

What's Up

Masonic breakfast

An all-you-can-eat breakfast will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15 at 10 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 123 Institute St. Cost is \$5. The public is invited.

Clothing needed

Goodwill Industries urgently needs clothing donations for the fall/winter seasons. To find out more about where you can drop off your donations, call 704-372-3434.

Home school support

Learning in Family Environments, a Lake Norman home school support group, invites all those who want to know more about home schooling to the organization's monthly meeting at Peninsula Baptist Church on Brawley School Road. The meeting is Monday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m. No childcare will be provided. For more information, call 704-799-8525.

Park dedication

The Town of Mooresville will hold the grand opening of Bellingham Park — its newest park — on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The day will include face painting, recreation department programs, and Yippee the Clown. For more information, call 704-663-7026.

Blue grass jamboree

The Lake Norman Air Academy will hold a blue grass jamboree on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Lake Norman Airport. The event will include music, food, hot air balloon rides and aircraft displays. Admission is \$8, with children under 10 and seniors over 70 admitted for free. For more information, call 704-663-5115.

Join the chorus

There are openings in all sections of the Lake Norman Chorus, a community choir dedicated to singing high quality sacred and secular music. Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Tingle Chapel at Davidson College. For more information about auditions, call Kevin Turner at 704-892-8277, extension 238.

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Tragedy hits home

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remaining in the drive, it was scheduled to end at 7.

Most people said they were giving blood out of a feeling of helplessness. Being 600 miles away from New York — where thousands of people are missing and presumed dead — "there's not a whole lot we can do," said one Mooresville donor.

But "if giving a pint of blood is what I need to do, I'll do it, and I'll stand in line to do it," added Debbie Brown, who arrived early to the blood drive but was still facing a lengthy wait.

"This helps the feeling of helplessness," she said. "It makes me feel like I've contributed my little bit. I just feel like it's the right thing to do."

Statesville's Mark Sherrill, who was also standing in line at the blood drive, expressed similar sentiments. "I'm here to give blood; I can at least do that. My blood may save someone's life."

Added Mooresville's Sabrina Witherspoon, "We can't get to New York, but they can have all the blood they can take." On Tuesday alone, the N.C. division of the American Red Cross sent 80,000 units of blood to New York City.

Iredell County Commissioner Chairman Sara Haire Tice said the county's emergency management team was activated Tuesday as a backup to Mecklenburg's. The team includes herself, the county manager, the director of the county's emergency communications system, policemen, and firemen.

Tice said the team was prepared to house in the county's schools people who were stranded at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport. But in the end, Iredell was not called upon to house travelers.

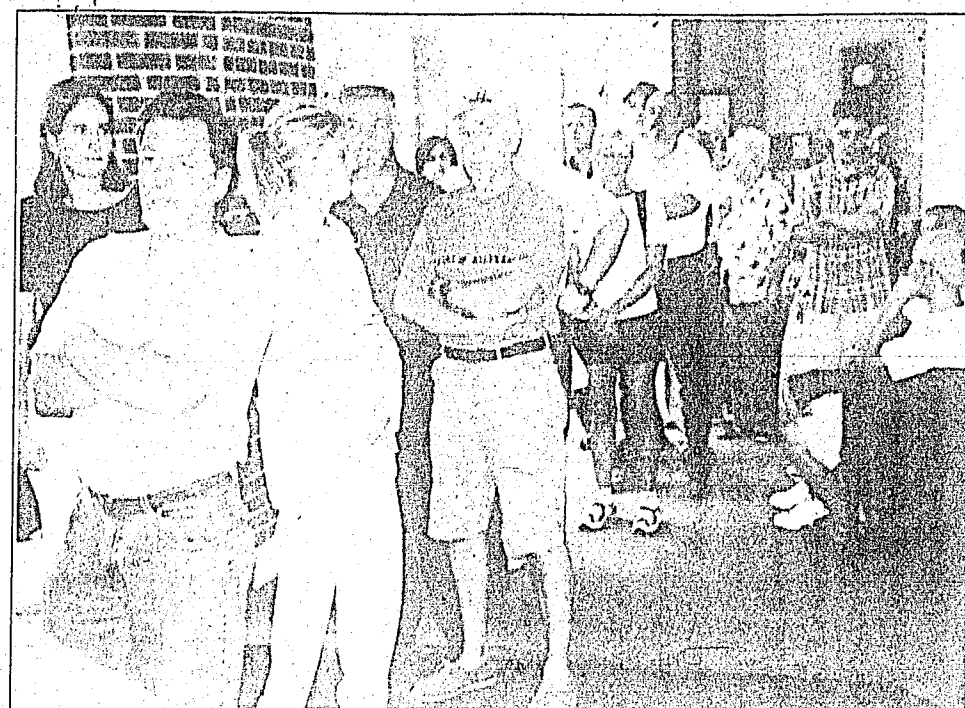
"I'm shocked that this terrorist attack could happen in America," Tice said. She asked people to pray for the victims and their families.

Though people were scattered throughout the Citizens Center on Wednesday — some in the auditorium, others in the courtyard and even more lined up along the hallways — discussions of anger, disgust and even forgiveness were being carried on in every corner.

But possibly the most common theme: Overwhelming support and rekindled reverence for Old Glory and all she symbolizes.

"This isn't just New York; it's all American people," said Witherspoon. "This will make us a stronger nation."

Added Mooresville's Rodney Cooper, "This is not about religion or race. It's not about Yankees, rebels and Westerners. This is about all Americans pulling together." "This just shows you can hit us, but we'll keep getting up," said Joey Moore of Mooresville, another blood donor in waiting. "I feel for the people in New York. There should be discipline for the people who wronged us, but as a spiritual nation, we need to come together, and we need to forgive them. I was mad and upset, but we can't linger on it," he said.



At top, blood donors await their turn at the Mooresville Citizens Center on Wednesday. Above, a sign in front of a downtown business. (Photos by Jaime Gatten)

It happened" and that it will "change the way we live."

However, headed, "one of the best things we as Americans can do is move forward. We need to show the people who orchestrated this that we're standing strong, through the actions of our freedom, lives and government on all levels."

Town offices didn't close here Tuesday or Wednesday; in fact, Jones insisted that Tuesday night's weekly Music In The Park concert at Liberty Park proceed. "I thought about (canceling it), but people thanked us for having it," he said. "In fact, we had a decent crowd. One veteran told me, 'Canceling would be playing right into (the terrorists') hands,'"

Jones said. Schools didn't let out, either, although after-school activities and athletic contests were canceled. "We're trying to maintain as much normalcy as possible," said Asst. Supt. Roger Hyatt of the Mooresville Graded School District in announcing the changes Tuesday

afternoon. "We feel kids needed to be home with their moms and dads this evening."

In addition to the Red Cross, a number of area organizations and businesses have relief efforts underway.

"The Mooresville Christian Mission is accepting clothing, canned goods, bottled water and Gatorade at its warehouse on Beam Drive, off N.C. 801, under the auspices of United Way. Designate your donation for New York/Washington disaster relief."

Harris-Teeter stores in Mooresville, Cornelius and Huntersville are accepting donations of canned goods, clothes, shoes, First Aid supplies, baby supplies and toiletries.

"Wal-Mart will accept donations of bottled water, Gatorade and Powerbars."

Woman stabbed, in stable condition

By NANCY BAKER

A Mooresville woman was in stable condition Thursday at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center after being stabbed during an argument just before midnight Wednesday.

Angel Borland, 22, was stabbed in the right chest area, which caused her lung to collapse, according to police, as well as suffering wounds to the right shoulder and right wrist.

Tammy Lyn Freeze, 24, of 338-C S. Church St., was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury.

According to reports, a friend of Borland's called the Mooresville Police Department as she was driving Borland to the hospital, to report that Borland had been stabbed at a Talbert Road home. The woman also alerted officers Frank Falzone and Mike Layton as she passed through a license checkpoint.

After escorting Borland to the hospital, the officers went to 250 Talbert Road to investigate. Witnesses told them Borland and Freeze had gotten into an argument in the front yard, and were fighting through the open passenger side window of the Chevrolet Blazer in which Freeze was riding.

After speaking with witnesses, officers searched for and located the Blazer, parked at the Cedars Apartments, and a black six-inch Gerber knife.

After Lt. Carl Robbins interviewed witnesses, Borland and the Freezes, Tammy Freeze was charged with assault and taken to the Iredell County Jail, where she was being held under a \$10,000 secured bond.

Speed

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speeding and speed-related injuries and deaths — will not be ready for at least a month.

Iredell County Sheriff Phil Redmond said he also believes the campaign was a success. He said he thinks the campaign made people more aware of the speeding laws and may have helped people understand the consequences of speeding.

Also, Redmond said the cooperation between law enforcement agencies was a valuable tool. "That was great to see everybody on the same sheet of music and working together," he said. He added that future law enforcement efforts — relating to speeding and other crimes — should be helped by the close working relationship that developed during the campaign. "It just helps us in the long run," he said.

Mooresville Police Department officials could not be reached for comment Thursday.

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Children

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He didn't need to hear, immediately at least, how horrible it must have been for the passengers and crew of the hijacked airliners. How agonizing their final minutes must have been. That's because his mother works for an airline, too.

As a flight attendant, her US Airways plane — bound for Seattle — took off from Charlotte 15 minutes after the first strike against the World Trade Center. Within an hour, all domestic air travel had ceased, with planes ordered to land at the nearest airport.

Linda's plane was closest to St. Louis at the time, and that's where she remained as of press time late Thursday afternoon. Many other

South Iredell residents, travelers as well as crew members of airlines, were no doubt in the same predicament.

Some spent their layovers talking about the future: Would they continue flying? Would they ever feel comfortable on a plane again? Like Linda, though, most of the crew members will forge ahead. Flying is what they do.

As for the kids, where do they fit into all this? Do we need to worry much about the effect of these events on them? The resiliency of children is incredible, we all know that. After a day of TV being dominated by the tragedy, our son was asking, "When are they going to stop talking about this?" I tried my best not to let him see the myriad

replays of United Flight 175 slicing into the South Tower of the World Trade Center. Thank goodness for Nick at Night.

But try as we might to shield youngsters from horror, they find out anyway. And we must deal with it. Perhaps the best way is to get them the basic facts before somebody else does. That's the advice sent home with school children in the Iredell-Statesville Schools.

"Remember, if you do not talk to your children about this incident, someone else will," the letter said. Other tips from the schools:

• With young children, answer their questions, but don't give them more details than they ask about.

• Don't deny the seriousness of the situation, but express hope and

faith that things will be all right. Finally, there's this. Some children reconcile their feelings and emotions by putting them on paper, which was what Mooresville's Christina Frye, an 8th grader at Lakeshore Middle School, did in penning this poem on Wednesday:

*why did they have to die?
what did they ever do?
they need to be in our prayers,
because it could have been me or you.*

*as innocent people were blown out of a building,
their bodies lost in the flames,
no one knew what was coming,
but the worst is what came.*

*it could have been your mom or dad,
how would you have felt?
as they were trapped in the flaming building,
no one could hear their cries for help.*

*whoever was responsible for this shameful attack,
should surely be punished for their cowardly acts.*

*many people tried to help,
some lost their lives in their brave attempts,
all should be in prayers from you and me
because we certainly don't want a World War 3!*

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