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Rashawn Pratt cuts a strand of garland Thursday afternoon during a dedication ceremony for her new Habitat for Humanity house in Mount Olive.

Best Christmas present

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MOUNT OLIVE
Best Christmas. Gift. Ever.

And it did not matter to Rashawn Pratt that it was delivered under sullen gray skies and a steady beat of heavy raindrops.

Nor did it seem to matter to the nearly 50 people who gathered Thursday afternoon for the dedication of Pratt's new Habitat for Humanity House at 202 W. Pollock St. A second Habitat house is under construction next door at 108 S. Center St.

The houses are numbers nine and 10 in the Mount Olive area being built by Habitat for Humanity of Goldsboro-Wayne and Partners for Habitat of Mount Olive — a loose-knit organization made up of churches, businesses, clubs and individuals.

Pratt was cheered



News-Argus/STEVE HERRING

Rashawn Pratt drives the final nails to secure the house numbers to her new Habitat for Humanity home Thursday afternoon during a dedication ceremony for the house in Mount Olive. Tony Smith, one of the site supervisors, watches.

on as she drove the ceremonial final nails to secure the house numbers to a porch post.

Instead of a ribbon cutting, she used a giant pair of scissors to cut a strand of bright blue garland, and then

invited the spectators in for an open house that included hot chocolate and cake.

Afterward, Pratt and her children were ready to begin moving in.

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Pfeiffer named WCC interim vice president

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Patty Pfeiffer has been named to serve as interim vice president for academic and student services at Wayne Community College.

She steps in to fill the position being vacated at month's end by Gene Smith, who has been hired as Brunswick Community College president starting Jan. 2.

Pfeiffer is currently the chief of staff and vice president of institutional effectiveness and innovation.

WCC president Thomas Walker Jr. said that while the institution is happy for Smith's advancement in his career, it leaves the college with new opportunities for leadership.

"Wayne Community College is fortunate to have significant bench depth,"

Walker said. "I have the fullest confidence that Dr. Pfeiffer will transition with the standard of excellence that she has exhibited her entire career."

Pfeiffer has worked at the college since Nov. 1994. She joined the staff as a nursing instructor and in the subsequent years, has held such positions as nursing department chair, starting in 2008, allied health and public services division dean two years later, and was named to her current position in March.

Prior to coming to WCC, she worked as a nurse and nursing assistant. She is licensed as a registered nurse in North Carolina, nationally as an inpatient obstetric nurse and a certified nurse educator, and still maintains her nursing credentials.



Patty Pfeiffer

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Holiday closings announced

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Local, state and federal offices, banks and post offices will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.

State offices will be closed Monday through Wednesday and on Jan. 1, while federal offices, banks and post offices will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Wayne County public schools, which dismissed early Wednesday, are closed through Jan. 2.

Wayne County government offices will be closed Monday through Wednesday. All branches of the Wayne County Public Library will also be closed Monday through Wednesday.

The Peggy M. Seegars Senior Center will close today at 5 p.m. and will re-open on Dec. 27.

The Wayne County landfill and convenience centers will be closed Monday and Tuesday and will re-open Wednesday for normal business hours.

The Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority will run on Saturday and offer reduced services Monday and will be closed on Christmas Day.

County offices will be closed on New Year's Day.

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McClure named GNA publisher

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John McClure has been named publisher of the Goldsboro News-Argus and also will continue in the role of director of advertising sales, which he has held since November.

The official announcement came Thursday from Jana Thomasson, group publisher for Paxton Media Group's North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia division.

"I have full confidence that John will meet the expectations of the local community," she said. "I am pleased that he has accepted this important leadership role to serve our readers and our advertisers."

Paxton Media Group purchased the News-Argus effective Nov. 1, with group publisher Rick Bean serving at the newspaper's helm in the interim. Bean is retiring at month's end.

"I'm really excited for John, the staff of the News-Argus and the entire Goldsboro community," Bean said. "John is a solid newspaper guy, but more importantly, a good person. He is smart, hard-working, reasonable and community spirited."

"John will be an asset to both the News-Argus and Goldsboro."



John McClure

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