

FAMILY TIES

By Tammy Stewart

The Learning Resource Center invites you to check out its Genealogy Room. When the new Student Services building was built and the Learning Resource Center opened, the genealogy materials that were once scattered throughout the center were consolidated into one room. Genealogy is the study of family descent and the Genealogy Room at the LRC is one of the best around, attracting patrons from all over the United States in search of ancestry.

A special thanks goes out to Ms. Betty Baker, a faithful volunteer and lifelong friend of the Learning Resource Center. For almost ten years, Baker has come in every morning and indexed marriages, births, deaths and major events listed in the *Journal Patriot* from 1935-1975. Due to Baker's efforts, Director Dr. Fay Byrd was able to obtain a grant through North Carolina Echo, enabling many historical records to be encoded and put online. The information Baker has indexed through 1961 can be viewed online at www.wilkescc.edu/library. An extra thank you goes out to Lynn and Audrey Chapel for keeping obituaries filed and to Christy Earp for her hard work encoding the information to go online.

The Learning Resource Center also offers an oral history room. This room offers home movies containing interviews from people of Wilkes County and surrounding areas. So come on up and see what you can learn about the place you grew up and the people you descend from.



Betty Baker faithful volunteer.



WCC'S DR. BYRD WINS COUNTY SEAT

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Did you know WCC has its own member of the Chamber of Commerce right on campus? Dr. Fay Byrd has worked at Wilkes Community College since 1966. Currently, Dr. Byrd is the Director of the Learning Resources Department, located on the top floor of the Student Services Building.

Dr. Byrd served on the Wilkes County Board of Education for sixteen years and has returned to politics after a ten-year absence. The staff of the *Cougar Cry* congratulates Dr. Fay Byrd on her win in the election for County Commissioner.

