

Holliday Responds to Johnson's Comments

Iredell-Statesville School officials are excited by Iredell County Commission Chairman Steve Johnson's open invitation to work out school needs and are ready to meet at any time to develop a plan," said Superintendent Terry Holliday.

Responding to comments by Mr. Johnson at Tuesday's Commission meeting, Dr. Holliday said he now has a clearer understanding of the commissioners' position.

"We've always gone by county numbers in figuring possible ways to fund school needs," Dr.

Holliday said. "The 5% projected sales tax revenues we used came from the county. If their current numbers say 2% is a more accurate number, we're ready to sit down together and run the numbers to see how this affects the plan.

"We've been pretty clear about what the school needs really are," he said. "If the county commissioners' parameters include no tax increase, if they include balanced principal instead of balanced payments, the plan can be adjusted. I'm sure that, working together, the schools and the commissioners can develop a plan that is in the best interest of the entire county."

Referring to Mr. Johnson's con- Yard Sale, Bake Sale and Silent Auction Set

The Statesville Woman's Club is sponsoring a County Wide Yard Sale, Bake Sale and Silent Auction Saturday, May 22. The sale will be at the Woman's Club House on W. End Ave. Proceeds will go towards building of the Gordon Hospice House on Simonton Rd.

Members of the club are taking donations now except for clothing. To donate items call 704-872-7030 or 704-873-7020. The clubhouse will be open May 17 - May 21 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., or items can be picked up. In Mooresville the Hospice office will receive any donated items. For more information call 704-872-7030.

Concert Planned

IIIrd Tyme Out will be in concert Sunday, May 16, at 2 p.m. at Perry Bluegrass Barn on Sharon School Rd. The group has numerous appearances on the Grand Ole Opry and appeared on TNN Country News, Prime Time Country and The Martha White Bluegrass Night At The Ryman. Doors open at 1 p.m.

cerns that part of the funding plan included using maintenance money to pay down the debt on construction, Dr. Holliday noted that part of the plan was based solely on the assumption that new construction would replace old buildings.

"Understanding that everyday preventative maintenance of a new building costs considerably less than the large repairs required to keep up an old school is just good business management," he said. "With newer buildings, we will have some maintenance savings that can be used elsewhere."

The only confusion Dr. Holliday expressed was Mr. Johnson's reiteration that the Local Government Commission would not approve the funding proposal.

"Tim Romocki, the LGC's director

of debt management, was reported in Sunday's Iredell Neighbors as saying that a 15% debt ceiling for counties is "not cut and dried," Dr. Holliday said. "But again, I know this can be cleared up when we sit down together, perhaps including the LGC in discussions."

In fact, Holliday said it would probably be a good idea for representatives of the Mooresville Graded School District and Mitchell Community College also to be at the table since, as Mr. Johnson said, they will have an interest in some share of the county projects.

"The School Board asked in March to sit down together with the county to develop a plan. Now that Mr. Johnson has opened the door, I hope it leads us all toward a solution that benefits Iredell County."

SIHS Marksmanship Team Placed Third Overall



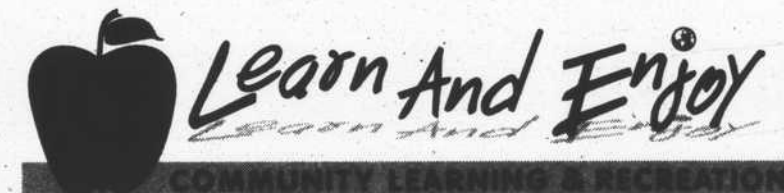
SOUTH IREDELL HIGH SCHOOL'S MARKSMANSHIP TEAM MEMBERS WERE, from left, Winston Beasley, Nicole Northern, Bradley Heath, Jason McCoy (kneeling) and Jonathan Stephenson.

South Iredell High School's marksmanship team recently placed third overall in the Regional Finals of the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), North Carolina Air Rifle Championships held in Lexington. The local competitors were all members of the Marine Corps JROTC

The competition includes a total of

60 shots from standing, kneeling and prone positions from 10 meters away. The target bulls-eye is the size of a pencil tip.

Top shooter from the match was South Iredell's Winston Beasley with a score of 511/600. Nicole Northern placed just out of the medal round in fourth position.



Mitchell Community College

Faux Finishing - Tuesdays and Thursdays May 26 - June 10, 6-8 p.m. in Room B7 of the Mitchell Community College Continuing Education Center on W. Front Street. No experience is expected; participants will learn how to create fantastic finishes for walls and ceilings. Learn techniques not taught at the local hardware/paint store.

Wire Sculpture - Monday evening, May 17, 6-9 p.m. in Room B7 of the Mitchell Community College Continuing Education Center on W. Front Street. No experience is expected; participants learn how to make fanciful wire sculpture from aluminum wire and various findings.

Intermediate Photography - Tuesday evenings May 18 - July 13, 6-9 p.m. in Room 19C at the Continuing Education Center. Course provides an opportunity to enhance and improve students' skills through the completion and critique of methods and techniques of a series of assignments.

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