

Leadership Burke '98 set by Chamber, WPCCC

The Burke County Chamber of Commerce and Western Piedmont Community College announce the presentation of Leadership Burke '98, a joint sponsorship program designed to prepare individuals for leadership roles in their current employment and in Burke communities.

This program was established to enhance the quality of the future leaders to whom Burke County will look for its wellbeing and growth, program officials said.

Leadership Burke brings together qualified candidates with diverse backgrounds and experience in business, education, labor, government and civic and charitable organiza-

tions.

These promising future leaders learn from experts and from each other to meet the goals of creating a better community.

In addition to enhanced leadership and management skills, the participants gain a personal network with community leaders, a valuable tool in accomplishing day-to-day business transactions.

Each participant of Leadership Burke '98 will earn seven Continuing Education Credits from Western Piedmont Community College.

Leadership Burke '98 begins on Friday, Aug. 21 and Saturday, Aug. 22 with a two-day retreat, featuring leadership development

exercises as well as get-acquainted activities.

Subsequent sessions are held monthly for one from day (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) from fall to spring, with a graduation dinner on Tuesday, April 20, 1999.

Each month, the group will meet at a different location throughout the county for operational exposure and to gain knowledge of the community's resources.

Some of the topics to be covered are: Leadership Development; City, County and State Government; Higher Education; Publication; the Economy in Burke County; and Social, Health and Community Services.

There will be plant tours, an opportunity

for participants to ride with a Morganton Department of Public Safety officer and a visit to the Alpine Tower on the campus of Western Piedmont Community College.

The program cost of \$450 covers all registration fees, opening retreat overnight lodging, all meals, materials, and graduation dinner for each participant.

Each leadership program is limited to 20 participants and the application fee must be received by Aug. 7, 1998.

For more information or to receive an application form, call the Burke County Chamber of Commerce at 437-3021.