

What's Up

Give blood

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.

Nuclear hearing

Those whose interests may be affected by the renewal of McGuire Nuclear Station's operating permit can request a hearing on the company's application for renewal by contacting the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff. Requests must be received by Sept. 14.

Trace your genes

The Genealogical Society of Iredell County will meet at the Iredell County Library in Statesville on Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. for its regular monthly meeting. James E. Creedmore, a member of the society, will present a program titled, "Transportation in Statesville, 1916-1976." The public is invited.

Safe boating course

The Lake Norman Power Squad will begin its fall safe boating course on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at the West Dormitory Conference Room on Glasgow Street at Davidson College. Registration will begin at 7 p.m., and the class will begin at 7:30 p.m. The class will be held every Wednesday for six weeks. Teenagers must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information, call (704) 663-7102 or (704) 483-9146.

Yard sale

A community yard sale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 8 a.m. to noon at the War Memorial. A space can be reserved at the yard sale for \$5. Details: Call 704-663-7026.

Safe rail crossing

The N.C. Department of Transportation recently completed the installation of flashing signals and automatic gates at the Oak Street crossing of the Norfolk-Southern rail line in Mooresville. The upgrade cost \$106,100, of which the town paid 10 percent and the federal government paid 90 percent.

Voting

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Gallagher said she is hopeful that some of Mooresville's voting districts can eventually be divided into two precincts each to cut down on the wait at polling places. That change, however, will probably not be made until at least the 2002 general election, she said.

Meanwhile, Gallagher estimated that Mooresville's mayoral primary election, which will be held on Oct. 9, will cost the county approximately \$4,000. That cost will cover payments to election board members and judges, as well as advertising, ballots, and precinct books. The primary is required because three candidates — incumbent mayor Al Jones, software consultant Scott Kruttschnitt, and evangelist Kurt Blackwelder — have filed to run for the position.

The general election will be held on Nov. 6. For more information on polling places, call the Iredell County Elections Office at 704-678-3141.

Animal rescuers

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other rescue groups to find out about dogs that need to be rescued.

The individuals in the groups take temporary responsibility for the animal, including its medical expenses. They make sure all of its vaccinations are up-to-date and that it's treated for heartworm. They also arrange that the animal be spayed or neutered, and, in cases like Baron's, they absorb costs from surgeries. "It really adds up," Schilling said.

Families who adopt rescued dogs from the Weimarner club pay a \$175 fee — money that goes into the rescue club's fund to cover medical expenses of Weimarners that are sent through the rescue program. Often that fee, however, doesn't even come close to what the foster families have paid to ensure the animal is healthy ... to "make sure it's a good potential pet," Schilling said.

So, the club accepts donations and holds fundraisers to defray some of the costs.

And this weekend the Tarheel Weimarner Club Rescue is having a yard sale to help the Schillings with some of the costs from Baron's ongoing struggles due to his previous weight.

The yard sale will be held Saturday, Aug. 18, from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. at 154 Spring Run Dr. in Mooresville.

Linda Schilling has been fostering Baron since January, when the carpal tendons in his front legs started giving way due to the strain that his weight put on his joints.

On July 18, Baron had surgery to correct the problem, and every day for a month, Schilling took Baron to have his legs rewrapped after surgery. Just recently she was able to slow down a bit; now she takes him on a weekly basis.

But he's doing much better, she said. After a stringent diet, Baron's down to 88 pounds — close to the normal 75- to 80-pound weight for Weimarners.

And all that's left for Baron to do is tone up his muscles a little, get his casts taken off and find a loving home. Schilling said Baron will be ready for adoption in a couple of months.

While it appears Baron has a bright future to look forward to, some animals aren't so lucky. Last year in Iredell County alone, 3,155 dogs and 3,945 cats had to be euthanized because they had no home.

Rescue groups and foster families are trying to do their part to make that number drop. The Schillings, for example, have helped about 30 Weimarners in the 1 1/2 years they've been involved in animal rescue.

For more information on the Tarheel Weimarner Club Rescue, visit www.geocities.com/ncweimarner.

For information on other rescue groups in the area, contact the Iredell County Humane Society, 704-871-2594.



Want to help Baron?

The Tarheel Weimarner Club Rescue is having a benefit yard sale for Baron and other rescued Weimarners on Saturday, Aug. 18, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 154 Spring Run Dr. in the Mallard Head subdivision. Proceeds will cover the medical expenses — vaccinations, spaying/neutering, heartworm treatment, surgery, etc. — of Weimarners who join the rescue program. Details: Call Linda Schilling, 704-799-0484, or Rosi Adams, 704-664-2223.

Zoning opposition

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ed, the code will change the zoning around the old hospital from office/institutional, which is a zoning designation based on property use, to neighborhood residential with a mixed use overlay.

But Kurt Blackwelder, a mayoral candidate and outspoken opponent of the proposed change from office/institutional, calls the revision unacceptable. "We have suggested for two years they don't change this (from office/institutional)," he said.

Blackwelder, who lives in the neighborhood, added that he will not accept any compromise on changing the zoning in the old hospital neighborhood. "We're totally opposed to that ... That's where we're going to stay," he said.

He also said he thinks the planning department asked for this workshop to help reverse what he sees as widespread opposition to the new zoning code in the old hospital neighborhood. "I personally feel like we will win on this," he said. He added that he thinks the town board will side with the neighborhood's residents when it comes time for a vote.

Furthermore, Blackwelder said he thinks the planning department and the

Lawrence Group, the firm that wrote the new code, are spreading "misinformation" about the plan to garner support for it.

As an example, Blackwelder said he and other neighborhood residents were previously told that the new code would not change the residents' right to use their property for office space. However, he said, commissioners were told at the July town board meeting that property owners would only be allowed to use their property in the old hospital neighborhood for office space after gaining town approval.

In addition to the creation of the mixed-use overlay, the latest revisions suggested by the planning department include two name changes.

"Urban mansion," the term previously used to describe buildings that are used for office space but look like residences, is slated to be changed to "mixed-use building." Also, planners are proposing the Neighborhood General zoning designation be changed to Neighborhood Residential.

The joint meeting of the town board and planning board will be Aug. 30 at the Mooresville Citizens Center, from 7 to 9 p.m. The public is welcome.



Business in brief

Agent aboard

Dean Dalton has been appointed as an agent for N.C. Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company and Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company in Iredell County. He will also represent N.C. Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Inc. to Farm Bureau members.



Dalton

A native of Mooresville, Dalton attended Wingate University, where he graduated in 1996 with a major in communications and public relations and a minor in business management.

The 50s are back

Take a trip back to the 1950s in downtown Mooresville on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 1 to 5 p.m. Downtown merchants will host a "50s Are Back" day featuring period music and treats for 50 cents at Bob's Grill, Mooresville Ice Cream, Pat's Coffee Shop and Pie in the Sky Pizza. Also, merchants will offer bargains throughout the day. For details, call Roberta Roberts at Precious Times Consignment Center, 704-664-2247.

Miller joins firm

Matt Miller has joined Daniel, Ratliff & Company, a full-service public accounting firm in Mooresville, as a client service manager in the Charlotte office's audit department. Miller is a graduate of UNC-Charlotte.

Floral flourisher

Stephanie Rhodes of Terrell, a field service representative for FTD and VNS floral industry, recently received the Rookie of the Year Award at the company's national sales meeting in Chicago.

Founded by a group of florists in 1910, FTD is the world's oldest floral organization. VNS is FTD's value brand. The company links 15,000 florists throughout the United States and Canada and connects more than 52,000 florists in 154 countries around the world.

Launching health

Mooresville resident Jeff Mack recently returned from a conference in Orlando, Fla., where several thousand independent business owners from around the world gathered to celebrate the launch of Unicity Network, a new company that distributes health, anti-aging, beauty and wellness products.

At business helm

Richard Holstead was recently named business manager at Davidson Day, formerly Acclaim Academy, in Davidson. Holstead, who has a background in both business and education, has served as administrator of Hackensack Christian School in New Jersey and as a church administrator in Morganton and Charlotte. He holds a B.A. from Tennessee Temple University, an M.A. from Baptist Christian University and a Doctor of Ministry from Christian Bible College.

Bank reports growth

After completing its fourth full year of operation, Iredell-based Piedmont Bank reported continued growth in loans, deposits and assets during its second quarter. Assets grew to \$198.7 million, up 68 percent from June 2000 and 30 percent from year-end. Loans before allowance for loan loss reserve were \$139.9 million, up 64 percent from June of last year and up 24 percent from December 2000. Deposits grew to \$173.9 million, up 74 percent from a year ago and 47 percent from year-end.

LBeat college costs

The best strategies for beating the high costs of a college education will be discussed at an upcoming College Funding and Admissions workshop, Tuesday, Aug. 21, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Mooresville Citizens Center.

The speaker will be Scott L. Middlesworth, CFP, N.C.'s leading authority on college funding and education tax strategies. He will show any family with college-bound children how to save thousands of dollars, regardless of family income, assets or their child's grades.

The workshop is free and will be tape-recorded for all attendees. Call 704-660-5244.

Batchelor moves

Dennis Batchelor, manager of the recently closed Heilig-Meyers store in Mooresville, has joined Gibson Bros. Furniture, 279 N. Main Street in Mooresville.

Hands-on art for the blind

The Lake Norman Lions Club recently donated funds to set up a "touch museum" room for the blind and sight-impaired at Lake Norman's Camp Dogwood. The room features sculptures and other art objects donated by Duke University, the Cherokee Indian nation and individuals. Each art object will contain a description in braille. Joining Camp Dogwood Manager Sharon Weddington (from left) and Executive Director Steve Walker in front of a wood duck sculpture created by a sight-impaired person are Maureen Sabbagh, Lions past president, and William Bitters, current club president.

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