Committees
I want to thank everyone that currently serves on a Town Committee whether you are a member of the Finance Committee or a Library “Children’s Story Time Reader.” Committee members are volunteers and don’t receive any type of compensation. The Town can use volunteers for a variety of reasons. Interested?

Street Lighting
The Council is interested in hearing from citizens as to where they would like to see additional road lighting. Contact Town Hall if you have some suggestions.

Racetrack
We haven’t received anything new as to the City of Asheville’s plans relative to the racetrack. As you may recall, the Towns of Fletcher and Mills River as well as Henderson County asked Asheville for additional information, as it comes available, to keep us informed. Asheville is “studying” a location on the Asheville Airport property.

Code of Ordinances
The Town has just completed the process of codifying its ordinances. All of the ordinances will be available online by accessing the Town’s website. Watch for these to be available on or about June 15th.

Council Members
Shannon Gonce
District 3
Boylston Area

Lois Pryor
District 2
Mills River Area Central

Ed Glenn
District 1
Mills River Area North

Wayne Carland
At Large
Covers the Entire Town

Roger Snyder
At Large
Covers the Entire Town
The dairy industry in Henderson County and in Mills River has undergone major changes during the past seven decades. When I was growing up on a small farm in Mills River, most families owned at least a milk cow or two to produce enough milk and butter for family consumption. Jerseys and Guernseys were the preferred breed at the time due to the high butterfat content of their milk. Before the advent of electric power and home refrigerators, it was common practice to store fresh milk in large stoneware jars in a spring house at an early age.

I can personally recall using three types of butter churns: the barrel, the dasher, and the daisy. The barrel churn had a crank handle attached to an axle anchored to the center of the barrel. The rotation of the barrel served to agitate the cream inside. The churning produced a chug-a-lug sound, and one learned to judge when the process was finished by a subtle change in the sound. I still remember a simple song intended to accompany the churning task. One line was "come butter come-Peter's at the butter gate, waiting for the buttermilk-come butter come." The dasher churn utilized a large cream jar and had a lid with a center hole large enough for a wood plunger. One end of the plunger was fitted with a cross-shaped agitator. The operator raised and lowered the plunger with a repetitive action to do the churning. The daisy churn employed a gear transmission which linked a hand crank with a rotating propeller much like a small turbine to agitate the cream enough to produce butter. Whichever churn one used, the final result was butter which was scooped out and transferred to a butter mold. If desired, a decorative pattern could be stamped into the surface as part of the molding process. Some housewives learned to make cottage cheese or regular cheese as an alternative to butter.

Even before World War II, a number of small dairy farms had begun producing milk as a commercial commodity. In 1938, Henderson County reportedly had about 3950 milk cows which had produced about $250,000 worth of dairy products that year. During the next decade, the income from dairy farms in the county increased about four fold to reach an estimated one million dollars in 1947. It was reported in December 1947 that 10 new Grade A dairy barns had been built in the county during the year with most being of the six-cow size. The growth trend continued and, in June 1952, the Hendersonville Times-News reported that the county now had a total of 86 Grade A milk producers with some milking as many as a hundred cows. Henderson County had become known as a "Guernsey County" with that breed consisting about 90 per cent of the 5500 milk cows in the county in 1951.

The fawn-and-white colored Guernsey breed had originated on Guernsey Island in the English Channel where the monks of St. Michael's Abbey had obtained the progenitors through careful breeding beginning in the Middle Ages. Milk from these cows had a distinctive yellow color which was rich in carotene and quite high in butter fat. Glenn D. White, who became the County Farm Agent in Henderson County in 1936, was a strong advocate of purebred Guernseys. As part of his effort to improve the dairy herds in the county, he obtained a gift of $500 from the State Trust Bank in Hendersonville to purchase the purebred Guernsey bull known as "King Brilliant" in 1940. During the next five years this "bank bull" sired about 100 offspring in the county and played a major role in the county gaining recognition as a leading center for this breed in the South. One of King Brilliant's daughters, known as "Fanning Fields Julia," became the first Guernsey in the county to sell for a thousand dollars and later was resold for $10,000. Julia produced a measured production of 15,283 lbs of milk with a butter fat content of 797 lbs in a single year.

White was serving as president of the county's Guernsey Breeders Association in 1948 when 48 registered Guernsey cows were available for sale at the annual county auction. At that time, seven dairy farms in the county milked only purebred Guernseys and sold their milk under the trademark "Golden Guernsey." In 1949, the first meeting of the national Guernsey Breeders Association to be held in the South was hosted by Skybrook Farm in Henderson County with about 400 breeders in attendance.

The Mills River High School held a "Dairy Day" in August 1951 which featured talks and a dairy cow judging demonstration. Those attending visited the John McLean dairy farm near the school. Two Mills River students won the top awards in the Guernsey Division of the annual Junior Dairy Show in 1953. Jere Brittain received the Grand Championship award, and Leta Corpening was the recipient of the Reserved Championship. The same year, the Mills River School's cattle judging team ranked best in the nation when it won a national championship competition held in Waterloo, Iowa. The winning team's mentor was John S. Hollamon, the vocational agriculture teacher and former County Farm Agent. Jere Brittain compiled the highest score in the competition and won the gold medal.

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The fawn-and-white Guernsey dairy cows began to face competition from the black-and-white Holstein breed in the 1950s. The County Agent's report for the year 1948 stated that Guernseys were the dominant dairy cows in the county but noted that there were now some Holsteins and Brown Swiss cows. One newly established dairy had begun with a herd of 12 Holsteins. A newspaper report in June 1952 stated that the number of Holsteins in the county was growing because of the greater volume of milk produced per cow. The Holstein Breeders Association of Henderson County was established in June 1952. In June 1957, County Agent, D.W. Bennett, reported that there were currently 90 Grade A dairy farms in the county with an average of 28 milking cows each. About 400 people were being employed on the farms.

In April 2000, the Times-News reported that only 7 dairy farms were still in operation in Henderson County. One of these, owned by the Fullam family, had about 300 cows which were milked three times a day by milking machines. This herd produced an average of 8.72 gallons per day per cow and one cow had produced 167 lbs in a single day. By then, the Holstein had achieved the dominance once held by Guernseys. The mechanization of milking and the negative image of high butterfat content had helped make the higher average volume, low-fat milk of the Holsteins advantageous to milk producers.

These days, whenever I drive the back roads of Mills River, I am more apt to see deer and riding horses in the remaining pastures than dairy herds. Land surveyors and realtors are busily laying out and selling mountain view lots on former dairy farms. Published reports in March 2007 indicate that the Fullam Dairy has been sold to developers and that only 4 dairy farms remain in operation in the county. The once numerous dairy cows are following the pigs and barnyard chickens into the pages of local history. In recent years, I have found it necessary to travel to Holmes County, Ohio, to observe the Amish farmers who still keep pigs, small dairy herds, and draft horses. Their family farms remind me of those at Mills River long ago.

West Henderson High School News

Diplomas will be awarded by Dr. Jan Webster, Principal, and Kathy Revis, Assistant Superintendent of Henderson County Schools, to graduating seniors from West Henderson High on June 8th at 7:30 pm at the Johnson Stadium, weather permitting.

Of the 230 seniors who will be graduating, the following top four students will speak at the graduation: Shawn Loder, Mike Aubrey, Barrett Armstrong and Brian Rose.

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!
Local Small Business Ads

The Mills River Town Newsletter is printed quarterly: March, June, September, and December. In order to defray the cost of publishing, the newsletter will be taking small business ads. These ads will be business card size and black and white. The business must be located within the town limits. There is a $50 fee for each quarterly advertisement and since there is a limited amount of space, ads will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. The ad must accompany payment and checks should be labeled for the newsletter. The fee collected goes directly for newsletter costs. Site selection within the newsletter is to be determined by the newsletter committee and the committee reserves the right to refuse an ad. Both ad and payment will be returned if this occurs.

RECIPE CORNER

Apple Crisp
by Beth Foisy

4 cups sliced apples, peeled and cored (about 6)
handful of raisins (optional)
lemon juice
1/2 cup rolled oats
1/2 cup flour
1/3 cup soft butter or margarine
2/3 cup brown sugar (packed)
3/4 tsp. cinnamon
3/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Preheat oven to 375. Grease an 8” baking pan (or use cooking spray). Sprinkle apple slices with a little lemon juice to keep from turning brown. Spread apples and raisins in prepared pan. In a bowl mix rolled oats, flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Add butter and mix until crumbly. Stir in nuts. Spread topping over apples. Bake at 375 for 30-35 minutes until topping is golden brown and apples are cooked. Serve warm. Top with ice cream or cool whip if desired.

Newsletter Submissions

The Town of Mills River newsletter is published and distributed quarterly. Articles submitted may be edited for brevity. Deadline for submission of articles is the 5th of each of the following months: June, September, December, and March. Submit articles in writing to:

Paula DeLorenzo
9 White Birch Drive
Arden, NC 28704

or by email to p828@bellsouth.net. Articles can also be dropped off at the Mills River Town Hall. If you need assistance, have questions, or need more information, feel free to call Paula at (828) 890-8131.

Hendersonville Elementary
Cafeteria Manager
Wins Mills River Volunteer
Fire Department Quilt Raffle
by Roz Ledford

Stephanie Cox of East Flat Rock held the lucky ticket drawn at the Mills River Volunteer Fire Department Quilt Raffle on April 2, 2007. Stephanie said she was so excited when she got the call that she actually thought the call was an April Fool’s joke; she could hardly believe her good fortune when the caller finally convinced her she was the winner. As pink is her favorite color, the quilt now has a special place in her home – on her bed. Our winner is a busy lady with her important position overseeing the cafeteria facility operation at Hendersonville Elementary, the County’s only year-round school - and the students at Hendersonville Elementary are fortunate to have such a caring individual looking after them each school day. In addition to her busy work schedule, Stephanie is working on a two year associate degree at Blue Ridge Community College and is the mother of a 19 year old son, Stephen, who is a volunteer fireman with the Etowah Volunteer Fire Department.

CONGRATULATIONS STEPHANIE!!!

THE COFFEE’S ON US.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF OUR COFFEE CLUB.

Date: June 18th Time: 9:00 am
Place: Mills River Commons

Jollene J. Austin
Financial Advisor
Edward Jones
www.edwardjones.com Member SIPC
Get to Know Your Civil Servants
By Paula DeLorenzo

Do you have any idea who this is?

We all know him as Town Council Member, Ed Glenn, pictured in his early twenties.

In his youth, Ed attended Mills River School for twelve years. At that time the school comprised grades one through twelve. Mills River School was owned by the community and it was the first public school in Henderson County. The original school was the Mills River Academy located where the Mills River Community Center now stands. The year that Ed graduated, 1960, was the last class to graduate from Mills River High School – in 1961 Mills River consolidated with Fletcher and Etowah to form West Henderson High School.

The family ancestry can trace itself back to the Revolutionary War and to James Britain from England who originally settled in this country. Ed’s Great Uncle served in the Spanish American War and Ed’s Great Grandfathers on both sides of the family fought in the Civil War. Additionally, two of Ed’s uncles fought in World War I and four of his uncles fought in World War II, while yet another uncle served during the Korean conflict.

After school Ed enlisted in the Air Force and served six years stationed on a nuclear base in the upper Mid-West during the Bay of Pigs Invasion, the Cuban Missile Crisis and the beginning of the war in Vietnam.

Ed attended Buncombe Community College and worked for two major freight companies for thirty-three years in both labor and management. Ed met his wife, Cheryl, while stationed in the Mid-West. Cheryl grew up on a farm and she and Ed have been married for forty-five years. Ed’s hobby for thirty plus years has been and still is horses that he used to show.

Ed and Cheryl have three children. The oldest daughter is a medical doctor in Greer, SC; the second daughter teaches fourth grade at Glenn C Marlow Elementary; and the youngest, a son, works in upper management at a large company in Chapel Hill.

Ed is a member of the original group that incorporated Mills River and is currently serving the first year of his second three-year term on the Mills River Town Council. Ed considers it an honor to be able to serve on the Mills River Town Council and to be able to steer change in the direction that will most benefit the town. It is Ed’s belief that one must be extremely careful to balance the extremes of property rights and socialism in an effort to protect the natural beauty with which we have been blessed.

MILLS RIVER BRANCH LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAMS
by Roz Ledford

2007 Summer Reading Program. Be a Super Library Sleuth and participate in the Henderson County Public Library’s Summer Reading Program “Get a Clue @ Your Library” which will begin June 11, 2007. Beginning on June 11, you can pick up a reading booklet and “Get a Clue @ Your Library!” All Summer Reading Activities are FREE.

What Counts as reading? You can read to yourself, read to someone else, or have someone read to you. You can read books, magazines and comics; you can even listen to audio books.

How old do I have to be? The Summer Reading Program is for all children ages 0-12. If you’re older, you can check out the YNK program for teens.

How do I earn prizes for my reading? Yes! When you visit the Library, bring your reading record and have it stamped to earn the following prizes:

- Easy Book Readers: 10 books: tattoo; 20 books: stickers; 30 books: button; and, 40 books: a paperback book
- Chapter Book Readers: 3 books: tattoo; 6 books: stickers; 9 books: button; and, 12 books: a paperback book

Are there any contests? Yes. You can make creativity a part of your discovery by entering our bookmark contest! The Henderson County Library will choose one winner from each Branch Library in each of three age groups. Check at your Mills River Branch for entry forms.

When will the Summer Reading Program end? The last day to pick up prizes is August 10.

Visit us on the web: http://www.henderson.lib.nc.us/hcplkids.htm

Other Summer Programs being planned for our young patrons: In addition to the Mills River Branch Library’s regular “Story Time” on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 11:00 a.m., the Branch will offer several special programs during the summer months. The programs scheduled for June 14 and July 12 will be in lieu of the regular “Story Time.” The special programs are as follows:

The North Carolina Search & Rescue Dog Association: June 13, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. NOTE: The Mills River Branch is usually not open on Wednesday mornings; however, we will open early for this special program.

Pre-School Age: June 14, 2007 - Special Story and Activity Time: 11:00 a.m.
July 12, 2007 - Special Story and Activity Time: 11:00 a.m.

Grades 3 - 6: June 20, 2007 Storytelling Special: 2:00 p.m. – Rangers from the Carl Sandberg Estate will visit and tell a Rootabaga Story.
Grades 4 - 6: June 19, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. - Codes and Cipher
July 26, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. - Mysteries Workshop
Teen Program: June 26, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. - Runes Program
July 17, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. - Jefferson Cipher

Other Mills River Branch Library News

Additional Internet Computers: The Mills River Library Branch now has additional Internet computers at the Branch. The Henderson County Public Library System has provided two additional Internet computers (bringing our total to four) and these have received much use since their arrival in late April. Copies of the Henderson County Public Library (HCPL) Internet Use Policy are available at any Henderson County Public Library location. Ask for a copy on your next visit.

Volunteers Needed: If you are interested in donating 4 hours of your time each week at the Mills River Branch Library, please contact the Mills River Volunteer Coordinator, Roz Ledford, at 891-5344 or stop by the Branch and pick up a Volunteer Application form. Training is provided to each volunteer prior to beginning their volunteer service.
Water Safety
by Jeannie Pfeffer

During the upcoming warm months Mills River Fire and Rescue asks that you observe the following safety guidelines from the National Safety Council:

Water Safety

Drowning claims the lives of nearly 3,000 people every year. Although all age groups are represented, children four years old and younger have the highest death rate due to drowning. Most drowning and near-drowning incidents happen when a child falls into a pool or is left alone in the bathtub.

Safety Tips

• Never leave a child alone near water: on the beach, at a pool, or in the bathtub. If you must leave, take your child with you.
• Kids don’t drown only in pools. Bathtubs, buckets, toilets, and hot tubs present drowning dangers as well.
• Enroll children over age three in swimming lessons taught by qualified instructors. But keep in mind that lessons don’t make your child "drown-proof."
• Always follow posted safety precautions when visiting water parks.
• If you’re visiting a public pool, keep an eye on your kids. Lifeguards aren’t babysitters.
• Teach your children these four key swimming rules:
  (1) Always swim with a buddy.
  (2) Don’t dive into unknown bodies of water. Jump feet first to avoid hitting your head on a shallow bottom.
  (3) Don’t push or jump on others.
  (4) Be prepared for an emergency.
• Never consume alcohol when operating a boat.
• Always use approved personal flotation devices (life jackets).
• Don’t underestimate the power of water. Even rivers and lakes can have undertows.
• Always have a first-aid kit and emergency phone contacts handy. Parents should be trained in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

Personal Flotation Devices

• Personal flotation devices, or PFDs, are for everybody—from small kids in the backyard to public pools, to beginning swimmers of any age, to those who enjoy boating or kayaking.

How should they be used

• There are several types of PFDs to fit all ages, uses and budgets. These range from the inexpensive horse collar types to the top of the line vests.
• The US Coast Guard requires all boaters to have PFDs, although adults aren’t required to wear them at all times. However, best practice is to always wear your PFD, no matter how calm the water looks.
• If you’re canoeing or kayaking, wear the right clothes under your PFD. Weather conditions can change quickly, and water temperature may be cold. Dress in layers. Fleece or synthetic fabrics that wick away moisture and retain heat are better than cotton.
• Kids who can’t swim should wear a US Coast Guard-approved Type II PFD. Kids with more control in the water-who, for instance, can turn over on their back-can move on to a Type III.
• Where kids are concerned, remember that inflatable toys are never a substitute for PFDs.
• Also note that the popular “wings” for children’s arms are not considered lifesaving devices like US Coast Guard-approved life jackets.

Home Swimming Pools

• Install barriers around your home swimming pool. One key barrier is a four-sided fence, four feet high, with slats less than four inches apart. The gates should be self-closing and self-latching, and no child should be able to reach the latch.
• Door and pool alarms offer additional protection.
• No amount of barriers or alarms should replace supervision—always watch kids in the water. It only takes a few seconds for tragedy to strike.
• Have a cordless phone, emergency numbers, and a first aid kit near the pool. LEARN CPR!

For further information research the Internet, contact Red Cross, or Jeannie Moore Pfeffer (215-4897) at Mills River Fire and Rescue.
Calling All Citizens! We Need Your Voice!
by Jaime Adrignola

As part of the budgeting process for the FY 2007-2008 Budget, the Council worked with the staff and their advisory boards to develop goals for the upcoming year. This includes things like updating the Long Range Land Use Plan and cleaning up some of our existing ordinances. Before moving forward into next year to tackle these projects, we need to know from YOU what you would like to see as far as Planning and Development, both now and for the future of the Town.

Coming up at the end of June, we are going to have a series of workshops to give everyone the opportunity to come let us know what you think. The format is casual with no formal presentation and you don’t have to sign up and speak in front of a whole group of people. Just drop in when you can and participate as much or as little as you’d like. We will have maps showing the existing development regulations and information in case you’ve always wondered what could locate next door or what you can do on your own property. We will also have some ways for you to give Town Hall feedback on what you would like to see in upcoming updates to the codes and the land use plan.

Everyone at Town Hall is excited about this opportunity to get you involved and we want to make sure to reach as many citizens as we can. For that reason, we will have two weeks devoted to holding these workshops in different areas of town on different nights so that you should be able to make a session. We will also be working to make everything available on our website, www.millsriver.org. So check out the dates and locations below and pick one that meets your schedule. We look forward to seeing you there and hearing what you have to say about planning and development in our community.

**Town of Mills River Planning and Development Drop-In Workshops**
Monday, June 18, 2007 Glenn Marlow Elementary School Cafeteria, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday, June 19, 2007 Boylston Baptist Church, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Saturday, June 23, 2007 Town of Mills River Town Hall, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Tuesday, June 26, 2007 Town of Mills River Town Hall, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM & 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Mills River Agricultural Advisory Committee
by Paula DeLorenzo with Darryl Fullam

The Mills River Agricultural Advisory Committee is comprised of the following seven members: Darryl Fullam, Chairperson, Don Bradley, Bert Lemkes, Bradley Johnston, Dave Shaffer, James Maney and Jay Lee Brittain. The Committee typically meets once a month and their minutes are reviewed by the Town Council. If there is a matter of urgency/importance, then the Committee sends a letter to the Council prompting its response.

The Committee advises the Town Council on anything affecting agriculture within the town. A major part of the committee’s function is to fend off additional County and State agency regulations. Crops grown in Mills River are predominantly vegetables which were, luckily, not destroyed by the Easter freeze.

When asked to cite a recent committee accomplishment, Darryl noted the positive influence that his committee had on the Hollowbrook Farms property owner and the surrounding homeowners. The committee protects area farmers and their right to farm. Sometimes new residents don’t understand what’s involved in farming. Most people do not understand that many environmental issues can adversely affect area agriculture.

The committee maintains a proactive stance and attempts to find solutions to area farmers needs. The committee also made recommendations to Henderson County relative to land use plans and their Flood Plan ordinance. The committee works closely with the County Commissioners and the County Agricultural officials.
It’s summer once again in the Town of Mills River. School will be out soon and tourism will increase. We all know what this means! Traffic! Traffic! Traffic! Please obey all the posted speed limits and watch out for our area children at play. The Sheriff’s Department has received a grant for a traffic team that is now up and running. This grant was obtained through the Governor’s Highway Safety Program. The new team will be concentrating on education, speeding, aggressive driving and DWI reduction.

The Sheriff’s Department will be working in conjunction with the State Patrol to help reduce the number of accidents in Henderson County. The traffic team will be in our area, so be sure to obey all your motor vehicle laws.

Please have a safe and happy summer!

Remember if you need law enforcement services
For Emergencies: 911
Non-Emergencies: 697-4911
NC Highway Patrol 693-4141
NC Wildlife Resources Commission 1-800-662-7137 (to report wildlife violations)