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## County Budget Holds Tax Rate, But Builds In Other Revenues

The \$40.9 million 1991-92 budget proposed by Iredell County Manager Joel Mashburn holds the property tax rate at 59 cents per \$100 valuation. That's the good news. But there's more:

•County government says Mooresville must pay half the cost of renovating and operating the waste transfer station here, and half the cost of hauling the station's compacted waste to the county landfill near Statesville.

This will add about \$100,000 to the town's budget, and it has the potential, of course, of raising municipal property taxes.

Mooresville Mayor Joe Knox this week questioned the fairness in the transfer station cost sharing. He said county government "is treating Mooresville residents as though they aren't county taxpayers." He also noted that the county will require the town to pay half the cost of hauling all the station's waste to the landfill, even though Mooresville generates only 60 percent of the station's volume of waste.

•Beginning in October, every household in rural Iredell County will pay an annual \$12 fee for use of the county's solid waste disposal facilities. (Homes of elderly will pay only \$6.) Commercial haulers will pay a \$24-a-ton "tipping fee" for use of the landfill and transfer stations.

Mooresville contributed financially toward the cost of building the transfer station on N.C. 150 at U.S. 21, but until now, otherwise, county government has cranked all waste-disposal costs into its regular budget.

This fee system is expected to generate \$1.9 million a year.

•Every property owner in rural Iredell and in Statesville will pay 7.5 cents per \$100 property value as a supplementary tax to support the school system created by the merger of county and Statesville schools. This will generate \$2 million. (Good news: this rate represents a savings for Statesville property owners, who have been paying a 15-cent supplementary tax to provide \$1 million for school-enrichment.)

Property owners in the Mooresville school district are not included in the county school supplementary tax. Mooresville remains a separate school system and it levies a 10.5-cent supplementary tax of its own.

•All rural-Iredell property owners will continue paying a first-district tax. The countywide

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## Iredell Hunt Continues For Kidnapping Suspect

Iredell County and other area lawmen are continuing their search for a black male who reportedly kidnapped and held hostage an Iredell family Tuesday.

According to the Iredell County Sheriff's Department, John and Vickie Black and their daughter, Jessica, of the Amity Hill Road area of Statesville were held at gunpoint for approximately 90 minutes.

This morning Cecil Cook, chief deputy of the sheriff's department, gave this information concerning the incident:

A gunman forced his way into

the Blacks' car as they were leaving their home for work at a Statesville yarn plant.

John Black was moving a log blocking the driveway when a man jumped out of the bushes and put a gun to his head.

He fired a shot between John Black's feet, took \$160 from the couple and demanded more.

He then forced the Blacks to drive around Iredell and Rowan counties before forcing John Black to drive down a small dirt road to a pond.

At the pond's shore, the gun-

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## State's Teaching Fellows To Visit Optional School

Mooresville's year round optional school at Park View Elementary has been reviewed and praised by education veterans and administrators at the local, state and national level.

Now future educators will get their chance.

The optional school will be among the stops during the "Discovery 91" tour by participants in the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program. The tour is being sponsored by the Public School Forum of North Carolina.

On May 24, college sophomores in the Teaching Fellows Program will visit the school and other schools in Iredell County. The local swing will take

place on the sixth day of the group's eight-day tour of the state's education, business and cultural offerings.

The tour is designed to give the future teachers a broader look and better understanding of their home state.

On Thursday, the group will visit the year round school, which is an innovative educational project made possible through a RJR Reynolds First Century Schools grant.

Also on Thursday, the Teaching Fellows will visit middle schools in the Iredell/Statesville system and schools in Catawba County

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## Reid Dies In North Main Wreck

Kevin Alexander Reid, 24, of Route 7, Mooresville, died in a fiery car crash on North Main Street early Tuesday morning.

The 2:35 a.m. accident occurred as Reid traveled south in a 1990 Ford. The vehicle, which went out of control in a curve, ran off the left side of the street and into the yard of the 735 North Main St. home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Herring Jr., where it struck a tree and burst into flames.

Reid was trapped in the burning vehicle, and the Mooresville Rescue Squad was unable to reach the victim until the fire was extinguished.

Traveling in a 35 mile-per-hour zone, the car at the time of the wreck was traveling between 60 and 70 miles per hour, according

to an estimate by the investigators.

Lt. Leon White and Patrol Officer N.L. Sipes of the Mooresville Police Department investigated the wreck. Initial investigation indicated Reid died at the moment of impact.

Born in Iredell County on March 20, 1967, Reid was a son of Brenda Reid Smith and Danny Reid, both of Mooresville.

He was an employee of Delong Erections in Mooresville.

Survivors, in addition to the parents, are: the step-father, Johnny Smith of Mooresville; the step-mother, Mrs. Renee Reid of Mooresville; one brother, Bryan Reid of Mooresville; one step-

brother, Chris Reid of Mooresville; two step-sisters, Kim Smith Randall of Concord and Rhonda Smith of Mooresville; the maternal grandparents, Bill and Julia Byrd of Laurinburg; and the paternal grandmother, Mary Lee Reid of Mooresville.

A funeral for Reid will be conducted Thursday at 4 p.m. at Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church, west of Mooresville, with the Rev. James P. Clodfelter officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Cavin Funeral Home in Mooresville this (Wednesday) evening from 7 until 8:30 o'clock.

Memorials may be made to Mooresville AA, P.O. Box 793, Mooresville, North Carolina 28115.



Jaycee 1991 award recipients, from left, Duncan, Huffman, Martin, Hand

## Huffman Gets Jaycee DSA; Others Receive Recognition

At the Mooresville Jaycees' annual salute to the community's outstanding citizens, Gerald E. Huffman received the highest honor.

Huffman was presented the 1991 Distinguished Service Award at the club's DSA banquet held Tuesday night at the Mayflower Restaurant.

The DSA is recognized as the Mooresville area's most prestigious honor in the fields of community contribution and service.

Huffman, banking officer and regional consumer loan manager for Lincoln Bank, was one of five 1991 award winners saluted at the banquet. Other winners were Wendy Hand, Outstanding Young Citizen; Wendy Duncan, Outstanding Young Educator; G.A. Martin, Outstanding Public Safety Officer; and Walter S. Meyer, Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer.

Also at the banquet, Steve Harwell was honored as the club's Jaycee of the Year.

DSA winner Huffman, 39, is a charter employee of Lincoln Bank and an active participant in several Mooresville-South Iredell service organizations.

He is a former treasurer of the Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce and is currently a Chamber director and chairperson of the Chamber's Small Business Committee.

He is a past member of the Chamber's executive board and has served in leadership positions for many Chamber events, including the Lake Norman Festival.

He has been active in the Junior Achievement Program and the United Way and is crusade chairman for the local American Cancer Society.

A former Civitan, Huffman is a member of the South Iredell Community Development Corporation board of directors and an active

member of First Baptist Church.

Huffman, a native of Hope Mills, earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. His banking career included 10 years of service with Carolina First National and NCNB before taking the post with Lincoln Bank.

Huffman and his wife, Carol,

have four children, Jerod, Jimmy, Amy and Ryan. The family lives at 905 North Main Street.

Hand, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hand, is a senior at South Iredell High School. At South, he has demonstrated outstanding academic and leader-

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## Summerville To Local Iredell Bank Board

A Mooresville businessman is the newest member of The Bank of Iredell's Mooresville Advisory Board of Directors.

Thomas R. Summerville recently accepted a position on the Mooresville board. The appointment was announced by Elbert H. Richardson, president and chief executive officer of the Statesville-based financial institution.

Summerville and his wife Carolyn own and operate the J-Bear Child Development Centers in Mooresville. J-Bear I and II are both in the Lakeside Business Park at the N.C. 150/Interstate 77 intersection.

Summerville is a graduate of DeVry Technical Institute in Chicago, Ill. He has 20 years management experience with AT&T, where he served as an electronic methods analyst and electronics trainer.

Summerville has been a mem-

ber of the Derita Masonic Lodge for 30 years. He is also a member

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THOMAS SUMMERVILLE

## Local OM Teams Depart For World Competition

Local teams have begun the final leg of their "Odyssey of the Mind" journey.

Qualifying teams from Brawley Middle School and Woods Elementary School departed today for Knoxville, Tenn., where the OM World Finals will begin May 23 and continue through May 25.

The teams from Brawley and Woods earned the right to take part in the World Finals by placing first in the North Carolina OM Finals held April 13. The state's first place team in each OM competition category qualified for the World contest.

For Woods and the Mooresville Graded School District, the World Finals experience will close out a highly-successful first year of participation in the Odyssey of the Mind program.

But for Brawley this is the second trip in three years to the World Finals.

The OM competition is designed to let students put their knowledge and creativity to work to solve problems or present information. Creativity and accuracy are the two principal factors evaluated by judges.

The World Finals team from Woods competes in the Super Gold Division in category 7. The

fifth graders on the team, coached by Candy McCarter, are Samuel Hyatt, Catherine Cameron, Justin Myers, Steven McFarland and Kate Crnich. Nancy Crnich is an assistant coach.

The team was scheduled to leave Mooresville at 1 p.m. today. The Brawley team will compete in the Transformation Division II category. (The I and II refer to the grade level of the participants.)

The team, coached by Sandy Gold, left for Knoxville this morning. Team members are Phillip Brody, Sonya Hagler, Nancy Hancock, Jeff Hicks, Arden McLoughlin, Karen Underwood, and Amber Whitten, Assistant

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