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A surprise spring snowstorm blanketed the mountains last Thursday, leaving the Valley with four inches of snow and slick highways. Several cars were abandoned on Riceville Road after they slid into the ditch. On the left, snow caps the gravestones in the Berea Baptist Church cemetery.

## Black Mountain water plan approved; bids sought

Final plans and specifications have been approved by the Farmers Home Administration and the Department of Human Resources for Black Mountain's water project.

Bids will be received by April 27 for four separate parts of the project. Included are a 1.2 million gallon storage tank, grading and road building for the tank site, 36,000 feet of distributive line

with 53 fire hydrants and well pumps and chlorination house.

According to the project engineer for Nilsson Engineering, Bob Watts, the completed project will give the town two days of chlorinated water supply in storage, eliminating the need for the surface water supply at Dunsmore Cove.

The Cragmont Road area, Briarbrook and Sunset, areas not currently covered, will have an adequate water supply when the project is completed, Watts said. Water supply in the Church Street, Newbern Avenue and Vance Avenue areas will be improved.

The downtown business area and the schools stand to benefit by the additional fire protection water supply.

Construction is scheduled to start by June 1 and should be completed within the calendar year.

## Lucas tool rescues man pinned by overturned farm tractor

A Cragmont Road man pinned beneath his tractor when it turned over was the first to benefit from the Lucas power rescue tool, purchased recently by the Black Mountain Fire Department.

Black Mountain emergency personnel

received the call at 12:45 p.m. on April 7. Rescue workers said the Lucas tool saved at least 15 minutes in freeing the man, who received injuries to his leg. Without the Lucas tool, the farm tractor would have had to be raised by use of hydraulic jacks.

## Litter clean-up efforts statewide

The Town of Black Mountain has coordinated with the N.C. Department of Transportation to designate April 19-24 as Clean Up Litter Week. This will be a statewide concentrated pick-up litter effort, and all local civic clubs and organizations are invited to participate.

The Department of Transportation will provide litter bags that can be picked up at the Craggy Maintenance yard. For more information on other services the state will be providing, contact the N.C. Department of Transportation, District Engineer's Office at 298-2741.

The Town will provide free trash pick-up to Black Mountain citizens. This will include all items not picked up by the regular garbage trucks, such as brush, tree limbs, old appliances, bags

of leaves, etc. The Town will not pick up old tires.

Town crews will drive through town several times during this week and pick

up all items left on the roadside.

For more information concerning Town services, contact City Hall at 669-9102.

## Beacon to create velour blanket

Cannon Mills Company and Ibena, Incorporated, have announced an agreement in principle to jointly manufacture and sell luxury velour blankets in the U.S. and Canada.

Otto G. Stolz, Cannon chairman and president, and Joseph Beckmann, Ibena owner and president announced that Beacon Manufacturing Company, Cannon's blanket subsidiary, and Ibena would pool their manufacturing resources to create one of the largest

high-quality velour blanket producing facilities in the U.S.

Ibena is the wholly-owned U.S. subsidiary of Ibena Textilwerke Beckmann GMBH & Company of Germany with modern finishing facilities in the Carolinas.

In the continuing effort to integrate the increasing European influence on design with U.S. production capabilities, Stolz said, "Ibena was instrumental in developing and marketing luxury

velour blankets of high-pile composition and subsequently created a worldwide reputation for this product. We intend to vigorously support and expand this product potential."

Beacon will have exclusive rights to manufacture and sell all high-pile blankets under the trademark "Ibena" in the U.S. and Canada and all sales of these products will be made by Cannon Mills, Inc., the marketing and sales subsidiary of Cannon Mills Company.

## Man sentenced for assault

A Black Mountain man was sentenced last week in Buncombe County Superior Court to three years in prison

after pleading no contest to assault and other charges.

Judge John R. Friday sentenced Sherman Vann Hammett, 27, of Cragmont Road to three consecutive one-year prison terms.

Hammett pleaded no contest to one count of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, and another of failure to appear for trial in the case. He pleaded guilty to a third count of obtaining property by false pretense.

The assault charge resulted from a July 8, 1981 fight at the former 2001 Club on Swannanoa River Road in which Hammett stabbed another man, according to reports.

Hammett was arrested on the false pretense charge after he cashed a payroll check written on a phony business account Dec. 24, 1981, at Houser Shoes in Asheville.

Hammett failed to appear for trial Jan. 25.

## Schools to close June 7

Buncombe County students will have a few school days added to their spring schedule, school officials announced last week. The Friday, June 4 closing day has been changed to Monday, June 7. All county schools will dismiss at 11 a.m. that day.

Teacher work days are scheduled for April 23, June 4, 8 and 9.

Buncombe County seniors will hold graduation ceremonies May 31.

## Daugherty scores 6 in McDonalds game

Brad Daugherty scored six points in the McDonald's All-Star high school basketball game at the Horizon Arena in Rosemont, Ill. last Saturday. The West defeated the East, 103-84, in the game.

Daugherty played a total of 16 minutes, hitting three shots out of seven from the field. He pulled down eight rebounds and handed out one assist.



## Weather review

April 6--high 37, low 21 degrees; .02 inches precipitation.

April 7--high 54, low 19 degrees.

April 8--high 42, low 32 degrees; 4 inches snow.

April 9--high 48, low 32 degrees; .15 inches precipitation.

April 10--high 37, low 29 degrees.

April 11--high 58, low 22 degrees.

April 12--high 73, low 28 degrees.

Total precipitation for March, 2.1 inches.

Weather courtesy of WFGW radio, Black Mountain.

## Owen students respond to need for blood

by Cynthia Reimer

Holidays place high demands on the Red Cross for blood. When a local industry pulled out of the bloodmobile schedule just before Easter, Owen High School students rallied to the cause, donating a total of 100 pints of blood last Friday.

Owen Assistant Principal Fred Ivey said, "We went out of our way to fill in.

The students have responded well."

The Red Cross approached the Owen Student Council, asking them to participate. The effort was coordinated by Tracy Zeigler, a member of the Student Council.

This is the first time Owen has participated in a blood drive. According to Zeigler, the students set a goal of 100 pints, and reached it. Area schools compete in blood donations, she said.



Owen students and faculty may have saved lives over the holiday weekend when they gave blood to the Red Cross, many for the first time.



Red Cross volunteers recorded students' medical histories.

## County honors Warhorses

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution on April 6 honoring the Owen High School basketball team.

The resolution, signed by Commission Chairman Curtis Ratcliff, said, "The people of Buncombe County are likewise pleased and proud of the outstanding record compiled by said team during the past two seasons."

The resolution recognizes coaches Bill Burrows and Bruce Arrowood and team members Brad Daugherty, Keith Lanning, Keith Parker, Mike Gragg, Phil Groce, Charles Bradley, Jamie Rumbough, Jamie Hoefling, Cecil Davidson, Stacy Ayers and Gregg Reynolds, managers and trainers, for their hard work, competitive spirit, sportsmanship and achievement.