

New partnership helps drive John Gay Salon

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John Gay, co-owner of John Gay Salon in Edenton, watches as dye is applied to a client's hair.



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Staff Writer

A business partnership that began in January between two friends is still going strong.

At that time John Gay, founder of John Gay Studios, and businesswoman Marion DesJardins, became co-owners of the salon located in downtown Edenton.

"I'm the business end of it," said DesJardins, who is now the primary owner of the business. Gay remains the creative force behind the salon that has been open for three years.

DesJardins, who had 43 years of experience in operating her own highly successful hair salon as well as a retail boutique and antique business that bore

her name, retired in 2003 after Hurricane Isabel caused significant damage to the building that housed her business. At the time, her husband was gravely ill and she decided not to try and reopen, she said.

"I came down here (salon) just because John and Steve (Stonebraker, John's partner) needed me," she said.

Gay said he has been pleased with the results.

"We've done exceptionally well," he said. "Every day we're getting new customers, referrals from somebody."

Gay remains the exclusive local distributor for Goldwell products. He also is making available a new skin care line developed to benefit aging skin affected by the environment

and sun damage that is based on scientific research.

The prices the salon charges for its services, he said, are based on experience and quality.

The business offers a total salon experience that includes quality hair and skin care, manicures, pedicures and facials. Always looking for the best the salon can offer, Gay said, new things are being added all the time.

Specials offered by the salon appear regularly on Facebook, Gay said.

The salon is open Monday through Saturday. Walk-ins are welcome.

For an appointment or more information, call (252) 368-1175.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLINIC SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

Albemarle Regional Health Services has announced its clinic schedule for June at the Chowan County Health Department.

The clinic is located at 202 W. Hicks Street in Edenton. The phone number is 482-6003.

The Health Department has a night clinic every Thursday from 5-7 p.m.

There is a fee, based on income, for most clinics. Immunizations and general clinics are held every day and other clinics are by appointment only. Sexually transmitted disease (STD) and other communicable

disease services are free. Appointments for STD services may be required.

June 2015 clinic schedule for Chowan County Health Dept.

- Mon., June 1 - New prenatal p.m., general, WIC
- Tues., June 2 - Women's health services, prenatal all day
- Wed., June 3 - General
- Thurs., June 4 - General, WIC, immunizations 5-7 p.m.
- Fri., June 5 - General, adult health all day

- Mon., June 8 - Child health all day, WIC, general
- Tues., June 9 - Women's health services, prenatal all day, general, WIC
- Wed., June 10 - General
- Thurs., June 11 - General, immunizations 5-7 p.m.
- Fri., June 12 - General
- Mon., June 15 - New Prenatal a.m., general, WIC
- Tues., June 16 - Women's health services, prenatal all day, WIC
- Wed., June 17 - General
- Thurs., June 18 - General, WIC, immunizations

- 5-7 p.m.
- Fri., June 19 - General
- Mon., June 22 - Child Health All day, WIC, general
- Tues., June 23 - Women's health services, prenatal all day
- Wed., June 24 - General
- Thurs., June 25 - General, immunizations 5-7 p.m.
- Fri., June 26 - General
- Mon., June 29 - General
- Tues., June 30 - General, DEPO

The Children's Developmental Services Agency, formerly the DEC, provides services to children birth - three years of age through early intervention programming. The CDSA is located at 1417 Parkview Drive, Elizabeth City. Office hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Call 338-4044 for information or an appointment.

Albemarle Home Care and Albemarle Hospice's comprehensive services are offered in the Chowan County. Information on advanced directives is available upon request. For more information, please call 338-4066.

The Albemarle Regional Diabetes Care Center provides services to individuals living with diabetes and their families. This program is located in the Health Department at 711 Roanoke Avenue in Elizabeth City. Office hours are from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and the third Thursday of each month from 5-7 p.m. Patients are seen by a registered nurse and registered dietitian.

For more information on the Diabetes Support Groups or an appointment, please call 338-4370.

CRIMEWATCH

Edenton Police

ARRESTS

- May 20 - Thomas Allen Dail, 52, of Soundshore Drive, was charged with one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.
- May 18 - Dwight Antonio Coston, 32, of North Granville Street, was arrested one felony count each of possession with intent to sell or deliver a Schedule VI controlled substance, sale and delivery of a Schedule VI controlled substance and be-

ing an habitual felon.

- May 16 - Tyquan Avion Fleming, 22, of Greenville, NC, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.
- May 15 - Christopher Steven Cohen, 16, of Jackson Street, was charged with two misdemeanor counts of communicating threats.
- May 15 - Jesse Antoine Holley, 33, of East Albemarle Street, was arrested on one felony count of trafficking opium or heroin and one misdemeanor count of sim-

ple possession of a Schedule VI controlled substance.

- May 12 - Jesse Anton Holley, 33, of East Church Street, was arrested on two felony counts of trafficking opium or heroin.
- May 10 - Micky Roosevelt, 29, of Sandy Terrace Drive, was charged with one misdemeanor count of driving while license revoked.
- May 9 - Antonio Devone Copeland, 33, of Johnston Street, was charged with two misdemeanor counts of communicating threats.

INCIDENTS

- May 19 - Vandalism on Reginald and Mary Avenue.
- May 18 - Obtaining property by false pretense.
- May 17 - Injury to personal property on West Freemason Street.
- May 13 - Obtaining property by false pretense in Edenton.
- May 13 - Larceny on South Granville Street.
- May 12 - Vandalism on Jackson Street.
- May 10 - Assault at Tyler Run 2.

- May 9 - Vandalism on Seashell Lane.
- May 9 - Hit and run on Virginia Road.

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ARREST

- May 14 - Demetris Leniel Coffield, 29, of Green Road, was issued a criminal summons for one misdemeanor count of playing loud music.
- May 11 - Shamira Shadae Holley, 21, of Wildcat Road, was arrested on one

misdemeanor count of assault with a deadly weapon.

- May 8 - Ricky Elston Park, 23, of Green Road, was charged with one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.
- May 7 - Orion Lorenzo Jordan Jr., 59, of Sandy Ridge Road, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of driving while license revoked.

INCIDENTS

- May 5 - Harassing phone calls on Apache Trail.

Driven COA alum moves on to become chemical engineer

College of The Albemarle

When Ross Smith attended College of The Albemarle, he was a dual-enrolled high school student working to complete both his high school diploma and get a jumpstart on earning credits toward a four-year

college degree.

That academic track isn't an easy one, said Bobby Adams, a 33-year chemistry instructor at COA who taught Smith in several chemistry classes, and is usually a path pursued by only the most ambitious high school students. Smith fit the bill.

In 2009, he ended up graduating from COA with 40 credit hours and a perfect 4.0 GPA.

The former home school student also was given COA's Outstanding Associate in Science Award in 2009.

"He was clearly the top student in the program that year," Adams said. "He was one of the top students we have had in the past 10 years."

"Ross was very mature for his age when he was a

student here," Adams added. "He was a very driven, very studious student. He knew what he wanted to do early on and went about meeting that goal. He was the type of student that got the most from what we had to offer at COA."

Smith's outstanding academic record earned him acceptance to North Carolina State University in Raleigh. He graduated from the NC State in 2013 with his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering and



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ROSS SMITH

now works as an associate process engineer in Raleigh with Fuel Tech.

These days, the former Elizabeth City resident tries to make sure the environment is a cleaner one, as he designs and optimizes the facility's air pollution control equipment.

"Basically, it's helping our facilities treat their emissions so they can meet EPA requirements," Smith said. "At the same time you're making something more

environmentally-friendly, you're also making it more efficient and that's what I'm doing in my job. I like it - it's a fairly new field. There are a lot of jobs you can get with a chemical engineering degree that are environmentally-focused."

Looking back on his decision to get a head start accumulating college credits at COA, while he was still just a high school student, Smith credits the decision with helping him discover what he wanted to do with his life.

Taking all those pre-requisite classes in chemistry and calculus helped him discover he wanted to pursue an engineering degree.

"I was pretty grateful for the opportunity to take classes at COA that way," Smith said. "It was a great way to transfer to a four-year college."

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NOTICE PUBLIC

Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department will hold a public input meeting on June 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the first floor lobby of the Chowan County Public Safety Center, 305 West Freemason St. Edenton, NC 27932. The purpose of this meeting will be to conduct a public hearing to receive public comments on the Recreation Master Plan.

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CLARIFICATION

An article in last week's Chowan Herald mentioned that Eric Swenson had previously been employed at John Gay Salon. The Chowan Herald had not consulted with John Gay Salon prior to publishing this article.

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