

Community Calendar

Burley Field Day Set

The Madison County Burley Field Day will be held on Aug. 2 at the Roy Ammons farm. The event is co-sponsored by the Madison County Agricultural Extension Service and the Burley Tobacco Growers Association.

The Ammons farm is located south of Mars Hill between Old Hwy. 213 and Gabriel's Creek Rd. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. on the day of the event. A free barbeque luncheon prepared by the Farm Credit Service will be served. All tobacco growers are invited to attend. For more information on the field day, contact the extension service office at 649-2411.

Walnut School Reunion Set

A Walnut School reunion is being planned for Saturday, August 11, 1984, beginning at 3 p.m.

The reunion is not limited to graduates and is open to anyone who attended Walnut School. Former teachers and principals are also invited.

Plans are being made for an assembly in the gymnasium at 4 p.m. for a short program and possibly some entertainment.

A hot dog supper will be held between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., sponsored by the Walnut Community Development Club.

Anyone who has ideas or information that will be of help in planning this reunion are asked to contact Ernestine Plemmons at 649-3816 or R.J. Plemmons at 649-3364 after 5 p.m. or on weekends.

American Legion Meets

The Marshall American Legion Post No. 317 will hold their regular monthly meeting on Aug. 2. The Ladies' Auxiliary will furnish supper beginning at 7 p.m.

Griffin Family Reunion

The annual Griffin family reunion in Mars Hill will be held on Aug. 26 at 1 p.m. in the Mars Hill Elementary School. A covered dish supper will be served and all family members are invited to attend.

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DOT Hearing Set For Aug. 1

The state Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting August 1 to discuss proposed improvements to a 12.6-mile section of U.S. 2570 in Madison County.

The informal open-forum meeting runs from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Hot Springs Elementary School Auditorium.

The improvements are divided into two projects. The first one involves upgrading a 6.1-mile section of US 2570 from NC-206 to Hot Springs to a modern two-lane highway. The second project calls for construction of a 6.5-mile two-lane facility on new location from Hot Springs to the Tennessee state line.

Both projects are included

in the department's 1984-1993 Transportation Improvement Program approved by the state Board of Transportation last November.

Construction on both projects is scheduled to start in fiscal year 1986 and will cost about \$18.3 million.

The public is invited to attend the meeting, ask questions, make comments, sug-

gestions or recommendations. Written statements about the project may be submitted to C. D. Adkins, manager of planning and research, NCDOT, P. O. Box 25301, Raleigh, NC 27611.

For more information about the projects, contact project engineers L. J. Ward or R. G. Hairr at (919) 733-7942.

Weatherization Program Begins

On July 19, the first meeting of Madison County private nonprofit organizations to participate in a low-cost weatherization program was held at Madison High School. This program offers a free energy audit and at least \$500 worth of weatherization and insulation materials. Training will be provided for a volunteer crew from each nonprofit, and, on September 22, the project leaders will give technical assistance while volunteers weatherize their buildings. The aim of the project is to lower energy costs so that scarce funds can be used for important services to the community.

Corporation, the Alternative Energy Corporation, and the Tennessee Valley Authority. This program will target 20-25 small nonprofits in Madison and northern Buncombe Counties. Typical buildings that are eligible include community centers, rescue squads, churches, day care centers, and volunteer fire stations. Those buildings with the most community use and most need will have highest priority.

The Tennessee Valley Authority, an electric utility serving parts of Western North Carolina, Tennessee, and several other states, is cosponsoring this program. Their Office of Natural Resources and Economic Development is providing support for the technical audits and materials. They are looking to this program as a model which may be reproduced throughout the Tennessee Valley.

This program has been demonstrated previously by the Energy Conservation Fund of the Alternative Energy Corporation, with the Tennessee Valley Authority, in Haywood County this past May, where the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation was local sponsor. The Energy Conservation Fund serves nonprofit organizations across North Carolina with energy audits, technical assistance, and weatherization training both in low-cost weatherization programs such as this one, and on an individual basis with larger nonprofits.

Private nonprofits who are interested in the program and did not attend the initial meeting should contact Jerry Plemmons, Energy Director for French Broad Electric Membership Corporation, at 649-2051 (Marshall), 689-2051

French Broad Electric Membership Corporation, the local sponsor, is a rural electric utility providing local coordination, organizing the technical assistance for this program.

Summer Fun Program

Young people in the Walnut, Spring Creek, East Fork, Spillcorn and Shelton Laurel communities are invited to take part in summer fun activities planned for their area by the Madison County Agricultural Extension Service.

The activities are scheduled each day from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and will include a hike, crafts, games, nutrition class, songs and snacks. There will also be a food preservation program for adults.

On Thursday, July 26, East Fork youngsters will assemble at Raymond Ramsey's farm for the activities.

The Spillcorn Community Church will host the Summer Fun program on Tuesday, July 31. Youngsters in Shelton Laurel and Carmen communities will gather on Aug. 1 for Summer Fun activities at the Odell Shelton farm.

Cattlemen's Tour Offered

Beef cattle producers from 10 or 12 western counties will be participating in the annual Western North Carolina Cattlemen's Tour on July 29 through August 1, visiting farms and cattle research facilities throughout North Carolina.

Sponsors of the bus tour are the beef cattle commission of the WNC Development Association, Rutherford County Cattlemen's Association and the N. C. Agricultural Ex-

tension Service.

One of the highlights will be a tour of Open Ground Farm at Beaufort on the Atlantic coast. This farm contains 44,000 acres, all of which has been cleared of timber and drained during the past 10 years. In addition to a cattle operation on 12,000 acres of pasture land, over 25,000 acres are devoted to corn, soybeans and small grains.

The beef cattle herds and research farms at N. C. State

University will be visited by the tour group, along with a beef research unit and bull tests station being established by the university at Camp Butner near Durham.

program, and Sally Mac Farm, an outstanding commercial cattle herd near Monroe.

Among other stops will be the vet school at N. C. State, Oldfield Farms, an August cattle operation near Mocksville; a Simmental cattle farm in Johnston County; North State Orchards in Richmond County, where the WNC group will see a crossbreeding

A few seats are still available on the tour. Cost, which includes transportation, motels, meals and admission is \$210 per person. Reservation can be made on a first-come basis with the WNC Development Association, 420 City Building, Asheville, phone 252-4783, or the Rutherford County Agricultural Extension office.

Mars Hill VFD Auto Show

The Mars Hill Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor the 13th annual Car Show on July 28 and 29. The show will be held in the Mars Hill Elementary School stadium. On Saturday, the firemen will also hold a gospel singing. The show will conclude Sunday with a ham and roast beef dinner.

Stewart Named Primary Winner

John Stewart of Asheville has been certified by the North Carolina Board of Elections as the winner of the May 8 Republican Party primary. A mistake in returns from Yancey County balloting was discovered and Alex Brock, chairman of the state elections board, has officially named Stewart the winner by 405 votes.

Stewart was opposed in the May 8 primary for the State Senate by Keith Snyder and Mars Hill attorney Bruce Briggs. Prior to the May 8 balloting, Briggs withdrew from the race in order to pursue a judgeship. His name, however, remained on the 28th Senate District ballots.

Despite his withdrawal, Briggs polled 169 votes in Madison County and 3,142 votes throughout the district for a second place finish. It wasn't Briggs' candidacy, but a reporting error by Mary Ohle of the Yancey County Board of Elections that caused Stewart's problem. Ohle reported that she incorrectly reversed the votes for Snyder and Stewart in completing her election report. The corrected totals show Stewart was the leading vote-getter with 3,201. Briggs came in second in the three-way race with 3,142 and Keith Snyder finished third with 2,806 votes. Stewart outpolled his opponents in three of the four counties.



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