

# Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Set for May 15

It's time to clean out those cabinets and garages for spring cleaning. When you do, collect chemicals, paints and pesticides for Iredell County's spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Saturday, May 15, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Iredell County Fairgrounds near Troutman. The event is sponsored by the Iredell County Solid Waste / Recycling Department.

The hazardous waste collection day is important, says Carla Parks, director of the Iredell County Solid Waste Recycling Department, because many common household chemicals are toxic to people and

harmful to the environment. The collection day helps conserve resources, reduce toxins going into landfills, reduces exposure to employees and reduces improper disposal and water contamination that threatens the environment.

The event is free to all Iredell County residents but proof of residence will be required. Drivers Licenses or Solid Waste Facility stickers on your car will suffice. Hazardous waste generated by private businesses, commercial or industrial businesses will not be accepted at this program. Call Iredell County Recycling for business information at 704-878-5430 or 704-928-2023.

Items accepted include aerosol cans, adhesives, fluorescent light bulbs, pesticides and herbicides, solvents and thinners, disinfectants, wood preservatives, pool chemicals, household cleaners and polishes, paints and stains, kerosene, motor oil, gasoline and other fuels, photographic chemicals, automotive fluids and antifreeze, auto batteries and household batteries.

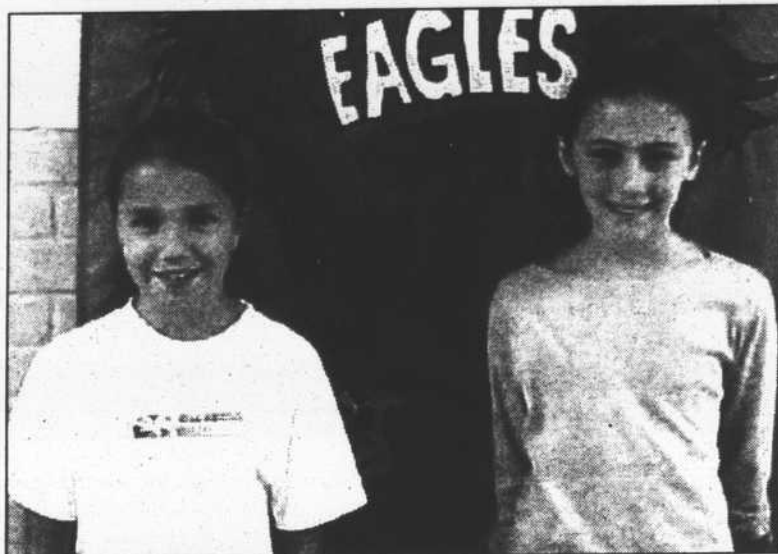
Do not bring regular trash or recyclables. Instead take these to the

four county locations. Also, do not bring hazardous waste from businesses, or asbestos, explosives, infectious waste or radioactive materials.

All materials should be packed safely to bring to the collection. If possible leave materials in original containers with labels intact. Put them inside the trunk of your car in a cardboard box lined in newspaper or plastic. Do not mix materials. A trained professional hazardous waste employee will remove the items from your vehicle at the site.

At all times programs exist for some household hazardous waste

in Iredell County. Motor oil, automobile batteries, tires and rechargeable batteries, fluorescent bulbs and antifreeze can be taken to all four Iredell County Solid Waste Facilities. There is also a Latex Paint Swap Shop for usable paints at the Twin Oaks location only. Pesticide containers are accepted at the Twin Oaks and 901 locations only. Computers and other electronics are accepted in January at the annual Electronics Recycling Day. Just as the collection event, these programs are for Iredell County homeowners. Businesses must contract for disposals.



TWO THIRD GRADE MT. MOURNE STUDENTS RECEIVED third place at the State Math Fair. Katie Schaeferle, left, and Morgan McMahon received honors for their project "Step Up to the Beat" which compared cardiovascular workouts. Their teacher is Jill Davis.



## Sears

STATESVILLE-Sears at Signal Hill Mall - and elsewhere - has been updated and wishes to share its new look with customers Saturday, May 15, beginning at 9 a.m.

The store celebration features Sears Gift Cards and candy for the first 125 customers coming in through the store's Broad St. entrance. Customers can also enter contests for shopping sprees.

The Signal Hill store is one of 120 Sears nationwide getting a new look. Five new stores are also being opened by the nationwide retailer. According to Sears officials, the updates include upgraded shoe, home fashions and appliance departments. The appliance department features all six of the major appliance brands including Kenmore.

Also, the electronics department has been updated and offers plasma TV's, stereos, camcorders and digital cameras. The top eight brands of big-screen TV's are available. The fitness department, which offers a variety of equipment, has also been upgraded.

The store also features a portrait studio, optical shop, Miracle Ear center and an H&R Block center during tax season. The 93,450 square foot store has 65,161 square feet of selling space and employs 100 associates.

## SpeakAbility, Inc.

MOORESVILLE - SpeakAbility, Inc. announces Susan Schall, public speaking consultant, will be conducting a Business Workshop Series entitled "How You Say it Does Make a Difference."

This third and final workshop in the Series "Effective Meetings: Getting the Most from Your Meetings" takes place Tuesday May 18 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the SpeakAbility, Inc. office in Mooresville. This seminar focuses on creating an agenda for your meeting, sticking to it and making sure that everyone gets a chance to speak. The cost is \$35. For more information call SpeakAbility, Inc. at 704-663-2115.

## Zoo Society Hosts Australian-Themed Camp

ASHEBORO - The North Carolina Zoo Society will host an Australian-themed Zooper Camp this summer Monday, June 21, through Wednesday, June 23. The day-camp adventure will celebrate the N.C. Zoo's newest exhibit, the Australian Walkabout.

All campers, ages 6 to 11, will explore the "Wonder Down Under" at the N.C. Zoo and learn about Australian animals: kangaroos, emus, wallabies, frilled lizards, pythons, lorikeets and more. Campers will explore Australians, attitudes toward the land, Aboriginal and Australian cultures, and the environment.

The Australian Zooper Camp will be filled with bush-camp activities. Planned events include making boomerangs, playing didgeridoos, telling dreamtime stories and touring the Australian Walkabout exhibit.

Three fun-filled days from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. cost \$100. Half-day campers can attend from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for \$50. Lunch and snacks are included for both schedules.

For more details on the camp, contact the Zoo Society at 336-879-7250 or find it online at [www.nczoo.com](http://www.nczoo.com) <<http://www.nczoo.com>>. Registration for camp is available by phone or by e-mailing [zoomember@nczoo.com](mailto:zoomember@nczoo.com).

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