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### Iredell Eye Center

STATESVILLE-Iredell Eye Center, a primary eye care clinic, will be offering Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) technology to detect and diagnose of glaucoma and retinal diseases. The procedure can be performed during a routine eye examination at Iredell Eye Center. OCT is recommended for patients with a central retinal disease or those suspected of having glaucoma.

"OCT is a groundbreaking tool, allowing us to detect retina diseases and glaucoma earlier than ever before," said practice ophthalmologist John Gillis, M.D. "That means patients can get the treatment they need before problems become more serious."

Without OCT technology, a standard eye exam was the only means of diagnosing many eye diseases. OCT provides a virtual biopsy of the retina and nerve through high resolution scans, allowing data to be gathered on macular thickness, the retinal nerve fiber layer and the optic disk. The technology is similar to ultrasound but uses low-coherence light instead of sound waves. Since the eye is scanned, there is absolutely no physical contact to the eye and no patient discomfort. The procedure lasts less than 10 minutes.

"OCT technology is yet another addition to the state-of-the-art technology we make available to our patients every day," said Practice Administrator Sheri Raymer.

Iredell Eye Center is located at 646 Hartness Road in Statesville and has offered comprehensive vision care to adults and children of this region since 1982. For more information, call 704-872-4108 or go to [www.iredelleve.com](http://www.iredelleve.com).

### WSI International

STATESVILLE-WSI International has opened a North Carolina office to service small and mid-sized businesses throughout the state with world class Internet sites and marketing solutions, says owner and President Selva Sean Tinnan. Located in Statesville, WSI Unique Online Solutions operates through a network of dedicated Internet consultants in each of North Carolina's seven regional development areas. The business still has openings for qualified individuals.

Tinnan adds that the mission is "to take your business directly to GO. We build or reorganize websites around business and marketing functions and judge the results only by your return on investment. Traffic is always

nice, but you are online to cut your costs and to generate new sales. Anything short of that is academic."

The key to the company's success is its attitude of stewardship, he says. "We walk in every month with detailed reports showing you where your online sales are coming from and how to gather even more. As your business grows, we grow your site."

After moving to North Carolina in 1996, Tinnan continued a 20-year career in IT support and management before opting to leave big business for small business. "That's where America is," he says. "And that's where the future is."

His company's standing policy is to offer steep discounts or gifting web-sites to community service organizations, non-profits and schools throughout the state, as time allows. "People pitching in makes North Carolina livable and lovable," says his wife Kate Tinnan. She has run a non-profit animal rescue in Iredell County for several years now.

WSI offers wide-ranging Internet solutions, from hosting to streaming video to traffic analysis and optimization, Tinnan says. Certified by Microsoft and IBM, the company brings up to date technologies to the task of growing small businesses throughout North Carolina via the Internet.

Tinnan is available for seminars, speaking engagements, Chamber of Commerce and trade association gatherings statewide. For further information contact WSI Unique Online Solutions at 704-871-8004.

### Recent grand openings/ribbon cuttings:

**MOORESVILLE**  
Jan. 22 - Nadine Skin Care, Inc., Potter Building at Morrison Plantation, 104 Welton Way, Mooresville, owner Nadine Ivester, skin care treatment center for men and women, 704-663-0211.

Feb. 1 - Tasteful Impressions Catering, 1271 Shearers Road in Mooresville, owners Dan and Annette Newton, offering full off-site catering services, 704-663-2855.

### IREDELL CITIZEN



## BIRTHS

LAKE NORMAN REGIONAL MEDICAL Center announced the following births:

Graciella Alexis Gardner, daughter of Christopher and Kelly Gardner, Feb. 15.

Jasmine Ah'lana Pinkston, daughter of Rodney Hall and Jacquetta Pinkston, Feb. 17.

Madison Alexandra Bice, daughter of Matt and Rusty Bice, Feb. 17.

Hunter Blake Eaton, son of Dennis and Robin Eaton, Feb. 18.

Xavier Kison Grimbball, son of Jason Grimbball and Kimberly Turner-Redfeard, Feb. 18.

Catherine Caroline-Elle Basinger, daughter of Jason and Leslee Basinger, Feb. 19.

Parker William Gamble, son of Ryan and Shannon Gamble, Feb. 19.

Joshua Martin Rought, son of Michael and Karen Rought, Feb. 20.

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