not only downed 19 trees on campus, but also caused flooding in the University's Valkyrie Supply basic needs hub, which aims to reduce food insecurity and serves as a one-stop shop for food and hygiene items for students. This campus-wide resource is sustained through donations and monetary gifts.

"In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, our campus community has been eager to direct its energy into a place of service," said Rev. DeBevoise, who oversees Valkyrie Supply. "As we work to repair the damage on campus, we cannot thank the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation enough for committing their support to Converse and our students experiencing food insecurity."

These funds will support long-term Hurricane Helene recovery efforts and assist in rebuilding, repairing and restoring what was damaged or lost. This grant funding builds upon the foundation's year-round commitment to address food insecurity by increasing access to nutritious food and supporting nutritional education initiatives.

The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation is committed to supporting families facing food insecurity across its 10-state footprint. Established in 2001, the foundation provides financial support for programs and organizations dedicated to feeding local neighbors in the communities it serves. Since its inception, the foundation has awarded more than \$22.8 million in grants.

# Around South Carolina

## Duke Energy offers grants to help nonprofits that support South Carolina's aging population

Greenville - Duke Energy recently launched a campaign to promote grant opportunities totaling \$200,000 to South Carolina organizations that help the state's aging population with services and support, particularly for those with income challenges.

"Organizations serving South Carolina's low-income seniors tell us they have seen an increase in the demand for their services in recent years," said Tim Pearson, Duke Energy's South Carolina state president. "With the aging population living longer, as well as the cost of living increasing, it's important to ensure those that helped build and strengthen our communities have the resources they need to comfortably enjoy their golden years."

Qualifying nonprofits serving low-income seniors can request grant funding from the Duke Energy Foundation for a one-time grant of up to \$10,000 to cover general operating expenses.

These funds cannot be used for weatherization or utility assistance programs but are available for organizations providing home delivery meal assistance, transportation assistance, home modifications and programs that help seniors maintain safety and self-



Duke Energy recently launched \$200,000 in grant opportunities to South Carolina organizations that help the state's aging population. Duke Energy photo

sufficiency, among others.

This opportunity is only available to nonprofit organizations, not individuals. Organizations seeking more information or to apply for a grant should visit [duke-energy.com/SeniorAssistance](http://duke-energy.com/SeniorAssistance). The application window closes January 28.

This request for proposals follows similar initiatives by the Foundation to support the organizations that provide services to seniors in the state.

Through a similar request for proposals in 2023, Duke Energy provided 15 qualifying non-

profits in South Carolina grants of up to \$20,000 that funded needed home repairs to enable senior citizens to continue to enjoy life in their current homes. In 2024, the Duke Energy Foundation provided an additional \$100,000 in grants to 13 organizations in the state with existing home ramp programs for low-income senior citizens or those with disabilities who qualified for assistance.

"The response we received after grants in recent years were announced was tremendous, and eye opening as

the scope of the needs of these organizations to support seniors became evident," said Amanda Dow, director of the Duke Energy Foundation in South Carolina. "We learned these organizations offer many different critical services to their clients all of which need funding. That's why this program is targeting general operations, so these organizations that do this great work can put the funds quickly toward those programs that need the most financial support."

Customers who need the services provided by these

organizations also might have challenges funding other household needs, to include their electricity bill. To learn more about programs and information that can assist families to manage their energy bills when times are tough, visit [duke-energy.com/SeasonalSavings](http://duke-energy.com/SeasonalSavings).

### Duke Energy Foundation

The Duke Energy Foundation provides more than \$30 million annually in philanthropic support to meet the needs of communities where Duke Energy customers live and work.

The Foundation is funded by Duke Energy shareholders.

### Duke Energy

Duke Energy (NYSE: DUK), a Fortune 150 company headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., is one of America's largest energy holding companies. The company's electric utilities serve 8.4 million customers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, and collectively own 54,800 megawatts of energy capacity. Its natural gas utilities serve 1.7 million customers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Ohio and Kentucky.

Duke Energy is executing an ambitious clean energy transition, keeping reliability, affordability and accessibility at the forefront as the company works toward net-zero methane emissions from its natural gas business by 2030 and net-zero carbon emissions from electricity generation by 2050. The company is investing in major electric grid upgrades and cleaner generation, including expanded energy storage, renewables, natural gas and nuclear.

## Private equity investor Advent International signs agreement to acquire Sauer Brands

Advent International, a leading global private equity investor, recently announced that it has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Sauer Brands Inc., a scaled platform of leading condiments and seasonings brands, from Falfurrias Capital Partners. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Sauer Brands is a portfolio of leading brands, including Duke's Mayo, Mateo's Gourmet Salsa, and Kernel Season's, among others. The Company is best known for Duke's Mayo, a beloved mayonnaise brand with a rich history dating back to its founding in 1917. Today, Duke's is the fastest growing scaled player in the mayo category and the seventh fastest-growing brand in the center of store.

"With a more than 135-year history, Sauer Brands

has established itself as a standout player in the highly attractive condiments and seasonings categories. Despite its long history, we believe that the Company is still in the early innings of growth," said Tricia Glynn, a Managing Partner at Advent International. "It's easy to see why consumers have long been drawn to Duke's differentiated taste profile and we are excited to share this well-loved brand with a growing consumer base. We believe that Advent's extensive experience investing in growth consumer brands at scale will enable us to partner with Sauer Brands on an ambitious growth strategy, and we're thrilled to welcome the Company to our portfolio."

"I am thrilled to be joining a Company with a long history of delighting consumers with great tasting products and one-of-kind consumer favorite brands like Duke's and Mateo's," said Todd Lachman, incoming board chair of Sauer Brands. "With their commitment to outstanding quality, the Sauer Brands team has delivered exceptional performance, and we are excited to partner with the team to support Sauer Brands' continued growth."

"Today represents another milestone moment for the evolution and future of Sauer Brands," said Bill Lovette, Chief Executive Officer of Sauer Brands. "I share this achievement with our entire team, which has continuously raised the bar for our industry. With Advent's strong industry track record, global network and operational support, Sauer Brands is in a position to thrive in its next chapter."

"Over the last five years, we've had the pleasure of collaborating with Sauer Brands' leadership team to drive meaningful growth," said Chip Johnson, Partner at Falfurrias Capital Partners. "We are confident that the Company is strategically positioned for further success under Advent's ownership."

Advent has developed significant expertise investing in the global food space, and this investment demonstrates its continued enthusiasm about this category. Prior Advent investments include Sovos Brands (sold to The Campbell's Company), Grupo CRM (sold to Nestlé), IRCA, an international leader in chocolate, creams, and high-quality semi-finished food ingredients, and Indian snack food producer DFM Foods.

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC is serving as lead financial advisor and McGuireWoods LLP is serving as legal advisor to Sauer Brands. William

Blair & Company, L.L.C. is serving as co-financial advisor to Sauer Brands. Centerview Partners LLC is serving as financial advisor and Weil, Gotshal &

Manges LLP is serving as legal advisor to Advent. McGuireWoods LLP is serving as legal advisor to Falfurrias Capital Partners.

## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Hebrews (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Matthew 16:23, to whom did Jesus say, "Get thee behind me, Satan"?
3. Who was stoned to death for preaching that Jesus was the Savior?
4. How many men did Nebuchadnezzar see walking in the fiery furnace? 2, 4, 20, 40
5. According to Luke 2:4, what village was known as "The City of David"?
6. From the Bible, who could be called "Mr. Patience"?

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Peter, 3) Stephen, 4) Four, 5) Bethlehem, 6) Job

Find expanded trivia online with Wilson Casey at [www.patreon.com/triviaguy](http://www.patreon.com/triviaguy). FREE TRIAL!

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### Super Crossword

Answers

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| <b>ACROSS</b><br>1 Wish-granting spirits<br>7 Greek vowel<br>12 Records file<br>20 Punch combo<br>21 Splotchy GI garb<br>22 He played Al Bundy on TV<br>23 Planners of campus events<br>25 Often-pickled red vegetable<br>26 Atop, in poems<br>27 Lena of "The Reader"<br>28 Latin "I love"<br>30 Patron saint of sailors<br>31 Brotherhood<br>39 Capital of a Mexico state<br>40 Hard to find<br>41 Burdened<br>42 Travail<br>44 Political campaigners for a particular issue<br>50 Wonderment<br>53 Dragon in "The Hobbit"<br>57 Suffix with racket<br>58 Not at all tight | 59 Medieval protectors of trade<br>63 Icebox<br>65 Boise's state<br>66 Gel in a lab<br>67 By means of<br>68 Claimed psychic gift<br>69 Regulators of a moral code<br>76 Bath fixture<br>79 Printer fluid<br>80 Years on end<br>81 More devious<br>85 Surfs the internet, e.g.<br>88 Fighters of animal cruelty<br>92 Madison Ave. contact<br>93 Sea, in Paris<br>94 Corrective eye surgery<br>95 Pitching star<br>96 It consists of 13-player football teams<br>100 Aspirin target<br>103 Japanese alternative to massage<br>104 "Carpe —!"<br>108 Newspaper of the USSR<br>112 Managers of houses in a subdivision | 118 SpaceX founder Musk<br>119 Formed a lap<br>120 "Leave — the pros"<br>121 Anna of fashion<br>122 It has Cut and Copy commands<br>126 Apt playing card for this puzzle's theme?<br>131 Company VIP<br>132 Barrymore or Waters of "Pinky"<br>133 Consignment shop deal<br>134 "I have no idea!"<br>135 — Dame<br>136 A whole lot | 9 One-sharp musical key<br>10 Sticky gunk<br>11 Hit — (run into some trouble)<br>12 Urbane<br>13 Fruity drink and Copy<br>14 Foot part<br>15 Busy crawler<br>16 Artsy cap<br>17 Garlicky mayonnaise<br>18 Replay speed, briefly<br>19 "Your Song" singer John<br>24 Whole lot<br>29 Ice cream drink<br>32 "Tsk!"<br>33 —friendly<br>34 She was Mrs. Gorbachev<br>35 Stephen of "Still Crazy"<br>36 Nuptial oath<br>37 Buddhism branch<br>38 Point of view<br>43 K-O linkup<br>45 Toon frame<br>46 Fish eggs<br>47 Seep out<br>48 Wields<br>49 Crime doer<br>50 French bud<br>51 Join nuptially<br>52 Pitching stat<br>54 Sharp as — | 55 Popular Aussie boots<br>56 Avocado dip, for short<br>60 Fidel's cohort<br>61 Sweltering<br>62 "... sad and dreary everywhere —": Stephen Foster<br>63 Suitable<br>64 Disloyal sort<br>67 Ivy and kudzu<br>70 Go in haste<br>71 Eclectees, e.g.<br>72 Diner offering<br>73 "— Lisa"<br>74 PC key<br>75 Gin inventor<br>76 Ski lift type<br>77 Pakistani language<br>78 Tennis' Björn<br>82 Positive vote<br>83 And so on: Abbr.<br>84 Dark loaf<br>86 Fly trapper<br>87 Jazz's verb suffix<br>88 Mecca-to-Medina flight<br>89 Country east of Arg.<br>90 Little drink<br>91 Giraffe's kin<br>93 Be certain | 97 Actor Ayres<br>98 A, in Berlin<br>99 Self-help author<br>LeShan<br>101 Lyric-penning<br>Gershwin<br>102 Ballplayer of D.C., in brief<br>105 Apple computer camera<br>106 Bible book before Job<br>107 Mark with multicolored spots<br>109 Optical<br>110 Exact look-alike<br>111 Licorice-like seeds<br>112 Listens to<br>113 Classic song<br>114 Actress<br>Shearer<br>115 PC key<br>116 Dutch painter Jan<br>117 Dove's call<br>123 Roman 1,200<br>124 Biblical<br>verb suffix<br>125 — de plume<br>127 Figure skater<br>Midori<br>128 To's partner of Arg.<br>129 Company<br>VIP<br>130 Timothy Leary's drug |
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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: Malorie Wilkerson AKA Malorie Green Wilkerson Date of Death: November 1, 2024 Case Number: 2024ES4202343 Personal Representative: Ms. Phyllis C. Spicer 105 Pine Needle Drive Campobello, SC 29322 Atty: Alan M. Tewkesbury Jr. Post Office Drawer 5587 Spartanburg, SC 29304 1-16, 23, 30

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Case Number: 2024ES4201850 Personal Representative: Ms. Terry Waddell 3137 South Highway 101 Greer, SC 29651 1-16, 23, 30

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
2025ES4200021

The Will of Suzanne P. Bagwell, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed January 6, 2025. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 1-16, 23, 30

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
2025ES4200012

The Will of Pearl Sellars AKA Ida Pearl Poole, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed January 3, 2025. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for

Spartanburg County, S.C. 1-16, 23, 30

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
2025ES4200019

The Will of Jo Anne W. Fleming AKA Joanne West Fleming, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed January 3, 2025. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 1-16, 23, 30

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
2025ES4200013

The Will of Glenn Allen Edwards Jr., Deceased, was delivered to me and filed January 3, 2025. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 1-16, 23, 30

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
2025ES4200015

The Will of Ronald Green, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed January 3, 2025. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 1-16, 23, 30

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
2025ES4200008

The Will of Mary Praytor Wilson AKA Mary Lou Wilson, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed January 2, 2025. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 1-16, 23, 30

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
2024ES4202081

The Will of Samuel J. High, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed November 6, 2024. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 1-16, 23, 30

## The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Week Celebration

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 16**  
**ART CONTEST RECEPTION | 6PM**  
Chapman Cultural Center  
200 E. St. John Street  
*All student participants & their parents are invited to attend.*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**  
**COMMUNITY CELEBRATION | 3PM**  
Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium  
385 N. Church Street  
**Guest Speaker:  
Ruby Bridges,  
Civil Rights Icon**  
*Sponsored by: Spartanburg County Baptist Association*

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 17**  
**KINDNESS DAY | ALL DAY**  
*On this day, make an extra effort to be kind to someone.*  
**KINDNESS**

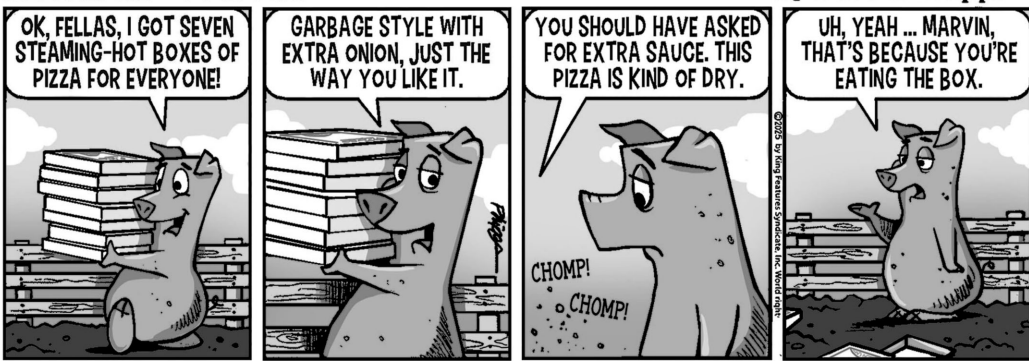
**MONDAY, JANUARY 20**  
**UNITED WAY DAY OF SERVICE**  
**MLK DAY OF SERVICE**  
Volunteer your time by visiting:  
[uwpiedmont.org/mlkday](http://uwpiedmont.org/mlkday)  
**DAY OF SERVICE KICKOFF  
COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 7:30AM**  
Dr. TK Gregg Community Center  
650 Howard Street  
*Join us at the Denny's Mobile Relief Diner for free breakfast!*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**  
**WALK AS ONE | 9AM**  
Cleveland Park Event Center  
141 N Cleveland Park Drive  
*Refreshments, activities & more!*

# Comics & Puzzles

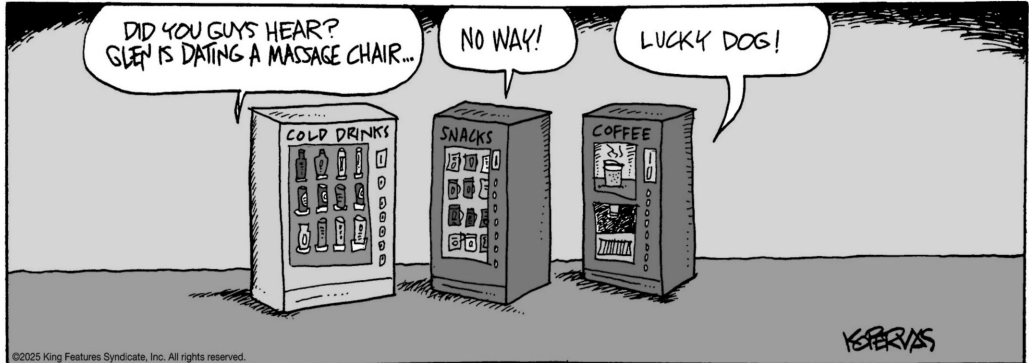
## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



## TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



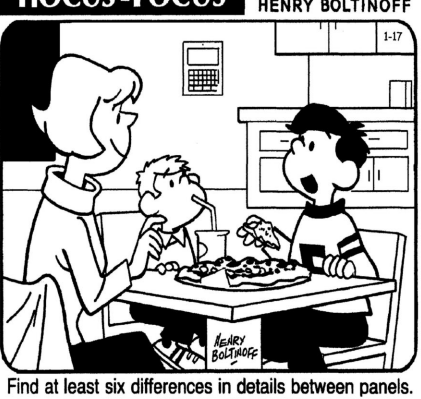
## OLIVE

By Emi Burdge



## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## 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: F equals N

UQS ZLVFA EQCBW'G BLLGS  
CFECGLN HXWS QCG AVHG  
JNSUUZ GLNS. C ULBW QCH  
"UQCG ULLUQ GXQBB JXGG."

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## 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!

Divine

**BUSMILE**

Notice

**GRADER**

Steal

**PARTIE**

Slight

**HINT**

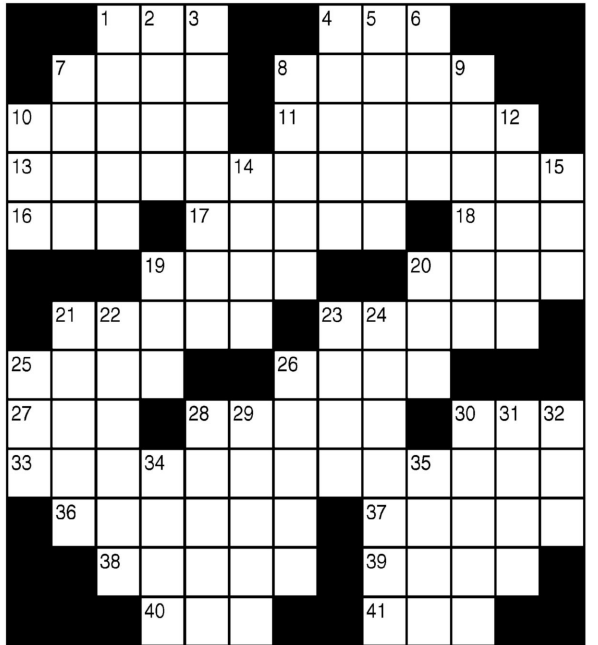


**TODAY'S WORD**

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Kitten's cry
- 4 Bit of advice
- 7 Prop for Sherlock
- 8 Vice President Burr
- 10 Ancient Greek region
- 11 Future ferns
- 13 Mental agility
- 16 Rds.
- 17 Pitchers
- 18 Stickum
- 19 Unpaid TV ads
- 20 Close
- 21 Revue segments
- 23 Lover's meeting
- 25 Smack a baseball
- 26 1982 sci-fi film
- 27 Signing need
- 28 "- of One's Own"
- 30 1959 Kingston Trio hit
- 33 Burger King, for one
- 36 Kilt pattern
- 37 Lubricated
- 38 Canary snacks



- 39 Hosp. scans
- 40 Triage ctrs.
- 41 Salty expanse
- 9 Stallion sounds
- 10 Mensa stats
- 12 Animal's nose
- 14 "Jabberwocky"
- 1 Short skirts
- 2 Grand tale starter
- 3 Least strong
- 4 Piglike mammal
- 5 Golf clubs
- 6 Beans go-with
- 7 Sulk
- 8 Campfire leftovers
- 9 Stallion sounds
- 10 Mensa stats
- 12 Animal's nose
- 14 "Jabberwocky"
- 15 Inherited
- 19 Peach center
- 20 Wd. from Roget
- 21 Hard work
- 22 Sunflower State
- 23 Walked (on)
- 24 Date movies, for short
- 25 Beach lotion letters
- 26 Animated figures
- 28 Pursuing
- 29 Highways
- 30 Sasha's sister
- 31 Alliances
- 32 Moreover
- 34 Sloth's home
- 35 Employ

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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

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!

## WORD LADDERS

Can you go from SLANT to GRASS in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

### SLANT

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\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

### GRASS

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the smallest continent by area?
2. MOVIES: What is Deadpool's real name in the movie series?
3. MEASUREMENTS: How many ounces are in 1 gallon?
4. TELEVISION: What is the name of the character that Jason Bateman plays in "Ozark"?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What is the dimple at the bottom of a wine bottle called?
6. U.S. CITIES: Which city also is known as Motown?
7. LITERATURE: The movie "Bridget Jones Diary" is loosely based on which novel?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which is the only big cat that doesn't roar?
9. MEDICAL: What is a common name for fasciulation?
10. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin term "magnum opus" mean?

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- 1. Australia (Oceania)
- 2. Wade Wilson
- 3. 128
- 4. MARY BYRDE
- 5. Punt
- 6. Detroit, Michigan
- 7. "Pride and Prejudice"
- 8. The cheetah
- 9. Muscle twitch
- 10. "Great work"

## BEDTIME SCRAMBLERS

1. Sublime 2. Regard; solution

SLANT, PLANT, PLANS, PLAYS, GRAYS, GRASS

### WORD LADDER

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

Answer



Solution time: 24 mins.

### Answers

## King Crossword

"This tooth shall pass."  
The young child's loose  
interior made his gums  
pretty sore. I told him  
"This tooth shall pass."

### CryptoQuip