

# Marshall Tries For 3rd Time To Spend Extra \$64,144

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The Marshall Board of Aldermen is having a little difficulty spending \$64,144 in leftover grant money.

The town board, which has already approved two projects on which to spend the money, learned Thursday that it must come up with yet another option.

The board, at a special meeting Thursday, agreed to ask N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development for permission to use the money to install sewer lines in the Rector Corner area.

Sam Parker, director of the Marshall Housing Authority, told the board at a special called meeting that state officials have rejected the town's proposal to use unspent money from the 1984 Cody Road-Candler

Drive sewer project to install a sewer line along Sunset Drive.

The problem with that project, Parker said, is that it would not serve a large percentage of low- to moderate-income residents. State guidelines for expenditure of the grant money require that it be spent in an area in which 51 percent of the residents are in the low- to moderate-income category, Parker said.

NRCD last year rejected the town's proposal to use the money to fund much-needed repair work at the Marshall Recreation Center. State officials said that the grant money must be used on either housing rehabilitation or sewer and water projects.

"I've never had so much trouble trying to spend money," said Alderman Jackie Davis.

Parker, at Thursday's meeting, told the board that he had identified a third possible project — the installation of sewer lines in the Rector Corner area.

The project would include installation of an 8-inch collector line, the replacement of four-inch sewer lines and installation of a 6-inch water line for additional fire protection, Parker said.

"Those 11 to 12 houses in that area may or may not be in the low- to moderate-income category," he said. "The project looks good. The only obstacle is the low- to moderate-income question."

In other action, the board authorized Mayor Anita Ward to appoint a committee to oversee a Tennessee Valley Authority project to renovate the Marshall depot.

# Mars Hill Housing Project Resurfaces; Board Denies Again

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A housing project first proposed two years ago resurfaced Monday night as the main topic of discussion at the Mars Hill Board of Aldermen meeting.

J.F. Robinson and Kyle Boone went before the board to request that an application for a low- to moderate-income housing development be reconsidered.

This is the second time that this particular project has been before the town board. In 1986, Robinson and Boone requested a application from

Farmers Home Administration for this housing development, which would consist of 40 units. After the application was granted, they then went through the process of having the project approved by the Mars Hill Planning and Zoning Board.

Once this step was completed, however, Robinson and Boone met with opposition from the board of aldermen.

According to Alderman John Chandler, during the first request for the development the board was under the impression that there would be

only four to seven units in the development. But when the application came back the request was for 40 units.

"This was one reason why your request was denied," Chandler said. "At the time we were having water problems and knew that the town did not have enough water to supply 40 units with water."

Robinson's and Boone's request was denied again. But board members also told Boone and Robinson that once the current water problem is resolved, their request will be considered again.

At the present time, the aldermen are concerned about a possible water problem that Mars Hill is now facing. Within the next few months, a project to reroute the spillway at the town reservoir will begin to get under way. This could cause some water shortages within the area, town officials say.

Town officials do say, however, that they do not feel that it will be disastrous shortage.

# Reading Program Set

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The "Reading Railroad" Summer Reading Program is designed to encourage children to discover new interests and abilities and also to share the fun and joy found in reading.

The "Reading Railroad" Summer Reading Program begins on Tuesday and ends Aug. 9. Each child who "climbs aboard" and participates in the reading program will receive special materials created just for this year's program.

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Part of the purpose of this notice is to inform you of the potential health effects of lead. This is being done even though your water is NOT in violation of the current standard.

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- If your home or water system has lead pipes, or
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- If your home is less than five years old, or
- If you have soft or acidic water, or
- If water sits in the pipes for several hours.

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Lead has been a common component of the materials used in the construction of water distribution systems and household plumbing throughout the centuries. While water supply systems do not still use lead joints and services, some older parts of existing systems may contain lead.

Lead is also commonly found in the soldered joints and the plumbing fixtures of older as well as modern homes and buildings. All water, even that which has been treated to reduce corrosiveness, can cause traces of lead to dissolve in the drinking water.

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
841 Chestnut Building  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19107  
1-800-424-6331

Specific questions about our water system may be addressed to the:

Town of Marshall Water Dept.  
P.O. Box 549  
Marshall, NC 28753  
649-3000

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# Weaverville Woman Dies In Hit-Run Accident; Henderson Man Charged

From Staff Reports

A Henderson County man has been charged with manslaughter and felonious hit and run after he apparently hit and killed a Weaverville woman on U.S. 19-23 north of Weaverville.

William Joseph Catlin, 44, of Huckleberry Mountain near Hendersonville was still being held on those charges in Buncombe County Jail this week, according to a jailer.

Catlin has been charged with striking Joyce Ann Fayne, 51, of 17 Reeves St., Weaverville, as she walked on U.S. 19-23 near the Flat Creek exit at about 10:30 p.m. last

Wednesday, according to the N.C. Highway Patrol.

A passing motorist discovered Fayne's body lying in the middle of U.S. 19-23 and notified the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office. After deputies learned that the death was apparently the result of a traffic accident, they notified the N.C. Highway Patrol.

Catlin was traveling south on U.S. 19-23 in the righthand lane when he saw a pedestrian walking from the median across the southbound lanes of traffic, according to Highway Patrol reports.

Catlin applied the brakes of his 1978 Pontiac station wagon and

swerved into the left lane to try to avoid the pedestrian, according to the report. He was unable to avoid a collision, striking the woman. Her body came to rest on the left edge of the highway, the report said.

Catlin was arrested later that night on Interstate 26 after his vehicle stalled, said Sgt. George Dowdle of the N.C. Highway Patrol.

"Sometime later, they (arresting officers) put two and two together and charged him with the hit and run," Dowdle said. Dowdle did not know if the impact with Fayne caused Catlin's car to break down.

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## Homecoming A 'Success'

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day (that resulted in lower than anticipated turnout)," Ramsey said.

Last year's homecoming festivities — the first ever for the town — attracted an estimated 2,000 people, according to town officials. But last year's event was held a month earlier, and many folks who might have attended this year may have already scheduled summer vacations, Ramsey said.

The town's homecoming is designed to attract former residents back home and to give current townfolk and opportunity to socialize.

The theme of the home coming was centered around the old Hot Springs High School.

The festivities began Friday evening with a beauty pageant, with master of ceremonies Bob Caldwell, a native of Madison County and WLOS-TV weatherman.

On Saturday the first graduating class of Hot Springs High School was the subject of a special celebration. Sidney Iler and Neil Hill, the only surviving members of the first graduating class, were honored.

All day Saturday, there were different activities in the downtown area. Crafts and food were the biggest part of the attractions.

Hot Springs residents and visitors danced in the streets Friday and Saturday nights as live bands played music.