

Community Calendar

Marshall Board To Meet

The Marshall Board of Aldermen will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Marshall Town Hall. The Planning Board will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Soil, Water District Sets Meeting

The Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the district office on Main Street in Marshall.

Spring Creek Plans Fall Festival

Spring Creek Elementary School will hold a fall festival Friday beginning with concessions to be served at 6 p.m., the door will open at 6:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 7 p.m. Admission will be \$.50. A drawing will be held for a VCR and the top bingo prize will be \$50.

Retired School Personnel To Gather

The Madison County Retired School Personnel will meet Wednesday at Mary's Restaurant at 11:30 a.m.

Basketball Action To Begin

The Madison County basketball teams, comprised of county 7th and 8th graders, boys and girls, will play Tipton Hill today (Thursday) beginning at 6 p.m. in the Marshall Elementary gym. Coaches say everyone is welcome and urged to attend and back the teams.

Marshall PTA To Meet

The Marshall Elementary Parent-Teachers Association will meet Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Marshall Lions To Sell Brooms

The Marshall Lions Club will hold its annual broom sale Monday between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Those who wish to support the Lions should leave a light on.

Mars Hill PTSA Plans Fall Festival

The Mars Hill Parent-Teacher-Student Association will hold its annual fall festival Nov. 14 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the elementary school. Tickets are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. A grand prize drawing will be held.

Walnut PTA To Hold Bake Sale

The Walnut Parent Teacher Association will hold a bake sale Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Roses in the new Weaverville Plaza.

Walnut PTA Plans Flea Market

The Walnut Parent-Teacher Association is collecting sellable items for a flea market on Nov. 14. To donate an item, call Sue Adams 649-2456 or Peggy Barnes 649-2486.

Concerned Citizens To Meet

The Concerned Citizens Committee for Better Law Enforcement will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Madison County Jail.

Rehearsals To Begin For 'Messiah'

Weaverville Community Chorus will begin holding rehearsals Sunday at Weaverville United Methodist Church for the 40th annual presentation of Handel's "Messiah," scheduled Nov. 29.

School Board, Commissioners Meet

The Madison County Board Education and the Madison County Board of Commissioners will hold a joint meeting Mon-

day at 7 p.m. in the Little Theater of Madison High School to begin drawing up plans under the 1987 School Facilities Act.

Legion Postpones Meeting

The American Legion Post 317 will not meet today (Thursday) but will have the Ladies Auxiliary Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 19 at 6 p.m.

Post To Sponsor Bingo

Mars Hill Memorial Post 5483 of Veterans of Foreign Wars will be sponsoring a weekly bingo game to begin next Thursday (Nov. 12) at the post home (formerly the All American skating rink) on Cherry Street in Mars Hill. Early bird games will begin at 6:30 followed by regular bingo. All proceeds will be for the Mars Hill VFW and its community service projects.

Veterans Service Officer Available

Madison County Veterans Service Officer Barry Pearce will be available to meet with area veterans and their dependents to answer questions or aid in obtaining earned veterans benefits. Pearce will be in Mars Hill each Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. at the VFW Post Home on Cherry Street. He will also be in Marshall on Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. at the Marshall Housing Authority office on Main Street. Representatives from the North Carolina Veterans Service will also be available at the Marshall site.

Marshall Pageant Needs Cast

The Marshall Christmas Pageant is looking for people to play the non-speaking roles of shepherds, prophets, wise men, innkeeper, angels and choir members. The pageant also needs three tame horses and one donkey. Interested persons are ask to contact Ed Fender, 649-2828 or Bea Banks, 649-3741 or 649-2436. Rehearsals will begin Monday at 7 p.m. at the Marshall First Baptist Church.

Historical Marker New In Hot Springs

An historical marker was recently erected in honor of a Hot Springs woman's contributions to an English ballad collector.

The marker was installed Oct. 6 by the N.C. Department of Archives and History in Hot Springs.

It reads: "Balladry: English folklorist Cecil Sharp in 1916 collected ballads in the 'Laurel Country.' Jane Gentry who supplied many of the songs lived here."

The marker is located in front of Sunnybank, a house which Gentry and her daughter, Maud Long, ran as a boarding house.

Sharp collected 64 songs and ballads from Jane Gentry, more than any other person in this country or in England.

She was the granddaughter of Council Harmon of Watauga County whose heirs have carried on the rich heritage of Jack Tales in American. Gentry's Jack Tales appeared in the "Journal of American Folklore" in 1927.

Before her death in 1925 she had a reputation as a story teller and singer which extended far beyond Madison County and Hot Springs.

Michael Hill of the Department of Archives and History and Dr. Harley Jolly presented the marker at the Bascom Lamar Lunsford Festival at Mars Hill College. Family and friends gathered at Sunnybank, now known as The Inn at Hot Springs, on Oct. 18 to honor Gentry and Long, who recorded her mother's stories and songs for the Library of Congress.

Elmer Hall, proprietor of The Inn, was host for the occasion.

North Buncombe To Host AIDS Education Program

An AIDS education program, open to all members of the community, will be presented at North Buncombe High School at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

The program will be presented by the Buncombe County School system, the Buncombe County Medical Society and Auxiliary.

Panel members will be Dr. V.E. Yarborough, superintendent of Buncombe County schools; Vernon

Dover, chairman of the Buncombe County Board of Education; Dr. James Tenney; and, a Red Cross representative.

The program will include the Red Cross video "Beyond Fear" and will include a panel discussion.

School officials say the program will be an excellent opportunity for the community to become educated about the AIDS situation in the county and the nation.

Weaverville Making Plans For Christmas Parade

Although some folks are still trying to recover from Halloween, the town of Weaverville is already making plans for its annual Christmas parade, set for Dec. 5, a Saturday.

The parade will begin on North Buncombe School Road and proceed through downtown Weaverville, ending up at Weaverville Middle School.

The theme of this year's parade will be "Christmas Memories." Parade participants will begin lining up at noon, with the parade scheduled to get under way at 5 p.m.

Entries for the parade are being accepted for entry in Nov. 16.

Participants are requested from Weaverville. A food truck to provide hot drinks and other food items will accompany the parade.

Prizes and three-place trophies will be awarded for the best entries.

For more information, call Linda Coates (645-7313), Mary Bell (645-3410), Alice Nolen (645-4077), Trisha Crisco (645-9422) or Bernie Koesters (645-9975).

Center Receives \$3,562 Grant

The N.C. Arts Council, a division of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources, has awarded a total of \$1,200,000 in Grants-in-Aid Program monies to support local arts projects across the state.

Southern Appalachian Center in Madison County will receive a \$3,562 grant, according to Arts Council officials.

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