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Bush Hill jamboree to be held this fall

BY DANIEL KENNEDY

ARCHDALE — The tradition of Bush Hill will continue this fall.

The SERCO Club of Archdale-Trinity is hosting the Bush Hill Hometown Jamboree on Oct. 9 at the corner of Bonnie Place and N.C. Highway 62. This rebranded event arrives two years after the annual Bush Hill Heritage Festival in Archdale faced an uncertain future following a decision by its owner to cease production of the event.

Some of the activities that will

be featured at this year's jamboree include Ms. Bush Hill and Ms. Little Bush Hill, Hometown Hero and an eating contest. SERCO Club president JD Peace said he is excited for the festivities to return, including a host of activities preceding the jamboree.

"This is the first year the event is carrying the Bush Hill Hometown Jamboree name, so it is the first year that the SerCo Club is hosting the

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Photos by Daniel Kennedy

Madison Burgiss serves during Trinity's season-opening volleyball match at Thomasville.

Archdale, Trinity top housing markets

BY DANIEL KENNEDY

TRINITY — Archdale and Trinity were both ranked among North Carolina's top 10 housing markets in a recent assessment by a finance firm.

SmartAsset, a financial technology company, conducted its seventh annual assessment of the strength of North Carolina's housing market this month and brought the two local municipalities more recognition after a boon in housing over the last couple of years.

"The study determines market health by measuring the average number of years residents spend in homes, home values, the ease of selling a home and the costs associated with homeownership in each location," SmartAsset representative Steve Sabato explained in a news release.

Trailing only Lewisville in the assessment, Trinity ranked second after posting strong numbers across the board. With an average of 15.6 years in the city's homes and only 12.2% of those homes decreasing in value, Trinity's houses spend only an average of 56.6 days on the market.

Archdale came in at No. 4 with an average of 12.6 years in each home, having matched Trinity with only 12.2% of homes decreasing in value. On average, Archdale houses also spend 56.6 days on the market.

Nearby Thomasville ranked eighth on the list.

As recent as 2019, Trinity ranked No. 9 on a list of the cities in North Carolina evaluated for affordable living. SmartAsset gave Trinity positive marks for housing costs and property tax.

Marc Allred, the city's planning director, has echoed those findings over the last several years.

"The city of Trinity is seeing an increased demand in the housing market," said Allred. "Our location on I-85, combined with the completion of

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Trinity nets victory in season opener

BY DANIEL KENNEDY

THOMASVILLE — Mindful of the early nature of the season, Trinity coach Rodney Kirby is tempering his expectations.

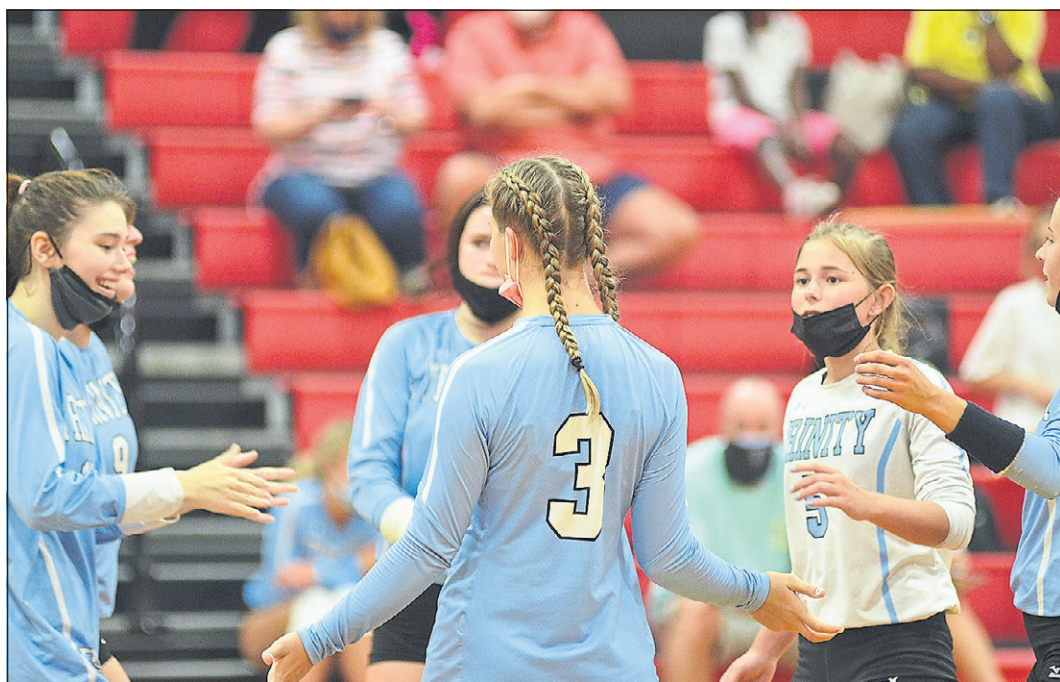
The veteran coach is excited, however, by the make-up of his current team and came away impressed with its performance last week after a win over Thomasville at Brown F. Finch Education Building. In their first night back in action, the blue Bulldogs were victorious in straight sets, 25-8, 25-8, 25-12.

With just three total returning varsity players — two of whom are starters — and a pair of freshmen in the starting lineup, Trinity is young but also very talented. Kirby said the team will rely heavily on sophomore Allie Reddick at libero, a decision he shared with his returning players in a mutual agreement.

"I'm starting a sophomore in a position she has never played in one of the most important positions on the team," Kirby said. "Last year she was our starting setter; this year, she's starting a position I've sort of thrown her into. She's just phenomenal."

"It was one of the smartest decisions I've made. Several of my older players came to me and said, 'What if we keep her as our libero?' I'd been thinking that [for awhile]."

Despite its youth



Freshman Kaitlyn McCoy is congratulated by her teammates after a play during last week's match at Thomasville.



Trinity's Gracie Ballard prepares to serve during last week's season opener at Thomasville.

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Photo by Daniel Kennedy

Trinity's bench looks on as the Bulldogs put the finishing touches on a victory to open their 2021 campaign.

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movement, Trinity was dominant in the season opener. The aforementioned freshman tandem and significant sophomore contributors were outstanding in the victory. Kaitlyn McCoy and Gracie Ballard had 10 kills each to lead Trinity while Allie Reddick paced the team with four digs. Madison Burgiss added a

team-high nine aces.

Trinity wasn't perfect, but the blue Bulldogs matched every run Thomasville made with its own, easily winning each set. Kirby was ecstatic with his team's play, but was careful to credit Thomasville with the challenge it presented.

"Thomasville sends the ball over [quickly]," Kirby said. "A couple of times, they caught us switching. We weren't ready for it. I never want to say they caught us napping, because we get after

it, but we may have been moving into a defensive rotation, and here comes the ball. And we're not used to that yet.

"Overall, I'm very pleased with what we did."

Trinity (2-1) followed up its season-opening win with another victory over Southern Guilford and then lost to Oak Grove to conclude the week.

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