

Community Calendar

CPR Class Offered

A class in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) will be taught at the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department beginning on Friday, March 9 at 7 p.m. The classes will meet each Friday night during March.

Laurel community residents interested in learning the life-saving techniques of CPR are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Myra Zeller at the Laurel Medical Center at 656-2611.

Friends To Gather

There will be a weekly gathering of friends of Friends at the Southern Dharma Foundation in Spring Creek beginning on March 9 at 7:30 p.m. The two-hour meeting will feature an hour of silent meditation and an hour of sharing.

For more information on the meeting, call 622-7112.

DOT Public Hearing Set

The North Carolina Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing on March 28, at 7 P.M. in the Madison County Courthouse.

The hearing will consist of an explanation of the proposed location, right of way procedures, relocation advisory assistance and State-Federal relationship. The hearing will be open to those present for any statements, questions, comments and/or submittal of material pertaining to the proposed location. Additional material may be submitted for a period of 10 days from the date of the hearing to: Mr. George E. Wells, P.E., Manager of Highway Design, P. O. Box 25201, Raleigh, NC 27611.

The location begins on NC 63 near Tug Fork Road, goes through Little Pine Gap, Stevens Cove, and follows Little Pine Creek to Paynes Chapel.

A map setting forth the location and copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for public review at the North Carolina Department of Transportation Maintenance Office, Marshall, NC.

P.A.G.E. To Meet


Parents For The Advancement of Gifted Education (PAGE) will meet on March 12 at 7 p.m. in the library of Madison High School. The meeting will be held to work on preliminary plans for the annual summer camp.



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Voter Deadline

The Madison County Board of Elections has announced that April 9, 1984 is the last day to register to vote in the May 8 primaries. Beginning on March 9, the board will meet each Friday at 10 a.m. to review applications for absentee ballots.

Photos On Display

A display of photographs and collages by Mary Helmle of Burnsville will be on exhibit at the Mars Hill College Memorial Library until March 23. The library is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m., Saturdays from noon until 5 p.m. and Sundays from 2 until 11 p.m.

County GOP To Meet

The Madison County Republican Party will hold their annual convention on March 10 at the Madison County Court House. The convention will begin at 2 p.m. Delegates to the state and district conventions will be elected.

Former congressman Bill Hendon, a candidate for the Republican nomination for the 11th District seat, will be the keynote speaker. Also addressing the convention will be candidates for the State Senate John Stewart, Jr., Keith Snyder and Bruce Briggs.

All Madison County Republicans are invited to attend.

Mars Hill Civic Club Meets

The Mars Hill Civic Club will meet on Monday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room of the Mars Hill College Cafeteria. The cost of the meal will be \$2.00. The club invites all interested persons to attend.

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Algae, Lichens And Moss May Suffocate Trees

By WILEY DuVALL
Agricultural Extension Agent

Algae, lichens, and mosses grow profusely on trunks, limbs, and twigs of many trees and shrubs. Cool, cloudy, wet weather is ideal for these organisms.

Algae are the simplest of green plants. They were probably the first food producing organisms in the evolution of life on earth. They are present nearly everywhere. They are numerous almost any place that has sufficient moisture, such as on tree trunks, shrubs, soil, rocks, and walls, as well as in fresh or salt water. In large numbers, algae form the scum on ponds and wet areas in lawns.

Lichens have two components - a fungus and an algae living in association with one another to give the appearance of a single plant. Lichens grow on soil, trunks and branches of trees and shrubs, and on rocks. Like the algae, lichens manufacture their own food. They occur in several forms, such as crusty gray, green, yellow, or white growths. Some are leaf-like, others resemble a tuft of horse hair hanging from the branches.

Mosses are green plants somewhat similar to algae, except they have evolved further into miniature plant-like structures with stems and leaves. Because they contain chlorophyll, mosses can

manufacture their own food. Mosses occur on soils, on tree trunks and branches, on rocks, and in water. Liverworts are closely related to the mosses and grow under similar conditions.

Since all of these primitive plants contain chlorophyll and make their own food, they do not directly injure the plant on which they grow. Heavy

growth, however, may have a suffocating effect and can reduce the sunlight reaching the leaves. Some people like the "hitch-hiking" plants as they add a bit of color to shrubbery and trees during the winter. At times the growth may become objectionable or unsightly and one may want to control it.

On deciduous trees (shade,

fruit, nut) use tribasic copper sulfate - 2 pounds per 100 gallons of water or 4 teaspoons per gallon. Add a small amount of dish washing detergent to the spray mixture or use liquid lime sulphur - 8 ounces per gallon of water. This mixture can also be used on deciduous shrubs (azalea,

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