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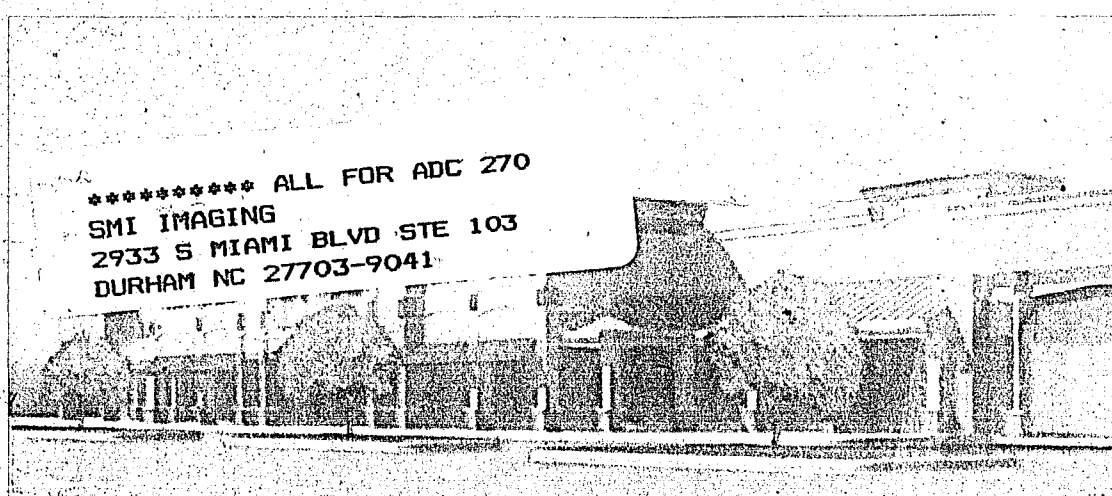
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Bi-Lo coming to site of former Winn-Dixie

The rebirth of the Mooreville Marketplace shopping center is poised to take a big step with the construction of a new Bi-Lo (artist's rendering at right), which is slated to open its doors next spring. To further improve the N.C.150 center, its current tenants will have their facades renovated, the parking lot will be repaved, and lighting will be enhanced. The shopping center, built 13 years ago, previously was home to Wal-Mart and Winn-Dixie. But Wal-Mart moved closer to I-77/Exit 36, and Winn-Dixie closed its Mooreville operation. Several other retailers have moved into the shopping center in the last year, including Big Lots and Quality Farm & Country.



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Through five decades, Juanita Davis has chronicled the weddings, and lives, of thousands.

'Time to move on'

Juanita Davis, Tribune's 'Queen,' to retire after 45 years

By JAIME GATTON

Mooreville has changed dramatically in the past half-century, but one thing hasn't: Juanita Davis' love of her community — and her ability to translate that love into words in the Tribune.

For 45 years, she has touched countless hearts and lives through the thousands of engagement and wedding notices, birth announcements and "personal" news items she's written as the Tribune's society editor.

On Oct. 2, Juanita will retire. "It's just time to move on," she says. "But you'll still see me around. I'm going to enjoy my family." And, she says with a big smile, "I'm going to enjoy my grandchildren."

Through her decades at the Tribune and during its growth, Juanita worked hard to make sure the paper didn't abandon its

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Dale Gowing,
Tribune Editor

small-town feel. She did that through her writing and her deep involvement in the community, to which she brought plenty of class and elegance.

"In many ways, Juanita is the 'Queen of Mooreville,'" says Tribune Editor Dale Gowing. "For 45 years, she's brought a lot of class to this town."

A host of people agree. "She has served the community well in her profession, her church and her family," says Joe Knox, Mooreville's former mayor who

served the town for 30 years while Juanita worked for the Tribune. "She's been very supportive of her family and what's good for Mooreville, and I wish her well in her retirement."

Former Tribune co-worker J.D. Chamberlain still pays frequent visits to Juanita at the newspaper office, as do many folks around town. "She's one of these people that's very upbeat and makes friends so fast," he says.

"She's always had time to spend with the sick and shut-ins, regardless of how busy she was," he adds. "That's just her personality."

"She's a real people person." Juanita started working for the Tribune in 1956 as Women's Editor — later Lifestyles Editor — but said she never would've imagined she'd stay as long as

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Old, but deadly, problem is back: Passing buses

By JAIME GATTON

It's a new school year, but an old problem has already resurfaced.

Impatient motorists on Brawley School Road are continuing to put hundreds of children's lives at risk, especially in the morning hours, by illegally passing stopped schools buses "at least once or twice a day," said Ginger Emmett, assistant principal at Brawley Middle School.

"It's a huge problem," she added — one that's not new to the busy highway that serves as a main artery into and out of the Lake Norman area.

Just last school year, Iredell County Sheriff Phil Redmond received so many complaints about motorists illegally passing buses on Brawley School Road that he made it a priority to stop the problem. In

fact, he made it a special assignment for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) — four officers, one lieutenant and one investigator whose jurisdiction is the fast-growing area west of Mooreville.

"The COPS program and the concerns of the children down here is a big issue for the sheriff," said COPS Lt. Roger McDaniels. "He's real concerned about the problems down here."

He said that aside from people illegally passing school buses, many are also using a turn lane near the end of Brawley School Road, at The Point, as a passing lane. "The center lane is a turning lane only; not a passing lane," McDaniels said.

Added Brawley Middle School's
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Highlands' falls: It's the perfect day trip

By BYRON CROWLEY
Special to the Tribune

Highlands, N.C. was the highest town east of the Mississippi River until Beech Mountain, at 5,005 feet, was incorporated in 1981. While known for its cool summers and

gorgeous fall colors, there are more than a dozen scenic waterfalls in the Highlands area and most are on national forest land, accessible to the

public.

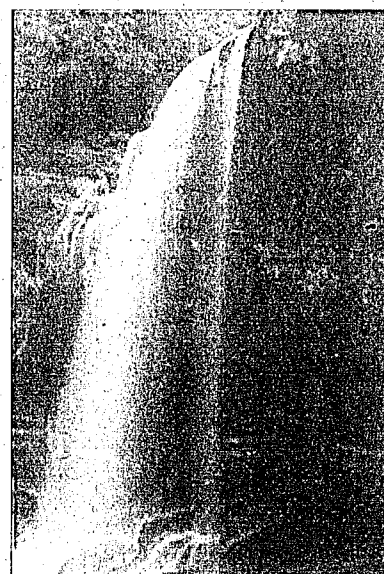
But there are three unique waterfalls, and the best part is you can enjoy them with very little walking. All three are on U.S. 64, between Highlands and Franklin, in the Nantahala National Forest — all handicapped accessible.

Here's a look at the three:
Bridal Veil Falls: Before U.S. 64 was re-routed beside the falls, automobile traffic went under the falls. The falls can be seen from U.S. 64, but you can still drive under them by taking Old U.S. 64.

The nicest time to see these falls is when there is an abundance of water falling over the road, or in the winter when portions of the falls freeze. In the late afternoon the sunlight produces rainbows — unique, but not spectacular.

Kevin Adams, the nationally recognized North Carolina Waterfalls photographer, has given all the falls a "beauty rating." He gives Bridal Veil a 4 out of a possible 10.

Dry Falls: The Cullasaja River drops from an overhanging cliff. A paved walkway allows visitors to walk or stand under the falls ... this



A paved walkway allows visitors to walk or stand under the Dry Falls of the Cullasaja River ... hence the falls' name. (Photo by Byron Crowley)

the name. If the water is high in the mountains, you may get splashed, but the view of the gorge from under the falls is worth it. A beauty rating of 8.

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