

Community Calendar

Byard Ray Folk Festival Set For Aug. 17 In Brevard

The ninth annual Byard Ray Folk Festival will be held at the Brevard Music Center on August 17 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Workshops featuring guitar, fiddle and banjo will begin at 1 p.m. and an informal concert is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Admission at the gate is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children under 16. Advance sale tickets are available for \$4 and \$1 from the Transylvania County Chamber of Commerce, W. Main Street, Brevard. For more information, call 883-3700.

Tobacco Field Day Set For Aug. 1

The annual Madison County Burley Tobacco Field Day will be held on Thursday, Aug. 1 on the Roy Ammons farm in Mars Hill. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. The tour is co-sponsored by the Madison County Agricultural Extension Service and the Burley Growers Association. The field day will feature discussions on disease, control, varieties, fertilization and sod planting. There will also be an update for farmers on the latest developments in the federal tobacco program. A free lunch will be served and there will be drawings for numerous prizes. For more information on the field day, contact Wiley DuVall at 649-2411.

Spring Creek VFD Fair

The Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Dept. will sponsor a fair on Aug. 10 beginning at 2 p.m. at the fire station. Refreshments, blue grass music and clogging will be featured. The Cripple Creek and Spring Creek Cloggers are among the groups expected to perform. Proceeds from the fair will benefit the fire company.

A meeting will be held in the Spring Creek VFD station on Aug. 7 at 7:30 p.m. for persons interested in continuing education classes offered by Asheville-Buncombe Technical College. The school is prepared to offer instruction in the Spring Creek community if enough interest is shown.

All Spring Creek area residents interested in participating in continuing education, as well as persons who wish to teach classes, are urged to attend.

For more information, call Linda Deyo at 622-7329.

Marshall Masons To Meet Aug. 5

There will be a stated communication of the French Broad Lodge No. 292 AF&AM on Aug. 5 at 8 p.m. in the Marshall Lodge Hall.

American Legion To Meet

American Legion Post No. 317 in Marshall will meet on Aug. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Legion Hall on Back Street.

New Students Must Register

Principal David Wyatt of Madison H.S. reminds all new students in Madison County in grades nine through 12 should register for classes in the school's Guidance Office. The office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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Deadline for all Community Calendar announcements is Monday at noon.

School Board Teacher Assignments

The Madison County Board of Education announced teacher appointments for the up-coming school year following a lengthy special meeting last Thursday night in Marshall. Principals of the county's eight schools met with the board during the special called meeting.

The appointments were made based on an unofficial estimate of teacher allocations from state officials in Raleigh. Based on the current enrollment of Madison County schools, 106 state-funded teachers have been allocated for the up-coming school year. The state Board of Education was to meet in Raleigh on Monday to approve the county allocations.

Madison High School, with an enrollment of approximately 890 students, was awarded 29 teaching positions and 16 vocational education instructors for the up-coming school year.

Assigned to Madison H.S. are teachers Beverly Hall, Linda Banks, Enloe Boone, Jack Crowe, Teddy Cody, Peggy Cutshall, Karen Dillingham, Nancy Ferguson, June Gosnell, Paul Gunter, Janet Hall, Ricky McDevitt, Dean Norton, Harry Overby, Barbara Penland, Frances Ramsey, Pam Ramsey, Sandra Randolph, Mary Sprinkle, Rex Sprinkle, Jeff Treadway, Patricia Waldrop, James Wallin, Ronnie Wallin, Larry West, Carol Whitt, Elsbery Wyatt, Alda Jean Young and Louie Zimmerman.

Vocation education instructors assigned to Madison H.S. for the 1985-86 school year include James Allen, Steve Burns, Jack Cole, Carol Evans, Harvey Franklin, Linda Gardner, Norris Gentry, Sheila Ramsey, Winfred Ramsey, Covin Rathbone, John Ray, Karen Sams, Bruce Sprinkle, Lucile Sprinkle and Anita Ward.

Karen Blevins, Don Narrel, McClelland Rice, Glenwood Walin, Sandra Tolley, Judy Sears, Peggy Anderson, Sheila Barnhill and Elmer Chandler were also appointed to instruct in various programs at the school such as drivers' education and in-school suspension classes.

Support personnel Elizabeth Clayton, Elaine Thomas and Judy Grigg were also assigned to Madison H.S.

Eleven teachers and ten aides were assigned to Marshall Primary School. The teachers named are Robena Adams, Norma Ball, Theresa Banks, Deborah Boone, Hilda Fisher, June Gahagan, Jean Hunter, Othella Ogle, Sandra Reeves, Donna Rice and Vickie Carver. Aides assigned to the school include, Helen Brigman, Linda Buckner, Virginia Cody, Marie Fender, Jane Goforth, Cathy Gosnell, Deborah Norton, Maxine Snelson, Catherine Stills and Sue Vilcinkas.

Laurel School received 10 teachers, including Betty Jane Ramsey, Daisy Franklin, Joyce Thomas, Barbara Ramsey, Lena Norton, Harvey Franklin, James Shelton, Kathy

Shelton, Rita Norton and Christa Wallin.

Eight teachers were assigned to Walnut School, including Kathy Adams, Debi Baker, Winnie Broglin, Wanda Capps, Catherine Pythian.

Keith Ray, Jeter Sherlin and Larry Wyatt.

Marshall Elementary School was assigned 12 teachers, including Donnie Banks, Juanita Boone, Bety

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19-23 Accident



AN ILLINOIS WOMAN ESCAPED SERIOUS INJURY Thursday afternoon at the intersection of U.S. 19-23 and Hwy. 213. Mars Hill Rescue Squad and VFD responded to the two-car wreck, but were not needed. Damage to both cars was considerable.

Weaverville Dismisses Acting Police Chief

By ROBERT KOENIG

Eugene Rice was named as Weaverville's acting police chief last Friday following the dismissal of former acting police chief David Lankford.

Rice, 28, becomes the town's third police chief in less than a month. The dismissed chief was named earlier this month to replace Steve Woodson, who resigned from the force on July 5.

Rice was appointed following a special called meeting of the town council at which Lankford was dismissed. A Weaverville resident for the past 9 years, the new acting chief has been a member of the force since May, 1984. Prior to joining the Weaverville police force, he served as a deputy with the Buncombe County Sheriff's Dept. for three years.

Town manager Larry Sprinkle told reporters that Lankford was dismissed for "failing to cooperate with other administrative and office personnel." He declined to further elaborate on the dismissal.

Lankford has charged that his dismissal was politically motivated. Attempts to contact the former chief by telephone were unsuccessful, but the 41-year old former acting chief was quoted in published reports as saying he was involved in a power struggle with the town manager.

Friday's firing reduces the town police force to two full-time officers. Rice said the full-time officers are being assisted by members of the police auxiliary.

The Town Council is expected to decide on a permanent police chief and other police appointments when they meet on Aug. 19.



EUGENE RICE

Photo by Bob Koenig

Spring Creek Foundation Works To Build Community

By ELIZABETH D. SQUIRE

"We want to keep our children here in Spring Creek. Now they have to leave to get jobs," says Shirley Ledford. "And," she adds, "We want people here who want to work to be able to work."

So Mrs. Ledford and others in the area have put in an incredible number of volunteer hours organizing the Spring Creek Foundation, a non-profit, worker-owned corporation. They've also organized a related mutual association through which members of the community can hope to make a profit. The foundation currently has 60 members, and cash in hand.

The foundation has already received \$3,950 in grants and is applying for special loans available to co-ops. Members are also experimenting with new crops that might replace burley tobacco and taking steps to lease and renovate the old agricultural building at Spring Creek School.

Members expect to put in many more volunteer hours preparing the building to serve as a co-op center. The members have asked Ray Sawyer of Asheville-Buncombe Technical College's Madison Center to bring in classes in small engine repair, woodworking, typing, computers and other subjects that will help Spring Creek residents find the jobs they want or start their own cottage industries in the community, Mrs. Ledford explains. Ask Tech will provide instructors, she said, if 12 to 15 people express interest in a class.

As the Spring Creek Foundation attempts to help Spring Creek residents start new businesses, the group may also try to create jobs for local use with various types of projects. The group's first project is to renovate the old agricultural building at Spring Creek School. The building is the chief

man, Shirley Ledford is the secretary and Alvin Kirkpatrick serves as treasurer.

John Artlee, who retired to Spring Creek after years of teaching at Duke University, is described not only as the foundation's moving spirit, but also as its "leg man," hauling and traveling whenever necessary.

Mrs. Ledford adds that Carolyn Llewellyn, a practicing attorney, has contributed at least 40 volunteer hours on the foundation's legal affairs.

Mrs. Ledford, herself, figures that she's put in about 600 volunteer hours in organizing the co-op. Merrita Chapman and Robert Rollard are also credited with having contributed many hours to the effort.

In addition to the volunteers, the group has also received plenty of practical advice from outside experts. Bob Gonia, the Tennessee Valley Authority's regional planner and Brian Crutchfield of TVA have been helpful, contributing financial and technical assistance in growing new crops such as Japanese shiitake mushrooms. The TVA advisors have offered assistance in co-operation with the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service and the North Carolina State University School of Forest Resources. Earl Wise is the in-county advisor on new crops, including ginseng and shrubbery.

Both the Asheville Area and Haywood County Chambers of Commerce have been helpful. Mrs. Ledford says. So have John Manuel of Alternative Energy in Raleigh and the Jesuits in Hot Springs, including Father Frank Rones.

The Catholic Fund for Human Development has given the foundation a \$500 grant and the Foundation for Southern Communities has presented the Spring Creek group with a \$1,000 grant.

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