

Community Calendar

Laurel V.F.D. Dance

The Laurel Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a dance on May 19 at 8 p.m. at the Laurel Fire Hall. Admission will be \$3 for adults, \$1 for children under 12. Refreshments will be served and The Bounty Hunters band will provide live music.

Benefit Gospel Singing

There will be a Concert at the Madison High School Stadium on Sunday May 13 at 1:30 p.m. There is no admission charged but a freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Madison High Boosters Club. The Primitive Quartet and the Redeemend Quartet will be the special singers.

Tornado Threat Halts Marshall Town Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Marshall Board of Aldermen was curtailed Monday night when a tornado warning was issued by the National Weather Service. The meeting will be continued next Monday night at 7:30 p.m.

Before the board adjourned, they considered several requests for reductions in water bills.

The board approved an agreement with Van Griffin concerning Griffin's outstanding bill. Board member Sammy Lunsford reported that Griffin has an outstanding bill of \$617.25. Lunsford said that the line Griffin is charged for was installed at his own expense. Griffin has made regular payments while disputing the bill.

The board voted to allow Griffin to pay half the outstanding balance if he will agree that the town owns the line. The agreement is subject to Griffin's approval.

The board also adjusted charges for Betty Benfield and

heard her complaints about the sewer construction damage done to her property on Mashburn Hill. Benfield said that she was charged for water used by tenants in a trailer she owns.

Mayor Wild told Benfield that she was responsible because the bill was in her name. Wild cautioned that owners renting homes should have the renter's name on town water bills to avoid these situations. The board voted to hold Benfield responsible for \$15.90 of the \$87.47 bill.

After some discussion, the board also voted to hire Gary Michael Price as part of a training program. Price is currently in the Madison County jail serving a sentence on a conviction of driving under the influence.

Price will be hired at the minimum wage and trained to install water lines. He will work with the town crew. Half of Price's salary for the first 30 days of employment will be paid by state funds.

Hot Springs Sets Tax Rate

Hot Springs Mayor Debbie Baker reported that the town board of aldermen voted to keep the town's property tax rate at 80 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation during

Monday's meeting. The board also gave tentative approval to a budget for the coming year. Baker said the budget would remain unchanged from last year.

Fair Opens On Saturday

Mother's Day weekend will be celebrated with a country fair in Dalton, Ga. on May 12 and 13. The Prater's Mill Country Fair will attract thousands of visitors to the northwest Georgia town for entertainment, gospel singing, crafts exhibits, an antique auto show, pony rides and canoeing on Coahulla Creek.

The fair will be open each day from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults. Children under 12 are admitted free. The fair is sponsored by the Prater's Mill Foundation, a non-profit organization that seeks to preserve the mill and surrounding buildings.

Prater's Mill is located on Georgia Hwy. 2, ten miles northeast of Dalton. For more information on the fair, contact the Dalton Chamber of Commerce at (404) 278-7373.

Cattle Producers Approve Assessment

North Carolina cattle producers approved a six-year extension of the assessment program in voting held on April 25. Frank Harris of the N.C. Cattlemen's Association announced that the final count showed that 83 percent of cattlemen favored the 30 cent-per-head assessment to begin in 1985.

Money collected from the cattle assessment is to be used to promote and market beef products. Harris told reporters, "The ultimate goal of the cattlemen of North Carolina is to supply a better product to a more informed consumer, and to put more profit in the pocket of the consumer."

Spring Creek Social Set

The Auxiliary of the Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Department will have a flea market and homemade ice cream social at the Fire Department on Saturday, May 19 from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. The flea market will be held indoors, anyone wishing to rent a space (\$3.00) will be welcome and should call 622-7300 for more information. Refreshments other than ice cream will be sold.

MHC To Offer Photo Class

Nick Lanier, a photographer for the N. C. Division of Archives and History and a member of the Appalachian Photographic Workshop, Inc., will be the instructor for "Appalachian Photography," a one week photo session in the Blue Ridge Mountains, sponsored by Mars Hill College.

supply of Ektachrome 64 color slide film. This film will be used for the overnight processing that will be done during the week. Students are invited to bring other film types as well as additional equipment, such as telephoto, wide angle, and macro lenses, flash units or any other equipment they use regularly.

The June 24-30 program will feature daily field trips, slide shows, critiques of students' current work, question and answer sessions, and group discussions. Technical aspects of the photographic process will be covered during the week, but the primary focus will be on heightening personal awareness of picture possibilities surrounding the students.

Participants will be required to bring an adjustable camera, a sturdy tripod, and a

There is no age limit for those who wish to attend; however, there will be a maximum enrollment limit of 20. The cost for the week is \$200 including all meals, a room in one of the college residence halls, and tuition. A limited number of commuters will also be accepted, and the cost for these students will be \$100.

For additional information, contact the Center for Continuing Education, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N.C. 28754, telephone 689-1166.

Young Marchers Raise \$575 For March of Dimes

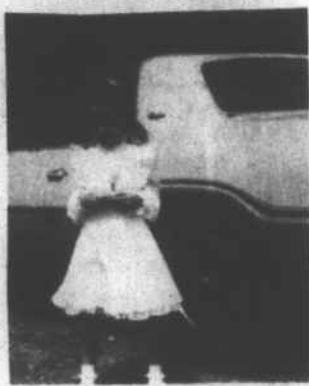
Seventy-seven children, their parents and the staff of the Head Start program of Madison and Buncombe Counties gathered at the First Baptist Church of Marshall on April 10 for a Mini-Walk to benefit the March of Dimes.

Escorted by Mike Beasley of the Marshall Police Dept., the group marched down Main Street before returning to the church for refreshments served by the March of Dimes staff.

In preparation for their march, the children canvassed their neighborhoods for contributions for the March of Dimes. Trophies were presented to the marchers by Harreyette Boyd, director of the March of Dimes, in the community room of the Marshall Fire Dept.

Marinda Fuller took top honors by collecting \$102.05 in contributions. Second place went to Wesley Cutshaw for \$83.20 and third place was presented to Thomas Sprinkle for contributions totalling \$70.72. The Mini-March raised a total of \$575 for the March of Dimes.

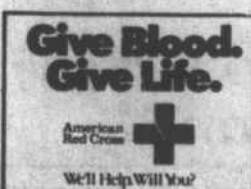
Mrs. Boyd thanked the marchers for their efforts and also cited Marshall Mayor Betty Wild, Mike Beasley, the Marshall Volunteer Fire Dept., The News Record, and members of the Marshall First Baptist Church for their support and assistance.



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Marshall Students To Compete In National History Day Finals

Four Marshall Elementary School students and two Madison High School students took top honors last week at the state competition of the History Day contest held at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. All six Madison County students will now compete in the national competition scheduled for June 14-16 at the University of Maryland.

Heather Streppa and Maria Wise won first prize in the performance competition for their entry, "The Sodom Ballads: Legacy In Song of an Appalachian Community."

After attaining the highest score ever recorded in district competition, the pair again dominated their competition in the state finals by scoring 296 out of a possible 300 points.

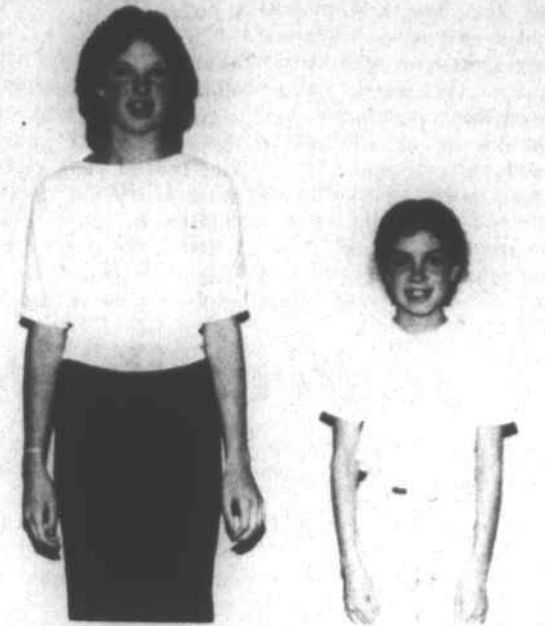
Scott Haynie and Joel Taylor placed second in the media event for their entry, "Where The Rich Once

Played," a sound-slide show depicting the elegant era of the Hot Springs Hotel and mineral springs.

Elizabeth McBride and Randy Riddle, freshman at Madison H.S., placed second in the group project competition for their entry, "Trapped: The Story of Marshall", an audio-visual exhibit with detailed events and photos of Marshall's past.

The theme of this year's competition is "The Family and Community In History." In order to advance in each level of competition, students must place either first or second. This marks the fourth year in succession that Marshall Elementary students have reached the national finals.

Other Marshall students who competed in the state finals included Kirby Boone, Chris Tweed, Paula Crowe, Marla Briggs and Sharon Tipton.



MARIA WISE AND HEATHER STREPPA will represent North Carolina in the National History Day competition in Washington in June.

Fundraiser Planned For Students

David Holt, a well-known story-teller and musician, will head up a lineup of area musicians and entertainers who will perform in a special benefit performance at Madison High School on May 23.

The performance is a fundraiser for local students who were state finalists in the annual History Day contest. The six students will represent Madison County and North Carolina in the National History Day competition to be held at the University of Maryland at College Park on

June 14 through 16.

Proceeds from the performance will be used to help defray the expenses for the three-day trip to the national contest.

Sheila Barnhill, Cas Wallin, the Madison High School string band and the Marshall

Hillbilly Cloggers are also among the entertainers scheduled to perform at the benefit which will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Madison County students who will compete in the national contest will also present their winning performances and projects.

Ferguson Awarded Scholarship

Former News Record columnist Steve Ferguson of Mars Hill has been named as the 1984 recipient of the Jonathan Daniels Memorial Scholarship. The award is presented to journalism students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in memory of the former editor of The Raleigh News and Observer.

Ferguson recently completed the third year of studies at the UNC School of Journalism. He formerly attended Mars Hill College where he served as editor of the student newspaper, The Hilltop. He is currently an editor with The Daily Tar Heel.

News Record editor Bob Koenig has announced that

Ferguson will be returning to The News Record staff this summer as part of an internship program sponsored by the North Carolina Press Association. Ferguson will spend three weeks with The News Record in June before reporting for similar assignments with The Canton Enterprise and The McDowell News.

In making the announcement, Koenig said, "It'll be good to have Steve back. He knows his way around Madison County and I expect he's learned something about newspapering in Chapel Hill."

In addition to general assignments, Ferguson is also expected to resume writing a column for the editorial page.



Steve Ferguson

Census Survey To Be Taken

The U.S. Bureau of the Census will conduct its regular survey on employment in this area the week of May 14 through 19, according to Joseph Harris, director of the bureau's regional office in Charlotte.

In addition to the usual questions on employment, the survey will ask questions on adult education. The survey is designed to provide the U.S. Dept. of Labor with a sample of approximately 71,000 households throughout the nation.

Information supplied by individuals participating in the survey is kept strictly confidential by law and the results are used only to obtain statistical totals.

County Unemployment Declines

Unemployment in Madison County declined in March, according to figures released last week by the North Carolina Employment Security Commission (ESC.) The ESC figures show county joblessness decreased during the month by one-half a percentage point, to 5.9 percent of the work force.

Madison County unemployment

stood at 6.4 percent in February.

Joblessness decreased in 82 counties across the state according to the latest ESC figures. In citing the improvement, ESC chairman Glenn Jernigan said, "We are beginning to see the effects of seasonal influences and improved economic influences across the state. Historically,

unemployment rates decline as tourism improves and weather-related activities increase."

Madison County's joblessness again is the lowest among neighboring counties.

March ESC figures indicate that Buncombe County unemployment stood at 7.1 percent of all workers while

Haywood and Yancey Counties reported rates of 12.2 and 11.1 percent respectively. Nationwide, the U.S. Dept. of Labor reported unemployment stood at 7.8 percent during March.

Madison County's 5.9 percent figure represents 470 workers unable to find employment.

ESC: Not Enough Jobs For Vets

The North Carolina Employment Security Commission has reported that the number of veterans applying for training under the 1983 Emergency Veterans Job Training Program exceeds the number of jobs available by an almost three-to-one margin.

ESC chairman Glenn Jernigan reported last week that the job service has secured employment for 700 veterans for the period ending on April 20. Jernigan reports that more than 2,000 Vietnam and Korean war veterans have been approved to participate in the program which provides incentives to employers hiring

veterans. Participating employers may receive up to \$10,000 for each eligible veteran hired and trained on the job.

"I wish I could talk to each employer personally to assure them of the simplicity of this veterans training program. All of the employers' obligations are spelled out clearly on the one-page application that they submit to get their training approved," Jernigan said.

The ESC chairman added that employers wishing to take part in the program should contact the local office of the Employment Security Commission.

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