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Celebration Begins Saturday

French Broad River Week

The annual "Riverfest" celebration in Marshall Saturday will kick off the week-long celebration of French Broad River Week in Madison County. Seven days of ceremonies will be held in the four Western North Carolina counties through which the river passes.

"Riverfest" activities will begin Saturday at 9 a.m. with the arrival of Bill Norwood, WLOS-TV's "Mr. Bill." The WLOS balloon will be on hand, offering free rides until 11:30 a.m.

Following the balloon rides, the Walnut Cloggers will make their "Riverfest" debut. Brad Howarth will be conducting float rides down the river from noon until 4 p.m.

In the afternoon, the Marshall Cloggers are scheduled to perform, and there will be a Little League softball game. Pop Story will entertain with a piano performance starting at 2:30 p.m.

At 3 p.m., the Madison High School Band, under the direction of H.S. Overby, will present a 30-minute concert. It will begin with a solo of "Old Man River" presented by Randall McClure, a voice major at Mars Hill College. At 3:30 p.m., a sing-along Songfest of old river songs is planned.

Throughout the day, games for both children and adults will be conducted by Ed List, president of the Marshall Lions Club. The program of competition includes a horse shoe pitching championship with WMMH donating a \$25 first prize to the "Riverfest" champion.

A crafts show and sale and flea market will be managed by Diane Kingston. Faye Reid will be operating a concession stand, offering hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks. The Madison County Girl Scouts will be serving as greeters and the Marshall Boy Scouts will be assisting in many

of the day's activities.

A "Riverfest" banner will fly across Main Street. The banner was designed and constructed for the celebration by Deborah Worley. Mrs. Helen Rudisill has served as the program chairman for this year's celebration.

Saturday's celebration in Marshall is only the beginning of the week-long occasion. On Sunday, Quality Forward, in connection with the French Broad Rafting Co., Carolina Wilderness Adventures and the Nantahala Outdoor Center will be conducting a river clean up along the banks of the French Broad in Buncombe County. On Monday, Brad Howarth of the Nantahala Outdoor Center will conduct a river clean up trip through Madison County from Barnard to Hot Springs. Lunch and transportation back to the put-in at Barnard will be (Continued on Page 8)

Commissioners Approve School Suspension Program

The Madison County commissioners met last Friday for their regular monthly meeting at the County Court House in Marshall.

The commissioners heard reports from the heads of the county health department, the department of social services and the emergency medical service.

The commissioners unanimously approved spending \$9,000 to fund a new program at Madison High School. The program, called the In-School Suspension Program, will allow students suspended from their regular classes to study at the school during their period of suspension.

The program is modeled after a similar one being used in Yancey County. The Madison County program will be funded in part by a grant from the Juvenile Justice Delinquent Program. The \$9,000 approved by the commissioners is the county's share of the cost of the program.

The In-School Suspension Program is designed to enable suspended students to keep up with studies while serving disciplinary suspension. Students taking part in the program will report to school as normal but will report to the In-School program instead of their regular classes. Part of the money funded for the program will be used to construct study carrels which the suspended students will use while taking part in the program.

In other business conducted Friday, the commissioners

approved a bid of \$475 to replace damaged fences at the county animal shelter.

The Madison County Board of Education also held its regular monthly meeting last week. The board considered a number of transfer requests and considered approving a

package of insurance for school employees.

The board heard presentations from various insurance companies interested in providing the policy. No decision was reached at Wednesday's meeting.

The board had been ex-

pected to decide on purchasing a new school activities bus for Madison High School. Superintendent Robert Edwards reported that an estimate of \$20,000, not including painting and equipment, had been received. At its August meeting, the board

decided to move ahead with the purchase when funds are received from the county commissioners. A final decision on the purchase was postponed pending the funding.

The next regular monthly meeting of the board is scheduled for Oct. 6

French Broad

A SECTION OF the French Broad River near the Stackhouse community. Celebrations making French Broad River week starts Saturday.

Cattle Rustlers Get 18 Months

A Superior Court jury found Larry Payne and Jack Buckner guilty of a charge of larceny during last week's session. Both men were sentenced to active terms of 18 months by Judge Forrest Ferrell. The pair faced a maximum sentence of 10 years for the offense.

The men were found guilty of rustling eight head of cattle that were the property of James Fisher. The cattle's value was estimated at \$3,000.

Hubert Norton and Harold Worley, both charged with one

count of felonious assault, failed to appear for their hearing. A warrant was issued for their arrest.

Larceny charges filed against Troy Lee Justice were continued until the court's next session, scheduled to begin Oct. 6. Also continued were the trials of Hubert Gentry, Billy Ramsey and Bryan McIntosh.

Gentry and Ramsey will stand trial on separate murder charges. McIntosh faces felonious assault charges stemming from a

shooting incident.

Wanda Proffitt Miller, charged with arson and breaking and entering, received a voluntary dismissal.

In other action, Darryl Ray Blankenship was found guilty of speeding. Originally charged with doing 99 miles per hour in a 55 zone, he was found guilty of doing 70. Blankenship was fined \$100 plus court costs, received a 20-day sentence, suspended for one year, and was ordered to surrender his operating license.

Absentee Ballots Available

Applications are now being taken for those qualified voters wishing to vote absentee ballots for the general election.

There are two reasons for being eligible to vote an absentee ballot. They are:

first, due to sickness or physical disability voter will not be able to vote in person on election day, or secondly, if voter expects to be absent from the county during the entire period the polls are open on election day and will be

unable to vote in person. You will find listed below the days and dates on which the county board of elections will meet to review the applications for absentee ballots. Friday, Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m. (Continued on Page 5)

Blood Drive Nets 63 Donations

Madison County residents bled for a good cause last Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church in Marshall. Sixty-three people donated a pint of the gift of life to the American Red Cross Bloodmobile during its visit here.

Employees of the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation and Madison High School students made up two large contingents of donors.

Giving blood during Thursday's drive were: Bruce Baldwin, Enoch Buckner, David Adams, Paul Allman, Ray Caldwell, Calvin Chandler, Hank Cunningham, James Clark, Larry Anders, Glendon Cutshall, Billy Ellison, Betty Evans, Joel Edwards, Stuart Franklin, Timothy Flynn, Angela Franklin, Benajah Gabagan, Thomas Gabagan, Jr., James Helula, Stephen Helula, Robert Koenig, John List, Jen-

nifer Morris, Teresa Norris, Paige Morris, Connie Martin, Jimmy Griffin, Sandra Marler, Michael Henderson, Laura Ponder, Johnny Moss, Sammy Lunsford, Linda King, Kim Rudisill, Cheryl Rice, Dennis Recker, Rickey Roberts, Lori Reese, Dortha Reeves, James Shelton, Harold Snelson, Phyllis Setzer, Monica Teutsch, Walter Trendway, Fred Payne, Dale Wyatt,

Frank Willett, Sandra Wilson, Rodney Wallin, Mark Flemmons, Jerry Webb, Timothy Plaut, Annette Shelton, Ethel Wallin, Bernie Kanaar, Barbara Rice, Thad Fox, Judith Major, Sandy List, Ed List, Ernie Melin, Sharyon Ramsey and Beverly Swires. With Thursday's donation, Annette Shelton went over the two gallon mark and Ethel Wallin passed the three-gallon point.

Electric Rates Going Up

Electric consumers can expect to see an increase in their monthly bills in the near future. Carolina Power and Light Co., the supplier of power for French Broad Electric Membership Corporation (FBEMC), has applied to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for approval of a two-part increase in the wholesale rate for electricity.

The increase would force the local cooperative to pass along the increase to consumers. French Broad has stated that the exact amount of the increase will not be known for several weeks.

If approved, the first part of the increase would go into effect in October and could be as high as 25.4%. The second part of the request calls for another increase in March, 1983. FBEMC estimates that this second increase could go as high as 12.6%.

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The cooperative has announced that it will publish the amount of increase to customers as soon as it can be determined. The percentage of increase that FBEMC customers will pay remains uncertain because the fuel cost adjustment that CP&L passes on to buyers varies each month. The fuel cost rises whenever CP&L nuclear plants are not in operation. Extensive closings of the

nuclear plants this summer have caused the utility to turn to more expensive fuels in order to meet the summer's increased demand.

The Associated Press has reported that CP&L nuclear reactors have been shut down during the summer months for the past three years. CP&L has also applied to the state Utilities Commission for a \$173 million rate increase for (Continued on Page 5)



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LION TAILBACK Charlie Moss hurdles tackler in Friday night's 21-17 win over Catawba. Turn to page 5 for the game story

and Coach Claude Gibson's reaction to his team's first win of the season.