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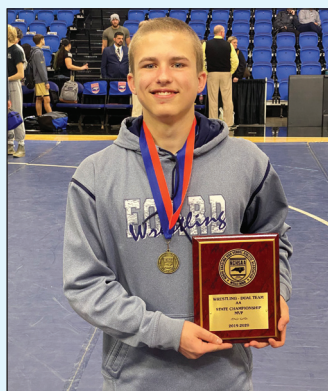


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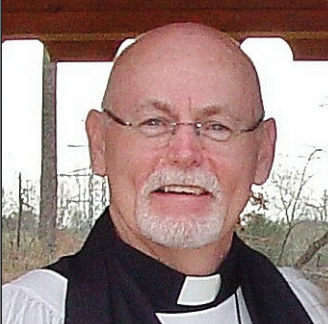
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Couple look to Newton for mass production

BY DUNCAN HEREDIA
O-N-E CONTRIBUTOR

New Jersey couple Thomas and Charlotte Santolli have developed a new design for liquor store shopping carts, which they believe will revolutionize the niche product.

Their story begins back in 2016, after Charlotte had become frustrated with many of her wine bottles rolling around in her shopping cart, following a trip to the grocery store. She noted how easy it would have been for the bottles to smash into one another and break apart. After thinking this over the idea for the Wine and Cheer Cart sprang to her

mind, a shopping cart with sixteen, twelve, or eight bottle holders built in. After discussing this idea with her husband, Tom, their journey began.

Now, nearly four years later, their dreams are finally coming to fruition, as this past October the New Jersey residents' U.S. patent was finally awarded for their product. As Tom explained, he was told by a member of the patent office that it is often the "simplest inventions that are the best," and by simply adding bottle holders to a shopping cart this product certainly qualifies. How-

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PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE O-N-E

Bennett Funeral Service's Healing Hearts Aftercare attendees enjoy program and Meal

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Newton, NC — Recently Bennett Funeral Service hosted their monthly Healing Hearts Aftercare meeting. Robbie and Rhonda Bennett, owners of the family-owned and operated business continue their commitment of providing ongoing support for the families they serve.

The Healing Hearts Aftercare meetings are informative, entertaining and enjoyable for families who have been served by Bennett Funeral Service. The dinner meetings, sponsored by Bennett Funeral Service at no cost to families, are provided for a family member and a guest. The meetings take place on the third Thursday of each month and include a program presented by a representative from a local organization or community member.

Over a hundred folks were in attendance at January's Healing Hearts Aftercare meeting. Attendees enjoyed a delicious meal and a program provided by Melanie Rabb Elrod. She presented an impersonation of Minnie Pearl; the American country comedian who appeared in the Grand Ole Opry and the television show Hee Haw. Elrod shared a variety of stories about the life of Minnie Pearl in Grinder's Switch, Tennessee. Her humor and witty jokes kept everyone laughing. Mrs. Elrod is a retired educator who taught for Newton-Conover City Schools where she served as Director of Student Services.

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From left to right, Robbie Bennett, Melanie Rabb Elrod, and Rhonda Bennett

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Rain tries to put a damper on early voting



Pictured from left to right: Richard Thompson, Jim Hunt and Dean Proctor.



Pictured from left to right: Rick Settlemyre, Donald Spencer and Carmen Isenhower

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Obituaries

GAYNELL MAUNEY SWEEZY

NEWTON - DECEMBER 20, 1929 - FEBRUARY 11, 2020
The funeral service will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Newton with Rev. Ralph Craft officiating.

Burke Mortuary and Crematory in Newton is assisting the family.

EMMA EVANGELINE HAYNES FOWLER

MAIDEN - MAY 10, 1928 - FEBRUARY 14, 2020
A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at Living Word Church with Pastor Rick Haug officiating.

Burke Mortuary in Maiden is assisting the family.

TIMOTHY BOYLES

NEWTON - NOVEMBER 17, 1961 - FEBRUARY 13, 2020
No services will take place at this time.

Burke Mortuary in Maiden is assisting the family.

CHARLES "DON" JOHNSON

CONOVER - SEPTEMBER 10, 1937 - FEBRUARY 14, 2020
A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at Burke Mortuary Chapel in Newton with Rev. Russell Makant officiating.

Burke Mortuary and Crematory in Newton is assisting the family.

Bolick celebrates 100th birthday



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Edith Bolick was born on February 25, 1920 in eastern Catawba County. She has 12 siblings, and lived during the depression. After graduating from Startown High School, Edith married Claude Bolick. Together they had 5 children. Edith has 14 grandchildren, 24 Great Grandchildren, 13 Great-Great Grandchildren, with 2 more to be born this year. Edith worked at Corn in Hickory, and after retirement, she began her world travels. She traveled to Brazil, German, Italy, Spain, Russia, Egypt, The Holy Lands, and many other countries. She has also visited very state in the US. Edith has enjoyed living at Catawba Valley Living at Rock Barn for 3 years, and loves to talk to anyone who will listen about her travels. Happy loath Birthday Edith!

Weather Forecast

Feb 15 Feb 16 Feb 17



High - 45	High - 55	High - 57
Low - 32	Low - 36	Low - 48

Bus Driver Appreciation Week



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This photo was taken this week by Hickory Public Schools bus driver, Lisa Jarvis. In the midst of all the rain showers, it's nice to see the beautiful rainbow. This is also National Bus Driver Appreciation Week.

Cart

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ever, while simplistic in nature this product is backed by science to help increase the number of bottles purchased by customers using the product. As explained on the company website the shopping cart uses both the Zeigarnik effect and Gestalt principles to influence customers to fill each of the bottle holders, resulting in more bottles purchased per customer.

So far, the couple have produced one hundred units of their product but are looking to be able to produce their invention to be sold across the nation. Which is why the couple has set their sights on Newton, the home of Technibilt, the nation's largest manufacturer of shopping carts. If two businesses were to combine, Newton would become the new source of a product that Thomas Santolli describes as a "stress free shopping experience."

If you would like more information about the Wine and Cheer Cart, you can contact the Santolli's by mail at 436 Ellis Place Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481 or by emailing them at cfsinventionsllc@gmail.com.

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Career Technical Education and Federal Programs. She and her husband, Tim reside in Maiden and have a son, Kurt. Elrod currently teaches Triple P Parenting classes for Partnerships for Children and volunteers for Safe Harbor. Joseph Reitzel, a Healing Hearts attendee, added to the entertainment by singing beautiful a capella versions of How Great Thou Art and Amazing Grace.

Robbie Bennett, owner of Bennett Funeral Service, stated, "Healing Hearts allows us to give back to the families we serve while creating a community of support for folks who have lost a loved one. These dinner meetings help bring people together who share a common bond and provide a bit of healing during a difficult period of time."

Healing Hearts is hosted by Bennett Funeral Service Aftercare directors, Joel and Jan Harris — a husband-wife duo, who are active members at Trinity Baptist Church in Newton. Rhonda Bennett, owner and vice-president of Bennett Funeral Service, said, "We are grateful to Joel and Jan for the support they give to the families that we serve. Through Healing Hearts Aftercare, our folks build relationships and create a network of friends as they go through the grieving process."

Established in 2013 by Rhonda and Robbie Bennett, Bennett Funeral Service is Conover's only locally-owned and operated funeral home. In November 2019, the Bennetts opened a second location in Newton, and it serves as the main office. Bennett Funeral Service is locally owned and offers the most affordable funeral and cremation services in the Catawba Valley. They have been voted the Best Funeral Home five years in a row. For more information regarding Healing Hearts Aftercare, please call Robbie or Rhonda Bennett at (828) 465-8211.

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