

Madison County Government Newsletter



Upcoming County Observed Holidays:

- Friday, December 23, 2022, Christmas Holiday
- Monday, December 26, 2022, Christmas Holiday
- Tuesday December 27, 2022, Christmas Holiday
- Monday, January 2, 2023, New Year's Holiday
- Monday, January 26, 2023, Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

YOU'RE INVITED!



**Thursday, December 15, 2022
5:30 - 7:30**

**Free Pictures with Santa
Hot Chocolate & Cookies
Madison County DSS**

5707 US Hwy. 25/70, Marshall, NC 28753

Sponsored by
Madison County DSS
Get information about becoming a licensed foster home/adoptive parent
828-649-9498



Steve Davidowski
& Friends present a

Christmas Concert

to benefit Neighbors in Need
Thurs., Dec. 15, 7PM

Get to Marshall Presbyterian Church early to secure a good seat as this show is guaranteed to be standing room only!

— **Your donation is welcome!** —

Steve & Friends play this concert annually (back after a 2 year break) to benefit Neighbors in Need, a crisis food pantry in Madison County which gives food, heating and financial assistance in crisis situations for Madison County residents.

Neighbors in Need is a 501(c)(3) charity supported by local churches and volunteer workers.
Marshall Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 727 Marshall, NC 28753

In Memory of Elizabeth Madorin

Elizabeth Marie Madorin, 52, of Mars Hill, NC passed away peacefully on Friday, November 11th, 2022, at home. She had been recently diagnosed with advanced liver disease and inoperable cancer. She was surrounded by love, even in her final moments. Elizabeth was able to say goodbye to several family members: her mother and father, Phyllis and Fred Madorin of Harrisburg, NC and her brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Jeanne Madorin of Harrisburg, NC. Elizabeth is also survived by her brother Alvin "Pat" Madorin (and partner Carol Crowell) of Orchard Park, NY. Elizabeth was immensely proud of the nephews she left behind: David (and wife Virginia) Madorin, of Kannapolis, and Steven (and wife Krista) Madorin of Concord.

She left behind her "chosen family", Shawna and Jay Bryce, of Mars Hill, NC; Rebekah Byrd and Alex Kramer and their sons (Elizabeth's godsons) Jebediah and Judah, of Marshall, NC. Elizabeth spent her entire life in public service. In college, she worked for YMCA and Latchkey services. She spent summers in Mexico first working through the YMCA sister programs, and then visiting the family and friends she made there. After college, Elizabeth was a Spanish teacher in Missouri and later in North Carolina. Upon moving to Western North Carolina, she worked at a private school for girls followed by a grant-sponsored position at the Madison County Public Libraries. Her most recent service to the public was as the Deputy Director of the Madison County Board of Elections.

Elizabeth had a keen sense of humor and was known for regaling classrooms and offices alike with her infamous "dad jokes." She loved making people laugh and found quiet ways to share her heart with those she loved. She loved living in Madison County and loved serving the people of Madison County. No matter where she travelled, the blessing of living in this beautiful place and returning home here was never lost on her.

Commissioners Corner

At the November 2022 Regular Board of Commissioners meeting, Commissioners Mark Snelson, Craig Goforth, and Norris Gentry were awarded plaques for their dedication and service to the residents of Madison County.



(From Left: Michael Garrison, Mark Snelson, Norris Gentry, Craig Goforth, Matt Wechtel)

On Monday, December 5, 2022, newly elected Commissioners C. William Briggs, Jeremy Hensley, and Alan Wyatt were sworn in as County Commissioners for Madison County. Commissioners Wechtel and Garrison were named Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively. In addition, Rod Honeycutt was named as Interim County Manager.



(From Left; Jeremy Hensley, Michael Garrison, Alan Wyatt, Matt Wechtel, C. William Briggs)

Get to know your County Commissioners!

Alan Wyatt

My name is Alan Wyatt, I am a lifelong resident of Madison County and a graduate of Madison High School and Mars Hill University. I have served on the Madison County Planning Board for 20 years. I have also served as a fire fighter for the Ebbs Chapel Fire Department for over 21 years and have been the Madison County Fire Association President for 4 years. I work as a Sales Rep. in construction and building materials. In my free time, I enjoy hiking and skiing. I attend Upper Laurel Baptist Church.

I am humbled to have the opportunity to serve as a County Commissioner for Madison County. I love Madison County and the people of Madison County. I look forward to serving the County.

Jeremy Hensley

My name is Jeremy Hensley, I am native and lifelong resident of Madison County, and a 1996 graduate of Madison High. I have been married to my wife Amanda for over 21 years and we have 3 children, Chandler, Harrison, and Whitney. We reside in the Beech Glen Community. I have been a service technician for Frontier Communications for over 17 years.

I am humbled to be given the opportunity to serve the people and staff of this great county. I'm very excited to part of a great team as not only a member of the board of commissioners, but part of all the great employees that Madison County has. I am confident that each member of the board and each employee desires the absolute best for this wonderful county we call home. I look forward to meeting each of you in the months ahead and want to hear about any concerns you may have. I greatly appreciate your prayers and support as we embark on this journey.

DSS Angel Tree

The Adult Services Social Work Staff of Madison County DSS once again has a Purple Angel* tree in the lobby of the main building located at 5707 US HWY 25-70, Suite 1, in Marshall.

The community is invited to adopt a Purple Angel for the holidays to assure that our elderly and vulnerable adults are remembered during this season. Pick an Angel - or several - go shopping - and return unwrapped gift(s) with the Angel to DSS by December 16th. Thank you for making this a Joyous Season for the most needy and often forgotten residents of Madison County.

**Purple is the color for Elder Abuse Prevention and Awareness*



Rod Honeycutt named Interim County Manager

Upon completing 37 years of Active Military Service, Rod Honeycutt retired from the U.S. Army in July of 2021. A native of WNC, COL Honeycutt has family ties to Madison, Yancey, and Buncombe Counties.

Rod is a 1983 graduate of Clyde A Erwin Highschool. His education includes a bachelor's in criminal justice from the University of South Carolina and masters in logistics and strategic studies from the Florida Institute of Technology and the U.S. Army War College respectively.

A career logistician serving, leading, and commanding, in the Europe, Middle East, and Pacific Theaters.

He and his wife, Lisa-Joy, live in Alexander with their 3 sons. The Honeycutt's maintained their Alexander, NC home throughout their service.



Contact the Animal Services Department to find your next companion



\$25.00 ADOPTION FEES

On all animals, now through the end of the year.

All normal adoption processes will still be followed. Please make an appointment by calling us at 828.649.3190.