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## Community Calendar

### Walnut Creek CD Club Meets

The Walnut Creek Community Development Club will meet on April 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Enon Baptist Church. All Walnut Creek residents are invited to attend. Madison County Sheriff E.Y. Ponder will be the guest speaker.

### Laurel VFD Annual Meeting Set

The annual meeting of the Laurel Volunteer Fire Dept. will be held on May 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the fire hall. All residents of Number 2 Township are urged to attend.

### Circus Coming To Marshall April 29

The Roberts Bros. Circus will present two performances on April 29 on Blannerhassett Island in Marshall. The performances, at 6 and 8 p.m., are sponsored by the Marshall Volunteer Fire Dept.

Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for children. Family discount tickets are also available from firemen and at The News Record office on Main Street.

Proceeds from ticket sales will be used to purchase fire-fighting equipment.

### Clean Streams Cookout Planned

There will be a trout cookout and covered dish supper for all Clean Streams Day participants on Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m. at Hickey's Trout Farm on Hwy. 212.

Trout are \$1.25 each, but will be cleaned free of charge. Cookers will also be provided at no cost.

For more information, contact Lou Zeller at 656-2773, Louise Langsner at 656-2280 or Terry Ausband at 656-2364.

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**REMEMBER...** Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday at 2 a.m. Be sure to move your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night before retiring.

# Mars Hill Considers Withholding Payment

By WILLIAM LEE

The Mars Hill Board of Aldermen, in a special meeting held Tuesday night, instructed their town attorney to look into the possibility of withholding payments from Cooper Construction Company. As of April 26, Cooper Construction may also find itself assessed as much as \$1,500 per day damages for work they have not completed on the sewer project.

The problem centers around Mars Hill's sewer system and construction that was first supposed to have been completed in January. Since that time, the town has granted two extensions to Cooper Construction. With the final 45-day extension due to end on Saturday, it is doubtful the work will be completed.

"Under the provisions of the contract and its liquidity damages clause, the construction company could be held liable and assessed damages until repairs are made to the extent they were supposed to," Mars Hill attorney Doris Phillips told The News Record.

The decision to consult with the town attorney for a legal decision was made during executive session by the Board of Aldermen.

"The contract with the provisions for the extensions granted also allows us to assess late penalties of up to \$500 per day, per division not completed," Mayor Owen Tilson said. Currently only the work in Division 3, along Bailey Street and adjoining residential areas, has been completed. Cooper Construction will have ten days after the conclusion of their extension period to complete their work before Mars Hill can begin penalizing them.

Part of the reason the other three divisions have not been completed is due to the town's dissatisfaction with efforts by Cooper Construction to repair damages.

"Cooper's paving work has not been approved by our engineers along Chestnut Street, Valley Street, and Mountain View Road," Tilson told the aldermen. Tilson claims that patchwork done on the streets had not been done satisfactorily and was "coming out in chunks." There were also complaints of a ditch line mistakenly filled, creating minor flooding in some yards.

According to estimates by town manager Darryl Boone, based on the latest payment requests submitted by Cooper Construction, 95 to 99 percent of the work was completed.

"Most of the piping is down, they just need to finish filling in, repaving those streets, and make repairs where needed," Boone said.

Boone added that the city engineers have reported two water leaks at the recently completed sewer treatment plant. The engineers claim the leaks would seal themselves once the pipes to the plant were connected. The plant and its connecting pipes are considered Division 1 work by the town's contract with Cooper Construction.

Mars Hill earlier this week received a payment request for Division 1 and Division 4 work for a total of \$21,000. Tilson reminded the aldermen that they had the right to hold a retainage of five percent of the total per division.

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# Car Accidents Claim Two

On Saturday night, two-year old Ida Melinda Roberts of Route 5, Marshall was killed when she was thrown from her parents' car on Walnut Creek Road.

State Trooper Jerry Tapp investigated the accident which occurred about 7 p.m. Tapp told reporters that the child was sitting in her mother's lap prior to the accident and

was thrown from the car when it went down an embankment and overturned. Trooper Tapp said the car rolled over on top of the child.

The child's father, J.P. Roberts, was uninjured in the single-vehicle accident. The child's mother, Joyce, was taken to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville for treatment. No charges were filed in connection

with either accident.

A 31-year old Grapevine man was killed on April 15 when his car overturned on Jupiter Rd. near Weaver

ville. Rickie Worley was pronounced dead at the scene of the single-car accident about 9:20 p.m. Worley was thrown from the 1980 Mazda when the car hit a ditch and flipped over three

times before striking a tree.

State Trooper M.T. Murphy, the investigating officer, estimated that Worley was travelling at approximately 75 m.p.h. at the time of the accident.

Worley was travelling alone at the time of the accident and was not wearing a seat belt.



NINETEEN MARSHALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS took part in the annual History Day competition at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee. Marshall students again took top honors in several categories and will compete in state finals this weekend.

# Marshall Students Take History Day Honors

Marshall School captured first place trophies and two second place trophies in the eighth annual Educational District History Day competition, April 11 and 12.

The competition drew more than 400 students from 15 schools in Western North Carolina. The awards gave Marshall school its fifth school championship in six years of competing. Team champions were determined on the basis of total participation and the quality of a team's performance within the competition's theme. The theme for this year was "Conflict and Compromise in History."

Taking first place for Marshall for individual project was Allen Fisher, whose project was Labor vs. Management. A second place was awarded to Barbara White for her Appalachian Architecture individual project.

Receiving first place honors for group project was Kelli Rice and Stacy Ball for their project on the death penalty and its moral conflict. Second place honors were given to Amber Coulby and Susan Waldrop for "The Feminist Movement In America" and also to Carla Payne and Karen Lipe for their work on herbal medicine.

A first place award in the Media category was given to Heather Banks and Karen Deaver for their visual arts display on nursing and midwifery.

A first place was also awarded to Jody Felton in the category of Individual performance. Her project was titled "A Vista Worker Comes to Appalachia."

All individuals and groups finishing first or second will be competing in the state History Days competition this weekend in Winston-Salem.

# School Board Candidates Address The Issues

## Democratic Primary Opponents Are Questioned

By WILLIAM LEE

The following are interviews conducted last week with the seven Democratic candidates for the Madison County Board of Education. All candidates were asked the same three questions and answers are verbatim.

**DON MASSEY**

is a candidate for the Madison County Board of Education. He is a resident of Marshall.

State your reasons for running for the board of education.

MASSEY: I have two kids in the school system. One in the third grade at Marshall Primary and the other starting school next year. I went through the school system as well. That gives me 14 years worth of dealing with the schools in Madison County.

Instead of sitting back talking about what needs to be done, I thought I should try to do something. There are a lot of things right with the schools, but some things need changing. The majority of schools need

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**ED GENTRY**

is an incumbent seeking re-election to the board of education. He is a resident of Marshall.

State your reasons for running for the board of education.

GENTRY: Some 25 years ago Robert Edwards and I got involved with the school board. We started a program for the school garages and eventually built their new new facilities.

Over the course of the years, we've continued to work for improvements in our schools. We've always wanted to build and improve school facilities and still want to see growth in our education system. It would be a crime to neglect the youth of the land.

Do you or do you not support a school bond referendum for Madison County?

GENTRY: The idea of a school bond issue has been considered before, and now people's thinking has been changing by legislation passed to raise state money.

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**ROBERT PONDER**

is an incumbent seeking re-election to the board of education. He is a resident of Hot Springs.

State your reasons for running for the board of education.

PONDER: Several years ago I was encouraged to run for the board of education. Those people have continued their support for me.

I'm pleased with the progress we have made in the education of our children. In the short time I've been with the board, we have consolidated the schools, built a new high school and the Marshall Primary school.

By next year all our school buildings will have new roofs, and I made sure that in the process they have been insulated as well.

Do you or do you not support a school bond referendum for Madison County?

PONDER: I'm in favor of going through the legislative process instead. They are considering passing a state-wide half-cent sales tax, with all

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**FLOYD WALLIN**

is an incumbent seeking re-election to the board of education. He is a resident of Spring Creek.

State your reasons for running for the board of education.

WALLIN: One thing I love and that is the children of this county. I know the biggest concern of a parent is getting an education for their children.

The children need the best that they can get. If you ain't got an education, you've got nothing. And I'm interested in seeing that we give them a good one.

Do you or do you not support a school bond referendum for Madison County?

WALLIN: Madison County is a poor county. Every time you mention more tax to the people they are going to balk.

I think the state legislature will pass that half-cent sales tax and that will be the best way to go.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE LARRY B. MOSELEY addressed an audience during Saturday's History Day competition at Western Carolina University. The annual event was held at the university and was named in honor of the Marshall school.