

Frances Ramsey Is Madison 'Teacher Of The Year'

Frances Ramsey has been selected as Teacher of the Year for Madison County and will enter the regional competition later this month.

Ramsey has taught school for 15 years, beginning her career as an elementary teacher at Hot Springs Elementary. She is currently a social studies instructor at Madison High School, where she also sponsors both National Honor Society and Student Council.

She is active in the N.C. Association of Educators and the National

Educators Association and is currently the building representative at Madison High. She is active in both church and community activities and is also a member of Phi Delta Kappa.

Ramsey has a bachelor of arts degree from Western Carolina University, where she recently obtained a masters degree in social studies.

A mentor for new teachers in her department, she is also a recruiter for teachers in the future. A student recently stated, "I have Frances

Ramsey for history, and she is encouraging me to go to college and become a teacher, because there is a teachers' scholarship and I can get financial help. She has made an appointment at Western Carolina University for us. I will teach either science, math or history."

History comes alive in her class students say, and Ramsey said she believes every child can learn and should be given equal opportunity.

Runners up in the competition were Robina Adams of Marshall Primary School and Betty Balard of Mars Hill Elementary School.



Frances Ramsey ... teacher of the year

English Named 'Citizen Of Month'

Gladys English of the Upper Laurel community was named Citizen of the Month.

English, who is currently serving as vice president of the the Upper Laurel Community Development Club, helped her community win recognition in a regional beautification contest. She helped organize a large group of Upper Laurel residents in recent trash pickup activities and for Clean Streams Day.

English also helps in fund-raising efforts for the community and for the volunteer fire department. A member of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, English takes time to visit with the sick at their homes or in nursing centers or hospitals. She also visits with family members during times of death.

English has "adopted" a lady nicknamed "Grandma" at Madison County Nursing Home, and she visits her daily, taking her food and clothing bought with her own money.

"Her energy never ceases, and Gladys works constantly to make Upper Laurel a better and more beautiful community," said Linda Ponder, who nominated English for the honor.

"Gladys English is respected in the Upper Laurel community as one of the finest servants to her family, church and community," Ponder said. "Upper Laurel community is truly a better place as a result of this dedicated friend."

English was selected "Citizen of



Gladys English ... citizen of the month

the Month" by a panel of judges from the Madison County Board of Realtors.

She will receive lunch for two at French Broad Deli, dinner for two at Mary's Restaurant, a floral arrangement from Shadyside Florist and a one-year subscription to The News Record.

The person submitting the winning nomination will receive a bouquet from Mars Hill Florist.

Nominations are now being accepted for the next "Citizen of the Month." Residents of Madison County and North Buncombe County (Weaverville and Leicester areas) are eligible.

Board Selects Registrars, Judges

The Madison County Board of Elections recently selected a full slate of registrars and judges. They are:

- North Marshall - Registrar, Lucretia F. Griffin; Republican judge, Franklin Frisby Jr.; and, Democratic judge, Conley Coforth.
- South Marshall - Registrar, Howard Riddle; Republican judge, Richard Freeman and, Democratic judge, Mike Bradley.
- Laurel - Registrar, Sandy S. Zimmerman; Republican judge, Mrs. Muncie Shelton.
- Mars Hill - Registrar, Jean B. Flowers; Republican judge, John H. Burry; and, Democratic judge, Doyle W. Ammons.
- Beech Glen - Registrar, Don Hall; Republican judge, Neal Willis; and, Democratic judge Jack Radford.
- Walnut - Registrar, Clayton Hensley; Republican judge, Jeff Tweed; and, Democratic judge,

merman; Republican judge, Mrs. Muncie Shelton.

• Hot Springs - Registrar, Jewel J. Church; Republican judge, Curtis Roberts; and, Democratic judge, Ricky Dixon.

• Ebbs Chapel - Registrar, Jimmy Willis, Republican judge, Ricky Jenkins; and, Democratic judge, Mark Cody.

• Spring Creek - Registrar, Sherry W. Ferguson; Republican judge, Ruby Plemmons; and, Democratic

judge, Dale Keener.

• Sandy Mush - Registrar, Robert T. Duckett; Republican judge, Grace Reeves; and, Democratic judge, Cleone King.

• Grapevine - Registrar, Terry Arrington; Republican judge, Buster Norton; and, Democratic judge, Barbara Bruce.

• Revere-Rice Cove - Registrar, Nancy Gunter; Republican judge, Odus Chandler; and, Democratic judge, Ruben Gosnell.

40 Attend Dedication For Spring Creek MIA

More than 40 people attended the dedication recently of 60 books in honor of Capt. John Garrett Gardner of Spring Creek, listed as missing in action since June 3, 1967, in Laos.

The dedication was part of National Recognition Day - held Sept. 18 - for soldiers missing action and prisoner of war in Southeast Asia.

The books were from the personal library of James Lee Harmon of Arden, formerly from Hot Springs.

"I can only hope that those whose lives will bear the burden of future wars will read and understand that, as with all generations, youth have thrived on the concept of total liberty, yet gave little thought to payment for such," Harmon said.

Families present of those Vietnam veterans killed in action were recognized by Dr. Grover Angel, library board chairman.

Mrs. Mamie Gardner, Gardner's mother, also was recognized as were Vietnam veterans, American Legion members and VFW members. Commander Clifford Bates of American Legion Post 5483 was present.

VFW Commander Barry Pearce, also a Vietnam veteran, presented the library with an American flag which flew over the White House on Feb. 29, 1980.

American Legion Post 317 will place a plaque at the shelf of books in honor of Gardner.



Capt. Doug Sims of the Weaverville Fire Department was recently named an "Outstanding Young Man of America."

Weaverville Fireman 'Outstanding Young Man'

Capt. Doug Sims of the Weaverville Fire Department has been named an "Outstanding Young Man of America."

The award is made by the Jaycees organization.

An emergency dispatcher in Buncombe County nominated Sims for the award, and Weaverville Town Manager Charles Horne wrote a letter of recommendation.

Awards are presented to young men on the basis of ability and leadership in the community.

Sims, 26, is the first paid fireman in Weaverville, and is also a certified law enforcement officer and an emergency medical technician.

A 1980 graduate of North Buncombe High School, he and his wife, Teresa, have a 21-month old son, Stephen Douglas Sims.

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Zimmerman Receives Degree In Social Sciences At UNC

Robert Wayne Zimmerman, 300 Highway 212, Marshall, received a master of arts degree in teaching social sciences from the University of

North Carolina at Chapel Hill after completing degree requirements during the summer.

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