

Union Update

October 20, 2015

Residents to Vote on Sale of Certain Types of Alcohol in March

Commissioners have passed a revised resolution requesting that the Union County Board of Elections hold elections regarding the countywide "on -premises" and "off-premises" sales of malt beverages and unfortified wine on March 15, 2016, reaffirming the action taken by the Board on April 20, 2015.

At the time of adoption of the original resolution on April 20, the Board requested that the election take place at the time of North Carolina's 2016 presidential primary. Since that time, both the presidential and general primaries in North Carolina have been set for March 15, 2016. Thus, the revised resolution accounts for the official date of the North Carolina presidential and general primaries.

N.C.G.S. § 18B-600 allows a county to hold elections for permitting the countywide sale of malt beverages, unfortified wine, and mixed beverages, and for permitting the countywide operation of ABC stores. The statute allows for a county board of elections to hold such an election upon receipt of a written request from the governing body of the county.

The election will include the following propositions:

- To permit the "on premises" and "off-premises" sale of malt beverages.
 FOR
 AGAINST
- To permit the "on-premises" and "off-premises" sale of unfortified wine.
 FOR
 AGAINST

October 23-31 is Red Ribbon Week

The Union County Board of Commissioners on Monday proclaimed October 23 - 31 as Red Ribbon Week in Union County and urges all citizens to join in this special observance.

The Red Ribbon Campaign was established by Congress in 1988 to encourage a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention and reduction efforts. The red ribbon has been chosen as a symbol commemorating the work of Enrique

"Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent who was murdered in the line of duty, and represents the belief that one person can make a difference;

During Red Ribbon Week, Young Marine units located in North Carolina and across the nation will actively participate in this nationally recognized illicit drug awareness event. The mission of the Young Marine program is to develop good citizenship and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle in our youth.

Commissioners Support Improvements for Old Lawyers Road

Commissioners on Monday passed a resolution in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) using contingency funds for improvements to Old Lawyers Road in Marshville. NCDOT has identified Old Lawyers Road as needing improvement due to heavy truck use and would alleviate safety concerns for this roadway in eastern Union County.

Road improvements would take place between Old Peachland Road (SR 1735) to Olive Branch Road (SR 1719). NCDOT has identified a source of funds from its contingency account to pay for this project.





State Highway Patrol and Department of Public Instruction Combine Efforts

School Bus Safety to be the Focal Point during Operation Stop Arm

In support of Operation Stop Arm week the State Highway Patrol will be aggressively enforcing stop arm violations and other traffic violations in and around school zones. The operation will be conducted from 6:00 a.m. on Monday, October 19 through Friday, October 23. The Patrol expects Operation Stop Arm will decrease violations and reduce school bus collisions.

Across the state, troopers will be working school zones and others will be following the buses. Troopers will be driving marked and unmarked patrol cars during the operation.



"We must ensure our children's safety as they travel to and from school," said Colonel Bill Grey, commander of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol. "A child's life should never be put in danger just to save a minute or two during a daily commute. That's why we're going to make sure people know the law as well as the consequences of breaking it."

According to the NC Department of Public Instruction, on an average school day in North Carolina nearly 3,000 motorists disregard school bus stop arms. With more than 800,000 kids in the state relying on those buses, the danger is very real.

Passing a stopped school bus is a Class 1 misdemeanor. If convicted, a person will receive five driving points on their driver's license and is subject to a minimum fine of \$500. Passing a stopped school bus is a Class I Felony if the driver strikes an individual and carries a minimum fine of \$1,250. Should the violation result in a death, the violation would be a Class H Felony and a minimum fine of \$2,500.

For further information concerning school bus safety and illegal passing please visit the Department of Public Instruction's school bus safety web site at <http://www.ncbussafety.org/>.

For information pertaining to Operation Stop Arm, please contact Sergeant Michael Baker at 919-733-5027 or Michael.D.Baker@ncdps.gov.

Union County Foster Parent Association Fall Festival to be Held on Saturday

The Union County Division of Social Services, in partnership with the Union County Foster Parent Association, and author, Donna Foster will host a life book event for children in foster care and their families to bring attention to the need for foster and adoptive families in Union County during the Union County Foster Parent Association Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 3:30 p.m. at Image Church located at 4017 Wed-dington Road in Matthews. Image Church will provide the food, drink, and activities for the children and families.

Before children enter the foster care system they have been traumatized by the death of parents, homelessness, abuse or neglect. Entering foster care, the child is traumatized again by having to stay with strangers. The foster care system is working hard to lessen the trauma children may experience by recognizing children's fears and concerns. Foster care is more than shelter, food and education. Foster parents, adoptive parents and social workers are trained to meet the physical and emotional needs of the children in their care.

Some of the other needs of children are to not feel the blame for their family falling apart and understanding why their parents cannot presently take care of them. Healthy contact with their birth parents is crucial to the healing of their family. Children may have fears of darkness where they once experienced pain. Building trust with a child is a slow process. Helping children remain in contact with their healthy past relationships helps them to feel loved and remembered. These contacts help children to transition into a foster family where they can start building trust. A tool used to help children share and document their past, present and future is called a "life book." It is a therapeutic road map of their lives. It is a place to keep the truth and memories of happy times.

Author, Donna Foster and Shelby, the golden retriever main character of "Shelby and Me: Our Journey through Life Books" will visit with the foster and adoptive children. Foster will introduce Shelby and read some of Shelby's life story. Laughter and silliness is welcomed. Foster lives in Marshville, is a past foster parent for 17 years, presently works as a staff development trainer for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and contracts as a national trainer for foster and adoptive parents.

"Shelby and Me: Our Journey through Life Books" is about a Golden Retriever name Shelby who shares her story of missing her birth family, entering foster care and then being adopted. The "Me" is the child Shelby is talking to. Shelby shares stories about her other friends in her foster family; a dog Bear who is in foster care, Jumping Jack rabbit who returns home and Sassy, a cat who was born in the foster home. Her other friends in her adopted home are a neighbor dog name Elly, a Shih Tzu dog, Toby who was adopted, and Mookie, an internationally adopted dog from Korea. Shelby talks about how the people in her life helped her to trust, grieve and to love. Shelby explains the difference between animal and human foster care and adoption. She asks children personal questions and the children have their own life books to fill in their information. While creating their life books, the child feels important and their self-esteem is heightened. The life books are owned by the child and go with them whether they are reunified with their family or adopted.

"Being a foster parent has been a gift to me because I have seen children smile again and trust once more," Foster said. "I made sure they knew I was not separating them from their birth family. When a child entered our home, they knew our home would always be opened to them. They instantly became a member of our family. Today, I am still close to most of my foster children and have been blessed with grandchildren. Children need someone to be there for them during the worst time of their lives. I am thankful to have been there."

If you are interested in being there when a child needs someone to care by becoming a foster and/or adoptive parent, please contact Tamara Roesler at 704-296-4466 or Jackie Grignon at 704-296-4461.



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**IF YOU ARE LIVING INDEPENDENTLY AT
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TO THE**

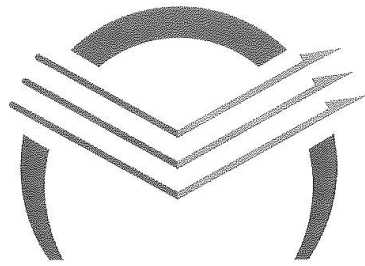
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Indian Trail's Halloween Candy Crawl



● CHESTNUT SQUARE PARK ● TRUNK OR TREAT FOR 12 AND UNDER
FROM 5:30 TO 7 P.M. LAST ADMITTANCE AT 6:30 P.M.

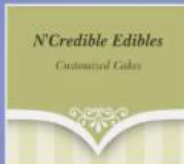
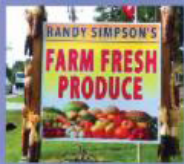
● 320 CHESTNUT PARKWAY ● COSTUME CONTEST & PARADE
LINEUP @ 6:45 P.M. WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT 7 P.M.

● FRIDAY, OCT. 23 ● PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST
STARTING AT 5:30 DROP OFF PUMPKINS FROM 5:30 TO 5:45 P.M.

- PUMPKIN ROLL & TOSS GAMES
- MONSTER MASH MUSIC BASH
- THE PUMPKIN PAINT OFF

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