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## County Towns To Receive Street Funds

Madison County towns will receive \$64,239.47 in funds to provide for local street repairs according to an announcement made by N.C. Secretary of Transportation William R. Roberson. The funds for the local improvements are located from Powell Bill funds.

According to the announcement made for Oct. 1, Mars Hill will receive \$32,084.72 for street improvements. Marshall will receive \$16,397.77 and Hot Springs will receive an allocation of \$15,757.98. Roberson said that 463 cities

and towns across the state will receive the \$43.2 million raised by a portion of the state tax on gasoline.

Weaverville will receive \$31,776.65 in Powell Bill funding.

The amount of funding each town and city receives is based on population and the number of miles of local streets within the town limits. One and three eighths cents of the tax on each gallon of motor fuel paid by North Carolina motorists is distributed to local towns through the Powell Bill fund.

## Collections Increase

The office of the Madison County Tax Collector took in \$233,871 in taxes during the month of Sept. according to county finance officer David Caldwell. News of the increased collections was made at the October meeting of the Madison County Board of Commissioners. Caldwell reported that Harold Wallin had collected \$152,927 in 1983 taxes with the remainder being back taxes and interest and penalties.

The commissioners also heard a report from Ed Morton of the county health department concerning the operations at the county

animal shelter. Morton commended Carl Ed Murray on his handling of the pound and reported that more than 15 stray animals have been adopted since the shelter was reopened in Sept.

The commissioners approved a \$4,000 contract for management services with the Land of the Sky Regional Council and appointed Mrs. Louie Zimmerman to serve on the Regional Council on Aging. The board also approved the purchase of a Ford pickup truck to be used by Murray in his duties as the county animal warden. The truck will be purchased from Pioneer Ford in Marshall for \$6,493.72.

## Volunteers To Be Honored Saturday

Outstanding volunteers in 37 Western North Carolina counties will be honored Saturday in the second of three Governor's Statewide Volunteer Awards Ceremonies being held this fall.

The ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. on Oct. 22, at the First Baptist Church in Asheville. Awards are being given in 10 categories to Madison County residents. They are: Nancy Anderson, Individual Human Service Volunteer; Patsy Plemmons and Thelma Ponder, Individual Community Volunteer Leader; Lawrence Cutshaw, Administrator/Coordinator of Volunteers; Kimberly Willis, Youth Volunteer; Julia M. Young, Senior Citizen Volunteer; Lucretia Griffin, School Volunteer; Clate Grindstaff, One-On-One Volunteer; Vanda Cook, accepting for the Laurel Fire

Department, in the Community Volunteer Organization category; Rev. George A. Moore, accepting for Glory Ridge, in the Church/Religious Volunteer Group category; and Charles Tolley, accepting for the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation, in the Business/Industry Volunteer Involvement category.

Each award winner will receive a certificate and a special volunteer pin bearing the Volunteer North Carolina logo and the date.

Gov. Jim Hunt, considers volunteerism one of North Carolina's greatest strengths.

"Volunteers give more than 600 million hours of their time each year to do important things like helping a child learn to read, comforting the sick and feeding the hungry. They deserve all the recognition we can give them," said Hunt.

## Mark Cody Named Outstanding Young Tobacco Farmer



Mark A. Cody, of Rt. 6, Marshall, was recognized in Raleigh recently as a regional winner and semifinalist in the Outstanding Young Tobacco Farmer awards program.

Cody, 24, was one of 12 Tar Heel tobacco growers honored at a luncheon at the North Carolina State University campus. The Madison County farmer will be eligible to receive the state outstanding grower award, which will be announced in November.

The awards program is designed to recognize exceptional achievements in tobacco production and community leadership. It is sponsored in all five-cured and burley tobacco producing states by Philip Morris U.S.A. and conducted in North Carolina by the Agricultural Extension Service at NCSU.

Cody, who grows about seven acres of tobacco, receives a cash award and a plaque. Awards were presented by Dr. Larry Sykes, director of

agricultural programs for Philip Morris, and Dr. Chester Black, director of the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service.

Madison County extension agent Wiley Duvall was also recognized.

A producer of trellis tomatoes, Christmas trees, tree seedlings and ornamentals in addition to tobacco, Cody started growing tobacco on his father's farm in 1975.

He is active in church and farm-related organizations including service as a director on the NCSU Agricultural Foundation, and as a member of the Burley Tobacco Growers Association and the Extension Service Tobacco Committee.

Cody is one of two North Carolina burley growers honored at the Raleigh luncheon. The other was Charles E. Norris of Watanga County.

Cody is married to the former Patricia Norris and they have one child.



MARS HILL FATHER and daughter team, Ron and Beth Kiser recently coordinated the muzzleloading shoot at the Lunsford Festival at Mars Hill College. They each hold rifles made by Philip H. Grose, Kiser's

great-grandfather, who was the principal Rutherford County rifle maker during the Civil War period. The bear was killed by Beth's grandfather, Olen Shepard of Burnsville. (Photo by John Campbell)



SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DEPUTIES Clayton Grindstaff, left, and Jasper Treadway stand with some of the 21 marijuana plants confiscated Oct. 10 during a raid on Long Branch Rd. in the

Big Laurel section. The deputies arrested Harold Chandler in connection with the illegal drug. Chandler has been charged with manufacturing a controlled substance.

## School Bd. Adopts Revised Calendar

The Madison County Board of Education approved a revised school calendar at their monthly meeting held on Oct. 5. The revised calendar will also be used by the school system's food service.

The board also approved a \$3,000 for the school music program. The allocation will keep the program running through the middle of the school year. The board also approved a lease agreement with the county commissioner to operate a senior citizen's meal site at the Spring Creek School.

The Board also appointed Penny Tweed to serve as the Community Schools Coordinator and approved the hiring of Susan Kiser as a computer science teacher for the county's seventh and eighth grades.

MADISON COUNTY SCHOOLS 1983-1984 SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISED	
October 21, 1983	— Teacher Work Day
November 8, 1983	— End of Third Month and Second Six Weeks
November 11, 1983	— Veterans Day — Teacher Work Day
November 23, 1983	— Schools Dismiss at 1:30 P.M. for Thanksgiving Holidays
November 24, 1983	— Thanksgiving Holiday
November 25, 1983	— Thanksgiving Holiday
December 9, 1983	— End of Fourth School Month
December 20, 1983	— Schools dismiss for Christmas Holidays at 1:30 P.M.
December 21, 1983	— Annual Leave Day
December 22, 1983	— Christmas Holiday
December 23, 1983	— Christmas Holiday
December 26, 1983	— Annual Leave Day
December 27, 1983	— Annual Leave Day
December 28, 1983	— Annual Leave Day
December 29, 1983	— Annual Leave Day
December 30, 1983	— Holiday — New Year's
January 2, 1984	— Schools Reopen
January 4, 1984	— End of Third Six Weeks and 1st Semester
January 6, 1984	— Teacher Work Day
January 19, 1984	— End of Fifth School Month
February 16, 1984	— End of Sixth School Month and Fourth six Weeks Grading Period
March 8, 1984	— End of Third Quarter
March 15, 1984	— End of Seventh School Month
March 29, 1984	— End of Seventh Six Weeks
April 12, 1984	— End of Eighth School Month
April 16, 1984	— Annual Leave Day
April 17, 1984	— Annual Leave Day
April 18, 1984	— Annual Leave Day
April 19, 1984	— Holiday — (In lieu of Memorial Day)
April 20, 1984	— Holiday — Easter
May 16, 1984	— 179th Day for Students
May 17, 1984	— Teacher Work Day
May 18, 1984	— End of Ninth School Month — 180th Day — Last Day for Students
May 21, 1984	— Teacher Work Day
May 22-29, 1984	— Teacher Work Days
May 28-29, 1984	— Teacher Work Days
May 30-31, 1984	— Teacher Work Days
June 1, 1984	— 1/2 Day Teacher Work Day, 1/2 Day Annual Leave
June 4, 1984	— Annual Leave Day

## Mars Hill Woman Is Charged

A Mars Hill woman has been charged with manslaughter in connection with an August traffic accident on U.S. 19-23 that killed an Asheville woman. Sandra Lou Peterson of Mars Hill appeared in Madison County District Court Friday to answer the charges. District Court judge Phillip Ginn scheduled a probable cause hearing for Oct. 20 in the case.

Judge Ginn also ordered involuntary commitment for Bob Roberts, charged with felonious assault and communicating threats.

John Junior Randall, charged with second offense DUI, illegal transportation and delaying and obstructing an officer, entered a guilty plea to the DUI charge in exchange for a dismissal of the other charges. The court sentenced Randall to six months in jail

and fined him \$150 and court costs. The court suspended all but five days of the jail sentence, and ordered Randall to surrender his driver's license.

The court issued a prayer for judgment on behalf of Richard Seldon Sawyer, convicted of DUI. Sentencing in the case was deferred for six months.

DUI charges against Eldon Thomas Ogle were continued until the Oct. 20 session of court.

Gene Wayne Clark failed to appear to answer DUI charges and an arrest warrant was issued. A warrant was also

issued for Ricky Dennis Honeycutt who failed to appear to answer charges of driving while license revoked. DUI charges against Ronnie William Moss were continued until the Nov. 16 session of District Court.

Cletus Waldroup entered a guilty plea to charges of trespassing and received a 30-day suspended sentence.

Waldroup was ordered to serve a 24-hour active sentence and pay court costs. The court also dismissed trespassing charges against Billy Willingham.

A probable cause hearing issued. A warrant was also (Continued on Page 6)

## Stewart Enters Campaign

Carl J. Stewart, Jr., former two-term Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, announced this week that he is a candidate for the 1984 Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor.

Stewart was the first two-term Speaker of the House in more than 100 years. He created the first Select Committee on Governmental Ethics and the first Standing Committee on the Problems of Aging. During this time Stewart was voted the most effective leader in state government by the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research for four consecutive years.

He currently chairs the Women's Economic Task Force and is a member of the Council on the Status of Women. He is also a member of the North Carolina Humanities Committee, the Southern Regional Education Board, and the Southern Center for International Studies.

A 14-year veteran of the General Assembly, Stewart has served as chairman of the House Committee on Water and Air Resources, on Appropriations, and on Banks and Banking. He also served as vice-chairman of the



CARL STEWART, right met with supporters in Asheville last week. He is shown here conferring with Colon Bishop, his campaign manager in Madison County.

DR. LARRY SYKES (left) of Black, director of the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service, presents tobacco award in Raleigh to Mark A. Cody in Marshall, with county extension agent Wiley Duvall (right), assistants from Dr. Chester