

High-Risk Groups Have First Call On Vaccine

The Iredell County Health Department has received a supply of influenza vaccine.

Influenza is a viral infection of the upper respiratory system that affects people of all ages. Symptoms include fever, chills, aching, sore throat, and cough. For most people, an episode of the flu is mild and they recover fully.

However, there are some individuals to whom the flu is serious and potentially fatal. High risk groups needing vaccinations include adults and children with disorders of the heart, lungs and kidneys; persons over 65 years of age; persons with diabetes; persons with disorders that lower the body's natural immune system; persons on long-term aspirin therapy; and residents of nursing homes. Public health officials have targeted these high risk groups for the vaccine because of the threat the disease poses.

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News Briefs

It was closing in on 5 o'clock and a couple of MSI Chamber members who had dropped for a chat and a couple of your hired help got into a discussion.

Noting that tomorrow, Sept. 17, would mark the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and that the MSI Chamber had some big plans for the historic day, one member said:

"Of the 13 states that eventually accepted the Constitution, which one did not participate in preparing it?"

"Well, let me ask you," one of us said, "Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, but did he sign it?"

"The battle of history was on."

"Of the original 13 colonies, which ones used the same currency?"

"Who was the first to sign the Declaration of Independence?"

"Of the 55 men who started the Convention, how many stayed to the bitter end, and how many of those who stayed signed the final product?"

"When it came to ratification, which state was first?"

Answers to these questions later.

But let's talk about what will be taking place here in Mooreville.

South Iredell tomorrow to celebrate our 20th birthday as a free, independent and unified nation.

Most of our churches will have a religious service sometime tomorrow, which is being called Constitution Day throughout the nation.

At 3 p.m. there will be a community reading of the Constitution, and at exactly 4 p.m. our church bells will ring for 200 seconds.

At 4:04 p.m., there will be 200 seconds of silence during which we can meditate on what the constitution means. While the bells are ringing, red, white and blue balloons will be released from the lawn of Town Hall with Founders' quotes inside each balloon.

If you find one of these balloons in the coming days, we hope you will read what one of the men who created our Constitution has to say about the "World's most important governmental document," he said.

At 7:30 p.m., a Community Constitution concert will be held in the high school auditorium. Admission is free.

All this is the work of Robert J. Holshouser Jr., MSI's vice president of public affairs. Please participate.

No, Thomas Jefferson was serving as the colonies' envoy to France and did not sign the Declaration.

North had all different currencies. Benjamin Franklin. He was 81.

Forty-two remained on the final day and three refused to sign.

Delaware, on Dec. 7, 1787.

How many did you answer correctly?

The Rev. Rodney McAllister, pastor of True Gospel Baptist Church, is inviting the public to attend the Homecoming Day activities.

Mr. Matlock attended Taylorsville High School, Mitchell Community College in Statesville, Trinity College of the Bible, International Bible School where he received a bachelor of Bible theology degree. He earned his master's of Bible theology degree at the International Bible College and Seminary in 1986.

Mr. Matlock was licensed and ordained at Bethel Baptist Church in Taylorsville in 1975.

Before becoming pastor of Fern Hill Baptist Church, Mr. Matlock pastored New Hope Baptist Church in Bristol Road, Statesville.

Fern Hill Baptist Church has experienced great growth under the pastorate of Mr. Matlock.

Mr. Matlock is married to the former Brenda Robinson, and the couple has two children: Lorrie Matlock Murdock and Daren Matlock.

Respectfully,

Carl B. Neil

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Special Time For Flag Waving

Flags are raised over almost all schools almost every day of the school year. This week of the U.S. Constitution's 200th birthday offered opportunities for special emphases on the state and national emblems. This is a glimpse at a Monday morning flag-raising ceremony at South Elementary, at which a brass contingent of the Senior High band provided appropriate music, and at which Mooreville Mayor Joe Knox and school Supt. Sam Houston were guests. A similar ceremony was held this morning at Park View, with state Rep. Robert Brawley as speaker. In other school-related Constitution-week activities, the Mooreville Civitan Club delivered copies of the revered document to Shepherd School for distribution to its 278 students.

Mooreville Police and the Mooreville-South Iredell Crime Stoppers organization are looking for help in finding the person or persons responsible for a break-in and theft at a Main Street business.

Crime stoppers will pay a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons who broke into Crouch Brothers Contractors in late August.

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Lincoln Bank Names Ford Manager Cornelius Office

Randall E. Ford has been named manager of the Cornelius office of Lincoln Bank of North Carolina, according to Stephen S. Robinson of Mooreville, senior vice president and regional executive of the Lincoln-based financial institution.

The Cornelius office is nearing completion on N.C. 73 near the I-77 interchange. It will open for business in mid-October.

A native of Concord, Ford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Ford. He is a 1973 graduate of Northwest Cabarrus High School, where he played football and baseball.

He earned an associate degree in business and data processing from Wingate College in 1975 and a bachelor of arts degree in business administration at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1977.

Ford has been in banking 10 years — at Piedmont Bank and Trust Company in Mooreville, now First Union National Bank, and Metrobank in Charlotte. At Metrobank, he was manager of the corporate office.

Ford is a member of Mount Olivet United Methodist Church in Concord. He is an eagle scout and is a former president of the Kannapolis Jaycees.

Ford, 32, lives in Pineville, but he soon will move to the Lake Norman area in the new future Lincoln Bank office.

The bank also has offices in Lincolnton, Mooreville, Roger City, Denver and Triangle.

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Rev. Ed Cantor Will Speak At Jones Memorial's Homecoming

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It will be an all-day affair, getting underway with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

The Gospel Band Reflections will be providing music at 10:45 a.m.

A former pastor of Jones Memorial, the Rev. Ed D. Cantor, will be the guest speaker at the 11 a.m. worship service. He will use as his message theme: "Have We Gone As Far As We Can Go?"

The pastor of Jones Memorial, the Rev. William Randolph, will present the message to the children.

Crystal Bumgarner will serve as the acolyte for the worship service.

Mr. Cantor, who pastored Jones Memorial from October 1982 to June 1983, is now retired and he and his wife, Jo, reside in Charlotte.

Mr. Cantor attended the Mitchell Community College in Statesville, Emory and Duke Universities.

At the time of Mr. Cantor's pastorate, Jones Memorial was the only church in the Cascade community.

A Men's Club was organized, with six charter members. The membership grew to some 50 members.

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