



## NEWSLETTER

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### News from the Mayor

Roger Snyder

As we enter this holiday season, let's keep safety in mind:

- Remember to change your batteries in both smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Keep a small box of essentials in each vehicle such as: a blanket, flashlight, jumper cables, etc.
- Keep flashlights throughout the house and periodically check their batteries
- Keep a close eye on the elderly, whether they are family or next door neighbors
- Watch out for pets and make sure they are taken care of
- Make sure you vehicles are ready for the cold weather

US Postal Service: We still have no date as to a meeting on issues such as our "Courtesy Center" and the transition of the zip codes into the remaining areas.

Staff : I want to thank the Town's three employees. Each employee has a specific job assignment but can change "hats" at a moment's notice and each is committed to serving the public.

Council Members: I would like to thank each Council member for their time in attending to Town business. Council members are strictly volunteers and are not compensated in any way.

Committees: The different committees do an excellent job for the Town. They provide an invaluable service and are all volunteers.

So I leave you with this message:

*The Staff and Council members  
wish a safe and happy holiday to you  
and yours.*



Our new Town  
Manager, Jaime  
Laughter and Santa



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## History Corner

by Jim Brittain

A 100 year old frame house, where Dr. Solomon E. Greenwood (1876-1942) once lived and maintained a medical

practice, recently was removed and is being replaced by a bank. The Greenwood house was located near the intersection of Highways 280 and 191 in the Mills River community. The 2006 Mills River calendar included old photographs of Dr. Greenwood, with his horse and buggy and his large medical bag, while on a house call in the early 20th century. At that time, he was essentially the only medical provider for the farm families in the vicinity and frequently went to homes to deliver babies or treat those too sick to come to his office. In fact, I was born in the house where my parents lived on what is now known as River Loop Road on North Mills River, and Dr. Greenwood was the attending physician and filled out my birth certificate.

Greenwood was born in Buncombe County and came to Mills River soon after completing his medical training. He married Adelaid (Addie) Corpening (1883-1955) and, in 1905, purchased about an acre of land from Mrs. Bell Jones where his house was built. The Mills River calendar for 2006 also included a photograph of the two-story gabled house with an attractive porch. Later, he added an outbuilding where his many trophies brought back from his big-game hunts to Canada and elsewhere were displayed. Something of an amateur athlete, Greenwood played for a local baseball team during his early years at Mills River.

The Greenwoods became community leaders and frequently hosted meetings of the Mills River Social Club. A local newspaper, the *Hendersonville News*, reported in March 1924 that approximately 85 people had come to the Greenwood house to attend the monthly meeting of the Social Club. The report mentioned that many of their guests had arrived by horse-drawn wagon or buggy because the roads were in such poor condition that cars were left at home. Local unpaved roads were notoriously bad during winter months and Dr. Greenwood had to traverse them to make his house calls. Thus, it is not surprising that he was selected to serve on a committee of local residents to lobby for road improvement in the Mills River community. When County officials seemed unresponsive, Greenwood and other leaders launched an effort to have Mills River secede from Henderson County and join Buncombe County. The effort was defeated by a narrow margin when brought before the state legislature in 1927.

In a talk given in December 1937, Dr. Greenwood recalled some of his early experiences. He mentioned

that the nearest hospital had been in Asheville, and that it had required an all-day trip by horse and wagon to take a patient there from Mills River. He informed his audience of local nurses that he had sometimes performed major surgery on a kitchen table without assistance, relying on light through a window or from a kerosene lamp. He stated that he found it necessary to sterilize his instruments and sheets for the operating table by immersing them in boiling water in a large iron pot. He had, on occasion, performed amputations and extracted bad teeth. He concluded his talk by commenting that the beneficial results of his medical practice were evident in the "hale and hearty farmers still plowing fields in Mills River." Afflicted by an undisclosed illness, Dr. Greenwood spent most of the year 1942 confined to bed and died on October 28, 1942. He was buried in the cemetery at the Mills River Methodist Church. His practice at Mills River was continued for a number of years by Dr. Flave Corpening (1902-1953), a younger brother of Addie Greenwood.

### LIBRARY CORNER

**Come by and use your town library!**



### Library Hours

**Mon—Wed—Fri 1:30—5:30 pm**

**Tue—Thurs 9:30 am—5:30 pm**

**Children's Hour—Tue & Thurs 11:00 am  
Ages 3-6**

**More Readers for story-time will  
be greatly appreciated – please call the  
Library at 890-1850 to volunteer.**





## GREAT NEWS

The third Western Square Dance class of the Mills River Pioneers, the first Western Square Dance club in Mills River, will begin lessons January 15, 2007 at The Olde Home Place.

For those of you who have frequented Bob Presley's Olde Home Place, also called the Mills River Music Barn, on Friday and Saturday nights, know what a great time is had by everyone. The atmosphere is warm and inviting, especially with the heaters going this time of year, and now, with the beautiful Christmas decorations adorning every corner and wall of the "barn", it is especially lovely and homey.

Bob, whom everyone knows loves music and people, has so graciously opened his "barn" to the Mills River Pioneers for these lessons on Monday evenings at 7pm and has become quite the square dancer himself.

If you are looking for some exercise, fun, meeting new folks and just plain having a great time, come join us for the "basic" and "mainstream" lessons. The first lesson is free and subsequent lessons only \$5 per lesson. Walt Puckett, nationally known caller, will be teaching the classes and plans to, for those who want to move up in their expertise, offer "Plus" classes immediately following the beginning classes also on Monday evenings.

Please don't worry because you do not have a partner or your wife or husband is unable to participate, the students who just graduated act as "Angels" for the "newbies". Angels merely guide you through the calls as Walt explains them. The Mills River Pioneers is blessed with a bunch of devoted "Angels" to help make the learning process easy and fun.

Like the rest of us, you probably realize the majority of TV shows today are not fit to view so take Monday evenings and join us at "The Olde Home Place" for a whole lot of fun. Take North Mills River road five miles west and you will see the little red barn on your right and if you wind up in the campground just turn around and look for us on the right.

We look forward to meeting you and helping you have the time of your life.

For questions call Dottie and Larry Davis at 891-4372. Y'all come on now!

## Meeting/Other Dates

Dec. 5	Planning Board	7:00 PM
Dec 12	Board of Adjustment	7:00 PM
Dec 14	Town Council	7:00 PM
Dec 18	Agricultural Advisory	7:00 PM
Dec 25	Christmas	Town Hall Closed
Dec 26	Christmas	Town Hall Closed
Dec 28	Town Council	7:00 PM
Jan. 9	Planning Board	7:00 PM
Jan. 10	Finance Committee	7:00 PM
Jan. 11	Town Council	7:00 PM
Jan. 15	Agricultural Advisory	7:00 PM
Jan. 16	Planning Board	7:00 PM
Jan. 25	Town Council	7:00 PM
Feb. 6	Planning Board	7:00 PM
Feb. 8	Town Council	7:00 PM
Feb. 13	Board of Adjustment	7:00 PM
Feb. 14	Finance Committee	7:00 PM
Feb. 19	Agricultural Advisory	7:00 PM
Feb. 20	Planning Board	7:00 PM
Feb. 22	Town Council	7:00 PM
Mar. 6	Planning Board	7:00 PM
Mar. 8	Town Council	7:00 PM
Mar. 14	Finance Committee	7:00 PM
Mar. 19	Agricultural Advisory	7:00 PM
Mar. 20	Planning Board	7:00 PM
Mar. 22	Town Council	7:00 PM

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS



### Cottage Hair Salon

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Let us help you with your holiday needs

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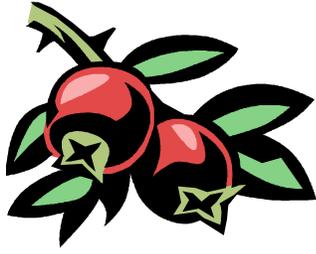
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Merry Christmas



**Cranberry Salad  
(Serves 12)**  
by Rita Sullivan

2 - 3 oz packages raspberry Jello  
1 ½ cups boiling water

**ADD:**

1 can whole cranberry sauce  
1 - 20 oz crushed pineapple – undrained  
½ cup chopped nuts  
½ cup port or red wine

**TOPPING**

1 - 8oz cream cheese softened, OR,  
1 cup sour cream or plain yogurt

- Combine Jello and water in a 9 x 12 dish
- Blend in cranberry sauce
- Add pineapple, nuts, wine and mix well
- Refrigerate until set
- Spread softened cream cheese on top of firm gelatin
- Refrigerate and cut into squares



## SEASON'S GREETINGS

**Jollene Austin**  
Investment  
Representative

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[www.edwardjones.com](http://www.edwardjones.com)  
Member SIPC

We have enjoyed helping Mills River residents achieve their financial goals over the past year. It is a pleasure to be a member of this community!

**Edward Jones**  
Making Sense of Investing

### 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.



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### 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](mailto: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.



## **Mills River Fire and Rescue**

By Rick Livingston

As the holiday season approaches, firefighters prepare themselves for what is usually one of our busiest and most dreaded times of the year relative to residential structure fires. The vast majority of these fires could be prevented by following some simple safety precautions concerning holiday decorations. Let's take a look at some of these safety issues which many people ignore, and are the cause of most home fires to which we respond during the holiday season.

- ◆ Check all electrical lights and connections before decorating, and don't use lights with worn or frayed cords.
- ◆ Never use lighted candles on your tree.
- ◆ Never leave burning candles unattended.
- ◆ Don't overload electrical outlets (Consult with a licensed electrician to determine what is too much).
- ◆ Place the tree away from fireplaces, radiators, television sets, and other heat sources, which dry out your tree.
- ◆ Always make sure that your tree has plenty of water to prevent drying.
- ◆ Always turn off all decorations before going to bed or when you leave home.

Lastly, make sure smoke detectors are installed and working properly.

Another issue which I would like to briefly address is that of providing sufficient access to your home for fire trucks and other emergency response vehicles. We have had emergency calls recently where responses have been delayed due to low hanging limbs over driveways and/or limbs and trees which were encroaching from the sides preventing emergency vehicles from passing. In most fires and medical emergencies, a few seconds or minutes could be the difference between life or death. In some cases we have had to basically "cut our way in" with the use of chainsaws. Obviously, this increases our response time dramatically and often the end result is much worse.

Fire apparatus are obviously much larger and taller than passenger vehicles. Please examine your roads and driveways to insure that we can reach you in a time of need. Call our station if you are unsure about sufficient access to your home and we will gladly meet with you and offer suggestions.

All the firefighters at Mills River Fire and Rescue wish you a safe and happy holiday season.



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**



## Coconut Cake with Coconut-Cream Cheese Frosting

(Make at least one day ahead of use)

By Roz Ledford

### Cake

Makes 12 servings. Prep time: 15 minutes, Bake 45 minutes, Freeze 30 minutes

3 large eggs  
1 (8 oz) container Sour Cream  
1/3 cup water  
1 (8.5 oz) can Cream of Coconut  
2 tsp. Vanilla Extract  
1 (18.25 oz.) package White Cake mix  
Coconut Cream-Cheese Frosting (see below)

**Beat** eggs at high speed with an electric mixer for 2 minutes. Add Sour Cream, 1/3 cup water, and next 2 ingredients, beating well after each addition. Add cake mix, beating at low speed just until blended. Beat at high speed 2 minutes. Pour batter into a greased and floured 13 x 9-inch baking pan. *(See note below if you wish to prepare cake other than as a sheet cake.)*

**Bake** at 325 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted into center comes out clean. Cool cake in pan on wire rack. Cover pan with plastic wrap, and freeze cake for 30 minutes. Remove from freezer.

### Coconut-Cream Cheese Frosting

Makes 4 cups. Prep time: 10 minutes

1 (8 oz.) package Cream Cheese, softened  
2 cups Butter or Margarine, softened  
3 Tbsp. Milk  
1 tsp. Vanilla Extract  
1 (16 oz.) package Powdered Sugar, sifted  
1 (7 oz.) package sweetened flaked Coconut

**Beat** cream cheese and butter at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy; add milk and vanilla extract, beating well. Gradually add sugar, beating until smooth. Stir in coconut.

**Spread** Coconut-Cream Cheese Frosting on top of chilled cake. Cover and store in refrigerator until ready to serve.

**Note:** If desired, cake can be baked in 1 greased and floured 15 x 10-inch jellyroll pan for 30 - 35 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Makes 15 servings.

Should you want to make this cake in layers instead of a sheet cake, freeze layers right on the wire cooling rack or on a cookie sheet. If you're not using them right away, wrap frozen layers well in plastic wrap. Layers should remain at least partially frozen when icing them. Store cake in refrigerator.



## Mills River Branch of the Henderson County Library

By Roz Ledford



The Mills River Library has been open nineteen months as of the end of November 2006 and the patron/user numbers continue to climb each month. The outstanding support provided by our community library volunteers has made this possible and continues to ensure that we are maintaining regular hours each week day (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 to 5:30 including a children's story hour at 11:00 a.m. each Tuesday and Thursday morning).

We have an excellent selection of books, music, movies on DVD and tape, books on tape and an outstanding selection of new fiction and non-fiction material. We also have an excellent children's area. If we don't have the selection(s) you are looking for, we can request items from the main Library or one of the other Henderson County branches. If your request is available at another site, it should take only a few days to obtain it for you. Once we notify you that the request is at the Mills River Branch, we will hold it for seven (7) days, allowing you to pick it up at your convenience. You may also return books to the Mills River Branch that you checked out at another Henderson County Library location and we will see that they are returned to the appropriate Branch. In addition, we have two "public use" computers on-site, as well as a printer, copier and fax machine for local faxing (per page charges do apply for the printer, copier and fax services).

For your reading pleasure, our location also has available the daily Hendersonville *Times-News*, the Asheville *Citizen Times* and the bi-weekly *Transylvania Times* newspapers. You can also review current issues of some of the more popular magazines, i.e., *Newsweek*, *Southern Living*, *People*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Consumer Reports*, *Our State*, *Health*, *Budget Travel*, *Field and Stream*, *Reader's Digest*, etc. A copy of the Mills River Newsletter is also available.

We encourage you to visit the Henderson County Library website to find out about additional services offered at Mills River and other locations. Check out the website's "Events Calendar" to see details on upcoming programs, story times, films, book discussions, lectures, concerts, and more ([www.henderson.lib.nc.us](http://www.henderson.lib.nc.us)).

Our Mills River location is continually seeking additional volunteers. If you can assist on a regular basis (2-4 hours per week), please stop by the Library at 4683 Boylston Hwy (Route 280, across from the Food Lion) in Mills River to obtain details and complete a short volunteer application form. You can also call the Library at 828-890-1850 or our Volunteer Coordinator, Roz Ledford, at 828-891-5344 for information. Training will be provided to each new volunteer prior to beginning their volunteer service. Trained volunteers work in teams of two at all times. We look forward to hearing from you.

And, if you are not a current user of our Mills River Branch location, we encourage you to stop in and see what we are all about.

# Mills River Post Office Now Open!!!

Temporary Location: Goodes Plaza

Monday - Friday from 12-1PM.

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**Henderson County Sheriffs Department  
Mills River Division  
by Corporal Ken McCraw**

School is still in session. Please remember to:

- Watch for stopped school buses and children around them;
- Abide by school zone speed restrictions and drive with caution in school areas;
- Abide by the Child Restraint Law when traveling with children.

**IF YOU NEED LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Contact the Henderson County Sheriff's Dept. at:

**For Emergencies: 911**

**Non-Emergencies: 697-4911**

**NC Highway Patrol: 693-4141**

**NC Wildlife Resources Commission**

**1-800- 662-7137 (to report wildlife violations)**

**DO NOT** contact the Town Hall to reach law enforcement.

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