



### Horticulturist's Verdict: World's Finest Iris

Jeannette Stutts' front lawn on Rinehardt Road is ablaze with color. She gives plenty of tender loving care to all kinds of flowers all over the place. She especially enjoys the explosion of purple iris where she's standing. The blossoms are as large as dinner plates. A horticulturist family friend, John Webster, whose work includes the Biltmore House gardens, says these are finest he's seen anywhere.

### Festival

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Iredell County.

Shoemaker created the official artwork for the National Balloon Rally in Statesville for the past two years and has published two full-color hot air balloon prints in signed and numbered limited editions. Many of her works were featured in a January display at the Depot Visual Arts Center in Mooresville.

Shoemaker studied art privately for seven years with the late Louise Gilbert and majored in art at Brevard College. She is secretary of the Mooresville Artists Guild.

At the Festival, Shoemaker will have prints and note cards of Iredell landmarks, hot air balloon note cards and limited edition Balloon Rally prints.

Vaccaro, a Charlotte resident, has been a stained glass artist for 10 years and a dabbler in various artistic fields for most of his life.

During the past 10 years, stained glass has been the focus of his efforts. He said there seems to be no limitation to the variations of glass art and he has branched into different types of work after attending seminars and discussing ideas and techniques with experts.

He started doing pieces like suncatchers and progressed to lamps, panels, windows, fused glass, jewelry and other more delicate items.

Many of Vaccaro's selections will be on display and offered for sale at the Festival.

### Troops

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Instead of letting the idea die, the Task Force decided to change "Support" into "Welcome Home" and "Thank You" not just for Gulf War veterans, but for all veterans.

While Sunday's rally is currently the top item on the Task Force's agenda, the group also plans to continue fundraising efforts in order to finance construction of a local veterans monument. The monument, according to the Task Force's plans, would be designed as a tribute to all military veterans from this community.

### Comments

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grow. Cary officials had the option to turn down all proposed developments and preserve their small town, but they didn't.

And the reason is simple. For towns, growth — commercial, residential and industrial — is a way of life. But Mooresville is living dangerously. Its current growth-at-all-costs attitude is a deadly tumor that grows each time a new project is approved.

Mooresville will never again be the quaint little town it was 10, or even five, years ago. But that doesn't mean all the small-town charms and characteristics that pleased and attracted so many people have to disappear.

### Legislation

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the bill make multi-system counties offers they will find it very expensive to refuse.

They would, for example, be faced with using local funds to pay administrators no longer paid by the state. In Mooresville's case, this would mean an additional \$450,000 a year — approximately the amount now generated by the 10.5-cent local school supplementary property tax.

In Mooresville's case, the specter of doubling the local supplementary tax to maintain the current level of administrative personnel is worsened only by the alternative: consolidation.

Local administrators expressed their fears Monday morning during one of their periodic meetings with Rep. Robert Brawley of Mooresville, whose 43rd District includes South Iredell.

Brawley said the House budget bill does not contain changes in the administrative makeup of the state's school systems. He expressed doors comparatively small systems, such as Mooresville's, because they are administratively more efficient and because their students get more personal attention. He said he disagreed strongly with the idea that reducing the number of school systems in the state would save any money, much less the predicted \$4 million-plus, per year.

### Special Olympics Saturday

It wouldn't dare rain on Mooresville's Special Olympics parade a second time.

That's the hope of organizers who plan to try again with the staging of the annual Special Olympics this weekend.

Rained out on its original date two weeks ago, the Special Olympics will shoot for a Saturday unfolding, again at the Mooresville Stadium behind Junior High.

Sunshine is forecast, and sunny smiles are guaranteed, as mentally and physically handicapped athletes from throughout the Mooresville area make the most of a day and attraction set aside especially for them.

The festivities will get underway with the parade of athletes, highlighted by the lighting of the torch, that will take place at 9 a.m.

Athletes from Junior High, Woods School, Park View, and South School will join with those from Shepherd and Brawley School to compete in the track and field events.

In addition, a host of special events are also scheduled to take place.

Athletes will be vying for advancement to the North Carolina Special Olympics, scheduled to take place May 30-June 2 at East Carolina University in Greenville.

### Iredell's EMS Award Winners

Recently, the Region F. Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council named the 1990 EMS Awards Winners from Iredell County.

Vance Plummer from the Iredell Rescue Squad won the Volunteer First Responder of the Year Award and, from Davis Community Hospital, Linda Julian received the award for Emergency Department registered nurse.

From Iredell County EMS, Donnie Perry was named the EMT-Career of the Year and Bradley Brawley who works at the Iredell Emergency Communications Center won the Telecommunicator of the Year Award.

From Lowell Fire Department, Joseph Kelly won the Volunteer First Responder Award and from the Cherryville Rescue Squad, Randy Neill received the EMT-Volunteer of the Year.

These and other winners from the eight county region will be honored at an EMS Awards Banquet May 2 at the Marriott City Center Hotel, 100 West Trade Street in Charlotte. The evening begins at 5:45 p.m. Dr. Crit Harley, medical director for Henderson County, will deliver the keynote address.

This recognition is given annually by the Region F. Emergency Medical Services Council and the Centralina Council of Governments.

Nominations for the awards are made by all EMS providers, hospitals, and communications centers in the region. The awards recognize outstanding dedication to EMS and service to the community.



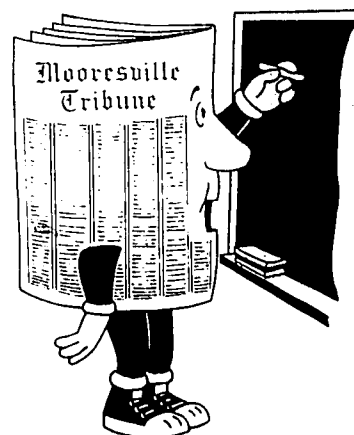
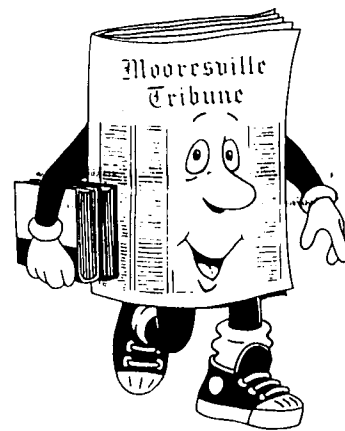
"Pretty Chelsea Ann Celebrates Second Birthday"

Chelsea Ann Shoemaker, daughter of Van and Susan Shoemaker, celebrated her 2nd birthday on April 10. Her mother is living in Mooresville while Chelsea's father is stationed in Korea. Chelsea had a party on April 13, at her Mooresville home and her father was here on a pass. She has a sister, Cindy Shoemaker, of Homestead, FL. Paternal grandmother is Nancy Shoemaker of Mooresville and her maternal grandmother is Donna Granofsky of Texas. Great-grandmothers are Bertha Summers of Davidson and Vivian Holland of Texas and great-great-grandmother, Eva Howard of Kansas.

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