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Community Calendar

GOP Headquarters Opens Today

In last week's Community Calendar, we incorrectly reported that the Madison County Republican Party would open its Madison County headquarters in Marshall on Sept. 13.

The opening ceremonies for the headquarters will be held this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. Former Rep. Bill Hendon will attend today's ceremony. The headquarters is located on Main Street in the former New Dimensions video arcade.

The News Record regrets any inconvenience caused by this error.

Shelton Laurel Day Care Meeting

There will be a meeting on day care at the Shelton Laurel Day Care Center on Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. Everyone interested in day care is invited to attend.

Dinner To Honor Liston Ramsey

A dinner to honor North Carolina Speaker of the House Liston B. Ramsey will be held at Madison H.S. on Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each. For reservations, contact David Caldwell at 649-2521 or 649-3229.

Attorney General Rufus Edmisten will be the featured speaker.

Cutshall Family Reunion

The Cutshall family reunion will be held on Sept. 30 at the Laurel VFD fire station on N.C. 212. The reunion will begin at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

All relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend and bring along a covered dish.

Hot Springs Aldermen, Fire Fighters Meet

The Hot Springs Board of Aldermen will meet on Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hot Springs Town Hall.

The Hot Springs Volunteer Fire Dept. will meet on Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Hot Springs Town Hall.

The News Record Is Honored

Named 'Friend Of The River'

The News Record and editor Robert Koenig were honored by the Land of Sky Regional Council Thursday at the annual "Friends of the River" dinner in Asheville.

In announcing the Friend of the River award, Land of Sky Council chairman William M. Ives said, "The News Record has long played a key role in developing and maintaining an awareness in Madison County of the French Broad River and for community stewardship of the river. Bob Koenig of The News Record has provided valuable coverage of French Broad River Week activities such as the Riverfests in Marshall and Hot Springs."

"Through editorials and other coverage, the paper has encouraged the public to protect and improve the river. It has also drawn attention to the potential benefits to the river to be gained from improved wastewater treatment and other local projects."

In accepting the award, Koenig thanked Ron and Sandy West of Walnut for providing information on river-related activities and reminded the audience, "We've come a long way, but let's remember there's more to be done."

Other Friends of the River awards were presented to the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. of Asheville, Warren Wilson College and WLOS-TV executive Karl Zeidell.

Gallup Poll Shows Helms Has Slight Lead

By ROB CHRISTENSEN, Chief Capitol Correspondent, The News and Observer

Republican Sen. Jesse A. Helms holds a slim lead over Democratic Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. in North Carolina's Senate race, a special Gallup Poll shows.

If the November election had been held last week, Helms would have beaten Hunt 48.5 percent to 44.5 percent with 7 percent of the voters undecided, according to the statewide poll of 1,187 registered voters. The survey, made public Saturday, has a margin of error of plus or minus three percentage points.

The Helms lead "represents a meaningful, though narrow difference in the Senate election, the Gallup organization said in a summary of the poll results.

The four-point edge by Helms is the same lead he held when Gallup conducted a similar poll in May. That poll showed Helms leading Hunt 50 percent to 46 percent, with four percent undecided.

The survey found a significant "gender gap" among North Carolina voters, with Helms getting more support from men and Hunt more support from women.

"Helms owes his present lead primarily to his considerably greater appeal to men, among whom he is favored over Hunt by a 58 percent to 39 percent margin," said the Gallup organization, which is based in Princeton, N.J. "Among women, Hunt garners 50 percent of the vote to 45 percent for Helms."

The poll was paid for by several North Carolina newspapers and television stations, including The News and Observer. Other major findings included: While most voters who were questioned watched at least one of the televised debates between the two candidates on July 29 and Sept. 8, they did not think either candidate was.

When asked what they thought was a better job than Hunt is in balancing the federal budget and how they would spend money, they did not think either candidate was.

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Marshall Short On Cash

Officials Use Savings To Meet Payroll

By ROBERT KOENIG

The town of Marshall has had to dip into its savings in order to pay its bills in the past month. On Monday, The News Record learned that town officials withdrew a \$50,000 certificate of deposit last month from the First Union Bank in Marshall.

A portion of the money was used to meet the town's payroll and another \$3,000 was used by the Water and Sewer Dept.

Mayor Betty J. Wild said that the money was needed because the town is late in sending out tax bills. "We want to make sure that everyone in the town pays their taxes," Wild said.

"We're going over everyone's bill to make sure there are no mistakes. The bills should go out any time now."

Bank records show that the town cashed in the \$50,000 certificate of deposit on Aug. 13, 1984. The town's receipt shows that the town received \$48,985.47 and was assessed an early withdrawal penalty of \$1,281.25.

Town secretary Linda Dodson told The News Record that the funds from the CD were deposited in the town's General Fund in an interest-bearing checking account with Wachovia Bank in Marshall.

Cashing in the \$50,000 note leaves the town with two certificates of deposit with First Union Bank, one for \$10,000 and a second with a value of \$40,000.

Mayor Wild blamed the \$37,000 debt repaid to the N.C. Employment Security Commission for much of the cash shortfall. The town was ordered to repay the ESC \$6,500 a month for unemployment claims against the town.

In other Town Hall matters, Mayor Wild said Monday that a date for a special called meeting to discuss Charlie Sexton's employment status with the town has still not been set.

"We want to schedule it when everyone can be there. We don't want anyone getting a headache and leaving us without a quorum," Wild said, referring to last week's meeting which was cut short when alderman

Sammy Lunsford left complaining of a headache. Lunsford's departure left the board without a quorum necessary to conduct public business.

At issue is whether Sexton resigned his position last month following a dispute with the mayor. Sexton continued to work for four weeks following the incident, but has not been paid on orders issued by the mayor. A special called meeting is planned to discuss whether Sexton resigned and whether or not he should be paid.

"We'll give everyone enough notice so that everyone can be there," the mayor said.

Questioned about a report that the two has a policeman currently in training, Mrs. Wild said the town has requested approval on a man's prior record from law enforcement officials in Raleigh, but that no one is currently in training.

Mayor Wild said she was misquoted in the article which appeared in Friday's Asheville Times.

On Sunday, police officer Chris Bowman returned from vacation to inform the mayor he is resigning his position in two weeks. Bowman becomes the third policeman to resign from the Marshall force in the past ten months. Earlier, officers Jasper Treadway and Ed McLain resigned following the dismissal of Carlie Gunter.



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE LISTON B. RAMSEY was one of the featured speakers at a roast for Madison County Sheriff E. Y. Ponder last week in Asheville. Story on Page 3.

Gov. Hunt Tours County School

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. visited Madison County Friday in what may have been his final appearance prior to the Nov. 6 election. Hunt met with county school teachers, Department of Transportation employees, county workers and supporters at a 7 a.m. breakfast at Madison High School.

Some 300 people attended the sausage and ham biscuit breakfast. Just the day before, there was speculation that Hunt would not be able to attend the breakfast. On Thursday, Hunt toured eastern N.C. counties hard hit by Hurricane Diana. A number of scheduled campaign appearances in WNC were cancelled as a result.

Hunt flew from Raleigh Thursday night in order to attend the Friday breakfast. He greeted each of the estimated 300 guests prior to speaking to the gathering.

Hunt began his remarks by thanking the teachers and DOT employees. He said, "We're here today to recognize and celebrate the progress we've made over the past eight years. If things are turning around, it's not because of Jim Hunt, but because of you people who work so hard. I want to thank you for all the work you've done."

"Thanks for raising the Speaker of the House, Liston B. Ramsey. No governor has ever had the opportunity to work with a finer speaker. I'm thankful for his leadership."

Hunt also had praise for his aide, Wayne McDevitt. He told the gathering, "He's done a superb job with the western office and he has a bright career ahead of him." Referring to Mrs. McDevitt, Hunt said, "I know she loves him, even though she only sees him about four hours a day."

Hunt couldn't depart without taking a swipe at his opponent in the Nov. election, Sen. Jesse Helms. The governor told the gathering, "Helms would do away with all federal assistance. I think making our schools the best they can be will require federal assistance. We're going forward in North Carolina. There are people who want to hold North Carolina back, but I don't think you can do that."

Following the breakfast, Hunt toured Marshall Primary School and addressed the students before departing for campaign stops in Avery and Jackson Counties.

In Weaverville

Reservoir Plan Studied

By ROBERT KOENIG

Weaverville officials debated a proposed water reservoir for the town at a meeting of the Town Council Monday night. The council had earlier rejected bids submitted on the project.

The town has considered constructing a new reservoir on the site of a present small tank three miles outside the town limits. The proposed tank as originally let for bids would have a capacity of one million gallons.

After rejecting earlier bids, the town officials asked the town's engineering consultants, McGill, Lapsley and Associates, P.A., to suggest alternatives to the million-gallon tank.

Town manager Larry Sprinkle outlined several proposals at Monday's meeting. Instead of a single, million-gallon tank, Sprinkle said, the town might consider building two 500,000-gallon tanks at the site. The two, smaller tanks would reduce the cost of grading the site, Sprinkle said.

In addition to the single million-gallon tank, the engineers also presented proposals and cost

estimates for several alternatives, including changing the location of the proposed tank.

Larry Sprinkle discounted moving to another site, however, because of cost considerations.

Among the other proposals considered were two concrete tanks with 500,000-gallon capacity at a cost of \$215,000 for a single tank or \$414,000 for two. Two half-million gallon tanks constructed of steel will cost an estimated \$354,000.

Estimated cost of the originally proposed million-gallon tank was \$335,000 according to estimates drawn for the earlier bids. The town has budgeted \$225,000 for the project.

Mayor Sprinkle asked if the additional funds could be moved from other capital projects. Several projects were suggested, but the council took no action on transferring funds to the project.

Instead, the council authorized the town manager to begin negotiations with Fred Claus and Tom Haney, owners of property adjacent to the reservoir. The town will need to purchase the property.

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