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More information: littlesmiles.org



Puppy Up! Walk comes to Jetton Park Nov. 8

The Puppy Up! Walk, a fundraiser organized by the national nonprofit 2 Million Dogs, is Nov. 8 at Jetton Park. Registration for the event will begin at 9 a.m. and the walk itself begins at 11 a.m. The event is free for children up to age 14. Registration on the day of the walk is \$25. Funds benefit oncology research for pets and people.



Mt. Zion BBQ is Nov. 1

The Mt. Zion United Methodist Church BBQ, a 75-year tradition in Cornelius, will be Saturday Nov. 1 at the church campus on Zion Street, just east of South Main, across from the fire station. The barbecue is cooked on-site, starting the night before. The barbecue starts at 11 a.m. and runs until 6 p.m. Plates are \$9 dine in or take out. All proceeds support missions.



DAR meeting is Nov. 13

Cricket Cregler, state committee chairman of the Daughters of the American Revolution Schools will be guest speaker at the Alexandria Chapter of DAR Nov. 13 at The Hut at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. Coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m. with the business meeting at 10 a.m.

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Thanksgiving stories celebrate the best of a diverse community

Since Thanksgiving is an all-American, ecumenical holiday that dates all the way back to the Pilgrims, and Cornelius folks come from all over, I thought it would be fun to share some of readers' stories about Thanksgivings past and Thanksgiving traditions.

I remember my parents' car bouncing down my grandmother's street in Newark, N.J. on the way to

Thanksgiving Dinner, served at 3 p.m. Elliot Street was paved with old red bricks and narrow houses on either side. My grandmother, who was born and raised in France, served Manischewitz wine and string beans out of a can, much to the chagrin of my very Lutheran mother who was born and raised on a dairy farm in Pennsylvania. Still, it was fun, and I was excited to sit at the kids' table with my

cousins who were already chain-smokers. My father told a story about a friend who dove head-first into the mucky Passaic River. They found him later with his feet sticking out of the water. Who knows if it was true.

The stories below are sweeter than mine, I hope you enjoy them.

—Dave Yochum

Giving makes thanks better

"It was Thanksgiving, 1973. Jill and I were in our first year of marriage. I was in seminary in Jackson, Miss., and she was teaching... putting me through school. We were 823 miles from our families and too far to travel back to West Virginia for Thanksgiving.

Both of us were down about the prospects and missing our families. Several other young couples were in the same boat. So we decided to have a shared dinner together, and everyone brought something. We also decided to reach out to a local orphanage and invite some of the kids to join us. We had about seven guys, 10 to 13 years old, who joined us.

It was a beautiful Mississippi day. We had good food and then, all of us played touch football that afternoon...then, ate again! That evening when we took the boys back to their home. Jill and I agreed, "How thankful we are for today and the time w/ those kids.

Forty-two years later and both of us still fondly remember that Thanksgiving.

There's something about 'giving' that makes 'thanks' go a whole lot better."

—Rev. Dr. Bill Cain

Pastor, Bethel Presbyterian Church

Memorizing 'Alice's Restaurant'

I grew up outside of Philadelphia. Most years for Thanksgiving we would drive the two-ish hours to my grandparents' house in Lancaster County. Since I had a "proper musical education" as my dad always says, we would listen to the traditional Thanksgiving tale of Alice's Restaurant as sung by Arlo Guthrie. This song is a 20-minute story, really about the draft for the Vietnam War, that starts out with a group of friends eating "a Thanksgiving dinner that couldn't be beat." To this day, I can recite the ENTIRE song with the recording without missing a phrase or pause.



EVERHART



Artwork by Keith Blankenship

I once embarrassed my dear husband by proving as such to some of his coworkers at a holiday party. I sang/recited the entire 20-minute song, much to his embarrassment. I look forward to teaching my son this wonderful tradition of the tale of "Alice's Restaurant" for Thanksgiving.

—Sarah Everhart

Sarah and her husband Chris met on MySpace and were married on Sept. 10, 2011 at the Galway Hooker.

'Twin spin' of turkey

Thanksgiving was always my favorite as I was growing up because it was the one major holiday all my classmates celebrated. I grew up in a community with a 20 percent Jewish population, so it just wasn't right to say "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Easter." It felt so great...wishing ALL of my friends a Happy Thanksgiving.

It was the one holiday when both of my grandmothers would cook... and it was always turkey. We lived about 10 miles from each, so first we would go to my Mom's side of the family for an early afternoon dinner. Then around 4 p.m., we'd drive about 20 miles to enjoy a second turkey dinner around 8. Once we asked if one of them would change the menu to something else.



VIESER

That did not happen so a twin spin of turkey it was every year.

—Dave Wieser

Wieser, who is from Baldwin, N.Y., writes for Cornelius Today

A turkey the size of a balloon in Macy's parade

"Going to my Auntie Ann's, my older cousin telling us about this new singing artist Roy Orbison and playing Roy's first album. Eating enough food to feed several armies, with a turkey the size of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade balloons.

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After dinner the 'gals' would play a card and board game called Pokeno. The 'guys' would play poker down stairs. The kids had the basement for ping-pong, a pool table and table-top, electric, slot-car racing. That same older cousin got me a table top stock racing car for Christmas and we would go to the local indoor table top stock car race studio together, he's so cool...Great memories I will treasure always.

—Lenore Cuyler

The Style Merchant, Catawba Avenue



CUYLER

Southern flavor

My dad was Wilson Potts, the original owner of Potts Barber Shop. His pastime was to possum hunt. Fifty years ago there was still plenty of woods and forest where we used to go at night to catch possums. The now Birkdale area off Sam Furr was one of his favorite spots. He would catch the possum, cage it for a couple months and feed it scraps from dinner. By Thanksgiving, it would be supposedly cleaned from its normal diet as a rodent and fattened. He would have someone prepare it for Thanksgiving because my mom refused. My friends used to joke that while they were having turkey, the Potts family had possum. Actually, only Dad (and maybe my brother Mickey) ate the possum served with a sweet potato in its mouth. The rest of us dined on turkey.

—Ron Potts

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—Sharon Washam

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Candidates for N.C. House District 98 differ on key issues

BY DAVE VIESER

Tolls for I-77 and the recent same-sex marriage ruling by the state Supreme Court are two of the key differences between the two candidates hoping to fill the seat in the N.C. House being vacated by U.S. Senate hopeful Thom Tillis.

Republican John Bradford III and Democrat Natasha Marcus spelled out their platforms and positions at Cornelius Today's "Candidates Forum & Old-fashioned BBQ" Oct. 17 at Town Hall. The event began with a full lunch, mingling with the candidates, as well as the national anthem led by Mayor Pro Tem Woody Washam on an electric keyboard and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Chuck Travis. Rev. Dr. Mary John Dye, senior pastor at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, was the moderator.

About 110 people attended.

Bradford, while agreeing that something must be done to alleviate congestion on I-77, attempted to shift some of the blame to Raleigh by reminding the audience that he had signed and sent a letter last spring to Gov. Pat McCrory asking him to hold off on signing the project contract with Cintra, a Spanish company. "He signed it anyway. There was nothing more we could do. It's the better of two bad choices," the other being to wait for general purpose lane funding. Marcus said that "government has failed us at every level on this project" and criticized Bradford for stepping in much too late.



Mayor Pro Tem Woody Washam led the audience in song

With regard to the same-sex marriage issue, Marcus said that Speaker Tillis "should spend his own money" if he wants to appeal the recent ruling. "We need to get past this issue, the decision is over." Bradford supports the appeal, noting that the gay marriage



John Bradford and Natasha Marcus are far apart on some issues

amendment was approved by North Carolina voters in 2012.

Bradford opposes the 1/4 cent sales tax referendum which is supposed to fund education and will be on the November ballot in Mecklenburg County "since it is non-binding." Marcus is in favor of the sales tax increase.

So far, it's been an expensive race. Bradford has raised about \$140,000



Lula Bell Houston did the coin toss to determine which candidate went first

from 220 donors. He has also lent his campaign \$150,000 in personal funds. Marcus has raised more than \$165,000 in cash from 625 individual donors, a record for a Democrat in a district that has been held by a Republican since at least 2003 when former Cornelius Town Commissioner John Rhodes was elected.

Both candidates expressed similar priorities if they are elected: Education, the economy, helping small business, and maintaining the state infrastructure. And both agreed that their own parents were their role models and mentors.

Bradford said his preference to gov-

erning is to be sure government helps those in legitimate need but also stays out of the way when it should.

Marcus says her concern is that the state legislature has taken a "hard right turn" in recent years, which has negatively impacted education, those in need, as well as the state's reputation.

The election has taken several unusual turns during the past 10 months. Initially, former Cornelius Mayor Lynette Rinker was expected to get the GOP nod, but Bradford, the founder of Park Avenue Properties, also decided to run and ultimately defeated Rinker in the May GOP primary with a 59 percent margin.



Mayor Chuck Travis, Davidson Commissioner Rodney Graham

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Meanwhile, the Democrats selected Marcus, 45, a former attorney from Davidson, to run against Bradford. Marcus, who readily admits she is the underdog, has surprised some political observers by raising as much money as she has and keeping a full schedule of personal appearances in the district, which includes Davidson, Cornelius and part of Huntersville.

The notion of signing a 50-year contract with an outfit based in Spain to build toll lanes on I-77 has energized the Marcus campaign. "It's much closer than we thought," one campaign staffer said. There is no official polling, however, to suggest who might be ahead.

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Supermarkets converging on Cornelius

Shoppers are testing out the Publix in Huntersville, as anticipation builds around the new store in Magnolia Plaza. Competition with Harris Teeter and Food Lion is heating up.



Cornelius Resident Jim Hicks shops Publix in Huntersville

BY DAVE VIESER

The visual proof is compelling. New supermarkets are rising on both ends of town, while another has been enlarged and modernized. At a time when some communities have lost their local food stores, Cornelius seems to be bucking the trend. Why is Cornelius attracting major food chains such as Publix and Harris Teeter?

Officials from each supermarket as well as the Carolina Food Industry Council are sanguine about growth in 28031. Furthermore, they're confident it's not too much for consumers to support. "We look very carefully at each prospective location, and in Cornelius we saw great opportunity," said Publix spokeswoman Kimberly Reynolds. She said factors such as population, household income and growth potential are all taken into consideration and that Publix believes the region will sustain their stores.

Of course, the Lowe's store in Kenton Place closed, as well as the old Bi-Lo years ago on West Catawba behind Starbucks and Matt's Chicago Dog.

A new supermarket is no small undertaking. "Opening a new supermarket is a very expensive process so the

food chains are extremely careful before making a commitment to a specific area," said Lindsey Kueffner, Executive Director of the Carolina Food Industry Council. "Over-saturation is quite rare due to the extensive research done before a site is selected."

The employee-owned Publix chain is in the final phases of building a 49,000-square foot store in the fast-transforming Magnolia Plaza Shopping Center. Scheduled to open early next year, the new store will employ approximately 140 associates, and will feature all of the chain's special departments including a drive-through pharmacy.

Work is under way on Harris Teeter's new 53,000 square foot supermarket near the Antiquity development just east of Main Street at Catawba. The store on Old Jetton Road underwent a major expansion and renovation last year, making it one of the largest Har-

ris Teeter stores in the state.

There's no word on any major renovations or expansions planned at the Food Lion in downtown Cornelius.

Still, Cornelius is a growth market. The U.S. Census Bureau reports that the population rose 92 percent between 2000 and 2010, from 12,900 to 24,800. Interestingly, retail sales per capita were \$19,848 in Cornelius in 2007, according to the Census Bureau, and only \$12,641 per capita statewide.

Kueffner said the primary factors supermarket chains take into consideration are population, growth rates, and disposable income. "The Lake Norman portion of the state is a very up-and-coming area so it's a natural for all the supermarket growth plans."

According to 2013 data compiled by Florida-based Chain Store Guide, Walmart is the area's No. 1 grocer by

market share, followed by Harris Teeter, Food Lion, Sam's Club, and Bi-Lo.

Publix is new to the Charlotte market, but it has been a major player for years in Florida. Both Harris Teeter and Publix have consistently ranked in the top 10 of Consumer Reports Grocery Store Satisfaction Surveys. Matthews-based Harris Teeter, which was founded in 1960, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Kroger. Publix, founded in 1930 in Winter Haven, is among the 10 largest-volume supermarket chains in the country.

For their part, Cornelius officials are thrilled with the continued supermarket retail growth. "We're confident that these new stores will add value to the already healthy mix of existing grocers in town," said Assistant Town Manager Andrew Grant. "Our residents and businesses on both the east and west sides of town will certainly enjoy these developments."

Town officials, as well as the Lake Norman Regional Economic Development, hope the old Bi-Lo behind Starbucks and the old Lowe's in Kenton Place may be redeveloped or repurposed in the future. Both have sat empty for some time.



Publix in Huntersville was bustling on a recent Sunday, more so than the nearby Harris Teeter

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SouthLake senior pastor resigns

Oct. 16 Friends and people close to SouthLake Church and SouthLake Christian Academy are asking friends to pray for the leaders of both institutions as they come to grips with financial improprieties. Financial losses are said to be well into the six figures.

The long-time senior pastor of the church, Wade Malloy, has resigned. He could not be reached for comment. In September, Wayne Parker resigned as chief financial officer of SouthLake Christian Academy. A new interim headmaster at SouthLake Christian Academy was announced in September.

Huntersville Police said no arrests have been made, nor is there a police report. SouthLake Church and the school have attracted a wide following in North Mecklenburg. Both are affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America, a mainstream denomination. Neither church administrators nor school officials would comment, but they apparently called in auditors resulting in Malloy's resignation.

Here is the statement issued by SouthLake Church after Cornelius Today broke this story

Statement:
"At Southlake Church and Southlake Christian Academy, we hold ourselves, our staff, and our broader community to the highest of ethical standards. Last month, Wayne Parker resigned as chief financial officer of Southlake Christian Academy. Since his departure, we have become aware of possible financial mismanagement and criminal behavior by Mr. Parker.
As part of that discovery, it has also become apparent that Pastor Wade Malloy may have been involved in the financial mismanagement as well. He too has resigned his position.
We educate students and teach the gospel – we do not conduct investigations. We will hand over what we know to the proper authorities and fully support their investigation."



Robert Cashion: Passing of a household word in Cornelius

Oct. 14 Robert Cashion, the patriarch of the Cashion family and the Cashion's Quik Stop chain in North Mecklenburg, has died at his homeplace in Cornelius. "There will never be another Robert Cashion," said former Cornelius Mayor Wes Southern. Mr. Cashion was part of the fabric of Cornelius, helping countless young people and families over many generations. Southern said "everyone grew up and worked at Cashion's back when it was a grocery store."

The family grocery store was once located in the strip of stores on Catawba near Cornelius Elementary before moving to the southwest corner of Catawba and Main at Oak Street where the Rite Aid store is now.

Back in the day, the Cashion's grocery store was the gathering place for Cornelius. Mr. Cashion knew everyone in town by name. Southern said Mr. Cashion, as well as his



wife, Louise, "affected the lives of so many people and nobody ever knew about it." He said Mr. Cashion, while on his hospital bed, wrote a check for \$50,000 to support the fledgling library in Cornelius. The Cashions also made a significant contribution to the YMCA to help provide a place to swim for all Cornelius youth. Besides his wife Louise, Mr. Cashion is survived by sons Bobby, Gordon and John.

Mr. Cashion actively supported church youth groups and scout troops, Southern said, by donating 1 percent of grocery receipts back to the community, generating millions of dollars. He took a special interest in children who could not afford to go on trips with their youth group. He also carefully selected "secret shoppers" who might not have pockets deep enough to fill up their own pantry to visit competing grocery stores to compare prices. They got to keep the groceries they bought, Southern said.

"No one will ever know the number of families he has helped like that," the former mayor said.

Mr. Cashion was a long-time member of the North Mecklenburg Rotary Club. There is a marker in his honor on the marquee at Cornelius Elementary School.

In 1992, he was named the Business Person of the Year by the Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce. In 2003, the award was renamed the Robert Cashion Business Person of the Year.

The All American Dog Show draws over 150 spectators

Oct. 8 The 14th Annual All American Dog Show was Oct. 4 at Bailey Road Park Track & Field. Over 150 spectators attended to see the finest pooches duke it out for various awards including: Best Dressed, Cutest Senior, Best Coat, Cutest Puppy, Best Sport, All American dog and many more.

Town Commissioner Jim Duke served as one of the judges. The overall All American Dog winners were Monty, a Bull Mastiff mix in first place; Brinkley, a terrier mix in second place; and Tink — a shepard chow mix in third place.



MaryLou Inzinna, with Molly, Robin Michaels, with Della Ray

LNTC head says Red Line 'stuck on stop'

Oct. 13 Any hope that a commuter rail line between the Lake Norman area and Charlotte will be built on existing Norfolk Southern rail freight right-of-way is dead. Lake Norman Regional Transportation Commission Executive Director Bill Thunberg made that very clear during the commissions' meeting. "We're still stuck on stop with Norfolk Southern," Thunberg said. "They're not interested in passenger rail here, and there's really nothing the state or North Carolina Railroad can do. We can't continue to wait around." For a number of years, local transportation officials had been eyeing the existing Norfolk Southern freight line which runs through Huntersville, Cornelius, Davidson and Mooresville as an ideal corridor for a commuter rail line. Developers for a

number of local projects, such as Antiquity in Cornelius, expected that the commuter line would eventually serve their homeowners, acting as an attractive alternative for those who drive to Charlotte. However, without Norfolk Southern's interest, the rail project is dead.

Thunberg said that funding for an alternate analysis of transportation options in the Lake Norman area would most likely be sought in the 2016 state budget, which will be formulated next spring.

At the same meeting, Thunberg also revealed that the contract between the state DOT and Cintra to build the I-77 toll/managed lanes requires that their construction not interfere or disturb the existing general purpose lanes. Public hearings will



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also be required next year, prior to the establishment of toll rates for the new lanes. In response to questions from several other commission members who asked if the I-77 project could still be stopped, Huntersville Transportation Director Bill Coxe said. "The only way I see is if the private sector financing is rescinded." The commission members also took some time to review the results of their Regional Transportation Summit held Sept. 30 at the Charles Mack Center in Mooresville. "We were very pleased with the size and diversity of the crowd," said Melinda Bates, who coordinated the summit program. Bates said that while the event was billed as an east-west topic oriented discussion, some I-77 conversation got mixed in, diluting time for the NC 73/150 corridor discussions.

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Cornelius 911 adds Text-to-911 Capabilities

Oct. 3 The Cornelius 911 Center recently added the text-to-911 capability as part of a national initiative to modernize the 911 emergency call system. Cornelius residents and visitors, as well as students and faculty of Davidson College, who have Verizon, Sprint or AT&T Wire-

less can now send a short message service (SMS) text message to 911 for emergency help when unable to make a 911 voice call. Police Chief Bence Hoyle was excited about the opportunity to improve the agency's capabilities; calling the initiative a "lifesaver in situations where voice calls aren't an option." Director of Engineering for Verizon Wireless, Richard Craig, has been a forefront advocate of bringing text-to-911 to the area. He says

the company was "proud to work alongside the Cornelius 911 Center Tteam and TCS to deploy this new solution." There are some significant limitations and issues the public should be aware of. This service is only available when your cellular phone is in close proximity to a cell tower in Cornelius or on the campus of Davidson College. Other 911 Centers who may not have this service implemented yet would not be able to receive

your text, and in those cases you will receive an immediate "bounce back" message telling you to call 911 by voice. Also, text-to-911 was not developed as a replacement or option to calling 911 in an emergency situation, but rather as an enhancement to reaching 911 services in two specific situations: when the caller is hearing/voice impaired and when speaking loudly would put the caller in danger. More information: cornelius.org/police



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9/5/14 \$1,345,000 Hans & Alike Birkholz to James Parencia & Carol Pontis, 18915 Coveside Ln.

9/5/14 \$639,000 Clarkson & Judith McLean to Edward & Eleanor Marxen, 18830 Peninsula Cove Ln.

9/5/14 \$70,000 James E. Hurt Jr., Steven & Katherine Hartwell to Navegante LLC & Eric Vest, 19501 Center St.

9/5/14 \$210,000 Forrest & Lisa Kelly to Kevin & Jill Kelly, 17850 Railway Dr.

9/8/14 \$1,350,000 John II & Joan Martin to Christopher & Joanie Nelson, 19109 Peninsula Point

9/9/14 \$2,750,000 Juanita & Joseph Carrabba to Mark Edwards, Lot 588 The Peninsula

9/10/14 \$1,400,000 Lee & Lynn White to Lawrence Frank & Mercedes Bittan, 19309 Peninsula Shores Dr.

9/10/14 \$245,000 Donna Taylor to Brian & Ananda Underwood, 18226 Harbor Mist Rd.

9/11/14 \$713,000 Robyn & Keith Reisinger to Douglas & Ramona Havas, 19017 Meta Rd.

9/11/14 \$1,352,000 Douglas & Ramona



19309 Peninsula Shores Drive, \$1,400,000 Havas to Allison & David Hamme, 19339 Peninsula Shores Dr.

9/11/14 \$158,000 Americo & Brenda Zavaleta to George & Erikka Hockett, 10212 Conistan Pl.

9/12/14 \$335,000 GLT Enterprises to Trina Killian, 18724 Nautical Dr. Unit 1

9/12/14 \$374,000 South Creek Homes to Regena Tardugno, 12629 Meeting-house Dr.

9/12/14 \$354,000 South Creek Homes to James & Ruth Westbrook, 18425 Neville Ave.

9/12/14 \$243,000 Scott & Susan Gard-

ner to Brian & Tandra Molloy, 18014 Harbor Mist Rd.

9/12/14 \$126,500 John & Sara Hassell to Gary & Sharon Freeman, Unit 34 Wood Duck Cove Condominium

9/12/14 \$480,000 Richard Kryzynski to John & Denice Berry, 7626 Vistaview Dr.

9/15/14 \$245,000 Stephen & Lori Mullen to Rolf & Ashley Soderlund, 20831 Brinkley St.

9/15/14 \$200,000 Davis Schroeder Jr. to Linda & Holly Ostrov, 18711 Victoria Bay Dr.

9/15/14 \$285,000 Mark & Diane Kradel to Scott & Alix-Nicole O'Connor, 10020 Willow Leaf Ln.

9/16/14 \$122,000 Kimberly Evans to Huda Kutabi & Ayman Baroudi, 7510 Woods Ln. #33

9/16/14 \$370,000 South Creek Homes to John & Jane Turpin, 12403 Meeting-house Dr.

9/18/14 \$860,000 William & Cynthia Bowman to David & Nancy DiGioia, 16709 100 Norman Pl.

9/18/14 \$200,000 Clifton & Susan Glenn to Sheila Hollins, 19250 Lake Norman Cove Dr.

9/19/14 \$219,000 Ryan & Dana Habersang to Erik & Kayse Foor, 19040 Celestine Ln.

9/19/14 \$216,000 Delbert III & Judith Gregg to Seth & Elizabeth Stratton, 10042 Switchyard Dr.

9/19/14 \$240,500 MS Antiquity to Scott & Sharon Higgins, 22354 Market St.

9/23/14 \$143,000 Cheryl & Alan McEl-



19339 Peninsula Shores Drive, \$1,352,000

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\$ 4,950,000

Peninsula Waterfront

Panoramic sunsets from this stylish Mediterranean villa perched spectacularly above Lake Norman in The Peninsula. Appointed with hand painted ceilings and polished marble floors, this flagship estate features a signature 2-story foyer & GR w/palladium windows to showcase lake views. Dual island gourmet kitchen, covered veranda. Lake level entertaining with bar, billiards, resort pool/spa, & private putting green. MLS# 3027468 Agents: Reed Jackson/Patty Howe

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Peninsula Waterfront Estate

Panoramic vistas of Lake Norman's main channel and the Blue Ridge foothills beyond, highlight this remodeled transitional Simonini Estate. Stunning 30 foot great room w/palladium windows & Travertine stone hearth. Gourmet kitchen w/Wolf 8 burner gas stove. Miele beverage, dual sub zeros. Spacious owners retreat. Resort style salt water pool & spa w/kitchen & stone fireplace. MLS# 3031440 Agent: Reed Jackson

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\$ 2,899,000



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 Brazilian cherry wood spiral staircase. Kitchen features custom granite and onyx counter tops. Unique loft, arches & art niches. MLS# 3002347 Agents: Lori Ivester Jackson/Jan Sipe

\$ 2,790,000



Waterfront Estate

Main channel views from all living areas & BR's. Chef's kitchen w/2 islands, granite, Viking Prof range & custom cabinetry. 6 BR's, library, media room, theater, secret room, & guest house. Gated entry, 3 car garage. MLS# 3022006 Agent: Sherry Hickman

\$ 2,499,500



The Peninsula Waterfront

Double entry doors. Lake views over pool & spa. Kitchen features 5 burner range, 2 dishwashers. Travertine floors & Brazilian cherry hardwoods. Tile roof, 4 car garage, pier w/boat lift. MLS# 3020614 Agent: Lori Ivester Jackson

\$ 2,350,000



The Peninsula Waterfront

Country Estate. Soaring entry hall w/spiral staircase. Chef's kitchen w/family friendly great room. Lake level w/ summer kitchen, Outdoor living & entertaining areas, pool & hot tub. Boat & 2 PWC slips. 3 car garage. MLS# 3012219 Agents: Lori Ivester Jackson/Jayne Coffing

\$ 2,350,000



The Peninsula Waterfront

Custom built estate. 2-story great room w/floor to ceiling windows. High end finishes, limestone floors, & stone FP. Gourmet kitchen w/Woodmode cabinetry, granite island, Thermador cooktop, Lakeside patio. MLS# 3041634 Agent: Lori Ivester Jackson

\$ 2,095,000



The Peninsula Waterfront

Spacious open floorplan, 2-story living room w/floor to ceiling windows, hardwood floors, cast stone & marble fireplace. Gourmet kitchen, custom cabinets, granite, 4 burner range/oven w/grill. MLS# 3002944 Agent: Lori Ivester Jackson

\$ 1,995,000



The Peninsula Waterfront

Private pool w/spa, outdoor kitchen, covered dock & lift. Two-story great room. Kitchen w/Viking gas range, double ovens & keeping room w/fireplace. Guest suite, billiards room & recreation room w/fireplace. MLS# 3024840 Agent: Lori Ivester Jackson

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\$ 1,299,000



The Peninsula Waterfront

Custom Simonini home. Open floor plan throughout. 2 story great room & chef's gourmet kitchen. Hardwood floors, plantation shutters. Master suite & 2 other bedrooms on main. Lake level has 2nd living quarters w/bar/kitchen, great room and 2 additional bedrooms for guests. Boat slip #2 (middle) with lift is easy walk from your covered patio w/lakeside entertainment. MLS# 3018255 Agents: Reed Jackson/Lori Ivester Jackson

\$ 1,169,000



The Peninsula Golf Course

Elegant Southern Classic home overlooking the 14th green. Interior designer's personal home w/ features including herringbone sisal carpeting, refinished hardwoods, custom light fixtures, remodeled master suite & custom drapery. Updated kitchen w/SS appls, SubZero refrigerator & wine storage. Walk-in attic w/golf practice net. Relax on screened porch or patio. MLS# 3031611 Agent: Lori Ivester Jackson

\$ 979,000



The Peninsula - Point Lot

Spectacular sunset views from this point lot in The Peninsula on Lake Norman. One of the last waterfront lots with spectacular year-round views and close proximity to Peninsula Yacht Club Marina. MLS# 3027836 Agent: Reed Jackson

\$889,000



The Peninsula Golf Course

5 BRM stone/stucco home on 8th hole. Walking distance to Country Club. Entry hall w/ grand staircase. Kitchen w/island open to great room w/fireplace, Master on main w/huge bath & 2 walk-in closets. MLS# 3025331 Agent: Jayne Coffing

\$ 835,000



Cornelius Waterfront

Charming cottage w/separate 2 car garage and guest apartment, sunken pool built into above ground deck. Buy & Build on one of the best available lots in Cornelius. MLS# 3033128 Agent: Reed Jackson/Lori Ivester Jackson

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The Peninsula Golf Course

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The Peninsula Waterview

2-story foyer flows into bright grt rm w/FP overlooking deck & backyard. Arched entry to formal dining room, study w/coffered ceiling & built-ins. KIT island, granite, beautiful cabinetry, butler's pantry/bar. MLS# 3024732 Agent: Lori Ivester Jackson

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18421 Peninsula Club Drive, \$1,800,000

roy to Courtney & Jason Mercado,
16217 Peachmont Dr.

9/25/14 \$200,000 Kristin Wilcox to Andrew Watkins, 11410 Potters Row

9/25/14 \$545,000 Ruth & Edwin Jr. Wadsworth to Stephen & Maria Aldrich,

13414 Scanlan Way

9/25/14 \$430,000 Mark & Karla Reed to Ryan Reed, 21612 Scottcrest Cir.

9/26/14 \$196,000 Qihong Guan & Charles Major to Ryan & Merissa O'Donnell, 8744 Westwind Point Dr.

9/26/14 \$524,000 Classica Homes to Michael & Amy Efron, 9134 Robbins Preserve Rd.

9/26/14 \$605,000 Classica Homes to John & Sue Gilbert, 9120 Robbins Preserve Rd.

9/26/14 \$677,000 Christopher & Gretchen Harrison to Tiffany Coscia, 16716 Yardarm Ln.

9/29/14 \$673,500 Ronald & Cindy Wright to Gregory & Gloria Bolster, 16731 100 Norman Pl.

9/30/14 \$305,000 Henry & Brenda Schultz to Seth Loranger, 19405 Ruffner Dr.

9/30/14 \$483,000 MS Gallagher LLC to Rush & Kary Watson, 18915 Serenity Point Ln.

9/30/14 \$308,000 MI Homes of Charlotte to Mark Friesen & Samantha Rivera, 21706 Parsons Green Row

9/30/14 \$432,000 South Creek Homes to Manolito & Deborah Garagato, 12814 Meetinghouse Dr.

10/1/14 \$515,000 Heinrich Lentzy to Lynne Gillooly, 17503 Robbins Ridge Rd.

10/1/14 \$230,000 Stephen & Maria Aldrich to Bryan & Erin Romanow, 17327 Grand Central Way

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10/2/14 \$289,000 Cunnane Group to Brian & Susan Dietrich, 1132 Inn Keepers Way

10/2/14 \$307,000 Cunnane Group to John & Geneva Bosak, 1156 Inn Keepers Way

10/2/14 \$232,500 John & Pamela Dillon to Ryan & Roxanne Castle, 18729 Ruffner Dr.

10/2/14 \$134,000 Jonathan & Erin Padgett to Christopher Tranter, 17722 Caldwell Track Dr.

10/2/14 \$270,000 Guy & Nancy Wallace to Gary Magreni & Shannon Henderson, 20417 Harborgate Ct., No. 510

10/2/14 \$802,000 David & Elif Himebaugh to Anita Moerman, 17325 Connor Quay Ct.

10/3/14 \$325,000 Jonathan & Nel Bloom to Catherine & Devin Halter, 20410 Tamara Oak Dr.

10/3/14 \$398,000 South Creek Homes to James & Pamela Brennan, 12910 Meetinghouse Dr.

10/3/14 \$376,000 South Creek Homes to Richard & Jacqueline Zuber, 12802 Meetinghouse Dr.

10/3/14 \$159,000 Jeffrey & Terriann Vogel to Terri Devaughn, 19130 Long Pond Ln.

10/6/14 \$136,000 Brenda Myers to Kara Hochevar, 7500 Woods Ln. Unit 42, Cornelius

10/6/14 \$175,000 Biran Hope & Shelly Kutschenko to Kraysztop & Renata Radgowska, 9220 Ducati Ln.

10/7/14 \$70,000 David & Lisa Robinson, Travis Robinson, Kari Robinson, Jeremy & Mandy Robinson to Carolina Blue Sky Property, 20224 Zion Ave.

10/7/14 \$1,800,000 Joey & Dianna Horney to Christopher & Laura Caffey, 18421 Peninsula Club Dr.

10/8/14 \$120,000 Joshua & Holly Murray, Joyce Murray to Allison Barfield, 152 Crossing Gate Dr.

10/8/14 \$267,000 Phillip & Diane Reilly to Eileen & Freddy Quinones, 10021 Willow Leaf Ln.

10/9/14 \$600,000 Phil & Martha Jurney to Edward & Heidi Horne, 18118 Sunset Cove Ln.

10/9/14 \$539,000 McCord & Sue Ellen Davis to Douglas Fitzgerald & Jodelle Squires, 17327 Players Ridge Dr.

10/10/14 \$795,000 Paul Adkins to Clint Robins, 19015 Serenity Point Ln..



18118 Sunset Cove Lane, \$600,000

Davidson

9/5/14 \$297,000 NVR to Michael & Nicole Good, 17228 Summers Walk Blvd.

9/15/14 \$218,500 Trustees of Davidson College to Douglas Jr. & Charlene Minor, 624 Ashby Dr.

9/15/14 \$380,000 Randall & Shelly Taft to Jerry Cooper & Jane Gabriel, 12514 Robert Walker Dr.

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10/3/14 \$485,000 Johan & Lina Komanduri to Daniel & Kelly Ryan, 18408 Dembridge Dr.

10/6/14 \$557,000 Paulita Neff & Joseph Crider to David Hooper II & Onita Vaz, 18577 Carnegie Overlook Blvd.

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18577 Carnegie Overlook Boulevard, \$557,000

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10/8/14 \$730,000 Bridgeport Fabrics Inc to Trustees of Davidson College, 210 Delburg St.

10/8/14 \$335,000 Andrew & Stephanie Wizorek to Jeffrey & Deirdre Stupp, 19108 Cypress Garden Dr.

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.

FORECLOSURES

Foreclosure actions have been started on the following properties. Items show the date foreclosure documents became public, owners, property address, lien holder, lien amount.

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10/2/14 Shawn B. Croteau, 11270 Heritage Green Dr., Cornelius, Ace Mortgage Funding \$163,922

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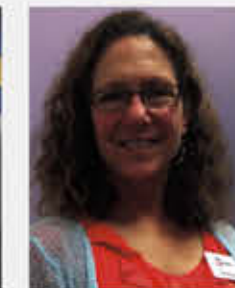
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Thanksgiving table scraps

I must share that I was in IKEA earlier this week and couldn't believe the store already has a Christmas tree on display in their restaurant! As I write this, most of us are still working on setting up our Halloween decorations. Retail stores seem to have forgotten that we have two more holidays to get

through before we can begin to think about Christmas. And Thanksgiving is late this



year on November 27th. That means we get extra time to prepare for the holiday, and this includes planning your table scape for this very special meal of thanks. I would like to share some of my favorite inspirations I found online in hopes that they will inspire you too!



Photo by Betweennapsontheporch.net

What I like most about this table scape is the Fitz and Floyd turkey centerpiece. When it comes to centerpieces, I often visualize hand-crafted floral arrangements, or in the case of Thanksgiving, a cornucopia. I like how she used a colorful ceramic turkey canister as her centerpiece. I also like the warm fall color palette used and amber glass stemware.

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This table scape skips the formal cloth tablecloth and opts for leaf placemats instead. This table also features a turkey in the middle as a centerpiece with a runner of leaf garland, gourds, and wheat. I love how this designer used miniature pumpkins to hold name cards at each place setting in case you're not sure where to sit!



Photo by Ladykatherineteaparlour.com

This table scape is also fairly casual but happy with lots of fun and bright colors! This set-up shows how you can mix and match different types and styles of dishware, and the plaid table cloth ties it all together. And here's that cornucopia centerpiece that I was talking about earlier!

Jamie McNeilis is an Accredited Staging Professional and owner of Centerpiece Home Staging in Cornelius. Email Jamie at Jamie.McNeilis@CenterpieceHomeStaging.com for home decorating and improvement topics you would like covered in Home Decor



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Casserole adds flavor to Lula Bell's Thanksgiving dinner

People naturally say hello to Lula Bell Houston when she is out and about in Cornelius with her friend Bill Williams. One of several African American matriarchs of Cornelius, she has one of those conversation-starting smiles.

This veteran gospel singer knows people all over the Piedmont. She visits churches with her group, the Gethsemane Gospel Singers, and brings down the house with hymns like "Father I Stretch My Hand to Thee" and "Oh, Lord When I Done the Best I Could."

Houston, nearly blind, relies on Bill Williams to drive her to places like church, Choplin's restaurant and Food Lion. Right now she's planning Thanksgiving, which centers on the extended Houston family, including upwards of a dozen great-grandchildren.

Lula Bell created this recipe for



Lula Bell Houston: A lifetime of achievement

Photo by Dave Yochum

Pinto Bean Casserole herself. It's a hearty original she likes to serve alongside a big Thanksgiving turkey so even the hungriest kids walk away stuffed. In fact, the Smithville resident made the dish for one of

the presidents of Davidson College when he took the top post at the college back in 1984. Dr. Kuykendall asked her for the recipe. Even back then, she was one of the longest-serving employees of

the college—working in the student laundry more than 60 years. The laundry was named for her when she retired back in 2004. But she went right back to work in the brick building with her name on it and retired a second time.

She's been a role model for people of all colors in Cornelius for years.

Lula Bell grew up on Nantz Road. Her mother was born in the 1800s and lived to be 101 years old; her grandmother was a slave.

On Oct. 22 she received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Business Today at the 10th Annual Champagne Reception at River Run.

"So many people stand on her shoulders today," said Christopher Hailey, director of public safety training at Central Piedmont Community College. "I'm fortunate to know her."

LULA BELL'S PINTO BEAN CASSEROLE

Ingredients

- 1 pound of hamburger
- 1 cup of chopped onions
- 1 cup of chopped green peppers
- 1 large can of Hunts Tomato Sauce
- 2 cans of Luck's Pinto Beans
- 1 box of Jiffy Cornbread Mix

Directions

Brown the hamburger and layer it in the bottom of a large casserole dish.

Sprinkle 1 cup of onions and 1 cup of green peppers over the hamburger.

Spread 1 can of Pinto Beans over the onions and green pep-

pers and hamburger.

Spread 1 can of Hunts Tomato Sauce over hamburger, beans, onions and green peppers.

Put the second can of beans over the tomato sauce, etc.

Mix cornbread according to the directions on the box and spread this batter over the second can of beans, etc.

Bake at 400 degrees until cornbread is done.

For a sweeter flavor, add a little sugar to the tomato sauce.

You will need to add a little extra milk to the cornbread in order to cover the entire casserole.

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Town News

Town goes hog wild over sign rules for Bethel BBQ but not politicians

Only in Cornelius: Literally thousands of people went to the Bethel Presbyterian Church annual BBQ, which has helped raise \$180,000 for Barium Springs Home for Children over the past three years. And, wouldn't you know, the Town of Cornelius asked church volunteers to remove signs, including one that said "Eat More Pork."

Jodi Clark and Karen Ulmer



Signs for businesses and special events, including elections, were a major political issue back in 2009. While the town might have been ham-handed around Bethel Presbyterian's barbecue signs, political signs for GOP candidates like Jeff Tarte, John Bradford and Jim Puckett have been up sooner than the 30 days allowed by town rules prior to election day or early voting, which began Oct. 23.

Town Planning Director Wayne Heron could not be reached for comment. Political officials at the BBQ were privately embarrassed by the boaring behavior.

In spite of the town, Cornelius residents—and plenty of town employees—were out supporting a good cause. Peter Quinn, the church's Mission Board chairman, called it a sellout. The operation was open until the evening, whenever barbecue ran out. Volunteers were hoping that the sign snafu would not affect turnout.

"Everybody in this church does something for the barbecue," Quinn said, explaining that it is the biggest volunteer even in the church.

— Dave Yochum

First responders honored

Cornelius Police Officer Jeff Heinz and Cornelius Fire Department Captain Robert Amadeo, along with a number of North Meck first responders,

were recognized by the Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce at the annual Public Safety Luncheon at River Run Country Club.



Pictured (Left to right): Huntersville Police Chief Cleveland Spruill, Huntersville Mayor Pro Tem Melinda Bales, Chamber President Bill Russell, Crime Stopper Tommy Davis, Crime stopper recipient Daniel Reiner, Mayor Pro tem Woody Washam, Cornelius Officer Jeff Heinz, Major Kevin Black, Firefighter Charles (CJ) Auten, Officer J. Dotoli, Fire Fighter Will Keller, Officer John Stroup, Officer J.M. Robinette, Captain Robert Amadeo, Police Chef Jeanne Miller, Corporal Cindy Smith, and Davidson Mayor John Woods.

Photo by John McHugh - Stasy's

Town News

Wreckin' the car wash



Car wash on West Catawba near Magnolia Estates bites the dust

Watch out dieters, the new Dunkin Donuts, Penn Station, East Coast Subs, as well as other retail shops, are coming to West Catawba Avenue just to the west of Magnolia Estates. The old car wash has been torn down and a soon-to-be-built Dunkin Donuts will include

a drive-through window.

Developer Randy Smith is hunting for tenants to fill 1,500 square feet of space that remains. The 5,800-gross-square-foot, one-story project is valued at \$1.2 million and includes 25 parking spaces and two handicap spaces.

Town plants community gardens program

BY DAVE VIESER

Applications are now being accepted by Cornelius from groups and individuals who would like to sponsor a community garden.

"The town has identified 12 different park properties in Cornelius where a garden could be established based up sufficient open space, parking, and the availability of water," said town board member Jim Duke.

The 12 sites are in Glen Oak Green Park, Torrence Chapel Park, Washam Property, Walter Henderson Park, Jetton Road Neighborhood Park, Robbins Park, Meridian Street, Caldwell Station Creek Greenway at Habitat, Antiquity, the Westmoreland community and Floral Lane and Smithville.

The program is being coordinated by the PARC Department, utilizing both cash



grants and in-kind services. Applications are being accepted from individuals, businesses, property associations and/or non-profit organizations.

All proposals must be submitted to the town by Dec. 1 for the Spring 2015 growing season. Full details, rules, and applications are available from the town website: www.cornelius.org.

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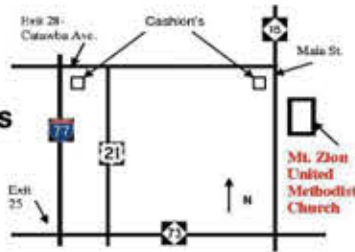
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Senior News

Knit one, healthy too!

I don't remember a time when I didn't know how to knit. I'm sure my Mom taught me this wonderful craft although I have no recollection of her doing so. Then she taught me crewel, embroidery, crocheting, cross stitch and sewing. All these skills she imparted to me and I'm so thankful to her for doing so especially now that my own daughter is following in my footsteps.

I enjoy creating clothing, blankets, afghans, lap robes, prayer shawls and baby hats but most of all, just sitting and relaxing. I love the challenge of following a new pattern, learning new stitches, choosing just the right yarn and color for a particular gift.

But beyond the satisfaction that knitting brings me, there are a host of health benefits both physical and psychological.

Knitting engages both your mind and body. The social aspect of knitting plays into the craft's positive mental benefits. For people who like to knit in groups like the knit/crochet group at North Meck Senior Center, knitting provides a social outlet, a critical element in maintaining mental health especially important for older adults. It nurtures self expression, charity and that sense of feeling productive.

Once a knitter has mastered the movements, the process is rhythmic and repetitive. According to the Benson-Henry Institute for Mind-Body Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital, the repetitious movements can elicit the famous relaxation response, which is the body's counterbalance to stress. Heart rate and blood pressure fall, breathing slows and levels of stress hormones drop.

In addition, the repetitive movements help ease the discomfort of arthritic joints in the fingers and wrists; soaking your hands in warm water before knitting may help with stiffness.

Alton Barron, orthopedic surgeon and president of the New York Society for Surgery of the Hand, says that knitting someone a sweater, in addition to saving you from holiday shopping, can also be a great workout for the

fingers, hands and forearms. "Moving the joints of the fingers forces fluid to move in and out of the surrounding, sponge-like cartilage, keeping the joints well-hydrated and minimizing the risk of arthritis."

Knitting involves following and recognizing patterns, learning new stitches and using both hands and math, lending it the capacity to improve fine motor skills while also keeping the mind active and engaged.

It is unique in its ability to involve many different areas of your brain. It can work your memory and attention span as well as hand/eye coordination, creativity and problem-solving abilities like trying to figure out why you dropped a stitch two rows ago.



Come to North Meck Senior Center on Mondays at 1 p.m. or Tuesdays at 10 a.m. to see the social and psychological aspects at work. These ladies talk, laugh, teach each other and newcomers and support friends in times of stress. Their creations, ranging from premie baby hats to chemotherapy caps, support the Veterans' Home in Salisbury, Levine and Dickson Hospice House in Huntersville and Novant Health Huntersville Medical Center.

There are a lot of theories about why knitting is good for the brain. As I sit this evening working on a baby blanket for an unknown infant, I know that it's not necessarily the end product that matters, but it's the process that will keep my mind sharp.

Joanne Ahern is the director of North Mecklenburg Senior Center Inc., a United Way Agency. You can reach her at 704-875-1270.



Joanne Ahern
Seniors Columnist



Mary Lou Richardson

Fork in the road: Widen I-77 group divides Republicans

Former N.C. Rep. John Rhodes joined former North Meck Republican Women President Mary Lou Richardson in a very public protest against toll lanes Oct. 18, directly across West Catawba Avenue from Thom Tillis' campaign offices.

Rhodes, of course, is in something of a grudge match against Tillis. Rhodes, the incumbent in the North Carolina House of Representatives back in 2006, was defeated by Tillis, who quickly rose through the ranks to become only the fifth Republican Speaker of the House.

Now Rhodes, who lives in Hunters-

ville, is running as a write-in candidate for the U.S. Senate, against Tillis and Kay Hagan, a Democrat.

"They are free to speak their mind, but they're not looking at the big picture," said Linda Angele, who has been president of the influential North Meck Republican Women the past two years. Susan Tillis, herself a power in state-wide GOP politics, is a long-time member of the influential club.



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National media is paying attention to what's become a costly and tight race: A reporter from the Washington Post was at Tillis campaign headquarters, even as Rhodes and Richardson joined

Gift to Rotary

Barbara and Ken Dresser were recognized at the North Mecklenburg Rotary Club for their gift of \$10,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Ken is District Governor of Rotary, and was president of the local club during 2008-09.

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BY DAVEYCHUM

Cornelius is North Carolina's 2014 "Google eCity," which makes it the digital capital of the state, according to the Mountain View, Ca.-based technology giant. Google, amidst much fanfare last month at Waterbean Coffee on Jetton Road, picked Cornelius because local companies buy search advertising from them at a higher rate than other North Carolina cities.

Greenville, S.C., got the award, also based on the use of Google AdWords per capita. AdWords has evolved into Google's main source of revenue. Google's total advertising revenues were \$42.5 billion in 2012, according to Wikipedia.

But going digital is not just about business and not just about Google's sales department. Bethel Presbyterian Church announced last month that worship services are now available online at www.bethel-pc.org. The site will also have live streams of funerals. (Go to www.bethel-pc.org, click Resources.)

And Mill Creek resident Sarah Umberger met "my dear husband on MySpace of all places about eight years ago."

"We were married on 9-10-11 at the Galway Hooker and had a son on 1-2-13," she beams.

BBQ comes to downtown Cornelius

Southern style barbecue has come to downtown Cornelius. Pops BBQ, located on Main Street, just south of Catawba Avenue, was launched by Richard Beal, 72. The restaurant employs members of Beal's family, including his son and daughter.

Getting the restaurant open took eight months, Beal said. "The house where we're located was built in 1921, and you can't believe the number of permits and modifications we had to make to comply with town and county regulations." In previous incarnations, the house was the home of a consignment business.

Indeed, Cornelius is smart, well-heeled and digital. Fifty-three percent of the population has a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 26.8 percent for the rest of the state. Median household income, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, is \$83,147 in Cornelius, compared to \$46,450 statewide.

While there are lots of businesses in Cornelius (more than 3,000), there aren't a lot of technology companies per se. But businesses such as Aquesta Bank, Lake Norman Chrysler Jeep Dodge and Financial Independence Group have major investments in technology equipment, software and staff.

Ipsos, a market research firm that helped Google pick this year's winning cities in 50 states, assembled a list of all US cities, broken down by population size. Google then added the AdWords data for each city to calculate the top five cities in each of the 50 states with the highest AdWords penetration relative to population size.

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Richard Beal with Jack Conard

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10/2/14 On the Beach SC LLC, Ronald



Scott Conley, 19904 Sandysedge Dr.
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10/3/14 Richijo LLC, Todd R. Hirschfeld, 18540 Starcreek Dr.
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10/6/14 Life Changing Investments LLC, Paul Lincoln Quiroz, 19114 Kanawha Dr.
10/8/14 Saylor Physical Therapy Corenlus LLC, James E. Saylor, 19460 Old Jetton Rd., Ste. 206
10/9/14 B&P Plumbing Inc., John F. Hanzel, 19425-G Liverpool Pkwy.
10/9/14 FBS Consulting Inc., Brian K. Sheard, 11617 Truan Ln.
10/9/14 Second Chance Realty & Enterprises Inc., James W. Surane PLLC, 19520 W. Catawba Ave., #114
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10/14/14 Barrevolution LLC, John Carmola, 18201 Capstan Greens Rd.
10/14/14 Heels n Wheels NC, Jaimie Nicole Gaddard, 19827 Deer Valley Dr.
10/14/14 Mestizo Contemporary Mexican Cuisine LLC, Alicia Ramirez, 18437 Streamline Ct.
Davidson
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9/25/14 Alward Institute for Collaborative Science, Gregory S. Alward, 714 Southwest Dr.
9/25/14 Beaver Dam Solar LLC, North Star Development Services, 532 Catawba Ave.
9/30/14 Jay Zini Ministries Inc., Jay M. Zinn, 235 Spinnaker Ct.
10/2/14 Beat Kids Cancer, Pieter C. Swart III, 112 Morrison Hill Rd.
10/3/14 LP One Three LLC, Jeremy Lange, 140 View Lake St.
10/6/14 Pieter's Pals, Pieter C. Swart III, 112 Morrison Hill Rd.
10/7/14 Melting Point II LLC, Pamela Orkin Hansen, 531 Greenway St.

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Your comments and opinions



Honk if you hate geese

"To the gentleman in the dark Lexus on I-77 northbound at approximately 1 p.m. Sept. 23 (between exits 28 and 30) who STOPPED in the middle of the interstate to let a flock of geese walk across the interstate, thereby coming within a hair's breadth of causing a chain reaction accident involving cars in the double digits: "You, sir, are a MORON."
—via anonymous SoundOff link on www.corneliustoday.com



More 'Out of town visitors'

"Several years ago a neighbor called during dinner asking what the strange light was over the water out from my back yard. I went out, having my camera in my pocket, and caught this photo. It hovered for several minutes and shot off at unbelievable speed to the north. I live off Torrence Chapel Road and this was looking toward Holiday Harbor. I sent the photograph to the UFO society and received a reply telling me that sightings were not all that unusual over Lake Norman. They also sent a thick package of forms to fill out describing what I had seen, etc. but I chose not to get into that. Thought you might be interested in my experience. Enjoy your paper, thank you."
—via soundoffcornelius@gmail.com

It's not Charlotte Motor Speedway

"Catawba Avenue is NOT a racetrack! Slow down and drive the posted speed limits from one end to the other and quit cutting in to merge at the last minute. You know who you are"
—via anonymous contact link on www.corneliustoday.com



Right turn lane at One Norman Blvd. and West Catawba?

"Due to excessive traffic buildup at the above intersection, it seems to me there should not be 'on street' parking beside Starbucks. Actually, the curb interferes with traffic going across Catawba and also turning right on Catawba. Any help would be appreciated!"
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Pray for relief from church people

"Dear church person who can't seem to stop writing Sound Off about the speed limit on Bethel Church. If you don't know already, the DOT will not consider a speed limit change or stop light, etc on a road until there have been a certain number of accidents or injuries. Last time I checked, neither were taking place on Bethel Church. Please stop writing about this. I have lived off Bethel Church for over 20 years and the speed limit has never been a problem. Thanks."
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Backups on Hwy. 21, red light glitch

"I recommend that the Town of Cornelius either temporarily fix the DDI light sequencing to lessen the east-to-west backup at high-volume times OR have the police return to direct traffic. Hwy. 21 North also is backed up. I experienced such backups around noon two days this week."
—via [Cornelius Today's Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/CorneliusToday)



Clean-up time starts.... now, please!



"To whomever is building the Mc-Mansion on John Connor and Belle Isle: We have had to look at your huge dirt piles and mud tracks for more than a year. How about taking some of your millions and paying someone to clean up your construction site and landscape that once beautiful land"
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DDI design flaw?

"A major disappointment that the Catawba east-bound right-turning lane is both for straight and right turns. After three cars back up, no through traffic can move on to I-77. A major flaw, actually a digression from the previous design, if I remember correctly."
—via [Cornelius Today's Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/CorneliusToday)



Not as much speeding in Huntersville, Davidson

"I could be wrong but is it my imagination (or not) that the Huntersville and Davidson police departments write a lot more speeding tickets? Seems to me everyone knows not to speed on their town roads but it is OK to speed once inside in the Cornelius town limits"
—via anonymous contact link on www.corneliustoday.com



Jetton consultant recommended two lanes, plus bike lanes

"Regarding Dave Vieser's article on Jetton Road reconstruction ("Jetton Road reconstruction does not include bike lanes," September Cornelius Today), let's set the record straight on the accident that killed the Herbert boys. Parts of their car hit a tree AFTER it collided at approx. 85 MPH with a Hummer doing exactly the speed limit. As I recall, the Hummer stopped in its own length. Accident?? Yes, a tragic one, but the driver was disobeying parental instructions and driving entirely too fast, and that's why he lost control of a Mazda that was not built for speeds like that.
"As to the Jetton Road bike lane issue. There are approximately 650 homes on the Jetton Road Peninsula and it is essentially a dead-end road. The speeders are the residents. SO, if a lower limit is desired, it's up to them, regardless of signage. A few years ago, a consultant looked at the population of people and autos on this dead-end road and posited that it did not and probably should not have a four-lane road with a median. Rather, it should be dropped to two lanes and use the two center lanes as a median for walkers, jogger, bikers, et al., of whom there are a great many in the Peninsula. Anybody remember that besides me?? But I don't suppose the residents would like that, since they continue to speed on a road that they control."
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Letters to the Editor



To the Editor:

I write today to sincerely thank Cornelius Today and Business Today, and especially Dave Yochum, for sponsoring the Candidate Forum and BBQ yesterday at the Cornelius Town Hall.
Although I am a supporter of Natasha Marcus, I felt that the format and moderation of this forum afforded both Natasha and her opponent, John Bradford, the best opportunity of the three candidate events in North Meck to give meaningful answers to the important questions that are on voter's minds. By allowing a slightly longer response time, as well as a short rebuttal, those in attendance were able to see the contrasts between the candidates and, I hope, provide them with an informed basis for casting their votes this year.
Thank you, again, for providing this important service to our communities.
Pam Pearson

Another letter to the Editor:

I want to thank you for hosting the debate between Natasha Marcus and John Bradford (Candidate Forum & Old Fashioned Barbecue hosted by Cornelius Today at Town Hall Oct. 17). I have now attended all three debates and the one yesterday was by far the most balanced and informative. The candidates had excellent opportunities to express their positions on several very relevant issues and to have a real debate between themselves. I also believe that the questions were excellent in that they were not advantageous to either candidate nor were they condemning either candidate. This debate was a real demonstration of good old American democracy in action. Thanks for what you have done for our community. I am a Cornelius resident and proud to be here.
James S. (Sid) Smith

One more bbq letter to the Editor

I'd like to thank Cornelius Today/Business Today for hosting such a well-run candidate forum on Friday, 10/17/14 at the Cornelius Town Hall. As a resident of Huntersville and a small business owner, I'm very interested in the candidates' positions on topics that affect our local citizenry, our region and our state. That's why I attended all three of the recent candidate forums. At this last forum, I was very impressed by Dave Yochum's and Mary John Dye's professionalism.
Michelle Blumenthal

Adults with special needs

As parent to a child with Down syndrome, I work hard each day to help people remember he is a child first, and Down syndrome is just a tiny part of who he is. People-first language shows respect, understanding and acceptance.
In the October issue of Cornelius Today, a headline (see attached image) includes "special needs adults." Please work with your copy editors to help them understand the importance of people-first language. A quick Google of "people-first language" will provide a much more in-depth definition.
As a former editor, I understand the space constraints headlines present. From my perspective, however, that's never a reason to be disrespectful. I appreciate your time and attention, and have cc'd others who may benefit from this note as they work on various publications' content.
Maureen Wallace

► Editor's note: We took the phraseology, "special needs adults," exactly from the town's PARC Department events announcement. In the future, we will be happy to say "adults with special needs."

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