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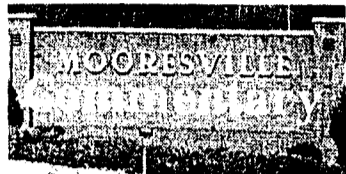
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Vandalism is, by definition, deliberate and ignorant destruction of property. That would seem to cover it, but local vandals have exceeded even that hard-core description.

Marred or mangled billboards and mailboxes are, while maddening, relatively minor inconveniences. Even sidewalks can be swept clean of the glass and trash vandals leave behind. But a firetruck?

That's right, a firetruck. The latest local victim of vandalism is a piece of fire-fighting equipment that belongs to every Mooresville taxpayer.

During the Lake Norman Festival, the local fire department sponsored a booth featuring information and exhibitions about fire safety and prevention. Unfortunately, the fireman volunteering their time to staff the booth forgot to post a guard at the fire station.

The warped mind of a vandal considers anything left unprotected as a target. So while the firemen did their part to spread the word about fire safety, some idiot wandered in and did \$7,000 to \$9,000 damage to a pumper truck parked at the fire station.

The criminal tried to raise the cab of the truck without releasing the cab-lock switch. The resulting damage has put the firetruck out of service for three to four weeks.

The cost of the repairs is one problem. The fact that the fire department is one truck short in the middle of prime lightning storm season is another, potentially disastrous, result of this act of vandalism.

The best — perhaps only — way to fight vandalism is to take an active role in helping law enforcement agencies get their hands on the people responsible. If you have any information about the damage to the fire truck, call the Mooresville-South Iredell Crime Stoppers at 663-7066.

If nothing else, consider it a way to protect all your local investments.

A lottery to put budgets back on solid ground has been supported previously in this space. Consider it supported again.

There are no logical reasons to oppose a lottery. Operated correctly, it would be a revenue producer for the state, the only revenue source funded on a totally volunteer basis.

If you want to play the lottery, you spend a few dollars. If you don't, you don't. No money would be cut from other programs and, hey, even a select few would make money.

Anti-lottery folks say it's legalized gambling guaranteed to eat away at the state's moral fiber. They seem to think that once you adopt a lottery, the next steps are slot machines in church foyers and blackjack tables in school lunchrooms.

That's a hard stance to defend, especially when you consider that many churches in the state currently use Bingo games and raffles as fundraisers. And the reason they use them is because they work.

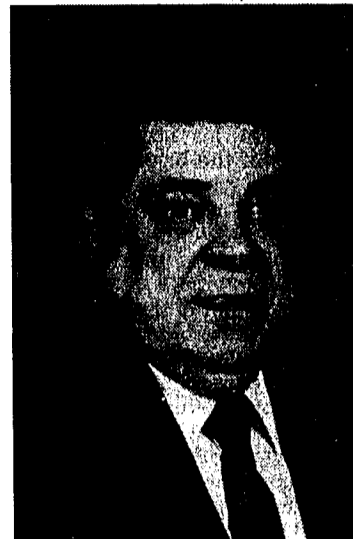
Other opponents think poor people who should be spending money on food and shelter will opt for the lottery instead. More than likely, food stamps will not be accepted as payment for lottery tickets. Beyond that, there's very little the state can do — or should be able to do — to regulate how a person spends their own money.

A lottery is a modern way to generate money without putting an unfair, additional burden on any specific segment of the population. Everyone has a

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SAM INGRAM

Ingram Funeral Friday

Samuel Turner Ingram, a Mooresville restaurant owner/operator for 40 years prior to his retirement in January 1987, died at the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte at 7:42 p.m. Tuesday following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Ingram, a resident of 126 Rankin St., Mooresville, was 69. Born in Taylorsville in Alexander County on April 3, 1922, Mr. Ingram was a son of the late Garland Fields Ingram and Gertrude Campbell Ingram.

Prior to his retirement, Mr. Ingram owned and operated Sam's Pier, west of Mooresville on N.C. 150, and later on West Wilson Ave. in Mooresville.

Mr. Ingram was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving aboard

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Summerlin Dies After Accident

Judith Cain Summerlin, 47, of 904 Crestline Drive, Mt. Holly, died Monday evening after a diving accident at a Mooresville-area rock quarry.

Summerlin, who was diving with her husband, Otis Summerlin, drowned at about 7:30 p.m., after she apparently panicked.

The Summerlins were diving in the flooded quarry, located off N.C. 150, to try out some new diving equipment. According to reports, they were planning a two-week Jamaican diving trip in the coming weeks.

The quarry is owned by the Iredell County Divers Association. Only registered members are allowed to dive in the quarry. Mr. Summerlin is a member of the diving association. Mrs. Summerlin had some diving training.

The Summerlins were taken to Lake Norman Regional Medical Center by rescue personnel.

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Hunt Picked To Attend Leadership Conference

Boyce Hunt of Mooresville has been selected to attend the 1991 National Young Leaders Conference to be held July 2-7 in Washington, D.C.

Having demonstrated academic achievement, leadership and citizenship, Hunt will be among 350 outstanding high school students from across the nation at the conference, which is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council.

The theme of the conference is "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." Throughout the six-day gathering, Hunt will meet with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps.

A rising senior at Mooresville Senior High School, Hunt has participated in a number of school activities and was recently elected president of the student body for the 1991-92 school year. He has participated in the Beta Club, Key Club, Fellowship of

Legislation With Local Impact

Territorial Zoning: More Control, Less Confusion

Better control and less confusion pertaining to growth around Mooresville are expected as a result of action taken last week in the North Carolina General Assembly.

A bill that gives the town zoning jurisdiction in areas one mile around annexed properties — including satellite annexations — was ratified in Raleigh on June 13. The bill, House Bill 782, had been introduced by Rep. Robert Bralway of Mooresville at the urging of the Mooresville Town Board.

The ruling gives the town the authority to extend its zoning control where it is needed without obligating the town to oversee a generalized area where development is not planned.

"We considered several dif-

ferent options and this seemed to be the best approach," Town Manager Rick McLean said of the compromised zoning arrangement. "It should simplify things for developers and for the town."

Before the ruling, the town's zoning authority extended one mile beyond the town limits. In cases of satellite annexations, the town assumed zoning control over the annexed properties, but not of surrounding property if it did not fall inside the one-mile perimeter.

Now, the town maintains control of the one-mile perimeter, but also has the power to zone around annexed areas as well.

The primary target for the new zoning authority is the Interstate

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Jaycees, Hospital Continue Restoration Of Liberty Park

The Mooresville Jaycees, who began cleaning up Mooresville's Liberty Park June 8, now have additional funds for their work.

Thanks to Lake Norman Regional Medical Center, the Jaycees have an additional \$2,000 to renovate and clean up the park, located at the corner of Iredell Avenue and Maple Street.

According to Tony Barber, LNRMC executive director, the hospital's gift is "seed money," given in hopes of involving other community donors in the Jaycees' Park Beautification Project.

"This contribution represents a sort of challenge to others in the community to get involved on any level that they can, whether it is a cash contribution or coming out and lending a hand," Barber stated in a press release.

"The Jaycees have taken on a project that is extremely worthwhile and merits the involvement of every business and individual in the community."

The hospital's contribution is not the first. The Mooresville Beautification Committee donated money to the Jaycees' project for flowers, tree and shrubs, which will be planted after the park clean-up is finished.

Both donations will help the club's cleanup efforts, said Jaycees president Larry Whitesell.

But, Whitesell has ambitious plans for the park, plans that go beyond cutting brush and repairing picnic tables, plans that will take more money and more manpower.

Whitesell has tentatively planned a new parking area, located near the park's waterfall and picnic area.

Liberty Park is divided by a small creek which runs from a waterfall, just off Maple Street.

The waterfall is one of the park's central features, and most of the park's picnic tables are near the waterfall.

The only parking area is near the baseball field and playground, separated from the waterfall and picnic tables by the

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Occupancy Tax Will Help Promote Travel, Tourism

A motel occupancy tax is now a built-in revenue source for Mooresville's travel and tourism promotional efforts and other selected expenditures.

House Bill 248, which gives the Mooresville Town Board the authority to levy an occupancy tax of up to two percent, was ratified Monday night by the N.C. General Assembly.

The bill was proposed by the Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce and endorsed by the Chamber and the Mooresville Town Board. The occupancy tax is designed to help finance the Chamber's expanding travel and tourism efforts and to provide the town with additional general fund money for assorted projects.

The new law allows the town to charge a room tax on any room, lodging or accommodation furnished for a fee by a motel, hotel, inn, tourist camp or other facility.

The funds generated from the tax, which can't exceed two percent, will be collected by the town. Fifty percent of the net proceeds from the tax will be set aside in a special fund and must be spent to promote travel and tourism. In Mooresville's case, that will mean turning 50 percent of the money over to the Chamber's Travel and Visitors Council.

The Council was created to promote vacation and recreational services in the Mooresville-

Lake Norman area. The remaining 50 percent will be earmarked for the general fund and spent at the town board's discretion.

No final decision has been

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\$15.7M Tab For Iredell Education

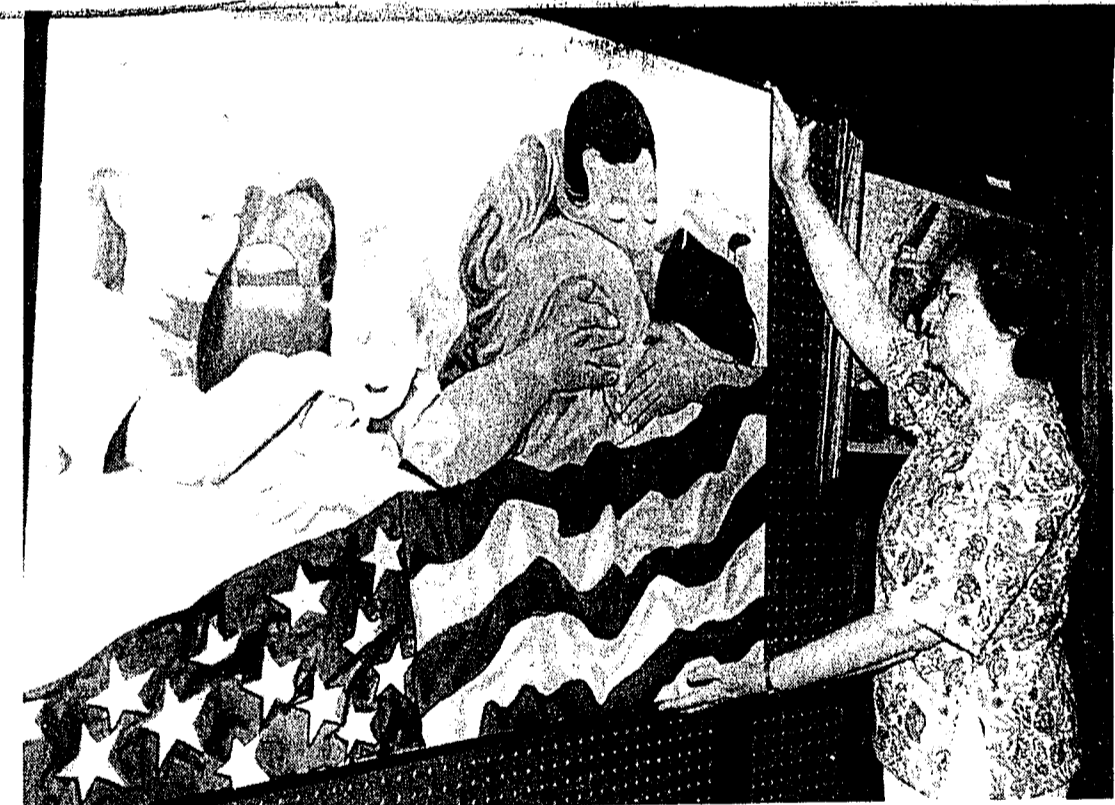
This much of Iredell County's \$40.9 million budget for 1991-92 is all but carved in stone: \$15,709,296.

That's the amount county taxpayers will invest in public education during the next 12 months, less \$678,317 the state will kick in from its schools capital-spending program. It could go higher, depending on still-undecided state funding.

The local funds will be shared by the Statesville/Iredell school system, the Mooresville school system and Mitchell Community College.

MCC will get \$862,661 toward its day-to-day operating expenses, and \$82,330 to apply to capital

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Guild member Win Hensel prepares Depot gallery for weekend show

Summerfest Saturday, Sunday

Response to the Mooresville Summer Artfest has been overwhelming and promises a full house of art for public viewing.

The Summerfest Exhibition will be open for public viewing on June 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on June 23, from noon until 5 p.m. The Depot Visual Arts Center is located at Main and Center Streets in Mooresville.

More than 100 area and local artists will compete for recognition in eight different art categories. Winners in each group will receive ribbon awards and cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Best of Show and Viewers Choice. In addition Purchase Awards will be recognized by participating commercial and individual art patrons.

Most of the exhibited art will be available for purchase by the public during the Summerfest through June and July.

This year's Artfest marks the 15th annual exhibit. It is also the occasion for the Mooresville Artists Guild to celebrate its 25th anniversary since its founding in 1966. An added feature of the exhibition is an exhibit of watercolor paintings by Zoltan Stabo, an internationally known artist and a well-known teacher and author of art literature. Mr. Stabo will judge the exhibit and also will be available on occasion to

greet the public.

The 1991 Artfest marks the sixth year that the show has been held at the Depot Center for Visual Arts located at Center and Main Streets in Mooresville. The Depot was the local freight and passenger station of the Southern Railway. The combination of the passenger areas and the

warehouse provides a large area for exhibiting purposes.

This year's Summerfest, as in past years, is sponsored by the Mooresville Artists Guild, the Mooresville NCNB, the MSI Chamber of Commerce. The Guild is supported by the North Carolina Grassroots Art Program through the Iredell Arts Council.

Redistricting Delays Local Election Filing Schedule

Because the N.C. General Assembly has not yet tackled the redistricting monster, the filing period for local elections in North Carolina will begin almost a month later than the traditional starting date.

Local government hopefuls may begin filing for candidacy in local elections July 22, instead of July 5, as earlier reported in the Tribune.

The delay is caused by the legislature's inability to complete legislative redistricting before the filing period begins, according to Barbara Whittington, assistant city manager.

The delay will only affect 1991 elections. All municipalities that run elections on ward or district sys-

tems must curtail their local candidate filing periods until the legislature solves the redistricting snafu.

The state is required by federal law to restructure its legislative districts after each U.S. census. The census was completed in late 1990.

To file, candidates may visit the Mooresville Town Hall beginning July 22 at noon. Candidates have until Aug. 9 at noon to file.

Candidates must live within the city limits of Mooresville and must be registered voters to qualify as candidates.

Mooresville voters will decide three seats on the Mooresville Board of Commissioners in the office of mayor, deputy mayor,