

# Madison County Government Newsletter



# 4-H Small Business Showcase

**Be A VENDOR!**

**SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 22**  
11:00am-6:00pm

Madison County  
Cooperative  
Extension Center  
Marshall, NC  
Scan or visit  
[go.ncsu.edu/4hshowcase](http://go.ncsu.edu/4hshowcase)



## Who We Are

This event is a fundraiser for the 4-H Youth Development Program. Our goal is to empower youth with life skills that will enable them to become caring, competent and capable citizens to build strong foundations for the future.

All funds raised through the Small Business Showcase will be used to provide educational opportunities which will prepare Madison County 4-H'ers "To Make The Best Better" (4-H motto).



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**LOCAL**  
& support our  
Youth!



NC Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity provider.

## Walk with Ease | Arthritis Foundation

Experience the Walk With Ease Program  
Arthritis Foundation Certified. Doctor Recommended



"When I started the program, I was afraid to walk very far because of my knee pain. But Walk With Ease helped me start slow and build up gradually. Now I am confident in my ability to walk easily without making my arthritis worse."

— Walk With Ease participant

The **Arthritis Foundation Walk With Ease Program** is an exercise program that can reduce pain and improve overall health. If you can be on your feet for 10 minutes without increased pain, you can have success with Walk With Ease.

### Benefits to You

Walk With Ease will help you:

- ▶ Motivate yourself to get in great shape
- ▶ Walk safely and comfortably
- ▶ Improve your flexibility, strength and stamina
- ▶ Reduce pain and feel great

Sign Up At:  
<https://startwalkwithease.org/identity/Account/Register/NCC4W>

### Walk with Ease Self-Directed Program

Free self led 6 week program and workbook!

Sign Up any time online and track your progress. (Make sure to select the Madison County option)

Call 828-649-3531 with questions

**Sign up today!**

Madison County Offices will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day.



**Tax Time is quickly approaching!**

If you are an Employee of Madison County Government and would like to set up a payroll deduction for your taxes, please contact the Tax Office.

# BACK TO SCHOOL

## BASH

AUGUST 13, 2022

**FREE ENTRY**  
**FREE FOOD**  
**INFLATABLES**  
**GAMES**  
**PRIZES**  
**FUN FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES**

Come to the Madison County Fair Grounds on Saturday, August 13th from 10:00 - 1:00. This is a FREE EVENT! Come for Free Food, Games, Inflatables, and Prizes. Fun for kids of all ages.

Brought to you by The Madison County Sheriff's Office and Madison County DSS, with a focus on fostering and adoption.

Madison County Fair Grounds  
330 Carolina Lane, Marshall, NC 28753  
828-649-2721

## Development Service Department Completing Prep Work for New Sculpture!

Danny Allen exemplifying the 'get it done' attitude of county employees. Building a 6x6x6 concrete pad isn't in his job description but it's one of those \ 'slash' duties that we all have when a job needs to get done and there is no one else to do it. Danny has a number of those for the county. Chief Code Enforcement Officer/Watershed Administrator/Ridgeline Administrator/concrete pad installer.

Thank you to Danny [or should we call you 'slash'] and all the other county employees who take on slash duties when needed. Madison County is a better place because of your commitment and willingness to share all of your talents.

The pad was needed for the next sculpture installation in the Manufacturing Art Park along the Duck Greenway in Mars Hill. The new sculpture "the Mother" is an original piece by artist Kristof Galas inspired by local kombucha manufacturer Buchi. The unveiling of "The Mother" will be August 13 at 7:00pm on the Duck Greenway Trail near the Mars Hill Elementary soccer fields.

A grant from the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina funds the Madison County Art Park.



## Sheriff's Department Discusses Safety Training with Schools

Sheriff Buddy Harwood and Coy Phillips met with Madison County Schools' administrators to review safety training for the upcoming school year.



## Madison County receives Storm Ready Certificate

At the July 12, 2022, Board of Commissioners Meeting, Madison County was awarded Storm Ready Certifications by the National Weather Service.

These Certificates were awarded due to the Emergency Management Departments hard work in hazard mitigation in the event of weather related events.



# Coming up at Madison County Public Libraries!

## Shop 'Til You Drop!

Visit the Marshall Library Lobby Book Shop for a Half-Price Book Sale on **August 13** from 9am to 2pm (or until they run out of books!). The entire shop is for sale. The Friends of the Library are making room for new inventory. The goal? Everything must go!

## Aquatic Insects as Indicators of Stream Health

The streams and rivers of Madison County are perhaps as diverse as any in the southeastern US and the aquatic insects are key indicators of stream health. These insects play important roles in many regulatory water quality programs to assess water pollution and trends in stream health. Many metrics have been developed to make the use of these data effective and understandable to non-biologists. Jason York and Dave Penrose will give a presentation that describes the ecology of this fascinating group of organisms. Come with your questions for this great presentation on **August 16** at 7pm at Chestnut Hall (64 S Spring St.) in Hot Springs. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Hot Springs Library.

## Are You Certifiable?

Prove it - and get certified through Northstar Digital Literacy at the library's proctored assessment on **August 17** at 10:30am at the Mars Hill Library. You can earn certificates in basic computer skills, internet basics, using email, all Microsoft Office products, Googles Docs, social media and more. Bring your id to the session. Register to attend at <https://bit.ly/NS1-assess>.

## Organizing and Archiving Photos

Join the library's genealogy team on **August 18** at 11am at the Marshall branch for a class on ways to organize and archive your family's photos. Learn how to store old photos, how to save and create a backup copy, how to label an actual photograph, and things you shouldn't do with physical photos. Registration is recommended - <https://bit.ly/mcpl-photos> - or call a library branch to register.

## Activities for the Little Ones

- Join Ms. Caroline on **Mondays** at 10:30am at the Mars Hill Library for story time fun. Enjoy stories, songs, dancing and more!
- Join Ms. Beth from Smart Start for Kith & Kin, a great play/learning time for your little ones 5 years old and younger. Marshall branch - **Tuesdays** on the playground from 10:00am-12pm
- Join Ms. Amy on **Wednesdays** at 10:30am at the Marshall Library for story time fun. Come for the stories and stay to play outside.

## A New Book - Every Month!

Do you love to read? Join one of the monthly book discussion groups offered at each branch of the Madison County Public Libraries and meet a great group of people who love books as much as you do. Choose the title that best suits your interests and pick up a copy at that branch location. Each month will bring new titles.

- The **Hot Springs Book Discussion Group** is reading *Ike's Bluff* by Evan Thomas. They will meet in person on **August 11** at 10am.
- The **Mars Hill Book Discussion Group** is reading *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nahisi Coates. They will meet in person on **August 11** at 1pm.
- The **Marshall Book Discussion Group** is reading *Hannah Coulter* by Wendell Berry. They will meet on **August 30** at 2:30pm.
- The **After-Hours Murder at the Library Book Club** is reading *In My Dreams I Hold a Knife* by Ashley Winstead. They will meet on **September 1** at 5:30pm at the Marshall Library.

## Get Connected...from home

All three library branches now have available a limited number of Chromebooks and Verizon hotspots for free short-term checkout for patrons in good standing over the age of 18. Take a class at home. Attend an online program. Stream content. Connect with family. The possibilities are limitless.

Devices are available for two weeks. They do not auto-renew like books; however, they can be renewed in person with the device in hand at the branch where they were checked out if there are no other holds for the device. All devices need to be returned inside the branch. Users will sign a Technology Lending agreement with first checkout.

These devices were provided by a grant that was made possible by funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (IMLS grant number LS-250229-OLS-21).