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WARMING UP! Turkey Branch Junction is getting ready for the bluegrass and mountain clogging festival Saturday evening. The

band, all Madison County folks, will pick and sing for the benefit sponsored by the county's three fire departments.

Next Week's Focus: Community Interest

A week dedicated to encouraging people to get involved and to participate in the affairs of their communities is coming up shortly. April 2 through 8 has been designated as "Community Development Week" in Western North Carolina. It might just as easily have been tagged "involvement week", for the theme is "Your Community is your Business."

The special Community Development week is based on the premise that the more people who get interested, the better communities we can have. Also, that folks should be interested in what happens to the communities in which they live.

An annual event, the week will focus special attention on the outstanding accomplishments made during the past 29 years by organized communities in the 18 western counties. In addition, it will spotlight opportunities for

other areas to organize and take part in the community development program and encourage greater activity in existing community clubs.

Community Development Week is sponsored by the Western North Carolina Development Association and the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service. These two groups also sponsor the Western North Carolina Community Development Program through which much

of the community improvement in this region of the state may be attributed.

A self-help, locally operated and financed grass roots effort, the WNC Community Development Program is recognized as one of the pioneer rural development programs in the nation. Not to be confused with programs financed through federal or state funds, this program encourages community residents to get together and

do things for themselves. It is the results of these community efforts upon which Community Development Week is centered.

Last year, almost 100 communities in 16 of the western counties were organized and took part in the WNC Community Development Program. These communities ranged from neighborhoods of 40 to 50 families to large rural and

suburban areas of a thousand or more families. This year more communities are expected to enter the program. Participation is open to small towns and cities and urban neighborhoods as well.

Communities in Madison County that participated in the community development program last year were Bull Creek, Greater Ivy, Hopewell-Walnut Gap, Mars Hill (urban), Sleepy Valley, and Walnut.

Farming And Fiddling, They Do Both

The Boone boys are right at home behind a plow... they've been Madison County farmers all their life... but put a fiddle in their hands and they're in heaven.

Woodrow and J.C. Boone have been whipping up lively tunes on fiddles and bass fiddles for 40 years. They're good at it, too. Good enough to get an invitation to play at the White House for President Truman several years back.

The Boones are the talent at the heart of Turkey Branch Junction, a bluegrass band. Neal Shelton heard the two play at a political campaign rally in the spring of 1973. Shelton plays and sings a little but his biggest talent is talking. So he talked the Boones into forming a group and Turkey Branch Junction was born.

All the Turkey Branch players are Madison County folks. Bill Boone, is the fiddler's son and drives a truck when he isn't playing drums for the band. Doug Phillips is a construction worker who also does a good job on the five string banjo. Bill (Sonny) Lisenbee, a guitarist, is a Marshall policeman. Shelton, a banker, is emcee for the group.

The band is big on bluegrass and old time country. They also play some 80's rock and roll with a bit of nonsense thrown in. Turkey Branch has played for groups of all sizes, from 15 to 8,300 people. They go to bluegrass festivals and play for colleges, private parties and gatherings of any kind.

Many of the songs they sing and play were written and arranged by members of the band. A new release by the band, "Turkey Branch", was produced by Don Tweedy in Nashville, Tenn. Tweedy, who has 14 gold records as an arranger, produced such biggies as "Honey" and "Ode to Billy Joe."

Recreation Discussion At Walnut

The eighth of eight meetings concerning recreation around the county will be held at the Walnut School this Thursday at 7 p.m. Kevin Morley, recreation director, has planned the meeting to give citizens a chance to express their views on recreation in Madison County. The public is invited.

Festival

Bring The Whole Family For Bluegrass, Clogging

Want to get rid of winter doldrums? Madison County's bluegrass festival is just what the doctor ordered. Twanging banjos and sawing fiddles will stir slumbering spirits and set toes tapping.

Turkey Branch Junction, home-grown Madison boys; Ralph Lewis and friends; from Buncombe and Raymond Fairchild and the Maggie Valley Boys will whip up a good dose of bluegrass, both pickin' and singing. An exhibition session by Big Valley Coggers will get everybody in the mood for joining in some good old mountain clogging.

All this good bluegrass and dancing for only \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. The money will go for a good cause — the county's three fire departments. The festival is sponsored by Marshall, Mars Hill and Hot Springs fire departments.

The fun gets underway Saturday evening at 7 at Madison High School. Bring the whole family for an evening of mountain entertainment that will cure whatever ails you!

Democrats Urged To Attend Meet

W.T. (Bill) Moore, chairman of the Madison County Democratic Executive Committee, is urging all county Democrats to attend a meeting to be held in the courthouse here this Thursday night at 8:30.

Moore explained that the upcoming school bond referendum will be discussed as well as the county tax revaluation issue.

The following letter has been issued:

Dear Democrats: The Madison County Democratic party is faced with the proposition of going for an improved and progressive school system or a choice of dragging our feet and being honestly accused of being against the school bond issue.

I am asking you to come and bring friends to a meeting in the Madison County Courthouse March 29 at 8:30 p.m. at which time we will have all Democrat office holders and Democrat Party chairman and committee members as well as other key and influential people. At this time we will discuss both the pros and cons and decide what is best for our county as well as our party.

We are also confronted with a tax revaluation for the county and you will be given needed information as what we can and what we cannot be

expected to do. We must remember that the Democrat Party of Madison County is the majority party and the people of Madison County will hold us responsible for the progress or for the lack of progress.

Let us get our heads together and be as near in line with what is best for our loved county.

W.T. (BILL) MOORE
Chairman
Madison County
Democratic Executive
Committee



MRS. FAYE RAMSEY

Ward Heads YDC

The Young Democrats of Madison County met on Thursday night of last week and elected their officers for 1979-80, as follows:

Yates Ward, president; Jack Brown, first vice president; Sheila Rice, second vice president; Darryl Taylor, third vice president; Debbie Ponder, secretary; David Caldwell, treasurer.

It was also planned to organize a membership drive at a meeting of the Young Democrats next Monday at a meeting to be held at the courthouse here at 7:30 p.m.

"All interested Democrats, young and old, are urged to attend," Ward announced.

Dogs Killing Brush Creek Calves

Several residents of the Lower Brush Creek area are complaining about the loss of calves which are being killed by dogs.

One resident informed this newspaper that at least five calves have been killed recently.

One calf was killed last night (Sunday) while in the barn and two calves were injured.

"Please tie up your dogs or dispose of them," one irate citizen, complained. "If something isn't done, there's going to be a 'dog-gone' time around Lower Brush Creek," the citizen concluded.

Mrs. Ramsey Heads Cancer Drive

Mrs. Faye Goforth Ramsey of Marshall has been named to head the drive for funds for the Madison County Cancer Crusade which begins on April 1, according to Mrs. Maria Cox, president of the county unit of the American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Ramsey, assistant director of the Local Opportunity Corporation, has long been active in the drive for funds. A graduate of

The entire Upper Laurel community is ready and raring to start a massive Clean-up campaign which starts April 7 and continues each Saturday through April, weather permitting.

Citizens wishing to volunteer to help make this community beautiful may call any of the following people: Anna Fox and June Wyatt are responsible for the Community Clean-up program.

We're looking for a successful clean-up because of the cooperation of the following people:

Mrs. June Wyatt, Jessie Cartrett, Karen Boone, Geneva Edwards, Shirley and Diane Cody, Villa Capps and Kathleen Edwards of Laurel Creek; Mrs. Howard Roberts of Foster's Creek; Mrs. Mary Taffer, Myrtle Metcalf, June Whitt and Ann Arrington of Ivy Ridge and Laurel Bend; Mrs. Joe Bailey, Mrs. Howard

Jenkins, Mrs. Clay Jenkins of Little Creek and Mr. and Mrs. Porter Wallin and Marsha Boyd of Smith Creek; Dick and Ann Doyle, Don and Vada Dee Spring and Edna English of Puchon Fork; Robert and Wanda Ramsey and Jo Ann and George Brown of Wolf Laurel; Mrs. Anna Fox, Mrs. Betty Fox, Mrs. Rita Shelton and Foch Shook of Laurel Valley; Mrs. Lillian Krause, Mrs. Thejma Ponder, Mrs. Paul Honeycutt, Mrs. Ardis

Honeycutt and Mrs. Alma Blankenship of Upper Laurel and many others who will surely volunteer and have helped in the past.

The Upper Laurel Community Club consists of the following areas: Laurel Creek, Foster's Creek, Ivy Ridge and Laurel Bend, Little Creek and Smith Creek, Puchon Fork which includes Wolf Laurel, Laurel Valley and Upper Laurel.



ON MARCH 22 Madison High School's students celebrated "50's" Day, attempting to recapture the spirit of 'the good old days'. A prize was given to the best dressed girl and boy. This year the prizes went to Edwin Cheek and Paula Chandler. Front row, left to right: Charles Duckett, Chris Deptuch Second

row, left to right: Steve Lambert, John Schaanman, Harvey Franklin, James Brigman, Roger Shelton, Mike Henderson, Darlene Brackins; Third row, left to right: Sandy Feldman, Charlene Carter, Linda DuVall, Anita Keller, Felicia Bishop. (Photo by Jim Story)

Criminal Court In Progress

A term of district criminal court started here Wednesday of this week with Judge Robert H. Lacey presiding.

The majority of cases scheduled for trial are for speeding and other traffic violations.

Listed to be tried: Hubert Roberts, DWLR; Clinton English, display of fictitious operator's license, DUI and DWLR, improper

registration and unsafe equipment; David Chandler, DUI and resisting arrest; Archie Lee Lunsford, DUI and illegal transportation; John Howard Deaver, DUI and resisting arrest; Hubert Roberts, simple assault; Mark Joel Rappaport, speeding; Billy Wilson, D&D; Pearl Gosnell, assault by pointing gun; Prince Norman Thomas, DUI and illegal

transportation; Joe Emerson Griffey, larceny by trick;

McKinley Luthern Aikens, DUI, RD; Walter Richard Burns Jr., DUI and DWLR; Douglas Pressnell, failure to appear; Grover Shelton, larceny; William Calvin Ball, DUI and driving left of center; Jackie Keener, damage to property; Clyde Rathbone, D&D; Manuel Edwards, larceny; Charles Fuller, false pretense; James Glenn, damage to property; Michael Honeycutt, larceny; Cora Cutshall, ADWISIL

Noah Wood, damage to property; Harvey Lee Turner, AOF; Arthur Huston Alley Jr., DUI and illegal transportation; James W. Haynie, wildlife law violation; Larry S. Wright, wildlife law violation; Evarick J. Thomas, wildlife law violation; Roger Dale Hensley, wildlife law violation; Jackie Keener, damage to property; Elmer Dushary, AOF.

Supper At Leaf Meeting

All Madison County tobacco farmers and their wives are invited to a free supper and tobacco meeting at Madison High next Tuesday at 7 p.m.

"We are expecting a fine meal and a very interesting meeting," says Wiley DuVall, County Agricultural Extension Agent. "You will see slides and hear the latest information on tobacco weed control, fumigation for black root rot and black shank control," DeVall stated.

A high light of the meeting will be a review of the R-9-P program. R-9-P stands for "rid tobacco of nine pests." This involves plowing under tobacco stubble in the fall to help control nine insects, diseases and weeds.

Please call the Agricultural Extension Office if you plan to attend. We must know the number of people who plan to eat. Phone 649-2411.

County Allocated \$747,781

U.S. Office of Education Title I allotments to the 17 Western North Carolina counties of the 11th Congressional District total \$12,136,835.52 for the 1979-80 school year, Rep. Lamar Gudger announced Friday.

Madison County's allocation is \$747,781.44. These funds will provide services for children residing in low-income areas as well as institutionalized neglected and delinquent children in state-operated or supported schools, an office of education spokesman said. State educational agencies will receive funds to administer the Title I programs, with funding becoming available for obligation on July 1.