



**FIELD GOAL BLOCKED.** Mars Hill's David only to have it blocked by Carson-Newman. Shealy attempts 27-yard FG in fourth quarter Mars Hill lost 10-7. — See story Page 7.

## County Names Board For Historic Properties

By WILLIAM LEE

The Madison County Board of County Commissioners this week appointed five members to sit on its newly formed Historic Properties Commission.

The new commission was formed by the commissioners during their October 6 meeting to make recommendations and determinations on buildings or sites that need to be designated as historic properties. The new commission will also undertake an inventory of properties of historical, architectural and/or archaeological significance.

The appointed members of the board are Richard Kingston, Taylor Barnhill, Frank Roberts, Jeanne Hofman, and Reena Shelby.

The new commission will also be responsible for the acquisition of historic properties, and will undertake any preservation, restoration or improvement to any historic places in Madison County. The commission can then exchange, sell or lease out historic properties, providing that these properties are still to maintain public access.

Madison County had its own chapter of the National Historic Preservation Society some years ago, according to Commissioner James Ledford.

"By now having a historic preservation group working within the county government we hope interest shall not wane," said Ledford. "Through

their recommendations the county commission can, by ordinance, work to save or secure historic places."

In other business, the county commission instructed its Health Department director, Edward Morton, to begin searching for possible sites for a new county landfill. The current landfill, off the Marshall Bypass, is nearly full, reported Ledford.

Attorney for the county, Larry Leake, began negotiations for the county to lease property near Walnut as instructed on October 6. Leake reported back to the commission this week that he considered the property unsuitable for health reasons. He did not elaborate and the matter was discussed further in executive session.

Plans to remove the trash dumpster center from James Ledford's property along Hwy 19-23 in Mars Hill has been delayed by the Department of Transportation until the county secures proper right-of-way into the Blaine Jarvis property where the dumpsters will be relocated.

Jim Brown, director of the county landfill, presented preliminary estimates to the commission for the purchase of a new garbage truck and bulldozer for the landfill. A lease-option purchase on the truck would

cost about \$96,000, Brown said. No prices have been submitted as yet on the purchase of a bulldozer, but Brown estimated the final tally for the two items to be just under \$200,000.

The county commissioners approved the purchase of a new ambulance for the Mars Hill emergency services. Price of the new vehicle was \$27,435. Another ambulance was purchased last month for the Marshall EMS.

In other business this month, at both its October 6 and 20 meetings, the commissioners appointed Susan Moore Coonan as the new nurse with the Madison County Health Department. The commissioners allocated \$1,000 to the Madison County Arts Council and gave two grants of \$7,757 and \$2,829 to Madison High for new fencing and a public address system.

A resolution was passed on October 6, proclaiming that the Hot Springs Day Care Center and site for the elderly be named the Virginia H. Anderson Building in honor of the county commissioner.

The resolution went on to credit Anderson, who will be leaving office after the November elections, as being the "driving force in the building of the center and any renovations of the facilities."

## Tax Records And More Now On Computer

All of the information now in the 13 Madison County tax record books compiled each year, and more, will be put in the new IBM System 36 computer in his office, says Wesley H. Straude Jr., county tax supervisor.

Once that information is in the computer to begin with, the computer can print out 10,000 to 11,000 tax bills in about two hours. The computer can be used not only for billing, but to

make life easier for the Registrar of Deeds. A tax map of the county, which shows exactly where houses are, should be fed into the computer by 1989, Straude says, adding that the Ambulance Service will be able to tie into the computer with a console down at the EMS office. By punching in the name of an emergency caller, an EMS worker will be able to call up on the screen the place where the

client lives, his medical record, whether he is a heart patient, and the kind of medication he takes.

The new system will also be used to aid in the county tax reevaluation starting next August.

Before any of these useful things can start to happen, however, Mr. Straude expects that feeding the original tax information into the computer will take three to five months.

## Weaverville Acts On Risks

As part of a risk-management program for the town, the Weaverville town council Monday evening adopted one ordinance and amended another.

The amended ordinance, in effect, bans the use of skateboards on town sidewalks.

The new ordinance covers the town against potential liability if a car driving in a procession being led by a Weaverville police car—as in the case of a funeral cortege—should be struck by another car.

The ordinance, in effect, declares the town may not be held liable in leading such a procession in a town-owned vehicle if another car in the

procession is involved in an accident.

## Time For Shots

Now is the time for administering flu shots, according to Dr. Louis Schroeder, internal medicine specialist with the Hot Springs Health Program.

"It's especially important for high-risk people to get their flu shots now," Dr. Schroeder said, adding that high-risk people may include those over 65 or those with chronic illnesses such as diabetes or heart, lung or kidney disease.



**TAX RECORDS** for new county computer, held by Wesley H. Straude Jr., tax supervisor.

## Jury Selection Set On Belva Trial

Jury selection was completed and trial proceedings began this week on charges of breaking and entering, larceny and conspiracy to commit a felony against Debbie Cutshall. The case is being heard in Superior Court sessions held in Marshall.

The Greeneville, Tenn. native is alleged to have taken part in a November 29, 1985 break-in at Cook's Grocery Store on State Rd. 208 in Belva. The 3 a.m. attempt ended with two suspects, Isaac Junior Gunter, 32, and Jeffrey Bullman, 20, both of Revere, shot and killed on the premises by store-owner Odell Cook, who was cleared of any wrong-doing in defending his property by lethal force.

Sheriff E.Y. Ponder apprehended Debbie Cutshall, 20, as he made his

way to the scene. The two men died from single wounds to the neck from a 30-30 rifle.

The jury was seated Monday after a number of jurors were excused for being familiar with the incident, or knowing the defendant or witnesses.

The defendant's attorney, Joseph Huff, asked the jury to be certain not to pass judgment on his client simply because of her acquaintance with the two deceased men.

"Guilt by association will do my client no good," said Huff.

Prosecutor Jim Baker was to call five or six witnesses to the stand during the week's proceeding. The trial is expected to conclude today or Friday.

## Jail Inspected

An inspection of the Madison County Jail was carried out by the county grand jury on Oct. 20 and led to a number of recommendations.

Walls, ceilings and floors of the jail needed painting, the jury decided, and efforts should be made to clear up a fire hazard at the bottom of the stairs. The hazard, the grand jury concluded, was caused by boxes of

mattresses stacked in the stairwell with cigaret butts on the boxes.

The grand jury also commented that "the general temperature seemed to be cool."

The recommendations were reached by the grand jury during a regular session on Oct. 20 with 14 members present, according to Ted Runion, foreman.

## Community Calendar

### Spring Creek Games

Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Dept. will sponsor a games evening at the fire hall on Oct. 25, starting at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Absentee Voting

The Madison County Board of Elections office on Main Street, Marshall, will be open for absentee voting on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 8:30 to 4:30.

### Mars Hill Festival

Mars Hill Elementary School PTSA will sponsor its fall festival on Nov. 1 from 5 to 10 p.m. at the school. Admission: \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children. Children 3 and under will get in free. Winners will get door prizes. Tickets are available at the school and at the gate.

### Greater Ivy Festival

The Greater Ivy Community will hold its fall festival on Nov. 25 starting at 6:30 p.m. There will be dinner, games, entertainment and cake-walks. A haunted house will begin at 8 p.m. Drawings will be held for prizes. Everyone is welcome.

### Christmas Pageant

Those interested in participating in the Marshall Christmas Pageant are asked to meet at the town hall on Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Democrats' Fish Fry

Democrats will hold their traditional fish-fry on Saturday, Nov. 1 around 6 p.m. at the Marshall Elementary School on the island. Entertainment will be furnished by the Boons Brothers. Donations will be appreciated, according to Marie Ponder, president of the Madison County Democratic Women.

### Haunted House

A haunted house will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 23, 29 and 30 at 201 West on Walnut Creek Road. Admission is \$1, with proceeds going to the 4-21 Team Leader Council Exchange project. The haunted house is recommended for children 10 and older.

## Bear Kill-Count Up

Bears are gladdening hearts of hunters with a larger kill than usual with the kill-count up in the early days of the season, county game wardens say. And before the season opened Oct. 13, bears were wandering into Mars Hill, for example, and giving firemen and others extra exercise chasing them.

Bears come and go around here, recalls long-time game warden and wildlife protector Raymond E. Ramsey of Fork Road. About 20 years ago, the county had more bears for the amount of space than any other part of Western North Carolina.

At another time they were virtually extinct in this area. Ramsey had to bring in bears for re-stocking, including one 600-pound biggie which chased two carolans young hikers up a fire tower.

Ramsey warned the boys that he was about to let the bear loose and it might be dangerous. He offered them a ride away from the bear's new home. The boys said they were not afraid, but they had bought hamburger to the Springs and put it in their backpacks and the bear took all while they were gone. The boys looked into the cabin when the fire tower on the Tennessee line, managed to call a ranger in Tennessee and he called the ranger

in Hot Springs who rescued the boys the following morning.

This year extra bears may be finding their way into this area more naturally.

In the mountains in general the bears' natural food supply, or mast, is in short supply, says the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

But in Madison County there is plenty of mast except at the highest elevations, says Game Warden Le Mar Worley.

And hungry bears can wander into the area from as far as Smoky Mountain Park and even a few from Rocky Fork, Tennessee, says Ramsey. They start arriving in the blackberry season.

The smallest bear that wandered into Mars Hill just before the hunting season seemed mostly confined with so many people chasing him, said one eyewitness. He was seen on the W.K. Anderson property, traveled up South Main Street, passed Edwards Oil Co. and went cross Route 211 into a wooded area up Mountain View. The children of the Mars Hill they came across were through bushes because of the bear's sighting. The witness Brown stated that up a tree after



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