

## What's Up

### Traffic tie-ups

Those long lines of slow-moving traffic on I-77 Monday and Tuesday were the result of guardrail installation and repair by the N.C. Department of Transportation. DOT officials said the work was done Monday on a section of southbound I-77 between exits 28 and 25, and Tuesday on the northbound side in the same location.

Motorists trying to avoid the jam-ups created long lines of traffic snaking through Mt. Mourne, Davidson and Cornelius.

### Recycling program

The Iredell County Solid Waste Department is beginning a new program to recycle paper from offices and businesses. Businesses can collect their paper and deposit it at containers at the Twin Oaks Landfill located at 354 Twin Oaks Road in Statesville. The recycling is free. For more details, call 704-928-2023.

### Hooper honors

The Winnie L. Hooper Community Center will honor three people for their years of service on Thursday, June 28 at 2 p.m. at the Mooreville Citizens Center. Those being recognized will be Dorothy Matthews, Marie Campbell, and Aurelia Stewart. For more information, call 704-663-0033.

### Holiday trash pick-up

The Town of Mooreville Public Works Department will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in honor of Independence Day. No trash will be picked up. Regular service will resume on Thursday, July 5. Wednesday's trash will be picked up on Thursday.

### Recreation programs

The Mooreville Recreation Department is offering a "Summer Playground" for children ages 6 to 13. The program runs from Monday to Friday from 12 to 5 p.m. Registration is \$10, and each session costs \$30. The sessions run from July 9 to July 13 and July 16 to July 20.

Also, the Recreation Department is offering swimming lessons for beginning and intermediate swimmers ages 6 and up. The cost is \$30 per session. The sessions run from July 9 to July 19 and July 23 to August 2. The department's swim team is also open for participation by people ages 5 to 18. Meets are held every Thursday from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and admission is free. Details: 704-663-7026.

### Damaged goods

Consumers shopping for new or used automobiles should use extreme caution as floodwaters recede as a result of Tropical Storm Allison, warns the Better Business Bureau. Unscrupulous dealers may try to profit by selling cars that have been damaged by the flooding, the BBB said Tuesday. Consumers nationwide should be on the lookout for flood-damaged vehicles transported out-of-state to be sold.

These signs may indicate whether a vehicle has been exposed to flood waters:

- A strong, musty odor resulting from mildew.
- Rusty brackets under the dash, which hold the electrical wiring in place.
- Discolored, faded or stained upholstery.
- If the carpet has been replaced, new carpet may fit loosely or may not match the interior color.

For more information, call the BBB at 704-527-0012.

# Town delays decision on utility fee hike

## Will wait to factor in a fee schedule for meter size

By MICHAEL ROESSLER

The Town of Mooreville will wait to adjust its water and sewer rates. Town Manager Rick McLean told commissioners last week at a special meeting of the town board that a decision on whether to heed a consultant's recommendation to raise the rates should be postponed. He said the town has recently completed work to identify the size of all its customers' meters, and that a fee schedule should be implemented to reflect that work. The proposed rate hikes

did not account for that information. Regardless of meter size, the town's current rate structure charges a flat, monthly fee of \$2.50 for residential customers and \$13 for commercial customers. A customer's meter size determines how much water he can draw from the system. The town also charges all customers a fee based on how much water they use.

Since the town now knows the meter size of all its customers, McLean told commissioners that a new rate study should be conducted that would charge customers a fee based on the size of the meter, not the use of that meter, be it residential or commercial. He later said that residential and commercial users with the same size meter may not be charged the exact same fee, but that the fees would likely be similar.

He highlighted that some small businesses are charged the commercial rate even though their meter size is the same as residential users. A new rate schedule based on meter size would help eliminate that disparity.

"We can create a more equitable fee structure," he said. Although it is still uncertain what the exact impact of such a change would be on the town's water and sewer rates, McLean said it will likely result in a cost increase among residential customers and a cost decrease for small business customers.

In other business, the town board voted to instruct its library consultant to compile a building program for a new library based on the expected space need of the library in the year 2010.

Phillip Barton presented the town

board with a space needs study at its regular June board meeting outlining how much space the library will likely need by the years 2010 and 2020. He told them the next step of the process was to complete a building program to specify how the library might be built to meet the expected demand and fill that space.

Mayor Al Jones said at last week's meeting that he wanted Barton to create a building plan based on the 2010 figures because the town may need to consider a branch library, not an extension of the current library, by the year 2020. The town board unanimously agreed.

The building program will thus be for a facility that is 28,000 square feet, the expected space needed by 2010. The library is currently 5,844 square feet.

## LN Regional to present 'Baby Fair'

Lake Norman Regional Medical Center's Women's Services and Community Outreach departments will host a "Baby Fair" on Saturday, June 30, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Vendors such as photographers and suppliers of infant/toddler toys will display information for expectant and new parents.

The event is free and will feature entertainment for kids and refreshments, and valuable information about preparing for and having children.

For more information, call Amy Winecoff at 704-660-4004.

## Voting

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of the town's total population — also made it difficult to redraw the districts to better ensure minority representation on the town board.

Assistant Town Manager Erskine Smith told the board at its regular June meeting that the difficulty in ensuring minority representation is two-fold: the law does not allow voting districts to be drawn solely for the purpose of guaranteeing more representation, and the town's minority population has grown at a slower rate than the town's overall population.

To increase the number of minority residents in District 2, several changes were made to the proposal commissioners received earlier this month. A portion of the Cascade area and some areas between Broad Street and Statesville Avenue were included as part of District 2. Both of those areas, which were included in District 2 during the 1990s, were previously proposed as part of District 3, which is represented by Alice Lee.

In exchange for keeping those areas in District 2, the area surrounding the Mooreville Business Park on N.C. 801 will remain in District 3. They were previously proposed to be included in District 2.

Districts 1, 3 and 4 will remain more than 85 percent white.

The newly adopted districts will be used for this fall's election.

He also said he expects the number of women and children who find shelter at My Sister's House to "dramatically increase" once it's relocated.

Some of the estimated \$2.5 million needed to build the new shelter has already been raised by volunteers seeking help throughout the county. Chandler Bryan, spearheading the fundraising efforts, said everything is "well on target," but the big push for funds began last Friday and will continue through Aug. 1.

Anyone willing to contribute or help raise funds can call Chandler Bryan at 704-872-6223 or Patti West at 704-872-4045.

## Names in the news

### Franklin finalist

"Thank You, Paul," the fourth in a series of religious children's books written and published by Mooreville's Charlotte Lundy, was one of three finalists in the Benjamin Franklin Awards competition, conducted by the

Publishers Marketing Association. "Thank You, Paul" follows Lundy's titles, "Thank You, Noah," "Thank You, Moses," and "Thank You, Mary."

Lundy's publishing company is Bay Light Publishing in Mooreville.

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