

Community Calendar

Laurel VFD To Meet In Spillcorn

The Laurel Volunteer Fire Dept. will hold a meeting in the Spillcorn community on Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Church of God fellowship building on Baker Creek.

The meeting will discuss creation of a separate branch of the Laurel Fire Department to be located in the Spillcorn community. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Mars Hill AA Meets Oct. 20

The Mars Hill chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous will celebrate its first anniversary on Oct. 20 at the Mars Hill Methodist Church. Fellowship will begin at 6 p.m. followed by a covered dish supper at 6:30 p.m.

A special guest will speak following dinner. The group meets each Thursday at 8 p.m. Call 689-2941 for more information.

Marshbanks Family Reunion Set

The annual Francis Marion Marshbanks family reunion will be held on Oct. 14 in the lunchroom of the Mars Hill Elementary School. Members of the Anderson, Banks, Hamlin, Harrison, Buckner DeBruhl and Ponder families are invited to attend.

Spring Creek VFD Dance

The Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Dept. will sponsor a night of music and dancing on Oct. 13 from 7 until 10 p.m.

Tommy Davis and the Hitchhiker Band will perform along with the Cripple Creek Cloggers. Refreshments will be served. No admission will be charged. Donations will be appreciated. Proceeds will benefit the work of the fire company.

Madison FCA Sponsors

Teeter-Totter Thon

The Madison High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be conducting their third annual Teeter-Totterthon beginning on Friday afternoon, Oct. 19 at 4 p.m. The students plan to keep rocking until 6 p.m. Sunday.

Proceeds from the marathon will be used to support charitable organizations such as the Leukemia Society, the Cystic Fibrosis Founda-

tion and Neighbors-In-Need and to finance Fellowship Club activities.

Club members are seeking sponsors to pledge an hourly amount. All donations are tax-deductible.

The teeter-totter will be at the Ingles Shopping Center in Mars Hill on Saturday. On Sunday, the club members will move the marathon to Marshall where they will rock at the By-Pass Shopping Plaza.

Merchants To Sponsor Halloween Party

The Marshall Merchants' Association will sponsor a Halloween Party for Madison County youngsters in connection with a child identification program at Town Hall on Oct. 31.

The merchants agreed to sponsor the party during their weekly meeting Friday afternoon. The Merchants' Association will offer treats and awards for the best costumes from 3 until 6 p.m. on Oct. 31.

The Halloween Party is being held in connection with the child fingerprinting in order to encourage child safety throughout the year. In addition to the treats and costume contest, children accompanied by an adult will be fingerprinted for identification purposes.

Parents will be given the fingerprints for safe-keeping. In the event a child should become lost, the fingerprints could assist law enforcement agencies in locating the child.

The Madison Central Optimists have donated two fingerprinting kits to the project. The Marshall Police Dept., Madison County Sheriff's Dept., and the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity of Mars Hill College will be assisting in the fingerprinting.

The Madison County child safety program was begun through the efforts of Linda Dodson and Peggy Loomis of Marshall.

For more information on the Halloween activities, contact either Mrs. Dodson or Loomis at 649-3031.

Child Safety Requires Planning

The safety of our children has become a topic of increased public concern in recent months. Communities across the country are establishing programs to educate children and parents and assist law enforcement agencies in locating lost children.

The Buncombe County Sheriff's Dept. has operated Operation Child Find for the past six months, fingerprinting thousands of youngsters.

The program will begin here in Madison County next week with fingerprinting being done as part of Baptist Youth Day at Mars Hill College. Youngsters attending Saturday's football game between Mars Hill and Carson Newman College will be fingerprinted by members of the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity.

On Oct. 31, the Marshall Merchants' Association will sponsor fingerprinting as part of a Halloween Party for youngsters.

Although fingerprints are invaluable to law enforcement officers, some simple rules can help parents and children keep safe and prevent tragedy. The Alpha Phi Omega fraternity members will be giving the following pointers:

Parents should teach their children their full names, address and telephone number and instruct children in how to use a telephone and obtain an operator.

Children should also be told to never enter anyone's home without permission and should be told whose homes they may enter.

Children should be taught how to ask for help if they become lost in shopping centers. Instruct your children to go to a checkout counter and ask the clerk for help.

Children who walk to school should not do so alone.

Instruct children that adults do not ask children for directions. If they are stopped by someone in a car, instruct your children to stay away from the car.

If someone is following them, instruct your children to go to a public place and ask for help. Tell them not to run and hide under bushes.

Teach your children to never enter a car without your permission. Let them know where car keys may be and alert them that strangers may try to lure them into a car by giving you a ride to pick them up.

Tell your children that a stranger is

anyone that they AND you do not know very well.

Teach your children to never tell anyone who calls on the telephone that they are home alone and to never answer the door when you are not home.

Teach your children to let you know if any adult asks them to keep a 'secret.'

Make sure your child knows a neighbor they can call if someone tries to enter your house while you are away.

Instruct your child that no one has the right to touch them or make them feel uncomfortable. Teach them that they can say 'NO.'

Teach your child to tell you if anyone offers them gifts or money or wants to take their picture.

If they think they may be in trouble, teach your children to yell 'HELP' and not just scream.

Parents should know who your child's friends are.

NEVER leave your child unattended and never leave them alone in a car. Strangers should be treated in your child's activities.

Listen to your children. If they tell you they don't want to be with so-

meone, there may be a reason you should know about.

Take notice when someone shows your child a great deal of attention and find out why.

Have your child's fingerprints taken and know where to locate dental records.

Be aware of changes in your child's behavior or attitude. Encourage open communication and never belittle any fear or concern your child may express.

Take a photograph of your child at least once a year, four times a year for children under age 2.

Don't buy items that have your child's name on them. An abductor may start up a friendly conversation with a child by reading his name on a T-shirt.

Teach your children to recognize numbers and colors of license plates. This can help in the case they are abducted.

Be sure in your child's day care center you will release your child to anyone but yourself or someone you designate. Instruct your child's school to call you if your child is absent.

Liston Ramsey Honored

More than 300 county residents and public officials gathered Sunday night at Madison High School to pay tribute to Speaker of the N.C. House Liston B. Ramsey. Attorney General Rufus Edmisten flew in from Raleigh for the campaign dinner for Ramsey.

Those who attended the \$20-a-plate fundraiser were treated to a roast beef dinner prepared by Maria Cox, a radical departure from the cold chicken served at many such affairs.

Edmisten was the featured speaker at the dinner. The gubernatorial candidate told the audience, "I've been to Raleigh and back twice today because Liston Ramsey is worth it."

Edmisten joked with county chairman Zeno Ponder, telling the audience, "Zeno told me, 'I've struck out twice, but I'm with you this time.'" Ponder had supported Lauch Faircloth in the first primary and former Charlotte mayor Eddie Knox in the run-off primary.

Speaking of Ramsey, Edmisten said, "Liston Ramsey has never been pushed around by the big shots, but he's a sucker for children. He still believes that some of us have to look out for those who can't look out for themselves. Liston and I believe so very firmly that a pauper has as much weight and authority as the prince. We believe that it's simpler to educate than to incarcerate and that we as a people haven't reached a particle of our potential."

Edmisten closed his remarks by quoting Sen. Sam Erwin, who told him, "Don't trespass on time and don't encroach on eternity."

Many other Democratic officials spoke of Ramsey's record before Edmisten's address. Jim Long, Ramsey's legal counsel and a candidate for the Insurance Commissioner's post, told the audience, "His vision is as wide as the vistas from these mountains. He believes in people."

State Sen. Robert Swain told the gathering, "It is my opinion that the Speaker possesses more power than



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any other single individual in this state. The people of North Carolina are fortunate to have Liston Ramsey's leadership. As long as Liston's on the job, North Carolina is in good hands."

Swain's counterpart, State Sen. Dennis Winner, said of Ramsey, "He understands power and knows how to get things done better than anyone I know."

Ramsey's seatmate, Rep. Charles Beall of Canton said, "He is an inspiration to me. He has a broad view of the whole state. Liston Ramsey is a

great man. As far as I'm concerned, whatever the Speaker wants, the Speaker gets."

Larry Leake introduced leaders of Madison County agencies which have benefitted from Ramsey's work in the General Assembly. Among those attending the Sunday testimonial were the county commissioners, Marshall Mayor Betty Wild, Hot Springs Mayor Debbie Baker, Mars Hill College president Fred Bentley and officers of the Hot Springs Health Program, Hot Springs VFD, Madison County Board of Education, Ebbs

Chapel VFD, Mars Hill VFD, the Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre, Marshall VFD, Spring Creek VFD, Laurel VFD and Mountains of Madison.

Rep. James McClure Clarke addressed the gathering, calling Ramsey, "a master of the legislative process." Clarke pointed to the Regional Activities Center being built at Western Carolina University, the new livestock arena, tuition assistance to students at private colleges and a new robotics center at Haywood

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Hollings Calls For Party Unity

More than 850 Democrats from across Western North Carolina met at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville Saturday for the annual Vance-Aycock dinner. The dinner attracted most Democratic candidates for office, including Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., Attorney General Rufus Edmisten and State Sen. Bob Jordan.

The gathering heard South Carolina Sen. Ernest Hollings call for unity at the polls in November. Hollings told the Saturday night dinner, "If we have unity of purpose, we can elect Jim Hunt and Rufus Edmisten on Nov. 6."

Hollings also called for a trade policy that would create markets for foreign goods without destroying American industries, saying, "If we could allocate the markets for American goods, we can develop the middle class in the poor countries. The truth is, we're not going to have a sound foreign policy until we have a sound trade policy."

Hollings entertained the audience by recalling his experiences on the campaign trail. Earlier this year, Hollings was a candidate for the presidential nomination.

Recalling his experiences among

the voters of New Hampshire, Hollings said, "I went to one lady's house and told her I was Fritz Hollings. She thought I was a German trucking company."

At a campaign stop in Maine, a supporter told Hollings after a speech, "You'll win the vote of every thinking person in the audience." Hollings replied, "That's not enough. We'll need a majority."

The mood at the annual Democratic meeting was ebullient after polls released Saturday indicated both Gov. Hunt and Edmisten enjoying comfortable leads over their op-

ponents.

Hollings condemned the federal deficit, reminding the audience that interest on the federal debt cost taxpayers \$187 million last year, a \$33 billion increase over the year before. "That's \$187 million that went for nothing. That could've been put into research and education."

Hollings also condemned the increasing defense budget, saying, "We keep sending money up there and it goes to the military. That's like sending lettuce by rabbits."

In an interview with reporters prior

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Mars Hill Child Killed

The North Carolina Highway Patrol reports that a six-year-old Mars Hill boy died Saturday night after being struck by a car.

Police report that Jason Trent Waldrop, 6, of Route 2, Mars Hill was killed when he was struck by a car in the parking lot of the Ivy Hill Baptist Church near Barnardville. The boy had stepped into the path of a 1978 Chevrolet driven by Crystal Massey

Hill, 20, of Route 2, Mars Hill.

No violations were cited and no charges filed in the incident.

The boy and his family were at the church for a wedding rehearsal at the time of the accident.

The boy was a first-grade student at Mars Hill Elementary School. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the Bethel Baptist Church.

Towns Receive Powell Bill Funds

Madison County towns received Powell Bill funds totalling \$63,535.77 for street repairs according to the North Carolina Department of Transportation. The funds were part of \$45.4 million distributed to North Carolina cities and towns for street aid.

Mars Hill received the largest

allocation, \$21,219.32 while Marshall received \$16,390.11 and Hot Springs \$16,926.34. Funds from the Powell Bill are distributed on the basis of population and local street mileage.

Funds for the local street repairs are raised by state gasoline taxes.

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