

# Mooresville Tribune

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## Three Hurt In Boat Explosion, Fire Near Lake Norman Marina

Three Yadkin County residents suffered burns Saturday afternoon when the boat on which they were passengers exploded and burst into flames while in Lake Norman near River City Marina, some seven miles west of Mooresville just off N.C. 150.

Sam Reavis, 36, Angie Wagner, 20, and Angie Jester, 23, were brought to Lake Norman Regional Medical Center in Mooresville by a unit of the Iredell County Emergency Medical Services.

They were released following

treatment for first- and second-degree burns.

The owner of the craft — Steve Hamrick of Yadkinville — escaped injuries.

According to Hamrick, the four were on the boat and had just refueled to head out onto the lake when, suddenly, the craft "blew up."

The impact of the explosion blew the seats out of the boat, Hamrick stated.

The 19-foot craft was totally demolished. All of the group's personal belongings, such as cash and credit cards, were destroyed.

Hamrick said he carried personal injury insurance, but had no insurance on the boat itself.

Exactly what caused the fire/explosion is still under investigation by North Carolina Wildlife Officer D.C. Mehl.

For a short time, the boat, in flames, drifted back toward the gas pumps at the marina. However, the craft stopped short of the pumps, but not before two of the marina's docks suffered fire damage.

Men and equipment from Shepherd's Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched to the scene, along with Iredell County Sheriff's Department Deputies John Isenhower and Marty Byers and the Mooresville Rescue Squad.



## Mooresville Houses Habitat For Humanity Home

Already with eight houses on its building list, the Mooresville-Lake Norman Habitat For Humanity officially opened its office doors with a ribbon cutting ceremony late last week. The ceremony, attended by such local dignitaries as Mooresville Mayor Joe Knox, who handles the welcoming Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce scissors' cutting edge, included several of those who will be directly involved in the day-to-day operations of the volunteer-based organization. Among them, Edythe Smith, third from left, will serve as chairman of administration and oversee office responsibilities. The Mooresville-Lake Norman Habitat For Humanity has its home in the McNeely Building at 144 N. Main Street. The office space is provided free by the C.C. McNeely family.

## Chamber Update

By Dr. Jane Carrigan, President

Registration forms for this year's out-of-town planning retreat have already been mailed to chamber members. The dates of the retreat are Sept. 27, 28, 29 at Wrightsville Beach. Why not treat yourself and your spouse to a wonderful weekend at the beach, meet some chamber friends and help set the direction for next year's program of work? Contact the chamber office to register for the early bird special, 664-3898.

The Lake Norman Festival was a resounding success. Heat and humidity could not dampen high spirits of entertainment, food and crafts. Thanks go to Marcia McNeill and her committee for an outstanding job. Thanks also to the performers, craftsman and

vendors who helped make Saturday such fun.

The Merchants Committee has a wonderful idea to encourage attention to shoppers in Mooresville and South Iredell. The official announcement of this grand idea will be at the next Merchants Committee meeting. Be watching the papers. Let us know how you like what will be presented.

A Y.M.C.A. in Mooresville may not be that far away, at least a beginning of "Y" services. A survey is being tabulated to determine what services can be offered in Mooresville. Be watching the newspapers for developments.

A drug and alcohol abuse tabloid will be coming to you as an insert in the Mooresville Tribune thanks to the work of Dr. Pam Beaver, Education Committee Chairperson, and her committee. Let us hear your comments about this committee venture.

You read recently about Petropar's decision to locate in the Mooresville Business Park. Thanks to Homer Faulk, our governmental leaders, and numerous individuals, another parcel of land is now under ownership and revenue will continue to increase for our area. Did you know that some of our neighboring communities have had very few, if any, new industry to locate in their community? The word must be spreading about what a great place Mooresville and South Iredell is to live and work, in addition to a very active chamber of commerce.

The 2 percent hotel and motel tax bill that has been bouncing around in the general assembly seems to be headed for ratification. Having the ability to tax our hotel and motel occupants will enhance our local economy as well as generate additional dollars for travel and tourism promotion in our area. The N.C. Travel and Tourism Department reports that an average of \$65 per person is spent in a local area when a person spends one night at a hotel/motel. For each dollar that is spent in advertising an area, \$5.28 in sales tax and revenue is returned to state revenue.

Gene McIntyre and his committee have been working with the Mid-Carolina Hosts and are pleased to report that beginning in mid-September your chamber of commerce will be able to distribute information on Mooresville and South Iredell at the newly established information center at Douglas International Airport. Be watching for the center as you fly in October!

Wal-Mart is leading the way in recycling. The bins for glass, plastic and paper are located at the Hwy. 150 side of the parking lot for public use. We encourage you to take part in voluntarily recycling your trash. Thank you, Wal-Mart, for beginning our ecological emphasis.

## Event Set June 9-13 At Church

The Mooresville Church of Christ will hold its annual spring gospel meeting June 9-13.

Services will be held at the church, 233 Glenwood Drive, on Sunday at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Monday through Thursday from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The guest speaker for the week of gospel services will be the Rev. Clayton Winters of Erwin, Tenn.

Winters has more than 30 years of experience teaching, preaching and ministering God's word in the eastern Tennessee area. He has also held meetings in several states, including the western portion of North Carolina.

Winters is an author of numerous books concerning biblical teaching of New Testament christianity and sermon outline books. He is also a daily radio speaker and has a weekly local television program in addition to serving as editor of a weekly newsletter.

The first day of the week-long event will include a dinner at the church after the morning services.

For additional information or to reserve transportation, call the Rev. Michael Mobley, the local minister, at 663-6910 after 4 p.m.

## Nazarene Church Annual Meeting Planned June 9

The First Church of the Nazarene in Mooresville will hold its annual meeting June 9.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at the church. All members are encouraged to attend to take part in the membership elections.

The officers elected at the meeting will serve for the church year 1991-92.

The church is located at 135 East Wilson Avenue. The pastor is the Rev. George Gately.

## Meredith Diplomas Awarded

Three students with Iredell County ties received diplomas during the spring commencement at Meredith College in Raleigh.

The students were among 451 graduating seniors and graduate students participating in the college's 90th commencement held May 12.

The graduates included:

Tracy Leigh Harrington, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brohn Harrington of Anniston, Ala. and the granddaughter of Martha Harrington of Mooresville and Jeanette Burgess of Mooresville. She received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology.

Margaret Sturges Cheatham, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cheatham of Statesville. She received a bachelor of arts degree in history.

And Kerri Suzanne Rawls, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rawls of Statesville. She earned a bachelor of science degree in math/computer science.

At the commencement, Dr. C. Allen Burris, dean of the college, presented the graduates and Dr. John E. Weems, the college's president, presented the diplomas assisted by Margaret Parker, chairman of the college's board of trustees.

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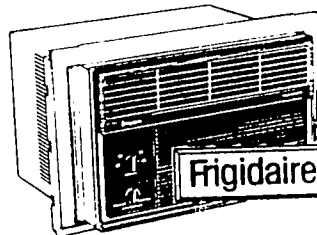
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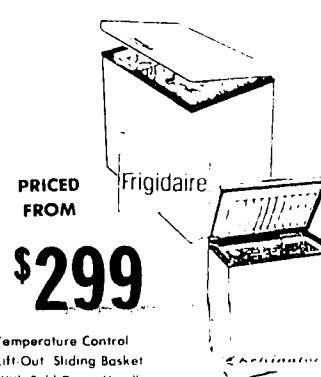
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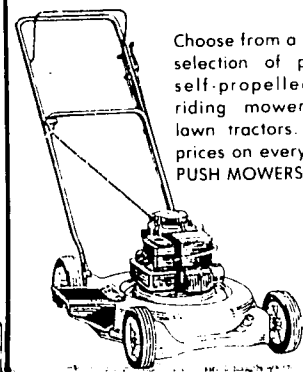
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