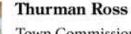


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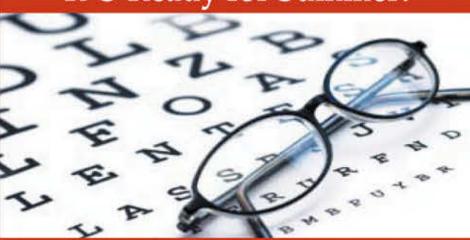
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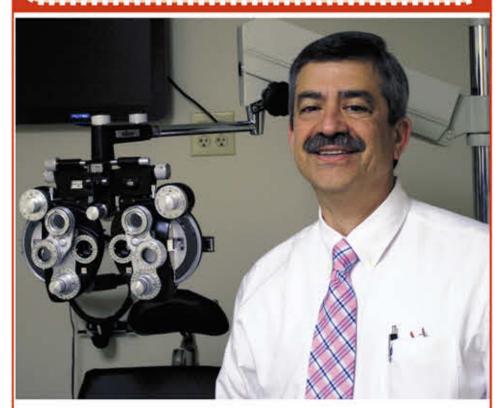
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June Things to do

Big Day at the Lake is July 19, register now to be a Boat Host

'Celebrity Bartender' fundraiser-party is June 19 at Alton's

North Cove Road.

Big Day at the Lake is Saturday, July 19. More than 100 Boat Hosts are needed to take at-risk children in Big Brothers Big Sisters-complete with built-in chaperones-out on Lake Norman for a morning of fun, concluding with a picnic for 600-plus participants at Duke Energy Explorium.

To register as a Boat Host or to volunteer, go to www.bigdayatthelake-lkn.

The Celebrity Bartending event June 19 is a fundraiser, with political leaders like Mayor Chuck Travis and sports figures dueling for tips. This year's total fundraising goal is \$100,000. "To date, more than \$65,000 has been raised, thanks to the incredibly generous support of local businesses large and small, national companies and individuals in and around Cornelius, Lake.

Nets, Golden State Warriors, Houston nelius Today and Business Today.

The 10th year of Big Day at the Lake Rockets & San Antonio Spurs), former is off and running with online Boat NFL kicker for Colts and Rams Dean Host registration open and the annual Biasucci, former NFL player Adrian Celebrity Bartending party set for June Murrell (Jets, Redskins & Cowboys), 19 at Alton's Kitchen and Cocktails on and WCNC Meteorologist John Wen-

> Big Day at the Lake is a local organization with three goals:

- · Provide a full day of fun on Lake Norman for children who would not otherwise experience Lake Norman
- · Recruit "Bigs" to mentor at-risk children in BBBS. There are 250 boys and girls who are part of BBBS in North Mecklenburg County
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Big Day at the Lake is a 10-year tradition in Cornelius with ongoing needs for volunteers, sponsors and Boat Hosts.

The organizing committee seeks 60-70 picnic volunteers to help run the picnic. Individuals, as well as non-profit and sponsor teams can volunteer.

"So many Boat Hosts and so many volunteers have made a difference in Huntersville and Davidson," said Dave the lives of literally hundreds of at-Yochum, the founder of Big Day at the risk children over the years. I so appreciate our volunteers and sponsors Volunteer mixologists include former who give back to our community in a Carolina Panther Rod Smith, former meaningful and efficient way, said Yo-NBA player Eric "Sleepy" Floyd (NJ chum, who is also the editor of Cor-

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THURMAN ROSS

Veteran Town Commissioner Grew Up With Cornelius



Ross at rest: His election defeat in 2013 prompted a period of reflection

You might say Thurman Ross has seen it all. He was elect-when it grows up? Now it's like it has grown up and we Rinker and our current mayor, Chuck Travis. "I've ed to the Town Board when Cornelius was a burg of just have seen those changes. We've seen it evolve. How-2,200 residents. Now there's something like 26,000 people ever, there is still growth to come, redevelopment and He's frequently been the only east-sider on the living here, from Antiquity on the east, Caldwell Station to- change. We have to manage through that with our citi- Town Board, not to mention the only African-Ameriward the south, to Norman Island, off Hwy. 73 not far from zens in mind," says Ross, a residential real estate agent. can on the board. He's also the only Democrat on the the Catawba River Dam.

nelius grow, not without enormous controversy, and Ross also born and raised here. was in the thick of that, mediating disputes between newly Cornelius was literally a hamlet—the big things west Speaker of the House Thom Tillis being the most empowered west side politicians—two decades ago, they of I-77 were the Ham And Eggs restaurant and Lake prominent example. So one's political affiliation plays were folks down Torrence Chapel—and the old guard east Norman. The Town Board met at First Baptist Church a part in the thinking and strategizing that goes along side power structure. The town, once a farm village and on Catawba Avenue, and then in the old police station, a with pondering one's political career. then a mill village, leapt across I-77 for tax ratables, and cramped, dingy structure on North Main Street.

as can be, but he was all of 22 years old. This, in a town that the town, preferring fewer services and lower county was just coming out of dire financial straits.

Race, who is now a commercial real estate broker, says Rood just walked out." Ross accomplished a lot by bringing disparate people to- Interestingly enough, the Ross family owned the lo- Lynette Rinker was the only east side resident on the

"He's got a quiet demeanor, but votes with his heart and Huntersville and unincorporated parts of Cornelius, invotes for what's good for the town. He's always been a great cluding The Peninsula. The business is still in the famboard member because he takes politics out of it," Race ily.

ment. The town didn't have one at the time, Race says, and Burton Lane in the Smithville section, was voted in away for a while and gave me time to reflect. I was some Town Board members saw parks strictly in terms of along with newcomers. costs, and not benefits.

"He jumped in the middle and asked 'how can we do this credit to Race for helping bring people together. He has so everyone benefits.' He was pivotal in brokering some of refereed more than a handful of disputes between com- did I want to come back and give back to the comthe deals that got some of the parks done in town," Race missioners and mayors in private. says, citing the Torrence Chapel Park as an example.

"A lot has changed," Ross says. Annexation helped Cor- along with Mayor Pro Tem Woody Washam, who was

These were contentious times. A majority of voters
County Board of Commissioners. In 2006 he was de-Bob Race was Town Manager back then. He was capable along Torrence Chapel did not want to be annexed by feated by Karen Bentley, a Republican, in a close race. taxes. Prior to Ross going on the board, "Mayor Wes to people on the east side of town, when Ross lost to

cal garbage service, and picked up household trash in Town Board. When she was elevated to mayor and

But when Torrence Chapel became part of the town, pens for a reason so it might have been a good wake-One of the big issues then was the notion of a park depart- residents voted the old board out. Ross, who lives on up call for me," Ross says. "It gave me time to step

"It was a dysfunctional board," Ross says, giving and refresh."

And there have been a lot of mayors during Ross' tomatically assumed I would get back in and did not Ross himself says he will always remember those years. tenure, including Wes Southern, Winton Poole, Jan vote. I got a lot of apologies from people who did not

"Those years were 'what does Cornelius want to be Beasley, Carson Cato, Gary Knox, Jeff Tarte, Lynette

He brings a historical perspective to the Town Board board, an interesting proposition in and of itself.

While the town, by charter, has a non-partisan board, it's been a stepping stone to higher office, N.C.

Ross himself opted to run for higher office-the

But it was a shocker five years later —especially John Bradford by three votes in 2011. Commissioner

"I was very surprised, but I believe everything hapable to step away from the whole process, regroup

Ross wondered if he was through with politics. "Or munity? Did I take it for granted? So many people auROSS from page 4



Ross is a product of Cornelius before it was homogenized

deep sense of community service, a tradi-

"Change is good," Ross says, "but how

after millions were spent on brick pavers

residents that are there. We have to bal-

Lodge for African-American Masons.

Mayor Pro Tem Woody Washam, the tion in both organizations. Nevertheless, highest vote-getter in 2013, says it's good there is a Lodge for white Masons and a to have Ross back on the board.

"Thurman is an institution in our com- "Sometimes there are comments that munity. He was my 'go-to' commissioner show a real lack of sensitivity around prior to my own election. Many citizens, about different parts of the town," Ross particularly in our eastern Cornelius says, explaining that he would like to see areas, as well as many of our long-time more variety around town events like citizens have lots of confidence in Thur- concerts at Bailey Road Park. man's long time service to our Town. I Growth is inevitable, and Ross likes greatly value his experience as a Com- helping manage it. missioner."

Ross brings a whole different perspec- will the Diverging Diamond and the tive to a very white, very well-heeled roundabout just east of it affect the east Town Board. side of Cornelius, heading toward Town

Ross rode on the back of the family's Hall?" garbage trucks. He helped his father, "Downtown Cornelius, I'd like to see it Thurman Ross Sr., landscape posh new have a night life, an after five life. I think lakefront neighborhoods like 100 Nor- there is great potential there," he says. man Place back when Lake Norman was Widening Catawba Avenue east of I-77, the new big thing.

Indeed, Ross is a product of Corne- and granite curbs, is not an option, he lius before it was homogenized. Born says, Nor is extending Church Street to in 1962, he attended integrated schools, the YMCA. including Cornelius Elementary and Despite the rapid growth of the past 20 North Mecklenburg High School.

years, there is still city-building going on. The thing is, integration in Cornelius "It concerns me when you look at then meant there was a black Homecom-streets like Meridian as well as Smithing Queen and a white Homecoming ville, you can lose the character that Queen. Sports were integrated, but after make these places meaningful and rich school white kids hung out with white neighborhoods," Ross says. "Is it a good kids and black kids hung out with black thing or a bad thing? On some things if kids. you look at change and you look at the

The much-vaunted, much-lamented Tree bigger picture it may be good, but on of Knowledge near Main and Catawba was some level it may be detrimental to the a gathering place for whites.

"Being the only African American, I ance that." bring a different perspective. Sometimes Ross says it's like a Lego set. "We are I don't know if all of my fellow commis-still putting the pieces together." sioners see that perspective," Ross says. When asked if he will run again in "They might not have grown with the 2015. Ross says: "You'll have to wait and community so they don't have the same see." attachment to the community."

Ross is a Mason and a Shriner, with a

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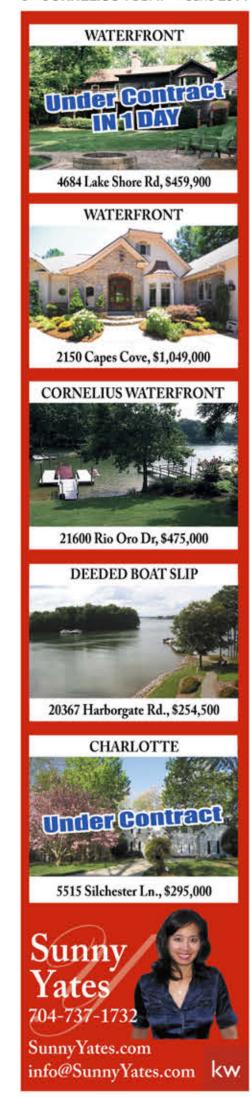


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Bound and determined

They led the way for women in commercial real estate

When Lisa Dula got into the commercial real estate business back in the 1980s, it really was a mad, mad men's world. The handful of female brokers and property managers back then-iust like women bankers and lawyers in those days-wore navy blue "penguin suits" and bow ties in hopes of being treated

"Sadly we didn't copy the men's shoes," Dula laughs, "we still had to wear two-inch heels."

The Norman Island resident was among the vanguard of women in the commercial real estate industry in the early 1980's when men ruled the office, retail and industrial leasing and sales game. Even now most women in real estate are concentrated on the residential

But Cornelius has at least three highlevel career women in the commercial real estate business. They are veterans of a day and age when a woman in one of those penguin suits was automatically presumed to be a secretary.

Barbara Brown Needham, who lives

in Preston at the Lake with her husband Curt, has been selling and leasing commercial space for 30 years. She's one of the founders of Commercial Real Estate Women, back when it was a tiny association and



GAITHER

support group for female brokers. Today she's associated with Sperry Van Ness, a national commercial real estate brokerage, on West Catawba

Kate Gaither, who lives on N. Beatties Ford, has been in real estate for 32 years. The owner of Newport Properties launched her commercial division, as well as a commercial property management effort, back in 1999.

Gaither has turned the tables on gender equality in the workplace.

She employs her husband Bill, who is "one of my top agents in commercial and my other agents and staff are all important to me," she says.

Knowing the market and "when to share information and when not to" helps level the playing field. "You have to



Lisa Dula, one of the area's high level career women in commercial real estate

know the players and the market or you eryone in the room—even when she was are out," she declares.

Asked if she works in a man's world, Kate Gaither declares: "No."

are better listeners, a good thing when get you coffee," Needham says. it comes to client relations and negotiations. Then, too, women are less inclined to want to declare a winner and a loser in proach to things, Needham says.

And as anyone who's tried to reach the white-collar workaday world revolves ago." around meetings. Flynn Heath Holt Leadership, a Charlotte-based leadership consulting firm, in an article in Harvard Business Review, says confidence, language choice, timing and communications styles contribute to how women are perceived in meetings.

Needham said she got her start in real estate as the secretary to a Charlotte real estate developer. But all the sizzle—and money-was on the leasing side of the business. When she asked her boss for a it done." shot at being a leasing agent, he said she would never be able to make it.

"He told me I was a woman, I didn't have the connections and I wasn't from this area," Needham remembers.

"I went and got my real estate license and didn't tell him. Once I had my license, I said, 'now I'm able to be a commercial broker' and he said I couldn't make it. I showed him," Needham says. She promptly went to work as a broker at what was then The Brackett Co. and made a name for herself.

Even as a commercial broker she would often be asked to get coffee for evthe one holding the meeting.

"You're trying to appease everyone, so I would in fact get the coffee...so I guess Many people in business say women the meeting is not going to start until I

Is commercial real estate still a man's

"Totally." Needham says. "It's still the a deal—they have more of a win-win apperspective that the man knows more about commercial real estate as opposed to the woman. Of course it's getting betsomeone in business at 10 a.m. knows, ter, and it's not as bad as it was 25 years

Indeed, she recommends commercial real estate as a lucrative career for young

Dula says she wouldn't do it any other way. She successfully juggles work and parenting, and sometimes works into the night after her children have gone to bed.

"It's challenging sometimes, but where there's a will, there's a way," Dula says. "I'm a better listener...and I have tenacity. I'm just bound and determined to get



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A son's heartfelt tribute to his 99-year-old father



Michael Miltich and Anthony Miltich

BY MICHAEL F MILTICH, M.D.

My father taught me what it means to be honorable, professional and self-sufficient.

Anthony Miltich was born in a town in Minnesota called Virgina, to parents that had left Croatia after the turn of the 19th century. They came to find the freedom and opportunity that was America. He was one of 10 children. His father was a iron ore miner who worked 10 hours, six days a week; mom, of course, was at home.

Home was three bedrooms: one for the parents, one for sons, and one for daughters, each with one bed that was shared. There was a "pecking order" too: the youngest slept the closest to the external wall as that was the coldest spot (Minnesota winters often get to -30. I know, I trained at Mayo Clinic for five cold winters). One of my cousins wrote a wonderful piece about my grandparents, but that's another story.

They had no money. Everyone in the family did what they could to help out. When he was a child, my father would carry a lunch bucket to his father in the mine. Later, he delivered newspapers.

Eventually he joined a band playing the saxophone, and that's how he paid for collage, the first of his family to attend college. At that time, there was white-on-white discrimination. He was accepted into University of Minnesota Medical School in spite of his dark Mediterranean skin (i.e. non-WASP)

Medical school is a whole notch of difficulty above college. Unlike today, there was a set failure rate from year to year (example: 100 freshman chairs, 85 sophomore, 75 junior and 65 senior).

There was one lab where he kept coming up with a result that was different than the answer, even with multiple attempts. Eventually it was discovered that the "answer" was wrong, and my father had been correct all along. However, he was behind the others because of the mistake. He became despondent. He had no money and was losing weight because of no food. He was worried that he just wouldn't make it.

His band was offered a job out West playing for the workers building

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Hoover Dam-and it paid Real Money! He had to decide between continuing with the band or to continue in medical school.

As he was considering this decision, he found a magazine on the ground that was open to an article that said "You will only fail if you think you will." He felt this was a message from God. He left the band and continued in medical school, graduating in 1939.

After medical school, he did a year of internship ("interned" i.e., jailed) in Detroit. He was accepted into a surgical training program at Mayo, moved to Rochester, Minn., only for the War Board to intervene. They sent him to Flint, Mich., to keep the auto workers healthy while they manufactured tanks and other vehicles for the WWII effort.

After the war, he stayed on and that was were I was born.

Flint is Gastonia, only colder. Workers from around the world came for the GM jobs, forming neighborhoods by their heritage. My father would often bring home food given to him by these immigrants. He cared for all equally.

My father was a General Practice/ General Surgeon, something that you'll never find today. He would take care of your blood pressure, fix your hernia, and take out your uterus if necessary.

He is a wonderful observer of people. When I was in medical school myself, I made hospital rounds with him once. His accent and mannerisms changed as we went from one patient room to the next depending on the ethnicity of his patient.

Once we visited a museum, and I was astonished as he made diagnosis after diagnosis off of century old portraits which I had to agree with once I looked again with a keener eye.

We had many discussions. I would often walk our family dog with him in the evening when I was a teenager. I remember once asking him what it meant to be a professional. He told that meant putting your clients' needs ahead of your own. Also, he told me to not to worry about the money. "If you take care of the patient, do the right thing, it will take care of itself,' he said.

A few of years ago, Dad drove to Charlotte from his home in Florida (and he was 95 at the time) for my birthday. While attending church,

he met a wonderful lady, Martyne Sheline, who lived in the Harborside condominiums, just around the corner from us. Dad moved in with us so he could date her. They married six months later.

After being away from all family for decades, it's great for me to be able to spend time with my dad again every week. He still has no trouble correcting my grammar, but at least he doesn't mention my weight quite as often.

There are many changes occurring in medicine, many of which concern me. I am proud to say that I'm "old school," but I have younger physicians that find that amusing. I have a 16-year-old son who has expressed interest in becoming a physician; I'm not sure what I should tell him. I believe in the Hippocratic Oath-the patient is who I work for. Not anything else.

That is what my father taught me. He turns 99 June 1. Expect a big party next year.

-Miltich, an otolaryngologist, lives with his wife Ann and family on Nantz







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Some of the I-77 toll lane revenue could fund new work on 21, 115

The state legislation which dictated the financial framework of the I-77 HOT/toll lane project also provides for up to \$200 million in a one-time bonus application towards transportation projects in the region.

Members of the Lake Norman Transportation Commission are saying that some of those funds could be used for improvements on Highway 21 and Highway 115 as well as the Torrence Chapel Road/Catawba Avenue intersection in Cornelius.

"Enabling legislation has up to \$200 million since we are the first toll road in the state approved under the new legislation," said LNTC Executive Director Bill Thunberg. "We have already started meeting with DOT division level officials and state officials, trying to develop an agreeable set of guiding principles that will lead us into selecting projects for the money," the former mayor of Mooresville said.

Nevertheless, some Cornelius business owners are wary, not just about lengthy construction delays, but about how changing traffic patterns will affect access to their businesses.



Torrence Chapel Road/Catawba Avenue intersection in Cornelius.

is to study how we can improve the traffic flow on Torrence Chapel without having a negative impact on the local busi-Ram, which is located on Torrence Chapel. Salzman is also the former chairman of the Lake Norman Chamber of Com-

"It's a critical issue that needs a viable long-term solution for the businesses as bound Highway 21.

"With the Diverging Diamond project well as the residents who live off Torgoing on presently the logical next step rence chapel. The Town of Cornelius has to be careful so it's solution doesn't cause businesses to relocate if the new traffic pattern creates consequences similar to nesses," said Jack Salzman, co-owner what happened at the intersection of Sam of Lake Norman Chrysler Dodge Jeep Furr and Highway 21 in Huntersville," Salzman said.

> At that intersection, businesses like Chick-fil-A suffered when the new traffic configuration eliminated left-hand turns from east-bound Highway 73 onto north-

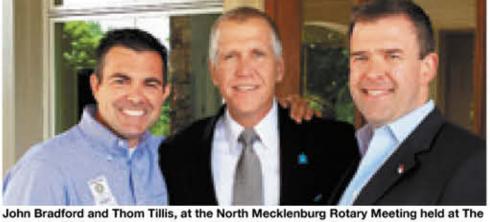
The \$200 million incentive was written into the legislation so local officials would buy into the first toll road concept in North Carolina. Other areas in the state which get behind a toll road project will only be eligible for up to \$100 million.

The money will actually come from toll revenues once the extra lanes are open. Selected projects must be scheduled for construction within the next five years.

"The consensus opinion I am hearing from citizens and officials alike, is if the money is generated here, then it should be spent here too, not in some other part of the state," said LNTC commission member Bill Coxe, who heads up Huntersville's transportation department.

In March the DOT selected Cintra Infraestructures SA of Madrid to build the 26-mile project which runs from Charlotte to Lake Norman. The public-private partnership brings a new type of road funding to North Carolina in an age of declining receipts from gasoline taxes. Some \$88 million of the \$655 million project will be paid for by the state, with Cintra paying the rest. In return, Cintra will receive toll revenues for 50 years.

A formal contract signing is planned for late June or early July.



Discussions already under way to replace Bradford

Will popular Cornelius businessman defeat Natasha Marcus in November?

Peninsula Club. With them is Joshua Dobi, who managed Bradford's campaign.

Names that are popping up include town board if Bradford defeats Natasha Michael Miltich and former Town Commissioner and Mayor Pro Tem Susan

More potential replacements are

emerging as Town Commissioner John

Bradford's primary election win last

week sinks in. Bradford is the official

GOP nominee for NC House District 98;

he'll be running against Natasha Mar-

The district has sent GOP superstar

Thom Tillis to the statehouse for four

consecutive terms, dating back to 2006.

Before Tillis, arch-conservative John

Rhodes held the seat which encompass-

Cornelius commissioners are already

discussing not just who might replace

Bradford, but the process of finding a re-

One commissioner said he believes

"the more important part of this evolu-

tion to a board without John (when, not

if, John defeats Brand X) would be the

establishment of a process that would

work efficiently and fairly for all con-

cerned. Our citizens expect a fair pro-

cess and we as a board need to ensure

that it works effectively and swiftly. Last

time the effort left a lot to be desired."

board for several months.

ford by less than five votes.

been problematic.

commissions.

back on the town board.

ford defeat Marcus in November.

placement.

es North Mecklenburg for two terms.

cus, a Democrat from Davidson.

Miltich, who ran for town commissioner last year, was the next highest votegetter after the five winners.

ested in the job, as is Miltich.

ed in taking over Bradford's seat on the she was unopposed in the Democratic

Trimbur, businessman Bill Sykes, Dr. Marcus, a Democrat from Davidson, in November. Mayor Pro Tem Woody Washam, an influential member of the Town Board, has said he will support Trimbur.

Of course, the open question is whether Bradford will defeat Marcus, who is Sykes also ran last fall, and he is inter- running for her first elective office.

She campaigned strenuously during Trimbur said he is definitely interest- the past several months even though

primary. She has roughly \$100,000 in her campaign war chest, one sign that she is a serious contender.

Bradford has a formidable fundraising capability, with support from the Republican political establishment as well as the business community.

Interestingly enough, the five-member board in its present configuration consists of all men. Of course, Mayor Travis is also a male.

Four-Bradford, Washam, Jim Duke and Dave Gilroy-live on the west side of town. Ross lives on the east side.

"If commissioners felt that someone who previously served could add value and be the right fit, I would like to be considered," said Medlin, the owner of Vintage Marketing, an advertising and marketing firm on North Main Street.

"I do bring something fascinating to the board," Medlin said. "I'm on Main Street every day and I live on the west side of town. It is an interesting dual perspective."

And, of course, she's a woman.

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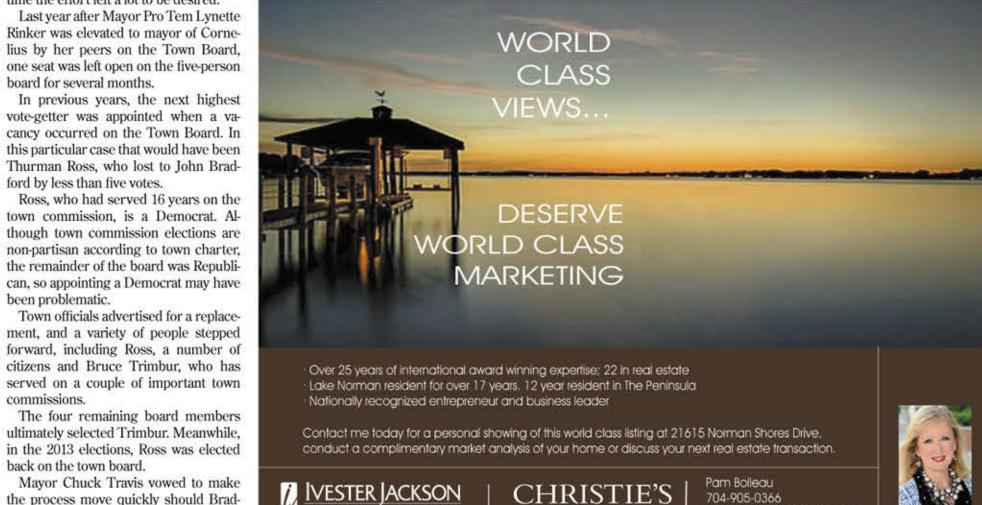
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Election Night Results Minute by Minute

Our Primary Election coverage unfolded live on www.corneliustoday com as well as Facebook and Twitter. Our coverage began at 7:30 p.m. May 6, and finished up at 11:12 p.m. Here's the blow by blow on local elections, including a key race in Iredell County and one in Cabarrus County.

7:30pm Polls are closed. Stay with us for results as they flow in.

8:02pm Tom Tillis ahead in US Senate race with 46.54%. Greg Brannon trails with 24.165%

8:05pm Early voting results for NC House District 98 are in, and while they don't reflect the actual outcome of the primary elections, they're an indication of what's to come. Cornelius Town Commissioner John Bradford had 61 percent of the early votes cast, compared to 26.7 percent for former Cornelius Mayor Lynette Rinker and 12.1 percent for Sharon Hudson, an I-77 activist from Huntersville.

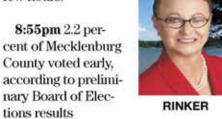
8:15pm Chris Hailey leads Louis Rango Jr. with 76.74% of the early votes for Mecklenburg County Sherif



8:17pm In early voting statewide,

Thom Tillis is at 46 percent, Greg Brannon is at 26 percent Mark Harris is at 17 percent. Of course the numbers are strictly preliminary at this point; early voting reflects only a portion of total votes cast. Polls closed at 7:30 pm statewide; results will dribble in, county by county, for the next few hours.

8:55pm 2.2 percent of Mecklenburg County voted early, according to prelimi-



9:08pm Absentee ballots are in in the hotly contested NC House District 98 race. Cornelius Town Commissioner



9:50pm Rhonda Lennon, Rob Kidwell, Larry Shaheen, Jeff Tarte, John Bradford and Woody Washam watch results trickling in. Photo Credit: Gail Williams

John Bradford got 40 votes; former Cornelius Mayor Lynette Rinker got 16, Sharon Hudson, also 16.

9:15pm District 98 candidate Lynette Rinker (left) greets supporters Tracy Stehle and John Aneralla at Harvey's in Cornelius, shortly after the polls closed.

9:26pm John Bradford dances with his daughter at Fireside

9:28pm Precinct 133, The Hamptons in Huntersville, has reported: Bradford, 111; Rinker, 45; Hudson, 41.



PITTENGER

9:28pm U.S. Rep. Robert Pittenger is change. easily ahead of his fellow GOP chal-

lenger, 67 percent to Mike Steinberg's 32 percent.

9:28pm The Associated Press just called the Senate contest for Thom Tillis, who is at 43 percent of the GOP

10:10pm With seven out of 12 District 98 precincts reporting, John Bradford has the lead over Lynette Rinker 60.8 percent to 25.9 percent. Sha-

BRAWLEY

ron Hudson is in third place with 13.3 percent of the GOP vote. These numbers are strictly preliminary and could

10:10pm In Mooresville it looks



9:26pm Larry Shaheen, a political consultant, watching precinct by precinct results with John Bradford at Fireside in Cornelius

like NC Rep. Robert Brawley has lost to John Fraley. Strictly informal numbers at this point.

10:22pm In Cabarrus County, it looks like the Diane Hon-

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eycutt, Grace Mynatt and Lhynn Shue have ousted incumbents Jason Oesterreich, Chris Measmer and Larry Burrage. Informal totals, have Honeycutt with 4,758 votes, Mynatt with 4,431 votes and Shue with 4,039 votes with 86 percent of the ballots counted.

10:24pm In Precinct 242, which includes The Peninsula, John Bradford swept the primary election with 329 votes to Lynette Rinker's 93 votes. Sharon Hudson captured 23 votes. Precinct 242 typically has the highest turnout of all the precincts in Cornelius.

10:28pm Bethel Church (Precinct 208) results are in: Bradford, 240 votes; Rinker, 125; Hudson, 52



Bradford accepts NC House District 98

10:28pm Cornelius Today declares Bradford a winner, 60 percent to Rinker's 27 percent

10:32pm Christopher Hailey won with 74 percent of the GOP vote, to Louis Rango's 26 percent. Hailey will run against Irwin Carmichael in the fall.

10:40pm Bradford won Precinct 202, Town Hall. Bradford, 155 votes; Rinker, 88 votes; and Hudson, 38

11:12pm Lynette Rinker issues statement: "I offer my congratulations to Mr. Bradford."

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We'll begin diverging in June, before I-77 interchange is done



The Diverging Diamond is based on the idea that if can eliminate the need for left-hand turns

May 13 Motorists will have to begin using the Diverging Diamond traffic pattern sometime in June, long before the new interchange at I-77 and Catawba Avenue is completed, according to Cornelius Mayor Chuck Travis.

Cars in each direction will swap lanes as they travel across the bridge, improving traffic flow and safety. No specific date has been set, according to Assistant Town Manager Andrew Grant, but there will be a 32-hour time frame during a weekend in June when the Catawba Avenue/Exit 28 bridge over I-77 will be completely closed to all motorists crossing the bridge.

Traffic on the bridge will be limited to one lane in each direction for up to five months. The new pattern, of course, will have two lanes in each direction when the project is completed.

Relay for Life exceeds goal



The goal this year was \$72,000

May 12 Cancer survivors and family members from all over the region participated in the Relay for Life held at Bailey Road Park. The annual event is organized by the American Cancer Society. It brought in \$74,000, up \$20,000 from 2013.

Building will remain named for Cornelius resident

May 8 Davidson College is pulling the plug on the full-service laundry facility that was named for Lula Bell Houston, the Cornelius resident who worked there nearly 60 years. There are only two buildings on the David-



Lula Bell Houston worked at Davidson for nearly 60 years

son campus named for a staff person.

Ms. Houston retired in 2004. At that time, the building was officially named the "Lula Bell Houston Laundry" in her honor. She turns 92 this

PetSmart expected to be second anchor tenant in Magnolia Plaza

May 6 It looks like PetSmart will be the second anchor store in Magnolia Plaza when a Publix grocery store opens later this year in the newly renovated and expanded shopping center.

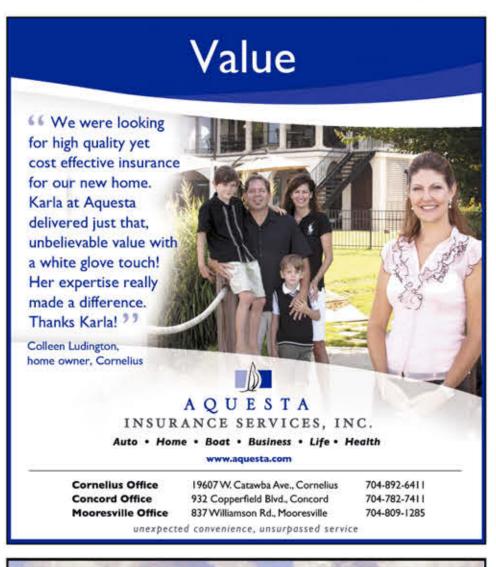
Neither PetSmart nor Florida-based Halvorsen Real Estate Corp., which is redeveloping the shopping center with Publix as an anchor tenant, would com-

The Publix is expected to open late

Two restaurant/nightspots, Jack's Corner Tap and Big Al's, will expand in the shopping center. Big Al's will apparently close temporarily while its new space is

These stores and offices will remain: Cosmo Prof, Derado's, Dr. Kenneth Mc-Grath, a dentist; Growing Up Pediatrics and O Sew Clean.

Smokes Unlimited will close temporarily at the end of this month and reopen in new space, according to Tammy Geddings, one of the managers. of the shop.







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These property transactions were recorded by the Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds.

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4/17/14 \$306,000 Aaron & Joanna Buley to Brad & Adrienne Bowling, 17416 Harbor

4/21/14 \$226,000 Jeffrey Cannon to National Equity Inc. to Micheal & Cheri Contes, 9429 Magnolia Estates Dr.

4/21/14 \$120,000 Bradley & Aubrie Black-

mon to Daniel Analoro, 10523 Trolley Run Dr. 4/22/14 \$309,000 South creek Homes to Jane & Herbert carroll, 18200 Coulter Pkwy. 4/23/14 \$315,000 Jeffrey & Kristen Patterson to Joni Gabriel, 21143 Harken Dr.

4/23/14 \$330,000 Tony & Laura Philipp to Christopher Holland, 20406 Rutledge Bluff

4/23/14 \$274,000 South Creek Homes to John & Sandra Newman, Lot 204 Bailey's

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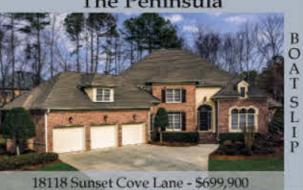








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19000 Mary Ardrey Cir., \$245,000

4/23/14 \$144,000 Matthew & Casey Lombardi to Natale & Camille DiCosmo, Lot AE5

4/24/14 \$615,000 Oliver & Betty Stallings to Donald & Joyce Benes, Lot 11 Norman Shores subdivision

4/24/14 \$470,000 Philip & Michele Haradon to Phillips Wiegand Jr., 17433 Springwinds

4/24/14 \$410,000 Max & Carrie Haber to Spehen & Linda Hill, 18708 Nautical Dr. #5 4/25/14 \$220,000 Kevin & LIsa Donnelly to man Cove at Jetton

4/25/14 \$195,000 Dennis Jr. & Kathleen Shirk to James Mullins, 17344 Caldwell Rush Cir. 4/25/14 \$527,000 Cunnane Group to Richard & Alison Boughrum, 20102 Dowry Ct.

4/25/14 \$362,500 Eduardo Abrao-Netto & Cybil Abrao to Michael Caravaggio & Wei Chen, 19534 Dufour Ct.

4/25/14 \$415,000 Thomas Pansa & Patricia Dock-Pansa to Frederick & Barbara Livingston, 12506 Mettinghouse Dr.

4/25/14 \$187,500 NVR to David Twomley, 22310 Market St



9129 Robbins Preserve Rd, \$531,000

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Crown Harbor Waterfront

Charming oasis w/ quiet grandeur and enchanting views. 9K+sqft interior w/ master & 4 BR suites, exercise room, wine room, lower level living w/ kitchen, BR w/ private bath, living area w/ FP. Richly appointed w/ intricately wrought iron and Brazillian cherry wood spiral staircase. Kitchen features custom granite and onyx counter tops. Unique loft, arches, & art niches. MLS# 3002347 Agent: Lori Ivester Jackson/ Jan Sipe



Waterfront Estate

Stunning waterfront estate perfectly situated for main channel views from all living areas & BR's. Chef's kitchen w/2 islands, Viking professional range & custom maple cabinetry. Unique layout provides luxury and privacy throughout the 6 BR's, library, media room, theater, secret room. Separate guest house. Gated entry, 3 car garage. porte-cochere, MLS# 2201732 Agent: Sherry Hickman



Fantastic updated Cornelius waterfront with great casual chic flair. Expansive waterside kitchen w/ Wolf appliance package and walnut cabinetry. 2 master suites. Elevator, flagstone terrace and screened porch overlooks resort style pool and spa, shoreline covered gazebo. Guest apartment over garage with gourmet kitchen, private BR/bath, and terrace. MLS# 2207654 Agent: Lori Ivester Jackson/Reed Jackson \$ 2,249,900





Cornelius Waterfront Estate

Estate setting w/lots of h'woods, mature landscaping. Elegant stone, brick, & stucco. Circular drive is stunning entrance into this 58R. Cherry cabs, granite, 4 FPs. 4 car garage. MLS# 2167610 Agent: Lori Ivester Jackson

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Private pier/boat slip, salt water pool w/hot tub, waterfalls. MLS# 2219742 Agent: Reed Jackson/Patty Howe

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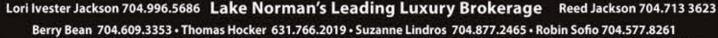
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4/28/14 \$169,000 Benjamin & Heather Smith to Stephen Batsa & Sha Ou, 19515 Deer Valley Dr.

4/28/14 \$60,000 Charlotte Robinette to James Rippy & Julianne Boone, 20010 Mulberry St. 4/29/14 \$235,000 Landis Reed Homes to Joyce Loomis, 20145 Lamplighters Way 4/29/14 \$225,000 Micheal & Marla Guerity to Garry & Deborah Martin, 15545 Crossing Gate Dr

4/29/14 \$175,000 Pamela Ward to Louis III &



21312 Rio Oro Dr. \$600,000

Frances Ryan, 18255 Conductor Ct. 28031 4/29/14 \$1,350,000 Richard & Jayne Kline to David II & Elizabeth Kovach, 19000 Mary Ardrey Cir.

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4/30/14 \$1,250,000 Micheal & Carolynn Bayne to Gerard & Kirsten Thorez, 17528 Paradise Cove Ct.

4/30/14 \$185,000 Cynthia Griffin to Victor Phillips, 18621 Bonham Ln.

4/30/14 \$206,000 Michael & Marcia Pozniak to Mary Pittman, 19611 Deer Valley Dr.

5/1/14 \$466,000 South Creek Homes to Thomas & Edith O'Regan, 18339 Glenealy Dr. 5/6/14 \$187,500 NVR to Greg & Kammi Jakobek, 19771 Paywrights Way

5/7/14 \$173,500 NVR to Jacob Pennington, 19767 Playwrights Way

5/7/14 \$600,000 Antoinette & Charles Ohlson to Jeffrey & Melinda Whitt, 21312 Rio Oro Dr.

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Movie Schedule - in the auditorium:

- 11:30 a.m.
 Butterfly and Moth
- 12:30 p.m.
 Bike Safety with Bill Nye the Science Guy and I'm No Fool on Wheels
- 1:30 p.m.
 Wild About Safety with Timon & Pumba: Safety Smart in the Water

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- 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
 Tug of War and Relay Race
- 12:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.: Three Legged Race and WheelBarrow Race
- 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dodge Ball

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4/21/14 \$640,000 Adam & Mary Ellen Craddock to James & Diane Woodworth, 18929 Elm Row Ct.

4/24/14 \$249,000 Teal & Heidi Brown to Eryn Linkous, 119 Park Forest St.

4/24/14 \$253,000 Travis & Jennifer Morehead to Susan Rizzi, 16947 Summers Walk Blvd. 4/25/14 \$725,000 Jerry II & Paula Harris to Gabriel & Erica Schoen, 19906 River Fall Dr. 4/28/14 \$710,000 Peter & Breland Fischer to Christopher & Megan Harris, 17908 River Ford

4/30/14 \$350,000 Billue Guignard to Thomas & Susan Clayton, 226 S. Faulkner Way

5/1/14 \$210,000 Clyde Morris to Edwuard & Jilinda Conway, Lot 133 of New Neighborhood in Old Davidson

5/8/14 \$535,000 Micheal & Deana Deep to Kyle & Dena Jones, 13339 Robert Walker Dr. 5/9/14 \$500,500 JCB Urban Co. to Tracey & John Ahearn, 1108 Samuel Spencer Pkwy.

FORECLOSURES

Foreclosure actions have been started on the following properties. Items show the date, owners, property address, lien holder, lien amount. After required notices are published, the property is sent to auction. The property then can be sold, not sold (examples: bankruptcy files or action dismissed without prejudice)

or the sale postponed.

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4/7/14 Takia Craven & Derrick Duncan, 10312 Glenmeade Rd. 28031, Washington Mutual Bank \$302,400

4/11/14 Judith Perry, 8625 Forest Shadow Cir. 28031, Allen Tate Mortgage \$234,800

4/22/14 Natasha Ugalde & Andrea Connors, 19134 Long Pond Ln., Cornelius, Myers Park Mortgage \$155,149

5/6/14 Susan D. Cox, 9127 Glenashley Dr., Cornelius, Countrywide Home Loans \$150,208 5/12/14 George O'Ross, 21405 Aftonshire Dr., Cornelius, EquiFirst Corporation \$156,165

Davidson

4/8/14 Anita & Tom Dixon, 921 Northeast Dr. #26 28036, Wachovia Mortgage \$162,000

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Town Board's radar picks up speeding, dangers on Jetton

doing "at least 70" miles an hour on Jetton Road, it reminded her of the fatal accident several years ago which took the lives of the Herbert brothers. Near tears, she conveyed those concerns to Cornelius Town Commission-ride. ers at their May 19 meeting, while asking for the speed limit to be lowered and enforced.

When Elizabeth Morgan saw a car citizens who feel it is too high. Morwill have the chance to install some ad-

Dr. Michael Miltich believes the design of the road is also a problem. "The layout results in some blind spots due to The speed limit on Jetton Road rang- the trees when you try to cross Jetton

gan wasn't the only resident to raise ditional safety measures and I certainly for the entire stretch west of Catawba concerns about Jetton Road. "It's an hope they will do so." automotive free for all," said another Peninsula resident who was recently

knocked off his bike during a morning ago, the Town's Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) recommended that didn't make sense.

Avenue. Their reasoning was that the It's not just residents who feel that the 45 mph speed limit in the residential speed limit is too high. Several years area of the road is higher than it is in



The speed limit on Jetton Road ranges between 25 and 45 mph

es between 25 and 45 mph, and has especially near the Harris Teeter Shoplong been the subject of criticism from ping Center. With the repaying the town

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At the time of the TAB's recommen- option."The focus most likely will be a number of the residents are hoping his presence on the town board will give their concerns new impetus for ac-

roads in the town:

also installed a pedestrian crosswalk the mayor said. between Main Street and Westmoreland Road.

West Catawba Ave: The widened four-lane stretch between I-77 and Jetton Road posts a 35 mph limit. Drivers Those officers were dedicated solely to not paying attention to the limit will of- traffic enforcement, and in particular ten go much faster.

will look at ways to slow speeds on after another grant to rebuild the traffic Jetton. Bike lanes may not be an enforcement team" Hoyle said.

dation, Commissioner Woody Washam on the speed limit. The Town will look was the head of the advisory board, so at other residential neighborhood speed limits, the speed limit posted on West Catawba Avenue and other adioining connections, and listen to our resident's concerns regarding a pro-While Jetton Road was the focus of posed change. Obviously, the Town the most recent comments, there has Board will seek guidance from transalso been concern expressed in the portation experts as well as look at the past over speeding on several other history of accidents / speeding / and the ability to enforce speed limits by Washam Potts Road: Many motorists our Police force. I am not sure there exceed the 35 mph limit. Cornelius Po- is an easy answer...this certainly delice patrol regularly, and the town has serves our attention as a Town Board,

Several years ago, the town implemented a new five-officer traffic enforcement team which was established. in part, through the use of a state grant. areas where the police received the Jetton Road extension/Sefton Park most complaints. According to Chief Road: The town board has established Bence Hoyle, two of the five positions a 25 mph speed limit, and again, an on the team, those funded by the grant, inattentive motorist can easily exceed are still working traffic enforcement. that limit near two private preschools.
The other three officers have returned Mayor Chuck Travis said the town to narcotics and patrol. "We are going



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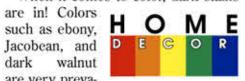
Interior design trends favor real wood floors, dark colors



In addition to wide plank hardwoods in darker colors, consumers seek character found in varying vintage styles such as reclaimed wood

hardwood flooring continues to be in People love the modern look of wide now plank floors.

are in! Colors dark walnut are very preva-



lent right now in the hardwood flooring industry. Cool gray tones have increased in popularity in recent years as a neutral tone for walls, carpeting, and tile so it's no surprise that gray tones are now one of the newest options in hardwood flooring. Dale Ward with Flooring United says that dark woods in the wider planks is definitely his top seller in hardwood flooring while the newer gray and white wood floors haven't gained wide popularity; Dale commented further that he sees these colors as a good option for more mod-

Despite hundreds of flooring choic- ern and contemporary residences such es available in today's marketplace, as a condo located in uptown Charlotte.

In addition to wide plank hardwoods high demand among homeowners, es- in darker colors, consumers seek charpecially here in the southeast. I have acter found in varying vintage styles 2 1/4" golden oak hardwood planks in such as reclaimed wood, distressed, the main living areas of my home, and and hand scraped finishes. Reclaimed these floors were here long before we and distressed wood finishes refer to moved in more than ten years ago. This the process of making the new product look is very traditional and is declining look aged for a more authentic look and in popularity. Instead, the aesthetics of feel. I worked on a renovation project wider plank floors have become more not too long ago where we installed desirable among homeowners when hand scraped 5" wide planked maple remodeling or building new. This in-flooring in a dark finish featured in this cludes 3 ¼", 4", and even 5" planks. photo, a look that is very popular right

In studying these trends, there are When it comes to color, dark stains more options available today than ever before, so homeowners should be sure to do their homework when choosing flooring. For best results, be sure to read consumer reviews for various flooring manufacturers and hire a professional to do the installation.

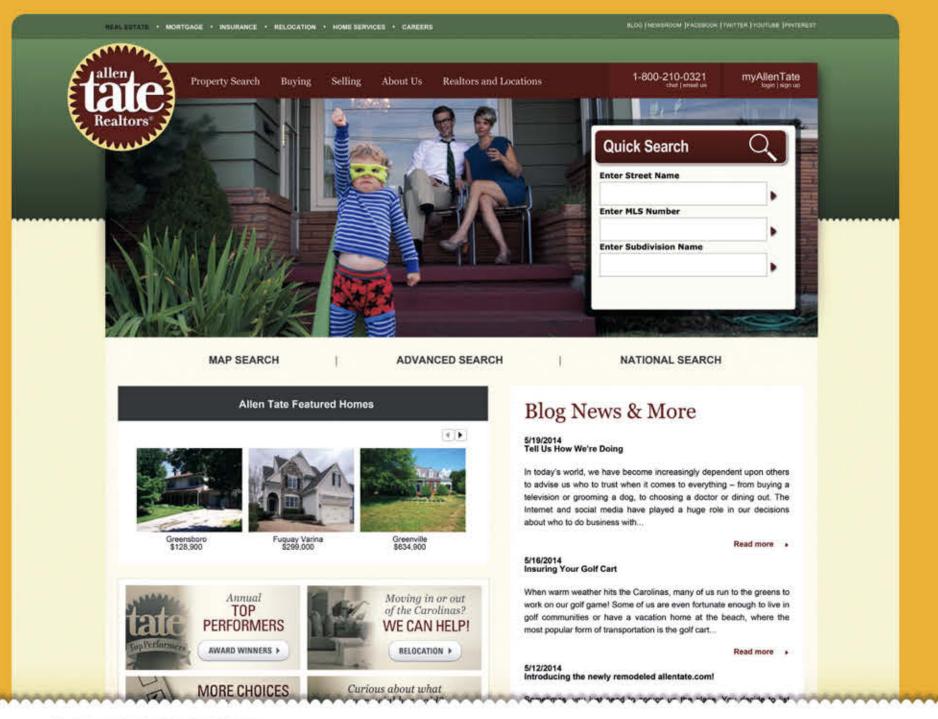
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Senior News

Water: Isn't it the neglected nutrient?

We have heard all our lives that we should consume six 8 ounce glasses of water a day. But what if you're 5'2" and weigh 100 lbs. or 6'2" and 200 lbs? Would the amount be the same for each person? Actually to determine the minimum ounces of fluid needed daily, take your weight, divide it in half and that is the amount

of fluid you should drink. So our 100 lb. female should drink 50 ounces of water (6.25 cups) and our 200-lb. man should drink 100 ounces or 12.5 cups daily.



Joanne Ahern Why do we need Seniors Columnist

water in the first place? Water is a part of every body cell, tissue, organ and body process and is important in these body func-

- Regulates your body temperature
- · Removes wastes from the body



· Carries nutrients, oxygen and and other tissues glucose to the cells to give you en-

strengthen muscles · Provides natural moisture to skin Keeps your stools softer. Tuft's University Center on Nutrition has become so convinced of the health benefits of water for older peo-

ple that they redesigned the USDA's Food Guide Pyramid so that it "floats" with eight glasses of water pictured on the bottom. Why the floating base? Dehydration is a major problem among the elderly.

Cushions joints and helps

As seniors, if we don't drink enough water we can be prone to kidney problems, urinary tract infections, constipation and other health conditions linked to a chronic state of dehydration. And we are especially affected by dehydration because many of the medications we take may further deplete the body's water supply without our ever realizing it.

Signs of dehydration include dizziness, weakness, muscle cramps, dry lips and mouth, nausea, dark colored urine or infrequent urination, constipation, increased body temperature or labored breathing, and general feelings of weakness.

Staying well-hydrated can boost energy and keep the skin moist, which is especially helpful for dry, aging

drated? Not necessarily. We can reach her at 704-875-1270.

juices, milk, and teas or coffee without caffeine. Some foods also include water: soups, yogurt, fruits such as watermelon, apples, oranges and tomatoes, and vegetables like lettuce, carrots and cucumbers. But not all fluids are created equal. Alcoholic beverages don't count in your daily intake - they get a big fat zero. In fact, alcohol inhibits the body's antidiuretic hormone (ADH) resulting in a loss of fluids. Black tea, green tea, caffeinated sodas and coffee are also known to have a dehydrating effect. Most physical fitness experts recommend starting your day with water, as your body becomes dehydrated during the night and can greatly benefit from water first thing in the morning.

achieve this higher fluid intake with

Now I know that some of you are saying that it is difficult to get all the water you need. And if you do drink all those glasses of water, you may be fearing incontinence or even have difficulty getting to the bathroom (especially at night).

Here are some strategies to help with getting all that water on a daily

- Develop a "hydration habit" a glass of water when you wake up, one at each meal, one at bedtime and one each time vou brush vour teeth.
- · If you are at home for most of the day, fill a container each morning with your water for the day. Use it to drink, make juice or tea. When the container is empty then you have met you goal for the day.
- Serve glasses of water or have a pitcher of water available at each
- Be sure to have water with you as you travel to keep you alert.

Don't wait until you are thirsty. That is not a good first indicator of need for water. Your thirst mechanism does not kick in until you are mildly dehydrated

So drink up and stay healthy.

Joanne Ahern is the director of North Mecklenburg Senior Center Is water the only way to stay hy- Inc., a United Way Agency. You can

Betsy Shores' recipe for Chicken Parmesan Meatloaf Muffins with easy tomato sauce

You might not know Betsy Shores, our Cornelius Cook this month, but there's a good chance you know her voice.

The spokeswoman for the Cornelius Police Department records the phone call traffic alerts, not to mention handling social media for the department.

She mostly works 8 to 5, but if there's a crisis of any kind where media might want questions answered, Shore will be

She and her husband Tommy Shores, have a nine-year-old daughter who is in third grade at Cornelius Elementary. The busy family lives in Blue Stone Har-

"Our daughter is an active soccer player, so you could say I'm a soccer mom," Shores says. The family spends time on the lake, as well as the White Water Center. The Belmont Abbey graduate, who grew up in Buffalo, is also a runner.

She learned how to cook from her mother and grandmother, both Italians. Shores shared her recipe for Chicken Parmesan Meatloaf Muffins

Why you like this dish? I like this recipe because it's comfort food but a

CHICKEN PARMESAN MEATLOAF MUFFINS

1 1/2 lbs raw ground chicken

6 T dried breadcrumbs

1 1/2 t Italian Seasoning

2 garlic cloves, minced

1/2 a small onion, chopped small

Pre-heat the oven to 350.

Lightly mist a muffin tin with

cooking spray and set aside.

Combine the ground chicken,

egg, egg whites, breadcrumbs,

ion, salt, pepper and Parmesan

Italian seasoning, garlic, on-

cheese in a large bowl, and

lightly mix together. Do not

breast

1 large egg

1 egg white

or grated

over handle.

Ingredients

Directions

¾ t salt

1/3 t black pepper

34 cup pasta sauce

Mozzarella cheese

34 cup Parmesan cheese

Form the meat mixture

prepared muffin tin. Spread

tops of each muffin. Bake for

20 minutes and remove from

the oven. Top each muffin with

about a tablespoon of shredded

cheese and then return to the

oven for 2-3 minutes until the

cheese is melted.

evenly into the 12 cups of your

the pasta sauce evenly over the

34 cup 2% reduced fat shredded



Betsy Shores in her kitchen in Blue Stone Harbor

healthier version. It's easy to make too so great for working moms or if you are in a hurry.

How long does it take to prepare? It takes about 30 minutes, but 25 of that is baking in the oven. Hands-on prep time

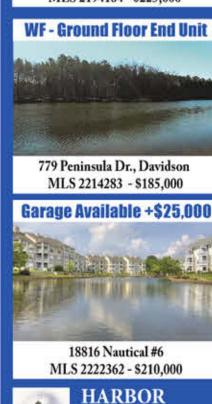
is only about five minutes and I love recipes that only use one bowl. I am a mess in the kitchen so the less to clean up the better! These are also great to make a big batch on the weekend then reheat during the week for lunch or dinner.

When do you like to serve it? This is a go-to weeknight meal for my family. Easy to assemble after work and I can help my daughter with homework while it's baking. These muffins are kid-friendly and also great for portion control! I serve it with egg noodles or a side salad. I love Italian food!



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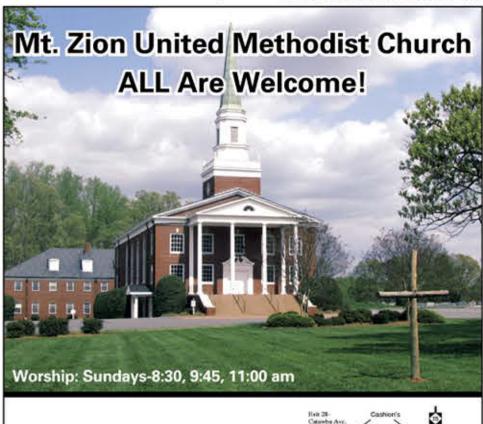
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Focus on Business

LKN Chamber names chiropractor 2014 'Small Business of the Year'

The Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce has selected Ballas Chiropractic Whole Health Wellness Center at Northcross as the 2014 Lake Norman Chamber Small Business of the Year.

The Business of the Year was selected from criteria which included growth in revenues, staying power, innovative marketing and management practices, growth in employees, business friendly nature of the business, and involvement in the community.

Ballas Chiropractic has been in the Lake Norman area in business since 2003. Hillary Broadway, chairman of the chamber, said the company employs 14 in-office staff members and approximately a dozen event staff.

Penny Benkeser, owner of Servpro of Northwest Charlotte, and Armin Desch of Armin's Catering and Events were runners up.





Hilary Broadway presents Kendall Heath, a representative for Ballas Chiropractic, with the Small Business of the Year Award. Also pictured is Huntersville Mayor Jill Swain and Chamber President Bill Russell.

Asian Festival May 17



Chris Hailey and Sabrena Fernandez were on the Chamber's dragon boat team



Natasha Marcus was on hand for the festivities

Bank of the Ozarks branch opens

May 12 The new Bank of the Ozarks branch has opened on West Catawba Avenue.

Banker Tom Dutton says the 3,700 square foot branch has six employees. The branch manager is Kris Kane.

Bank of the Ozarks paid \$1.075 million for the former Kunkleman real estate property at 19811 West Catawba Ave., next to the Goodwill store. The new bank has a drive-in window and a distinctive clerestory window treatment on what appears to be a second floor, in compliance with town codes.



Banker Tom Dutton in front of the Cornelius branch

Focus on Business

New Corporations

These corporations have registered with the N.C. Secretary of State

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4/21/14 Saratoga 60 LLC, Larry Archer, 19610 Schooner Dr., Cornelius 4/23/14 Angela Cope Trucking LLC, An-

gela C. Cope, 18002 Lochcarron Ln., 4/24/14 Mooresville Metal House Inc., Colby Ray Bankston, 20215 Middletown

4/25/14 Alto Roofing Corp. LLC, Mark Alvarez, 19308 Ruffner Dr.,

4/28/14 Burke Investment Group Inc., John F. Hanzel, 19425-G Liverpool Pkwy., 4/28/14 Jakur Resources Inc., Vivienne Merle Paynter, 19701 Bethel Church Rd., Suite 103-257,

4/29/14 Number Ten Investments & Consulting LLC, Stan Ragley, 18315 Invergordon Ln.,

4/30/14 Creative Innovations of NC Inc., John F. Hanzel, 19425-G Liverpool Pkwy., 4/30/14 Eagles Nes Services LLC, Hugh Franklin, 19421-A Liverpool Pkwy.,

4/30/14 Fry's Wholesale LLC, Brennon G. Fry, 19109 W. Catawba Ave.,

5/1/14 Xiques Photography LLC, Phuong Lan Le Xiques, 19015 Harbor Cove Ln., 5/2/14 704 Investments LLC, Michael Albert Iosue, 9724 Cadman Ct., Cornelius

5/5/14 Opal Hotels – Mooresville LLC, Rajnikant R. Desai, 19004 Mountainview Dr.,

5/5/14 Pioneer Holding Company LLC, John F. Hanzel, 19425 G Liverpool Pkwy., 5/5/14 Pope-Daniels inc., John F. Hanzel, 19425 G Liverpool Pkwy.,

5/5/14 Seven Hills Real Estate Holdings LLC, Buket Yengulalp, 18615 Victoria Bay Dr.,

5/8/14 Caterpillar Ministeries, Anne Crawford, 22043 Lady Glencirn Ct., 5/8/14 Southend Building Products Inc., Michael R. Harmon, 17505 W. Catawba Ave., Ste. 100,

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Hilbish, 18919 Peninsula Club Dr., 5/13/14 Fluid Form Massage Therapy and Bodywork LLC, Jessica Boone, 18335 Old Statesville Rd., Unit C,

Business

5/14/14 Bristol Auto Sales LLC, Karen Faulk McKinney, 18707 Cloverstone Cir., 5/14/14 CJ Barncastle & Associates Inc., Christopher Barncastle, 18900 Statesville Rd.

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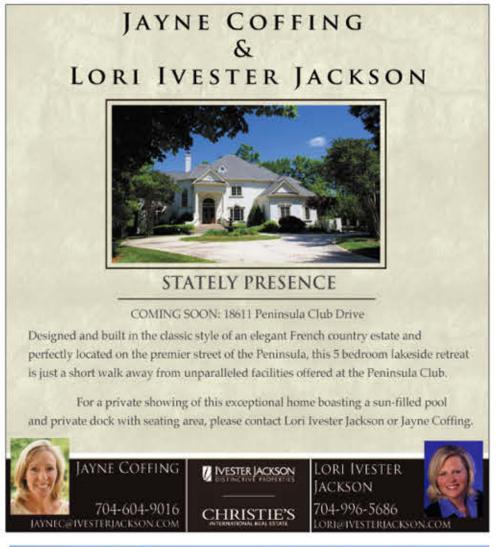
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5/7/14 Lemmond Holdings LLC, Shawn Lemond, 246 S. Faulkner Way, 5/8/14 Strata Studio LLC, Allison M.

Giaccone, 709-20 NE Dr., 5/9/14 Davidson Playhouse LLC, Ashley Vincent, 228 Caldwell Ln., Ste. A.

5/15/14 Cerebrum Aer Properties LLC, Peter Giallanza, 18549 Boulder Rock Loop,

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Your comments and opinions

"Attention Mr. Anonymous: I've grown tired of your complaints about Cornelius. Every month you complain about this great town of ours but not once do you say anything positive. You complain about the noise of planes (your continuous posts are more annoying than the planes). You despise leaf collection (and complain about your neighbors leaves) but at the same time you can probably afford to pay a lawn service (some of us depend on this service). "You complain about the traffic in Cornelius (I guess living next to a small village called Charlotte might have a few downsides). You complain about the corrupt politicians but those politicians were elected by a THE MAJORITY (democracy sucks, I know. Election day is November 4th this year if you want to try to change that). Lastly Mr. Anonymous, in one year you've posted (complained) 93 TIMES and NOT once have you given anyone else the chance to post (I'll wait while you check

"Regardless of all your complaints I personally love this little oasis north of Charlotte called Cornelius. It's unfortunate this

Mr. Anonymous).

Time to be open, direct and do something positive!

column has become an avenue to voice complaints instead of a board to "Sound Off" about what's great. I guess some of us don't focus on the negative aspects of this town and choose to focus on the positive. We have an abundance of great (well above the state average) public schools for our children to attend. We have a gorgeous lake, fun events, tree lined streets, unique restaurants, small local owned shops and crime free neighborhoods (maybe because our police officers are on call working privately and part-time in our communities to support their families). "Mr. Anonymous, I also wonder how many times you've posted about planes flying over your neighborhood only to board an airline the next day to go to work. I mean if you really are serious about the flight path of Charlotte Douglas maybe a boycott is in order? Of course this might require visiting your west coast clients by car, driving multiple hours to another airport or rowing to your next island vacation but I have faith in you, you can do it!

"All sarcasm aside it's time to start appreciating the town you live in or move someplace you can appreciate. It's childish, shameful

and cowardly to post anonymously about this community and not leave your name. Stop hiding behind the blanket of the internet and if you really have a grievance post your name. If you have a problem with your neighbor be an adult and talk to them or better yet be a neighbor and help them. This is my challenge to you Mr. Anonymous."

-This particular SoundOff was signed by Marc Haren. We have permission to use his name, otherwise all SoundOffs are anonymous

Thank you very mulch

"DO YOU KNOW ... that too much mulch around the base of a tree can cause the trunk to rot? It is easy for the untrained eye to think that because a tree grows out of the ground that the base of the tree is rot resistant, but it is not. The part of the tree that does extend out of the ground is called the "root flair." In some mature trees this is easily identified by the curvature of the trunk located at the base. The root flair is naturally rot resistant when it is NOT covered up. This is why it is vital that trees DO NOT get over mulched. This is the sign of an unqualified landscaper. A qualified landscape contractor will create a mulch ring that is dished (like a bowl) with the inside exposing the root flair to prevent moisture buildup, or a ring that is level across the top but has a low profile in height. So, please Town of Cornelius, stop hiring an unqualified landscaper, just look at the trees in downtown."

-via anonymous SoundOff link on www.corneliustoday.com

Advice to Cornelius Police Department

"I agree with the person who wrote in about the Cornelius Police missing all the speeders on Bethel Church. The speeders know the police are in the church parking lot so they are good as gold until they get past the church. By the time they get to Charles Towne Lane, they have reached 65 mph or higher then they either blast by or make a turn on Charles Towne, run the four way stops and keep on going at high speeds. All this with their radios cranked up to the highest level, bad mufflers or no mufflers, throwing trash out their windows into our yards. Cornelius could make some bucks for the town if they would patrol further down Bethel Church or monitor Charles Towne Lane."

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Red Cup Boss

"I live in a community where our H.D.A President is always intoxicated! She walks our streets with her "Red Cup" filled with alcohol and makes a jerk of herself. She not only embarrasses herself, but us also. Please resign for our community's good!"

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Fox news

"My son and I saw a fox very clearly on Green Dolphin Lane just last week."

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Less noise, fewer airplanes

"Are there less airplanes thundering over our homes or have I gone permanently deaf from all the noise they produce?"

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To everything Turn, Turn, Turn

"So happy the new right turn lane from eastbound Catawba to Westmorland is finished. Nice work!"

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Your comments and opinions



WAKE UP AND DRIVE!

""Our traffic would not be near as bad if people would go when the light turns green. I am amazed at the people on Torrence Chapel Road at Catawba who either sit there playing with something or just loiter slowly after the light changes and it makes some cars behind them wait on another four- to fiveminute light. Wake up !!!!! THANKS FOR PRINTING."

-via soundoffcornelius@gmail.com

Better signage for the corner of Bailey Road & Hwy 21

"Can someone PLEASE put the sign telling you to pull up to the white line to trip the traffic light up by the lights where people are actually looking and paying attention rather than down by the directional arrow where nobody is looking??? It would seem that people would see it there, but they don't. They are busy doing everything else while waiting for the light to turn, and as anyone who takes that route on a regular basis can tell you, if someone unfamiliar with that light happens to be the one in the front of the line, everyone has to sit there FOREVER, until someone tells them to pull up, by either getting out of their car and going up to their window or getting out of line from the left turn lane and getting in the right turn land to tell them, hoping that someone will let them back in to turn left like they originally were trying to do, meanwhile they are holding up traffic trying to turn right and may actually end up having to themselves if nobody lets them back in line. This should be a simple problem to resolve. Please help."



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Traffic is fattening

Pompous & self-absorbed

or riding their bicycles in the road every day.

It is so ridiculous to see all the traffic slowing

down to a near stop because of these pomp-

ous, self-absorbed individuals. They do not

protect them from getting hit. Do they really

have that much trust in all the drivers that are

The hoity-toity residents of Cornelius! It actu-

they can do whatever they want. I drove by

a couple that was jogging one morning and

one of them was using the sidewalk, while the

other must have felt he was too good for that,

This is an every-day occurrence, and the ar-

rogance of these fitness weirdos astounds me!

There are just way too many bad drivers out

there to be putting your life in their hands."

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so he was in the street causing all the motorists

ally doesn't surprise me that these people think

whizzing past them at 45 mph? Bethel Church

have a magic force-field around them to

is a prime example of these idiots.

to slow down and go around him.

"I see these fitness nuts either jogging

If you have ever driven morning rush hour down 21 in Huntersville you know how many cars are turning into and out of Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins. More traffic than a proposed housing development off Nantz Road would! Lets get the road ready for this calorie and traffic problem before it hits and backs us up from Jetton to Westmoreland!"

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