

What's Up

Zoning workshop

The Mooresville Town Board and Mooresville Planning Board will hold a workshop on the proposed Downtown Development Code on Thursday, Aug. 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Moore Room of the Mooresville Citizens Center. The public is invited. For more information, call 704-662-7040.

Help Habitat

Mooresville's First Presbyterian Church will host a chicken bar-b-que and silent auction on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Half-chicken plate dinners will be available for \$7 (advance ticket only). Vacation trips, services and other items will be offered in the silent auction. All proceeds will benefit the congregation's Habitat for Humanity project. For tickets or more information, call 704-664-5275.

School open house

The Mooresville Graded School District invites the public to an open house and tour of the Mooresville High School addition and renovation project on Sunday, Sept. 16 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The open house will follow the building's formal dedication.

Office closings

Iredell County offices, including all solid waste facilities, will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3 in observance of Memorial Day. All emergency services will operate on a regular schedule.

Harvest Fest 2001

Harvest Fest 2001 will be held at the Iredell County Fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept. 29, beginning at 9 a.m. The event will include a horse show, a dog show, arts & crafts, a youth rally, food, and more. Admission will be \$5 per person or \$15 for a family of three or more. For more information, call 704-585-2356 or visit www.spchristianpub.org.

Community cookout

Eastern Heights Community Watch will sponsor a community cookout on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be games, free food, and entertainment. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 704-662-8508, 704-663-0067 or 704-662-6108.

Let's get fit

The Mooresville Recreation Department offers a host of programs to help you get physical. The Fitness Zone, a program that provides fitness information and video aerobics, will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m., beginning Sept. 5. Low impact aerobics is offered Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. The cost is \$2, payable at the door. Rock-N-Roll Walking is offered Monday through Friday from 12 to 1 p.m. The program, which is free, offers the chance to walk to the beat of the best music from the 1950s through the 1990s. You can also walk Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. without the rock music. Volleyball is offered on Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m. The program is free and open to everyone. A new ballroom dance session will begin next month. For more information on any of these programs, call 704-663-7026.

Troopers take aim at highway litterers

By JONATHAN WEAVER

The trash gets picked up, only to get thrown down just as fast.

On Interstates 77 and 40, and many rural Iredell County thoroughfares, the road sides stay covered with everything from construction debris to fast food sacks.

Officials of the North Carolina Highway Patrol are reminding litterers that they will be ticketed for tossing trash out their window, no questions asked.

Local troopers wrote 34 percent more littering tickets in May 2001 compared with the same month last year, said NCHP Sgt. D.B. Gunter.

"Sometimes it seems like it's just a force of habit," Gunter said of the trash problem. "People have done it

all their lives."

The problem is not only unsightly, it's costly. In 2000, The North Carolina Department of Transportation spent \$5.5 million picking up litter. That's a 50 percent increase over mid-90s costs.

The highway patrol is still working with the Clean 2000 campaign, a project that began as a collaboration among local and state governments, private businesses, volunteers and community organizations. The goal is to clean the state's trash-ridden rivers, lakes, streams and roads.

Residents can help law enforcement by reporting litterers to the proper officials. Witnesses can call "HP" on mobile phones, or call (800) 331-5864 for a report card that has spaces for

the name of the offender and/or the location of the offense.

Also, an online form can be found at the DOT's website at www.doh.state.nc.us. Once on the site, type in "Swat-A-Litterbug" in the space provided.

Once the form is received, the offender will get a note from colonels of both the Highway Patrol and Department of Motor Vehicles. The note details the \$1,000 penalty they could get for throwing out trash. More than 5,000 of these letters were sent to offenders in 2000.

Littering laws

1. Any person who intentionally or recklessly disposes litter, 15 pounds or under, on any public or private property not owned by him:

Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of no less than \$250 nor more than \$1,000. Community service no less than eight hours nor more than 24.

2. Any person violating this law in an amount exceeding 15 pounds and not for commercial purposes: Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of no less than \$500 nor more than \$2,000. Community service no less than 24 hours, no more than 100.

3. Any person violating this law in an amount exceeding 500 pounds, or in any quantity for commercial purposes, or who discards litter that is a hazardous waste: Class I felony.

Auditor

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son, said Tuesday that the district has not yet heard from Campbell's office regarding the request.

Dennis Patterson, a spokesman for the auditor's office, said he could not confirm nor deny whether Campbell's office has decided to honor the school system's request.

School board chairman Vaughn Sprinkle said he believes the board will allow some flexibility from the auditor's office regarding the deadline submitted by the school board, but not much. "I think we would allow some lead way, but not a long length of time," he said.

School board member Ralph Staley, who heads up the subcommittee responsible for arranging for an audit of the system's finances, could not be reached for comment.

In addition to setting a 14 day deadline for the state auditor's office to respond to the district's request for assistance, the school board also asked that the audit be completed within 60 days of it being taken up by the state auditor, should he honor the district's request.

The request to the state auditor's office was made by the school board after it was learned that the school district ran up a \$1.8 million deficit during the 2000-2001 school year. Additionally, the school board will have to cut \$3 million in previously approved expenditures for the 2001-2002 school year to achieve a balanced budget. District officials are tentatively blaming the financial woes on poor record keeping, as well as inaccurate revenue and expense projections.

Open house for nurses, instructors

Lake Norman Regional Medical Center plans a Sept. 25 open house for nursing students and instructors from area colleges.

The event will be from 5-7 p.m. For details, call 704-660-4018.

ing country," she said.

Although she said the customer traffic has only thus far been "fair," she said she expects it to pick up as the October races draw nearer.

Since the beginning of the year, several other businesses moved into downtown: Kencom Inc. (a videographer), the law office of Thomas Templeton, Any Occasion Restaurant and Catering, Exotic Nails, Carolina Wireless, Brook Thomas Photographer, and Fauvewere (a clothing store). Some of those have since moved.

Wayne Frick, executive director of the Mooresville Downtown Commission, said the downtown area's growth has been noteworthy in the last several months. "It's one of the best growth spurts that we've had... We only have about four empty buildings in all of downtown," he said.

He added that he thinks businesses are moving into downtown because they know Mooresville is serious about improving the quality of life there. "I think they're coming because they see us as being sincere about doing something with our town," he said.

keep a lower staff to child ratio, have written operation and staff policies, and have a plan for parents to participate.

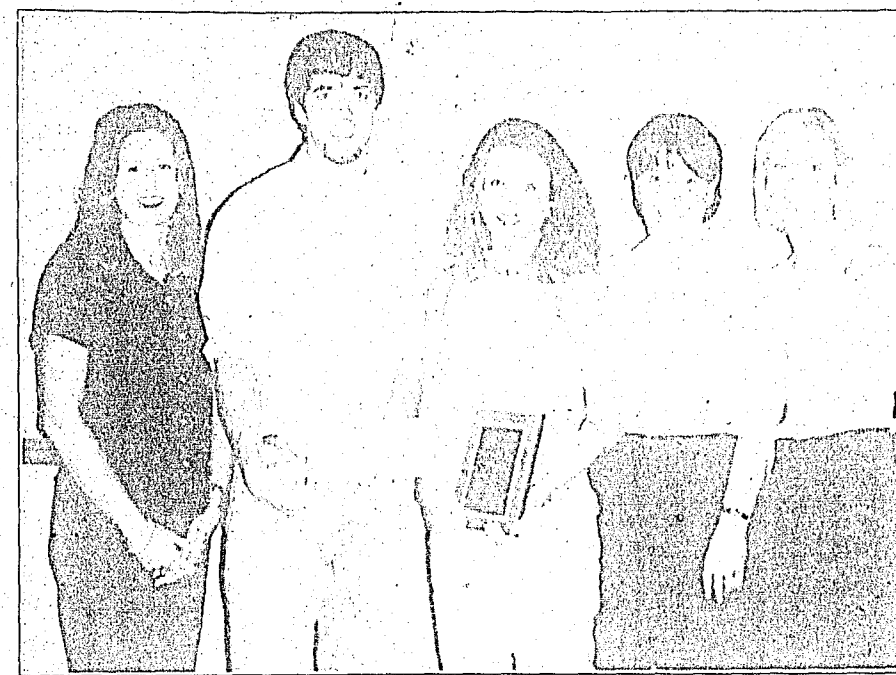
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In honor of Megan Knox

Jacqueline Noelle Larson (middle), a spring graduate of South Iredell High School, receives the Megan Austin Knox Leadership Scholarship from friends and family members of Knox, a 1994 SIHS graduate who died in 1999. With Larson, who is attending N.C. State this fall, are (from left) Chastity Brannen, a scholarship selection committee member; Cory Knox; Janet Larson-Thorne, Jacqueline's mother; and Melanie Shaver, another committee member.



Names in the news

He's the chairman

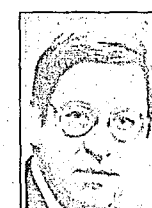
David C. Bell, a 1971 graduate of Mooresville High School, was recently named chairman of the Eastern North Carolina Chapter of Risk Management Associates (RMA). RMA is an association of lending, credit, and risk management professionals. Bell currently serves as Senior Vice President and Senior Credit Officer for First Citizens Bank in Raleigh.

Academic excellence

Mooresville's Erin Tolbert was inducted into The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, which recognizes first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically. Tolbert graduated from Mooresville High School in 2000 and attends UNC Charlotte.

Scholarship awarded

Candice Lynne Overcash of Mooresville was recently awarded a Frank Mast Payne Memorial Scholarship for the



Bell



Tolbert

Recent graduate

Mooresville's Letha Marie Sgrittia recently graduated from Purdue University with a degree in liberal arts.

Distinguished lecturer

Mooresville's Pam Rudisill, RN, MSN, CCRN, Director of Nursing at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center, has been selected by the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing as a Distinguished Lecturer for a fourth term.

She has also been invited to speak at the Biennial Convention of Sigma Theta Tau International held in Indianapolis in November.

Rudisill received her Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in nursing from UNC Charlotte. She also received a post master degree as an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner from the University of South Carolina.

Honored by G-W

Former Mooresville pastor and Baptist leader Bob Shepherd now has his name permanently associated with the M. Christopher White School of Divinity at Gardner-Webb University. The Bob D. Shepherd Chair of New Testament Interpretation was recently established at the school, with Dr. Todd Still named as its first occupant. Shepherd pastored First Baptist Church in Mooresville for 10 years. He served as director of development at Gardner-Webb from 1980-83.

Hot rods cruise into Mooresville

By LORAIN CONLON

Hot rods and classic cars and trucks will be cruising through the Lake Norman area Friday for a Labor Day celebration, but the fun doesn't stop there. Lake Norman Foursquare Family Ministry (LNFFM) will offer free entertainment, live music, food and fellowship throughout the Labor Day weekend.

The proceeds from the three-day event, the Second Annual Endless Son Rod Run and Music Fest, will be used to help the New Beginnings Christian Academy Building Program and the Mooresville Community Crisis Pregnancy Center.

The vehicles cruising in the Friday night ride will be heading to Bucko's Drive-In.

The classic cars will leave LNFFM in Cornelius at 7 p.m. and cruise through Davidson and into Mooresville, arriving at Bucko's around 7:45 p.m.

Bucko's is co-sponsoring this event and will play host to the drivers and spectators. There will be live 50's music by the band "Randy and the Repenters," and trophies will be awarded for the vehicle voted "People's Choice," the one that has traveled the furthest. In keeping with the 50's theme, a prize will be awarded for the "Best Dressed."

Meanwhile, back at the church there will be a live concert at 7 p.m., entertainment for kids and concession stands.

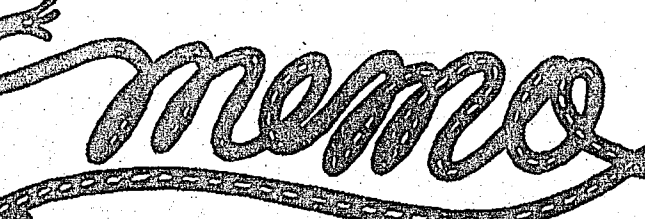
On Saturday the fun continues all day with 50/50 raffle, a trip to Concord Mills from

12:30 to 4 p.m., children's entertainment, vendors' alley and a free musical theater at 2 p.m. A free dinner-theater will begin at 6 p.m. for the first 130 people to register.

The car show will continue Saturday, with first and second place being awarded in a variety of classes. There will also be a trophy for the best interior, best paint and best engine.

The fun continues Sunday with music and award presentations in the LNFFM Amphitheater, but to receive the award the participants must be present.

Registration for vehicles will begin at 4 p.m. on Friday, and continues from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. The fee is \$25. For more information, call 704-895-0214.



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