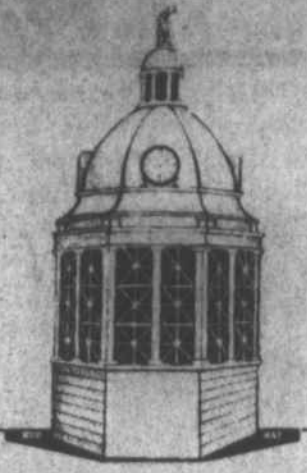


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### Patriot Pride Staff Prepares Senior Salute



THE PATRIOT PRIDE STAFF poses for a picture after completing work on special Senior Salute. In front row, from left to right, are staff members Lisa Shelton, Helen Bailey, Julie Allison, Cathy Pack, Karen Johnson, Laura

Broyhill and editor David Sprouse. In back row, from left, are sponsor Cindy Himes and staff members Cindy Buckner, Sheila Capps, Tammy Treadway, Sandy Robinson, Sandra Hensley and Rebecca Edmonds.

## Marshall Woman Killed In Sunday Shooting Husband Charged With Murder

By ROBERT KOENIG

A Madison County woman was killed Sunday morning by a single gunshot wound to the head. The victim's husband has been arrested and charged with murder in connection with the shooting.

Betty Dillard Gosnell, 38, died after being shot above the left eye in the early morning hours of May 22. The victim's husband, Clayton Gosnell, 33 of Marshall was apprehended shortly after the incident at his mother's home outside Marshall.

According to Madison County Sheriff E.Y. Ponder, a report of a shooting at the home of Angeline Dillard, the victim's mother, was received at 2:11 a.m. Ponder and deputy Frank Ogle and a unit of the Madison County Emergency Medical Service arrived at the home at 2:25 a.m. and found the victim apparently dead. The Madison County EMS took the body to the Bowman Funeral Home in Marshall. An autopsy revealed that she died from massive cerebral hemorrhaging caused by the .32 caliber bullet.

Less than an hour later, Ponder arrested the victim's husband at his mother's home near

Marshall. Gosnell surrendered to police without incident and was taken to the Madison County jail where he remained Tuesday. A hearing to set bond was scheduled for Tuesday in District Court before Judge Phillip Ginn.

Ponder reported he recovered a .32 caliber handgun, believed to be the murder weapon, from a handbag found in the back seat of a car owned by Gosnell's mother.

There were three people inside the home at the time of the shooting besides the victim. Sheriff Ponder reported that the victim's mother, Angeline Dillard, and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hollifield of Burnsville were in the home when the shooting took place. Although Mrs. Gosnell died from the single gunshot wound, police investigation of the scene uncovered several spent cartridges.

Funeral services for Mrs. Gosnell were held Tuesday in the Hopewell Baptist Church. The Revs. Ralph McDevitt and Lonnie Crawford officiated. Burial was conducted in the Norton family cemetery. She is survived by two children, her parents and three half-brothers and five half-sisters.

## New Businesses Are Blooming In Marshall

Five new businesses on Main Street are now open, the Rock Cafe has reopened under new management, and a tourist home in back of Main Street has reopened — all amid signs of growing economic health in the Marshall business district.

The new businesses are: Rob Amberg and his wife Laura Ball have opened Main Street Studios, on the third floor of the building where attorney Richard G. Miller hangs his shingle. Rob does photography and Laura specializes in fabric design.

A landmark in downtown Marshall, the Rock Cafe, has reopened under the management of Randy Graves, his wife Greta and his partner, Mike Lusk, with a menu ranging from soups with corn-

bread and beverage for 95 cents to "Kountry Style Steak" for \$3.60.

The new owners have renamed the restaurant The Kountry Kitchen.

Randy was formerly the manager of Deer Park Restaurant on the Biltmore Estate for two years but said he wanted a business of his own and was attracted to Marshall by the "down-to-earth and friendly people." All three partners are from Leicester.

Randy says he sees a potential in the Marshall area for more tourists, attracted by the river. The new owners have remodelled the inside of the Rock Cafe themselves and have assembled a staff including Irene Worley as prep cook and waitresses Debra Anders and Louise Branam.

All three partners are active in the operations of the restaurant, but Mike Lusk will continue part-time to shoe horses as part of his trade as a farrier.

Pharmacist Cynthia Niles has opened New Dimensions in a store next to the drug store that will handle records and tapes formerly handled in the drug store and have video games as well.

The partners in Dodson's Grocery are opening two new businesses on the second floor of the Dodson Building on Main Street; a furniture store to be operated by partner John Dodson, and Cross-Stitch Attic, being run by partner Doug Dodson's wife, Linda.

Cynthia Niles reports she's "all psyched up" about the downtown Marshall revival

because of the town lift plan, worked out by a committee on which she served. She plans to have family nights at New Dimensions when kids will get discounts if they bring along a parent, and fellowship nights when local ministers will be invited.

Young people in the Marshall area need more constructive entertainment, says Cynthia Niles, who adds she plans occasional live entertainment at the new place. "The kids have nothing to do outside of school," she says, and just "hang out and drive around. They need a place to get together and enjoy themselves." Bobby Ingle and Betty Wilde, both of Marshall, are in charge of the new place.

While John Dodson's furniture store is not yet fully open, his sister-in-law's Cross-Stitch Attic has been open since May 2 selling cross-stitch materials and all the various articles that can be used to decorate pillows, pictures, towel-holders, neckties and more. Linda Dodson reports the business has been going really well, and "I am really pleased." Even her two young children are helping out — from 5 p.m. they return from day-care, until 6 p.m. when the shop closes.

Rob Amberg's photography business will be handling weddings, portraits, reproductions of old pictures and whatever else the community needs in the way of photo services. At the same time, he says, he'll continue his interest of recording in pictures the changing and evolving history of Madison County.

Some of his pictures are in the Southern Appalachian photo archives at Mars Hill College. Folklorists from as far away as London collect Rob's pictures of old traditions, and he also exhibits in galleries and museums. An article in an upcoming issue of Carolina Lifestyles magazine will include his photos of Peter and Polly Gott of Shelton Laurel.

But "I'm as interested in what's new as in what's old," says Rob, adding that the kids who enjoy the video games downstairs interest him, too. He has been taking some publicity stills for the Nashville TV Network of Madison County musicians the network plans to feature, such as ballad singer, Delli Norton; fiddler, Tommy Hunter; and fiddle and banjo player, Byard Ray. Rob also hopes to give photography classes at the studio starting in the fall.

Rob's wife, Laura, is from the Ball family of Asheville — her grandfather, Ewart Ball, has taken pictures of his native Madison County that are in the University of N.C. at Asheville archives. Her new business is designing and making cloth objects — currently some animals to be sold at a new shop, Funny Farm America, being opened by her half-brother and his wife at Pigeon Forge.

Each animal at the new shop will have a personality and name to create a helpmate for a child trying to get over a growing-up problem — a dragon, for example, who teaches kids it's not a great idea to play with matches.

Laura also makes puppets, quilts and doll sculptures. She



RANDY GRAVES and Mike Lusk stand outside their newly opened restaurant in Marshall.

has been selling her work at fairs. If the Funny Farm project turns out as expected, Laura hopes to parcel out some of the sewing to other Madison County seamstresses.

Both partners in Main Street Studios hope their new space will be a gathering place for workshops and courses in photography, quilting, puppet-making and such. They are

also thinking about showing old films. Rob says he feels he and Laura are part of a change in Madison County — with less tobacco grown and more ways being sought to produce income. He believes artists and craftsmen in the county who have been working in comparative isolation will be getting together to work out ways of making their work

### Bankers Foresee Slow Recovery

Signs of a gradual economic improvement are starting to be seen in the Marshall area, with banks reporting growing inquiries about home mortgages and with new businesses starting up in town.

"We see evidence of things picking up here in Marshall, economic activity we haven't seen before," said R. Bryce Hall of First Union National Bank, adding, though, that the pickup is slow and that "we would hope it continues to be gradual" so as to minimize any inflationary effects.

Hal Buckner of the Wachovia Bank noted that the area's economy had been hurt by the withdrawal of the American Greeting Card Co. proposal for a new plant in the area, but that he now sees some signs of a pickup — the effects of the new road to Weaverville, at least one local plant rehiring people it had laid off earlier, and even the reopening of the Rock Cafe on Main Street last week.

Hal D. Johnson of Northwestern Bank, said mortgage inquiries are starting to come in, even though interest rates are still high. Farm loans are coming about the same as last year, he said. Like Hall, he believes any economic recovery should be gradual so as to keep inflationary effects down.



LINDA DODSON with some of the craft works she sells in her Main Street shop.

## Madison County Schools This Week: Madison High School