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There's more information on the sale of the formerly Heavenly mountain site as a meditation center, as Jason Dolph of Chartwell Group in Charlotte revealed that high bidder Marvin Sault failed to meet deadlines and defaulted in the sale of the 381 acre site. Dolph said Chartwell reverted to the second bidder, and closed on the property last Friday. The bid also reverted to a lower level, and Watauga records show that to

be some $6.2 million dollars. The deal fell apart as Sault was still detailing plans for an aircraft runway and other plans for operation of a college on the property as late as last week. The original high bid by Sault was $10.5 million. International Center for Peace and Well-Being announced yesterday that it would be offering a variety of yoga, meditation, and wellness programs at the 381-acre mountaintop retreat facility in Boone, known when sold as Forest Summit. The press release says the International Center will be working under the aegis of Ved Vignan Maha vidyapeeth or the Institute for Vedic Sciences, saying they purchased the property last Friday. A Google search turns up the organization in Bangalor India, founded in 1981 by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar with the vision of creating a stress-free, violence-free society.

The International Center, in collaboration with The Art of Living Foundation, International Association for Human Values, says they will offer programs for all ages including self-development programs for adults, corporate retreats, leadership development for young adults, summer camps for children as well as specialized programs for returning veterans and international cultural events at its new facility. The director of VVM is quoted by the paper as saying, "Our vision is to create a world-class center that will offer holistic programs for physical, mental, and spiritual rejuvenation. We are privileged to have this opportunity at Boone and are committed to working with the local community and the university students. We feel that the students will greatly benefit from the programs not only in their personal life but also in advancement of their professional careers. We are also looking forward to working with the greater Boone community in the days to come," In addition to the core offerings, the International Center also plans to host a Naturopathy Wellness Spa that will help restore balance and reawaken the body's natural healing mechanisms. These treatments will complement the yoga and meditation techniques that will be offered as part