

beginning Decorative Wood Painting Class on Tuesdays Sept. 7-Oct. 12 from 6-9 p.m. at the Downtown Center on State Street. Registration fee is \$15. Call 652-6021, ext. 503 to pre-register.

NARFE Meeting

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Western Steer Steakhouse at the intersection of I-40 and U.S. 221 South.

Support Group

The Widowhood Support Group will meet Thursday at Western Sizzlin' at 8:30 a.m. Everyone who lives alone is welcome.

Blood Drive

The McDowell County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive at the Community Building in Marion Wednesday from 1-6 p.m.

College Day

The guidance department of McDowell High School will sponsor a College Day Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m. The program which highlights post-secondary educational opportunities, will be held in the Commons. Students who are interested in pursuing some form of education beyond high school are encouraged to attend.

Spaghetti Dinner

The McDowell Senior Games will have a spaghetti dinner Friday from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center on Crawford Street. Proceeds will help with the cost of the trip to the State Finals in Raleigh at the end of Sept. Tickets are \$4. Take outs will be available.

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Quiet reading — Arch de Castrique of Charlotte enjoys a good book while relaxing at Lake James State Park campground Monday. He brought his sons Scott and Devon to play at the park. (Photo by John Coutlakis)

Trucks Damaged

From Staff Reports

Three tractor-trailer trucks were damaged in a backward chain-reaction collision Monday.

The accident, which caused \$10,000 damage to one truck, occurred when the rigs were backing up at a car wash.

That was one of many accidents across the county investigated by the N.C. Highway Patrol over the long Labor Day weekend. Six people died in traffic accidents across the state, but no fatalities or serious injuries on local roads were reported.

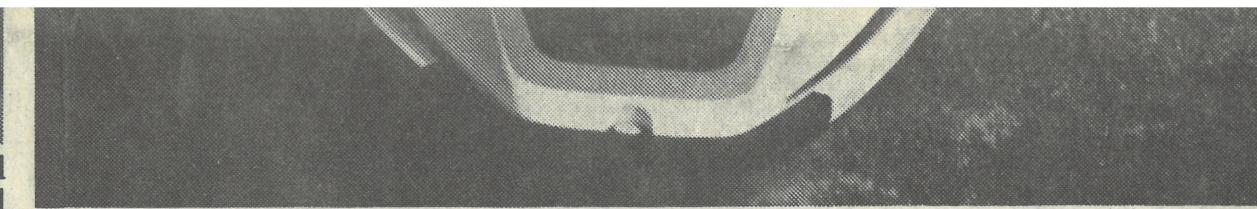
The truck accident occurred just

before 11 p.m. at the This & That Car Wash off N.C. 226.

According to a highway patrol report, a truck driven by Arthur Houston Bailey, 53, of Newton began backing up from the car wash and struck a rig behind him driven by James Carroll Duncan, 39, of Bakersville.

Duncan tried to back out of the way, and his rig slammed into a truck behind him driven by Larry Wayne Greene, 46, of Bakersville.

Damage to Duncan's truck was estimated at \$10,000. Damage to Greene's truck was estimated at \$600, while damage to Bailey's



Jet ski fun — Two jet ski riders churn up the waters of Lake James Monday as they enjoy some fun in the sun. (Photo by John Coutlakis)

In Collision At Car Wash

truck was estimated at only \$100.

Bailey was charged with an unsafe movement violation.

Woman Rams Rear Of Car

In an unrelated accident, an Old Fort woman was hurt when her car collided with another on the I-40 entrance ramp at U.S. 221 Saturday afternoon.

A car driven by Jeanette Moore Furran, 50, of Route 1, Old Fort was traveling on the entrance ramp when it struck the rear of a car driven by Raymond Leroy Gentry, 33, of Newton.

Gentry had stopped his car on

the entrance ramp in an attempt to merge with I-40 traffic.

Furran was treated at The McDowell Hospital and released. She was charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

Damage to Furran's car was estimated at \$2,800. Damage to Gentry's car was estimated at \$500.

Teen Overturns Car Friday

A Nebo teen escaped serious injury when her car ran off the road and overturned Friday morning.

The driver, Trisha Loraine Patton, 16, of Route 5, Nebo, was treated at The McDowell Hospital

and released.

Patton told troopers she was forced off Pinnacle Church Road by a small, white car. Patton's car ran through a yard before striking a ditch and overturning.

Damage to her vehicle was estimated at \$3,500. Damage to Delores Birchfield's yard was estimated at \$25.

No charges were filed.

In addition to these accidents, the highway patrol investigated more than a dozen minor wrecks. Sgt. M.A. Brock said several accidents occurred on U.S. 221 during a heavy rainstorm Saturday.

Parenting Center To Get \$10,000

By MIA ANDERSON
Staff Writer

The Sugar Hill Child Development Center is getting a boost in the right direction thanks to a generous contribution from a state school supply corporation.

According to Head Start director, Rob Curtis, the \$10,000 contribution will help with the building of four infant/toddler classrooms and the development of the parent-child programs.

The funds, donated by Kaplan School Supply Corporation, will be available in January 1994. Kaplan, based in Winston-Salem, provides educational equipment to schools worldwide.

The Sugar Hill Child Development Center, at the site of the old West Marion Elementary School, will house one of the five parent-child centers in the state.

The center currently offers parents tips on everything from disciplining a child to health issues facing kids and parents.

Currently the programs are being held at the Story Memorial Presbyterian Church while work crews finish the renovations at the Sugar Hill center.



Sand and surf? — Lake James State Park looks more like Myrtle Beach as sunbathers flocked to the shores Monday to

catch the final, fleeting rays of summer. (Photo by John Coutlakis)

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