Students spread Christmas Cheer

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With the hopes of leaving no child without presents to open on Christmas, Elon students have paired up with Christmas Cheer to help eliminate any chance of a gift-less morning in Alamance County by sponsoring families for the holidays.

Several Elon 101 classes, Project Pericles and individuals have worked with the organization to be matched with, visit, shop, wrap and deliver presents to families in need.

Dawn Stenal, Christmas Cheer’s executive director, said the organization started 75 years ago by the Burlington Fire Chief to ensure no child or elderly person went without being remembered at Christmas because of lack of funds or family.

While around 1,000 families are served annually, every family accepted into the program is guaranteed help, whether referred by various agencies or schools throughout Alamance County or approach the organization themselves.

Freshman Steve Murray from George Padgett’s Elon 101 class helped sponsor local resident Leticia Escobar and her family this year to provide them with a Christmas without assistance.

Extra funds are tight for the Escobar family; Leticia is a single mother of five who struggles with English and works at a local restaurant in an attempt to make ends meet. She was a recipient of Christmas Cheer’s program for the past five years, but this is her first time working with Elon.

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New N.C. law regulates keg purchases

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A new North Carolina law went into affect Friday requiring customers to complete a form before purchasing a keg and pay a $50 security fund, which is refunded if the keg and tag are returned to the retailer.

The required form includes information about the purchaser, including his or her name, address and telephone number, as well as the keg’s identification number, uniquely numbered and colored tag, and where the malt beverage in the keg will be consumed.

The goal of this law is to regulate the sale of malt beverage kegs and minimize the amount of underage drinking in the state, according to Representative Alice Bordsen of the 63rd district.

“If someone is required to come in and acknowledge themselves and where the keg is to be consumed, it makes people behave more responsibly,” Bordsen said. “Alcohol is something we must be mindful of and [this new law] certainly makes it less likely for an underage person to come in and purchase a keg.”

The law was ratified on July 27 this year, but went into affect Dec. 1. It was sponsored by Rep. Martha B. Alexander and passed by the North Carolina General Assembly.

Anyone who violates this law by removing or damaging the coded tag or adhesive