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Although I Disagree With Everything You Say

I Will Defend Unto Death Your Right To Say It"

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Teaching Disaster Preparedness

Ben Myers, disaster specialist with the Western Territory Field Services Office of the American Red Cross, recently taught "Intro to Disaster," a disaster preparedness course sponsored by the South Iredell Chapter of the Red Cross. The course outlined the role of disaster relief agencies and introduced participants to American Red Cross Disaster Relief Services. Myers taught the course at the offices of the Mooresville Graded School District.

Artfest Opens June 22; Art Exhibit's 13th Year

The Depot Visual Art Center in Mooresville will be resplendent with art at the Mooresville Summer Artfest June 22 and 23. Entry applications received to date promises that the exhibit this year will equal or better previous Summerfest expositions.

Area and local artists will compete in a number of categories. Winners in each area will receive ribbon awards, and cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third best of show. In addition, purchase awards will be awarded 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 13th 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 ex-

position is an exhibit of watercolor paintings by Zoltan Szabo, an internationally known artist and a well known teacher and author of art literature. Szabo 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 Summer Artfest, 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.

Iredell Leading Dairy County In North Carolina

Iredell County is North Carolina's leading dairy county in the terms of the number of dairy cows, the number of farms and the pounds of milk produced.

Dairying is a \$26 million a year industry in Iredell.

According to Kenneth Vaughn, director of the Iredell County Agricultural Extension Service, there are 110 dairy farms in the county, with the largest operation

having some 500 cows.

There are 11,000 dairy cows in the county, and they produce 150 million pounds of milk per year, or 17,441,860 gallons.

"We continue to see the average size of the herds increase," Vaughn stated.

"We also continue to see a little decline in the number of producers," Vaughn added.

Vaughn pointed out that Iredell's dairy industry affects all residents, either directly and indirectly.

"First of all, the industry produces food, which everyone needs, Vaughn stated. "It also provides employment, since the farms use hired labor. Dairy producers purchase lots of supplies and equipment of all types, therefore, it helps business."

Looking into the future, Vaughn said he hoped Iredell would be able to maintain the stable dairy industry it currently enjoys.

"Many people have put their whole selves into their dairy farms," Vaughn stated.

"They have modernized and updated their facilities, and the investment is there. Many of these farms can be used only for dairies, therefore, they can't be quickly converted into another operation. Therefore, the commitment is there and we hope the industry allows these producers to continue."

Bicycle Safety Day Activities Planned June 22

Saturday will be "Bicycle Safety Day" at the local Wal-Mart store at Mooresville Marketplace.

Throughout the day, Wal-Mart will be hosting events and activities designed to promote bicycle safety.

A bicycle rodeo will be held between noon and 4 p.m. The rodeo will consist of several skill courses, emphasizing "riding safe." There will be charge for the rodeo.

Wal-Mart is inviting all area kids to come out and participate to help support bicycle safety. Parents are also urged to attend.

The store will be offering a 10 percent discount on all bicycle accessories to coincide with the safe biking promotion.

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