Wish-I-Could, Family's Friends Making Dream Trip To Walt Disney World A Reality

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over," Aaron's mother said.

A limousine will take the Fausts from their Mooresville home to Charlotte-Douglas International Airport where they will depart for Florida.

While in Florida, Aaron will stay in a hotel suite with his parents and his younger brother and sister, said Jan Hargett, founder and director of Wish-I-Could.

And, they will have the use of a rental car and spending money.

Aaron is the 99th child to receive a wish from Wish-I-Could, a volunteer organization which caters to the wishes of terminally or chronically ill children, ages 1-18, who live in North Carolina, Hargett said.

Since the organization began helping children in September, 1987, wishes have ranged from tennis shoes, to computers, to fishing trips to the coast, to visits with Michael Jordan, a N.C. native and professional basketball star. More, than 40 children have visited Disney World.

Hargett said the children that the children her organization helps receive "first class" treatment.

"There's nothing fun about being in the hospital or about being sick," Hargett said. "Our state's doctors are good with their patients. But, Mickey Mouse can sometimes be the best medicine anyone ever gets."

A calendar hanging on the refrigerator in the Faust's kitchen has long, black, magic marker slashes running through days already past, counting down the days to a large, pink magic marker circle marking the family's departure date.

"Every day he asks, 'How many days are left?' And I say, 'There are eight days left, there are seven days left.' He's ready to go," Aaron's mother said.

Jim Faust, a Mooresville mail carrier, moved his family to North Carolina from San Bernadino, Calif., in May, 1990.

The state's reputation for good medical care and a lower standard of living pushed him back to his native state. He was born in Gastonia.

Faust and his wife had been planning a trip to Disney World. They had decided to drive their three children to Florida.

But, with some help from Melvin Daniels, who works with Jim Faust at the Mooresville Post Office, and from Aaron's nurse, Elise Garrett, the family will fly instead.

Daniels worked to raise money for the family's trip. And, Garrett, who had heard of Wish-I-Could on television, contacted Hargett. The result is an all-expenses paid trip to Disney World for the Faust family.

Most importantly, Aaron will get to visit Mickey Mouse.

"Mickey Mouse came to Duke University to visit the children in the pediatric ward," Aaron's mother said. "And, he (Aaron) just had a fit."

Aaron was at Duke University hospital in Durham in Feburary for treatment of his liver.

Aaron's love of Mickey Mouse and other Disney creations runs deep.

A bookcase in the family's living room holds more than a dozen Disney titles on video cassette. "They are the only movies I let my children watch," Lanore Faust said.

In his room, a portrait of Mickey Mouse, which was painted several years ago by family friend, hangs near Aaron's bed.

And, he has sticker books, filled with Mickey Mouse stickers he has collected.

While in Florida, the Faust family will visit the Disney amusement park, Epcot Center, Universal Studios/MGM Theme Park, maybe even the beach.

But, perhaps the highlight, at least for Aaron, will be eating breakfast with a Disney character, "I hope it's Goofy," Aaron said. "Or Donald Duck, or Mickey Mouse."

Aaron, Lanore, Mary and Jim Faust Enjoying A Disney Movie

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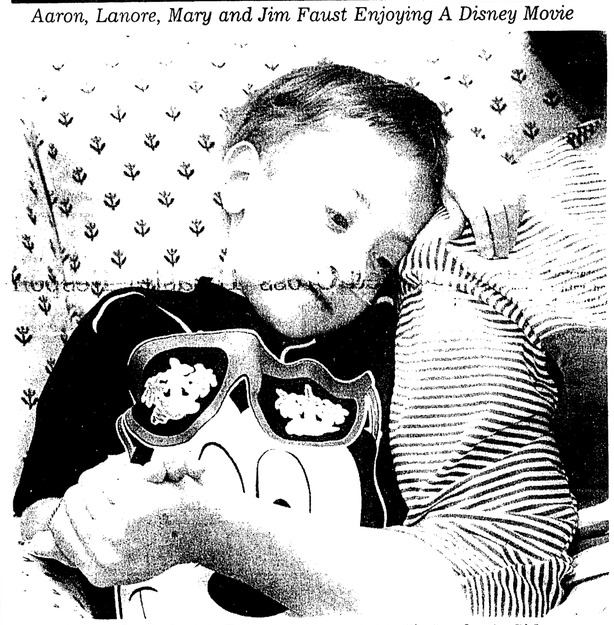

Aaron In A Quiet, Private Moment At His Mother's Side

Town Wards Topic For Meeting

The Mooresville Town Board will hold a special session Friday to consider scheduling a public hearing on voting ward changes.

The called meeting will begin at noon at the Municipal Building.

The only item on the board's agenda for the meeting is consideration of calling for a public hearing to consider new boundaries for the town's voting wards.

The four-wards are used in municipal elections. One commissioner from each ward is elected to the town board. The other two board members hold at-large seats.

If the board does decide to schedule a public hearing, the hearing could be held at the board's July 1 meeting.

The board may also decide to take up additional matters at Friday's meeting.

Davidson Graduates At Peace

A student from Mooresville is a member of the 1991 graduating class at Peace College in Raleigh.

Beth Davidson, the daughter of Robert and Christine Davidson of Mooresville, was among the 211 women who graduated from Peace on May 11.

The 1991 ceremonies were the 119th commencement for Peace, which is a two-year liberal arts college for women.

Funeral services conducted for Ruth Robinson Howard, 72, of Charlotte, widow of Merele Howard, formerly of Mooresville. Mrs. Howard died June 5 at 11:14 a.m. at Duke Medical Center in Durham. Although she had been hospitalized for 7 weeks due to a rare infection associated with diabetes, her death was attributed to a massive heart attack.

The survivors include four children, Mrs. Ronald (Gloria) Fox of Long Beach, NC; Robert (Bobby) E. Howard of Charlotte, NC; Senior M/Sgt. Eddie L. Howard of Myrtle Beach Air Force Base and Mrs. Furman (Cissy) Melton of Belmont, NC. Five grandchildren, Mrs. Dave (Sheila) Gard of Wilmington, Eric L. Melton of Belmont, Mrs. Paul (Donna Ruth) Peters of Charlotte, Joe Howard of Fort Walton, Fla., Mrs. Corey (Tammi) Schiff of Belmont, and three great grandchildren, Nikki and Jessica Gard of Wilmington and Samantha Schiff of Belmont and one sister, Tess Stone of Concord.

Funeral services were conducted at Cavin Funeral Chapel in Mooresville Saturday 1 p.m., June 8th with the Rev. Glenn Moore officiating.

Pallbearers were Randy Brewer, Bruce Melton, Josh Melton, Paul Peters and Mike Stovall.

Children of Howard's family, memorials be sent to Duke Medical Center, Dept. Box 3, in Durham.

Mrs. Almetha Miller's Notes

Telephone 663-4976

—The 25th District of the Order of the Eastern Star will have its annual spring tea June 30 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the War Memorial on Maple Street. Mars Chapter No. 395 is host. Tickets at $4 each may be purchased from any member.

Men of Shinnsville United Church of Christ extend an invitation to the public to attend their annual Men's Day Program June 16. Guest speaker will be Rev. Dale K. Gibson of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Catawba. The service begins at 11 a.m. Otis Westmoreland Jr. is president. Rev. Waddell Rivers, pastor.

Shady Grove Baptist Church in East Spencer will celebrate the 36th anniversary of its pastor, Rev. John G. Gaston, with daily services July 1-7.

—The World Day of Prayer Service will be held at Jerusalem Baptist Church at 11 a.m. on June 22. Several churches are expected to participate with a special reading by each. Rev. Kay F. Gamble, pastor.

—The Usher Board of Jerusalem Baptist Church will celebrate its anniversary on June 23 at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Fletcher Byers will be in charge.

—The West End Senior Citizens Club will meet June 18 at 1 p.m. at the West End Recreation Center.

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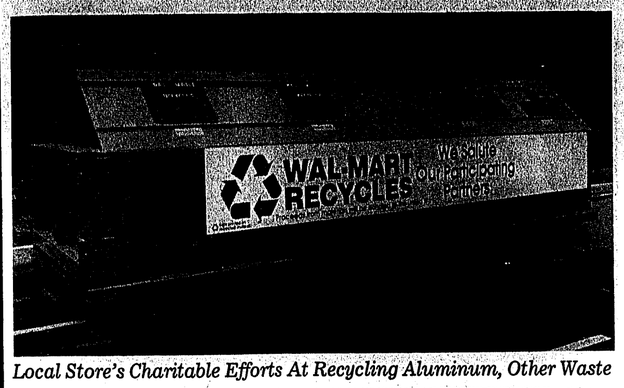

Local Store's Charitable Efforts At Recycling Aluminum, Other Waste

Fire Department's Recycling Project Benefits Burn Victims

Recycling Soon To Become Easier For Iredell County Residents

In Mooresville, a town with no city-wide recycling program, many residents would like to recycle, but do not.

Better to throw it away, than throw away time and money driving to another town to an established recycling company.

But, recycling and waste disposal is becoming a growing statewide concern.

In 1989, the N.C. General Assembly passed a law that set a statewide recycling goal. By July, 1993, N.C. legislators hope to recycle 25 percent of the "waste stream," the amount of garbage buried in county landfills.

Iredell County manager Joel Mashburn calls that goal "unrealistic."

Few counties in the state have the resources to begin a recycling program large enough to meet the 25 percent recycling goal by 1993, Mashburn said.

County planners are working on a long-range recycling plan, Mashburn said, that uses a system of incentives to encourage recycling.

But, to meet the short-term need, the county will begin offering "drop sites" at both county transfer stations in Mooresville and Harmony and at the county's landfill in Statesville, Mashburn said.

The county's drop sites will accept brown, green and clear glass bottles and jars, newsprint, aluminum cans and plastic soft drink bottles and milk jugs.

The county has contracted with Iredell County Recycling Center, Inc. of Statesville to provide the service.

But, the "drop site" program is not set to begin until mid-July. And, it will not begin to approach the 25 percent recycling goal.

"Drop-off sites are good for people who motivated," Mashburn said. "But, we need incentives to encourage large-scale recycling."

There are other problems that make the drop-site plan a short-term solution, Mashburn said. Often, non-recyclable waste is dumped into bins for recyclable waste.

Recently, a bin for recyclable waste was moved into the parking area at Mooresville Marketplace at the intersection of N.C. 150 and McLelland Avenue.

The bin, a project of Wal-Mart and BFI Waste Systems, had to be emptied just days after it was parked at the store, said Dewain Bradley, Wal-Mart manager.

Three weeks later, it has been dumped four times, and it is full again, overflowing into the parking area.

According to Janice Turnbull, the store's assistant manager, many people have dumped non-recyclable garbage in the bins.

"It seems that some people are using it for a dumping site because things are showing up in there that aren't recyclable, like old toys," Turnbull said. "And, it seems silly to dump garbage in our bin, when there is a dump just a half mile down the road."

Turnbull said the store was planning to continue the service.

But, Turnbull did not know how BFI, the company responsible for disposing of the recyclable waste collected, would react to finding non-recyclable garbage in the bins.

Each of the county's drop sites will be monitored, to prevent "contamination" of the recycling load with non-recyclable waste, which is hampering Wal-Mart's efforts, Mashburn said.

"Once a load is contaminated with non-recyclable waste, you can't sell it," Mashburn said.

Current Recycling Opportunities:

—The Mooresville Fire Department maintains a drop site for recyclable aluminum behind Mooresville's Town Hall. Proceeds from the project benefit burn victims in Mooresville and North Carolina.

—Wal-Mart maintains two bins for newsprint, one bin for aluminum beverage cans and one bin for plastic soft drink bottles and milk jugs. No other materials will be accepted. Proceeds will be donated to charity.

—Iredell County Recycling Center, Statesville. Located at 1135 W. Front St. Call 873-4103, for more information.

—Safclame Corporation, Statesville. Located on Old Mocksville Road. Call 878-2582 for more information.

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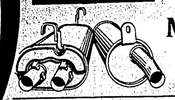

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Jaycees Perform Civic Duty With Park Clean-Up Project

Mooresville's Jaycees are living up to the civic part of their civic club.

It has taken the shape of a Park Beautification Project.

The first weekend of the project took place this past Saturday, when club members and other volunteers convened for several hours to begin restoration of the picnic and creek area of Liberty Park.

"We appreciate all they're doing," stated Sandy Church, superintendent of Mooresville Recreation, which has the task of upkeeping town parks. "With our limited staff, and with what we've got to do, it would have taken us months to accomplish what they did on one Saturday morning."

Church pointed out that his staff is currently responsible for the upkeep of six youth league playing fields this spring, as well as regular mowing and weedeating that must be taken care of on a near daily basis.

The Jaycees decided to undertake the beautification project in an attempt to restore Liberty Park to its former appearance.

"The city had a great asset," offered Larry Whitesell, president of the Jaycees, "and with a little hard work, we feel we can make it better for the community as a whole."

Many of the club members recalled visiting the park in their younger days, and they felt determined to help the area stage a welcome comeback.

"I have many childhood memories of standing on the tree that hangs over the creek at Liberty Park," recalled Cliff Homesley, the club's vice-president of membership, "and it's reassuring to know that we can do something to help ensure that future generations will have a park to enjoy and remember."

Project goals include clean-up, revitalization and restoration of the park.

The Jaycees are also looking for members of the communtiy willing to sponsor and service bird feeders that will be added to the area.

Work on the project began last weekend and will continue every Saturday, weather permitting.

If possible, the Jaycees are also planning to extend their project to other parks in Mooresville.

To assist the effort, Martha Barber, of the Mooresville Beautification Committee, has arranged for a financial contribution.

This money will be used towards the purchase of flowers, trees and shrubs that will be planted in the area after the clean-up is complete.

Jaycees, friends trim, rake and haul debris from cluttered Liberty Park terrain

Red Cross Disaster Response Classes

Classes will be held Thursday and Saturday to help local residents prepare for duty as American Red Cross disaster services volunteers.

Tomorrow's class will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the War Memorial. The "Intro to Disaster" course is a prerequisite to all other disaster services training programs.

School Bus Driver Charged In Assault

An Iredell County school bus driver — Jacqueline Robbins Bailey, 40, of 1108 Fairview Rd., Mount Mourne — has been charged with simple assault after a child alleged Bailey grabbed him and threw him into a bus seat.

According to the warrant served by the Iredell County Sheriff's Department, Bailey grabbed a student by his arms, lifted him and then threw him into a seat on the bus.

The warrant was secured by the child's mother.

On June 15, a "mass class" will be held starting at 8:30 a.m. There will be a lunch break at noon and the class will continue until 4:30 p.m.

All of these training programs are beind held to build up the disaster services program of the South Iredell chapter of the American Red Cross.

The South Iredell chapter will open and operate a disaster shelter at Shepherd School as part of the McGuire Nuclear Plant's emergency drill on June 19. The drill will be held from 2 p.m to 4 p.m.

Volunteers are desperately needed to serve on the local chapter's disaster services team. And the preliminary training is a vital part of the volunteer preparation.

All disaster services programs for volunteers are held at the War Memorial in Mooresville and there is no charge.

For additional information about this week's classes, the upcoming emergency drill or about the local Red Cross chapter's expanding programs, contact Gayle Williams at 664-4908.

All Households Pay Waste Fee

Every household in Iredell County will make an involuntary $12-a-year contribution to county government toward the cost of providing waste-disposal services. Homes of elderly will be eligible for a 50 percent discount on this fee that will be added to the county tax bills that will be prepared late this year.

Earlier, the Tribune reported that only households in rural Iredell would pay the fee that is part of county government's effort to make waste-disposal a self-supporting service. This is incorrect. All homes, including those in the county's municipalities, will be assessed the fee.

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