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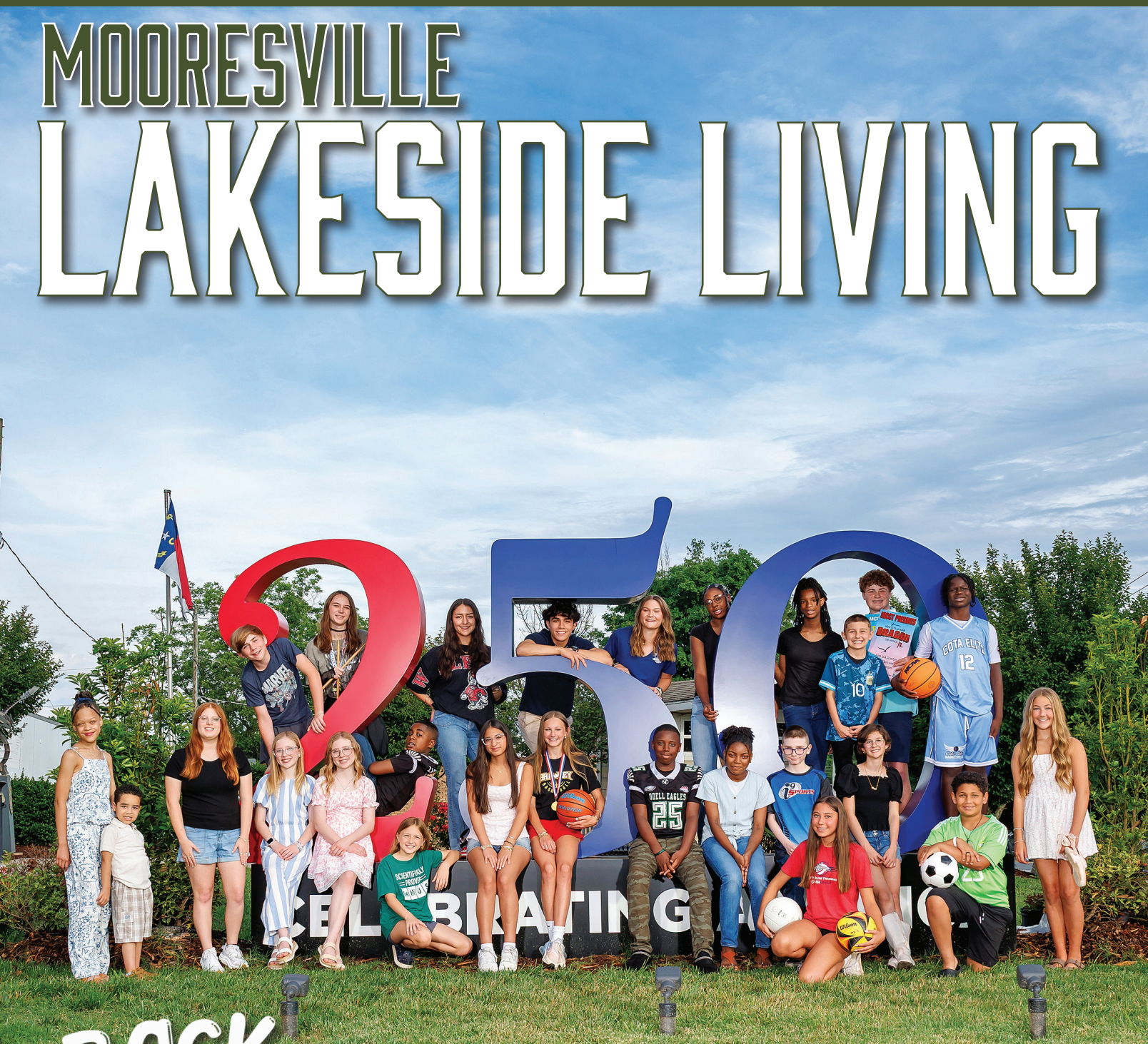

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Hello Neighbors,

School is back in session after a hot summer season, and I don't know about you, but I am certainly looking forward to some cooler weather. School rankings, lunchbox ideas, the amazing kids featured on our cover and an article on school resource officers are just a few of the articles in this issue. There are tips on getting and keeping your vehicle road-ready and dependable, especially for those young drivers; information on a non-profit started by a young student; and a dive into the different types of pool covers there are. Enjoy the rest of the summer days!

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Non-business-related articles are always welcome from our resident writers and from young authors who want to write about fun places to visit within a day's drive as well as photos of your pets, Lake Norman photos, your favorite recipes and suggestions for area non-profit organizations and philanthropists to spotlight in our free "Lakeside Giving" feature. Please visit and like our Facebook page, *Mooresville Lakeside Living* - Best Version Media, to see updates, announcements and more.

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School Resource Officers HELP KEEP STUDENTS SAFE



Submitted by Judi Rossabi, Communications Specialist, Town of Mooresville

School Resource Officers (SROs) help keep our students safe year-round. The Mooresville Police Department (MPD), in partnership with the Mooresville Graded School District, operates a dedicated SRO program, using highly trained officers that serve in local schools.

There are currently 10 SROs, including two K9 Units—K9 Officer "Duke" and K9 Officer "Max"—serving Mooresville High School, Mooresville Middle School, Langtree Charter Academy, Pine Lake Preparatory, N.F. Woods, East Mooresville Intermediate School, Mooresville Intermediate School, Selma Burke Middle School, Rocky River Elementary, South Elementary, and Parkview Elementary. Each officer maintains a presence throughout the school day and during school functions. Supervised by Sergeant John Sage, MPD's SRO program focuses on a safe school environment for students, teachers, administrators, and staff. Sgt. Sage is a 19-year law enforcement veteran, eight of which he served with MPD. He previously served in the Patrol Division and the MPD K9 Unit with K9 Ramon.



Officer Brandon Spearman, along with K9 Officer Max, demonstrated for Rocky River Kindergarten students during a recent Town Hall visit.

"School resource officers build trust in the school," said Sage. "We get to know the students, teachers, and parents, and we are prepared to act quickly when needed."



Sgt. John Sage

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SROs play a critical role in helping to keep our schools safe every day. All SROs are experienced road officers and, before being assigned to a school, must successfully complete both basic and advanced SRO training through an accredited program. In addition to continuous training to ensure that students and staff are safe on campus, all officers are trained in active shooter response training. In schools, the SROs are considered part of the administrative team, with school officials relying on them for guidance, input, and involvement in school-related decisions. SROs are involved in every aspect of the operation of the school, but, most importantly, are responsible for the safety of our students.

Because of the high-profile nature of their work, SROs serve as the first point of contact for any law enforcement issues involving students, staff, parents, and community members. They could be responding to a criminal incident one minute and next they can be found mentoring students and mediating disputes.

The next time you see your students' SRO take a moment to thank them for what they do. With the school campus being their response zone, they are responsible for all incidents, including criminal activities and safety threats, that happen on campus.

This assignment is one of the most challenging, rewarding and important of any in law enforcement, and MPD is proud of the officers who answer the call to do this job.

The Iredell County Sheriff's Office provides full-time sworn deputy sheriffs which serve at all of the elementary, middle, and high schools in the county excluding those in the city limits of Statesville, Troutman, and Mooresville. Sheriff Campbell continues to grow this unit as our student population increases. There is a Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeant, and 27 Deputies currently assigned to this unit. This staff covers Mitchell Community College, three (3) high schools: North Iredell High School, West Iredell High School, and Lake Norman High School which has 2 School Resource Officers; and seven (7) middle schools: North Iredell Middle School, West Iredell Middle School, East Iredell Middle School, Lakeshore Middle School, Brawley IB School, Woodland Heights Middle School, and Third Creek Middle School as well fourteen (14) of the elementary schools in the county (iredellsheriff.com).

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Bryson Edmunds



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Bryson, 11, is a talented goalkeeper, dedicated student and natural leader whose greatest strength is his heart. Known for his contagious smile and genuine kindness, Bryson has a unique ability to make others feel seen, welcomed and valued. His classmates voted him "Most Likely to Play a College Sport," recognizing his athletic talent, determination and commitment to excellence.

An outstanding International Baccalaureate (IB) student, Bryson has earned numerous IB Learner Profile Awards throughout his elementary years and is admired by teachers and peers alike for his integrity, responsibility and positive attitude. Whether mentoring younger students, volunteering through Shades of Love LKN or caring for animals and the environment, Bryson consistently leads by example. As he begins his 6th grade journey at Oakwood IB Middle School, he is excited to continue in the IB program and work toward becoming a K–12 IB graduate. His compassion, intelligence and joyful spirit leave a lasting impact on everyone around him. He lives with his family in Falls Creek.

Carmen Markel



Carmen, 14, is an exceptional dual-sport volleyball athlete who competes at elite levels in both beach and indoor volleyball. In beach volleyball, she and her partner have qualified for both USAV Beach Nationals and the AVP Junior National Championships in each of the last two years, an impressive accomplishment that reflects her consistency, growth and dedication. In indoor volleyball, she competes on a national-level club team with 704 Volleyball and leads The Brawley School team. Her numerous accolades, including MVP and all-tournament awards, reflect her hard work and strong character. Beyond athletics, Carmen excels academically while demonstrating outstanding leadership, determination and a positive attitude that inspires teammates and peers alike. She is an 8th grade student and lives with her family in the Farms neighborhood.



Chase Hubacher

Chase, 14, loves playing the bass. He switched from cello in 7th grade and, within six months, was accepted into the Junior Western Regional Orchestra. In 8th grade, he played with the Upper School orchestra at Pine Lake Preparatory and was named principal bassist for the entire western part of the state. "He credits his teacher, Mrs. Basset, who immediately inspired him to love music," said his family, "and his family, who love to hear him play, a lot. Most of the time." He lives with his family in Davidson Pond. Chase is in 9th grade at Pine Lake Preparatory.

Cydney Smit



Cydney, 11, is a creative, motivated and well-rounded 7th grade student at The Brawley School with a wide range of talents and interests. She has a passion for visual arts and is always exploring new creative projects and artistic techniques. She is also an accomplished performer who participates in theater through both her school and Mooresville Children's Theatre, where she enjoys bringing characters and stories to life on stage. In addition, Cydney is active in athletics, with interests in volleyball, basketball and running. Her creativity, dedication and enthusiasm help her excel in everything she pursues. Cydney also won the IB character trait award for "Open-Minded" this year at school. She lives with her family in the Foxfield neighborhood.

Cylas-Jude Smit

Cylas-Jude, 5, is an energetic and determined young athlete who has already shown impressive athletic potential. He has played two seasons of baseball, including T-ball and coach pitch, consistently improving his skills and confidence while competing alongside older teammates. His dedication, enthusiasm and willingness to learn have helped him grow with each season. Beyond baseball, Cylas-Jude loves to run and race, often challenging his older sister and parents to friendly competitions across the yard or to the car. His competitive spirit, perseverance and love of sports make him a joy to watch both on and off the field. He is in kindergarten at Woodland Heights Elementary School and lives with his family in the Foxfield neighborhood.



The Crews Siblings

Aaliyah Crews



Aaliyah, 13, enjoys talking to her friends, drawing and playing with her siblings outside. She is the mother hen of the family, so she can be found somewhere cleaning and making sure everyone else is doing what they are supposed to do. Aaliyah is in 8th grade at Woodland Heights Middle School.

Colson Crews

Like his sister Aaliyah, Colson, 12, also enjoys drawing and writing comic books. If he had the choice to do anything all day, he would choose drawing in a corner. Colson attends Woodland Heights Elementary School and is in 6th grade.



Janie Crews

Janie, 12, enjoys playing with the family dogs and wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up. She also enjoys playing soccer. Janie attends Woodland Heights Middle School and is in 7th grade.



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Jewel Crews

Jewel, 15, cheered when she attended South Iredell, but now that she is in early college, she rarely has much free time. When she does have free time, she enjoys reading, video design and catching up with friends. Jewel is a tenacious overachiever—whatever she puts her mind to, she gets done. She finished her sophomore year of early college with all A's and plans to attend UNC Charlotte and major in architectural design. She is in her junior year at CCTL.



Joshua Crews

Joshua, 11, enjoys playing football with his big brother Micah and playing video games when allowed. He also likes playing with his friends in the neighborhood, many of whom attend Woodland Heights Elementary School like he does, where he is in 6th grade with his brother Colson.



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Micah Crews

Micah, 12, has been the football player of the family since he was 5 years old. He has also started playing the trombone in the school band, a new activity that he really enjoys. He is the most outgoing of all his siblings and has never met a stranger. Micah attends The Brawley School and is in 7th grade.



Timothy Crews

Timothy, 10, is an overachiever and does math in his head like a champ! He attends Woodland Heights Elementary School and is going into 5th grade. He enjoys playing with his siblings and is a soccer player.



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Ella Conway



Ella, 11, is in 6th grade at Langtree Charter Academy. She loves theater and dance and was recently part of the wonderful school production of Matilda at the Charles Mack Center. Ella has served on the student council for the elementary school and has been recognized as "Lion of the Month" on several occasions because of her kindness, courage and leadership. She was also honored as a recipient of the Presidential Education Awards Program for outstanding academic achievement. Ella is excited for middle school and looks forward to the theater program and making new friends. She lives with her family in the Templeton Bay neighborhood.

Emery Finley



Emery, 17, is an exceptional 12th grade student in CCTL's Early College program, where she maintains straight As and has earned numerous academic awards. Beyond the classroom, she is a well-rounded young leader whose interests include hunter/jumper and saddle seat equestrian riding, drumming, bowling and working with animals.

A passionate animal advocate, Emery collects donations for local animal shelters and enjoys spending time with shelter animals while delivering contributions. For the past six years, she has volunteered with a local nonprofit, helping collect donations for children in need. Emery continues to excel in her extracurricular pursuits, recently earning bowling awards and showcasing her musical talent during rock band performances.

Through her academic excellence, community service and diverse interests, Emery exemplifies dedication, compassion and leadership. She lives with her family in the Woodleaf neighborhood.

Grant Evans

Grant, 17, is a senior at Lake Norman High School who balances academic excellence, leadership, athletics and work experience. Ranked sixth in his class with a 4.6 weighted GPA and 4.0 unweighted GPA, he has completed seven AP courses while participating in dual enrollment at Mitchell Community College.

Grant is actively involved in Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Morgan's Message and the varsity baseball team. He also serves as the leader of induction for the National Honor Society, demonstrating strong leadership and commitment to his school community.

Outside the classroom, Grant has worked at AutoBell Car Wash since age 16 and helps support his father's lending business, gaining valuable real-world experience and responsibility. His dedication, character and work ethic continue to prepare him for success in the future. He lives with his family in Morrison Plantation.



Grayson Flowers

Grayson, 14, consistently demonstrated excellence in academics, leadership and the arts throughout his middle school years. He has maintained straight As while serving in student government at Brawley Middle School during 6th, 7th and 8th grades and was selected for the Iredell-Statesville Honors Choir in both 5th and 8th grades. A dedicated performer, Grayson has participated in 15 plays and musicals, showcasing his talent, commitment and confidence on stage. Many of his favorite theatrical experiences have been with Mooresville Children's Theatre, an organization that holds a special place in his heart. Through his hard work, creativity and leadership, Grayson has made a positive impact both in his school and community. He lives with his family in Byers Creek and is in 9th grade at Lake Norman High School.



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The Jackson Siblings

Dakota, Cole and Jake Jackson exemplify excellence in academics, athletics, entrepreneurship and community service. They live with their family in the Farms neighborhood.

Dakota, 18, recently graduated from Lake Norman High School with a 4.58 GPA, earning Summa Cum Laude honors, AP Distinguished Scholar recognition and membership in the National Honor Society and Beta Club. A four-year varsity lacrosse athlete and seven-year MasterWorks Theater participant, Dakota is attending UNC Chapel Hill this fall. She serves her community through pet sitting, babysitting and volunteer efforts.

Cole, 17, a senior, is a National Honor Society member, Junior Marshal, high school lacrosse captain and Division I lacrosse commit to Hobart College. He is also a co-founder of E&C Services of LKN, works for LKN Images and volunteers with the Kindness Closet and Morgan's Message.

Jake, 16, a junior with a 4.4 GPA, demonstrated remarkable perseverance by overcoming a torn rotator cuff to earn a varsity lacrosse starting position while excelling in AP and honors coursework, working with both LKN Images and E&C Services of LKN, and volunteering with the Kindness Closet.

Together, the Jackson siblings represent leadership, dedication, resilience and a commitment to making a positive impact both in and beyond the classroom.





James J. Cuesta



James, 17, is a senior at Statesville Christian School who has distinguished himself through an exceptional blend of leadership, service, academic excellence and personal drive. His accomplishments reflect both remarkable discipline and a genuine commitment to uplifting those around him.

As an Eagle Scout with Troop 171, James established a strong foundation in discipline and community service. Notably, he is a triplet, and he and both of his sisters achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on August 24, 2025. For his project, he designed and constructed a commercial grade firepit for Peninsula Baptist Church.

At school, James demonstrates strong entrepreneurial initiative, founding and currently serving as president of both the Business & Financial Literacy and Weightlifting Clubs. These organizations empower his peers with practical skills in finance, leadership and physical wellness. Academically ambitious, he is concurrently enrolled in a course at Mitchell Community College while developing the Green Squirrel Podcast, a platform focused on leadership, business principles and personal growth.

James is deeply engaged in service and mentorship, coaching friends and teammates in fitness, participating in mission trips and actively contributing to the Young Men's Service League. His athletic versatility has led him to compete in cross-country, basketball and tennis and he will soon join the soccer team. For recreation, he enjoys wakeboarding, sailing and pickleball, activities that complement his active lifestyle and passion for outdoor pursuits. His interest in aviation, sparked by his first flying lesson at age 13, further illustrates his ambitious vision.

James is a young man of outstanding character, purpose and potential. His balanced pursuit of excellence suggests his most significant contributions and achievements still lie ahead.

Julian Dixon



Julian, 11, is a dedicated soccer player who has been playing since he was 5 and has been obsessed ever since. Julian just completed his first full year of homeschool and has proven to understand the importance of his education. His superpowers include wanting to always do his best and constantly thinking of other people. He is in 5th grade and lives with his family in Greenbriar.

Kennedy Johnson

Kennedy, 12, has been dancing since she was 2.5 years old and competing since she was 5. She dances all styles, from ballet on pointe to tap and hip-hop. She spends 15 to 20 hours per week at the studio and still maintains A honor roll. She is also active in the National Charity League, a mother-daughter service organization. Kennedy attends Lakeshore Middle School, is in 8th grade and lives with her family in the Perth Road area.



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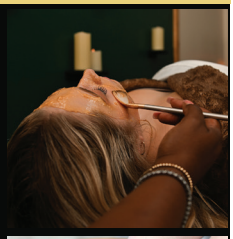



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Kinsley Finley



Kinsley, 14, is a standout student-athlete whose dedication, humility, leadership and work ethic set her apart. A straight-A student, she balanced academics, athletics and service with remarkable discipline. She was a member of the Student Government Association and was recognized with two IB Trait Awards for exemplifying strong character and leadership. For the past six years, she has volunteered with a local nonprofit, served at church and requested charitable donations in place of birthday gifts.

In cross country, Kinsley finished the season undefeated, held the number one conference ranking throughout the season, achieved personal bests and earned the Team Before Self Award. In basketball, she served as co-captain, led her team in scoring, received the Phoenix Award and was selected to a local All-Star team. She is now a 9th grade student at Lake Norman High School and lives with her family in Woodleaf. Known for her kindness and quiet determination, Kinsley inspires others through her selflessness, generosity, encouragement and unwavering dedication.

Lauren Hoffman

Lauren, 15, is a 10th grade student at Lake Norman High School. She is a hard worker and maintained good grades during her freshman year. She is a member of the Green Club and Baking Club at LNHS. She is also a member of the Teen Advisory Board at the Mooresville Public Library. She enjoys reading, playing piano, swimming and spending time with her dog, Bandit. Lauren is looking forward to her second year of high school. She lives with her family in the Devonshire neighborhood



Miles Intihar

Miles, 13, is an 8th grade student at Selma Burke Middle School and lives with his family in downtown Mooresville. The thing that makes Miles special is not a list of accomplishments or awards, but the way he moves through the world with untamed energy and delight. He is quick-witted, funny, endlessly curious and remarkably gifted at making genuine connections with people of all ages, from toddlers to senior citizens. His compassionate nature makes him a friend to every creature God ever created...even the scary ones. If you've met Miles,

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you know his personality does not fit inside four walls. You're equally likely to find him rallying friends to go fishing or visit the downtown record store, discussing the finer points of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, volunteering at the Christian Mission, befriending a stranger or picking wildflowers simply to make someone smile. Miles is a joy machine with an encyclopedic memory, a talent for problem-solving and the rare ability to make people feel seen, included and happy wherever he goes.



Mina Sahagun

Mina, 13, attends Woodland Heights Middle School and is in 8th grade. She plays lacrosse for the Running Rebels and enjoys being outside with friends or just going out in general. She loves to travel with her family and friends. One of her hobbies is playing volleyball, and she loves to volunteer where she can help others by gathering food or participating in similar activities. She lives with her family in the Farms neighborhood.



Norah Conway



Norah, 11, is a 6th grade student at Langtree Charter Academy. She served on the student council for two years and was the student council president for the elementary school as a 5th grader. She is a passionate and dedicated student who loves science, volleyball and service. Norah regularly volunteers with the local Meals on Wheels program in Mooresville, providing meals to local seniors across Iredell County. She is passionate about caring for people throughout the community through her actions and is very excited to be in middle school. She lives with her family in Templeton Bay.

Paige Miller

Paige, 11, is a 6th grade student at Selma Burke Middle School who blends artistic talent with impressive academic strength. She enjoys playing softball, crocheting and hands-on projects, always dreaming up something new to create. As a published poet, Paige has already found a meaningful way to share her words with the world. She excels in math and science at school and brings energy, humor, imagination and style to everything she does. She lives with her family in Northbridge.



Sophia Sahagún



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Sophia, 18, is a freshman at NC State University majoring in engineering. She was selected as a 2026 Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Lake Norman High School and was an AP Scholar with Honor. She danced with Ms. Charity's Dance Academy for 10 years and was a DECA state finalist in the finance category. She lives with her family in the Farms neighborhood.



Stella Pearson

Stella, 9, is an exceptionally bright, curious and determined student who consistently excels in science and mathematics. She is a 4th grade student at Mooresville Intermediate School and lives with her family in Curtis Pond. Driven by a passion for learning, she is always seeking new opportunities to expand her knowledge and challenge herself academically. Beyond academics, Stella is a talented artist who creatively expresses herself through a variety of drawing and painting mediums. Her love of reading means she is rarely seen without a book in hand. She also demonstrates strong leadership and a desire to inspire others through her active involvement with her local Girl Scout troop. Her dedication and abilities have been recognized through competitive achievements, including winning honors in both Battle of the Books and Math Masters.



Stone Michael Speller



Stone Michael, 12, is an academically gifted 7th grade student at Mooresville Middle School. His kind nature, honorable attitude and excellent work ethic earned him the All-Heart Award from his school. He made the A/B Honor Roll for the entire year. He is an amazing basketball player who dreams

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of going as far as his gift takes him. He loves God with all his heart and trusts that he will continue to be a light to everyone he encounters. He lives with his family at the Meadows at Coddle Creek.

Taylor Pike



Taylor, 17, is a dedicated 12th grade student-athlete at Pine Lake Preparatory and a member of one of North Carolina's most successful high school girls' golf programs. Taylor has verbally committed to Barton College for the fall of 2027, where she will continue her academic and collegiate golf career. Known for her work ethic, competitive spirit and leadership, she has helped contribute to Pine Lake Prep's remarkable championship tradition. Pine Lake Prep's Pride Team captured back-to-back NCHSAA 2A State Championships in 2023 and 2024 before moving up and winning the NCHSAA 3A State Championship in 2025, completing an impressive three-peat. Taylor and her teammates now have their sights set on a fourth consecutive state title. Through dedication in the classroom and on the course, Taylor exemplifies the values of commitment, perseverance and excellence that have made Pine Lake Prep one of the premier golf programs in North Carolina. She lives with her family in the Oak Tree neighborhood.

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Back-to-School Lunches: Bento Box for Kids

Contributed by Caroline Campbell

It may feel like you just got a much-needed break from packing school lunches, but it's almost time to get back to it! There is definitely an easier and more fun way to get your young kids to eat a balanced, healthy meal.

Enter the bento-style lunch. It's truly like a charcuterie board for kids (except the foods don't touch... because we couldn't have that).

First, you'll need a bento lunchbox, or you can section off food containers using silicone muffin cups. Then, create a balanced meal with a mix of the following:

- **PROTEIN**—a hardboiled egg, rolled-up deli meat or leftover chicken from.
- **CARBOHYDRATES**—whole-grain bread, crackers or even leftover pasta.
- **FRUIT**—apples, berries, grapes, oranges, pears, pineapple pieces or whatever the favorite.
- **VEGGIES**—bite-sized options like baby carrots, cauliflower pieces, broccoli florets, cucumber slices or sugar snap peas.
- **SAUCE OR DIP**—homemade ranch, hummus or any sauce are a great addition.
- **HEALTHY TREAT**—small treats help keep kids looking forward to their lunches.

No need to cook. Just throw together what you have on hand, create a rainbow, mix and match from a variety each day and cure the I'm-tired-of-making-lunches blues.

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Ultimate Dorm Checklist

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- [ ] Mattress topper
- [ ] Comforter + pillows
- [ ] Twin XL sheets
- [ ] Throw blanket

BATHROOM

- [ ] Towels
- [ ] Shower shoes
- [ ] Plastic shower caddy

STORAGE & ORGANIZATION

- [ ] Laundry basket/bag
- [ ] Mini fridge
- [ ] Ottoman/step stool
- [ ] Closet shoe organizer
- [ ] Three-tiered cart/shelves
- [ ] Collapsible storage cubes
- [ ] Large trash can, trash bags
- [ ] Drawer organizers

CLEANING

- [ ] Portable vacuum
- [ ] Swiffer + wet/dry inserts
- [ ] Paper towels
- [ ] Clorox wipes
- [ ] Detergent sheets/pods
- [ ] Stain remover spray
- [ ] Dish brush



MISCELLANEOUS

- [ ] Brita
- [ ] Air purifier + filters
- [ ] First-aid kit
- [ ] Power strips
- [ ] Fan
- [ ] Command hooks
- [ ] Floor lamp & desk lamp
- [ ] Long phone charger cords
- [ ] Keurig/coffee maker/teapot
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Fun IN A FURNITURE STORE

By Tessa Rosenberg, Teen Reporter

Happy back-to-school season! Whether this time of year excites or depresses you, most can agree that a great way to prepare for the upcoming school year is shopping for supplies. Although the Target run for writing utensils and notebooks never gets old, as a rising college freshman, I had to turn to another store to get ready to move out for my first semester away.

My family has always had a strange fascination with IKEA. Aside from it being our go-to store for furniture shopping, we visit the Charlotte location for the pure intention of walking around without making any large purchases several times a year, especially to combat summer or weekend boredom. We trek over to the two-story building and walk around the designated path while browsing the furniture displays and convincing ourselves that we don't need a miniature wooden mannequin for our desks. The best part of it all, you can reward yourself at the end of the stroll with pizza and ice cream to make up for the calories you burned on your walk!

Despite our frequent visits with no intention of buying, my mom and I did have a few goals for the trip we took to IKEA over the summer. Looking for dorm supplies and furniture is no easy feat, and Amazon can only get you so far if you need to look for in-person items. We gathered our collection of iconic blue plastic bags and drove to one of our favorite spots. After taking the nostalgic escalator upstairs and past the delicious cafeteria, we immediately spotted a perfect low-height shelf for the TV that will be under one of the lofted beds in my dorm. After my roommate excitedly gave her approval, we marked the stand's information to collect at the end of our trip. We walked through the rest of the upstairs furniture setups, having fun looking at the mock apartment/bedroom setups for any future living arrangements after next year.

After going through the upper floor, we went through the vast selection of home accessories and smaller accents that would function fabulously in our dorm room and bathroom. We got some extra towels and other supplies/decorations before making it to the end-of-the-road warehouse where you collect the large furniture items you want to take home. We easily found the TV shelf, thrilled that we were able to find something that perfectly fit our needs (which we would have never found elsewhere). Pro tip: any college student can receive a discount as long as you verify your student email, which takes a few quick minutes in the checkout line. After knocking some dollars off, we brought our purchases to the best spot in the whole store: the snack bar. My childhood consists of several core memories, and IKEA's delicious vanilla ice cream is a key part of it (though they also sell fabulous fresh food items such as pizza, hot dogs and, of course, Swedish meatballs).

As usual, we left IKEA happier than we were going in. Although it seems like a strange excursion for the purpose of entertainment, IKEA really is a great place to visit to get some steps away from grueling temperatures or ugly weather. If you do plan to shop for furniture, it will obviously serve that desire, but don't just consider IKEA a Swedish store that only sells beds and couches. It's a unique walking trail with several food options and room displays sprinkled throughout.

Although I am not very familiar with the Swedish language, the familiar "Hej!" at the beginning of the store is one of my all-time favorite greetings.









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Do You Know the Latest AREA SCHOOL RATINGS?

Contributed by Joanie Baker

This list of schools does not encompass all the choices in the Lake Norman area, only schools closest to Mooresville that have public, published ratings and records from which to draw data. Private schools do not have the same testing and reporting requirements as public schools. There are many charter schools, public academic program choices, parochial, and private options in surrounding counties and in the city of Charlotte that are not included yet that are worth researching, visiting, and attending.

Report Card grades are calculated by combining and weighing 80% achievement and 20% growth. Achievement measures how students performed on EOG and EOC testing, and growth measures progress students made during the course of the school year. "Growth measures are truer indicators of school quality, since they can control for prior achievement and can ascertain progress over the course of the school year" *(Petrilli & Churchill. EdExcellence. The Fordham Institute. October 2016).*

School	Type	Location	2025 Report Card Grade	Performance Grade	Growth	Carolina School Hub Rating	Great Schools Rating
Woodland Heights ES	Public	Mooresville	B	78	MET 74	10	7
Lake Norman ES	Public	Mooresville	B	73	NOT MET 60	9	6
Brawley MS	Public	Mooresville	A	87	MET 83	10	6
Lake Norman HS	Public	Mooresville	B	78	MET 71	9	7
Coddle Creek ES	Public	Mooresville/Mt. Mourne	C	66	NOT MET 68	8	4
South Iredell HS	Public	Troutman	B	71	MET 72	8	5
Mooresville HS	Public	Mooresville	B	72	MET 80	8	8
Mooresville MS	Public	Mooresville	B	73	EXCEEDED 96	8	9
Mooresville Intermediate	Public	Mooresville	B	72	EXCEEDED 96	8	5
Community School of Davidson	Public Charter	Davidson	B	77	MET 74	10	8
Pine Lake Preparatory	Public Charter	Mooresville/ Iredell Co.	A	85	MET 73	10	9
Langtree Charter	Public Charter	Mooresville/Iredell Co.	B	70	EXCEEDED 90	8	5
LKN Charter	Public Charter	Iredell Co./Huntersville	A	88	EXCEEDED 89	10	9
Iredell Charter Academy	Public Charter	Troutman/Iredell Co.	D	52	NOT MET 68	4	3
American Renaissance School	Public Charter	Iredell Co./Statesville	D	48	MET 76	3	6
Crossroads Arts & Science	Early College	Statesville	A	96	EXCEEDED 92	n/a	9
Collaborative College for Tech&L	Early College	Statesville	A	96	EXCEEDED 90	n/a	10
Ag & Science	Early College	Olin	A	86	MET 81	n/a	8

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Kitchen Materials That Stand Up to a Busy Family



By Sarah Fiel, Owner, Home Theory

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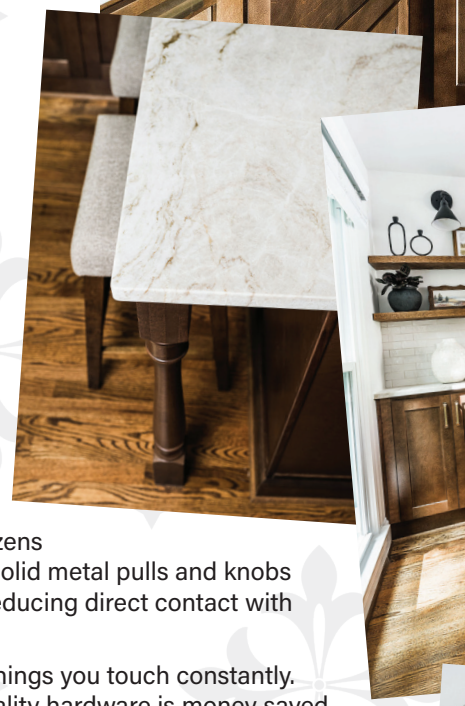
A family kitchen is one of the hardest-working spaces in any home. It's where homework gets finished, snacks are grabbed, spills happen and everyone seems to gather at the end of the day. With so much daily activity, material selections have a major impact on how well your kitchen ages over time.



Cabinets: Finish and Hardware

Cabinets take a surprising amount of abuse—from sticky fingers and chair bumps to the occasional toy collision. When selecting cabinetry, both the finish and the hardware play an important role.

Solid wood remains a timeless option, especially when paired with a stained finish. Stains hide small scratches and touch-ups much better than paint, making them a forgiving choice. Painted cabinets are incredibly popular and can look beautiful, but homeowners should know that hairline fractures appear at joints and seams as the wood naturally expands and contracts over time.



Hardware matters just as much. Soft-close hinges reduce wear and tear on cabinets that get opened dozens of times a day. High-quality solid metal pulls and knobs protect cabinet finishes by reducing direct contact with painted or stained surfaces.

Contractor tip: Invest in the things you touch constantly. Spending a little more on quality hardware is money saved in the long term.

Countertops: Balancing Beauty and Practicality

Countertops need to handle spills, meal prep and constant cleaning. For many families, quartz has become a favorite because it's non-porous, stain-resistant and requires very little maintenance. But quartz doesn't love direct heat, so hot pots and pans must be placed on a trivet or silicone mat—and it looks man-made, because it is.

Natural stone can also be a great option when you understand the maintenance requirements. Quartzite offers the beauty of natural stone with good durability, though it requires periodic sealing. We recommend having a professional three-to-five-year sealant applied at fabrication. Marble is often the dream countertop material, but it comes with a different set of expectations. Scratches, etching and staining are all part of the aging process. Marble can be sealed to slow the lived-in

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character, but its softer density will show some patina.

Backsplashes: Style Meets Maintenance

Backsplashes are selected for their visual appeal, but maintenance deserves equal consideration.

Tile backsplashes offer endless design possibilities, from classic subway tile to bold decorative patterns. However, every grout line creates another surface that collects grease, cooking residue and stains. Even with quality grout and sealers, regular cleaning and occasional maintenance are part of the decision, especially around cooking areas and faucets.



Solid surface backsplashes, often made from the same material as the countertop, offer a simpler alternative. With few or no grout lines, they're easy to wipe clean in a busy family kitchen.

At the end of the day, the best family kitchens balance style and practicality. Choosing materials that fit your lifestyle can help create a space that stays beautiful, functional and welcoming for years to come.









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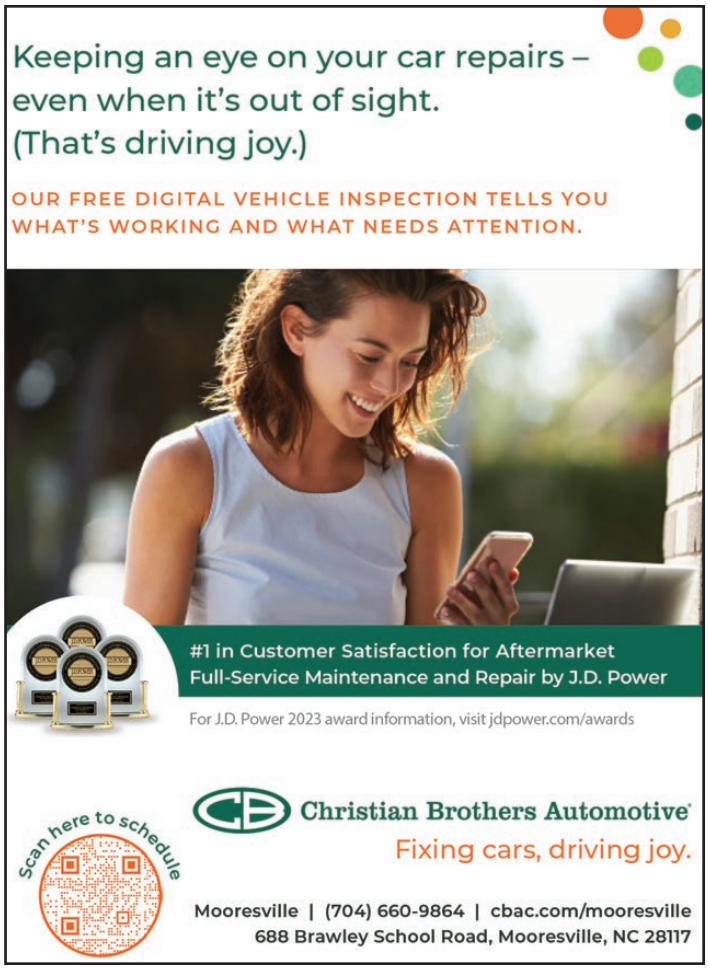
Back-to-School Vehicle Readiness:
Keeping Lake Norman Families Safe and Moving

By Doug Vidler, Owner/President, Christian Brothers Automotive

As summer winds down and the school year approaches, Lake Norman families begin preparing for busy schedules filled with school drop-offs, college move-ins, practices, games and weekend road trips. While backpacks, supplies and schedules get plenty of attention, one critical part of the back-to-school routine is often overlooked: the family vehicle.



Whether you're sending a student off to college, driving young athletes across North Carolina, or simply navigating daily school commutes, now is the perfect time to ensure your vehicle is ready for the demands ahead.

START WITH BASIC MAINTENANCE

A dependable vehicle begins with preventative maintenance. Before school activities kick into high gear, schedule a professional inspection that includes engine oil, fluid levels, battery condition, tire pressure, tread depth, brakes, belts, hoses and windshield wipers.

Late-summer heat can be especially hard on batteries and cooling systems. A weak battery or neglected cooling system can leave a family stranded at the worst possible time. Addressing minor issues now is far less expensive than dealing with a breakdown later.

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE TRAVEL

For families with college-bound students, vehicle reliability becomes even more important. Many students will be driving several hours from home for the first time. Before they leave for campus or head home for holidays, make sure they understand basic vehicle responsibilities.

Students should know how to check tire pressure, monitor warning lights, recognize fluid leaks and contact roadside assistance. Encourage them to keep emergency contact information, registration documents and insurance cards readily available.

A small emergency kit containing a flashlight, phone charger, jumper cables, first-aid supplies, bottled water and a tire-pressure gauge can provide valuable peace of mind.

When my own kids first got their driver's licenses, I was a somewhat unpopular dad because I taught them how to use a jack and change a tire. Then I had them prove it. In the rain. At night. Why? Murphy's Law. Equipping a vehicle with basic

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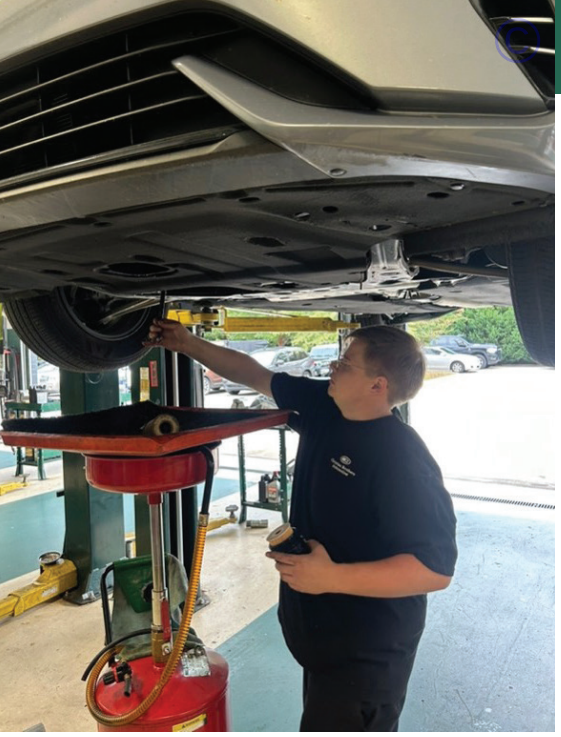

safety equipment and knowing how to use it can make all the difference.

SPORTS SEASON MEANS EXTRA DRIVING

Fall sports bring increased travel for many Lake Norman families. Whether it's football, soccer, volleyball, cross-country or marching band events, vehicles often become transportation hubs for students and equipment.

Before heading to away games or tournaments, verify tire pressures, inspect brakes and confirm all exterior lights are working properly. If you're towing a trailer or carrying additional cargo, ensure everything is secure and within weight limits.

SAFETY FIRST

Perhaps the most important back-to-school vehicle check involves safety. Make sure all drivers understand safe driving practices. Eliminate distractions, encourage hands-free phone use and set clear expectations for teen drivers. If a warning light comes on, consult the owner's manual—but don't ignore it.

A little preparation today can prevent major headaches tomorrow. By investing a small amount of time in maintenance and safety checks, Lake Norman families can focus on what matters most: enjoying a safe, successful and productive school year.

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Automatic Pool Covers:
Safety, Savings and Convenience

By Cyndi Osterhus, Owner, Osterhus Outdoors Fiberglass Pools

An automatic pool cover is one of the most valuable investments a swimming pool owner can make. Combining safety, convenience, energy efficiency and reduced maintenance, these systems offer benefits that can be enjoyed every day. With the turn of a key or push of a button, an automatic cover transforms an open pool into a protected, secure space within seconds.



Many homeowners choose to install an automatic cover during the construction of a new pool because the cover housing and track system can be incorporated seamlessly into the design. However, automatic covers can also be added to many existing pools during renovations. They are especially popular among families with children or pets,



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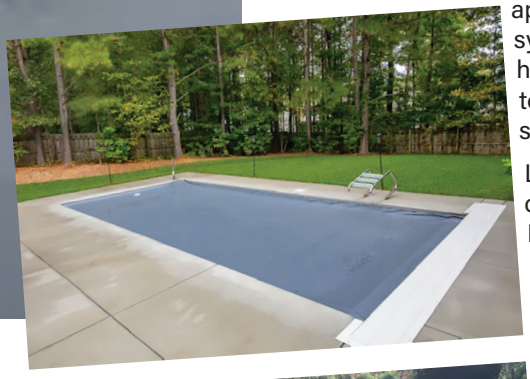
homeowners who travel frequently and those who want to reduce the time and expense associated with pool ownership.

Safety is often the primary reason people consider an automatic pool cover. When properly installed, maintained and fully closed, many automatic covers meet ASTM safety standards and provide a strong barrier over the water. This added layer of protection offers peace of mind and helps prevent accidental access to the pool.

Beyond safety, automatic covers provide significant savings. One of the largest sources of heat loss in a swimming pool is evaporation. By creating a barrier between the water and the air, an automatic cover helps retain heat, lowers heating costs and reduces water loss. Because the pool remains protected from leaves, dirt and debris, owners typically spend less money on chemicals and less time cleaning. Many homeowners also enjoy a longer swimming season because the water stays warmer and more consistent.

The cost of an automatic pool cover varies depending on the pool's size, shape and installation requirements. Most residential installations range from approximately 18,000 to 25,000 dollars, although larger or more customized projects may cost more. While the initial investment is substantial, many owners find that savings in water, chemicals, heating and maintenance help offset the cost over time.

Modern automatic covers are designed for durability and appearance. Many feature hidden track systems, attractive fabric options and heavy-duty vinyl materials engineered to withstand years of use while blending seamlessly into the pool environment.



Like any mechanical system, automatic covers require routine maintenance. Pool owners should keep water chemistry balanced, remove debris from the cover surface and periodically inspect the tracks and operating components. With proper care and occasional professional service, a quality automatic cover can provide reliable performance for over a decade.



For homeowners seeking a safer, cleaner and more efficient pool, an automatic cover is one of the most practical upgrades available. It protects the pool, reduces operating costs and adds convenience that owners appreciate every day.

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Yay!DAY FOUNDATION: Radiate Positivity



Submitted by
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In 2017, 9-year-old Zoey Boukedes had an idea for a one-day holiday called "Yay!Day," a day where everyone was encouraged to be positive for 24 hours, no matter what obstacles they were faced with. This message of "radiate positivity" aimed to help people see the benefits of approaching everyday life with a positive mindset. As word about "Yay!Day" started to spread throughout the town of Cornelius and the message started to receive attention from families and businesses in the community, Boukedes realized that the motto of radiate positivity was something that should be practiced year-long. Thanks to the support and encouragement from her community, Boukedes was able to make her idea a reality.

Now, in 2026, the Yay!DAY Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to helping students recognize the power of a positive mindset while spreading positivity in the Lake Norman community and beyond. The foundation has raised nearly $400,000 to support local positive causes and its P.E.E.R.S Scholarship Program. This program, launched in 2024, awards educational funding annually to graduating Charlotte-Mecklenburg high school students to help support them in their post-graduation plans. In addition, a new Yay!DAY scholarship at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte was launched earlier this year.

All funds raised from Yay!DAY go towards the P.E.E.R.S Scholarship Program or towards acts of positivity in the community. These acts of positivity include donations to help support local nonprofits and their efforts or local schools as they make a positive learning environment for their students. These funds are raised from events that Yay!DAY hosts or participates in throughout the year. The largest event Yay!DAY hosts is the annual Comedy Show Fundraiser in the spring.

If you are a middle or high school student, or the family of a student, we encourage you to look into starting a Yay!DAY Club chapter at your school. Boukedes started the Yay!DAY Club at William Amos Hough High School when she was a sophomore there. By the time she graduated, the club had expanded to over 250 members who participated in volunteering, community service events and mentorship opportunities at local elementary and middle school throughout each school year. The motto radiate positivity can be shown in many forms, and students can do so in any way they choose! Whether they help support the environment, tutor at local libraries or spend time towards causes they are passionate about, starting a Yay!DAY Club or participating in the Yay!DAY Club at your school is a wonderful way to make a positive impact on someone else's life!

Boukedes believes in the importance of everyone learning about the power of a positive mindset to approach everyday life. If you would like to read more about the Yay!DAY Foundation, its events and ways to be involved as we radiate positivity, please make sure to check out our website: *yaydaylife.com.*

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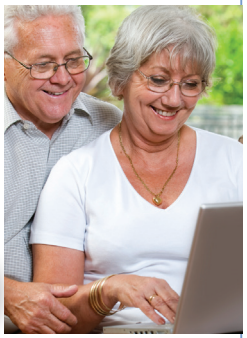



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SHALLOW WATER SUMMER— BE CAREFUL!

By Captain John Johnson

The lack of rain seems to be continuing this summer, and water levels on Lake Norman are quite low. That does not mean you can't get out and enjoy the lake, but you will need to be extra careful. Areas that you could safely pass through last year may be too shallow this year! And it gets very expensive when you hit a rock or a log with the engine or propeller.

Getting Around in Low Water

The number one thing everyone should know is to "stay in the channel!" Lake Norman is the best-marked lake in North Carolina for channels, and staying in the channel will generally keep you safe. Channels on Lake Norman are marked with shapes and colors from the Cowans Ford dam up to the Buffalo Shoals bridge. The channel is not marked above Buffalo Shoals, and special caution is needed when navigating the upper end of the lake. Red triangles and green rectangles mark the channel. You should keep red to your right when going upstream (away from the dam) and green to your left. Markers also help you know where you are, as the markers in creeks off the main channel have letters that identify the creek. For example, marker "M1" is in Mountain Creek, "D4" is in Davidson Creek, "R2" is in Ramsey Creek, etc. A good map or GPS will help you know where you are and help keep you out of trouble.

Even though channel markers are in place, remember the markers were put in place for about five feet of water under "normal' conditions. Give some additional leeway now when the water is low around the markers, as there may not be a lot of depth at the marker. And please respect the "shoal" markers, as shoal markers identify known hazardous rocks and stumps—give them plenty of room!

How Deep Is It?

Knowing the water depth under your boat is essential to safety. A depth finder should be installed on all boats so the captain can avoid shallow water and expensive mistakes. Depth finders come in all sizes and price ranges, but most of them cost less than a new propeller! Many depth finders also include a GPS map to help you navigate around the lake and avoid shallows or rocks. You can get a depth finder with built-in GPS for about $150—that's good insurance.

Places to Avoid?

Here are some of the places that have been known to get boaters in trouble:

- **Marker 1 and 1A:** Rocks go almost ¼ mile into lake
- **Islands southeast of R2:** No channel between islands – shallow/rocky
- **Marker D4 just northeast:** Shallow area in "middle" of lake
- **Marker D3:** Many try to "cut the corner" rocks nearby!
- **Marker T4 near North Harbor:** Rock ledge runs out into lake
- **Marker 10, narrow, shallow channel:** River channel goes around island – deep!





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- **Markers 12 and 13:** Main channel turns left—many go up into Mountain Creek
- **Stumpy Creek entry (north of 150 bridge):** Rocky ledges in shallow areas

Maybe by the end of summer, we will get rain, and Lake Norman will get back up to normal levels. But you can still "Love Where You Lake" with lower lake levels. Just be more careful, pay attention to navigation markers and water depth, wear your life preserver and have a great summer on Lake Norman!









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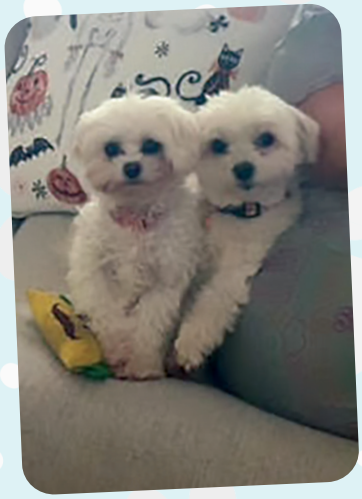
MEET SOME OF OUR AMAZING LAKESIDE FAMILY PETS!

Submitted by Jayne Deku



Bandit - Hoffman Family

Here's Bandit, a 7-year-old mix who enjoys rolling in the sand at lakeside beaches, going on walks and car rides with the Hoffman family.



Tucker & Miles - Johnson Family

Tucker, an 8-year-old Maltese, and Millie, a 2-year-old maltipoo are the Johnson family pets. Tucker is so chill, but Millie thinks she's a 100-pound pit bull.





Indi & Bodie - Finley Family

Indi is a 6-year-old, Labradoodle, the perfect combination of adventure and affection. Whether she's swimming, hiking, or playing ball, she's always the family's favorite cuddle companion at the end of the day. Bodie is an 8-year-old Labradoodle that enjoys spending time outdoors, whether he's hiking, stealing his sister's ball or simply relaxing in nature. A loyal companion, he's always ready to give his family love and kisses.



Boone - Pike Family

Meet 2-year-old Boone, a German Shepherd that knows no strangers. You can catch him in Oak Tree on a daily walk with the Pike family, or you find him hanging out with his pals at Club Pups!

Lake Norman Humane Spotlight

Submitted by Dana Kelley, Operations Director,
Lake Norman Humane Photos by staff

Barney





Barney is an 8-year-old hound boy who would love to meet you! With Barney around, you will never lack conversation and will always have someone on your side. He's your typical hound dog who loves to make his voice heard, however, in a house he is fairly quiet.

He loves a good treat, a comfy bed and a nice walk to go to all the sniff spots. If you're looking for a semi-lazy, semi-active dog, he is the one for the job. Like any hound, he will need time to adjust and trust. He follows his nose first, but once he forms a connection with you, he is happy to relax by your side and give you the most loyal companion.

Barney is also in our Mutts with Manners training program. This program gives our residents more enrichment and a chance to show who they are beyond the cards that they have been dealt. Barney is a blue star, meaning he has just entered the program and is working on basic commands as well as leash manners.

Visit Lake Norman Humane during their open hours or email info@lakenormanhumane.org for more information.

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AUGUST NORTH CAROLINA Festivals

Compiled by Joanie Baker

FESTIVAL	DATES (2026)	LOCATION	WEBSITE / CONTACT
AVL Fest	Aug. 6–9	Asheville	https://avlfest.com
Outer Banks Watermelon Festival	Aug. 6	Nags Head	Kitty Hawk Kites – https://kittyhawk.com
Trop Rock in the Mountains	Aug. 7–9	West Jefferson	https://carolinamusicfests.com
National Lighthouse Day Weekend	Aug. 7–9	Bald Head Island	Old Baldy Foundation – https://www.oldbaldy.org
Shindig on the Green	Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29	Asheville	https://folkheritage.org
Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival	Through Aug. 9	Highlands & Cashiers	https://h-cmusicfestival.org
OutSouth Queer Film Festival	Aug. 13–16	Durham	https://carolinatheatre.org
Doc & Rosa Lee Watson MusicFest	Aug. 17	Boone	https://www.docwatson.org
Party on the Mountain	Aug. 17–18	Beech Mountain	https://beechmountainresort.com
Brevard Summer Institute & Festival	Through Aug. 23	Brevard	https://brevardmusic.org
Ashe County Bluegrass & Old Time Fiddlers Convention	Aug. 23–25	Jefferson	https://ashecountyarts.org
DownEast Music Festival	Aug. 24–25	Rocky Mount	https://downeastmusicfestival.com
Hillbilly Jam	Aug. 24–25	Maggie Valley	https://hillbillyjam.com







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AUGUST
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please confirm events through the event, venue or school websites; all information is subject to change.

Farmers Markets

Every Wed. in August
NORTH MECK COMMUNITY FARMER'S MARKET
@Behind Cornelius Town Hall
Find high-quality produce, meats, dairy and other goods from over 20 local farmers and growers. Enjoy cooking demonstrations and pick up new recipes.
Time: 9am–12pm, rain or shine
www.charlottefoodpolicy.com/nmcfm

Every Sat. in August
DAVIDSON FARMERS' MARKET
@Downtown Davidson near Town Hall
Support local farmers and artisans. Please note, no pets allowed.
Time: 9am–12pm
www.davidsonfarmersmarket.org
End farmer's markets

Every Thurs. in August
LANGTREE LIVE CONCERT SERIES
@LangTree Lake Norman
Free live music performances each Thursday featuring live band, food and beverage vendors and a permanent lakefront state.
Time: 6:30–9pm
Cost: Free

Every Thurs., Fri. & Sat. in August
RIVER JAM
@U.S. National Whitewater Center
Enjoy a talented lineup of national musical acts each night in a fun, outdoor setting.
Time: 7–10pm
Cost: $12 parking
whitewater.org

Sat., Aug 1
CONCERTS @ THE CIRCLES
Stroll down Jetton Street for a free evening of live music under the stars featuring the tribute band Rock the 90s.
Time: 5-9pm
Cost: Free

Sat., Aug 1 (and every 1st Sat. through October)
MOORESVILLE FESTIVAL OF FOOD TRUCKS
@Downtown Mooresville
Head down to Broad and Main Streets for a fan-favorite gathering featuring 15+ food trucks, the local social district in full swing, and live music by *Untethered Soul*. Bring a chair and a friend, hang out, listen to live music, stroll the streets and shop.
Time: 5–8:30pm
Cost: Varies

Sat., August 1
ROCK OF AGES
@ Cain Center for the Arts, Cornelius
Book by Chris D'Arienzo; Arrangements and Orchestrations by Ethan Popp
TS3 Returns to the Cain!
Rock of Ages takes you back to the time of big bands with big egos playing big guitar solos and sporting even bigger hair! This Tony Award-nominated Broadway musical features the hits of bands including Night Ranger, REO Speedwagon, Pat Benatar, Twisted Sister and more.
Time: Doors: 1pm // Show: 2pm/ Doors: 6:30pm // Show: 7:30pm (second showing)
Cost: $25.10 - $36.15
Recommended ages 13 and up.

Sat., August 1 & 15
CONCERTS @ THE CIRCLES (DAVIDSON)
Free live music continues at Jetton Street.
August 1: Rock the 90s (90s tribute)
August 15: Chasing Phoenix (rock/variety)
Time: 5– 9pm
Cost: Free

Fri., August 7
ROCK THE PARK - YACHT ROCK RADIO
@Liberty Park, Downtown Mooresville
Yacht Rock Radio is a nationally touring tribute act delivering the smooth sounds of artists like Toto, Christopher Cross, The Doobie Brothers, Michael McDonald, and Hall & Oates. Fronted by American Idol standout Carsen Webb and powerhouse vocalist Melody Hagar, the band combines standout vocals with top-tier musicianship and tight harmonies. With infectious energy, crowd interaction, and nonstop nostalgia, Yacht Rock Radio turns every performance into a feel-good, sing-along experience.
Time: 6:30pm
Cost: Free
mooresvilleevents.com/rockthepark

Mon., August 17
LAKE NORMAN BIG BAND
@Wobbly Butt Taproom & Eatery, Mooresville
Enjoy a night of classic big band jazz.
Time: 7–9pm
Cost: $35 per person (includes buffet dinner and non-alcoholic beverages)

Fri., August 21
JOHN WAITE
@Lost Worlds Brewing – Cornelius
John will be performing his catalogue of hits from his 40-year career as a solo artist, with The Baby's and Bad English. John Waite's catalogue of hits features some of the most loved songs of the 80s and 90s – the #1 Worldwide hit "Missing You", The Baby's "Isn't It Time" and Bad English "When I See You Smile" rank amongst some of his biggest international hits and are still heard on radio today.
Time: Doors: 5:30pm // Show: 7:30pm
Cost: $52.73

Sat., August 22
AUGUST END OF SUMMER SIDEWALK SALE
@Downtown Mooresville
Every August our Downtown Mooresville businesses bring on the bargains with an end of summer blowout sale! Happening along on Broad & Main Streets – all day long!

Sat., August 8 – Sun., August 23
MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET
@Cain Center for the Arts, Cornelius
Cain Center for the Arts and Davidson Community Players (DCP) are proud to present a special co-production of the Broadway hit ***Million Dollar Quartet***, running August 8–23, 2026 in Cornelius. This first-of-its-kind collaboration between the two Lake Norman arts organizations marks an exciting step forward as they work together to create a professional, locally produced theatre experience.
Time: Doors: 6:30pm // Show: 7:30pm, or
Doors: 2pm // Show: 3pm
Cost: $41.68 - $63.28
cainarts.org/all-events/

Select Saturdays through Sat., October 10
LIGHTS, CAMERA, BIRKDALE
@The Plaza at Birkdale Village
Kick back, relax, and enjoy a movie in The Plaza as part of this monthly series. Film classics will take over our jumbo screen on select Saturdays. Bring blankets and chairs. No outside food or beverage is permitted, but takeout from our onsite restaurants is encouraged. Coolers are prohibited. Events are subject to cancellation pending weather conditions.
Time: Check website
Cost: Free
www.birkdalevillage.com/events/lights-camera-birkdale

Sat., August 8 & Sun., August 23
CONCERTS ON THE GREEN
@Davidson Town Green
Enjoy live music, food and family fun.
August 8: Sail On (Beach Boys Tribute Band)
August 23: Gospelfest (Gospel)
Time: 6–8pm
Cost: Free
concertsonthegreen.com



SCHOOL CALENDAR

ISS: 8/12, First Day

CMS: 8/25, First Day

Davidson Day: 8/19, First Day

Cannon: 8/13, First Day

Community School of Davidson: 8/12, First Day

Lake Norman Charter: 8/13, First Day

Langtree Charter: 8/10, First Day

Pine Lake Prep: 8/12, K, 6th & 9th First Day and Early Release; 8/13, First Day (all)

Woodlawn: 8/19, First Day K-12, 8/20 First Day PK-JK

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