What's Up

Town meeting

The Town of Mooresville Board of Commissioners will meet on Monday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. at the municipal building. The meeting is to approve the annexation report for property located on N.C. 115, south of Mooresville.

'Godspell' coming

The musical "Godspell" is coming to the Mooresville Citizens Center auditorium next month, presented by the Mooresville Community Theatre. Performances are scheduled for Oct. 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27, all at 8 p.m. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the Citizens Center or by calling 704-662-1025.

Chamber retreat

The Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual membership retreat this weekend in Myrtle Beach. Members are meeting today through Sunday at the Ocean Reef Resort to establish a plan of action for the coming year.

Grant awarded

Teen Health, Inc. was recently awarded a $15,000 grant to sustain a program to reduce teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases among high-risk adolescents in Iredell County. The grant matches funds from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. The program seeks to increase awareness about risk-taking behavior and its consequences, foster self-esteem, increase access to clinical healthcare services, explore positive opportunities for the future, and provide ongoing support for teens with special emotional or addictive disorders.

For human services

The South Iredell/North Mecklenburg Needs Assessment and Community Assets Study Team, in conjunction with the United Way of Central Carolinas, Inc., will sponsor a community forum to explore the health and human service needs in the region on Thursday, Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church in Mooresville. RSVP is requested at (704) 371-6286.

Building dedication

The public is invited to an open house and dedication for the Iredell County Agricultural Resource Center on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 2 p.m. The dedication will be followed by a tour and light refreshments. The building is located at 444 Bristol Dr. in Statesville.

Continuing education

Registration for all classes being offered at the Mooresville Center of Mitchell Community College will be taken on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. Upcoming classes include beginning sewing, cake decorating, Internet/e-mail, and customer service. For more information, call (704) 663-1923.

New town park

The Town of Mooresville will hold the grand opening for Bellingham Park — the town's newest park — on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The park features a shelter, playground, volleyball court, walking trails, amphitheater, and two multi-purpose fields. The grand opening celebration will include town officials, face painting, Yippie the Clown and more.

Demand for flags innundates capitol

Media General News Service

WASHINGTON — While U.S. flags are hard to come by in South Iredell stores, the Stars and Stripes are flying out of congressional offices, too.

Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the U.S. House office supply store has sold about 18,000 American flags, nearly double what it sells in a typical month. The U.S. Senate office supply store has sold about 5,000 flags, about three times its monthly sales average.

"It's been overwhelming," Jimmy Broughton, chief of staff to Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., said of requests for flags from constituents. The real wave of activity is in the basement and on the roof of the U.S. Capitol where workers are scrambling to fulfill requests for flags flown over the building.

"This is extra, extra busy," Christine Benza, director of the Capitol Flag Office, said amid boxes of flags and documents certifying the flags' flight — albeit brief — over the Capitol. "They keep coming."

In her 40 years in the office, she hasn't seen anything like it. Nearly 5,000 flags in boxes snake through the hallway outside her basement office waiting for workers whose job is running flags up and down three poles on the roof of the Capitol.

The flags came to Benza's office from congressional offices, but are only flown over the Capitol at constituents' request.

Demand is so overwhelming that as of Monday six workers are working sunup to sundown to fly the flags over the Capitol, said Bruce Milhans, spokesman for the Architect of the Capitol. The flags flutter over the building for just a few seconds before they are repackaged with a certificate and sent back to the congressman or senator who requested them.

Requests from victims of the terrorist attacks and their families have priority.

With shortages of flags reported in many retail stores nationwide, not everyone cares whether his flag flies over the Capitol.

"People just want to get their hands on a flag," said Ed McDonald, chief of staff to Rep. Howard Coble. The North Carolina Republican, drove about 75 flags to his district office Saturday. He's since had nearly 200 flags shipped to keep up with demand.

The flags, available through congressional offices, sell for about $12 for a 3-x-5 flag not flown over the Capitol to $75 for a gold-fringed 3-x-5 flag that's fluttered near the dome. They come in cotton for indoor use and nylon for outdoor use and in sizes up to 5-x-8.

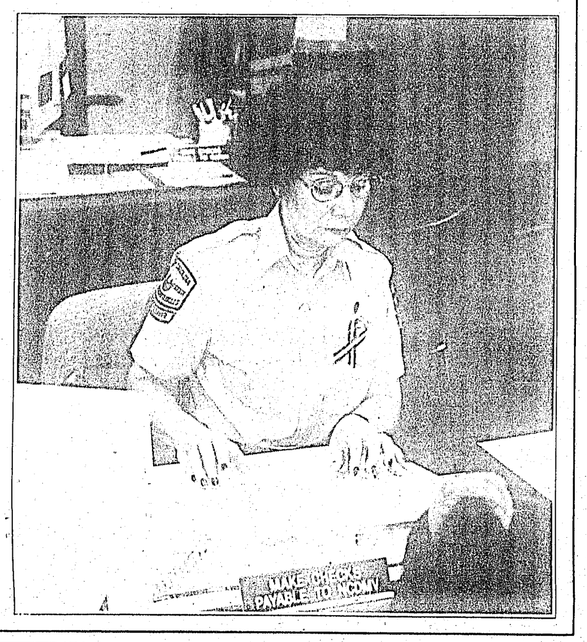
Michael McGhee, keeper of the stationery for the U.S. Senate, called in extra orders of flags Wednesday morning after the terrorist attacks. "We went through this during Desert Shield and Desert Storm, but not to this magnitude," he said.

The House office supply store has already run out of some sizes of flags; the Senate store is better stocked. "They're the only place in the world that has a good supply," said Broughton.

The flag program started in 1938 when 12 flags flew over the Capitol. Today about 120,000 flags a year fly over the building. It's unlikely that demand sparked by the recent terrorist attack will break the July 4, 1976, record when 10,471 flags flew over the building.

"It would be hard to break it because the hours of daylight are more in July than they are in September," said Milhans.

Local DMV office is a popular one



Linda McDaniel, Senior Examiner at the N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles office in downtown Mooresville, checks the paperwork of a driver's license applicant. Some days, the busy office — the only one between Statesville and Charlotte — handles as many as 200 customers. See related story on Page 1A. (Photo by Michael Roessler)

House OKs new standards for piercers

Media General News Service

RALEIGH — Body piercers, beware: New regulations designed to promote public health and dissuade youngsters from decorating their tongues, noses, navels and other body parts with glittering bits of metal soon could become law.

With little debate, the House unanimously approved a proposal that would require body piercers to apply for health-department permits and undergo inspections. The proposal would also require them to handle the disposal of such piercing equipment as needles in the same way as medical waste.

The proposed restriction must win final approval in the House before moving to the Senate.

911 system

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people in a community at one time," said Sgt. Neil Hayes of the Iredell County Sheriff's Department.

Hayes said Sheriff Phil Redmond has looked at the Reverse 911 system but hasn't decided which type to purchase. Hayes saw a similar system in the West during a series of forest fires. "It contacted 5,000 people in a few minutes to let them know to get out," Hayes said.

Hayes said the system would help locate lost children or Alzheimer's patients who may wander off. "It's a great program we need here in Iredell County."

Guard awaits word

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Europe on annual exercises. No one from the unit could be reached for details of the batallion's exercises, or when it will return.

Of the 35,000 troops Department of Defense officials propose to call up, 10,000 will come from the Army, 13,000 from the Air Force, 7,500 will be Marines, 3,000 Navy and 2,000 will be Coast Guardsmen.

All National Guardsmen across North Carolina were notified to get prepared to move in anticipation that any of the state's units could go, said Andrew Sleeth, assistant public affairs officer with the N.C. Army National Guard, located in Raleigh.

"We're a military organization," said Carver, adding that the National Guard can be called upon to help out in combat as easily as they're called upon to assist in natural disaster relief. "We fall right in line with the units that are full-time, active-duty."

The stand-by alert will ensure enough troops will be available, but for what, Sleeth said he just doesn't know.

Federal agents have named Saudi exile Osama bin Laden as the prime suspect in last week's terrorist attacks, but government leaders are giving no indication they know his exact whereabouts. They only know he may be hiding out somewhere in Afghanistan.

The evasive suspect, believed to be hiding in the mountainous terrain in Afghanistan, leaves local military leaders wondering what type of action they would actually encounter.

"We have no information whatsoever," Sleeth said.

Members of the National Guard train for possible deployment one weekend a month and two weeks a year. Natural disasters are the most common mission that guardsmen handle. A North Carolina unit was deployed on a peace-keeping mission to Bosnia last year, Sleeth said.

"The National Guard is populated with citizen soldiers," Sleeth said. "They're citizens with part-time civic careers."

Although he works at the unit full-time, Johnson said leaving his day-to-day life in Statesville would be difficult.

"It's hard to leave your family," he said. "But this is where I work, and I'm ready to go if need be."

This is the fifth time in Johnson's 10-year career in the guard that he has been placed on active stand-by. Most of the deployments were to aid in relief efforts after natural disasters such as hurricanes and floods.

This time, the call could move Johnson and his unit further from home than they're use to.

"I feel confident deploying with this unit, they're a good unit," he said. "We're ready — just waiting."

Wrapping up personal and professional affairs to prepare for a call that may or may not come can be tough, said Sgt. Carl Whitaker with the Statesville unit.

"They all have other jobs and each one is a different story," Johnson said. "As a whole there can be a lot of difficulties. A lot of it depends on their employers."

But Johnson said local support from the Statesville community has eased a lot of the frustration and fear that can surface during a national tragedy.

"You can tell by all the flags around," he said. "America is behind the president and the troops in whatever comes up. If you don't have people at home supporting you, it makes it hard. Right now, the motivation is high."

More than 14,800 North Carolinians serve in the military reserves. The N.C. National Guard has about 10,300 members in 125 units across the state; the N.C. Army reserve has about 3,000 soldiers in 96 units.

The 1.3 million men and women who serve in the reserves make up nearly one-half of the U.S. armed forces.

The last time the Ready Reserve underwent a partial mobilization was Jan. 16, 1991, during Operation Desert Storm, when 265,322 Guard members and reservists were activated.

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Crash

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, the motorcycle traveled an additional 390 feet.

It is unknown if Redfearn was under the influence of alcohol or drugs, Chandler said. Newell was not under the influence.

Redfear was wearing a helmet, and Newell was wearing her seat belt.

Chandler said the district attorney's office is being consulted to determine if any charges will be filed in the case.

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Names in the News

Teacher of year

Chris Stonestreet, a history teacher at Mooresville High School, was recently honored by Wal-Mart as its Teacher of the Year in Mooresville.

Chosen by local Wal-Mart customers, Stonestreet was presented a certificate of recognition, a vest and a $500 grant designated for a special project at the school. His name now goes into the hat for Wal-Mart's National Teacher of the Year competition.

Miss Statesville, Jamison Schwarz, made the presentation to Stonestreet.

Students recognized

Wayne Parker III of Mooresville has received te Jimmy Gibbs Award for outstandingachievement and contributions while participating in the 31st annual North Carolina Youth Legislative Assembly (YLA) in Raleigh.

The YLA is a mock legislative session patterned after the North Carolina General Assembly, during which high school students author, debate and amend legislative bills and vote on issues concerning local, state, andnational affairs.

Parker and Smargda Pitsikoulis of Denver were selected as YLA Committee Chairs of the Children and Family and the HealthAffairs committees, respectively. As Committee Chairs, they are members of the Youth Leadership Team and areresponsible for drafting legislation pertinent to their committees andpresenting that legislation at the 32nd session of the YLA.

Parker and Pitsikoulis are juniors at SouthLake Christian Academy in Huntersville. Parker is the son of C. Wayne and Susanne Parker of Mooresville. Pitsikoulis is the daughter of Mike and Ronda Pitsikoulis of Denver.

Chaplain is president

Lake Norman Regional Medical Center Chaplain Elizabeth Hyland has been appointed president of the Mooresville Area Ministerial Association. Hyland, an ordained Presbyterian minister, received her Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and completed her clinical pastoral education at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. In addition to directing the chaplaincy program, Hyland is LNRMC's Director of Volunteer Services.

Douglas scholarship

Keri Douglas has been awarded the $1,000 Chick-fil-A Leadership Scholarship which provides assistance to employees who want to further their education. "The program recognizes employees who have acquired the leadership qualities and skills necessary to be successful in life while providing an additional incentive for employees to remain dedicated and work hard," said Darin Wiggins, operator of the Chick-fil-A of Mooresville FSU, who nominated Keri for the scholarship.

In the service

Marine Corps Pvt. Craig A. Overcash, son of Della T. Overcash and Allen B. Overcash of Mooresville, has completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. Overcash is a 2000 graduate of South Iredell High School.

Grandparents' grant

Mary Kidwell, a teacher at N.F. Woods Advanced Technology & Arts Center in Mooresville, received a $300 grant from Wal-Mart for a Grandparents Day Grant. Kidwell will use the money to purchase supplies and gifts for residents at the Brian Center in Mooresville.

Montreat graduates

Two Mooresville graduates, Nedra Newton Crimi and John timothy Waddell, were August graduates of Montreat College's School of Professional and Adult Studies.

Talent winner

Blair Jackson Steinmetz of Mooresville was a top finisher in the preteen division at the Millie Lewis American Modeling and Talent Convention, held in Orlando, Fla. Blair is a client of Carolina Talent Inc. of Charlotte a modeling agency.

Harvard master's

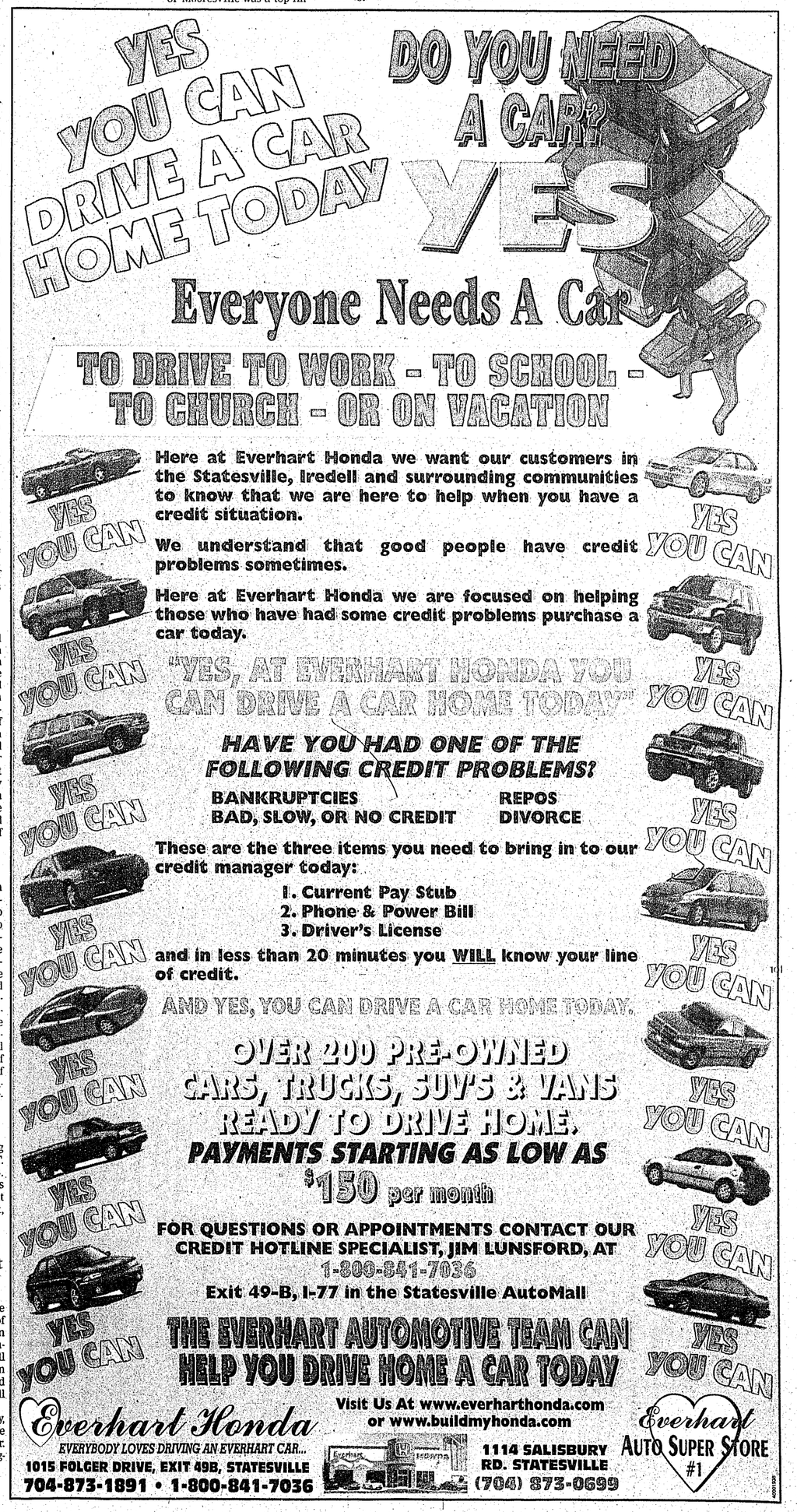
Caroline Kelly, daughter of Jerry and Nancy Kelly of Mooresville, recently received her Masters of Theology from Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass. A 1994 graduate of Mooresville High and a 1998 graduate of Davidson college, Kelly now plans to pursue a second master's degree at Brandeis University.

Teaching Fellows

Three South Iredell High graduates — Ashley Brooke Ellis, Kendall Lena Martin and Kara A. Scott — are among eight Iredell County high school graduates now attending college as part of the N.C. Teaching Fellows Program. Teaching Fellows receive $6,500 a year for four years of full-time undergraduate study, leading to a degree.

Ellis attends Appalachian State University, Martin studies at UNC-Charlotte and Scott is a student at Western Carolina University.

End-of-Life choices are topic of event at Citizens Center

Lt. Gov. Beverly Purdue will speak at the first of three "Conversations on End-of-Life Choices," sponsored by Hospice of Iredell County, Lake Norman Regional Medical Center, and the Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce.

It will be held Thursday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Mooresville Citizens Center. The program is free. To register, call (704) 664-3898.