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Community Calendar

County League Of Women Voters To Hold Candidates Forum

The Madison County unit of the League of Women Voters and the Greater Ivy Community Development Club will sponsor a candidate's night on Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Greater Ivy Community Center (old Beech Glen School.)

All candidates for Madison County Board of Commissioners, county tax collector, sheriff, clerk of court and District I candidates for the county school board have been invited to attend.

Candidates will answer written questions submitted by the audience. Bruce Phillips will moderate the meeting.

The public is urged to attend.

4-H's To Hold Organizational Meeting Sept. 15

The Marshall Insiders 4-H Club will hold an organizational meeting on Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Agricultural Extension Office in Marshall. All area youngsters ages nine through 13 are invited to attend and take part.

Mars Hill School PTA To Meet

The Mars Hill Elementary School PTA will hold a meeting on Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. All parents and teachers are urged to attend. The school will host an open house following the meeting.

Weaverville Town Council To Meet

The Weaverville Town Council will meet on Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Support Group Meets Sept. 16th

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will meet on Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Marshall Senior Citizen's Center on Long Branch Rd. Anyone interested in learning of Alzheimer's or other dementing diseases is invited to attend. For more information, call 649-2855 after 5 p.m.

Lunsford Family Reunion Sunday

The Lunsford family reunion will be held on Sept. 14 at 1 p.m. in the Woodfin Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend and bring along a covered dish.

Green Family Reunion Planned

The descendants of Will and Dora Fisher Green will hold a family reunion on Sept. 21 at 12:30 p.m. in the Bull Creek Baptist Church. All relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Board Of Education Approves Contracts

By WILLIAM LEE

The Madison County Board of Education busied themselves with contract negotiations and approval during their September meeting last Wednesday.

The board voted to hire an on-call occupational therapist and a physical therapist through Madison Manor. An occupational therapist was hired for a maximum of 325 hours through the school year at \$30 per hour, for a maximum salary of \$9,750. The physical therapist was contracted for a maximum salary of \$2,682, or 97.5 hours at \$27.50 an hour. Both contracts are subject to completion of a liability insurance policy by the individual therapists.

The board also approved contracts for Lisa Haney and Mary Ann Thomason to serve as private tutors for four exceptional students. The tutors would be paid at the rate of \$7 per hour.

The board also approved a contract with the accounting firm of Gregg and Lasher to compile a fixed asset inventory of all Madison County schools. School board secretary Jan Franklin told board members that all school systems were now being required to submit an inventory to the state, and update it annually.

Franklin said that Madison County was not equipped to compile such an extensive inventory, or place it on computer for annual updating. She said that Gregg and Lasher, who also had a contract to compile a fixed asset inventory for the state, had all items in place to purchase price and current value. Updating the inventory would be done by the county.

tory would exceed \$6,500 if the cap were not agreed to by the accountants.

The board approved completion of the roofing work at Marshall Elementary. The original contract with W.H. Arthurs Construction had not included gutters and wood replacement of any rotted supports. The new contract with the construction company came to \$3,998 for the replacement of wood, and the gutters.

The board also approved its annual contract with Environmental Testing, Inc. for the testing of drinking water in the schools. The \$1,150 contract was for all schools except Mars Hill, where a bacteria count must also be taken. The annual testing is mandated by the state.

The school board tabled further action on a proposed contract with Land-Of-Sky for the JTPA contract for the upcoming year. JTPA is a job training program for high school-age students of underprivileged families. The program had been administered through the county commissioners in the past, but has been offered to the school board by the Land-Of-Sky organization.

Although funded by the state, the program would require the school board to provide liability insurance for \$50,000 coverage. School board attorney Larry Leska said the board would have to have a separate policy other than the liability they already have. The board also approved a contract with JTPA and Land-Of-Sky for all schools in the county. The contract would be for \$1,150 for Mars Hill

Block Grant Projects Finished Below Budget

By ROBERT KOENIG

Marshall officials faced an unusual problem Monday night during their monthly meeting. The aldermen must decide what to do with some \$115,000 remaining from state-funded projects to replace water and sewer lines and rehabilitate housing.

Madison County Housing Authority director Sam Parker presented the surprising news to the aldermen. Parker's agency has been responsible for projects on Cody Rd., Candler Dr. and Island Rd. that used Community Development Block Grants furnished by the state.

The project to install water and sewer on Island Rd. is nearly complete and should have a surplus of some \$9,000, Parker said. The Cody Rd.-Candler Drive project is also nearing completion with a budget surplus totalling about \$90,000. The project was originally funded for \$158,113, which included \$19,613 in local option funds for use at the town's discretion.

While presenting the good news concerning the surplus funds, Parker also told the aldermen that a block

grant request to fund housing rehabilitation and water and sewer improvements on Cotton Mill Hill has been rejected for the second time in as many years. Marshall had sought \$139,000 to fund the Cotton Mill Hill project.

Parker explained the large surplus by telling the aldermen that the Cody Rd.-Candler Rd. project, originally budgeted for \$138,500, was awarded to Hobson Construction Co. on a low bid of \$48,200. He estimated that final cost of the project would approach \$50,000.

The grant request for the Cody Rd. project was written by representatives of the Land of the Sky Regional Council, using cost estimates provided by the town's engineer, Gary McGill of Asheville. Parker said that the original cost estimate anticipated large expenditures for blasting through rock. These funds were not required, as was later discovered when work on the project began.

Marshall officials may now submit a proposal for using the state funds on another project. Before they can

spend the funds, however, approval must be received from the N.C. Dept. of Natural Resources and Community Development, the state agency which oversees the block grant program.

At the board's request, Parker will

prepare a proposal for using the funds on Cotton Mill Hill improvements. He said he will have a draft proposal prepared for the aldermen's consideration at their October meeting.

Commissioners Approve Agreement With A-B Tech

By ROBERT KOENIG

Madison County's Board of Commissioners gave approval to a plan for constructing a satellite campus of Asheville-Buncombe Technical College in Marshall during Monday's monthly meeting.

Earlier this year, the General Assembly approved \$800,000 for construction of the new school to serve Madison County. The new school will be built on county-owned property at the county landfill.

Trustees of A-B Tech will name an architect to design the new school. No date for the start of construction has been set. The commissioners ap-

pointed outgoing commissioners James Ledford and Virginia Anderson to serve as Madison County representatives on the A-B Tech board of trustees. Both Ledford and Anderson will serve four-year terms.

Monday's meeting was delayed 20 minutes while Ledford and Ervin Adams awaited the arrival of Anderson. When the session formally opened, the commissioners went immediately into executive session with Anita Davie, director of the Department of Social Services. The commissioners remained in closed session for 30 minutes. When they emerged from the secret session, chairman James Ledford announced that no action would be taken.

The commissioners met briefly with Mars Hill architect Taylor Barnhill regarding a proposal to create a Historic Properties Commission. Barnhill, a member of the county Planning Board, told the commissioners that the planning board has recommended creation of a commission to safeguard historic sites.

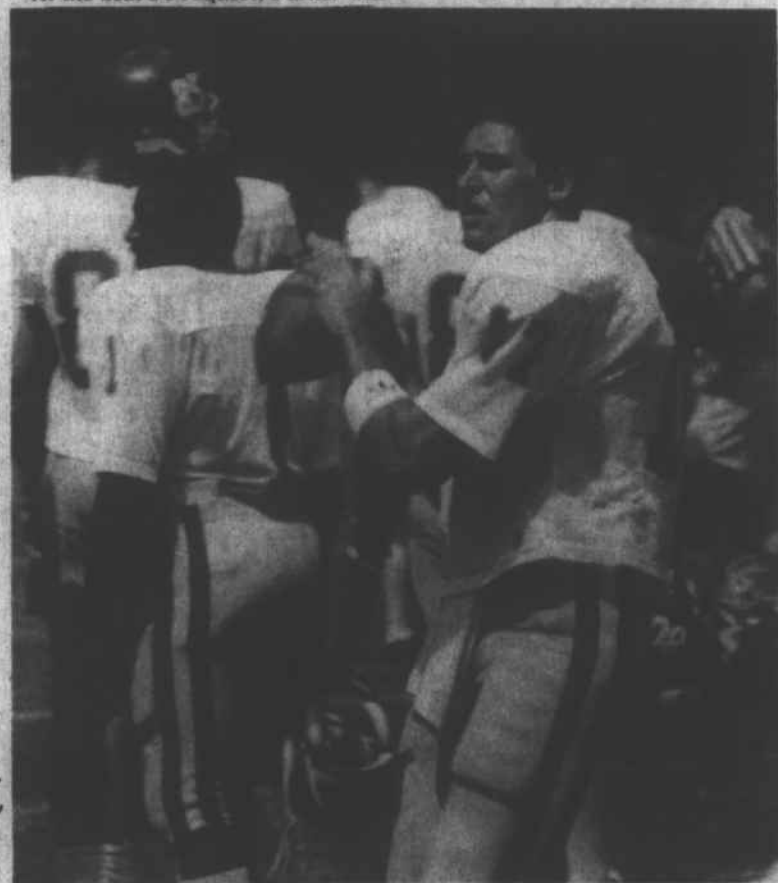
County attorney Larry Leake advised the commissioners that the planning board's proposal would require an amendment to the county zoning ordinances. Any changes in the zoning regulations would require a public hearing. The commissioners agreed to conduct a public hearing on the matter prior to the start of their October meeting.

Faye Boone, president of the Greater Ivy Community Development Club, met with the commissioners to discuss plans to reopen the Senior Citizens meal site in the community. The commissioners ordered the Greater Ivy meal site closed earlier this year in a move to trim the county budget.

Since the center was closed, Greater Ivy residents have worked to reopen the center with a volunteer staff. Boone told the commissioners that operating the center through June would require \$117 for utilities and \$446 for transportation. Board chairman James Ledford told Boone, "We're in agreement that this would be a real program if staffed by volunteers. You've got our support."

The commissioners also met with Hot Springs Mayor Kenny Ramsey regarding the county Emergency Medical Service. The board gave tentative approval to a contract with Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville that will allow qualified EMTs to administer intravenous injections when necessary to patients in the county. The board also approved agreements regarding liability insurance that will be worked out.

The commissioners also approved a contract with the county to purchase a new month meter for \$1,100 for Mars Hill



MARS HILL QB JOE PIZZO threw for two touchdowns and scored a third on a run to pace Lions to 30-3 win over Guilford College in season opener Saturday. - Story, pictures on Page 6.

Mars Hill Board Meets

By WILLIAM LEE

Discussions continue between the town of Mars Hill and the Madison Board of Education over responsibility for sewer lines at the Mars Hill School.

Last month, the school board was informed by its engineers that sewer taps and grease traps for the school's cafeteria were inadequate due to improper flow along the lines. Mars Hill officials agreed that an oversight in engineering plans on the town's sewer project that didn't allow the lines to feed properly.

An additional manhole opening will be built over the lines, but still at issue is the cost of additional 300 feet of sewer lines needed to correct the problem. Mars Hill and the school board have yet to work out who is responsible for the additional pipeline.

The town of Mars Hill is still withholding \$8,500 in liquidity damages from Cooper Construction. Mayor Owen Tilson told the board that he plans to withhold final payment until all current problems are worked out.

Private contractors placing sewer taps at residences are to be reimbursed by the town for the extra time needed to locate the taps during the weeks of July 21 through August 2. The board of aldermen passed a resolution agreeing to reimburse the contractors on July 22. The board then planned to withhold more liquidity damages from Cooper Construction, but were informed by their attorney that the problem rests with

the engineers and not Cooper.

The legal opinion meant an immediate rescinding of the resolution, but the town had already received time reports from various contractors. Mars Hill will now reimburse the contractors from its own funds.

Mayor Tilson read a letter from the Madison County Board of Commissioners announcing the allotment of an additional \$90,342 of the county's clean water grant for the Mars Hill spillway reconstruction project. Mars Hill had previously received \$75,000 from the county for the project. As requested by the commissioners, the board of aldermen will draw up a resolution of intent stating their plans to use the funds for the spillway.

In other business, the board heard from directors at the Mars Hill Housing Authority on the financial status of its housing project. The housing authority presented the town with a check for \$1,089 as payment in lieu of tax. Alderman Grady Worley complemented the housing authority in its operation "being in the black, and perhaps the only one in the state which is."

The proposed lowering of speed limits for North Main and Bruce Rd. was tabled pending return of the resolution to the state Department of Transportation for clarification of a typographical error in its resolution. North Main would be lowered from 35 to 25 mph, while Bruce Rd. would be lowered from 45 to 35.

Unemployment Shows Increase

Unemployment statewide increased slightly during August according to figures released last week by the North Carolina Employment Security Commission (ESC). The latest figures show that the state's unemployment rate rose to 6.3 percent in August from 6.1 percent in July. The state's unemployment rate in August was 6.3 percent, up from 6.1 percent in July. The state's unemployment rate in August was 6.3 percent, up from 6.1 percent in July.

reported unemployment running at 6.3 percent during the month, down from July's 6.1 percent. North Carolina's unemployment rate is third lowest among the states, behind New Jersey at 5.9 percent and New York at 6.0 percent. The state's unemployment rate during the month was 6.3 percent, up from 6.1 percent in July.