

## Community Calendar

### Mars Hill Board Changes Meeting

The Mars Hill Board of Aldermen has postponed its monthly meeting from 7:30 p.m. this Monday to 7:30 p.m. March 9 in Mars Hill Town Hall.

### County Commissioners Meet Monday

The Madison County Board of Commissioners will meet at 1 p.m. Monday in the Madison County Courthouse.

### School Board Meets Wednesday

The Madison County Board of Education will meet at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Madison County Courthouse.

### Young Republicans To Gather

The Madison County Young Republicans Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. today (Thursday) in the Madison County Courthouse.

### Democratic Precinct Meetings Set

The Madison County Democratic Party will have its precinct meetings at 8 p.m., Thursday, March 5 at the regular polling places.

### Marshall Merchants Plan Meeting

The Marshall Merchants Association will meet March 5 at 7 p.m. in the Madison County Public Library.

### AARP To Meet

The Madison County Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will have its regular monthly meeting Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Marshall Senior Citizens Center on Long Branch Road, Marshall. Ralph Campbell will speak on the benefits of Medicare. All retired persons are invited to attend.

### Bingo Party Planned

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a bingo party Saturday at 7 p.m. at the fire hall on N.C. 212. A drawing for a quilt will also be held. Proceeds will benefit the fire department. Everyone is invited to attend.

### 25-Cent Sale Set

The Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Post 317 in Marshall is having a 25-cent sale Monday through Wednesday beginning at 9 a.m. each day in the basement of the Legion building. The Auxiliary has good used clothing, shoes and other items for 25 cents. All proceeds will help needy children.

### GOP Precinct Meetings Saturday

The Madison County Republican Party will hold precinct meetings on Saturday. The Republican precinct meeting for the North Marshall area will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Madison County Courthouse.

## Rusher Not Heard From Commissioners

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Rusher said last week from his Boone office.

"Any citizen can ask us to look into a matter, and we try to respond. Certainly, we would respond to an official group such as the Madison County commissioners," he said. "We would consider such a request."

But Rusher has received no request for an investigation because the commissioners have not yet decided if the audit report warrants an investigation, Capps said last week.

"We've had so many other things going on that we haven't even had a chance to talk about it, to be honest with you. We've got so many other things going on. We need to get on the positive side and get off this negative stuff," Capps said.

"We need to sit down, the three of us, and decide what we'd like to do about this," he said. "This has only been mentioned one time since it came up."

Commissioners have not yet been able to agree on an auditing firm to conduct the 1986-87 fiscal year audit, Capps said.

The partial audit conducted by Gregg & Lasher was not a complete audit of the fiscal year, but only covered the last year the former commissioners were in office.

Findings of that partial audit in-

clude:

- A check written by former finance officer David Caldwell to himself for \$5,403 in vacation, sick and holiday pay. Caldwell paid himself, shortly before being fired by the new commissioners, for 424 hours of vacation pay, 64 hours of sick pay and 32 hours of holiday pay. County policy states that vacation leave shall not exceed 240 hours, and sick pay shall not be used unless the employee is actually sick.

- \$1,000 in checks to former Commissioner Ervin Adams for travel, courthouse work and work at the Hot Springs Senior Citizens Center.

- A \$500 check to former Commissioner Virginia Anderson for travel to additional budget meetings and public hearings, and a \$500 check to her husband, Harold Anderson, for overseeing a construction project at the Hot Springs Senior Citizens Center.

- A \$2,414 check to another finance office employee for 360 hours in vacation, sick and holiday pay.

The report also listed improper budget amendments and a number of additional "inadequately documented" transactions.

Gregg, in presenting the report, told the commissioners that he was not saying that all of the questioned payments were illegal, but they were at least "improperly documented."

## State VFW Honors Speaker Ramsey

The North Carolina Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States gave its highest honors to high-country native son and Speaker of the House of Representatives, Liston Ramsey, in ceremonies recently.

The VFW, led by State Commander David Joe Duncan of Charlotte, presented Ramsey with a plaque praising his many years of service to the state and the people of North Carolina as a member of the General Assembly.

Along with the plaque, Duncan presented Ramsey with a white VFW cap, signifying a state-level official in the VFW, and a life membership. The presentation marks only the third time the state VFW has ever awarded this highest of honors. The cap is embroidered with Ramsey's home VFW Post, 5202, in Waynesville and also with "Speaker of the House of Representatives."

In presenting the plaque and other honors to Ramsey, Duncan praised Ramsey's support for legislation that reflects the basic American values of individual freedoms and responsibilities, the dignity of work, and the love of God, our nation and our families.

"The VFW, too, shares these values," said Duncan, "and we believe that your contributions can be seen in the community spirit found in the cities and crossroads all across North Carolina."

Ramsey is a native of Marshall and was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1961.

Duncan committed the VFW, some 39,000 members, to support Ramsey's suggestion for one memorial to all veterans of North Carolina to be placed on the state Capitol grounds. After reviewing the VFW's legislative package, Ramsey gave encouragement to the VFW on the creation of state veteran cemeteries, one to be located in the western part of the state and to veterans preference in employment and training in state government.



Liston B. Ramsey was recently honored by the N.C. Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars. Presenting Ramsey, right, with the organization's highest honor is David Duncan, left, and Billy Ray Cameron, center.

## Senior Art Competition In May

The fifth annual Senior Citizen Art and Craft Competition and Exhibition, for the purpose of honoring the older citizens of Western North Carolina during Senior Citizen Month, will be held throughout May at High County Art and Craft Guild headquarters.

Each person is invited to submit one piece of original work in any medium. All work must have been produced within the past year and must be the work of the entrant. No commercial kits will be accepted. Each piece must be labeled with name, address, phone number, age of entrant, media, title and price and be delivered to 31 Haywood St. between April 17 and 22.

The Standards Committee of the Guild will review the work for workmanship and design. Prizes of one year memberships with selling privileges in High County Crafters, Inc., will be awarded to artists who have submitted the most outstanding work.

All submitted work will be exhibited in a special window display through May. Prizes will be awarded at a Senior Citizen Recognition Reception on May 5.

For further information call (704) 253-6893 or (704) 254-0072 or write to High Country Art and Craft Guild, 31 Haywood St., Asheville, NC 28801.

### Addresses Needed

The News Record has insufficient addresses for the following subscribers:

Mckay Ramsey, Augusta, GA; Nina Ford, Asheville, NC; Mrs. W. B. Wheelon, Somerset, KY; Kenneth Arrington, Berea, KY; Charles Lunsford, Upton, KY; Mrs. Buddy Griffin, Paint Lick, KY; Suzanne DuVall, Berea, KY; Ms. Kaylen Ball, Berea, KY; and, Henry B. Huff, Louisville, KY.

Please call The News Record at 704-649-2641 or write The News Record, P.O. Box 369, Marshall, N.C. 28753 to correct your address.

### Weaverville Man Dies In Wreck

The body of a Weaverville man was found Monday in his pickup truck along the French Broad River north of Woodfin.

Mack Curtis Buckner, 62, was found dead in his vehicle at about 3:30 p.m., according to the N.C. Highway Patrol.

Buckner was traveling on N.C. 251 about 3 miles north of Woodfin when his pickup truck left the road and

crashed down an embankment on the French Broad River.

A passing motorist discovered the vehicle, the Highway Patrol reported.

Buckner had a history of heart problems, and an autopsy has been ordered to determine if he died of a heart attack, according to authorities.



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