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WSJCOMMUNITY

Linda Barneto and Sherry Forbes wanted to bring positivity to today's uncertain times, so they used Linda's storefront to do so. **Page 5**



WSJOPINION

Columnist David Leone sees hope among the COVID-19 crisis, because Wake Forest has rallied to come from economic upheaval before. **Page 4**

CORONAVIRUS CASES AT A GLANCE

283

WAKE COUNTY
CONFIRMED CASES

2,328

NORTH CAROLINA
CONFIRMED CASES

28

NORTH CAROLINA
DEATHS

245,066

UNITED STATES
CONFIRMED CASES

Statistics as of 04/03/20

7,406

UNITED STATES
DEATHS

1.18 M

WORLDWIDE
CONFIRMED CASES

60,428

WORLDWIDE
DEATHS

COVID-19 cases will continue to increase

By JAY LAMM
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Imagine how fast the COVID-19 virus is spreading. Blink once. Now, maybe once more.

That's how the numbers are climbing, with the state's elderly population taking on the vast majority of deaths associated — 75 percent.

As of midnight, March 31, there are 850,585 cases worldwide; 181,099 cases in the United States; 1,500 cases in North Carolina and 186 cases in Wake County.

United States' deaths are at 3,606, and worldwide the number is 41,654. Ten people have died thus far in North Carolina.

A stay-at-home order has been issued for North Carolina, all 100 counties. The order comes after a long month of uncertainties in March, when businesses have been

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Sunday in Wake Forest was well-enjoyed by hundreds who took to the outdoors, biking, walking and working in their yards. Azalea and dogwoods, in full bloom, passed along pollen in the warm breezes as temperatures climbed into the upper 80s. Friends Kelly Knowles, left, and Hailey Huffman, right, share some "social distance" time in the parking lot at Black and White Coffee Roasters downtown. They had some coffee and got caught up with each other, they said. "We are doing our social distancing while still being social," Knowles said, adding that they wanted to also support local businesses.. WSJ PHOTO | KATHY HARRELSON

Evictions, utility cutoffs temporarily suspended

By JAY LAMM
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While Washington has churned out an historic \$2-trillion economic stimulus package, folks here might get more immediate comfort in local and state efforts.

Wake Forest has had a standing order since mid-March not to cut off utilities for customers. North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper did the same statewide for a 60-day extension; Wake Forest has yet to set a deadline.

"Wake Forest is a community with wonderful, caring people who look out for each other. We will get through this, and be better than before," Mayor Vivian Jones said Tuesday.

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Gov. Cooper issues order to stay home for 30 days

By JAY LAMM
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March was long. April will be longer.

North Carolina Executive Order 121 mandates that North Carolinians stay home for 30 days, until April 29 and reduce the size of gatherings to 10. Public schools remain closed at least through May 15.

The order is the latest step taken by Gov. Roy Cooper to slow the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. The order was effective Monday, March 30.

The order allows essential businesses to continue to operate, while using proper social distancing practices.

"To continue our aggressive battle against COVID-19, I have signed a Stay at Home Order for the entire state of North Carolina. Though it is difficult we must do this to slow the disease spread," Cooper said.

"We need our medical system to be able to care for the friends and family we know will become seri-

ously ill from the virus."

The order follows multiple county and municipal orders that are similar in restrictions — including those in Wake Forest.

Directing people to stay put, the state order allows visits to essential businesses, assist family members or to exercise outdoors. Most importantly the bill bans gatherings of 10 people and for everyone to physically stay at least six feet apart.

Here in Wake Forest, however, gatherings of any sort are not allowed based on Wake County's mandates.

Wake Forest Mayor Vivian Jones said the governor has done a good job in keeping the town informed through the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services. The state could have cut down on public confusion related to how to respond had it issued the N.C. order sooner, she added.

"I think he (Cooper) could have issued the stay-at-home instructions earlier and coordinated with

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Jerry Carter and Sugar May, affectionately known as "Shug" take a walk down South White Street. Carter said he is practicing social distancing, but Shug knows no stranger. WSJ PHOTO | KATHY HARRELSON



"Stay Strong Wake Forest" debuts

Town of Wake Forest makes video to uplift spirits during crisis

By JAY LAMM
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The Town of Wake Forest has tried to stay a step ahead to protect residents from the spread of the Coronavirus.

People need to adapt and stay strong, Mayor Vivian Jones, the town board and the communications department said, spotlighting, in a collective video — "Stay Strong Wake Forest."

"We just wanted to do something to encourage the residents of Wake Forest," Jones said.

"We have such a wonderful, caring community where people are stepping up and helping others, and we want to acknowledge that and encourage them that we will get through this difficult time."

Jones said everyone has been working hard to handle the COVID-19 crisis, while keeping the town running

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The opening frame of video produced by Wake Forest. Video is on town's Facebook page and on The White Street Journal's website, WSJ30.com. PHOTO | CONTRIBUTED



GoRaleigh bus travels Loop A as it turns onto North White Street from Roosevelt Street in Wake Forest.

Bus routes cut back temporarily

Wake Forest Loop B and Wake Forest-Raleigh Express parked by GoRaleigh

By **JAY LAMM**
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Catching a ride in Wake Forest got harder Monday, March 30.

GoRaleigh suspended Wake Forest Loop B and the Wake Forest-Raleigh Express until further notice. Wake Forest Loop A will continue to operate as scheduled.

GoRaleigh just added the additional Loop B route in January, enabling riders to travel both clockwise and counterclockwise through the existing route. The additional route cut the wait time for a bus from 60 minutes to 30.

A GoTriangle bus driver tested positive for the Coronavirus after displaying the symptoms between March 18-20, while still operating a bus.

GoTriangle and GoRaleigh are operated by the same company.

GoRaleigh asks riders to board buses using the rear doors to promote greater social distancing. Front door access will be available for persons with disabilities. A hand sanitizer dispenser has been added to the seating area.

Per CDC guidelines, if sick, stay at home and only travel if it is absolutely necessary. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. Wash hands frequently with soap and water. Avoid touching the face, and keep distance between from others.

Games called because of strain

Adult, youth leagues cancelled until May 1

Contributed to WSJ from the Town of Wake Forest

All Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department-sponsored programs and classes in Wake Forest have been suspended through May 17.

Adult athletics activities have been cancelled through May 1. These activities include all adult spring softball and kickball leagues.

The PRCR Department has also postponed all youth athletics, including spring baseball and softball leagues, through at least May 1.

Officials will continue to monitor guidance from public health agencies and provide updates as circumstances warrant.

Full refunds will be issued for any registered athletics and cultural programs, camps, classes and facility reservations canceled due to COVID-19, while pro-rated refunds will be issued for suspended programs that resume. For more information call (919) 435-9560.

All greenways and parks, including Flaherty Dog Park, remain open to the public, yet all water fountains are turned off and bathrooms, playgrounds and picnic shelters are closed.

The department has released guidelines advising residents how to use town parks and trails in a manner that will reduce the transmission of COVID-19. These guidelines are based on direction from the National Recreation & Parks Association:

- Refrain from using parks or trails if you are exhibiting symptoms.
- Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to, during, and after use of parks or trails.
- Be prepared for no access to public restrooms, potable water, or protection from the elements.
- Observe CDC's minimum separation of 6 feet from other individuals at all times.
- While on trails, warn other users of your presence and step aside to let others pass.
- Reduce crowding and travel by sticking to close-to-home parks and trails.
- Select alternatives to crowded parks and trails.
- Minimize use of high-touch park amenities such as benches, picnic tables, trash cans, and railings.
- Obey all closures of community centers, playgrounds, and restrooms.



Tailgate takeout

Dom Stamegna, left, and Bob Bannister find a seat wherever they can. The two men had lunch at Shorty's Famous Hot Dogs after a round of golf at Heritage Country Club on Monday. With dine-in restrictions due to the COVID-19 virus, the two had an impromptu tailgate on South White Street. Bannister said he came from Raleigh, telling his boss he needed to work in Wake Forest, so he could play golf and eat a hot dog. He said nothing was going to keep him from eating at Shorty's. For the record, Stamegna shot an 85 and Bannister a 92.

WSJ PHOTO | JAY LAMM

DeGaetano promoted, certified

Contributed to WSJ from the Town of Wake Forest

March blew in like a lion for Town of Wake Forest accountant Alice DeGaetano.

The Wake Forest Finance Department announced her promotion to accounting services manager. She will oversee the department's Accounting Division.

DeGaetano earned her North Carolina Finance Officer Certification on March 5 during the N.C. Government Finance Officers Association spring conference.

A native of Guangdong, China, DeGaetano joined the town in August 2015

after working as a staff accountant at Community Partnerships, Inc. Prior to that, she earned a bachelor of arts degree in business economics with a minor in accounting from UCLA.

"We are extremely proud of Alice," said Assistant Finance Director Antwan Morrison. "Out of the 500 plus municipalities across the state, only a few individuals have earned their N.C. Finance Officer Certification. Since joining the town she has made several significant contributions and continues to help chart the future of the accounting division."

DEGAETANO





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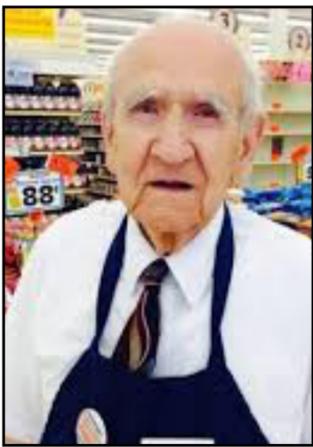




Townhome fire controlled, doesn't spread

Smoke was visible when the Wake Forest Fire Department arrived at a townhome fire on McDowell Drive, Thursday, March 26. Crews put a line in place to control the fire as firefighters searched other townhomes for fires. The fire did not spread to other townhomes.

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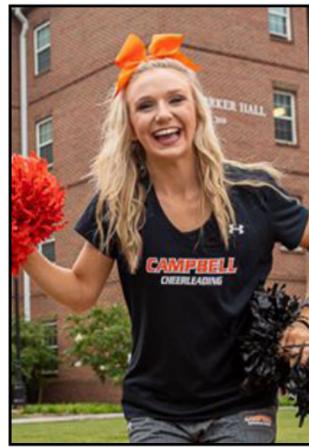
Monday:
HERO DAY



Tuesday:
CRAZY HAIR DAY



Wednesday:
BUILD A FORT DAY



Thursday:
SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY



Friday:
SPRING FEVER DAY

Fight your boredom April 6-10 with “#StayStrongWF Spirit Week”

Contributed to WSJ from the Town of Wake Forest

“#StayStrongWF Spirit Week.” The concept is simple. Participation is free, and it might help from going stir crazy.

Each day of Spirit Week is devoted to a different theme:

■ Monday, April 6 – Hero Day: From superheroes to neighborhood heroes, dress up like a favorite hospital/medical worker, first responder, grocery store employee, essential personnel or superhero. Don't forget the cape.

■ Tuesday, April 7 - Crazy Hair Day: Show our hair stylists

and barbers how they are missed. Send the town crazy hair photos, untouched roots, bed head or just wild hair styles.

■ Wednesday, April 8 – Build a Fort Day: Celebrate the art of camping indoors and out. Show the best fort, complete with pillows or Grandma's quilt.

■ Thursday, April 9 - School Spirit Day: Everyone is missing school, right parents? Recognize schools, teachers and administrators. Send in photos dressed in school gear and school colors or

dressed up like a school mascot or whatever else says pride about a school,

■ Friday, April 10 - Spring Fever Day: Spring has sprung. This is about celebration. Wear pastel colors, dye eggs, or do some gardening or spring cleaning. Embrace this beloved season.

Each day, share photos through the online form on the website at bit.ly/WFSpiritWeek. Then, at the end of each day of Spirit Week, the town will post on the Town of Wake Forest Facebook

page all the pictures received that day and upload them to the online photo gallery. Post pictures on social media and use the hashtag #StayStrongWF.

One winner will be announced each day and get a prize. For more information, visit bit.ly/WFSpiritWeek.

For more information about the Town of Wake Forest, contact Communications & Public Affairs Director Bill Crabtree at (919) 435-9421 or bcrabtree@wakeforestnc.gov

Bulk and yard waste collection suspended

Wake Forest Public Works suspended on Friday, March 27, at 5 p.m., all bulk waste collection until further notice.

Wake Forest residents are urged not to place any bulk waste behind the curb until the suspension is lifted.

Effective 5 p.m., Friday, April 3, Public Works will suspend yard waste collection

until further notice.

The week of March 30 offers Wake Forest residents one last chance – until the suspension is lifted - to leave yard waste behind the curb by 7 a.m. on the normal collection day.

Trash and recycling collection will continue as scheduled.



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EDITORIAL

What's to come? It's up to you, up to us

Covid-19. A month or so ago Americans were just starting to share Corona beer jokes on Facebook about the virus.

Today it's not so funny. But, we are not in uncertain times nor scary times as many would quickly state.

We believe the time is very certain, and reality must prevail over fears.

The reality is that change is afoot in America — throughout the world — because of this seething disease that has not only infected bodies but spirits. Still, its intangible invasion into "normal" daily life, as we have been so comfortably accustomed, is not bigger than the collective heart of the American people.

Our lives are disrupted, a mild case of hiccups in historical perspective, but a game changer in day-to-day living in 2020, when only weeks ago we had our "complete" freedoms of movement, choice of food in abundances anytime, anywhere and a growing, relatively stable economy.

Has that really changed all that much? What is ahead, undoubtedly, is more of what we have seen in just the last month — many sacrificing to heal the infected, the core of small businesses coming together to support each other and story after story about all of us helping each other do what is right for our families, neighbors, livelihoods and country.

Afterall, we are Americans, and that's what we do. We fight back.

Still, ahead, there will be more suffering, more positive COVID-19 tests, more deaths and, likely, more restrictions.

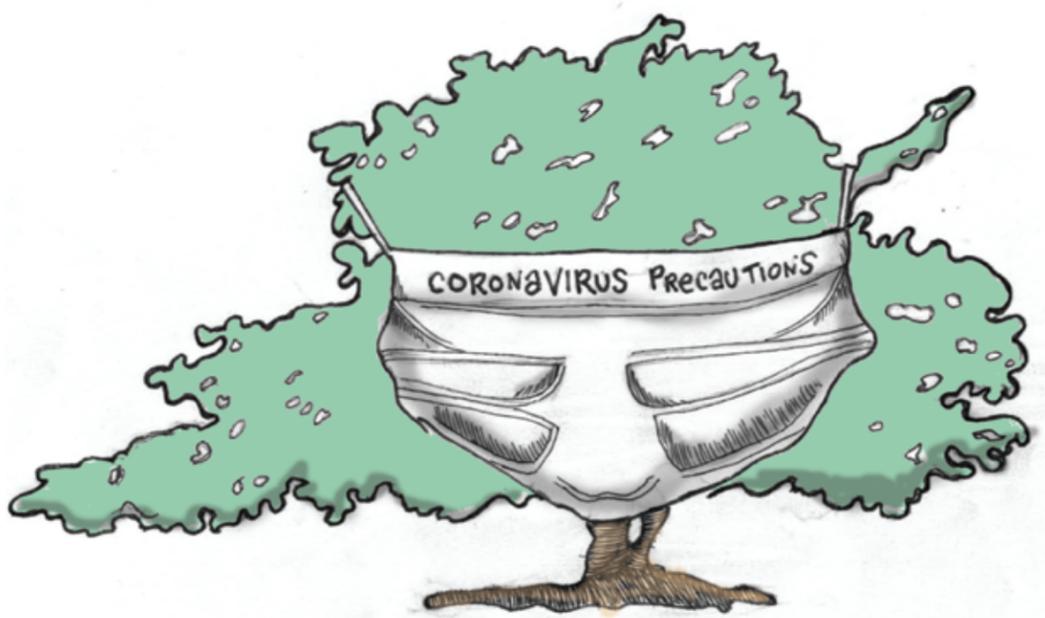
In all this, don't forget those who were hungry two, three, four months ago. Don't forget the homeless and the veterans who will be more victimized. Don't forget all our social ills are going to put us to a test.

In particular, don't forget the children — the children who are not at home with loving families. The children who look to school as a place of safety, a time away from neglect and abuse and a time to eat, are the ones we must seek out, shelter and care for in any opportunity.

Look around yourself, carefully, in the slings of social distancing. While you count your blessings, find a way to share a few.

Turn to the good. Turn to giving. Turn to common sensibilities.

Turn to the inherent strengths we have within us when we come to the realization that we are all up against the same enemy, knowing this poison will be put in its place.



TOWN of
WAKE FOREST

Jay Lamm

THE BACK FORTY

We've beat economic upheaval before

In the summer of 1956, a bomb hit Wake Forest. Not an actual bomb, but had it been, the town might've recovered more quickly. That was the summer that Wake Forest College (now University), moved to Winston-Salem.

Business in the once-bustling college town dried up fast. That could've been the end of the story for Wake Forest. But it wasn't. Community, chamber and business leaders rallied and went on recruitment drives to bring new companies into town. It worked, and over the next couple decades, Wake Forest and the surrounding area housed several manufacturing industries, providing employment and a supporting retail economy.

I learned all this as a newspaper reporter and editor here in town, a job I held for about a dozen years. Knowing that such a past exists makes me hopeful that our community — and country — will be able to rally again, to recover from this crisis. More on that in a bit.

I left journalism about a year and a half ago, and took

the better part of a year off to get some much needed R&R. I went back to work last fall in a local bookstore, part-time, but much of the past year I've spent taking it easy, catching up on my reading, jonesing on Netflix, visiting with a community of street cats that live behind some buildings, and sitting outside my go-to coffeeshop, sipping a latte in late afternoons.

That's why I may have been better suited to handle a shelter-in-place order by county and state authorities to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Even so, my wife, who is retired, and I, have been going a little stir-crazy. I can only imagine what it must feel like for folks with a much more active lifestyle.

What's worse, Facebook's events calendar keeps reminding me of the things I'd clicked on to remember to do later. Many I wouldn't have gotten to, but some assuredly. I can't be the only one who noted sadly that the Real McCoy's spring Battle of the Taps was canceled, or who'd planned to attend the second annual Wake Forest Film Festival, or that the Fri-

day Night on White music series opener was nixed.

I can't tell, when the restrictions are lifted, if we'll all creep about like church mice, trying a bit of fun here, or putting in an appearance there, and so on, or if we'll go nuts, and try to cram every last thing we can into those first few days until our bank accounts see red. Say: Breakfast and lunch out on the town; drinks at one or more breweries; check out some new businesses in between (been meaning to go to that record shop); restock on books; hit that specialty place where you find those delectable candies, or cowboy boots, or quilts, or whatever you're into; catch an evening movie — something trite and meaningless; call an Uber, preferably one whose driver also does Door Dash, so you can dine on the run; and then hit up one of those axe-throwing bars in the evening, where you and your friends can say a toast to the new economy.

None of us knows exactly how much lasting damage the coronavirus will cause, locally, or nationally. And no



DAVID LEONE

one, not even long-bearded economists, can say with certainty what solutions will prove best for getting us back on our feet. But I like to think that our current town and business leaders will propose modern-day solutions to the newest bomb to hit us, and that the people of Wake Forest and the surrounding communities will do our own part to make it work.

— David Leone is a writer, photographer and raconteur who has worked in Wake Forest since 2007 and lived there since 2012.

END OF STORY

Six feet apart and never closer

Good morning. If you look in a mirror or at family pictures, you can see the traits you get from your parents. A big nose, blue eyes, freckles or a bald head.

I look more like my Dad, have my Momma's height and my curly hair...not so sure.

One of the best features I got from my mom is I don't panic. I may worry, but I don't panic.

My momma always feels like everything will be OK.

When I was small, if a bad

storm was coming, you unplugged everything and sat still until the storm passed. Mom's orders.

Somebody cuts their leg to the bone, you wrap it up in a towel and go to the doctor. All done without getting loud or upset.

I remember about 40 years ago when I was playing summer league baseball on the other side of Wilson County from my home. The weather was bad at home, but in Black Creek it was clear.

After the game, we stopped at the Tastee Freeze in Lu-

cama and used the pay phone and called my Mom to see how she was. She said a tornado went through our unplanted garden about 50 feet from the house. Did she panic? No, she sat under the carport, smoking a Viceroy cigarette, watching as the storm spun past.

I guess that's how I am approaching the COVID-19 outbreak. Just taking it in stride. Listening to and reading information that I hope is unbiased and relevant.

No panic here. Just common sense, trying to be safe

and especially stay healthy.

I am lucky to have a family, who tends to realize common sense and caution is the way to proceed in this crisis situation.

I am also fortunate to spend most of my days with people who are aware of the seriousness of our situation and take precautions to keep everyone around them safe and healthy as well as themselves. Plenty of hand sanitizer and gloves.

Six feet apart is what is being preached during this coronavirus outbreak. "Social distancing" is the trendy name

the media has given it.

Some are taking it more seriously than others, and some aren't acting concerned at all. One thing I have noticed. The same people I have passed on the street for the last 11 months or so, throw up hands and beam with smiles that are more personal these days than before. You get a feeling we have all become more aware of what each and every one of us is facing on a daily basis. Staying 6 feet apart is really bringing us closer together, which, hopefully won't be the only good thing to come out of our



JAY LAMM

Age of the Coronavirus. So, here's to the day when we all get through this pandemic, healthy and wiser and can invite as many people over whom we want and smoke Viceroy cigarettes under our carports.

And doing it all, not in a panic.

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Coronavirus: behind the scenes in real estate

By **KELLY WILLIAMS**
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Based on what you see on T.V., you may believe Realtors are concerned because they can't sell homes or hold open houses.

The federal government labeled residential real estate "essential" last week. Let me explain why. It's not about "sales."

In reality, our government and the real estate industry are much more concerned about people with these sorts of challenges:

- A mother of two boys who just lost her husband in a horrible car accident last night.

They didn't have life insurance. She realizes she can no longer afford the home they live in. That mom desperately needs to sell the house and get a smaller one in the same school district because she doesn't want the kids to be further traumatized by losing their friends right after just losing their dad.

- The 80-year-old couple who just moved into a small condo to cut expenses and put their four-bedroom colonial up for sale. They lost most of their life savings this month in the stock market crash. They must now sell their previous house immediately because they need the proceeds of that sale to sustain them financially.

- A couple with an infant daughter who has special long-term medical needs. They must move closer to the hospital that specializes in the type of procedure required to heal their little one. They need to move now.

- A woman (and her two small kids) who has been in an abusive relationship and finally had the courage to say enough is enough! Her priority is to get her kids to a safe home, she needs to move now.

- A family's house burned down. They lost everything they own, including their dear family pets. They've just received their insurance payout and need to find a home to buy ASAP.

T.V. concentrates on the glitz and glamour of our

profession.

In reality, Realtors serve many people through some extraordinarily difficult times — death, divorce, sickness, job loss—an endless list.

I don't talk much about these people and their situations as I'm simply not able to for privacy purposes.

Situations like those mentioned above and others are taking place right now all over the country.

This is about serving my clients, not sales.

— Kelly Williams is an agent with Allen Tate Realtors in Wake Forest.



Fresh brewed optimism

Coffee shop owner and friend inspire hope with mural

By **JAY LAMM**
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To some, coffee is what gives them the strength to get through the day. It is more important than the blood that runs through their veins - black, two sugars, white mocha latte with soy milk, shaken not stirred.

The Wake Forest Coffee Company has a menu that includes all of today's popular coffee, with just about anything to add to a drink. But now in these uncertain times of COVID-19 they have another additive, "positivity."

Linda Barento, co-owner of the coffee shop along with husband Albert, and her friend, Sherry Forbes, spent last Saturday painting a mural on the front window of the shop. Sherry provided the artistic talent, while Linda provided the optimism for the project.

Linda explained why the mural came to fruition and its importance to her.

"Such a wonderful day today! God is good and he is going to see us through this. First I want to make sure you are aware we

practiced social distancing very well!

Sherry and I work side by side and only very recently has our world changed. But the exposure to each other is not new to us. Moving on... I am trying to focus on the good of our Nation. Specifically the citizens. I remember the terror of 9/11 but I also remember the feeling of 9/12.

I remember the need for human connection. I remember needing to distance myself from the T.V. I remember our kids needing an escape from the adult conversations... I invite you to join us in showing some positivity.

We're not done yet but my current motto is to stay fluid. Life is changing on us every day. Life is like a rip tide, with a clear head we can swim out of this.

Wake Forest Coffee Company is open for take out and curb side delivery. We are staying fluid.

You don't need to order or come in. Please feel free to drive by, walk by or yes, pick up a to go order. Most importantly know that you are not alone in your isolation. Spread joy not fear.

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Sherry Forbes, left, and Linda Barento
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Bo knows social distancing

Coronavirus restrictions have hit local restaurants hard. Closing dining rooms and making them adapt to carryout, delivery and takeout only. The sign on the drive-thru window, gloves on the employee and orange cones in the parking lot show how the Wake Forest Bojangles has adapted to Gov. Roy Cooper's executive order.
 WSJ PHOTO | JAY LAMM

Offering a square deal to help out

By **JAY LAMM**
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To wipe out a friend's desperate need for toilet paper, Kurt Rogers decided he'd better get rolling.

Rogers, owner of Timeless Treasures at 213 S.White St., set up in front of his store Saturday morning selling a hot commodity, toilet paper.

Ever since the coronavirus has started spreading across the world, toilet paper has become scarce, as it has been hoarded by people expecting the worst of the virus.

"I was working in Wilmington as a healthcare consultant when I was asked if I could get toilet paper from one of my vendors. I check and I could, so I bought a few cases," said Rogers.

He gave some to a friend, sold some at cost to his employees and gave away a few cases to people in need.



Kurt Rogers sits in front of his business, Timeless Treasures, selling what's left of the toilet paper he purchased to help a friend and his employees from his healthcare consulting business.
 WSJ PHOTO | JAY LAMM

"I'm out here today for a couple of reasons. I need to get rid of what I have left and I need to make some money to help pay the rent on my business space," he said.

Rogers started his business

in January and said he was just starting to break even when the coronavirus restrictions started making his customers disappear.

"I advertised on FACEBOOK Marketplace and

Craig's List that I would be here today at 8 a.m. When I arrived, I had a line. I had one customer who drove from Selma," he said.

The toilet paper was sold for \$1.25 a roll.

Rogers said he didn't know if he was going to stay in the toilet paper business or not.

"I had a lady start crying because she had been so many places to buy toilet paper and could not find any. It was satisfying to know I helped the lady, but I think once the remaining cases are gone, I'm probably done."

Rogers understands the seriousness of the restrictions and keeping his distance from others while the virus crisis continues, but he said he has to make ends meet.

"I know health is your greatest asset, and sitting on the street selling toilet paper to a crowd is not the smartest thing right now but you can't lose everything out of fear and ruin your life."



We Want Your Church News

Having a guest speaker? Easter program? Or having a fundraiser to help out a building fund? Wake Forest is brimming with churches and religious activities, and we will publish your news, complimentary. Photos of programs and other activities are welcomed. Please include names of those in the photos and limit your information to about 250 words. Above is the Forestville Baptist Church, founded in 1860. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.

WSJ PHOTO | KATHY HARRELSON

Obituaries

Tributes for March 22-April 1, 2020

John A. Macon, 98

John A. Macon, 98, of Raleigh passed away on Monday March 23, 2020. He was born in Wake County the son of the late Letha Viola Smith Macon and Edwin Grady Macon. He was preceded in death by his wife Nellie Kathryn Macon.

He graduated from NCSU with an industrial engineer degree and retired from the Mt. Olive Pickle Co. with over 25 years of service. John was a mason for 67 years and supported the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford for many years. He did volunteer work at the N.C. State Fair in the produce area for many years.

Due to the coronavirus a private graveside funeral service will be at Montlawn Memorial Park on Monday March 30, 2020.

Mr. Macon is survived by his daughters; Frances M. Shepherd and husband Ed of Burlington, Elizabeth M. Taylor of Raleigh and Linda N. Macon of Burbank, Calif., brothers; Dan, Grady and George Macon all of Wake Forest, 3 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and a great, great grandchild on the way.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Masonic Home for Children, 600 College St., Oxford, NC 27565 or by going to the Masonic Home for Children website. Checks can be made to MHCO or Oxford Home in memory of John Macon.

A service of Bright Funeral Home 405 S. Main St. Wake Forest.



JOHN A. MACON

Caroline M. Adamson, 94

Caroline Margaret Adamson went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at Hillside Nursing and Rehabilitation in Wake Forest. She was born on August 27, 1925 to the late Constance Barone Chetcuti and Lawrence Chetcuti in Brooklyn, N.Y. Carol was a member of the Screen Actor's Guild where her stage name was Carol Van Dyke. She appeared in A Certain Smile; The Apartment; Spartacus and the TV series Perry Mason and Vegas. She was a long time resident of Las Vegas before retiring in 2003 to be near her loving family in Raleigh. Carol was an instrumental advocate of financially supporting the Saint Rose of Lima Hospital in Las Vegas. When she retired in Raleigh, she met many new friends at Saint Raphael Catholic Church where she enjoyed calling Bingo at the Senior's Club.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, sister, Gloria Kluever of Raleigh; nephews, Ronald Kluever & wife Susan of Wake Forest; Dean Kluever & wife Gail of Raleigh, NC; grandnephews, Christopher, Chase and Jake Kluever; grandniece, Sumer Lugo & her husband, Peter of Kernersville and great-grandnephew, Axel Lugo. She was predeceased by her husband, Ned Adamson.

Entombment will take place at Raleigh Memorial Park in Raleigh with a memorial service to be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Carol's memory to Transitions LifeCare 250 Hospice Circle Raleigh, NC 27607.

Arrangements by Clancy Strickland Wheeler Funeral Home, Wake Forest.



CAROLINE M. ADAMSON

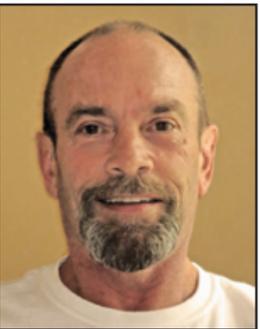
Stephen T. Mullen, Jr., 59

Stephen Thomas "Steve" Mullen, Jr., 59, passed away Tuesday, March 24, 2020. Steve was born in New Bern on February 6, 1961 to Arleen Lloyd Mullen and Stephen Thomas Mullen Sr. He went to Washington Township High School in Sewell, NJ and went on to get his architectural design degree from Pitt Community College in 1988.

Steve's career was centered on home building. He worked as an apprentice carpenter on a framing crew and then went into Architectural Drafting. His drafting accomplishments included over 50 houses featured in the Wake County, NC Parade of Homes during the 1990s and 2000s. Steve loved to fish and hunt. He had a big heart and was always ready to help anyone who was in need.

Steve is survived by siblings John "Mark" Mullen, and wife Cammy, of Wake Forest; Anita Mullen, of New Bern and Robert Mullen & Traci Moxley of New Bern. Steve also leaves behind niece Lindsey Mullen Todd, nephews Kevin, Matt and Mason Mullen; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of Steve's life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted to Clancy Strickland Wheeler Funeral Home



STEPHEN T. MULLEN, JR.

Martha Susan Lye Smith, 75

Martha Susan Lye Smith, 75, of Raleigh, passed away on March 31, 2020 at her residence. She was born December 24, 1944 in Springville, NY, a daughter of the late James and Eileen Lye. Martha was predeceased by her brother, Kenneth Lye.

Martha received her bachelors degree in education and retired after many years of teaching in North Carolina, including Raleigh Academy, A.B. Combs Elementary School, and Lead Mine Elementary School. She enjoyed reading, gardening, sewing and her two cats, Gracie and Callie.

Martha was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh, where she enjoyed singing in the choir.

Martha is survived by her husband of 52 years, Gary Smith of Raleigh, her son Russell Smith of Raleigh, her adopted granddaughter, Chiamaka Ubani, her siblings: Stephen Lye and his wife Rexie of Raleigh, and Gordon Lye and his wife Lynn of Wendell.

A memorial service will be announced at a later time. A service of Bright Funeral Home 405 S. Main St. Wake Forest.

Obituary Submissions

Once we have lived a full life, comfort is needed to those left behind after death. The WSJ respects this. Local people should be remembered in a record for generations to come. The WSJ accepts obituaries, at no cost, that describe who your beloved really was. Did he have a best friend to mention? A faithful pet? Did she have the best apple pie ever? In the notice, be free to tell his/her story like it should be. Keep the length to about 750 words. Photos of the deceased with family are welcomed. We will accept one portrait photo and one photo of your choice. Please identify those in the photos as best as possible. Send obituary submissions to editor@wsj30.com.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.



Virtual Board of Commissioners work session set for April 7

Contributed to WSJ from the Town of Wake Forest

In accordance with Wake County's stay-at-home order, the Board of Commissioners work session on Tuesday, April 7, at 5:30 p.m. will be conducted virtually and not open to on-site visitors. The virtual meeting will allow the board to conduct the important business of government, while protecting the health and safety of the commissioners, the public and Town staff. The only individuals expected to be physically in attendance are the mayor and most of the Commissioners, the Town Manager, Town Clerk and Town Attorney. All will be seated in a manner that ensures proper social distancing.

Members of the public may live stream the meeting at bit.ly/WFTV10 and <https://bit.ly/TOWFPublicMeetingPortal> and view it on Spectrum Channel 10 (WFTV10).

There are also two new ways the public can participate via audio only in the April 7 meeting:

1. Join the meeting through Zoom from your computer or smartphone.

The information below is specific to the April 7 meeting. It will be updated later with information for the April 21 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/845550220>
Meeting ID: 845 550 220

By clicking on the link to join the meeting, the Zoom software application will be downloaded to your computer. There is no cost associated with the software or attending the meeting.

2. Join the meeting through audio only via telephone. Call 1-929-205-6099.

When prompted, enter meeting ID: 845550220#
Depending on your carrier, long distances charges may apply.

The April 7 Board of Commissioners work session will be the board's first virtual meeting. For more information about the Town of Wake Forest, contact Communications & Public Affairs Director Bill Crabtree at 919-435-9421 or bcrabtree@wakeforestnc.gov.

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Wake Forest is exploding with color from the circle at the seminary to the historic downtown area. Above is a patriotic take on springtime, with wild, lavender wisteria draping on a Victorian background.
WSJ PHOTO | KATHY HARRELSON

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suspended and students sent home from schools, and dangles on the edge of April's foreboding numbers.

According to the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, the N.C. peak will not be reached until around April 22. That institute predicts at least 1,700 deaths by then in this state

alone.

In North Carolina, 13 percent of the deaths thus far are with females, and 88 percent are males, the state Department of Health and Human Resources reported this week. Statistics are updated weekly for the virus on Friday and Saturday.

No deaths have occurred in those 25 or younger. The age categories and percentage of deaths are, respectively: 25-49, 13 percent;

50-64, 13 percent, and 65-plus, 75 percent.

Of the 23,106 tests given in North Carolina so far, there is no gender gap for testing positive — 51 percent female and 48 percent male.

In North Carolina there are 17,570 hospital beds; 7,024 are empty, the DHHR reports. There are 3,223 intensive care beds in North Carolina hospitals with 84 percent reporting; 793 are full.

There are 157 people in the state hospitalized, as of March 31, from the virus. The state has 2,519 ventilators with 670 in use; this reflects 84 percent of hospitals reporting.

Nationally, according to information from the White House, cases have been tracked to travel (1,042) and close contact (2,919), and the remainder of cases' sources are under investigation.

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The state's court system effectively gave a 30-day extension for evictions to be filed for rental properties, clearing the calendars as much as possible during the crisis. The rent still must be paid, but no one — not yet — will be kicked out for lack of payment this coming month.

The N.C. Housing Coalition reports in 2019 that 16,500 North Carolinians faced possible eviction. State officials have said the intent for the eviction stay is not to worsen the homeless status and to give people places to be during the N.C. state-home order, which took effect Monday, March 30, and goes through the end of April. A 90-day break is being considered for the eviction filing extension.

State unemployment benefit restrictions and requirements have been lessened — among others to include claims by the self-employed, and the federal government is adding \$600 a week for four months to those who qualify for N.C. benefits, expected to begin the second week in April, along with state payments.

Nationally, since mid-March, 3.8 million people have filed for unemployment benefits. This, according to the N.C. Governor's Office, is up against the 300,000 state residents who have filed in the same time frame. Unemployment claims continue to increase, Cooper said this week.

Public school students are getting a test break, along with a lengthy break from class that will extend to May 15 at least.

The U.S. Department of Education has given a thumbs up on not having end-of-course testing in high schools and end-of-grade testing for elementary grades (starting in third grade here.)

The state had requested the EOG and EOC pass; the state General Assembly will have to give a final, official OK that gives a break this school year on standardized testing, according to the Department of Education.

Stimulus Perks

All U.S. residents with adjusted gross income up to \$75,000 (\$150,000 for married couples) would get a \$1,200 (\$2,400 for couples) "rebate" payment. They are also eligible for an additional \$500 per child.

The payments would start phas-

ing out for earners above those income thresholds and would not go to single filers earning more than \$99,000; head-of-household filers with one child, more than \$146,500; and more than \$198,000 for joint filers with no children.

Checks are expected to start going out early this month, based on taxpayer information on the 2019 or 2018 returns.

Other funding in the federal package includes:

- \$100 billion in grants to health-care providers to help fight the coronavirus and make up for dollars they have lost by delaying elective surgeries and other procedures to focus on the outbreak. Add in a 20 percent bump in Medicare payments for treating patients with the virus.

- Airlines get \$29 billion in grants, and \$29 billion in loans and loan guarantees, as well as a reprieve from paying three of their major excise taxes on the price of a ticket, the fuel tax and a cargo tax. Conditions apply.

- Businesses get a tax credit for keeping idled workers on their payrolls during the coronavirus pandemic, so long as the businesses meet certain criteria. They would get a refund for half of what they spend on wages, up to \$5,000 per worker.

- States and local governments will get \$150 billion, with \$8 billion set aside for local governments, which are losing tax revenue as only essential businesses remain open and unemployment claims climb.

- Employers and self-employed people will get to defer the 6.2 percent tax they pay on wages that is used to fund Social Security. Speaking of taxes, the tax deadline to file for 2019 is extended to July 15; tax payments are also deferred to July 15, with no interest or penalties.

- Food stamps and child nutrition received \$25 billion.

- Nearly \$24 billion to the agriculture economy. Another \$9.5 billion would be set aside for emergency aid for the agriculture sector, including cattle ranchers and fresh fruit and vegetable growers.

- \$30 billion in emergency education funding for colleges and universities, states and school districts.

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smoothly and staying safe and healthy.

"Our town manager and staff are working ... to continue providing the services we need and our Communications Department is doing an awesome job providing important information about the virus and how we should respond to the restrictions being imposed by the town, the county and the state," Jones said.

Wake Forest Public Information Director Bill Crabtree said it took bringing talented people together to make a video that would uplift and bring a strong message.

"The 'Stay Strong Wake Forest' video was a team effort and reflective of the incredible collaboration of everyone involved ... including the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre staff and Kino Mountain Productions," Crabtree said.

The video was posted on the Town of Wake Forest's FACEBOOK page. Its run time is one minute and eight seconds.

The mayor is pleased with the response the video has received.

"The board just wanted to tell everyone, 'We are here for you. Stay strong Wake Forest!' she added.



Admired from a distance

The house at 812 Durham Road is displaying its Christmas lights while thanking first responders and essential workers. Nearly three months after Christmas, people practicing social distancing at home are putting their lights back up to help lift everyone's spirits as the country fights through the COVID-19 crisis.
WSJ PHOTO | JAY LAMM

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all the counties so that we could all be on the same path.

“There are not a lot of differences but the big one between the state and Wake County is the number of people that can congregate — Wake County is at zero and the state is at 10,” Jones, who is complying with the order and staying/working from home, said.

“I am not sure how people are responding because I am staying home. However, I have seen posts on Facebook that there are lots of people at some of the big stores. I would encourage people not to use these stores that are considered essential as a place to just walk around.

“Do not go out if you don't need something. Think about the people working in those businesses. ... I believe the businesses should also bear some responsibility for not letting so many people in at one time,” she said.

Funerals, under the state order, are permitted to include no more than 50 people while practicing social distancing requirements.

“I know this order may lead to even more hardship and heartache. Although we are physically apart, we must take this step together in spirit,” Cooper said during a press conference late last week. “Even if you don't think you have to worry about yourself, consider our nurses, doctors, custodial staff & other hospital workers who will be stretched beyond their capacity if we are unable to slow the spread of this disease.”

As of late Tuesday, March 31, at least 1,536 people had tested positive for COVID-19 in the state; 166 in Wake County. Twelve deaths are reported statewide, and 20,864 people have been tested. Current hospitalizations are at 157, according to the DHHS.

All previous orders and closures are still in place, as are local government orders in cities and counties, unless noted in the state order.

On April 30, Cooper's executive order will either be extended, rescinded or replaced with another executive order.

Essential Businesses

Essential services are allowed to continue under the order, which directs the businesses that do need to stay open to practice strong social distancing requirements.

Under the stay-at-home order, enforcement will be by both state and local law enforcement.

The following types of business are allowed to operate, provided they adopt social distancing practices wherever practical:

- Healthcare operations including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, licensed health care professionals, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, physical therapy businesses, medical supply manufacturers, distributors and retailers and other healthcare facilities;

- Grocery stores, certified farmers' markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores and other similar establishments;

- Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery or carry out;

- Commercial and residential construction and trades, including plumbers, electricians, heating and air conditioning specialists, exterminators, custodial, towing services and other similar service providers;

- Hardware and supply stores;

- Farming, livestock, fishing;

- Businesses, non-profits, and organizations that provide food, shelter, goods, social services and other necessities of life for eco-



With the state executive order, no more than 10 can gather in one spot, apart from homes and family. In Wake Forest the rule is stricter. Any gathering in town is disallowed. So, see these tables on White Street filled up again in a month or so.
 WSJ PHOTO | KATHY HARRELSON

- Economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals;

- Facilities, services, operations and retail businesses capable of using a workforce working solely remotely (telework);

- Newspapers, television, radio and other media services; gas stations and transportation-related businesses, including auto-supply shops, auto-repair shops, auto sales, bike shops and equipment for such businesses;

- Banks, insurance and related financial institutions;

- Landscapers, lawn maintenance, foresters and related professions that are able to conduct their business outside and without public interaction;

- Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;

- Educational institutions — including public and private K-12 schools, colleges and universities — for purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing essential functions;

- Faith organizations and institutions for the purpose of providing online distribution, audio or visual broadcasting of services providing only minimal staff, required for said broadcast or distribution;

- Laundromats, dry cleaners and laundry service providers;

- Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or service directly to residences;

- Airport workers, airlines, taxis and other private transportation providers;

- Home-based care for seniors, adults or children;

- Residential facilities, which includes hotels, motels, apartment complexes, shared rental units, dormitories and shelters for seniors, adults and children;

- Professional services, such as legal services, accounting services, process servers, insurance services and notary services;

- Professional real estate services, such as realtors, appraisers, notary services, title insurers and inspectors;

- Funeral homes, providers of mortuary services, crematoriums

and cemeteries, as well as individuals or entities engaged in the proper recovery, burial or disposal of human remains;

- Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted from the provisions of this Proclamation of Emergency Restrictions to work as permitted;

- Services engaged in the business of testing for, cleaning up, managing or disposing of hazardous materials or substances; and

- Any business or entities identified as essential by the federal government or the State of North Carolina.

“This is a very complicated situation,” Jones said. “The best and safest thing for everyone is for everyone to stay at home.”

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