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Jonathan Ivey, age 5, may be the youngest businessman in Black Mountain. Faced with going to Disney World with his mom, dad and sister Ashley, with no change in his pocket, Jonathan mixed up some lemonade, sliced off the cookies for his mother to bake, and he was in business last Friday. Jonathan and Ashley, age two-and-a-half, are the children of Sandra and Mark Ivey, Oakland Drive.

Sourwood Festival committees make plans for August

Members of the Sourwood Festival Committee met Monday to continue plans for this year's Aug. 5-9 festival.

The festival will be compressed to five days and most events will take place on Cherry Street, Broadway and Sutton Avenue.

An important new feature this year will be an information booth, providing schedules, maps and other information to festival-goers.

While plans are still in the making, here are some of the ideas committee members are working on.

New festival features will include a donkey softball game, a Jeep caravan and a gospel singing.

Black Mountain firemen will challenge another group, probably announcers from WWNC Radio, in the donkey softball game.

The Jeep caravans will probably take place on Old Toll Road, going to Mt. Mitchell and back.

The gospel singing will take place on Friday or Saturday night and will include several vocal and instrumental groups.

Street food services will be beefed up to include barbecue, broiled trout and Chinese delicacies.

The parade kicking off the Sourwood Festival, scheduled for 4 p.m., Aug. 5, will travel a shorter route this year and will involve more local participation. Reigning over the parade, and all Sourwood Festival activities, will be a Little Miss Sourwood.

The Sourwood Road Race attracted 200 people last year and is expected to bring out 3-400 runners this summer.

The golf tournament may also include a hole-in-one contest on the 13th hole, sponsored by the Firemen's Auxiliary.

Street dances will be held from 8-11 p.m., one Thursday in Swannanoa and one Saturday in Black Mountain.

Lee Hutchins will hitch up his teams to wagons and provide free transportation.

Many other traditional events are being planned for this year, including the popular "Ugly Dog Contest."

The Sourwood Festival Committee, comprised of about 20 representatives, will meet again in May.

Meeting scheduled May 20

Public input sought by DOT on highway priorities

The state Board of Transportation will hold a series of public meetings that will help it decide how to re-order highway construction priorities as a result of

severely limited financial resources. Highway projects involved are those scheduled in the 1980-86 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that was

last updated in October, 1979. The TIP is the department's basic planning document for all transportation improvement programs.

The annual meetings, however, will be held against the backdrop of what Transportation Secretary Tom Bradshaw called "the severe impact" on the TIP of sharp increases in the costs of highway work and declining state highway revenues.

"With this very severe problem facing us, we strongly urge the public to help us make a very careful review of the projects already in the 1980-86 TIP," Bradshaw said. "We want the people of the state to share with us their opinions on what our priorities ought to be in view of our funding crisis."

The Division 13 meeting, including Buncombe, Burke, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Rutherford and Yancey counties, will be held May 20 at 2 p.m. at the Asheville-Buncombe Technical College, Simpson Administration Building Auditorium, Victoria Road, Asheville. Registration for speakers will begin at 1 p.m.

The findings of the blue ribbon study commission headed by former Gov. Dan K. Moore will be reviewed at the meetings. "We will also bring people up to date on the status of projects in their particular area and provide them a summary of our projected revenues and the costs of construction," Bradshaw said.

Local officials have been invited by Gov. Jim Hunt, Bradshaw and members of the Transportation Board to make recommendations on highway and other transportation priorities at the sessions. Bradshaw also issued a "Special plea" for citizens from all walks of life to participate in the meetings.

Emergency Medical Services Week this week in N.C.



Harry Oaks and Chuck Messer are two of Black Mountain's full time emergency medical technicians.

County has up-to-date services

Someday an emergency medical technician could be the only thing standing between you and the Pearly Gates.

So it is good to know Buncombe County Emergency Medical Services are among the most modern in the state, according to EMS director Jerry VeHaun. Of North Carolina's 100 counties, only 25 or 30 have "IV technicians" and only 12 counties now have paramedics.

Buncombe County EMS has people training now as paramedics at Asheville-Buncombe Technical College, who will be on the job by next spring, probably February or March, VeHaun said.

Paramedics can administer drugs and perform other emergency procedures that medical technicians are not trained to do.

IV technicians, which Buncombe County already has, can start intravenous solutions upon order from Memorial

Mission Hospital at the scene of an accident or enroute to the hospital.

Buncombe County employs 34 full time technicians and 12 part time. Those working in Black Mountain are: Harry Oaks, Chuck Messer, Rick Patton, James Goodman and Don Danner. EMTs in the fire department who assist are: Tim Rayburn, Dennis Cooper, Robert Watkins, Marion Godfrey, Pete Post and Bill Jones.

Road Race to be held May 9

The sixth annual "Clean Air Road Race," sponsored by the American Lung Association of N.C., Western Region and the Asheville Track Club, will be held Saturday, May 9 at Warren Wilson College. Registration for the 13.1 mile (half marathon), five mile run and one mile walk-run will begin at 8 a.m.

Entry fees will be \$5 for the 13.1 and five mile runs, and will include a "Clean Air Road Race" t-shirt. Late entrants will receive their shirts by mail.

The walk-run run fee will be 50 cents, with t-shirts available for an additional \$3.

Awards will include locally made crafts, trophies and plaques. The first 50 13.1 milers will also receive a canvas draw-string bag.

Patches will be given to all participants in the one-mile walk-run.

Other special awards will be given to those with the most participants in all events, such as schools, businesses, clubs, etc. The youngest and oldest finishers in the 13.1 and five mile runs and the family with the most runners will also be awarded special prizes.

All courses are run over scenic rural countryside with very little traffic.

For more information, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Clean Air Road Race, P.O. Box 7334, Asheville, N.C. 28807 or call 252-2071.

Detoxification Unit moved to Rehabilitation Center

The Detoxification Unit at Western Carolina Center, Black Mountain Facility, a drying-out center for the intoxicated, was transferred to the grounds of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center (ARC) in Black Mountain this week.

Members of the Medical Peer Review Foundation studied the center earlier this year and recommended that a doctor be on duty at all times in the detox unit. At that time, a doctor was on duty during the day, with registered nurses taking over for the night.

Expansion would cost the state \$180,000 a year to run the unit. North Carolina Department of Human Resources director, William P. Johnson, recommended closing of the detox unit and replacement with a locally funded, rather than state-funded, facility.

Western Carolina Center, where the unit was located until this week, is a resident home for the mentally retarded funded by the state.

The ARC has in the past provided long-term care, but not short-term care for those drying out, which takes about three days.

In a written announcement of the closing of the detox unit, Johnson said that admissions will be made by appointment only now. Arrival at the Center without an appointment may result in a denied admission, he said. And if now space is available, it is the responsibility of the person accompanying the patient to return him to his home or community.

The detoxification unit may be moved to the Blue Ridge Mental Health Center in Asheville under a private corporation later this year.

Police and fire report

Arson is suspected in Swannanoa house fire

Black Mountain Fire Department Black Mountain firemen assisted Swannanoa Volunteer Fire Department

at a house fire on Buckeye Cove Road April 21.

Arson is suspected in the fire which

destroyed an empty house before firemen arrived about midnight, summoned by an anonymous phone call.

The house, owned by an elderly man who lives in a nursing home, had been vacant for about a year.

The State Bureau of Investigation is investigating the fire.

On April 25, firemen extinguished a chimney fire on New Bern Avenue.

Black Mountain Police Department

In the past seven days, Black Mountain Police arrested three drunk drivers and two women shoplifters at Roses.

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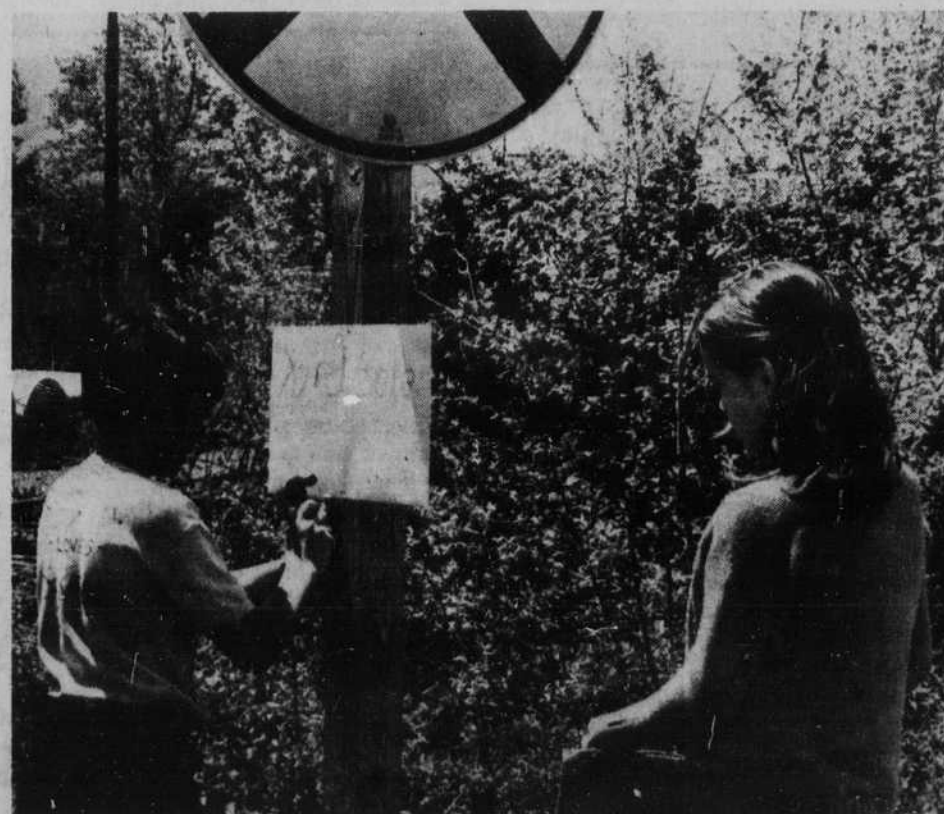
Roseann Roseanadana, portrayed

by Billy Edd Wheeler, gives advice

to the lovelorn in Carver's Sugar

Daddy's Revue.

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You know it's spring when all the trees and street sign posts in Black Mountain sprout yard sale signs. Rachel and Gary Robinson put this one up last week on Sutton Avenue.



Weather review

April 21—high 65, low 42 degrees.
April 22—high 69, low 36 degrees.
April 23—high 72, low 50 degrees; .13 inches precipitation.
April 24—high 65, low 50 degrees; .27 inches precipitation.
April 25—high 63, low 41 degrees.
April 26—high 77, low 38 degrees.
April 27—high 82, low 49 degrees.

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