

**Minutes of the 8 April 2014  
Special Meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners  
Held at 9:00 o'clock a.m. at the Burnsville Town Center  
Burnsville, North Carolina**

Present at the 8 April 2014 meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners were, Chairman Johnny Riddle, Commissioner Jill Austin, Commissioner Jim Edwards (Commissioner Edwards left the meeting at 11:00 o'clock to attend a TRACTOR event), Commissioner Randy Ollis, County Manager Nathan Bennett, Clerk to the Board Jason Robinson, County Planner Jamie McMahan, Burnsville Mayor Theresa Coletta, Burnsville Town Council members Ron Powell, Judy Buchanan, Bill Wheeler, and Ruth Banks, Burnsville Town Clerk Jeanne Martin, Town Administrator George Nero, Yancey County Economic Development Director Wanda Proffitt, Yancey County Economic Development Commission members Jon Ray and Erica Deaton, Tom Johnson with AdvantageWest, Cindy Messer with the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Ginger Johnson with the Chamber of Commerce, Tres Magner with Cooperative Extension (Mr. Magner left the meeting at 11 o'clock to attend a TRACTOR event), Denise Cook with Toe River Arts Council, and Phil Trew with the High Country Council of Governments.

**Call to Order and Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Riddle called the meeting to order. Phil Trew with the High Country Council of Governments welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for introductions. Mr. Trew stated that today was hopefully the beginning of an annual meeting to provide a strategy for economic development going forward. Mr. Trew presented an agenda for the meeting as well (Attachment A).

**Reports from Agencies**

The meeting began with Ms. Denise Cook highlighting some areas that the Toe River Arts Council (TRAC) have been successful in the last several years. Ms. Cook stated that TRAC believes they can be a significant help to both the county and town in economic development by focusing on art and artists. According to Ms. Cook there are over 500 artists in Yancey and Mitchell Counties. Ms. Cook also spoke of a program of installing public art in the gateway areas of Burnsville (Attachment B).

The next person to speak was Mr. Tom Johnson with AdvantageWest. Mr. Johnson highlighted the 6 general steps in the economic development process: 1. Getting ready 2. Marketing 3. Responding to inquiries 4. Preparing for a visit 5. Hosting the visit and 6. Closing the deal. Mr. Johnson stated that these steps he has identified in over 20 years working with businesses and industry.

The next person to speak was Cindy Messer with the North Carolina Department of Commerce. Ms. Messer highlighted the resources that the Department of Commerce could provide to the community when looking at a new business or industry. Ms. Messer also highlighted the economic development incentives offered by the Department of Commerce including the One North Carolina fund, and the JDig program. Both of these incentives are tied to performance by the business and industry.

The next person to speak was County Manager Nathan Bennett who highlighted the efforts of Yancey County government over the last 5 and a half years toward economic development including the beginning of construction of the East Yancey Sewer Project, working with Cooperative Extension to make TRACTOR a reality, supporting of existing businesses, expansion of the park system, helped in the effort to bring broadband to the County, completion of a new library, the development of a public technology center, and other investments in infrastructure.

The next person to speak was Town Administrator George Nero. Mr. Nero highlighted the accomplishments of the Town of Burnsville over the last several years including the development of a planning board, investment in the water and sewer system and improvements to sidewalks, improve and increase parking within the town, downtown beautification, as well as redevelopment of the old post office property.

The next person to speak was Economic Development Director Wanda Proffitt. Ms. Proffitt stated that the EDC has been focused on supporting local businesses and specifically on supporting existing industries of Altec, Glen Raven, and HSM Solutions. Ms. Proffitt also stated that she has also been working on a number of projects to help bring new businesses to Yancey County (Attachment C).

**Economic Development Focus over the next year**

Mr. Trew stated that he believes there are six areas that the town and county could focus on in the next year to make a real difference for economic development. He asked the group to brainstorm ideas about how they could bring these areas along in the next year.

1. Broadband Utilization- An emphasis was placed on getting the word out to businesses about the new broadband services that is being installed by Country Cablevision in the county. One of the suggestions was to update all government websites and involve realtors in the conversation.
2. Industrial Site Development- The focus on this topic is the possible location of a site for an industrial park. A decision is also needed to focus on marketing sites or purchasing a site.
3. Tourism Development- Some of the focus in this area was directed toward uniform marketing, marketing to day trippers from Asheville, outdoor recreation, and developing a government access channel, as well as promotion of the cycling map developed by High Country Council of Governments
4. Agri-business development- This area it was decided to look toward more space for TRACTOR, getting TRACTOR self-sufficient, and possibly looking again at the Voluntary Agricultural District program.
5. US Highway 19E- Focus on this component is finishing the project and looking at the gateways into the Town of Burnsville.
6. Water/Sewer Infrastructure- The focus in this area is completing the water and sewer expansion to Micaville. It was also discussed about how to increase capacity to Altec and how to expand sewer to the west of Burnsville.

Mr. Trew thanked everyone for participating and asked that this meeting become an annual event.

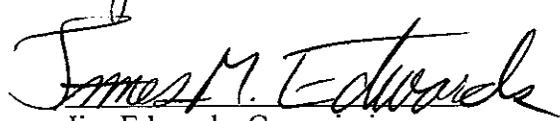
**Adjournment**

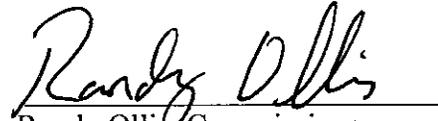
Having no further business Commissioner Austin made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Chairman Riddle. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Approved and authenticated on this the \_\_\_\_\_ 12<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ day of May 2014.

  
Johnny Riddle, Chairman

  
Jill Austin, Vice-Chairman

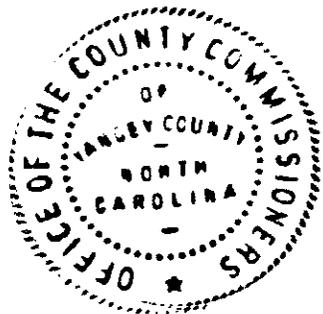
  
Jim Edwards, Commissioner

  
Randy Ollis, Commissioner

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J. Jason Robinson  
Clerk to the Board

(county seal)



# *Attachment A*

## **Agenda**

### **Joint Work Session**

**Yancey County Commissioners    Burnsville Town Council    Yancey County EDC**

**April 8, 2014                    9:00 – 12:00**

1. Welcome, Introductions, Work Session Purpose – Wanda Proffitt
2. Toe River Arts Council – Denise Cook, Executive Director
3. AdvantageWest Economic Development Group – Tom Johnson, Executive Vice-President
4. NC Department of Commerce - Cindy Messer, Economic Development Specialist
5. Current Economic Development Initiatives of Yancey County
6. Current Economic Development Initiatives of Town of Burnsville
7. Current Economic Development Initiatives of Yancey County EDC
8. Break
9. Identification of Economic Development Priorities for FY 2014-15 – Phil Trew, High Country Council of Governments

#### Economic Development Focus Areas

- Broadband Utilization
- Industrial Site Development
- Tourism Promotion
- Agri-business Development
- US Highway 19E Development
- Water and Sewer Infrastructure

# Attachment B

## Burnsville smART Initiative Grant

The Toe River Arts Council was one of five to receive this grant in year 2012/2013 that is based on creative placemaking. We have submitted a proposal for year 2013/2014

### Original goals of the grant.

1. Create an historic and cultural district for center of Burnsville
2. Expand Burnsville Public Art to include other areas of town
3. Locate funding to market our arts and the public art
4. Assist in guiding the effort to combine natural and cultural programs into one facility that will include the convergence of trails: art trails, quilt trails, hiking, river and scenic driving trails.
5. Develop a tourism plan that combines dining and the arts in a unique experience daily.
6. Merge existing plans and consolidate them into one action strategy.

### Year One we focused on:

1. Showing and taking Preservation NC and the NC Division of Archives and History on tours of various historic structures in town: the Old Library building, the Mountain Medical building coupled with the NuWray Inn, and then the Old Post Office and adjoining parking lots.
2. The NC School of Government also toured these same sites with the purpose of acquiring recommendations on these buildings and course of action.
3. Pat Whalen, with Public Interest Projects in Asheville also toured these buildings for his input and evaluation of the proposals that were submitted to us.
4. We worked with Denise Dickens, public art specialist from Cary, NC, on developing a RFQ for public art and features for the three gateways into Burnsville as a result of the widening of Highway 19E. In addition to the three gateways we are asking artists to create suggestions and find opportunities for public art in other parts of Burnsville. Deadline for the RFQ is March 30, 2014.

### For Year Two we will focus on:

1. Meet with the Burnsville Design Board on recommendations and information learned regarding the creation of a historic district.
2. Meet with Healthy Yancey to blend their plans for walkways and bike paths into Burnsville public art schemes.
3. Continue the process to obtain RFQ's for the 3 gateways and Burnsville Public Art Plan. This will include a 10 day residency with the artist where they will learn about our history and other plans for the town.
4. Work with Burnsville Public Art Board on installation of public art.
5. Develop an arts use plan for the Old Library building
6. Work with private developers on the creation of artist live/work spaces.
7. Continue with support and communication with the Harvey Littleton family on the potential art center.

**In addition TRAC is working with 19 other partners on branding Mitchell and Yancey counties for our cultural, historic and natural assets. We have made applications to support marketing this brand to: NEA, EDA, and Arts Place. Components of these grants would provide:**

- Graphic Design for brand
- Wayfinding signs
- 20 Artist made unique signage
- 50 Artist Studio Signs
- 17 Arts Cluster Markers
- 6 Kiosks that include information on local arts
- Project Director
- Common website
- Gateways to our towns that include public art
- 5 Gateway portals at the county lines
- Mobile Media Tour
- \* Print media
- \* Billboards
- \*Advertising dollars (magazine, newspaper, radio)

# Attachment C

## Yancey County Economic Development Initiatives 2013-2014

### 1) Support Existing Industry and Update:

a) **Glen Raven** – Stabilized, made investment in updated equipment  
178 Employees – all full time

b) **HSM Solutions** – Expanded production – include in addition to their normal production – added new line from Michigan plant (encapsulated wire) – plus contract with European company on 3<sup>rd</sup> product line  
Bedding Springs + plus now production for furniture/auto/airplanes, etc.

**New Interim Plant Manger** – Jeff Lail

**Major investment in New Equipment!**

**Added 32 employees since Nov. 2013! Still Hiring!**

**Decided to expand Micaville Plant when County Commissioners/Town – Sewer!**

c) **Altec** – Growing! Growing! Growing!

**Most technological advanced operation in entire system in Burnsville!**

**200 Employees – 3 yrs ago....Now bumping 500 (full & part time)!**

**Within next 2-3 months – plan Announcement/Expansion/Office**

**In bid process now...will have groundbreaking!**

**Mayland Community College – Critical Role - active Industry Training!**

**Betty Silvers, Director, Western NC Industry Training for NC Community Colleges**

**Ted Ollis, Industry Liasion, Mayland Community College**

**Working with HSM Solutions on numerous projects!**

**Glen Raven & HSM Solutions – Broadband Network Connections!**

**Industry Needs:**

**HSM Solutions – Training & Broadband**

**Altec – Additional Sewer Capacity!**

## EDC Initiatives

- 1) Support Existing Industry
- 2) Support Business Community
- 3) Downtown Revitalization/smART Initiative
- 4) Broadband
- 5) Working w/Chamber – Travel & Tourism
- 6) Work with Numerous Boards:
  - High Country Council of Government – **Workforce Development**
  - Mayland Community College** – Industry Training/Workforce Development
  - AdvantageWest/EDAC**
  - Carolina West Board** – Planned Trip w/Developers – South Carolina
  - TRACTOR**
  - Travel & Tourism/Yancey County Chamber**
  - TRA – Toe River Arts** – Submitted NEA Grant – Marketing of Arts & Wayfinding Signage/Branding Region
  - Broadband Project** – Country Cablevision
  - Yancey County Schools** – Gear Up & **Entrepreneurial Development (BDG)** Burnsville Development Group/**Main Street** Programs
  - Dark Sky Events/EDC & Chamber
  - Mayland's Anspach Advanced Manufacturing School** – in Construction
  - Mayland Manufacturer's Association**
  - Mayland's Estatoe Science/Observatory** – International Dark Skys Task Force – **Broadband Marketing**

**Respond to Prospective Business/Industry-3 Recent** - AdvantageWest/Commerce

\* **Lacking Time** – Entrepreneurial Development

## **EDC Goals!**

1) Industrial Site

2) Website Update

3) Business Development Group

4) Tourism Marketing

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# Yancey County Report 2012-2013

## Yancey County Economic Development Commission

### *Numerous projects and more than \$250 million invested in infrastructure has county prepared for the future.*

From all of us involved with Yancey County's economic development. We look back with a sense of pride regarding collective accomplishments that will move our rural county in positive directions.

We have seen major strides forward in diverse occupational sectors including recreation, tourism, infrastructure, manufacturing and more. We look forward to the future with optimism as we strive to make our county the place we all want to live and work.

Economic development cannot be accomplished by one person or one organization but is collaboration between Yancey County Government, Town of Burnsville, Yancey County Economic Development Commission, Yancey County Schools, Mayland Community College, Yancey County Health Department, Yancey Chamber of Commerce and many other local groups and organizations working together.

Opportunity comes in all flavors as we work together to enhance diversified, sustainable economic development in our community. Yancey County is prepared to discuss and explore all opportunities that can be pursued in the future. Together we can make a difference!

While we have tried to list most, we apologize for those not listed.

### *Infrastructure Projects*

Planning and building for the future, Yancey County has numerous projects completed and ongoing, with over \$250 million being invested presently in infrastructure and projects as follows:

**N.C. Department of Transportation's** completion and dedication of Hwy 19 four-lane from I-26 to Jacks Creek was a historic day, not only for Yancey



County but the region. Phase I construction began Sept. 2008 and completed 2012. Hwy 19 is considered the east-west corridor between Asheville and Boone.

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**Phase II of Hwy. 19 construction** from Jacks Creek to Micaville began July 2011 and is ongoing. Included in this project will be a walking path from Mountain Heritage High School to West Main Street and sidewalks through Burnsville to East Yancey Middle School. Enhancements with green medians and landscaping through Burnsville will improve the visual aesthetics. Mt. Mitchell Scenic Drive ByWay from I-26 to Mt. Mitchell allows additional funding for beautification along this roadway, and means no additional commercial billboards. A local company, Young-McQueen Grading Company, is contractor on road construction in Yancey County.

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**Right-of-way acquisition** for future Hwy 19 four-lane road from Micaville to Spruce Pine is underway. Construction on Phase III should begin in the near future.

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**The Broadband Project** being built by Country Cablevision, a local company, will provide high speed, fiber optic, connectivity to 100% of homes and businesses in Yancey County. The modern, high tech facility is operational, ready for broadband deployment. This leading edge fiber optic network can provide bandwidth of at least 100 megabits to all homes and up to 1 gigabit to business and industry. This fiber optic network is one of the most important infrastructure projects in decades and puts Yancey at the forefront for creating opportunities for new technology business investments.

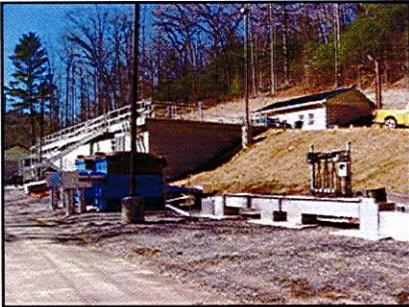




\*The Yancey County Technology Center, a joint project between Yancey County and Country Cablevision, will open in 2014 with downtown location on Town Square. Citizens and visitors can connect and learn about the fiber optic network and gain knowledge about capabilities this network can offer.

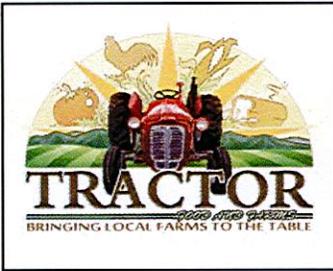
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**East Yancey Sewer District**, a joint project between Yancey County and Town of Burnsville, is a new sewer system being constructed to serve the Micaville area to HSM Solutions Manufacturing and east Burnsville is now approximately 85% complete. The County has taken the lead role in building and liability of sewer project. This project is scheduled for completion 2014.



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**TRACTOR** - Toe River Aggregation Center Training Organization Regional is a regional partnership between Yancey and Mitchell Counties Extension Service Agencies, initiated with support from Yancey County Government and others. TRACTOR has developed a regional aggregation center to bring local farmers together with markets for their produce and now has 66 growers. With 1.1 million identified in demand for 2014, TRACTOR is working closely with NC Extension to help growers plan their production to meet this lucrative demand. TRACTOR is helping the small family farms and is making a positive economic difference in our rural counties.



### *Yancey County Government*

Yancey County Government has undertaken numerous other projects such as:



\*After more than 10 years of hard work by volunteers and the Steering Committee, and support from grant

funding, local businesses and individuals, completion of **Yancey County Public Library** was made possible by Yancey County Commissioners securing a bond through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Now residents and visitors can enjoy a state-of-the-art library, as well as technology center with teleconference capabilities by way of a generous grant from the State Employees Credit Union Foundation.

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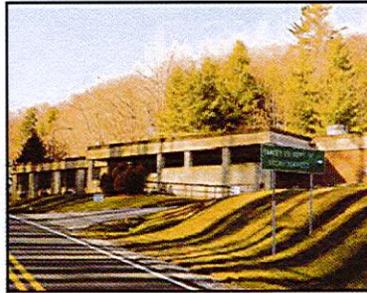
\*A new **Yancey County Senior Center** has for years been a dream for many of our senior residents. The Committee on Aging and Senior Center staff, together with volunteers and community fundraising has been diligently working on funding. Together with Commissioners



obtaining a Community Development Block Grant and working with the Yancey County Committee on Aging to assist them in obtaining a USDA loan, bid had been awarded and construction begins in spring, with completion expected in 2014. The center provides recreational and community classes and programs for seniors, along with congregate meals as well as distribution through Meals on Wheels.

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\*For years, **Yancey County's Department of Social Services** offices were in three locations, creating inefficiency of operations and services. Yancey County government renovated the old county-owned Yancey Hospital space for a consolidated location, which will be a cost savings for our citizens and improve services to residents.



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\*When the **License Plate Agency** office closed, Yancey County Commissioners made a commitment to fund and reopen an office. Working closely with DMV of the N.C. Department of Transportation, personnel were trained and a modern, convenient tag office was reopened to serve the people of Yancey County.



## Town of Burnsville



The Town of Burnsville is actively involved with several projects:

\*With US Hwy 19 road construction through Burnsville and necessity of relocating utility lines, the town has **upgraded and expanded utility lines** wherever possible.

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\*Planning for the future, a **Capital Improvement Plan** (water/sewer master plan) is underway.

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\***New water lines** being constructed from Burnsville to Micaville School are approx. 80% complete. The town worked jointly with N.C. Dept. of Transportation on installation of the water lines as the new road is built to Micaville.

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\***Sidewalk Projects** to repair/upgrade sidewalks, curbs and gutters around Town Square have been completed. In addition, a new sidewalk has been built from TD Bank on West Main Street to Cherry Lane, connecting to sidewalks on Hwy. 19. These new sidewalks, plus addition of sidewalks along new Hwy 19 will make Burnsville a more pedestrian friendly, walkable community.

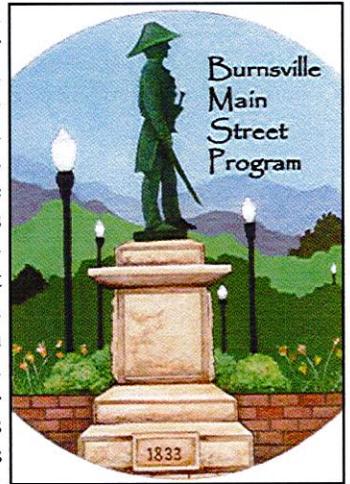
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\*Town Council re-codified the **zoning regulations**. Also, they appointed a Planning & Zoning Board and adopted standards for signs and design guidelines to make Burnsville more attractive and welcoming to potential business and industry. N.C. Department of Commerce and their Community Assistance staff, plus design assistance from the N.C. Rural Center completed a comprehensive evaluation for the Town.

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\*Community volunteers have actively taken part with **Burnsville NC Step Program** and **Burnsville Main Street** and worked jointly on proposed projects to improve business and enhance opportunities for Burnsville's Main Street area. The Burnsville Development Group (BDG) was formed to oversee and facilitate projects. The volunteer group that participates as the Main Street Committee in Burnsville has initiated projects

to enhance the designated Main Street area over past four years. Each major project won statewide awards and recognition in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012. This recognition has resulted in additional revenue for Yancey County businesses through additional visitor expenditures. Through support of BDG, a new website, [www.ExploreBurnsville.com](http://www.ExploreBurnsville.com) has been developed for local business support and promotion. Additionally, BDG is working with middle schools to expose students to entrepreneurial opportunities for future career pathways.



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\*Town of Burnsville has been working jointly with Yancey County Economic Development Commission, Toe River Arts District (TRAC) & smART Initiative, Burnsville Development Group, School of Government, NC Cultural Arts Commission, DOT and others on downtown revitalization planning. This program will provide guidance for private/public partnerships and financing for downtown revitalization and support local businesses.

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**The Burnsville Town Center** continues to be a premier destination for many cultural and community activities. Toe-tapping



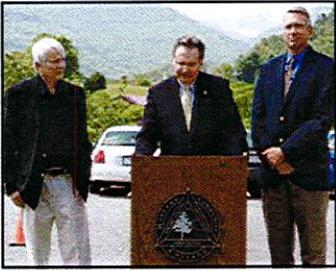
musicals, live concerts and plays, bring a wealth and variety of entertainment to the area.

## Schools and Education

Schools and education are an important part of Yancey County life and its future.

**Mayland Community College** has taken a lead role in training and retraining of workforce. Another historic day was the announcement of construction of the Anspach Advanced





Manufacturing School through generous donation by Dr. and Mrs. Bill Anspach. The new 12,000-sq. ft. facility will be built on the Yancey Campus and house an Applied Engineering Program. Classes will be offered in advanced machining technologies, computer numerical controls (CNC), robotics, automation, mechatronics, design, welding and other skills necessary to meet the needs of new and existing industry. This training will allow local employees to earn a better wage, plus will assist local industry and be an incentive for attracting new industry with qualified workforce. Contract has been awarded and construction is scheduled to begin spring of 2014.

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\*Mayland Community College has established the **Estatee Regional Center for Science and Crafts**, combining the Blue Ridge Star Park and Observatory and the Gardens of Mayland with the craft artist community already established at EnergyX-change (former landfill using methane gas for kilns & other operations ). Synergy between the three entities will contribute to new

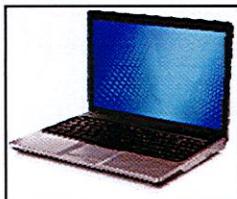


tourism venue for local and regional visitors. The Observatory will house a 34-inch telescope (largest in NC) and will be located in newly designated International Dark Sky area. Lens for telescope was ordered in 2013 and Observatory is projected operational in 2014.

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**Yancey County Board of Education** has several initiatives to improve schools and learning opportunities:

\***Mountain Heritage High School 1:1 program** made possible through community assistance funding from Golden Leaf provides a computer for every child, and classrooms will receive technology upgrades.



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\***Mountain Heritage High School – 13/New Schools Project** (NCNSP) will partner with Yancey County Schools to implement NCNSP Design Principles and Early College High School (ECHS) Strategies serving high needs students.

\*Yancey County Schools involved in the University of North Carolina's **GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs)** initiative which focuses

on early intervention methods to help students start thinking about college and career as early as possible. 7th grade students are all given campus tours while there is concerted effort for juniors and seniors to match their college of choice.

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\*The most recent dedication ceremony held at Cane River and East Yancey Middle Schools was a celebration of newly constructed school-based **Student Health Centers**. These new facility spaces will modernize and double the space of existing health center. This was joint project between YCS and Yancey County Health Department with support from county government.

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\***Bald Creek Elementary** has made a concerted effort to revitalize their playground and create an outdoor learning environment. These improvements with grant funding and volunteer labor include a river walk, school garden, greenhouse and a pavilion.

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\*Even though Yancey County has some of oldest school facilities, the YCS with cooperation of county government continues to **maintain these community school buildings** with renovation projects planned each year.

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\***Yancey County's public schools continue to be one of the top systems academically in North Carolina.** Yancey's six elementary schools overall ranked 49.6% in reading and 59.6% in math compared to state averages of 43.9% in reading and 42.3% in math.



### *Industry/Business Assistance*

**Yancey County Economic Development Commission** has been involved with County, Town and numerous groups and individual business owners on many projects:

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\***Working to support existing industry** has been a major focus. We are fortunate to have three major industries in our community offering employment for our citizens.

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**Glen Raven Technical Fabrics, LLC** (formerly Glen Raven



Mills) has been a proud employer in Yancey County for more than 65 years. Due to a comprehensive recycling program, Glen Raven is totally landfill free as of November 2011. They manufacture specialty fabrics, such as fire retardant materials used in military operations worldwide and fabric for American Flag. The company as a whole was recognized in 2012 as North Carolina's Employer of the Year!

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**Altec Industries**, manufacturer of bodies for utility trucks and sheet metal fabrication continues to expand their work force. In 2012, the company made a significant investment in advanced state-of-the-art fabrication equipment that will allow them to continue to increase plant capacity.



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**HSM** (formerly Hickory Springs Manufacturing Company) is one of the nation's largest integrate solutions companies and international supplier of components to the furniture, bedding, transportation and diversified industries. They recently relocated their inner-springs manufacturing operations to the company's Micaville plant.



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\*Yancey County earned the **Certified Entrepreneurial Community** (CEC) designation from AdvantageWest in December 2011. The CEC status is achieved by a community with an exceptional and unwavering commitment to being a place of economic opportunity for entrepreneurs.



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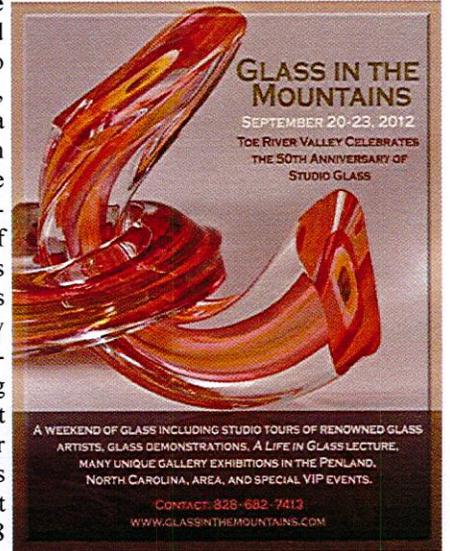
\***Preliminary site evaluation** of vacant properties for prospective industrial sites is underway. It is critical that infrastructure is available that includes water, sewer and natural gas to site.

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\*Since NC has seen an increase in demand for potential film projects, the EDC has recently completed a **Yancey County film update** for the NC Film Commission. It is critical that we have current photos on file for potential film scouts.

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\*Toe River Arts Council (TRAC) and Penland School of the Arts supports the largest population of artists in Southeastern United States that live in Yancey and Mitchell Counties. In 2012, **Glass in the Mountains** celebrated the 50th year of studio glass movement, which included a weekend celebration of craft glass in the two counties including studio tours of renowned glass artists, glass demonstrations, many unique gallery exhibitions, culminating with sold out event at the Town Center attended by visitors from many states. It recognized the 58 glass artists living in the Toe River Valley (Yancey and Mitchell). This was a collaborative event with TRAC, Penland School, glass artists, Yancey and Mitchell EDCs and Chambers and numerous volunteers.



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**Parkway Playhouse**, which was established in 1947, is one of the most vibrant and active theatre companies in the region. First-class, productions of musicals, classics, comedies, and world-premieres original work; all performed at the theatre's landmark historic venue make an evening of live theatre in the mountains a signature experience of visiting Burnsville and Yancey County. Parkway Playhouse also offers camps, classes and large menu of family and child-friendly services and is conveniently located next to the Yancey County Library just north of Burnsville's Town Square.



Respectfully submitted by:

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