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Normal Routine Slowly Returns After Bus Wreck Killing Three

Shock and grief blanket North Mecklenburg in the wake of the county's worst-ever school bus accident. Three Alexander Junior High School students were killed and 12 others were hurt May 17 when a bus and a dump truck collided on N.C. 115 at Bailey Road a mile south of Cornelius.

The accident occurred around 4 p.m. when Charlotte/Mecklenburg Bus. No. 740 pulled from Bailey Road onto the highway into the path of a southbound tractor-trailer rig owned by Hall Paving Co. of Huntersville. The truck broadsided the bus, pushed it off the road and pinned it against a tree.

Killed were Jeanne Gwen Sarver, 12, of Bon-Meade Lane, Huntersville; Leslie Renne Walker, 12, of Sherrill Avenue, Cornelius; and Ralph Joseph Tesh, 13, of 1016 Conistan St., Cornelius. Their funerals were conducted early this week.

The bus was driven by Mrs. Sharon Dingler Farrington, 32, of Faith Road, south of Mooresville. She is in Charlotte Orthopaedic Hospital suffering from fractures and other injuries.

The truck driver, Michael Craig of Huntersville, was taken to Mercy Hospital in Charlotte, where he was treated and released.

Students still hospitalized at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte are Chad Bumgarner, Shawn Miller and Kate Bealer.

This morning, Jimmy Poole, principal of the 935-student school, said:

"We're beginning to return to a normal school day. Additional support people are at the school, counseling the students. They will remain at the school as long as they are needed."

Alexander Junior High is just south of Huntersville at the intersection of Hambright Road and N.C. 115.

A National Transportation Safety Board investigator arrived Monday to investigate the wreck.

Assistant Mecklenburg County Police Chief Cris Owens said Tuesday that his agency's investigation may not be completed until the end of the week. He said police still have not interviewed the bus driver.

Farringer has been described as a model bus driver.

Her supervisor, transportation coordinator Bob Gibson, wrote in a 1987 nomination for bus driver the year award that "Sissy (Farrington) has done an outstanding job during the four years she has driven for me. She is very serious about her work and operates her bus in the safest manner possible."

Farrington has been a Charlotte-Mecklenburg bus driver since 1982. She is a full-time school transportation employee who works in the North Mecklenburg transportation office and substitutes as a bus driver. She was filling in on bus 740 Friday afternoon.

JEANNE GWEN SARVER

Miss Sarver was born in Princeton, W.V. on Sept. 19, 1978, a daughter of Thomas James Sarver and Susie Gwinn Sarver.

Surviving, in addition to the parents, are two brothers, Jonathan and Jeffrey Sarver, both of the home; the paternal grandparents, James and Betty Sarver of Mullins, W.Va.

A funeral for Miss Sarver was conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at Mount Zion United Methodist Church at Cornelius, with the pastor, the Rev. Ned Owens, officiating. Burial was in the Mount Zion Community Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Cornelius-Lake Norman Youth Athletic Association, P.O. Box 818, Cornelius.

LESLIE RENNE WALKER

Miss Walker was born on July 2, 1978, a daughter of Tommy Walker Jr. and Beverly Baker Walker.

Survivors, in addition to the parents, are one brother, Jason Brian Walker of the home; the maternal grandparents, the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Baker of Gastonia; and the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Nell Walker of Cherryville.

A funeral for Miss Walker was conducted at 4 p.m. Monday at Mount Zion United Methodist Church in Cornelius, with the pastor, the Rev. Ned Owens, officiating. Burial was in the Mount Zion Community Cemetery in Cornelius.

Memorials may be made to Mount Zion United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 548, Cornelius.

RALPH JOSEPH TESH

Mr. Tesh as born Aug. 31, 1977, a son of Samuel and Pamela Davis Tesh.

Surviving, in addition to the parents, are one brother, Page Tesh of the home; the grandparents, Samuel Tesh and Hepsie Tesh, and Sara Whitlow and the step-grandfather, Frank Whitlow.

A funeral for Mr. Tesh was conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Derita Chapel of McEwen Funeral Home, with the Rev. Mack Sigmon officiating.

Burial was at noon Monday in Elmwood Cemetery in Charlotte.

Flower Arranging Class Set

Mitchell Community College - Mooresville Center will offer a course entitled "Flower Arranging" beginning June 13 and ending July 25.

The course will be taught from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays. The instructor for this class will be Maryann Randall.

This course is the study of and practice of art form and principles of flower arranging. It includes the use of flowers, containers, accessories and arrangement for special occasions. Each student is expected to purchase their supplies.

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Feast Of A Festival

What a feast the ninth annual Lake Norman Festival provided. Just take a peak. Climaxing three days of Lake Norman Festival Days was a feast of festival festivities downtown Saturday, with two blocks of Main Street — between Center and Iredell Avenues — closed to all but walking traffic. Among the potpouri of events that attracted a throng of visitors, upper left, were, counterclockwise, tables full of arts and crafts, performances by various dance troupes, the annual 5K Sail Away road race and, among the most popular, the Mooresville Fire Department's remote-controlled and voice-activited miniature fire truck, with Fire Marshall Bobby Compton, inset, serving as the power source.

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By MRS. HAL DEATON

—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ammerman of Fairburn, Ga. spent from Thursday until Saturday night with Mrs. Helen Houston. Mr and Mrs. Richard Houston of Charlotte spent Sunday with Richard's mother, Helen.

—C.R. Hunnicutt spent Sunday with Mrs. Georgia Lee at Salisbury.

—Mrs. Zoie Deaton attended the wedding of Miss Millette Murdock and Kelly Clontz Saturday afternoon at four o'clock at Troutman Baptist Church.

—David Brown and friend spent the past weekend at the beach.

—The 9:45 worship service at Wesley Chapel Sunday morning was by Ken Sherrill. Ken brought a good message on "Time."

—The community was saddened by the death of Thurston Houston and expresses deepest sympathy to his family. Thurston passed away May 6 at Iredell Memorial Hospital at age 79. He was born in this community and lived here all his life. He was a member of Wesley Chapel Church from boyhood.

—Russell Sherrill was honored May 19 on his 87th birthday by his family at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Larry and Brenda Freeze.

'Music Man' 7 Times In June

"The Music Man," Meredith Willson's masterpiece, will be performed seven times in June by the Davidson Community Players.

Shows are 8 p.m. June 13, 14 and 15; 2:30 p.m. June 16; and 8 p.m. June 20, 21, 22. June 13 and June 20 are dinner-theater evenings.

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