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#### Artist's Guild hires new Executive Director

The Artist's Guild of Spartanburg, with more than 60 years of service to Spartanburg's artist community, recently announced the hiring of Scarlette Tapp as Executive Director. With a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from University of South Carolina – Upstate, Ms. Tapp brings a strong portfolio of experience to the Guild with more than 10 years in communication and development in the non-profit arena.

Ms. Tapp follows Carrie Caldwell, who took over as Interim Executive Director in July, 2019. Ms. Caldwell, with her diverse artistic background and deep community ties, will continue with the Guild as the Events Coordinator.

The Artist's Guild will be hosting their annual Artist's Going Live event this year at the Chapman Cultural Center. The date will be Thursday, October 29 and will pair local artists and local celebrities together to create art at the event with a live and silent auction at the end of the night.

# Harrison White, P.C. attorneys selected to 2020 Super Lawyers List

Harrison White, P.C. recently announced that four of the firm's attorneys have been selected to the 2020 South Carolina Super Lawyers List, an honor earned by just five percent of the state's attorneys.

This year is managing partner John B. White Jr.'s thirteenth consecutive year being selected to the list, as well as partner Wes A. Kissinger's sixth consecutive year and partner Tom Killoren Jr.'s second consecutive year. New to the 2020 list is Harrison White, P.C. partner Jeremy Dantin.

Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters business, is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The annual selections are made using a patented multiphase process that includes a statewide survey of lawyers, an independent research evaluation of candidates and peer reviews by practice area. The result is a credible, comprehensive and diverse listing of exceptional attorneys. With nearly two centuries of combined professional experience, the attorneys at Harrison White, P.C. serve the upstate of South Carolina in state and federal courts in multiple practice areas, including personal injury, family law, criminal defense, workers' compensation, pharmaceutical litigation and appellate practice. Harrison White's mission is to compassionately improve the lives of our clients by working tirelessly to offer integrity-driven, results-oriented legal services.

# Contec partners with United Way of the Piedmont for COVID-19 response

United Way of the Piedmont recently announced that it has received \$25,000 from Contec Inc. into the United for All Fund supporting local COVID-19 relief. The donation will serve as a dollar for dollar match to donations made by individuals, allowing United Way to help more families in need.

The United for All Fund is a disaster relief fund that has been activated in response to COVID19. The fund directly supports individuals and families in Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union counties through United Way's Community Resource Coordinator program. Funds can also be used to support other community partners who are significantly involved in relief efforts. Funds are primarily used to support families who have lost wages due COVID-19 with to expenses like rent/mortgage, utilities, and food.

Contec's CEO, Jack McBride shared, "We are proud to extend our partnership with United Way of the Piedmont. This cri-



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sis has magnified how much we all need one another and the fact that the only way through this pandemic is together."

Contec Inc.'s donation will allow donors to double their impact. For every dollar that an individual donor gives, Contec will match that gift, up to \$25,000. In addition, to Contec's contribution, Mary Black Foundation has also provided a matching grant, bring the total funds available for match up to \$50,000. Therefore, United Way of the Piedmont is encouraging those who can, to donate to the United for All Fund in order to double their donation. Paige Stephenson, United Way of the Pied-

mont President & CEO, says "We are so grateful for companies like Contec who are stepping up and challenging others to do the same with these matching dollars. At United Way we are all about doing the most good for the most people, and with these matching funds we will be able to help more families recover from the effects of COVID-19."

To learn more about United Way of the Piedmont's COVID-19 response efforts or to make a donation and help reach the online fundraising goal of \$50,000, please visit United Way's website: https://www.uwpiedmont.org/ covid19

### Is today's stress affecting your sleep and dreams?

From the American Counseling Association

The coronavirus health crisis that has so terribly affected this nation and the entire world is clearly a cause for heightened levels of stress and anxiety for all of us. One clear result of increased stress for many people is the negative impact it can have on our sleep patterns.

Stress is an emotional, physical or mental tension caused by something that's outside ourselves, something over which we usually have no control. Such stress can make it more difficult to fall asleep and to stay asleep, and can bring about more frequent, and often upsetting, dreams.

While researchers don't know exactly why we dream, there is ample evidence that when we're stressed, along with poorer quality sleep, there will often be not only more dreaming, but more dreams of a distressing nature.

If you find that your quality of sleep, or frequency of stress-related dreams is increasing, there are things you can do to combat the problem. The most obvious is to put a barrier between things that are stressing you

## Upstate Forever awarded \$3.9 million

## Tryon International Film Festival stays on schedule for fall

Tryon International Film Festival 2020, presented by New View Realty, is scheduled for Friday - Sunday, Oct. 9-11, despite the COVID-19 pandemic that has caused film festivals around the world to be postponed or cancelled altogether.

For more information about Tryon International Film Festival 2020, please visit online: TryonInternationalFilmFestival.org. The latest news visit Facebook: Tryon International Film Festival.

#### SCDSS provides food security during pandemic

Due to economic conditions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) worked quickly to request a federal waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to provide two months of emergency SNAP supplements to address temporary food needs for SNAP households. The following are other steps we've taken to keep South Carolinians equipped with their food needs during this critical period.

Issued \$97.7 million in total SNAP benefits to all clients during the month of March compared with the average \$67.5 million in SNAP benefits paid to all clients in January and February.

\* Processed 44,262 SNAP and TANF applications during the month of March which was a 150% increase from February (17,726).

\* Received approval from FNS to adjust the SNAP application process to eliminate the need for an in-person or telephone eligibility interview if all necessary verifications are completed.

\* Adjusted certification periods for existing SNAP recipients to minimize interruptions in benefits for low-income households and reduce workload for staff.

\* Requested and received approval on a waiver to provide an emergency supplement to address temporary food needs to households already receiving SNAP benefits.

# to support local conservation efforts

Nonprofit conservation organization Upstate Forever has been selected to receive a Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) award from the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in the amount of more than \$3.9 million to support local conservation efforts.

Funding from this program will be used to protect the region's most critical lands for water quality, with an emphasis on priority farmland. Focus areas for RCCP-funded conservation projects include farms, ranches, croplands, agricultural neighborhoods, equestrian areas, and watershed lands across the Upstate. To be considered for protection through Upstate Forever's Land Trust, a property must meet certain criteria for location, soil, water, and habitat quality.

RCPP is a partner-driven approach to conservation that funds solutions to natural resource challenges on agricultural land. By leveraging collective resources and collaborating on common goals, RCPP demonstrates the power of public-private partnerships in delivering results for agriculture and conservation.

Upstate Forever's proposal is one of 48 (across 29 states) selected for the RCPP funding. NRCS will award \$206 million for these 48 RCPP projects while leveraging nearly \$300 million in partner contributions.

"It's part of Upstate Forever's mission to protect our region's water, and some of the most influential lands for water quality are those used to grow our food," said Scott Park, the Glenn Hilliard Director of Land Conservation at Upstate Forever. "In 2018, Upstate Forever set a goal to protect 15,000 additional acres of critical land by the end of 2022. We're excited to help out our landowners and our partners by offering this great incentive to protect more land forever."

About the Regional Conservation Partnership Program

Though RCPP was first authorized in the 2014 Farm Bill, the 2018 Farm Bill made changes to strengthen the program and simplify its rules. RCPP is now a stand-alone program with \$300 million annually available for partner-driven projects.

"I'm excited to announce the first RCPP awards under the 2018 Farm Bill," said NRCS Chief Matthew Lohr. "Through collaboration and aligning our resources toward a common goal, we're making an impact for natural resource conservation that could never have been realized on our own."

Since 2015, RCPP has combined \$1 billion in NRCS investments with close to \$2 billion in partner dollars to implement conservation practices nationwide. For more information, visit the RCPP webpage.

Contact Upstate Forever to inquire about protecting land with RCCP funding

Upstate Forever is seeking willing landowners for this conservation opportunity, particularly those with properties that meet the following criteria:

\* South Greenville agricultural neighborhoods

\* Saluda River Valley (North Pickens and Greenville County) ranches and croplands

\* South Oconee and northwestern Anderson farm operations

\* Cherokee and Union county pastures and livestock operations

\* North Spartanburg and southern Polk County, NC equestrian areas

Laurens County farms and pastures

\* Greenwood and Abbeville county river bottom agriculture operations

Interested landowners should contact Scott Park directly at spark@upstateforever.org or Upstate Forever's Greenville office at (864) 250-0500. Upstate Forever is a nationally accredited land trust that protects more than 23,600 acres across the Upstate. and your actual bedtime.

For at least an hour before trying to sleep, commit to activities that you find relaxing and will help refocus your mind off whatever has vou feeling anxious. You want to avoid doing things such as watching the news for the latest health crisis updates, or reading the paper about ongoing financial problems which can seem overwhelming. Instead, find something enjoyable to read, or pleasant music to listen to. You want to give your brain a chance to forget the things that have been worrying it and to give your body's sleep system a chance to kick in.

Whatever you can do to help relax yourself will make it easier to get good, restorative sleep. Experts recommend turning off those electronic devices well before going to bed. The light that cell phones, laptops and similar devices emit helps to keep us awake, not make us sleepy.

You might try other relaxation techniques, such as breathing exercises. Some experts recommend progressive muscle relaxation programs that have you focus on consciously relaxing various muscle groups one by one. There are numerous apps and online instruction programs that can guide you through helpful, calming exercises.

Adequate, sound sleep is vital to good health. Poor sleep and disturbing dreams can make stress much worse. Now is a good time to take action for more restful evenings.

"Counseling Corner" is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to ACAcorner@counseling.org

# Around the Upstate

# Duke Energy Foundation provides more than \$340,000 to South Carolina K-12 education organizations during COVID-19 crisis

Greenville – The Duke Energy Foundation has announced more than \$340,000 in grants to support South Carolina K-12 programs education focused on summer reading loss, STEM and experiential learning.

Given the COVID-19 crisis, the Foundation has given each grantee the opportunity for additional flexibility and the option to use the funds to address unforeseen operational challenges.

"Nonprofits are on the frontlines of the pandemic response. Having the flexibility to move funds where they are needed most right now is critical to their success," said Mike Callahan, Duke Energy South Carolina president. "Funding these programs is significant, but helping organizations survive now so they can continue to deliver these services down the road just makes sense."



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Together SC, the state alliance that brings nonprofit organizations and their staffs together to help strengthen the state's nonprofit community, understands firsthand the needs

nonprofits are facing and the value of flexibility.

"Duke Energy's thoughtful decision to permit grantees to redirect grant funds to more urgent COVID-19 needs is a bril-

liant move," said Madeleine McGee, Together SC president. "These funds may well be what gets these organizations and those they serve through the next few months."

Some nonprofits across the state are already feeling the impact and have indicated plans to use the funds for COVID-19 response and modify the program to meet both the

needs of the students and their organization.

Darlington County School District received funding for a summer book mobile for students in Darlington, Lamar and Society Hill.

"We were so excited to receive this grant," said Marisa Johnson, arts and innovative programs coordinator for the district. "Due to the statewide school closures, we are forced to revisit our original plan and will now distribute books to our students at various locations around the county. We are extremely grateful for Duke Energy's flexibility in allowing grantees to make programmatic changes because of the viral pandemic we are experiencing. Our students will have plenty of books to add to their home libraries thanks to Duke Energy."

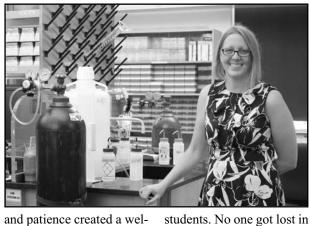
### Furman chemistry professor named inaugural SCAS Undergraduate Teacher of the Year

By Tina Underwood, Contributor

Winning awards is nothing new for Karen Buchmueller. Since 2018, the associate professor of chemistry has been integral to three separate grant proposals to secure over \$750,000 from the National Science Foundation for programs and equipment that support student researchers. This spring, she added another award to the lineup: Undergraduate Teacher of the Year from the South Furman, Karen has contin-Carolina Academy of Sciences (SCAS). "I am honored and humbled by this award," Buchmueller said. "I teach with so many inspiring professors who are role models for me. I also appreciate the amazing institutional support that exists at Furman, including the Faculty Development Center and Diane Boyd," executive director of the center. Buchmueller joined the Furman faculty in 2007 after postdoctoral fellowships served at Georgia State and Furman, and two years as assistant professor at Wake Forest University. In her 13 years at Furman and her time at Wake Forest, she has mentored 36 undergraduate research students, 20 percent of them from minority populations. One of those students was Daniela Mesa Sanchez '17, a first-generation college graduate who worked in Buchmueller's lab from 2014-2017. She is now a doctoral candidate at Purdue University. "Karen has a talent for gauging the needs of her students and responding accordingly," Mesa Sanchez said of Buchmueller's impact in a letter of support to SCAS.

"This type of adaptive advising is something I've had a hard time finding in other mentors, and so I recognize it as a rare and admirable quality."

Under Buchmueller's guidance, Mesa Sanchez applied and was accepted to seven graduate chemistry programs and she received a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship for continuing her studies. But Buchmueller's mentorship didn't end there. "Even after leaving ued to support me via texts, calls and emails as I've worked through frustrations and difficulties as a teaching assistant. Her caring and input have been invaluable from the beginning of my graduate experience and as I think about my future career," Mesa Sanchez wrote.



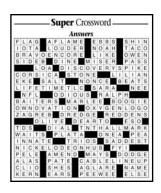
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Furman University associate professor of chemistry Karen Buchmueller is pictured at left.

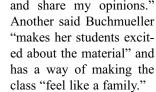
for the entire time. In fact, at the end of class, the students kept asking questions and commenting on the material – they didn't want the class to end.

"My visit reinforced my belief that Karen is one of the most gifted instructors in our department," Wright said. "She covered the material in depth and

enticed her students into thinking deeply about the topic. She created an inviting environment where all her students felt comfortable participating, and she was able to pull everyone, myself included, into the magic that was the topic of the day."



In comments from recent student evaluations, one student said, "'Dr. B' is by far my favorite professor. Her genuine compassion



Buchmueller's colleagues also weighed in with words of praise in the SCAS nomination materials. After a visit to Buchmueller's advanced biochemistry class, chemistry Professor Laura Wright said, "Throughout the class period, there was constant back and forth between Karen and all her



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# How to make the CARES Act part of your financial plan

(StatePoint) For many Americans, the current state of the economy is creating real financial challenges and concerns. However, the federal government's recently enacted CARES Act is intended to provide some financial relief to families and business owners who may be struggling to manage their finances, using cash disbursements, expanded unemployment benefits, and different loans and tax credits.

In addition to reading up on CARES Act programs, experts say there are several ways to make sure you get as much financial support from the bill as possible. Here are three things to think about:

• Estimate the value of vour economic impact check and plan how you will use the money. The Internal Revenue Service may send up to \$1,200 to individual taxpayers and \$2,400 to married couples. plus another \$500 for each qualifying child. Tools such as The Washington Post's stimulus check calculator can help you determine the amount you may receive.



Then you can decide what to do with your check: e.g., pay your bills, buy essential goods, save it or even invest it.

• Check your eligibility for unemployment benefits. The CARES Act created a new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program to provide benefits to people who lost their jobs, had their hours reduced or are unable to work for reasons related to COVID-19. You may qualify for these benefits even if you are selfemployed or an independent contractor. Unemployment benefits have also been increased by \$600 a week and extended to up to 39 weeks of coverage. The

Department of Labor's website (www.dol.gov/ coronavirus) has more these information on changes, as well as guidance on applying for unemployment.

• If you own a small business, consider applying for a federal loan. The CARES Act set aside hundreds of

billions of dollars for the Small Business Administration and the Treasury Department to provide financial relief to business owners and their employees. Loan options include the Paycheck Protection Program to help businesses keep workers on their payrolls and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan to

help cover a temporary dip in revenue. Visit the SBA's website (www.sba.gov/fundingprograms/loans/coronavirus-relief-options) to learn more and apply.

A Certified Financial Planner (CFP) professional can help you understand these programs and make sound decisions about how to use your stimulus funds. A CFP professional can also provide competent, ethical advice on maintaining your financial wellbeing during this period of uncertainty. And, this advice can be provided remotely via phone calls, emails and video conferencing technology. To find a CFP professional near vou, visit www.letsmakeaplan.org.

With thoughtful planning, you can make the most of these and other financial resources to weather the economic storm.

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# South Carolina Secretary of State's office open for business

By Mark Hammond, SC Secretary of State

Just a couple months ago, our world changed as COVID-19 spread and social distancing became the norm. Schools, businesses, and even churches transitioned to operating online in order to protect our citizens and "flatten the curve." As our state and nation navigate these unprecedented times, I want you to know that the Secretary of State's Office is here to help by continuing to provide online services. Several years ago, the Secretary of State's Office initiated a business continuity plan to ensure that the office would be able to operate in the event of a natural disaster, such as a hurricane or flood. In addition to providing online services, the office would be able to continue to operate, even remotely, should the need arise. It was never contemplated that a pandemic would put this plan to the test. This planning and forward thinking laid the foundation for the online filing and accessibility of documents, which is now allowing businesses to continue to access our agency's services and navigate the economic uncertainly brought on by the COVID-19 virus. The Business Entities Online Filing and Documents Retrieval System has allowed businesses, large and small, to continue to incorporate online and obtain records needed to access economic assistance under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Since our office began operating remotely in mid-March, businesses have conducted more than 31,000 transactions. Over two thirds of these were requests for certified copies of filings and certificates of existence, which are needed for commercial dealings and loan applications. Moreover, this number of transactions exceeded those performed in the same time period last year by over 1,000. Although I am dismayed by the cir-

cumstances that have caused our office to transition to remote status, I am proud that we have continued to operate at the same pace or higher as when the state was unaffected by a global pandemic.

In addition to offering online services for businesses, the Secretary of State's Office provides online filing for charities. Not only can nonprofits

register and file financial reports through our website, but charitable donors can search organizations to see if they are authorized to solicit in South Carolina and review their most recent financial data. Furthermore, our Charities and Investigation Divisions are ready and available to assist anyone who believes that they are the target of a fundraising

scam. Crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic can bring out the best in people, but unfortunately can bring out the worst as well. If you are concerned about any charitable solicitation you receive, regardless if it is coronavirus-related, you can file a confidential complaint through our website at www.sos.sc.gov, 24 hours

a day, seven days a week.

The Secretary of State's Office has worked hard to make its services accessible to everyone, whether online, through the mail, or in person. The COVID-19 crisis has proven that our world can change rapidly, and that we must be able to adapt to new ways of doing things. By implementing new technologies and offering services through online and mobile

platforms, the Secretary of State's Office has continued to serve our customers well. As your Secretary of State, I look forward to the day when our community has healed from this pandemic. Until then, please know that our agency remains an online resource to keep South Carolina open for business.



# **2020 DOWNTOWN EVENT SCHEDULE**

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March 14	Shenanigans on the Square, Noon-10 pm	
March 14	Queen Fest, Barnet Park, 2-10 pm	
Thursdays in April	Music on Main, Morgan Square, 5:30-8:30 pm	
Fridays in April	Jazz on the Square, Morgan Square, 5:30-8 pm	
April 3 & 4	Hub City Hog Fest, Morgan Square/Church Street	
April 18	Spartanburg Soaring Kite Festival, 11am-5 pm	
April 18	Cribb's Burger Cookoff, West Main St., 1-8 pm	***** Please note
April 24-26	Spring Fling Weekend/Criterium	that events in
Thursdays in May	Music on Main, Morgan Square, 5:30-8:30 pm	April and part of May have been
Fridays in May	Jazz on the Square, Morgan Square, 5:30-8 pm	cancelled due to
May 2	Cinco de Mayo, Noon-9 pm	COVID-19. Please
May 9	Soul Fest, Barnet Park	visit www.cityof spartanburg.org
Monday, May 18	Assault on Mt. Mitchell	for more
May 30	Worship Without Walls, Barnet Park	information. *****
Thursdays in June	Music on Main, Morgan Square, 5:30-8:30 pm	
June 6	Sparkle City Rhythm & Ribs (Barnet Park)	
June 20	Afro Fest, Barnet Park	
Thursdays in July	Music on Main, Morgan Square, 5:30-8:30 pm	
July 4	Red, White, & Boom, Barnet Park, 5-10 pm	
August 22	85 South Country Fest, Barnet Park	
September 12	Hispanic/LatinX Music Fest, Barnet Park	
September 17-20	Spartanburg Greek Festival	
October 3	International Festival, Barnet Park, 11am-7pm	
October 24	Hub City Brew Fest, Spring/Broad Streets, 1-5 pm	
October 24	Synergy Music Fest, Barnet Park	
November 7	Upstate PRIDE Festival, Barnet Park	
December 3	Dickens of a Christmas, 6-9 pm	
December 8	Spartanburg Jaycees Christmas Parade	

City organized events

City permitted/supported events

(New)Synergy Music Series at Barnet Park

# Top tips to plant, grow and care for a container garden

(StatePoint) Container gardens are a viable and popular cultivation option, especially for those who have limited sun-exposed spaces or are looking to start small and learn the basics of gardening.

"Containers, whether bought or recycled, are a great place to plant herb and vegetable gardens," says landscape designer, Doug Scott of Redeem Your Ground in Atlanta, Ga. "But to get it right, there are a few things to keep in mind."

To help you successfully cultivate a container garden, Scott offers the following pointers:

• Well-drained, not dry or overly wet soil, is necessary for herb and vegetable growth, so using bottomdraining pots with a peatbased potting soil specifically formulated for herbs and veggies will facilitate proper soil drainage and moisture retention.

• The proper container size depends on what you'll be growing. Most small herbs do well in pots as small as eight inches in diameter, while larger plants may require a gallon pot or larger. For visual interest, consider repur-



Landscape designer, Doug Scott

• Soil dries out more quickly in container gardens than garden beds, especially if you place containers outdoors in the sun. Perform daily soil moisture checks. You may need to water outdoor container gardens every day -and possibly twice a day -in extremely hot weather. • Place your container garden where it will get the optimal amount of sunlight -- between six and eight hours a day. The beauty of container gardens is their movability. You can even follow the sun as exposure changes throughout the seasons. Always refer to the care tags on the specific plant to determine a prime location.

• Gardens planted in a container are entirely dependent on you to provide nutrients. Start out with an organic, rich potting soil formulated for container gardens. Then, going forward, fertilize your container every two to four weeks by pouring a nutrient-rich liquid solution directly into the soil.

• Don't forget to reap what you sow. Harvesting will generally help increase yields and prevent plants from outgrowing their containers. For best results, use this five-step method: water plants before harvesting, make clean cuts, keep them clean, dry your harvest quickly and store them away from sunlight and moisture.

More expert advice is available online. Scott has partnered with Exmark, a leading manufacturer of commercial mowers and equipment on a video series for DIY homeowners called "Done in a Weekend." Among the free videos is "Contain Your Enthusiasm," offering tips to help you successfully plant, grow and care for herbs and vegetable container gardens. To view the video, as well as access other videos in the series covering a range of home and garden topics, visit Exmark.com/DIY.

There are a few important considerations that every container gardener should know. Be sure you're equipped with the proper tools and knowledge before getting started.

# Are you starting a business? Website trends to consider

(StatePoint) Starting a business? One of the first things you'll need to do is build a website. Today a website is not only your brand, but it also provides the tools you need to operate your business, and is the central point for you to communicate with your customers.

Web development platform Wix recently took a look at website creation data for the U.S. in 2019 and found some interesting facts. One significant statistic found is that 38 engaging on a site with poor design. That means that if you decide to start a business, it's important to do it right.

posing items around the

house to use as your con-

tainer, such as an old pail.

• Incorporate a "thriller,

filler, spiller" planting

approach to maximize

space and aesthetic appeal.

This means tall focal

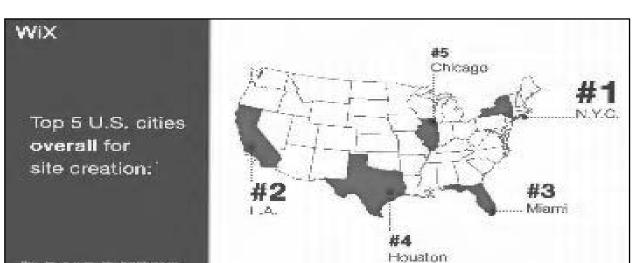
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layer plants that fill in, and

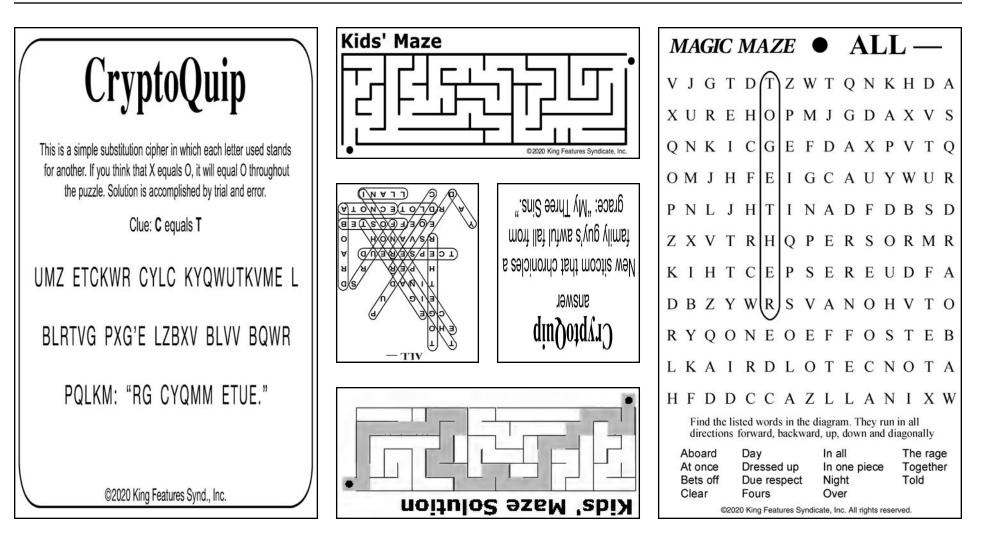
plants that will cascade

over the container in front.

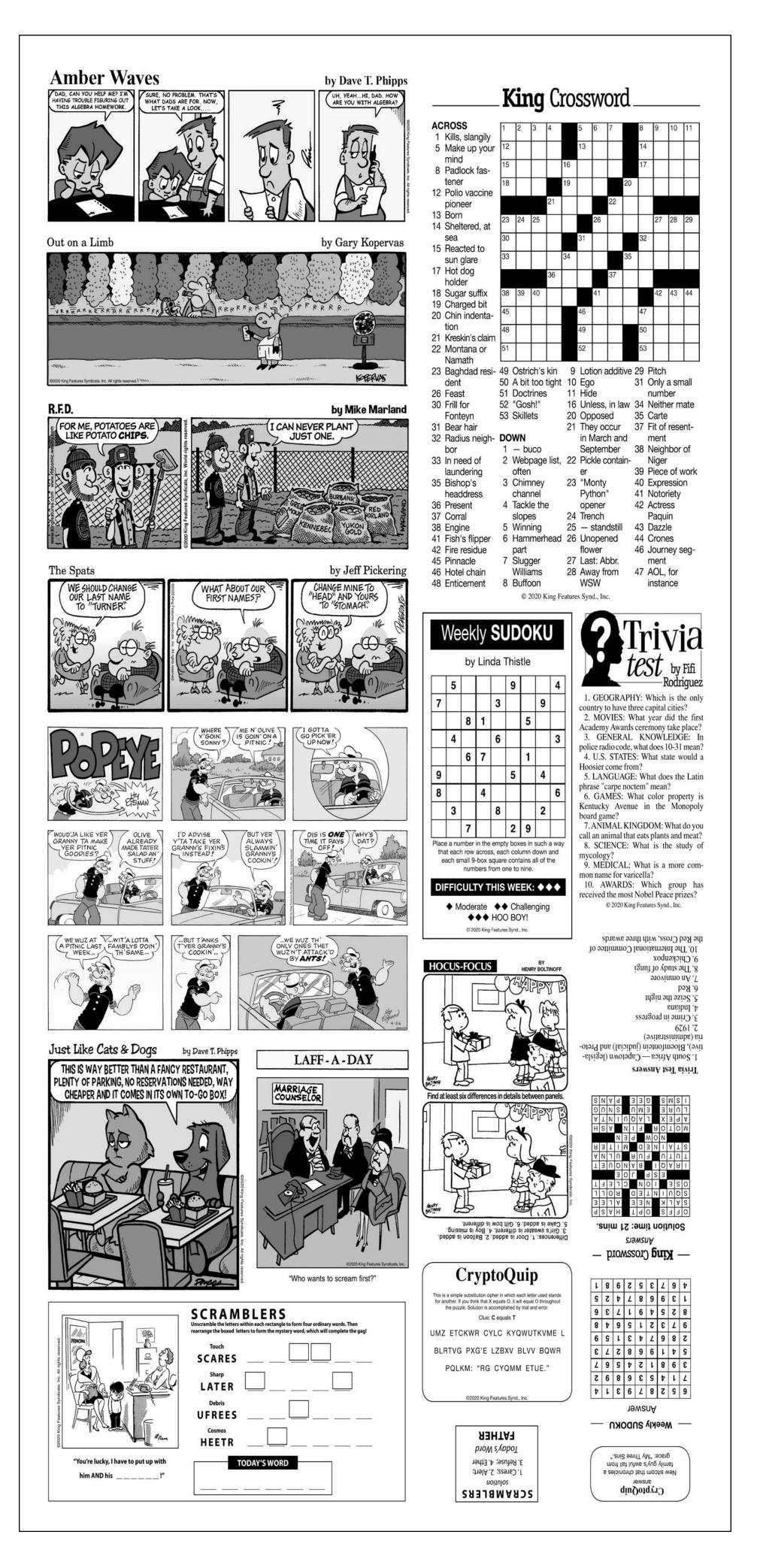
A key website feature to keep in mind when building your site is live chat. Almost half of sites implement a live chat feature to communicate with current customers and attract potential new customers. In any business, it's important from the beginning to be responsive to customers, and doing so can be a key differentiator in growing your business



percent of visitors stop your business.







# Legal Notices

#### LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Case No.: 2019-CP-42-2837 Jimmy Ervin, Plaintiff, vs. Venecia Brown individually; and VNB Auto Brokers, LLC, Defendants.

#### Summons

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is attached herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to said Complaint on the subscribers at their office at Post Office Box 2765, 229 Magnolia Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 29304, within thirty (30) days after such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in this Complaint.

Spartanburg, South Carolina August 12, 2019 HODGE & LANGLEY LAW FIRM, PC s/ T. Ryan Langley T. RYAN LANGLEY South Carolina Bar No. 76558 Post Office Box 2765 Spartanburg, S.C. 29302 Phone: (864) 585-3873 Fax: (864) 585-6485 Attorneys for Plaintiff

Complaint (Jury Trial) The Plaintiff complaining of the Defendants would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

1. That the Plaintiff is a citizen and resident of Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

2. That upon information and belief, the Defendant, Venecia Brown is a citizen and resident of Hampton, Georgia and at all times relevant herein was an agent and/or employee of VNB Auto Brokers LLC., Inc. operating within the course and scope of her employment. 3. That the Defendant VNB Auto Brokers LLC., upon information and belief is a company doing business out of Hampton, Georgia.

4. That upon information and belief, at the time of the collision Venecia Brown was permissive user of a vehicle owned by VNB Auto Brokers, LLC.

5. That the collision which is the subject of this lawsuit occurred in Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

6. That on or about September 20, 2018, Plaintiff was travelling north on SC-85 in Spartanburg, South Carolina. The Defendant was also traveling north on SC-85 when she rear-ended another vehicle pushing it into another caus-

just and proper. Respectfully submitted, Spartanburg, South Carolina August 12, 2019 HODGE & LANGLEY LAW FIRM, PC s/ T. Ryan Langley T. RYAN LANGLEY South Carolina Bar No. 76558 Post Office Box 2765 Spartanburg, S.C. 29302 Phone: (864) 585-3873 Fax: (864) 585-6485 Attorneys for Plaintiff 4-23, 30, 5-7

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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MUST file their claims on FORM

#371ES with the Probate Court

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address of which is 180

Magnolia Street Room 302,

Spartanburg, SC 29306, within

eight (8) months after the date

of the first publication of

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within one (1) year from date

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claim will become due, the

nature of any uncertainty as to

the claim, and a description of

any security as to the claim.

Estate: Chester Cornelius

Date of Death: February 19, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

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All persons having claims

Case Number: 2020ES4200551

Personal Representative:

200 North Pacolet Road

Campobello, SC 29322

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Notice of abandoned mobile home. Year- 1998 Make- Redman Model- Parker Classic MFG Serial Number- 13908190AB. Home is located at 1488 Bobcat Lane, Woodruff, SC 29388. Storage fees will be accruing in the amount of \$45 per day starting on the date of this publication. Contact at 864-285-2424 4-23, 30, 5-7

#### LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG IN THE FAMILY COURT 2020-DR-42-0627

#### Victoria Michelle Cochran, Plaintiff, vs. Jacqueline Nicole Huckaby, Defendant. IN RE: Lillian Ava Cothran (1/10/16)

#### Summons

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint on the subscriber, THE BEAN LAW FIRM, P.A., Attorneys at Law, at their office at 147 E. St. John Street, Post Office Drawer 81, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29304, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof; exclusive of the date of such service; unless you received your copy by certified mail, in which case you must serve a copy of your Answer on the subscriber within thirty-five (35) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Dated at Spartanburg, South

Carolina, this 3rd day of March, 2020. WILLIAM S. BEAN Attorney for Plaintiff Post Office Box 81 Spartanburg, S.C. 29304 (864) 582-3341 telephone (864) 542-1033 facsimile 4-23, 30, 5-7

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Spartanburg, SC 29304

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ing a domino effect. Upon impact the Plaintiff was hurled about within the interior of the motor vehicle causing him to suffer serious injuries which will be fully described herein.

7. That the injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff were due to and caused by and were the direct and proximate result of the negligent and/or reckless, willful, and wanton acts of the Defendant in one or more of the following particulars, to wit:

(a) In failing to keep a proper lookout for traffic in general and in particular, the Plaintiff:

(b) In failing to timely apply brakes so as to avoid crashing with the vehicle being driven by Plaintiff;

(c) In evidencing an utter disregard for the safety of the public in general and in particular, the Plaintiff;

(d) In traveling too fast for conditions;

(e) In failing to use that degree of care that an ordinary and prudent person would have used under the same or similar circumstances.

8. That as a direct and proximate result of the negligent and/or reckless, willful, and wanton acts of the Defendant, Plaintiff has suffered serious painful and personal injuries. That as a result of his injuries, the Plaintiff has been forced to undergo medical treatment and has incurred medical expenses. That as a result of the Plaintiff's injuries, he has been unable to engage in his normal pursuits of happiness, has suffered emotional distress, and mental anguish, all to his great damage.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs pray judgment against the Defendants as follows:

A. For actual damages found to be just and equitable within the discretion of the fact finder;

B. For punitive damages if proven by clear and convincing evidence;

C. For the costs and disbursements of this action;

D. For prejudgment interest at the rate authorized by the South Carolina Supreme Court and S.C. Code Ann. Section 34-31-20 (B); and

E. For such other and further relief as this Court may deem ing vehicle. 1961 Econoline Ford van VIN: E10SH113231 Gray in color

and Tractor at 1-864-320-3692 5-7, 14, 21

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This is an attempt to locate the legal owner of the following vehicle. 2000 Chevrolet S-10 VIN: 1GCC14Z6M828365 Blue in Color Contact: Blackwell's Truck

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This is an attempt to locate the legal owner of the following vehicle. 1961 Ford Falcon VIN: 1H118137417 Rust in Color Contact: Blackwell's Truck and Tractor at 1-864-320-3692

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This is an attempt to locate the legal owner of the following vehicle. 1965 Ford Falcon VIN: 5H176167780 Red in Color Contact: Blackwell's Truck and Tractor at 1-864-320-3692 5-7, 14, 21

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the legal owner of the follow- claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Lois Overcash Cannon Contact: Blackwell's Truck Date of Death: January 31, 2020 Case Number: 2020ES4200545 Personal Representative: Mr. Earl Wayne Cannon 336 Ferndale Drive Spartanburg, SC 29316 Attv: Samuel Frank Adams 1082 Boiling Springs Road Spartanburg, SC 29303 4-23, 30, 5-7

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#### LEGAL NOTICE 2020ES4200499

The Will of Eugene Calvert AKA Hartwell Eugene Calvert AKA Gene Calvert, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed March 20, 2020. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL

Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 4-30, 5-7, 14

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prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Sheila Renee Daniels Date of Death: December 8, 2019 Case Number: 2019ES4202058 Personal Representative: Devin Daniels 103 Wellington Road Wellford, SC 29385 5-7, 14, 21

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

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# MAi uncovers the impact of personal control on the reopening of America

Charleston, S.C. - MAi Research's ongoing study of public perceptions of the coronavirus outbreak shows the public is starting to think about what aspects of public life should be opened up first, while still concerned about participating in those activities themselves. This reveals the tension felt by a public torn between wanting to get back to normal but profoundly worried about the wisdom of doing so in the current environment.

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MAi Research conducted an analysis of open-ended question responses from the most recent wave of research to uncover what would make people more comfortable participating in everyday activities like shopping, sending their children to school, or dining in restaurants.

The analysis reveals three key areas that will help consumers feel more comfortable

venturing back into public spaces, focused on aspects under individuals' control, the control of businesses being patronized, and governmental control consumers hope to see in the future:

Individual Control: Wearing masks and practicing social distancing are closely associated with each other (thus their close proximity on the map), perhaps because they're both interpersonal precautions that consumers themselves can control.

The prominence of wearing masks on the map is interesting given that masks are still optional in most of the country, but perhaps not surprising given the CDC's guidelines on using face coverings, and the fact that it's something people can control themselves. The trend is gaining steam, with JetBlue becoming the first airline to require all passengers to

wear a face covering and Illinois mandating face coverings as of May 1. The data suggests that this trend is strongly aligned with public perceptions of safety, and wearing face coverings may become a key aspect of going out in public in the "new normal." Comments below from consumers included:

Safer Retail Shopping: "If they provided Clorox wipes at the door, limited the number of people allowed into the store, and required masks and gloves while shopping."

Safer Mass Transit: "As long as people are still practicing social distancing and wearing face masks."

Business Control: Cleaning and sanitizing surfaces and interior spaces will also be a big part of reopening society if consumers have anything to say about it. This may be a bigger factor for restaurants, salons,

and other non-retail locations where more person-to-person contact is expected, but it's likely to impact all aspects of public life in the near future. The following comments from consumers on this topic include:

Safer Restaurant Dining: "Knowing that the table and chairs have been thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. Knowing that the staff members have all been consciously cleanly handling our food.'

Safer Hotels: "If they provided me with sanitizer and sanitizing wipes to clean with and if clean sheets pillowcases blankets towels and washcloths came in wrapped packages so I could make the beds myself to prevent cross contamination. Also, every employee would wear masks and gloves and stay six to eight feet away and all areas around the establishment that encouraged guests to congregate were blocked or

limited for the time being."

Governmental Control: Some consumers, however, are holding out for a vaccine or treatment before they feel comfortable venturing back out into public. For this group, no amount of cleaning or social distancing will make it worthwhile to risk exposure to COVID-19. Comments from consumers on this topic included the following:

"I wouldn't until all the science and research has been thoroughly completed and it is confirmed there is a treatment for the virus and an effective vaccination. Anything less than that just means that that virus is still out there and that it can continue to spread. I am not willing to take that risk on the whim of economy being resurrected."

"I will not feel comfortable until the threat of this virus is over because the population has been vaccinated."

Some businesses are already planning extraordinary measures to increase customer safety, like the Venetian casino in Las Vegas which plans to have an EMT team on-site 24/7 to deal with suspected COVID-19 cases. Not every business has the resources for that level of caution, but their ability to make customers feel safe is going to have a profound impact on every store, restaurant, salon or gym in the country in the coming months. It's likely that each of us can recall a recent experience with a business that demonstrated an elevated level of care for our wellbeing and that of their employees, and can contrast it to a business that didn't. Those who are best able to make their customers and workforce feel safe and comfortable are most likely to experience a faster recovery.

# Personal protective equipment arrives at Greenville-Spartanburg Airport

Greenville - Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport and Cerulean Aviation were recently partnered with those on the front line of the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. On April 26th, the Boeing Dream Lifter (one of only 4 in the world) delivered 1.5 million surgical grade facemasks to be used by Prisma Health.

Elected officials and business leaders gathered to welcome the shipment. Cargo operations at GSP continue to be a key player in the regional supply chain for health care and many essential industries.

The protecive marks shipped directly from China to Greenville, bypassing extensive delays as well as eliminating shipping costs. Prisma Health purchased the masks in late March but was unable to quickly move the shipment out of China.

The delivery is the largest single personal protective equipment delivery made to healthcare providers by Boeing as part of its national pandemic response.

"It's a win-win for South Carolina healthcare providers and a perfect example of private companies working with elected officials to help healthcare workers and the people they serve," said Mark O'Halla, president and chief executive officer of Prisma Health. "We very much appreciate Boeing's support during these challenging times of securing necessary supplies. By standing together, we all stand stronger."

"In recognition of Boeing's delivery of our supplies, we are donating 100,000 of these masks to our colleagues at the Medical University of South Carolina, which is located near Boeing's manufacturing plant," said



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nesses have embodied those unique characteristics."

"Boeing is proud to be part of this historic flight to bring vital PPE to healthcare workers across South Carolina," said Dave Calhoun, president and CEO, Boeing. "I want to offer my personal thanks to the Boeing team and our Atlas Air partners for what they've done to support this essential mission and ensure our frontline healthcare workers have the equipment they critically need."

Added Sen. Lindsey Graham, "We owe it to our men and women on the frontlines of our healthcare system to have the necessary resources to fight the COVID-19 virus. I want to thank Prisma Health, Discommon, Atlas Air and Boeing for stepping up to facilitate this important shipment of medical masks to South Carolina."

Said Sen. Tim Scott, "We will never be able to thank our frontline healthcare workers enough for the amazing work they have done throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. They are putting their lives on the line every single day to help others, and it is absolutely critical they have the Personal Protective Equipment necessary to do their jobs as safely as possible. I am thrilled that Prisma Health will now have access to more than 1.5 million medical-grade masks to distribute throughout their facilities in South Carolina, and want to thank everyone involved in this unique public-private partnership for making this happen. It will truly make a difference."

of supply chain for Prisma Health. "We finalized the contract in late March but were unable to quickly move the shipment out of China. "While we already had a good supply of masks and have smaller shipments coming in on a regular basis, we were eager to get that shipment here since, by itself, it could serve our system's needs for approximately four weeks."

Critical to this supplychain solution was Greenville resident Neil Ferrier, owner of design firm Discommon, the importer of record for the delivery. Ferrier had reached out to Prisma Health – through U.S. Rep. William Timmons – to offer his help with securing additional masks. He then sourced the masks from trusted manufacturers in China and turned to Boeing and Atlas Air to facilitate their transport to Prisma Health, which ordered the supplies.

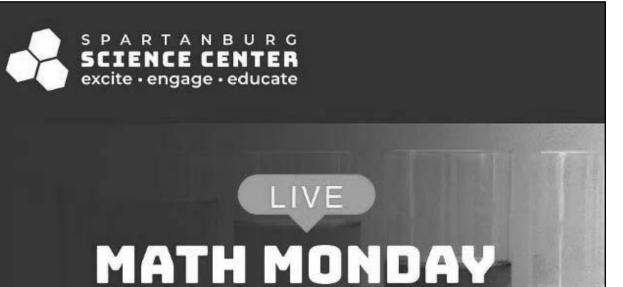
"When I realized that obtaining masks was a huge issue for healthcare systems, I realized that I was in a unique position to make a difference," said Ferrier. Because of his connections at Clemson University, the Clemson alumnus was also able to connect Prisma Health to Boeing.

"I'm incredibly grateful to be part of this project the wild path to getting here is movie-worthy," said Ferrier. "While every step of this logistics process has been incredibly daunting, Boeing and Atlas Air have been astonishing throughout, with both companies 100% committed to making today's transport mission possible. It's incredible that South Carolina has the backing of companies that can lend their vital transportation logistics support to this very complex challenge. Although this project isn't in our typical wheelhouse of industrial design and manufacturing,

the ultimate goal of design is to solve problems beautifully, and we've all come together to do just that."

"Today, we proudly welcome Boeing and Atlas Air to Greenville," said Timmons. "When I was first approached by Discommon in Greenville, I knew these masks would make a huge difference for our health care workers at Prisma Health who are on the front lines fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. We immediately got to work to make this happen. Today's delivery showcases the good that can be done when businesses, nonprofits, and the government join together. This PPE will go a long way for folks here in the Upstate and across the Midlands."

Said U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan, "Today's delivery of medical masks for Prisma Health is tremendous news! The entire Palmetto State is thankful to Boeing, Atlas Air and Discommon Concepts for making this shipment a reality in order to equip our medical personnel during these unprecedented times. It's partnerships like these led by companies in South Carolina that will ensure we are fully prepared to defeat COVID-19."



O'Halla.

Prisma Health, which already has pandemic supplies and has been aggressively ramping up its supply inventory since January, will use its surgical masks as part of its proactive universal masking of all patients, employees and visitors.

"This partnership demonstrates the truly cooperative spirit of South Carolina, and our people will be better because of it," said Gov. Henry McMaster. "When a South Carolinian is in need, their neighbors are there to lend a helping hand, and today we're seeing that our busi-

"Prisma Health constantly works to secure new supplies," said Chad Richard, executive director

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