

Community Calendar

Big Pine VFD Holds Class

Big pine VFD announces a special class in the use of fire extinguishers on July 19 at 7 p.m. at the home of Alastiar and Allegra Aylward behind North Fork Church. All residents of the community are urged to attend this free class. For details call 649-3227.

Democrats To Meet

Madison County Women's Democrats will meet Tuesday, July 19 at 7 p.m. at Momma's Country Kitchen.

Employment Training Offered

The opportunity corporation of Madison and Buncombe Counties will be offering employment assistance training Monday, July 18 through Friday, July 22 at the Hotspring Community Center from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Swimming Classes Set

Sandy McClinton a swimming teacher from Buncombe County YMCA will be teaching swimming at the Marshall Pool from July 18-22; and July 25-29. Cost is 10 lessons for \$22 and are both YMCA and Red Cross accredited. For reservations call 649-3070 or 649-3031. Night swimming will resume on Tuesdays and Thursdays in August.

Laurel V.F.D. Softball Tourney

The Laurel VFD is sponsoring a softball tournament at Crooked Street in Mars Hill, July 22, 23, and 24. For more information call Terry Cook at 656-8203; Phillip Cutshall at 656-2776; or Mary Gilbert at 656-2264. Entry fee is \$65.

Madison Republicans Meeting

The Republican party will meet this Thursday (July 14) at 8 p.m. at the Courthouse. Representatives from all precincts are urged to attend.

Upper Laurel Cleanup

The Upper Laurel community is having a roadside cleanup Saturday at 8 a.m. We encourage each area to participate. Anyone needing litter bags can contact Gladys English at 689-4958.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

An organizational meeting for Neighborhood Watch for Long Branch Road, Tillary Branch, and Ridge Road will be held on Thursday, July 21 at 7 p.m. in Marshall Senior Citizen Center. Anyone from another community is welcome. For more information call Emery Metcalf at 649-3178.

Mars Hill VFW Picnic

Mars Hill VFW Post 548 and Ladies Auxillary will hold annual picnic at 6 p.m. Saturday at Briggs Farm on Laurel. All members and families are urged to attend this covered dish picnic.

Mars Hill Auto Show

The Mars Hill Fire Department will hold its annual auto show July 30 and 31 at Mars Hill Elementary School. A pig picking will start Saturday at 5 p.m. A chicken dinner will be served from noon to 2 p.m. All proceeds will go to the fire department.

Walnut Creek Development Club

The Walnut Creek Development club will meet Monday, July 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Enon Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. All members are urged to attend, and to bring a friend.

Mars Hill Library Hosts Children's Program, Story Telling

There will be a special program of stories and activities for children at the Mars Hill Public Library on Sunday at 3 p.m. Gary Green, part-time story teller for Pack Memorial Library and Minister of Education for the United Methodist Church in Asheville, will be the leader. The program is sponsored by Friends of the Library. All children and those still young at heart are invited to attend.



STEPHEN D. HAMMER PHOTO
(From left to right), Dudley G. Pritchett, Helen A. Pritchett, Barbara Meade and Army Lieutenant Colonel Randy Meade reunite at the June 20 Reunion in Korea tour.

A Special Reunion In Korea

From Staff Reports

A Hot Springs family was treated to a reunion in Korea with their daughter and her husband as part of a visitation program sponsored by the the Army.

Dudley and Helen Pritchett joined their daughter Barbara Meade and her husband, Army Lieutenant Colonel Randy Meade, who is stationed at Yongsan Army Garrison in Seoul. The family shared a five-day visit in the Republic of Korea, including a welcome by top U.S. Forces in Korea officials and a briefing on the American commitment to that country and the threat facing peace and security in the area.

"It was just wonderful," said Helen Pritchett, who, with her husband, returned Friday. "We had a wonderful time. We received a tremendous welcome whether it was a restaurant or a shopping center."

The program was established in 1981 in recognition of the centennial of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea. The program demonstrates the Republic's appreciation of contributions to security on the Korean peninsula by enabling family members of U.S. Korean Forces and Department of Defense civilian personnel to visit that country at special group rates. The unique package includes round-trip air fare, hotel accommodations

and all meals and tours.

USFK representatives accompanied the group through tours of the United Nations Command Joint Security Area at Panmunjom on Korea's Demilitarized Zone, the ancient Changduk Palace in Seoul, Buluksa Temple and the National Museum in Kyongju, the ancient capital of Korea's Shilla Dynasty.

"We even stepped over the line of the de-militarized zone," Helen said. "On one trip we boarded a special train for a four and one-half ride to see a Buddhist temple and tombs of Korean kings."

The Pritchetts also saw the Korean Folk Village in Suwon. The village is like a living museum in that it includes reproductions of traditional Korean houses, complete with villagers practicing the ancient crafts and demonstrating ancient ways of life. In contrast, the group also got a tour of the Hyundai shipyard in Ulsan where modern craftsmen work in heavy industry.

"There were over 400 dependents who went," said Helen. "We all had a just wonderful time."

The U.S. Army has some 29,000 soldiers in the Republic of Korea helping to protect the peace in a strategically vital area of the world. More than 90 per cent of them are serving one-year tours of duty away from their families.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Hot Springs Health Program, Inc., will be held Monday, July 18, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. at the Marshall-Walnut Medical Center.

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