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Community Calendar

Sleepy Valley To Celebrate

The Sleepy Valley Community Development Club will celebrate its 30th anniversary with an open house on Sunday, Oct. 7 from 2:30 until 5 p.m. Honored guests will include Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wise, Mr. and Mrs. Mac McGough, Patricia Brinkley and others.

Young Republicans Meet

The Madison County Young Republicans Club will hold an organizational meeting on Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mars Hill Town Hall.

John Stewart of Asheville, a candidate for the State Senate, is expected to address the meeting. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Band Members Selling Books

The Madison High School band and choral department are sponsoring a family book program to raise money for instructional materials, a spring band trip and summer band camp for students.

Catalogs of best-selling books are available for order from band and chorus members.

Rummage Sale Planned

The Greater Ivy Community Development Club will sponsor a rummage sale on Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Greater Ivy Community Center. A large selection of clothing will be available at low prices. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the club's beautification projects.

Turkey Shoot In Laurel

The Laurel Hunting Club will sponsor a turkey shoot on Oct. 7 at 1 p.m. at the Hickey's Fork Trout Farm.

American Legion To Meet

The American Legion Post No. 317 will hold its monthly meeting on Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. Supper will be furnished by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Judge Thornburg To Visit

Judge Lacy Thornburg, the Democratic candidate for N.C. Attorney General, will visit Madison H.S. on Oct. 4 from 3:15 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. The public is invited to attend and meet the candidate.

GOP Committee To Meet

The Madison County Republican Executive Committee will meet on Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Republican campaign headquarters on Main Street in Marshall. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Baptist Youth Day Set

Mars Hill College's Alpha Phi Omega fraternity will sponsor Operation Child Find on Oct. 13 during Baptist Youth Day ceremonies at Meares Stadium. Children will be fingerprinted during the Mars Hill-Carson-Newman football game.

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Marshall To Crack Down On Delinquent Taxpayers

By ROBERT KOENIG

Marshall Mayor Betty Wild promised a crackdown on delinquent taxpayers at Monday's meeting of the town aldermen. Wild asked for, and received, a motion authorizing town secretary Linda Dodson to collect back property taxes.

Mrs. Dodson pointed out that the town currently has some \$32,062 due in delinquent taxes dating back to 1972.

"Let me assure you that we are definitely going to collect these taxes. Owing the town is just like owing the IRS, we can come in and collect. Let this be a warning. I don't think it's fair for those who pay taxes to have to subsidize those who don't. There's going to be no more warnings. We're going after them."

Wild said that both town secretaries recently attended workshops dealing with the collection of delinquent taxes.

The mayor also said that Marshall residents will receive their 1985 tax bills about the end of the week.

After announcing the crackdown on delinquent taxpayers, Wild also said the town would again begin cutting off service to delinquent water and sewer customers.

The meeting opened with a report on the town's finances delivered by Cecilia Ward. Mrs. Ward reviewed both the General Fund and Water and Sewer accounts.

The report, which included town expenditures through Sept. 30, stated that Marshall's general fund has had

expenditures totalling \$64,350 at the end of the three-month period which began on July 1.

In that same period, the town's income from all sources except water and sewer fees was reported to be \$27,523. Most of the cash shortfall, Ward explained, as due to the town's tax statements being mailed late.

The town's conversion to the computerized billing service operated by the Wards has accounted for the delay in posting the tax notices.

The September expenditures showed that the town's expense for gas for the town's police vehicles has declined dramatically, from over \$1,000 per month to \$267.80 in Sept.

Police chief Joe Griffey explained that he has reduced the amount of miles being driven by ordering the town's patrol cars to remain within the town limits. Marshall officers had been driving the vehicles home after duty before Griffey assumed his position.

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MADISON COUNTY VOLUNTEERS honored at recent reception included, front from left to right, Lucille English, Emma Kate Davis, Evelyn Underwood and Randy Riddle. Middle row, l. to r.: Francis E. Smith, Irene Carroll and Ethel Kirkpatrick. In back are Mrs. Hunt, Father Frank Reese and Fred B. Bentley. Not shown are award winners Pansy Norton and Claude Davis.

Madison Volunteers Honored

Outstanding individuals and volunteer organizations from throughout Western North Carolina were honored at the Governor's Statewide Volunteer Awards ceremony in Asheville on Sept. 13. Mrs. Carolyn L. Hunt, wife of Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., presented the awards during ceremonies at the First Baptist Church. Hunt was unable to attend the ceremony because of Hurricane Diana.

Mrs. Hunt presented the volunteer awards to the Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Department, the Jesuit Residence and Retreat Center of Hot Springs and Mars Hill College for their volunteer activities. Awards were also presented to Lucille English, named the county's individual human service volunteer; Emma Kate Davis, the individual community volunteer leader; Dr. Evelyn Underwood, the county's administrator of volunteers; Randy Riddle, named the county's outstanding youth volunteer; Francis E. Smith, the outstanding senior citizen volunteer; school volunteer Pansy Norton; Irene Carroll, the disabled person volunteer and Claude Davis, named the outstanding one-on-one volunteer.

Mars Hill College president Fred Bentley accepted the award presented to the college. Ethel M. Kirkpatrick accepted the award presented to the Spring Creek VFD and Father Frank X. Reese accepted the award presented to the Jesuits.

In presenting the awards, Mrs. Hunt said, "As I look in your faces, I see smiles that have brought hope to the hopeless, encouragement to the struggling, and friendship to the lonely. No matter what the future may bring, these volunteer recognition ceremonies will always be special to North Carolinians."

Similar award ceremonies were held on Sept. 24 in Williamson and yesterday in Raleigh.

Commissioners Approve Contract

The Madison County commissioners met in a brief session Monday night at the county courthouse. The monthly meeting drew scant public attention, with only a single spectator in the courtroom audience.

The commissioners approved hiring Thelma Ray Lightfoot for a clerical position with the Madison County Dept. of Social Services and Yvonne Briggs and Paula Rice were hired for 60-day positions as eligibility specialists for the energy assistance program operated by DSS.

Anita Davis, director of DSS, announced that the agency will begin accepting applications for housing assistance on Oct. 15. She said some 1,045 applications were processed last year, with 882 households approved for the federal assistance.

The commissioners also met in executive session with Register of Deeds Jen. Lee Buckner on what was termed a personnel matter, but took no action upon resuming public session.

The commissioners also approved a contract with Mars Hill architect Taylor Barnhill for conducting an inventory of historic buildings in the county. The county has been in a grant from the state for the 15-month project.

Marshall will be paid \$10,000 in reimbursement of \$1,000 per month while the inventory is completed. Barnhill will be responsible for all costs of the

project except the expense of publishing a book detailing the inventory.

Emergency Medical Services director Mildred West reported to the commissioners that the county is falling behind in receiving payments from Medicare because Madison Manor Nursing Center is slow in completing the forms necessary to receive payments.

West also said that Medicare is denying claims for ambulance service in cases where patients are being taken to Memorial Mission Hospital for out-patient treatments.

The commissioners approved a one-month extension of its contract with auditors Greens, Skidmore and Smith and Co. for the audit of the county's finances. The additional month is required because of illness suffered by a member of the accounting firm. The audit will be delivered before Nov. 30 according to the extension agreement.

Board chairman Ervin Adams reported that the tax collector's office collected \$187,000 during Sept. The Clerk of Superior Court reported collections totaling \$1,318 while the EMS collected \$2,350 during Sept. The Madison County Register of Deeds collected \$2,000 and building inspector collected \$1,000 during the month.

The commissioners adjourned the month session at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 6.



Mark Cody of Route 5, Marshall, right, was honored as an Outstanding Young Tobacco Farmer during award ceremonies held recently in Raleigh. The program, sponsored by Philip Morris, USA and conducted by the Agricultural Extension Service at N.C. State University, honors farmers under 35 years of age for their tobacco production and community involvement. Madison County extension agent Wiley Duffell, left, presented the award to Cody.