

# Intimidators' busy week to feature final Martin visit

Already involved in hectic duties regarding every home series, Mooresville's Todd Parnell will have added responsibilities surrounding this week's Kannapolis Intimidators schedule.

As vice-president and general manager of the single-A, Chicago White Sox minor league baseball affiliate, Parnell will be making arrangements surrounding the team's two doubleheaders forced by earlier-season rainouts as well as securing the red-carpet treatment in anticipation of the season's final appearance by a hometown umpire.

Mooresville's Brian Martin, a member of one of the South Atlantic League's eight two-man officiating crews, will be making

the last of his scheduled regular-season appearances at the Intimidators' home Fieldcrest Cannon Stadium. He will be arriving to help officiate a three-game set between the hosts and visiting Lakewood Blueclaws, a team that also has a tie to the Kannapolis team.

The Blueclaws are first-year affiliates of the Philadelphia Phillies, replacing the Intimidators as that parent organization's affiliate at the single-A level.

As part of ceremonies acknowledging Martin's arrival, the Mooresville Family YMCA is among the local organizations planning special festivities. The Y has worked with the Intimidators offi-

cial to offer a block of tickets during Saturday night's game for any and all Mooresville fans to attend the game. Those tickets must be purchased at the stadium, but those interested can contact local YMCA organizers.

Martin and fellow crew member Anthony Wilder will be on site for all three games of the series that starts Friday night. It will be the culminating part of what constitutes the host Intimidators longest and most game-filled homestand remaining in the regular season.

That came about as twinbills were tabled to be held both Wednesday and Thursday evenings against the Delmarva Shorebirds after earlier single games between

those foes were postponed by rain. Barring more weather delays, Kannapolis is then on track to stay at home and host the Blueclaws through Sunday. It's the next-to-last home appearances of the regular season for a team still struggling to find a way to get into the South Atlantic League playoffs.

The Intimidators, with a local ownership base due to the purchase of a third of the team stock during the off-season by the late Dale Earnhardt, fielded the third-best record in all of the minor league system during the first half of league play but wound up second within their own Northern Division. The only way they can make the playoffs is by winning the

season's second half or hope the first-half winner repeats and they wound up with the best overall record of any other division member.

During this week's doubleheaders, the first of two planned seven-inning games will begin at 6:05 p.m. each day. Regular-scheduled times for the series games with Mooresville's Martin among the umpire crew are 7:05 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2:05 p.m. Sunday.

The Intimidators will open their final at-home season Aug. 23, a four-game span highlighted by the annual Fan Appreciation Night that will feature a fireworks show after the game on Aug. 25.

## Simpson to receive special award

Talk about your poetic justice.

Bill Simpson, who recently resigned from his post as head of Simpson Performance Products due to what he felt was undue criticism and resulting overdue stress following the death of NASCAR Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt, received a healthy dose of just that late last week.

Simpson has been selected to receive the Smokey Yunkin Award that recognizes lifetime achievement in auto racing to individuals whose lifelong efforts have had a major impact on the motorsports industry.

He was a unanimous selection for this year's award, which will be presented during pre-race ceremonies surrounding the Oct. 7 UAW-GM Quality 500 at Lowe's Motor Speedway, during a gathering July 26, five days before he announced his resignation from the Mooresville-based company.

"There certainly is no one more deserving of this honor than Bill Simpson," praised H.A. "Humpy" Wheeler, president and general manager of Lowe's Motor Speedway. "I

don't think we can ever measure how many drivers' and even crew members' lives have been saved or how many injuries have been prevented because of Bill's work."

Despite that way of thinking by many Simpson and his company have come under scrutiny particularly by NASCAR after a report indicated that a lap belt broke during the crash that left Earnhardt, a seven-time title champion and perhaps the most recognized of all drivers in all of auto racing, dead from injuries during the final lap of the Daytona 500 in February.

Simpson turned in his resignation citing stress from that report that led to his death threats and harassment on the part of his employees.

"The amount of disrespect shown me in my position," cited Simpson after making his resignation official, "over the last five months has been hard for me to swallow."

He continues to maintain that NASCAR has made him a scapegoat in the wake of the investigation surrounding Earnhardt's death. The offi-

cial release of those finding from the sport's sanctioning body is due at some point this month.

"His resignation has concerned a lot of us in the motorsports industry," assured Wheeler, who will be the one presenting the award. "We hope he will one day bring his wisdom and talents back to the business."

"Being a former driver himself," added Wheeler, "Bill has the unique ability to understand the drivers and their safety needs. He has extremely high standards and his emphasis on quality is simply unmatched in the industry."

The blue ribbon panel that determines the Smokey Yunkin Award recipient met in late July and selected Simpson in the unanimous vote. The award was instituted several years ago by legendary car owner and mechanic Smokey Yunkin, who passed away May 11 at the age of 71.

Previous winners of the award include Ralph Moody, Banjo Matthews, Bud Moore and Cotton Owens.

## Clippers shoot down chatter by capturing crown

The talk stops here.

The Mo'Styles Clippers cut short chatter of a Mooresville Summer Basketball League sweep and instead provided the circuit with something else to talk about following the completion of the annual single-elimination postseason tournament last weekend.

With seeded entries living up to expectations throughout the two rounds and as many days of play in the Mooresville Middle School gym Saturday and Sunday afternoons, the Clippers sailed to a 95-70 victory in the latter's finals over top-seeded Run & Gun to avenge a regular-season finale defeat at the hands of an entry that claimed dibs on that championship based solely on point differential in head-to-head games between the two.

The finals featured the widest margin of any of the total of five tournament games played.

With the win, the Clippers, who officially shared first with an 11-3 overall record, completed a two-game ride through the postseason, fueled by the MVP Rodney Gidney. He scored 20 or more points in both wins, just missing the top single-game output of any postseason performer, to haul away one of the number of individual and team awards presented following the finals.

The Clippers were able to reach the field's finals by overcoming a halftime deficit to power past Cleveland, 89-82, just after Run & Gun became the first finals qualifier with a come-from-behind, 74-62 triumph of its own over Statesville Bam in the final day's first game.

Both Bam, courtesy of a first-round, 62-58 sweating past the Ballers, and Cleveland, via a 79-62 outsting of the Statesville Allstars, kept their tourney hopes alive with wins on the

opening day of tournament play.

While Gidney was recognized as the tournament's top individual, he was joined by a number of players in receiving honors based on regular-season efforts.

Run & Gun member Robbie Waldrop collected the league MVP trophy primarily due to this rank atop the circuit's per-game scoring leaderboard. Clippers teammates Jason Hooper and Keyo Black were deemed the most improved and top defensive players, respectively, while Bam's Charles Sharpe earned the nod of best in the sportsmanship category. Mo'Styles' Tory Torrence was declared the MSBL's Coach of the Year.

In the only tournament competition that took place, Bam's James Bellamy claimed his second three-point shooting title.

Each member of the Run & Gun team received individual trophies marking their membership on the first-place squad during the regular season. Team first-place tournament and regular-season, runner-up awards were presented to the Clippers.

All trophy presentations were made by Jeff Little, MSBL president.

**Tournament results**  
**Finals:**  
Clippers 95, Run & Gun 70.  
C: Gidney 22, Roberts 18, RG: Thomas 23, Cuthbertson 19.

**Semifinals**  
Clippers 89, Cleveland 82.  
C: Roberts 25, Gidney 20.  
Cle: Dante Minter 22, Jimmy Hubbard 23.  
Run & Gun 74, Bam 62.  
RG: Cuthbertson 23. B: McKee 13.

**First-round**  
Bam 62, Ballers 58.  
Bam: McKee 11. Bal: Max McLaughlin 18.  
Cleveland 79, Allstars 62.  
C: Hubbard 21. A: Bryan Summers 19.

## Rowan Co, Area III denied state crown

The North Carolina representative in the upcoming Southeast Regional won't be flying the Area III banner after all.

With completion early this week in the N.C. American Legion Championship, both Area III entries, including the one hailing from its Southern Division, were eliminated even before reaching the event's finals, thus denying them the right to advance.

From the SD-Area III, regular-season champion Rowan County turned in a 1-2 record, suffering a loss in the double-elimination attraction's final

game to a familiar foe in Northern Division entry Asheboro.

Those same two teams met in a best-of-seven series for the Area III championship, won by Asheboro by one run in the seventh and deciding game. "That series was held only to determine the teams' respective seeds for the state tournament, as the top to squads from each of the state's four areas all earned the right to reach the state finals."

Rowan Co./Salisbury had the deck stacked against it from the start of the week-long affair held at Garner High School. Matched up

against a Wilmington team whose program boasted of more previous state titles than any other in the field in first-round play, the SD-Area III champs watched along fly ball die at the warning track to absorb a 5-2 defeat and drop into the loser's bracket.

There, Rowan was able to survive off the fear of becoming the first of the field's entries to be eliminated, posting a staying-alive, 6-5 edging of Rutherford County to earn a second loser's bracket game. In that affair, an early deficit appeared to doom Salisbury's chances before a 10-run rally gave it a two-run lead. Asheboro then

scored the game's final three runs to bag the 14-13 win.

That effort seemed to also drain the life from the Area III's only other entry, as Asheboro fell in its next game to also suffer elimination.

Shelby Post 82 wound up going through the event undefeated, capping the feat with a 4-3 nipping of tourney host Garner Monday, to win its first state title since back-to-back titles in 1957 and 1958. As the state champion, Shelby will meet the Georgia state champion in the first round of the Southeast Regional beginning Aug. 16 in Albany, Ga.

## MWGA excels at home, on the road

Whether at home or on the road, the Mooresville Women's Golf Association showed its strength on the golf course recently.

On its home Mooresville Municipal Golf Course, the MWGA formed nine groups of three players each and ganged up on the host facility's professionals to post a clean sweep of all matches in an annual Beat the Pros contest.

Also, in Catawba League play held at the Cowan's Ford Country Club, the local ladies group forged a solid performance by accounting for a total of two first-place

finishes and combining efforts to log four thirds and seven thirds in net and/or gross play.

In the Beat the Pros affair held on their home track, all MWGA groups got the best of pros Charlie Roberts, Jeremy Elliott and Brian Salliers, taking top in-house honors in all groupings. Topping the point total among the winner was the score of plus-14 under the three-person team format in which a points system was employed.

In the Catawba League tour stop held at Cowan's Ford, notching firsts featured Roberta Leonelli in

gross in the sixth flight, Joyce Hladik in net in the sixth flight, and Gail Shook in net in the seventh flight.

Accounting for seconds included Kathi Fox in gross in the third flight, Nancy Goodrum in net in the fourth flight, Sadie Daniels in the fifth flight, Dot Henderson in gross in the eighth flight, and Diane Hurlbut in net in the eighth flight.

Completing the showing with thirds were Jo Ann Massey in net in the first flight, Karen Willard in gross in the third flight, Sarah Little in net in the fourth

flight, Dolores Booth in gross in the sixth flight, Nell Paul in gross in the seventh flight, Marie Smith in net in the seventh flight, and Gale Hunsuck in net in the eighth flight.

The MWGA conducts regular events on its home course as well as competes in both the Catawba and Pothills League tours.

## Three teams manage to beat pros

Mooresville Municipal Golf Course's host professionals wound up deflecting more pot shots than they did allowing them to find their intended mark during the facility's inaugural Mooresville Golf Association's Beat the Pros challenge earlier this month.

The staff PGA team comprised of Charlie Roberts, the 18-hole public domain's golf director, and Jeremy Elliott, the PGA pro, posted a scratch two-man, best-ball score of two-under par 70 that was set up as the score to beat by the field of 11 two-player teams making use of a percentage of their combined handicaps.

When all was said and done, despite the disadvantage put into place by allowing the challengers to use some of their respective handicaps, only three of the teams managed to card scores that did in fact beat the pros.

The one doing it: the best was the duo of Mike Frye and Eric Barnhardt, who combined their shots to craft a round of 10-under par 62 and easily better the target score.

Other twosomes also beating the professionals at their own game included those made up of Dick Willard and Virgil Ehler

doing so with a score of 67, and Matt Hilton and Joe Greene, firing a combined score, four-under 68.

For winning, each member of the victorious twosome was able to receive double its initial investment towards a gift certificate from the host course's pro shop.

That left the other teams in the field coming up short in their quest to out-score the professionals. Players on those teams included: Ronnie Clodfelter and Freddie Rinehardt; Larry Brawley and Richard Bradshaw; Bob Bowman and Rusty Russell; Bob Bernardo and Eric Frye; Larry Ingle and Jimmy Moore; and Herman and Dwayne Thompson.

The event accounted for July's MGA attraction as part of the year-long agenda of special affairs taking place.

The next scheduled outing will take place in the form of the annual MGA Club Championship, set to be played Aug. 25-26. Registration for that two-day, individual stroke play event which will be flanked by individual handicaps will begin later this month.

Davidson Day School (formerly Acclaim Academy) begins its third year with a new name and new leadership.

Davidson Day offers a classic liberal arts education, small class sizes for individualized attention, and an extended day program.

A few openings remain in certain classes for the coming year. For more information or to arrange a visit, call us at (704) 896-3585.

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## Meetings, etc.

A listing of regular area meetings

A weekly listing of upcoming meetings, classes and other events in South Iredell and the region (all telephone numbers have 704 area codes unless otherwise noted):

### Run for office

Candidates who want to run for office in this year's municipal election may file in the clerk's office at the Mooresville Town Hall until noon on Aug. 8, or by noon on Aug. 10 at the Iredell County Board of Elections in Statesville. The filing fee is \$5.

### Become a cop

Mitchell Community College will offer two Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) classes in the fall semester. A day BLET class will begin on Monday, Aug. 20 at 8 a.m. The night BLET class will begin on Monday, Sept. 10 at 5:30 p.m. This program certifies individuals to become law enforcement officers in the North Carolina. For more information, contact Gordon Knight at 704-878-3253.

### Boating safety course

Boating safety courses will be held at the following times and places during the month of August:  
• Lake Wylie Library, Saturday, Aug. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. To register, call Scott Spivey at (704) 587-7054.

• Rocky Mount United Methodist Church, Mooresville, Saturday, Aug. 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To register, call (704) 663-3333.

### Give blood

The Lake Norman Regional Medical Center, along with the American Red Cross, will sponsor a blood drive on Friday, Aug. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Community Room A. All persons 17 years or older and weighing at least 110 pounds are encouraged to donate.

### Wheelchairs available

Miracle on Wheels offers electric wheelchairs to non-ambulatory senior citizens (65 years or older), usually at no expense. No deposit is required. The chairs are provided to those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair. The service may also be available for the permanently disabled of any age. For more information, call 1-800-749-8778 or visit the company's web site at [www.durablemedical.com](http://www.durablemedical.com).

### LNCW Club meeting

The Lake Norman Christian Women's Club will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 21, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Peninsula Country Club in Cornelius. Cost is \$12 inclusive.

Special feature will be Habitat for Humanity and guest speaker, Lou Ardrey will discuss the tools needed to build and maintain our spiritual lives. Reservations call Denise, 704-895-9084 or Ingrid, 704-948-9405.

### Youth intervention

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Iredell County, Inc. is launching its new Youth Enhancement Services (YES) Program, which will use prevention and intervention techniques to provide guidance to at-risk male youths between the ages of 13 and 19. For more information, call 662-3238.

### Class reunions

• The Mooresville High School Class of 1991 will have a 10-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 25. The planning committee is in the process of gathering mailing addresses in order to notify class members. If you can provide addresses, contact Sarah Brawley at 303-554-7010.

• The South Iredell Class of 1991 will have a 10-year reunion on Sept. 22 at the Mooresville Citizens Center. Help is needed to track down as many of our classmates as possible. Please e-mail any current addresses to Jennifer Hager Eland at [jeland@carolinanet.com](mailto:jeland@carolinanet.com) or call 704-947-2787 for additional details.

• The 21st reunion of the 1980 graduates of South Iredell High School will be held Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Black Angus Grill in Statesville from 7 p.m. until midnight. Also there will be a family picnic during the hours of 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Duke Power State Park. For more info call Jerlyn Fortner Dismond at 704-528-3318 or e-mail [dismond@statesville.net](mailto:dismond@statesville.net).

### Mothers of Multiples

Lake Norman Mothers of Multiples meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Cornelius. For more information, call Lisa Delano at 704-662-0779.

### Book discussion

"Chapters," a women's book discussion group, is forming in Mooresville. The group meets the second Thursday of each month at Jav. Jim's Coffeehouse, at the Bradley Commons shopping center, with two sessions available: 9:30

11:30 a.m. or 7-9 p.m. For more information, or the book title, call Fran at 664-5536.

### CG Auxiliary

Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 18-1, located on Lake Norman, meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Midway Marina Restaurant. Dinner (optional) is at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. Anyone welcome.

### Help the animals

The Iredell County Humane Society needs volunteers and funds for numerous Society programs, including the spay-neuter program, shelter adoption subsidy, adoption, pet therapy and humane education. For more information on helping or contributing, call the Humane Society at 704-871-2594. Donations are tax deductible.

### DAR meetings

Daughters of the American Revolution meet monthly and for date and location call Miriam Smith, 704-948-7327.

### Living Single

The South Iredell Senior Center is offering a "Seniors Living Single" support group for area seniors who are single. The group is intended to provide an avenue for single seniors to meet others interested in companionship and friendship. Questions? Call Debbie at 662-3337.

### AARP meeting

The American Association of Retired Persons, Mooresville-South Iredell Chapter 3224, meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the South Iredell Senior Center in the Mooresville Citizens Center. For more information, call Jo Ann Morrow at 948-5967.

### Alzheimer's support

The Alzheimer's Family Support Group of Mooresville meets the first Monday following the first Sunday of every month, at 7 p.m. at the Peninsula Baptist Church on Brawley School Road. The support group is affiliated with the Alzheimer's Association/Carolina Piedmont Chapter. For more information, call 799-2712 or 532-7390.

### Genealogical Society

The Genealogical Society of Iredell County meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Iredell County Public Library auditorium, 135 E. Water St. in Statesville. For details, call 664-1717.

### Getting a GED

Area residents who would like to obtain their General Equivalency Diploma (GED) can begin that pursuit immediately through the Mooresville Recreation Department's Winnie Hooper Center. Each Tuesday and Thursday, from 6-8 p.m., GED classes are being offered. For more information, call the Center at 663-0033.

### Lakeside Business Leaders

Lakeside Business Leaders invites local business professionals from new and established Lake Norman area businesses to join the group. The organization meets every Friday for lunch at the Texas Steakhouse in Mooresville. Networking begins at 11:45 a.m., while the hour-long business meeting begins at noon. For more information, call Gail Sears at 662-9443 or 965-3954.

### Model airplane club

The R.C. Wingers, a radio-controlled model airplane club in Mooresville, meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. During Daylight Savings Time, the club meets at its flying site on Patterson Farm Road. Winter meetings are at Fair View United Methodist Church in Mt. Mourne. For more information, call 663-2776 or 664-3498.

### Amateur astronomers

The Astronomical Society of Rowan County meets monthly at the home of Ellen Trexler. For more information, call (704) 636-1399 or (704) 857-2788.

### Lake Norman After 5

The Lake Norman After 5 Christian Women's Club meets the third Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at the Mooresville Citizens Center. For details, call 483-7494, 663-7811 or 857-2998.

### Evening Quilters

The Mooresville Evening Quilters meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Mooresville Middle School.

### Mothers & More

The Lake Norman chapter of Mothers & More (formerly called FEMALE) meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Huntersville Community

Room, 107 S. Old Statesville Road (N.C. 115). The national, non-profit organization provides support to women who have altered their career paths to accommodate motherhood. Mothers who work full-time, part-time or are stay-at-home moms are welcome. For details, call 393-2734 or email the organization at: [mothersandmore@mindspring.com](mailto:mothersandmore@mindspring.com)

### Support for families

Families Anonymous, a 12-step self-help support program for parents, grandparents, relatives and friends who are concerned about and affected by the substance abuse or behavioral problems of a loved one, meets Fridays at 7 p.m. at the House of Hope, 48 Selma Drive in Mooresville. Organizers urge family members, but not the loved one experiencing the problem, to attend. Also, children under 15 are discouraged from attending. The program is free. For more information, call 799-1945.

### Hispanic ministry

Central United Methodist Church sponsors a ministry of assistance, information and referral to Mooresville's growing Hispanic community. The ministry, named "Comunidad en Unidad" (Community in Unity), offers weekly assistance on Wednesdays from 1-5 p.m. at the church. Spanish-speaking residents are encouraged to take advantage of the service.

### Stroke support

Pamela Laroche, a stroke survivor, leads the Mooresville Stroke Support Group at the South Iredell Senior Center in the Mooresville Citizens Center at 1 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month.

### Jolly Travelers

The Jolly Travelers of First Baptist Church of Cornelius — offering recreation, travel and ministry opportunities to senior adults — meets the second Tuesday of each month at the church. For more information, call Margaret Smith at 875-9306.

### Surveyors meet

The Lake Norman Surveyor Chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m., at Lew's Fine Foods in Mooresville.

### Moms In Touch

A number of Moms in Touch prayer groups, which pray for their children and the schools they attend, meet weekly in the Mooresville area. For meeting times and locations, call Karen Ledbetter at 662-3076.

### Lake watchdogs

The Lake Norman Cove and Creek Keepers meet the first Thursday of every month from 7-9 p.m. at Berea Baptist Church west of Mooresville. Anyone interested in volunteering time as the environmental "eyes and ears" of the lake is invited. For more information, call Norah Dahlen at 892-4079.

### Fibromyalgia support

A Fibromyalgia support group meets the first Tuesday of each month at St. Philip's Catholic Church in Statesville, and the second Monday of each month at St. Therese Catholic Church in Mooresville. Both sessions are at 7 p.m. For more information, call Dee at 924-7384.

### Turkey Federation

Are you interested in wildlife conservation or just spending more time outdoors? The National Wild Turkey Federation is starting a chapter in the Mooresville area. The organization works to preserve wild turkey habitats and serve as a watchdog for the hunting of the birds. For more information,