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## Local representatives, organizations respond to storming of Capitol Hill

### Sorrell, Jordan offer comments

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Ashe County representatives and local party leaders are condemning the violence that broke out on Capitol Hill on Jan. 6.

Philip Lewis, a senior front page editor at

the HuffPost, tweeted out a video of protestors pushing and shoving past Capitol Hill police officers to get to the building.

Earlier that day, President Donald Trump held a Stop the Steal rally with his supporters where he claimed the 2020 election was fraudulent and urged them to march to the Capitol building where they showed up en masse as Congress was voting to certify the presidential election.

Trump tweeted out at 3:13 p.m. to

“Please support our Capitol Police and Law Enforcement. They are truly on the side of our Country. Stay peaceful!”

The Associated Press reported at 3:30 p.m. that Senators were evacuated and people were told to shelter in place and don gas masks after tear gas was deployed in the Capitol Rotunda. One person was reportedly shot at the Capitol according to the AP.

Trump’s press secretary, Kayleigh McE-

nany, tweeted at 3:30 p.m. that the National Guard was on its way to the Capitol at the direction of Trump.

At 4:15 p.m., Trump tweeted out a video talking to his supporters and telling them he knows their pain, but “we have to have law and order.”

“This was a fraudulent election, but we can’t play into the hands of these people,”

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## First snow of the year

### Winter weather both beautiful and dangerous

BY CHANDA RICHARDSON

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ASHE COUNTY — During this past weekend, people across the county were able to witness the first snowstorm of the year. In the early hours of Jan. 8, snow began to fall over the county and left some elevations with nearly 10 inches.

Residents from West Jefferson reported up to 8 inches while some in Fleetwood reported 6 inches. The most snow reported was 10 inches in Clifton.

Though the blanket of snow was a beautiful sight, it came with dangerous conditions.

A number of wrecks occurred in the area, one in particular being fatal.

On Jan. 8, at approximately 8:30 a.m., the NC State Highway Patrol responded to a fatal collision in Ashe County on NC 16 near Shatley Road.

A 2001 Ford Ranger was traveling north on NC 16, ran off the road to the left, traveled down an embankment, and overturned, according to a NC Highway Pa-



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Snowman building ensued in Laurel Springs with Emily, Owen and Andy Saltz following the first snowfall of the year on Jan. 8.

trol release.

The driver, David Oscar Osbourne, 74, of Mouth of Wilson, Va., succumbed to his injuries at the scene. There were no passengers. Osbourne was not restrained by a seatbelt.

The initial investigation does not indicate impairment to be a contributing factor and it was snowing at the time of the crash.

Patty Gambill, executive management coordinator of the

County of Ashe, encouraged people to remember to be safe in winter weather situations.

“Responding to multiple vehicle accidents, including one with a fatality, was the most significant issue for emergency services organizations. When roads are hazardous we encourage people to stay off the roads if possible to avoid putting themselves and responders at risk,” said Gambill.

Gambill expressed how the

office of emergency management is readily prepared for conditions such as these.

“Snowfall is something we expect in the wintertime and for which we have plans in place to address. Thankfully there were limited power outages and for the most part residents sheltered in place and prepared for the storm by ensuring necessities such as

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### BOE holds first meeting of year, votes to move forward with CMR method middle school project

BY BAILEY LITTLE

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JEFFERSON — The Ashe County Board of Education met in regular session at the ACS Central Support Services Annex on Monday, Jan. 11 at 6 p.m.

Present were Superintendent Dr. Eisa Cox, Chair Joshua Roten, Vice Chair Dianne Eldreth and board members Dr. Kimberly Simmons, Keith McClure and Polly Jones.

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### Ashe sees 132 new cumulative cases of COVID-19 in week, AppHealthCare in Phase 1b of vaccine distribution

BY BAILEY LITTLE

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ASHE COUNTY — As of Tuesday, Jan. 12, there were 147 active cases in Ashe according to AppHealthCare, with a further 241 individuals being monitored and a cumulative case count of

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