



AAUW honors math, science talent

The Statesville Branch of the American Association of University Women recently awarded area seventh and eighth grade female students with achievement awards for outstanding performance in mathematics and science. Recipients of the award (from left to right) were Lakeshore Middle School's Katie Marolt, Brawley Middle School's Courtney Dahlgren and Michelle Horn, Lakeshore Middle School's Lisa Diener, North Iredell Middle School's Jamie Hager, and Troutman Middle School's Michelle Bryant. Other recipients of the award not pictured were North Iredell Middle School's Joanna Ascencio, Troutman Middle School's Mallory Neill, and East Iredell Middle School's Jamie Burngarner.

Wagner center at Barium is winner again

The Wagner Family and Child Development Center of the Barium Springs Home for Children has received the year 2001 Early Childhood Professional Development Award. It's the third time since 1997 the Center won the award.

The Center will receive \$3,000 to be used for staff professional development opportunities, such as college tuition, professional conferences, joining professional organizations, subscribing to professional journals, and match for T.E.A.C.H. participation.

The North Carolina Institute for Early Childhood Development, the North Carolina Head Start Collaboration Project, and Child Care Services Association will present the award on June 22 in Durham.

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N. Meck towns recognized

By LORRAINE CONLON

The North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association (NCAPA) met in Charlotte last week and toured Huntersville, Cornelius and Davidson to see the effect of the towns' new emphasis on urbanism design.

The towns are trying to steer clear of developments spread out over large areas serviced by malls, but instead are honing in on the reestablishment of closer communities with smaller stores, which are easily accessible by foot. This new urbanism design gives rise to a mixed-use community with lots of open space and traditional neighborhood development to create a more interactive community.

"Our three towns are developing in a way that's different from most other towns," said Karen Floyd, director of planning at Cornelius. "Our emphasis is on a return to 'Main Street America.'"

Usually, mobile tours are held during the conference, but because of limited time, tour coordinator Craig Lewis of The Lawrence Group arranged for the delegates interested in the tour to arrive a day early. Seventy-five members turned up for the extended tour, which included Huntersville's Brookdale,

Rosedale Village, the Vermillion neighborhood and Oak Hurst, Davidson's the Doug Boone neighborhood and Davidson Park, and Cornelius's Jetton Village, town center and ending at Cornelius Town Hall.

"The members of the NCAPA had heard about the new zoning and planning codes being implemented by these towns over the years," said Lewis. "They wanted to see for themselves, firsthand, the effect of such planning."

Two presentations were made while the group was at the town hall concerning plans, which have not yet materialized: Cornelius Transit Oriented Development and Davidson's Open Space, both of which enhance the towns' new urbanism design approach.

"The mobile tour and the presentations were very well received," said Lewis. "It proved to be the most popular tour the organization has ever had as the members had an opportunity to see what the new urbanism design philosophy could produce. They were very impressed."

Lorraine Conlon is a reporter with the Tribune's sister paper in North Mecklenburg, the Davidson Gazette.

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Section B

Sports

As decisions go, this dad is right on cue

A round of golf seemed like such an ideal gift. It was a perfect fit. It wouldn't shrink. And I could do whatever I wanted with it. Go, they said. Play, they said. Have a good time, they said. Shoot low, they said. With all their blessings, it would even be a round without all that guilt that normally accompanies every backswing and is on my mind on each putt.

But a funny thing happened on the drive - no pun intended - from the driveway to the club house parking lot. Some might call it a change of heart. Me? I refer to it as a change of heart.

The family

know that perhaps the one thing I wanted most from this part Father's Day was their good blessings for a round of golf. Perhaps in the front of my mind, it was also what I wanted most. But, as odd as it may seem, there's more to the old thinning-hair noggin than just what it looks like on the outside. Maybe it was while I was all alone, heading to the first tee, when I did some uncovering and was completely surprised at what I found.

Even though this was considered the one day this summer when I could so as a I please, I began to realize just what I found most pleasing to do. That is spending the day with that family that was all so excited about sending me on my merry way in the first place. In one quick snap decision, the only ones I tend to make these days, I reversed my field, scrapped earlier plans, cancelled by tee time and made a bee line back home. I was the best of those decisions I have made in a long time.

There was the wide-eyed look on their stunned faces as I drove back up the gravel driveway. Their initial reaction was that something bad had happened. It didn't take me long to set them straight, telling them instead that, no, it was actually something good. The smiles that took the places of those earlier looks proved right off the bat that the decisions I made was the right one. Hardly had I had time to hang up my morning church clothes, correctly at that with the seams of the pants lined up just so as to not create ungangly creases, than my schedule of events began.

First, it was some back yard tosses with recently turned 15-year-old son Timothy, this after he had just been failed by lack of defensive support in a 112-pitch, losing performance not quite a day earlier in the first game of his Babe Ruth team's doubleheader. He allowed just one earned run in a 5-4 loss that inspired even the umpires to make it a point to offer him some encouragement. His own teammates were quick to point out their lack of support. Naturally, he took it in stride.

Then came the driveway basketball shooting game of C-A-T that turned into H-O-R-S-E that soon became A-N-D B-U-G-G-I-E before we called it a draw with nine-year-old daughter Jenna. She could shoot hoops from first thing in the morning until early dark, taking on all comers and daring them to win. It's uncanny how such a small girl can knock a grown man to knees.

It got better from there. There was the trip to the neighborhood swimming pool for a couple of hours of true afternoon delight. I know they can both swim, but I just can't get rid of that uneasy feeling inside each time I see them duck under. It doesn't go away until they surface again. It repeats every time they submerge.

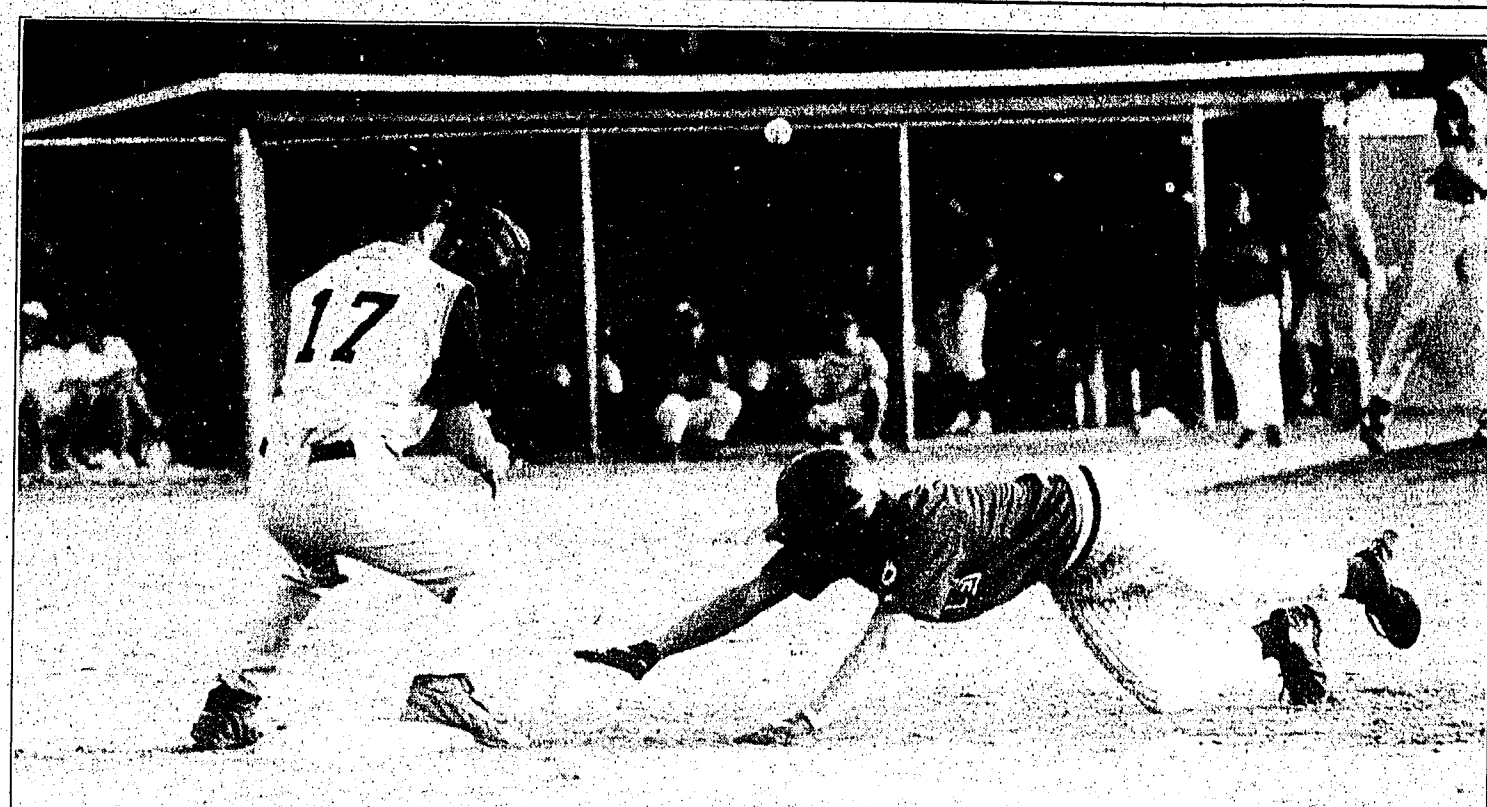
There was the backyard game of wiffle ball, using a plastic golf ball wrapped with black and white electrical tape for effect. The hard plastic bat, also wrapped with tape, made contact more times than not. I swore I was making my best pitches possible. Only I know for sure.

I can play golf anytime, most times even when I shouldn't. Choosing between a hard nine iron or a soft eight was nothing compared to the decision I made this past Father's Day. It was one I will never regret.

SPORT SIDE



with Larry Sullivan



After earning his way on base with a hit, Crum has to protect his stay there by diving back in head first trying to beat pick-off peg

Moors make run at postseason

Wins help keep Post 66 in line for a top-four finish

Mooreville's American Legion baseball team made more than just a run at enhancing its position for upcoming divisional postseason play this past weekend.

The Moors made plenty of them. In fact, during a three-game stretch that included the final two home appearances of the regular season, Gresham-Baker Post 66 rang the run-scoring bell a grand total of 33 times, cooking up a 2-1 effort in the span that all but guarantees it a top-four Southern Division of Area III finish and resulting homefield advantage for the opening of that initial playoff series later this week.

The Moors closed out the recent stretch and made a success of their home finale Saturday night, building leads of 5-0 and 8-1 before ringing up an 8-2 decision over South Rowan.

A night earlier, and against another Rowan County squad, a double-digit run output

reached by the posting of seven tallies combined over the course of the seventh and eighth innings merely forged a late-game tie before the surrendering of a single run in the top of the ninth resulted in an offense-filled, 13-12 defeat.

Mooreville tipped off the spree in its final non-league effort of the fast-dying season Thursday night, using four multiple-run innings on its own behalf to offset two managed by host Surry County that produced a 13-12, extra-inning verdict also dominated by offensive fireworks.

Combined, the outcomes serve to push the Moors of veteran head coach Whitey Meadows - who in that regular-season home finale Saturday was showered before play by special appearances from nine players off his inaugural 1971 team - to the 14-9 mark overall, including a 9-4, SD-Area III ledger that regardless of what takes place in this week's

regular-season finale still places them among the top four and earns them the homefield, first-round edge.

Saturday night, on the Mooreville Senior High field, coach Meadows was floored before the game by the special appearances from those off the 1971 team, and those on this year's squad made sure the night ended on just such a high note as well.

The hosts jumped ahead by a 4-0 count in the bottom half of the fourth, scored two runs to take a 6-1 lead after seven complete innings and plated a final run in the home half of the eighth to more than weather the guests' ninth-inning charge that netted but a single run. South Rowan scored its only other run in the top of the sixth.

South Iredell product and rising sophomore Brent Frye pitched all nine innings.

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Oldies but goodies

Reunion surprises former boss

They would have been hard pressed to get back into the uniforms they wore those 30 seasons ago.

Nonetheless, the nine players - enough to form one full line-up - able to attend the final regular-season home for Mooreville's American Legion baseball team were sure a pleasure to see for veteran head coach Whitey Meadows Saturday night.

Thanks to some heavy legwork and numerous phone calls from oldest daughter and middle child Susan Haire, members of the first team coached by Meadows during the late spring and early summer of 1971 were on hand to make a personal and surprising visit.

For a head coach who has had a direct hand in just about every phase of the team's operation

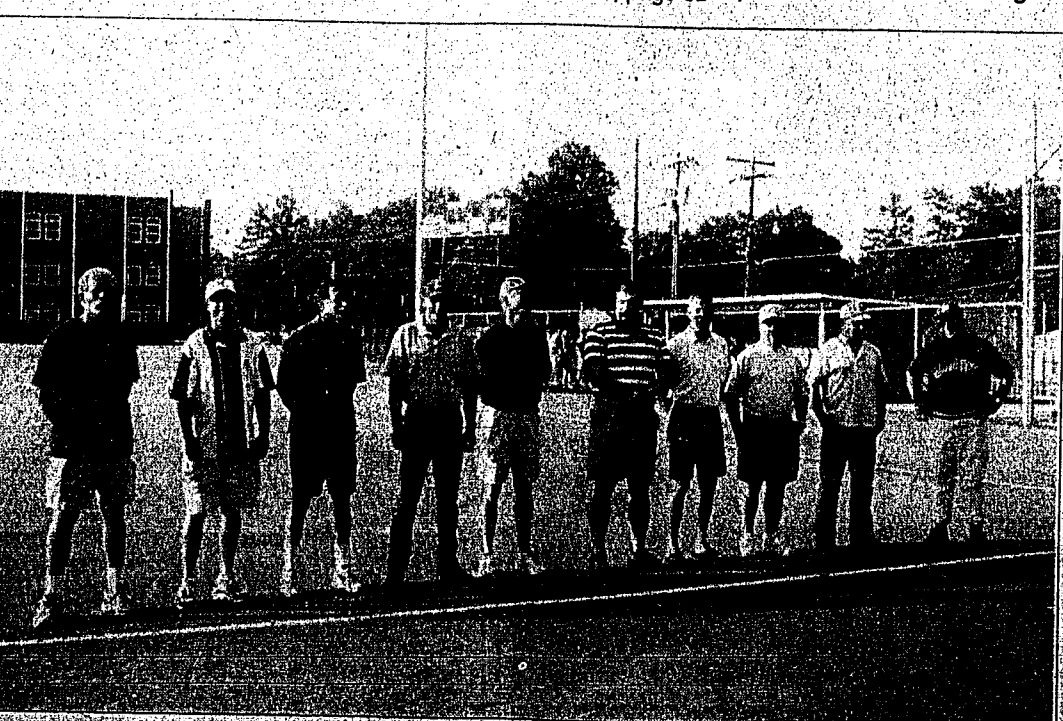
since he returned to mentor a program in which he was once a player, the special appearances brought even Meadows off guard.

Prior to the regular team player introductions that take place before every game, Meadows was asked to step to home plate to heard a special public address announcement recognizing his past 30 years as the team's head coach. It was after a list of his past accomplishments was revealed when, one-by-one, a total of nine members of that very first team stepped from behind the home team's dugout alone the Mooreville Senior High School's third-base dugout and approached their smiling former coach.

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Meadows' son, right, first to arrive, does so with a hug



L-R: Nantz, Rinehardt, Caldwell, Overcash, Meadows, Lineberger, Cashion, Belk, Triplett, coach

Moors fill roster for county unit

The roster of Mooreville's American Legion baseball team reads like a virtual who's-who of players earning spots on this spring's All-Iredell County squad.

Of the 14 players so selected and made official late last week, five of them are this season donning Gresham-Baker Post 66 blue and red uniforms.

Of the five current Moors who are landed all-county honors, three tote with them ties to South Iredell High School's varsity program, while the other two boast a direct association with the Mooreville Senior High varsity program. All total, four from the Vikings and three from the Blue Devils are on the all-county roster.

From Mooreville, those earning All-Iredell, first-team selection and play for the Moors include outfielder Ronald Crum and pitcher Tyler Lackey. Crum batted .320 for the Devils and collected 10 runs batted in while also stealing six bases. Lackey was the team's winningest pitcher despite being just a freshman, finishing 4-4 with a earned run average under two per game.

Also making all-county from Mooreville but this season not wearing a Moors uniform is infielder/pitcher Noah Johnson. He hit .325 for the Devils with 18 runs batted in and was the only member of the team to merit all-Western Foothills Conference honors.

From South Iredell, the three current Moors receiving all-Iredell status feature those representing the pitching, infielding and outfielding positions.

From the first, Chris Mills, who also played infield, was good for a strikeout per inning and finished with an ERA of under one.

As infielder, Seth Graham made

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