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Contest Open For Students

Fred D. Hauser, Chairman of the North Carolina Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped today urged the state's high school juniors and seniors to help open opportunities for handicapped citizens by entering the 1975 "Ability Counts" survey contest.

"It is particularly significant during this week of October 6-12 which is National Employ the Handicapped Week to remind high school juniors and seniors that they can be helping the handicapped in this contest and at the same time competing for substantial cash scholarships," says Mr. Hauser.

The theme of the 1975 "Ability Counts" Contest is: "Full Employment Opportunity: Does It Exist for the Handicapped?" To enter, a high school junior or senior in a public, parochial or private school interviews officials of agencies which serve the handicapped, employers, labor leaders, representatives of veterans and civic groups, and handicapped people, to determine existing employment opportunities for handicapped people. The student summarizes his findings in a report of no more than three typewritten pages and submits the report to Governor's Council on Employment of the Handicapped, 306 North Wilmington Street, Room 106, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611. Attention: W. Joseph Strickland, Director. This report must be in by January 1, 1975.

Last year's first place winner was Rosemary Kearney, a junior/senior at Chase B. Aycock High School at Pikeville, N.C. She won a trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the annual meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped in May. The trip and expenses were provided by the State Federation of the AFL-CIO. Rosemary also received a cash scholarship of \$200 from the Governor's Council.

GOP News

The Republican Headquarters, located in the old D & D Recreation Center behind Mo-hasco, is open each weekday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The phone number is 682-3819.



Youths Get Eagle Scout Award

Last Tuesday night Tim Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thompson, and Donny Laws, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Laws of Burnsville received the Eagle Scout Award. The awards were presented by Mr. Ed Hunter at a Court of Honor held at Black Mountain Campground. Jeff Harding received the Bronze Palm and Gregg Presnell received the Star Scout Award. Pictured above are the two proud Eagle Scouts.



'Smokey' Visits Clearmont Kindergarten

The Clearmont kindergarten class is shown here with "Smokey the Bear" and Jean Robinson of the Toecane Ranger District of the Pisgah National Forest. Smokey arrived at the Clearmont Elementary School as a special guest of the U.S. Forest Service to help present a fire prevention program. Mrs. Robinson showed the

film, "Voice of the Forest" and told the students of the destruction that wildfire can cause to timber, wildlife, recreation and watershed resources of the forest. Earlier in the day "Smokey" had also visited the Burnsville Elementary School. "Smokey" reminds everyone to please be careful with fire.

National Employ The Handicapped Week

WHEREAS much progress has been made in the Town of Burnsville, Yancey County, N.C. to see that our handicapped residents are rehabilitated and restored to a place in society where they can be productive and economically independent; and

WHEREAS these handicapped persons, once placed in suitable employment, are able to return in taxes many times the original investment in their rehabilitation;

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of all of us to see that the doors of opportunity are open for these qualified handicapped persons, and that they are given an equal chance to prove their capabilities; and

WHEREAS not only the handicapped persons and their families will benefit, but the entire economic structure of our community will benefit from their production;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the week of October 6-12, 1974, be observed as NATIONAL EMPLOY THE HANDICAPPED WEEK, and that during that week we renew our pledge to make year-round efforts to better the lot of our handicapped citizens.

James A. Anglin, Mayor
Town of Burnsville

Everyone Invited To Sample School Lunch

Yancey County will be observing National School Lunch Week, October 14-18, 1974. This special week has been set aside by Congress in recognition of the importance of school lunches in the educational process.

Nearly 2417 children eat lunch in Yancey. Pat Mayberry, School Food Service Supervisor, said that this is the most nutritious meal of the day for many children, particularly for those from low-income families.

On Wednesday, October 16, 1974 a Universal Menu will be served in the Yancey County Schools. All parents, School Board members, and school officials are invited to eat lunch in our schools on this day.

Students are fast becoming aware of nutrition and nutritionally prepared food products. "Tuning in" television commercials is evidence more food companies are promoting food products based on nutritional contents according to Mrs. Pat Mayberry, Supervisor Yancey County School Food Service.

Increased popularity of the health food stores, health spas, weight control groups, no-count diet books and health manuals is additional evidence youth and adults alike are conscious of health, food and body appearance.

With so many 'experts' opinions on good food and good nutrition, where do students turn for the right answers?

Do they ever consider their

Event For Democrats

The Yancey County Democratic Party will stage a "Meet the Candidates Night" on Thursday, October 10, at 7:30 p.m.

In addition to meeting all the local candidates, Yancey Democrats are urged to come by and meet Lamar Gudger, I. C. Crawford and Glenn Morris who represent this area in state government.

Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be free coffee for all. The Democratic Headquarters is located at the Old "Jan's Grapevine" on Hwy. 19E bypass.

National 4-H Week:

Yancey Clubs Expand

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Across the country, increasing numbers of young people are involved in efforts to improve the quality of life in their communities. These young people, all 4-H'ers and their parents and leaders are working cooperatively to make things happen through individual and group activities.

National 4-H Week, October 6-12, focuses on these cooperative efforts which involve nearly 5.3 million boys and girls and some 560,000 volunteer leaders, nationwide.

An annual observance since 1927, National 4-H Week serves as a time for 4-H members and leaders to review past accomplishments and to exert even greater effort for the future in the "learn by doing" program.

YANCEY COUNTY
4-H PROGRAM REVIEW

During the past few months, 4-H participation has increased by more than 30% in Yancey County. The number of volunteer leaders has increased more than 50%. Almost every section of the county now has an active 4-H club led by a volunteer adult leader from that community.

The Burnsville area club recently held their first meeting and elected officers. More than 25 young people joined the Burnsville Club led by Bobby Bennett. Micaville Club leaders Joyce Dale and Peggy Brown show much enthusiasm and interest in the new Micaville Club. Jody Loftis is providing leadership and enjoyment for

South Toe PTA Game

The South Toe PTA is having a Basketball Game Saturday, October 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Gym. Proceeds will buy new lights for the Gym.

The regular PTA meeting will be Monday night, 7:30 p.m. October 14th in the lunchroom at South Toe. Mrs. Robertson's class will give a program.

the newly organized South Toe 4-H Club. Clearmont, Bee Log, Bald Creek and Pensacola are expected to increase enrollments and participation in 4-H activities.

A new concept in program planning is being used to increase participation on the part of 4-H Club members. Members are allowed to select a three-part program series for each quarter of the year from three such programs. Programs selected will include: wildlife, archery, camping, horticulture, photography, clothing, nutrition and several other topics of interest.

The Yancey County 4-H camp program showed more than 100% increased participation over last year's. Yancey County 4-H'ers participated in District Activity Day and "Share the Fun" contest. The "Green Mountain Heritage" band was selected to perform in the state talent program. Youth from Yancey County participated in the State Forestry Camp, Regional Resource Development Conference, 4-H Club Congress, State Dress Revue Camp and other district and state programs.

All new and existing 4-H clubs in Yancey County are open to everyone of the age group of 9-19. Clubs encourage everyone to join without regard to race, creed, or national origin. 4-H is free, there are no membership dues.

MAKE IT HAPPEN

"We Can Make It Happen" is the theme of 1974 National 4-H Week. The words sum up the optimistic philosophy and aims of 4-H participants everywhere. The phrase pinpoints youths' commitment to learning, service to others and involvement in programs to develop their leadership and citizenship potential to the fullest.

Many of the activities in which 4-H member and their groups participate focus on the concerns of today. Their efforts are directed to improvement in the quality of living, such as energy conservation, maintenance and improvement of the environment and increasing the nation's food supply. The young people's work places emphasis on health and safety--individual, family and community--good nutrition and a variety of other community projects and activities meeting the special needs of their local areas.

PROGRAM SUPPORT
Encouragement for young people comes from numerous sources, including the Cooperative Extension Service, which administers the 4-H program. Additionally, numerous friends of 4-H within the nation's private sector support the program, including 60 corporate and foundation donors which channel resources through the National 4-H Service Committee.

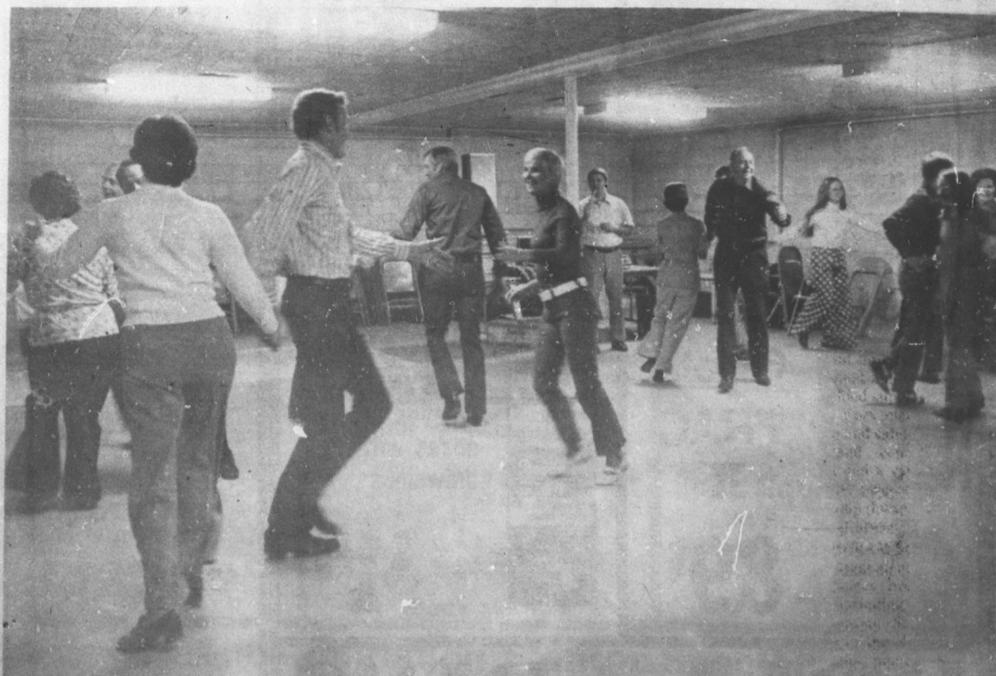
The Yancey County 4-H Program is supported by the United Fund Campaign.

Fire School Held Here

On Tuesday, October 1, the local United States Forest Service held its annual Fire School with some 91 people from across the state attending.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the latest fire fighting techniques and available equipment to aid in fire detection and control of mountain wildlife. It was also a cooperative meeting to coordinate firefighting efforts between the U.S. Forest Service in Burnsville, Marion, Hot Springs and Troy and other state and local agencies such as the North Carolina State Forest Service, North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission and the National Park Service.

The U.S. Forest Service and the State Forest Service would like to remind everyone that as the fall color and deer hunting seasons begin, our forest use will greatly increase. Therefore, they ask each forest visitor to be especially careful and do his part to prevent forest fires.



Square Dancers To Graduate

The Charter Membership of Mt. Mitchell Swingers Western Square Dance Club will have their Graduation Dance on October 11 at 8:00 p.m. in the Burnsville Community Building. Couples interested in Western Square Dancing are invited to attend the dance at which time you will be able to sign up for the new class. Jerry Biggerstaff from Marion is the club caller and instructor. An

organizational meeting will be held Monday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of forming a new class. This meeting will be held in the basement of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Pictured above, present members of the "Mt. Mitchell Swingers" perform a Western Square Dance with ease and ability.