

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

THE CHANDLER SCHOOL NEWSPAPER



WINTER FUN IN GREENVILLE

Image by Liliana Greenbaum

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Winters in Greenville can be boring, but there are many exciting trips and activities just around the corner. Some of these trips do require driving for at least an hour and a half, but they are definitely worth it. Along with the trips, there are also many activities close to home.

For starters, the Biltmore House is a "must see" in winter. It's located in Ashville, N.C., and by car should only take roughly an hour and fifteen minutes without traffic. In the winter, the Biltmore is decorated for Christmas and has a lovely appeal. It also has wonderful gardens and trails, along with an extravagant greenhouse. In addition, the house and property are so big, anyone looking to get exercise will certainly be in the right place.

Another fun activity for the winter is hiking. While hiking in the summer is fun, it can get really hot in the Upstate, which kind of ruins it. However the average temperature in winter is 55 degrees, which is more pleasant. There

are some nice, quick trails nearby, such as Conestee Nature Preserve and Cedar Falls Park. A longer trail might be preferred, in which case Paris Mountain or Table Rock may be better. "Just make sure you get there early since it will get darker sooner," said Laura Smith, travel blogger and writer for "Musings of a Rover."

Even though Biltmore and hiking are fun, there are definitely things to do that would be a little bit closer to home. One of these activities would be Ice on Main. "Greenville's only indoor ice rink is a favorite winter tradition, with a variety of promotional and special events scheduled throughout the season," according to Greenville SC's official website. The rink is open through January 17, so there is plenty of time to get bundled up and go skating. It is a wonderful activity for kids and adults right in downtown Greenville.

With all these activities at our disposal, it is clear that Greenville may not be quite as boring in the winter as some think. With our mild climate and location near the mountains, there are actually many things to do around us.

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NEPHRON: A S.C. SUCCESS STORY

BY MAKS DIAMOND

Have you wondered where our medical supplies come from? It is not as far away as you might think. Nephron Pharmaceuticals is located less than two hours away from Greenville, in Lexington County, South Carolina. Nephron Pharmaceuticals is a medical supply manufacturer that is working to become the nation's leader in manufacturing PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) after the country became dangerously low in 2020.

Nephron Pharmaceuticals is a multimillion dollar company that is a global leader in the manufacturing and distribution of generic respiratory medications for conditions such as asthma, emphysema, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. They are also the only manufacturer of Racemic Epinephrine. The company has state-of-the-art automated manufacturing facilities that make the medication, fill receptacles and seal them without any human intervention in order to avoid contamination. The sterile environment has allowed Nephron to more recently begin the manufacturing of PPE. And given the success with previous endeavors using sterile manufacturing, the company had begun manufacturing PPE amid the Covid-19 pandemic and resulting PPE shortage. A \$100 million dollar investment for manufacturing nitrile gloves. They were even able to persuade Governor Henry McMaster to assist them with their aid to the local hospitals in need of PPE during the shortages of the pandemic. They made themselves "vital in the fight against Covid-19," McMaster said.

Prior to the pandemic, Nephron created many job opportunities for the local community, having as many as eleven hundred employees. Nephron cares about its community and has given up to \$215 million dollars to Lexington county as well as continuing to provide employment opportunities as it grows. Nephron was named among the 40th fastest growing companies in South Carolina this past July. Despite the economic hit



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most businesses took during the pandemic, they continued to grow. By opening a \$100 million dollar nitrile glove manufacturing facility, they created another 250 jobs.

The company and its CEO have made many donations to local educational institutions and medical programs in order to invest in the future of its students and industry. They have also created camps for children with respiratory illnesses. They continue to find ways to show their support for the state and local community.

Nephron Pharmaceuticals is a progressive company with a 53% female workforce run by owner, Lou Kennedy. It was reorganized as a certified woman-owned business by the NWBOC, the National Woman's Business Owners Corporation. Kennedy knows that women leaders in the manufacturing industry are rare. And she finds ways to support women in the workforce, such as hosting leadership events for them. Most recently, Nephron hosted a virtual event during Women's History Month this past March. It was called "Creators' Stories: Women Make Manufacturing." It was meant to bring empowerment to other women by having women share their personal stories related to their careers in manufacturing.

Nephron is helping our country get one step closer to reaching more independence from China. It has become obvious over the last two years how critical it is for a nation to be able to make available to its citizens essential products. And while we make these products available to our citizens, we are also creating a stronger and larger workforce which helps the community grow and thrive and provide security for the future.

ARE CHANDLER ALUMNI PREPARED?

BY ANNA BOLTON

Our Eighth Graders often want to know what to expect when they start high school. The thing is not everyone is going to the same type of high school. I interviewed two alumni that are in high school. One of them goes to a charter school and the other goes to a private school. The students are Christopher (Topher) Mason, who goes to Greenville Technical Charter High School, and Will Bolton who goes to Christ Church Episcopal School.

Both Topher and Will are freshmen, and they were both at Chandler for a decent amount of time. Topher said a couple times that something about Chandler is that the teachers care a lot more than teachers in high school. However, Topher finds the social aspect of high school fun. Will also said something similar but about the students. He said, "You realize that some people will hate you and not care [not what he actually said] about you." Will also believes that having a good relationship with your teachers is important; our teachers have agreed with that statement.

Both Topher and Will said it was hard to adapt to high school. Will said that the classes were bigger, the work was harder, and that making friends was hardest of all. Topher said that not everyone is nice to you so the social aspect was very different, which led into questions about after school activities. At Chandler we have after school activities. Some other schools have some we don't have. Still both Will and Topher believe it was a good way to help make friends.

Chandler has always over prepared students; even teachers will admit it and so will alumni. Topher said, "Yes, I felt that Chandler had over prepared us at first, but now, after school have been going for a while, I feel their system truly works and that they prepare us just the right amount." Topher mentioned that the organization skills Chandler has taught us has been useful. Will also believes that Chandler prepares us the right amount, but he said it depends on how you use what Chandler teaches you.



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Topher said that in high school you have more freedom and responsibility, which he likes. The only bad thing is that it is your responsibility to do school work, including being to class on time and bringing your work. Will said high school is just harder, which is why it has been harder for him to adapt to it. That is where Will said that people won't care about you and won't help you.

Topher mentioned that, to him, the academic aspect of high school was not as hard as he thought it would be. He said that his math teacher never got mad at him, and he asked for help a lot. He also said that if you show the teacher you care, then they will care too.

Leaving Chandler for high school is a big change for every older student. This interview will hopefully help prepare them. No matter if they go to public or private school, they will have some knowledge of what to expect.

DID STIMULUS CHECKS HELP OR HURT US?

BY REECE FOSTER

The subject of stimulus checks is a current topic of discussion. These checks along with unemployment checks are money sent to a taxpayer by the U.S. government to stimulate the economy by providing consumers with some spending money. This was supposed to be a win-win scenario that would help both the government and society. However, people soon realized that, as long as they kept getting money from the government, they didn't need to work. The effects of this employee shortage are devastating to the companies that need workers.

One example of this shortage is at the Los Angeles ports. There are currently 111 cargo ships off the California coast waiting to be unloaded. This is largely due to the shortage of workers. The cargo ships need people to unload them, but sadly, the people who would normally be unloading things off of the ships aren't working. According to John McLaurin, "We've never seen this amount of cargo." This becomes a much bigger problem now that it's almost Christmas time. During the Christmas season of 2019, 1.002 trillion USD was spent on Christmas alone.

The cargo ships off the coast of California hold various things. Naturally, some of these are toys and video games scheduled to get here in time for Christmas. However, these products might not get distributed in time. When products can't be shipped to stores, companies begin to lose money and are forced to raise prices. Customers begin to shop elsewhere and companies are at risk of bankruptcy. The grocery stores have shortages as well, which makes their prices go up. Because cargo ship companies have to pay even more for employees now, they too have to raise prices, and that cost is passed on to consumers.



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Stimulus checks and unemployment checks are only part of the problem. A number of companies have begun to enforce Covid-19 vaccine mandates on their workers. The companies enforcing this policy do have a point. According to the Health Action Alliance, "Unvaccinated employees are at a much higher risk of contracting COVID-19, including serious cases requiring hospitalization. If infected, they could trigger additional health and safety precautions in the workplace." Regardless, the economic impact is significant when goods and services cannot be moved.

This problem is still growing due to the increasing product demand from customers at the holidays. It is very important that the country address it before it escalates. Ironically, a government economic booster could backfire just in time for Christmas.

RECIPES THAT BIND US

BY VALESHKA DIAMOND

During the holidays everyone around the world is always more festive, especially with Christmas or Chanukah coming around the corner. One way of showing spirit is cooking certain foods or dishes. Some have been made by generations of families. Some are dishes that everyone makes during that certain holiday season. Two dishes that have ancient traditions are Hamantaschen and Suspiro de limón.

During the second century BCE, the Israeli land was ruled by Greeks who tried to force people to follow Greek culture. One night a small group of people called the Maccabees defeated the Greek army and drove them away. After they drove them away, they went back to the temple to see that there was barely any oil left from when the Greeks took over. They only found a single cruse of olive oil, but they still lit the silver menorah and the one day- supply lasted for eight days.

Chanukah is now celebrated for eight days. It is also called “Israeli Lights.” To commemorate and publicize these miracles, the sages instituted the festival of Chanukah, according to the Hanukkah website.

Hamantaschen was passed down from Chandler student Liliana Greenbaum’s great grandmother. Appropriately Liliana is also named after her grandmother. People normally eat Hamantaschen to symbolize Haman’s triangle hat and for the victory over Haman. At Passover Jewish people also eat honey and apples (apple cakes) to symbolize a sweet new year. Out of respect for the Jews that were slaves in Egypt, they eat apples and nuts to symbolize the bricks, parsley dipped in salt water to resemble bitter tears, and horseradish for bitterness.

Suspiro de Limon was made very popular in Spain. “It is recognized for its intensity of flavors,” according to a web article about the recipe. In Chile, it is very hot during December because it is in the southern hemisphere. This dish is great during a hot day to cool down because it is frozen. “It’s a family tradition because of how delicious and easy it is to make,” said Karl Woschkolup, my grandfather.

Holidays are a great time to learn about the dishes that your family makes and hear more about your family history.

Hamantaschen:

Cookie dough:

1 c. sugar ½ tsp. Vanilla
 ½ c. Crisco ¾ tsp. salt
 4 lg. Eggs 4 c. flour
 ¼ c. water 2 tsp. baking powder

Blend together the sugar and crisco. Add the eggs, one at a time, blending well after each one, Mix in water, vanilla and salt, Slowly, add flour plus 2 tsp. Baking powder. Mix well. Divide mixture into four parts and roll each part into a ball. Wrap each ball in plastic or waxed paper and store in the refrigerator for use the next day or so. Or they may be stored in the freezer for a few weeks.

Absolutely best prune filling:

1 lb. prune, pitted, cooked, drained 1 lemon rind, grated
 ½ c. walnuts, chopped 1 T. lemon juice
 4 T. honey

Combine all ingredients in the Cuisinart and pulse briefly so that the consistency is chunky and not too smooth. (You may substitute other fillings such as canned pie fillings. Drain most of the liquid before filling the dough.)

Forming the pastries:

1 c. flour 4 rolls of dough, slightly chilled

Defrost dough but keep it refrigerated. Roll each ball (it can’t be too cold; must be somewhat flexible) on a floured surface and cut circles with a 3- inch glass rim or similar cutting tool. If the dough is too soft, add a little flour. Re- roll dough “ scraps” after each cutting for additional circles. Fill each circle of dough with approx. One teaspoon of filling. If the dough does not press together well, a little water brushed along the circumference will help it stick. Fold and pinch the filled circle into a triangle. Here you become an artist! Some people like the triangle completely closed; others prefer some of the filling to be exposed. Tastes good either way. Bake on a greased cookie sheet in a preheated 350 degrees oven for about 20 minutes. Makes approx. 50 Hamantaschen. Freezes well.

THE BURIED BOTTLE: CHAPTER THREE

BY ROWAN YOUNG

Jay had wandered to the road for some reason after a few moments of wondering what could have overturned the cabinet. Thomas was just about to end his conversation with Dana, when he turned to look out the window. To his complete shock, he saw Jay digging frantically at a spot on Amhurst Drive with a rusty old pickaxe. He sat there for a second, staring. Dana, who had been opposite him, noticed and followed his gaze.

With a start, Dana ran out onto the road, screaming for Jay to stop. Thomas ran out after him only to find Jay running towards Dana, yelling at the top of his lungs.

"I found it!" Jay cried. There, being waved around in Jay's frantic hands, was a tiny, metal capsule. Dana didn't seem to notice or care.

"Do you know how much damage you have caused? You and your parents are going to pay for the road, you know. What were you thinking, you...?" he trailed off, seeing the capsule.

"It was under the road all this time?" Dana said suddenly and in disbelief, outrage forgotten. Jay shrugged.

"I guess," he answered, still breathing excitedly.

"How did you know?" Dana asked.

"I looked at some old maps. Figured it out," Jay replied. He looked very proud of himself. Thomas decided not to ruin his moment. Just then, they heard a loud screeching noise. All three of them reflexively covered their ears. "It's coming from up there!" yelled Dana, pointing at the second floor of the main building.

They ran towards the noise, which was upstairs in a room to the left, but as they tried to open the door, it would not budge. Thomas banged the door against whatever was blocking it, but to no avail.

"Cheerio!" Dana called. By now there were a couple of kids



Illustration by Maks Diamond

watching him. "Well, don't just stand there! Go get Cheerio!" Dana said to a student named Kingston. In his sudden haste to find Cheerio, Kingston tripped and fell down the stairs. Everyone else tripped over Kingston, except for Rowan, who leaped over the pile of kids, running out the front door.

Another loud crash came from the door, and a few moments later, Cheerio came barging up the stairs. He rammed the door, sending whatever was behind it sliding away. Upon looking around, he called to Dana.

"Whoever it was went out the window!" Cheerio yelled.

"I'll see if I can cut them off," Thomas yelled back. He raced down the stairs and out the front door, his heart pounding in his chest, only to see someone getting into a car with tinted windows.

He tried to see who it was, but all he saw was the sun reflecting off the glass. Then, for one second, when the sun was blocked by a tree, he saw a golden retriever in the back seat, curiously peering out the window.

Flustered, Thomas walked up the path to the front door of the school. It bothered him that someone uninvited had been in the building. What connection had he to the buried bottle? This thought consumed his attention.

JUST FOR FUN

Assembled by Valeshka Diamond



Color and submit to Media (Mr. Jess's portable) for a prize! Be sure to include name, day, and date.

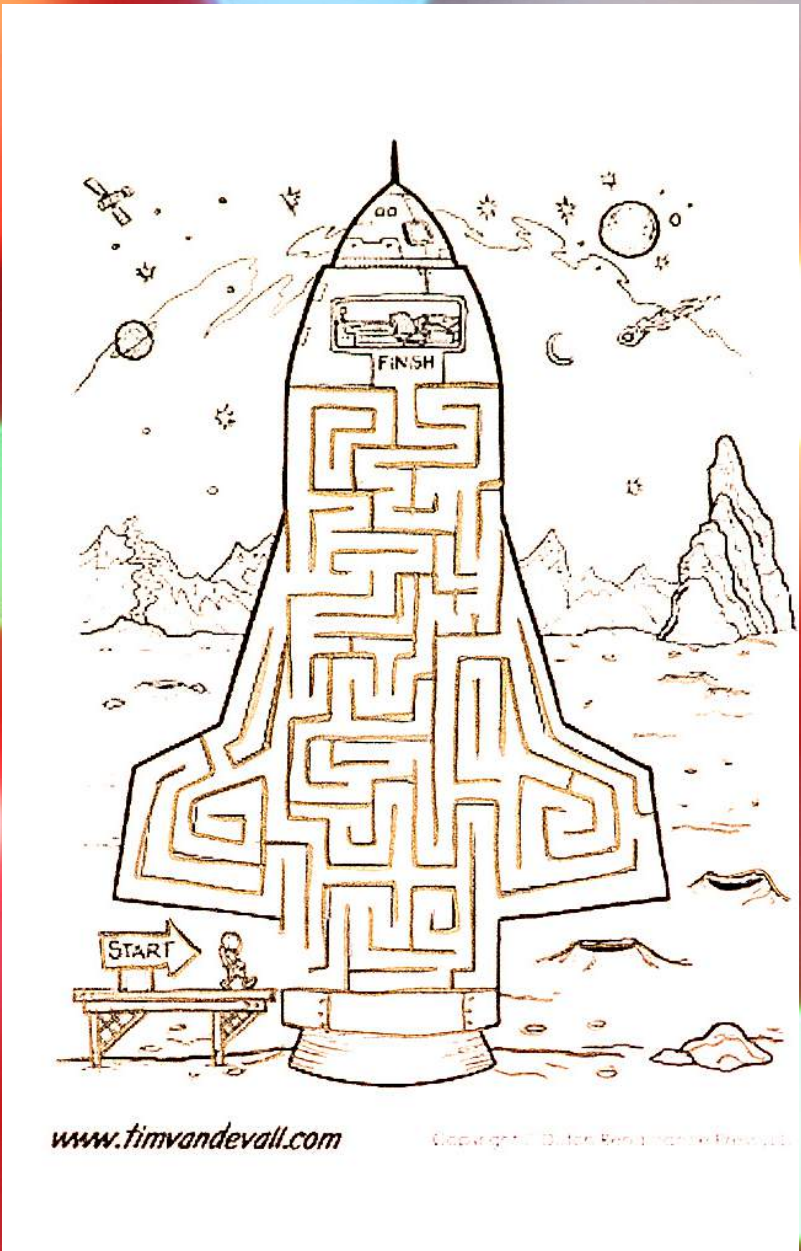


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Coming soon in
2022...
SHOUT OUTS!



THE
WORLD IS
FULL OF
KIND PEOPLE.
IF YOU CAN'T
FIND ONE,
BE ONE.




My Gingerbread House

I made a house of gingerbread,
It was so sugary sweet.

It took me all day long to make,
But lasted just a week!

Monday I ate the ceiling,
Tuesday I ate the door.
Wednesday I ate the windows.
Thursday I ate the floor,
Friday I ate all four walls.
Saturday I ate the lawn.
Sunday I licked up the crumbs.
My gingerbread house is gone!




SAVE THE DATE!