From the Mayor

Spring is always a beautiful time in Mills River! I know many of us have been anxiously awaiting its arrival! Just as nature is making everything new, there are many “new” things happening in Mills River...a new Town website, new faces on Town Council (mine included), and we will soon welcome a new Town Planner. New businesses have been under construction and are scheduled for spring openings. We welcome The Landing, Norafin, and Pardee Urgent Care and look forward to them being good neighbors for many years to come!

Maintenance in the Park is ongoing to get ready for the busy season! In the very near future you can look for a shade structure for the playground, swings, a new rain garden project (courtesy of The Mills River Partnership), and perhaps what I am most excited about, a basketball court. Thanks to the outpouring of community support and donations to the Thomas A. Bryson Legacy Fund through the Community Foundation of Henderson County, and the Mills River Recreational Foundation, it is estimated that the project will be completed in June!

Shelter reservations and special events are booking up already! If you want to reserve the shelter for your party or event, call Town Hall to get your reservation in soon!

On April 28th from 3-9 pm Mills River Fire and Rescue is hosting a BBQ fundraiser for firefighter Karlton Glenn and his wife, Ashley. Ashley has been battling Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma for the past year and is facing intensive treatments. The fundraiser will be held at the main station on School House Road. In addition to BBQ and sides, there will be live music and auction items. Show your support for our community members in need and make plans to attend.

On a sad note, we mourn the loss of Mills River native and beloved community member, Dr. James Edward “Jim” Brittain. For years, Jim has been sharing his vast knowledge of the history and heritage of Mills River in this newsletter’s “History Corner.” He will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathies to the Brittain family.

I hope everyone enjoys the warm Spring sunshine and longer days!

Chae Tranatham Davis, Mayor
Residents who have come to Mills River in recent years might be curious about the origin of the name of Davenport’s Bridge which spans the river on Hwy. 280 (191). The name was selected in 1994 as an appropriate way to honor the family who owned and operated a general store once located on the bank of the river near the bridge. The history of the store deserves to be remembered since it served for more than seven decades as the commercial, social, and cultural center of the Mills River community.

James T. (Jim) Davenport (1871-1946) moved to Mills River from a farm in Transylvania County in 1900. Initially, he built a home and a small store on present-day Whitaker Lane on upper Mills River. He married a local girl, Bertha Whitaker (1883-1953), the oldest of 17 children of Sidney and Ruth Field Whitaker. In December, 1907, Jim and Bertha purchased an existing store on the lower Mills River. In 1909, Fred Whitaker, a brother of Bertha, joined the business. The store was then known as the Davenport and Whitaker Store until 1929 when Sheldon T. Davenport (1907-1983) joined his father, Jim, in the business. The Davenports lived on the second floor of the two-story frame structure with the store on the ground floor.

At various times in its long history, the premises of Davenport’s Store included a corn mill, a blacksmith shop, and a post office. The store provided diverse products such as sugar, salt, flour, medicines, candy, and tobacco. There was also a gasoline pump and kerosene for oil lamps. The store housed a pot-belly stove and a “loafer’s bench” where patrons were welcome to sit and visit with their neighbors. At least one nearby resident reportedly rode his farm tractor to the store regularly after he no longer could drive a car. Those connected to the upper Mills River party telephone line could call the store and have urgent messages relayed to Hendersonville and elsewhere. The author recalls a time in the late 1940’s when Jim Davenport’s grandson, Robert, would deliver a grocery order to homes in the community. Jim Davenport also served on the local school board for nearly four decades. Davenport’s Store even provided office space for a group of opponents to the building of a dam on the Mills River by the Tennessee Valley Authority in the early 1970’s.

The store was vulnerable to flooding when the river overflowed its banks. On one occasion a local resident showed up with his horse and buggy to help rescue the Davenport women from high water. In August, 1954, the Hendersonville Times-News reported that an Asheville company had been hired to move the sixty-year old store building more than 90 feet closer to Hendersonville to make room for the installation of a wider bridge on Hwy. 191. Following the death of Jim Davenport in July 1946, Sheldon and his wife, Sue Winslow Davenport, continued to operate the store until its final closure in June, 1982. The closure marked the end of an era in Mills River when Davenport’s Store was at the center of life in the community.

If you, or someone you know, would like to contribute to our History Corner, please contact Patty Brown at the Town Hall

patty.brown@millsriver.org
828-890-2901

PART TIME HELP NEEDED

3 positions available
Housekeeping, Kitchen & Guest Check-in
Call 828-290-6080

Committee/Board Vacancies

Finance Committee  1 seat  two-year term  Meets Quarterly
Planning Board       2 seats  two-year terms  Meets Monthly

Please visit www.millsriver.org to print and complete an application, or contact Sue Powell at Town Hall.

All appointments are made by Town Council. Openings are subject to change at the Board's pleasure.

School children enjoy Mills River park on a beautiful spring afternoon.
**MILLS RIVER LIBRARY**

**Mondays:** 10:00am – Storytime for all ages. Join us every Monday for songs, stories, crafts and more!

**Tuesdays:**
- 9:00am - Yoga with Lynn Edgar
- 1:00pm - Knit and Crochet Group - all levels welcome, opportunities to learn for beginners

**April 3 -
- 4:00pm - LEGO Club - all LEGOS will be provided, all ages welcome

**Thursdays:**
- 9:00am - Yoga with Lynn Edgar
- April 12 -
  - 10:30am - Book Club

**Specials**

We are adding programs all the time. For the latest information please call or visit out website.

**April 4th and 18th:** 4:00pm - *Hands On Museum* will present Science Chefs! Participants will examine the composition and nutritional value of food and beverages by conduction experiments with iron fortified cereals, sugar, yeast, and acidic ingredients. April 4th will be for grades K-2 and April 18th will target 3rd-5th graders. Space is limited - Please call or come by to register.

More Hands-on Programs continuing throughout the year on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Call or check our website for more information. (www.henderson.lib.nc.us)

**Friday April 6th:** 1:00pm – *Upcycled Cinderella!* Presented by Bright Star Touring Theatre.

In this imaginative production, Bright Star’s actors bring to life the story of Cinderella in a way that will surprise and delight audiences. The wacky duo Dustup and Binny “accidentally” stumble upon an audience and decide to put on a play with what they have before them. This production will activate the imagination and encourage young audiences to use teamwork, friendship, and creativity in their everyday lives. This program is free and open to the public.

**Wednesdays March 7th thru April 25th:** 9:00am – 3:00pm - *Matter of Balance Workshop.*, 8 classes –

Feel Stronger, Safer, and more Relaxed. A Matter of Balance workshop will help you set realistic goals for increasing activity, reduce fall risk factors, and increase strength and balance. Call 828-251-7438 to register.

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**PARK UPDATE SPRING 2018**

Spring is finally here and with each warm day we see an increase in the amount of activity in the park. It’s great to see people in the park walking the trails, visiting the dog park or watching their children practice soccer and play on the playground.

The turf restoration project we tried this past year was not as successful as we had hoped. The heavy usage of the dog park, especially the large dog park, is difficult to overcome in terms of maintaining grass. We are aware of your concerns and we are looking into alternatives to address the most heavily used areas of the dog park.

We are also working towards a solution for the cracks in the tennis courts that have developed over the winter months and are seeking quotes to repair those cracks and resurface the courts.

Upcoming events at the park include the Rugby Middle School Water Quality days being held April 17th-19th. This event is sponsored by Rugby Middle School and the Henderson County Soil and Water Conservation District. We expect 300 children in 3 days and have found that this is a highly successful program that we are proud to be a part of.

As the Mayor mentioned in her article, in May, the Mills River Partnership, in conjunction with NC State Cooperative Extension, will hold a one-day workshop to show citizens how to plan, design, and install a rain garden. The Town benefits from hosting this workshop because we will have a functioning rain garden located between the Town Hall building and the tennis courts. Rain gardens are beautiful landscape features that reduce storm water runoff, erosion and flooding. They reduce water pollution downstream which helps protect rivers and streams. All of this while creating pollinator and wildlife habitat. Stay tuned for details.

There will be a British Soccer Camp this year being held the week of July 23rd - July 27th. You may register online through a link on our website. Go to the “Links” tab and click on Challenger Sports Soccer Camp 2018. This will take you to the Challenger Sports registration page.

As the park gets busier due to weather, we want to remind everyone that no alcohol or tobacco products are allowed in the park. We also want to remind everyone that dogs may be off leash only in the dog park. Please keep your dog leashed in all other areas including going to and from the gates of the dog park itself.

Individuals and groups are starting to reserve the Picnic Shelter for the spring and summer months. Forms, rules, and requirements for making a reservation are on the Town’s website, as well as a calendar with currently reserved dates. If you wish to reserve a date, check out the calendar and call early as reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. Please go to www.millsriver.org and click on the Park button or call Town Hall at 828-890-2901 for information.
ADVERTISEMENT OF TAX LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR 2017

Under and by virtue of the authority vested in the Tax Collector by § 105-369 of the North Carolina General Statutes, and pursuant to an Order by the Mills River Town Council, the Tax Collector is hereby advertising liens for the year 2017 on the real estate described below. The amount advertised will be increased by interest and advertisement costs, and the omission of interest and advertisement costs from the amount advertised will not constitute a waiver of the taxing unit’s claim for those items.

North Carolina General Statute § 105-369 requires that tax liens be advertised in the name of the owner as of the date of delinquency. The date of delinquency for the 2017 tax year was January 6, 2018.

IF THESE TAXES REMAIN UNPAID, THE TOWN OF MILLS RIVER MAY FORECLOSE AND SELL THE PROPERTY TO SATISFY ALL CLAIMS OF UNPAID TAXES.

Do not mail the principal amount of taxes due. Please contact the Mills River Tax Collector for the correct amount owed including interest and penalties.

This the 20th day of March, 2018.

Aurelie Taylor
Town of Mills River
Tax Collector

ALBEA LAND AND TIMBER, LLC, 430 S. MILLS RIVER RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9793, REID 99-74083, $16.48
ALLOR, ALBERT L., 340 TURTLE ROCK HWY, FLAT ROCK, NC 28731, REID 99-38130, $3.24
ARRROWOOD, WILLIAM F. & LISA C., 37 WOODSCAPE DR, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9761, REID 99-29839, $106.38
ARUFFO RD., FLETCHER, NC 28732, REID 99-38129, $5.04
ASH, MELANIE, 364 BANNER FARM RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28770-8707, REID 10-16564, $317.68
BAKER, GERALD D. & CANDACE T., 2956 BUTLER BRIDGE RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28785-3854, REID 99-48587, $370.08
BLADES, MADALYN R. & BARBARA JANE, 3212 34TH AVE N, ST. PETERSBURG, FL, 33713, REID 08-00261, $8.38
BLUE RIDGE HOMES, INC., 22 BREEZEWAY DR, ASHEVILLE, NC 28803-2117, REID 99-70769, $131.58
BOYD, GEORGE W. & OLA S., 100 CREAMSAN HILL RD., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-2689, REID 10-12442, $248.22
BRUTTIS, MARY, 86 STERLING RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-8523, REID 08-01038, $151.02
BROWN, NORMAN J. & COLEEN, 120 QUAID RIDGE RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 08-00390, $269.28
BROWN, RODERICK & TESSA, 290 BULLRING CRK RD., PENROSE, NC 28766-9786, REID 08-00173, $83.16
BROWN, VIRGINIA M., 200 S MILLS RIVER RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 10-15252, $568.26
CAMPBELL, MARY E., 77 HUNTERS RIDGE DR., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-7637, REID 99-70169, $62.10
CARP, VINCENT & PATRICIA, 70 SUGAR MAPLE DR, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-2685, REID 08-00576, $496.08
CARLAND, ANTHONY & CASSANDRA, 64 PENNSYLVANIA RD., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9751, REID 99-28260, $189.72
CARLAND, JENNINGS JR., 634 VISTA FALLS DR., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-6531, REID 99-57300, $13.32
CASTRO, FELIPE & RUIZ, ENRIQUETA, 315 N CLEAR CREEK RD., HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28792, REID 99-1302, $279.54
CHRISTOPHER, ROBERT E & TIMOTHY, 182 SARDIS RD, ASHEVILLE, NC 28806, REID 10-000265, $103.68
CONROY, ROBERT W. & COURTNEY S., 295 WARLIC RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28772, REID 99-57712, $98.92
CONROY, ROBERT W. & COURTNEY S., 295 WARLIC RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28772, REID 99-28907, $1003.14
CRAWFORD, TRISTAN SCOTT, 13 HEMLOCK DR., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 99-33971, $168.66
CROMEY, GRANT & PITTMAN, BRITTANY, 120 WOODCHUCK WAY, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 99-25539, $385.02
CROMPTON, PATRICIA CORN, 45 LEE I A TRL, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 10-12665, $308.70
DICKINSON, ALAN P., 212 BEBINGTON DR. CARY, NC 27513-1748, REID 08-02902, $27.90
DICKINSON, ALAN P., 212 BEBINGTON DR. CARY, NC 27513-1748, REID 08-00825, $29.88
DICRISTINO, MATTHEW, 88 WAGON WHEEL TRL, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-3772, REID 08-00425, $244.08
DICRISTINO, MATTHEW, 88 WAGON WHEEL TRL, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-3772, REID 99-88663, $133.20
DILLIN, THOMAS, 88 WAGON WHEEL TRL, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 08-00248, $126.18
DILLIN, THOMAS, 110 WARLIC RD., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 08-00249, $50.04
DONNIER, ALICE, 870 MAGNETIC RD., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 99-57300, $13.32
DORN, ELIZABETH, TRANTHAM, MARY, 56 E CHIPPENDALE DR., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-8518, REID 99-29896, $179.94
DOUGLASS, PATRICIA & FRIEND, A. T., 330 HOLLABROOK PKWY, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-3880, REID 10-05667, $1140.30
EDMONDS, FRED, & CLARK, BRENDA, 221 S COUNTRY LN, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 99-26066, $60.84
EDMONDS, FRED, & CLARK, BRENDA, 221 S COUNTRY LN, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 99-26064, $189.45
ENSLEY, MICHAEL, 143 CASHDON RD., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-7685, REID 08-00923, $249.84
ESTERBROOK, RENEE M., 11318 67TH AVE N., SEMINOLE, FL 33772-6210, REID 99-57488, $112.14
FISHER, LEWIS & YELENA, 278 PENNSYLVANIA RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 10-10003, $136.62
FLEMING, JACOB, 71 SCHOOL HOUSE RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9712, REID 99-40898, $556.36
FORD, SHIRLE W., 111 BELLE VERNON RD., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9635, REID 99-45283, $407.16
FRANKLIN, D. C., 362 PENNSYLVANIA RD., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-2273, REID 08-01000, $161.82
FRANKLIN, D. C., 362 PENNSYLVANIA RD., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-2273, REID 10-14820, $11.88
GALLOWAY, MARK, 365 TROJAN LN, FOREST CITY, NC 28043, REID 08-01822, $60.60
GANTT, MARY F., 67 W CHIPPENDALE DR., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 08-00266, $6.99
GONCE, STONY DEAN, 29 FORGE DR., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9690, REID 99-62593, $76.14
GOODE, MARY ANN & SANDRA, 89 GLADE RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-8513, REID 99-33415, $194.58
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HENDERSON COUNTY 4H CLUB

Henderson County 4H is a great way to have youth 18 and under have fun while learning leadership skills doing something they like to do. The 4H Hoofbeats club here in Mills River is dedicated to that purpose. The club members learn horsemanship, participate in community service projects, and have opportunities to compete in 4H competitions.

They meet the first Tuesday of each month. Check out our Facebook page, Hoofbeats 4-H club or call Denise Sherril, Henderson County 4H extension agent at 828.697.4891 or Wendy Cantrell, Club Leader at 828.891.2750.
CROCKPOT HAM CAULIFLOWER "POTATO" STEW

Prep Time: 5 Minutes
Cook Time: 4 Hours
Total Time: 4 Hours
Servings: 6 Servings

INGREDIENTS
- 3 cups diced ham
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 14.5 oz. chicken broth
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 cloves garlic
- 8 oz. cheddar cheese freshly grated
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- dash pepper
- 16 oz. bag frozen cauliflower florets or fresh head cut into florets

INSTRUCTIONS
- Mix all ingredients except cauliflower together in medium crockpot.
- Cover then cook on High setting for 4 hours. Add in cauliflower and cook on high another 30 minutes.
- Take a potato masher and mash cauliflower to desired consistency.
- ENJOY

MEETINGS & OTHER DATES

Mar 8 Town Council 7:00 PM
Mar 13 Planning Board 7:00 PM
Mar 16 Agricultural Advisory 9:00 AM
Mar 22 Town Council 7:00 PM
Mar 27 Parks and Recreation Advisory 7:00 PM
Mar 30 Good Friday Closed

Apr 3 Planning Board 7:00 PM
Apr 12 Town Council 7:00 PM
Apr 20 Agricultural Advisory 9:00 AM
Apr 24 Parks and Recreation Advisory 7:00 PM
Apr 26 Town Council 7:00 PM

May 1 Planning Board 7:00 PM
May 10 Town Council 7:00 PM
May 17 Finance Committee 7:00 PM
May 18 Agricultural Advisory 9:00 AM
May 22 Parks and Recreation Advisory 7:00 PM
May 24 Town Council 7:00 PM
May 28 Memorial Day Closed

Jun 5 Planning Board 7:00 PM
Jun 12 Board of Adjustment 7:00 PM
Jun 14 Town Council 7:00 PM
Jun 15 Agricultural Advisory 9:00 AM
Jun 26 Parks and Recreation Advisory 7:00 PM
Jun 28 Town Council 7:00 PM

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ADS
The Mills River Town Newsletter is published quarterly: at the end of March, June, September, and December. In order to defray the cost of publishing, the newsletter accepts small business ads. These ads should be business card size (preferably the card itself) and black and white. There is no guarantee of ad or print quality. The company must do business within the town limits, but not necessarily have its location in the town. 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 served basis. The payment must accompany the ad and 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 editors. The editors reserve the right to refuse an ad. Both ad and payment will be returned if this occurs. All ads must be emailed in JPEG format and MUST be business card size.

Thank you for your support.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS
The Town of Mills River newsletter is published and distributed quarterly by US mail and e-mail link. A copy can also be found at www.millsriver.org. Articles submitted may be edited for brevity, content, and appropriateness. Inclusion of an article is at the editor’s discretion. Deadline for submission of articles is the 20th of each of the following months: March, June, September and December. Submit articles in writing to:

Patty Brown
Town of Mills River
124 Town Center Drive
Mills River, NC 28759

or by email to patty.brown@millsriver.org. 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 Patty at (828) 890-2901 or e-mail her at the above address.
DID YOU KNOW?
Over 70% of calls made to 911 come from mobile phones. When you dial 911 from a mobile phone, telecommunicators have very little information to go by; they have your phone number, a general sense of your location and the information you tell them during the conversation.

A great way to provide more information to emergency responders and save precious seconds during an emergency is to sign up for a free Smart911 profile. By signing up, you can link your information to your cell phone and provide telecommunicators details that will help with the emergency response.

SIGNING UP:
• The first step is to go online to www.smart911.com
• You will need an email address and phone number to create an account.
• The website will walk you through creating a safety profile for you and your family.
• You’ll be prompted to enter basic information for each person living in your household. Sections are provided for you to include medical information, allergies, vehicles, pets, home layouts; you can even upload photographs of your children in the event they were to go missing.

It is important to remember that your information is secure and ONLY available to telecommunicators in the event you dial 911. Smart911 will email a reminder every six months to be sure all your information is still current.

If you do not have access to a computer, or need assistance signing up, the Henderson County Sheriff’s Office provides a computer in their lobby. Visit 100 North Grove Street in Hendersonville any Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm.

Thank you for taking this important step in contributing to your personal safety and the safety of your family.

For Emergencies: 911     Non-emergencies: 828-697-4911
NC Highway Patrol: 828-693-4141

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