

What's Up

A library friend

The Mooresville Public Library has added another local business to its list of sponsors. Fairfield Inn, Mooresville's newest hotel, will donate \$1,030 to the Friends of an Aug. 23 grand-opening ceremony. Also, the hotel will donate room proceeds to the Friends for guests on Thursday, Aug. 23 or Friday, Aug. 24 who ask that the cost of the room be donated to the organization. The hotel will also continue to give to the organization in years to come, as 5 percent of the yearly proceeds from the rental of the hotel's meeting room will be donated to the Friends.

Class reunions

•The South Iredell High School class of 1995 will hold its sixth-year reunion — "From Geek to Chic" — on Sept. 22 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Holiday Inn in Cornelius (I-77/Exit 28). Cost is \$40/person and includes dinner, a deejay and dance floor. After Sept. 1, cost jumps to \$50/person. If you're a graduate or know how to contact one, or for more information, call Jaime Gatton at 704-658-0824 or email jaimegatton@hotmail.com.

•The Mooresville High School class of 1991 will hold its ten-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 25 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Jillian's in Concord Mills. RSVP is requested at (704) 979-1700.

Book signing

Mooresville author Vivian Meletis will sign copies of her new book, "Adventures of Rosie Rabbit", Saturday at the Mooresville Public Library. The signing session will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meletis's book is illustrated by Huntersville's Kathe Cedrone Rocket.

All you can eat

Mooresville Masonic Lodge will have an all-you-can-eat breakfast on Saturday, Aug. 18, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Cost is \$5 per person. The Lodge is located on Institute Street, next to the downtown post office.

Beach music

The Staircase Band will perform beach music at Cornelius's Jetton Village on Friday, Aug. 17 from 6 to 10 p.m. The event is free and food and beverages will be available.

Be a scout

Girl Scout registration will be held for girls in Iredell County on Thursday, Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. Girls who live in South Iredell can register at the Mooresville Citizens Center. For more information, call (828) 328-2444 or (800) 328-8388.

5K Power Run

The Mooresville Family YMCA will hold its annual Health Fair and 5K Power Run on Saturday, Aug. 18. The run benefits the YMCA's Community Outreach Program. Lake Norman Regional Medical Center will host the health fair, which will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The cost of admission is free. To register for the run or for more information, call (704) 716-4000.

'Godspell' auditions

The Mooresville Community Theatre will hold auditions for the musical "Godspell" on Monday, Aug. 20 and Wednesday, Aug. 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Mooresville Citizens Center. Roles are available for men and women. For more information, call 704-662-9107.

Iredell deputies nab 3 on Ecstasy charges

Iredell sheriff's deputies have arrested three Charlotte men on charges of selling Ecstasy.

Lago Lavelle Weaver II, 22; Jonathan Russell Counts, 23; and Luther Thomas Smith, 24, were all charged last Friday following a two-month undercover investigation by Iredell sheriff's deputies and State Bureau of Investigation agents.

Ecstasy is a designer drug that is becoming more prevalent in Iredell

County among the 18 to 23 age group, said Sgt. C. Harris, Jr. Ecstasy is made from a combination of drugs including cocaine and amphetamines. Often makers use other narcotics.

Some call it "X" or "rolls" and the drug is popular for its euphoric highs. Many makers use emblems on the pills such as the Nike swoosh and the Playboy bunny. The first buy Harris made had a Reebok shoe sym-

bol on it. Another quantity had P2 for Playstation 2.

The drug sells for about \$25 to \$40 per pill on the streets.

Harris began investigating what he calls the fairly large operation at the first of July. On two separate occasions, he bought quantities of 30 pills and 19 pills.

During the third and final buy, Harris bought 100 pills, he said. One hundred is the amount that leads to

a trafficking charge. The total street value of all the buys was about \$4,000. "You normally don't see this many at one time," he said. "It's usually just two or three pills at a time."

Weaver and Counts were both charged with felony trafficking of ecstasy. Smith was charged with conspiracy to sell ecstasy.

All three are being given a \$50,000 secured. Other charges and arrests are pending, Harris said.

Mayor

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offer transportation alternatives, such as a Park & Ride. "I think the town should look at trying to help ease traffic," he said.

Town commissioners voted unanimously in May to explore the development of a rush-hour commuter bus service between here and Charlotte. The Charlotte Area Transit System is currently working on the program's development.

Knutsen also said he wants to work with area business leaders to attract foreign companies to Mooresville, as well as large companies like Lowe's Companies Inc., which plans to build a portion of its headquarters here in the coming years.

Blackwelder did not return calls from the Tribune.

This will be the third consecutive election year that Mooresville's mayoral race will include a primary. In 1997, longtime Mayor Joe Knox competed against

Knutsen and Jim Carr. Knutsen was eliminated in the primary, and Knox was chosen in the general election to serve his 15th — and final — term in office. In 1999, then-Commissioner Al Jones competed against Commissioner Bob Randall and Scott Brown. Brown was eliminated in the primary, and Jones won in the November election.

A primary will be held on Oct. 9 to whittle the race to two candidates. The general election will be held on Nov. 6.

Voters must register by Sept. 14 to vote in the primary and by Oct. 12 to vote in the general election. For more information, call 704-878-3141.

Commissioners Frank Owens, Alice Lee and Mitchell Mack are unopposed in their reelection bids.

Mooresville Graded School District Board of Education Chairman Frank Fields and board member Karen Hart are also running unopposed for reelection.

In Troutman, Alderman Larry Ellis will square off against Gene Holman and R.J. Wilson. Two of the three will be elected to the board. Incumbent Paul Henkle is not running for reelection.

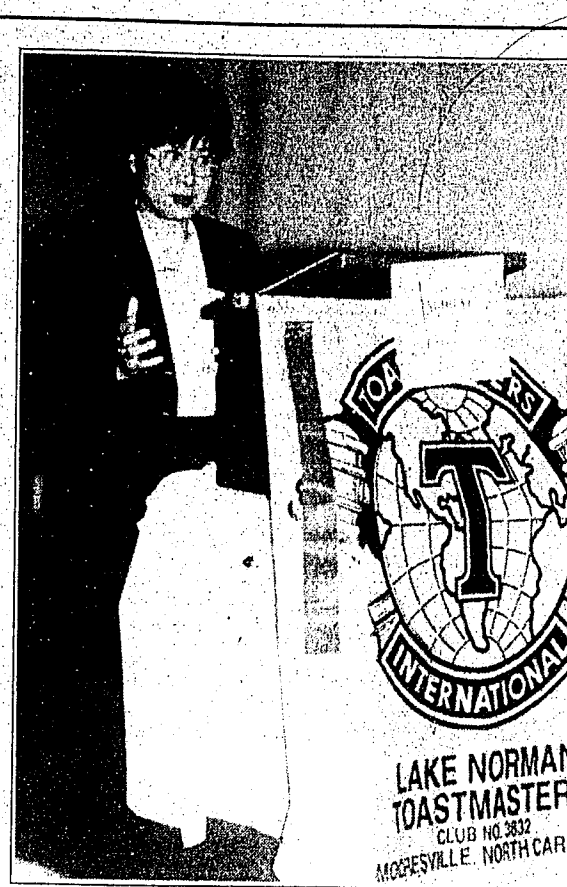
County and state office holders do not face reelection this year.

Auditions set

The Statesville-based Oldie Towne Players will have auditions for two one-act plays on Aug. 21 and 22, from 6-8 p.m. at the Iredell Arts Council.

For details, call 704-664-0968.

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Toast of the town

Fancy Yeun, a member of the Lake Norman Toastmasters Club, speaks to fellow members during a recent meeting. Yeun, originally from Hong Kong, is vice president for finance at IR PowerWorks. Toastmasters is an international organization that helps its members hone the skills of speaking, listening, and thinking. The Lake Norman branch meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the upstairs room of Rosetti's Italian Restaurant in Cornelius. For more information, call (704) 663-1761.

Names in the news

Dean's scholarship

Amy Armstrong of Troutman was one of only eight incoming freshmen at Greensboro College to receive the Dean's Scholarship. Students selected for the award — which pays up to half of tuition and fees — had an average grade-point-average of 3.68 and an average SAT score of 1164.

Armstrong is the daughter of Ronald Evans and Sherry Beaver. Armstrong of Troutman. She graduated from South Iredell High School.

At workshop

Thomas Chester, an instructor at N.E. Woods Advanced Technology & Arts Center in Mooresville recently joined 20 other educators from across the nation for a three-day intensive continuing education workshop in Chicago for carpentry educators.

The "Train-the-Trainers" program is designed in part to help address the continued widespread labor shortage that is adversely impacting the building and construction trades.

In the service

Marine Corps Pvt. Jonathan H. Barnes, a 2000 graduate of East Lincoln High School in Denver, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Citadel scholar

Christopher Scott Limer of Mooresville achieved dean's list status at The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, for the spring semester of the 2000-01 academic year. The honor signifies academic excellence for earning a 3.2 grade-point-average or higher on a 4.0 scale.

USC grad

K. Hennig of Mooresville graduated from the University of South Carolina this summer, one of nearly 1,500 summer graduates at the system's 8 campuses.

Randolph alum

Leah Lott of Mooresville graduated from Randolph Community College on Aug. 11 with an associate degree in commercial photography.

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Power Mirrors	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Seniors

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teering at the high school.

Boyles and Preston agree that the benefits of the program are two fold: Not only will children be able to establish a meaningful relationship with a caring adult, but the seniors will feel like they are making a positive contribution to the younger generation and the community.

Especially during the past four decades, changes in careers and educational and recreational patterns have increased geographic separation between nuclear and extended family members and decreased opportunities for interaction between generations.

As a result of that, many young people lack a link with the past, and older people

lack a connection with the future. Thus, myths and stereotypes have developed about youth and the aging population.

The Senior Education Corps is a way for seniors to get involved and help break down those stereotypes.

"They can mentor, tutor or be lunch buddies with younger children," Preston said of the senior volunteers. "There are all kinds of ways people can help."

Other ideas include serving as pen pals to give students extra writing practice, helping with vision screening, teaching bike safety, assisting in computer labs and working with students to create outdoor environmental labs.

"Students and teachers will have some help doing some things in school," Boyles said, adding that there's plenty of times teachers need "extra hands" around.

He said the senior volunteers "will help enhance the quality of things we do in the schools."

The Senior Education Corps originated with a 1995 pilot project in Northampton County. The N.C. Division of Aging has been charged with facilitating the development of a Senior Education Corps in each of the state's 100 counties.

For more information, or to volunteer locally, contact Debbie Preston at 704-662-3337.

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