

Satellite Campus Approved By Board

Community Calendar

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 "This is just food for thought," Edwards said. "I see a good joint educational program for our adults as well as our students coming out of this."
 The commissioners agreed Thursday to also look at the school property.

A-B Tech has been operating in Madison County for 25 years, Haynes told the commissioners.

"It is our feeling that the need for adult education is continuing," he said.

A proposed four-lane highway into Tennessee would bring new industry into Madison County, and would also bring a need for trained workers, Haynes said.

"Madison County could be the number one county in terms of industrial development in all of Western North Carolina," he said. "Just look across the mountain in East Tennessee. That's an indication of what could happen here. And we would like to get in place for whatever happens."

And a Madison County campus of A-B Tech would help the county get

ready for such development, he said. According to the agreement, Madison County officials must select the site, and then agree to assume responsibility for maintenance of the building once it is constructed.
 The facility will probably be a 12,000-square foot building with classrooms, a small auditorium and a utility lab with air, water, gas and three types of electricity.

The commissioners could have opted to assume responsibility for construction of the building, but agreed to give that responsibility to A-B Tech's trustees.

The county could also deed the property to the college, but agreed to lease to the college a building built under the school's supervision on county property.

In other action Dec. 18, Richard Kingston of Marshall read a letter to the commissioners in support of their efforts.

Kingston warned that controversies and criticisms of the commissioners did nothing but hurt the image of the county.

"The election is over," he said.

"This is not the time for personal agendas and partisan strategies. This is the time for us to put our differences aside and work together to help you gentlemen to help us prosper and grow."

The board also heard a recommendation from Eddie Fox, the county emergency management coordinator, that rates for ambulance use be raised.

Fox recommended:

- Raising the rate for a one-way trip to the hospital from \$45 to \$55.
- Raising the rate for a one-way trip to the hospital, with oxygen, from \$50 to \$55.
- Raising the rate for a time spent waiting during a roundtrip to the doctors office from \$10 an hour to \$25 an hour, for visits longer than 30 minutes.

Rates currently used in Madison County have been in effect since 1979, Fox said.

The commissioners took no action. The commissioners, during last Monday's meeting, heard a request from Drew Langsner that the county look into a bale-filling system instead

of a conventional land operation. The county would fill rapidly approaching capacity, and could be full by April.

The commissioners also heard a complaint from former deputy Frank Ogle, who said that the county had not recorded 18 months of his time with the sheriff's department, which would hurt the amount of his retirement check.

The board agreed to investigate the complaint.

Former Marshall Mayor Betty Wild brought last Monday's meeting to a close by reading a letter stating that Capps and Commissioner John Hensley had met with other county officials in the courthouse basement Dec. 19 in what she said amounts to a "secret meeting."

Capps admitted that he had gone into the basement to look at pipes and the furnace, but said no county business was transacted.

Hensley then showed up with his son, Capps said.

"No business was discussed while we were down there," Capps said.

Dance In The New Year

The Greater Ivy Community will sponsor a New Year's Eve square dance at the community center beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person. There will be a live band, great dancing and beginners are welcome. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mars Hill Board To Meet

The Mars Hill Board of Aldermen will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Mars Hill Town Hall.

Hot Springs Board To Meet

The Hot Springs Board of Aldermen will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Hots Springs Town Hall.

Organizational Meeting Planned

A meeting of Marshall area residents interested in organizing several annual "Come Home To Marshall" events throughout the year will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 2 at the Marshall House. Among the interested groups are Toys For Tots, a Christmas decoration committee and the Marshall Christmas Pageant Committee. Activities will include fund-raising events.

Mars Hill Adopts Sign, Zoning Ordinance

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 "That's the wonderful thing about having a board of appeals. We cannot write an ordinance for each specific sign," Roberts said. "We know there will be specific instances where people might have to have an off-premises sign."

Enforcement of the ordinance will be up to the town Building inspector.

After nearly a half hour of discussion, Tilson called for a vote.

"We've all had discussions numerous times," he said, in reference to nearly a year of debate, public hearings and more debate surrounding the proposed ordinance.

"One more time, I'll ask for a motion to pass the town zoning ordinance," he said.

Alderman Augusta Jenkins, who made the same motion earlier this month only to have it die for lack of a second, made the motion again Monday. Alderman Grady Worley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The ordinance updates the town's zoning codes and puts them all into one ordinance. It also creates a new,

higher density R-4 residential zone.

In other action, the board approved a resolution requesting the release of \$91,233 in Senate Bill 2 funds to be used for some \$200,000 in repairs to water lines in place for more than 50 years.

The board also warned that the town would begin enforcing its dog ordinance.

Allanstand Cottage Industries Remembered

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 ing lunch, and do two or three quilts in a day.

Two things happened to signal the end of the booming craft business in Allanstand. The road through Allanstand, N.C. 206, ceased to be the main road to Tennessee. A new road took traffic away.

By about 1930, Annie Gosnell told Miss Goodrich it was hardly worth keeping the shop open.

Then in 1931 Miss Goodrich retired. The school closed. At that time the looms were given to the sales-room in Asheville, which became incorporated with the Southern Highland Handicraft Guild.

The post office at Allanstand closed in 1932. Gradually, even the Presbyterian Church built by the people in the community fell into disuse. Miss Goodrich's property was sold to H.W. Cook, and later to the present owner, Mrs. Gayle Isensee.

The craft shop was sold to Donald Stines and moved to the main road nearer Marshall, where it continued to be a craft shop for a while, then passed to other uses.

But the name Allanstand remains on the quality craft shop in Asheville, which hands out to tourists a leaflet explaining that the shop's roots were in the Allanstand community in Madison County.



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The old school and church at Allanstand are still standing.

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And yet, no candle can express the real joy of Christmas. Worship is our divine gift for revealing our love to God. The prayers and hymns we lift from happy Christian hearts as we gather in Church—these are the real Christmas Candles—the glow of a people honored and blessed by the birth of the Christ.

The Christmas Candle

Sunday Late	Monday Late	Tuesday Late	Wednesday Late	Thursday Morning	Friday Morning	Saturday After
1:26-38	1:46-55	1:57-79	2:1-20	1:18-25	2:1-12	3:17-26

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