

Iredell County Schools Menu

These lunches are planned in all elementary and middle schools in the Iredell County system during the week Sept. 28. Students may choose one meat, two fruits or vegetables, a serving of bread and a carton of milk.

Pet Care

by Clio & Brad Conrad

Job responsibilities of labor dogs vary. Hearing dogs alert their masters to noises, voices and signals; guide dogs guide their masters during walks. Service dogs trained to help the physically handicapped can push and pull a wheelchair, retrieve objects and even turn on hard-to-reach light switches.

Training can be as expensive as one year of college tuition, ranging from about \$4,000 to \$6,000 for a hearing dog, to \$14,000 for a guide dog. That canine education usually is conducted daily in short time segments — 15 minutes to one hour — over three to six months. For dogs serving the physically handicapped, training can take up to two years.

Hearing dogs learn to respond to a variety of sounds, plus voice and hand commands through continuous positive reinforcement, and how to lead their guardians to the source of the sound. The most difficult task for a hearing dog is to learn to respond to a baby's cries and differentiating sounds a particular baby makes.

Guide dog education is generally shorter than hearing dog education — about three months. The dogs learn basic obedience first and then learn to guide a human companion through situations that range from walking down a quiet residential street to maneuvering in urban pedestrian traffic during rush hour.

For hearing dogs, both dog and master continue their education after the dog's formal training period and certification. Sixty-four percent of respondents report that they practice skills one hour each day, 36 percent, from two to 15 hours daily.

Some of the more unusual services performed by these four-footed workers include responding to microwave oven timer, protecting toddlers and adults from strangers, and reminding owners about dinner and daily jogging activities.

Monday
Pizza; corn dog; tossed salad; french fries; baked apples; choice of fresh fruit; choice of milk.

Wednesday
Chicken fillet on bun; baked ham; broccoli and cheese sauce; mashed potatoes with gravy; chilled fruit cup; candied yams; school baked roll; choice of milk.

Thursday
Spaghetti with meat sauce; submarine sandwich; tossed salad; buttered corn; chilled applesauce; chilled sliced peaches; school baked roll; choice of milk.

Friday
Hamburger on bun; fried chicken; green beans; lettuce and tomato; mashed potatoes with gravy; choice of fresh fruit; chilled fruit cup; school baked roll; choice of milk.

ESC Finds Jobs For 18,308 During August

In August, 18,308 North Carolinians found jobs through the 78 Job Service Centers and six branch offices operated by the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina.

Statewide totals released today show that employers listed 35,808 job openings with the agency during August, and ESC staff filled 24,301 of those openings.

Figures released for individual Job Service Centers show the greatest number of placements were made in Charlotte with 719, Concord with 574, Lumberton with 567, Washington with 555, and Winston-Salem with 548.

Winston-Salem placed the greatest number of individuals, 140, in jobs paying more than \$15,000 per year, followed by Gastonia with 78, Raleigh with 47, Louisville with 45, and Greensboro with 44.



Mooresville Students With Opportunity To Take Part In Duke's TIP

Local 7th Graders Meet Standards For Educational Program At Duke

Twenty-five seventh graders at Mooresville Junior High School have been identified as qualified participants in Duke University's Talent Identification Program.

Duke's TIP is a non-profit educational organization established with the premise that the future of the nation depends upon the fullest development of our best intellectual resources.

Therefore, the objectives of the program are to identify the very bright among our youngsters at an early age and assist in the educational placement of these students.

Also, the program goals include following and nurturing the students' talents through the critical middle and high school years and to follow up with the program by assisting the students in their efforts to enter colleges and universities with programs of a quality that match the students' potential.

The TIP organization is also part of an effort to develop an effective research operation to help understand the nature of gifted adolescents.

The local students selected have the opportunity to participate in the TIP operation at Duke. The Mooresville students qualified for the program:

Freeze, Melissa Gunther, Sarah Hallman, Laura Harvey, Charlotte Hill, Stephanie Jones, Scott Manuel, Tracy Patterson, Emily Richardson, Lance Riddle, Kim Sherrill, Bradon Sproul and Brian Thompson.

Mooresville Schools Menu

These meals are planned during the week beginning Sept. 28. Some changes may be necessary because of substitutes and delays in delivery of federal food commodities.

Assorted sandwiches or pizza, tossed salad, stew, fries, and fruit are offered as an alternative lunch each day at Senior High, Junior High and Woods. Salad bars are available in all schools. Breakfast is the same at all schools, and milk is served with all meals.

Monday
Pizza; beefaroni with cornbread; chicken nuggets with roll and dip; colelaw; corn on the cob; green peas; pears; french fries.

Tuesday
Pizza; hoagie sandwich; meat loaf with roll; french fries; lettuce leaf and tomato slice; creamed potatoes; pinto beans; peaches.

Wednesday
Pizza; lasagna with roll; corn dogs; salad; corn; green beans; French fries; french fries.

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Religion, Myths Among Appalachia's Intriguing Characteristics

This material was written by Dr. Larry McGhee, vice president for development and professor of religion at Wofford College. It was provided free to newspapers by the Spartanburg, S.C. School.

Scholars and citizens are gathering at Morehead State University in early October to explore the topic of "Appalachia—A Sense of Place." They will look at art, literature, music, employment, traditions, and other dimensions of this most unique region.

One such regional dimension is religion. Appalachia has long been a favorite prowling ground for

missionaries and for sociologists of religion. Among its own natives, religion is even more prevalent than moonshining.

Outsiders often ignore the religious presence in the mountains. Yet it hovers everywhere, like the mist. In fact, myth has it that the mist themselves are the collected souls of mountain folk—descendants of Scotch-Irish and German settlers but Indians as well—reluctant to leave the land that simultaneously nurtured and cursed them.

Over in the Middle East, a search of mountaintops for Noah's lost ark goes on. Here in Appalachia, religion is the ark into which mountain dwellers have always

glued. Like Noah's pairs of animals, Appalachian religion comes in assorted and multiple forms, from churches with ties to outside mainstream denominations (Methodist, Baptist, Disciple, Catholic, and Holiness, among others) to others conceived, born and sustained in hollows and clearings almost purely on their own. Individualism, pluralism, localism, kinships, and home

ownership are typical traits of Appalachian churches, sects, and practices. They are adaptive to their isolated environments and protective of their particularities.

Like Noah's ark, Appalachian religion is the great preserver of the past. The beliefs and actions of practicing churchmembers maintain strong links with the people's past, perhaps stronger than any elsewhere in the nation. The past retains such a hold because it is

the glue that holds together the present, for the people of Appalachia without such old habits of religious community would be scattered and overwhelmed by their circumstances.

Check the interstate highways into Appalachia any Friday and again any Sunday. You find them crowded with Appalachians who work in Ohio, Virginia, or central Kentucky and Tennessee, but who go "home" and "to church" in Appalachia.

At the core of the faith is a three-way tie of land to people to God. Nature is not God, of course, and Appalachians know that. They have floods, fires, droughts, fatigue, and early deaths to remind them. But there is also, and without contradiction, a closeness between God and the land, seen in folk medicine, skills at reading "signs" and "portents", and a harmony of people with plants and animals that they use but also protect.

To the outsider, anxious to "convert" or "study" or "mine" these mountains and mountaineers, the mist and myths are vaporous obstacles to be ignored or blown away. For Appalachians, they are reality itself—a collective faith of scattered peoples that hovers like the spirit of God above holy mountains.

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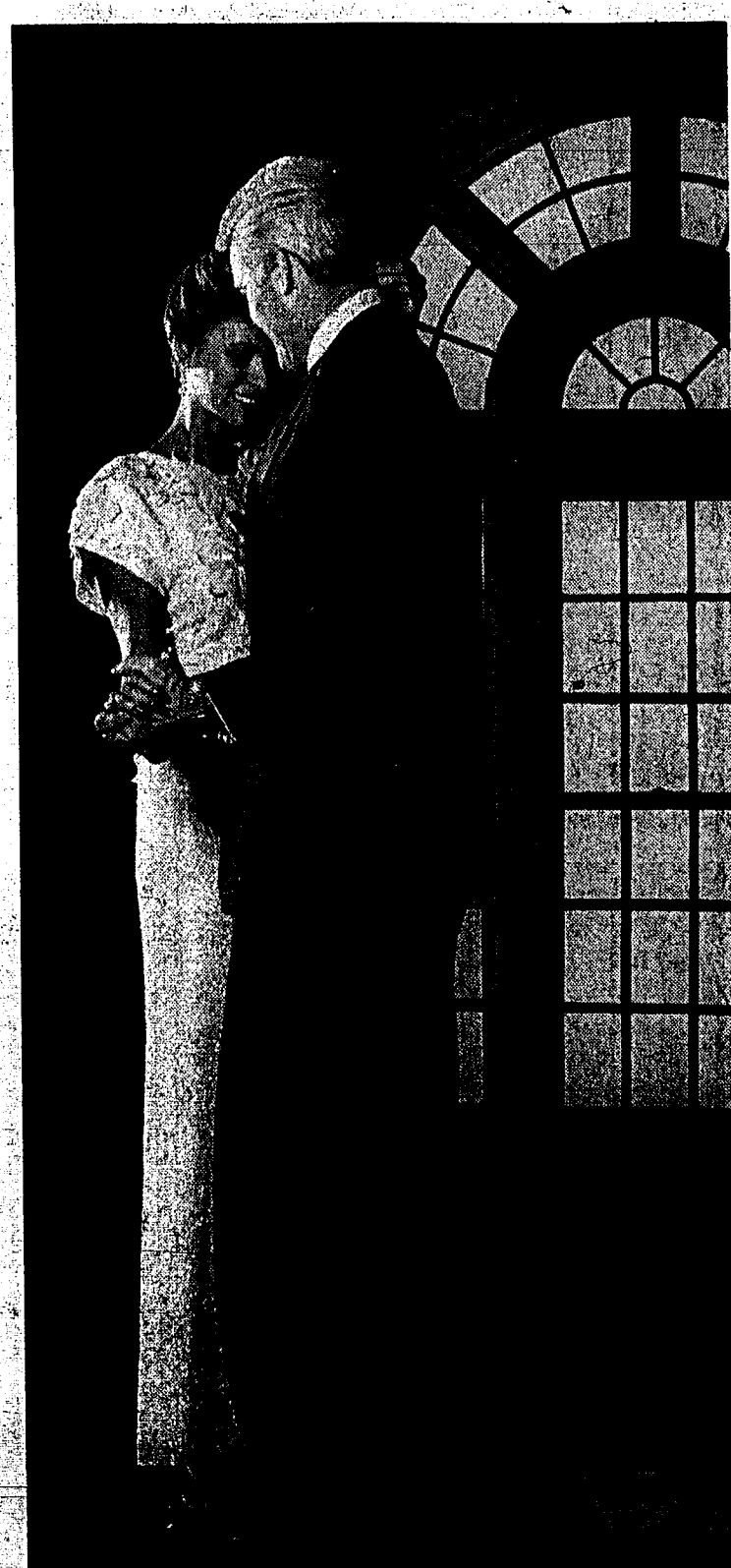
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A South Carolina trucking company delivered a spilled load of lumber on I-77 early this month, thanks to Foxcroft Employment Service and its on-call laborers here.

The driver of a tractor pulling a flatbed loaded with lumber lost control of the rig around noon Sept. 4 on Interstate 77 just south of Exit 33. The trailer skidded along an embankment that ripped metal binders from bundles of lumber and spilled the cargo.

Ralph Summer is assistant safety director of Senn Trucking Co. of Newberry, S.C. He knew what to do. He got in touch with Foxcroft Employment Services at 158 Main St., an agency that specializes in fitting temporary doers to jobs

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