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PUBLIC INPUT SIGN UP SHEET

PUBLIC INPUT SHALL BE LIMITED TO
THREE (3) MINUTES PER PERSON.

EACH PERSON SHOULD:

- (1) STATE YOUR NAME
- (2) IN WHAT AREA OF THE COUNTY YOU LIVE
- (3) SPEAK IN A CLEAR AND COURTEOUS MANNER.

Please Print:

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>ISSUE</u>
1.			
✓ 2.	DAVID VAUGHN	4855 Asheville Hwy	PIT Bulls
✓ 3.	Melissa Myers	196 McKinney Rd	Pit Bulls
✓ 4.	Bob Williford	330 N. Kag St.	Shop + Drive
✓ 5.	Diane Dotson	Mountain Home	Teacher Supplement
✓ 6.	KAREN MATHIESON	1616 ORLEANS	TEACHERS' supplement
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Hand-out
Bob Williford

Campaign Cost Breakdown for November and December 2008

Media	Cost
Times-News (all ads ran 3 times)	
Contest Rules ad	\$319.32
Mayors/Moyer ad	\$1596.60
Henry Johnson ad	\$674.12
Greg Newman ad	\$674.12
Bill Moore ad	\$674.12
Roger Snyder ad	\$674.12
Bob Staton ad	\$674.12
WHKP (1 spot per hour 11/26 thru 12/31)	
November	\$750.00
December	\$750.00
WTZQ (12 spots per day 11/24 thru 12/27)	
November	\$750.00
December	\$750.00
Water Bill	
Flyers for H'ville Water Bills	\$460.00
Flat Rock Cinema (4 months)	
Ad to appear before movie	\$200.00
Banner	\$175.00
TOTAL	\$9121.52



From November 17th through December 19th, residents who do their shopping with Henderson County retailers can enter a drawing to win a **\$500 gift card** from the Chamber and First Citizens Bank.

Campaign Rules



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Shoppers can enter multiple times, as long as their receipts total \$100 or more each time.



The contest goal is to encourage people to spend their holiday shopping dollars locally, so there are some everyday items that won't qualify: fuel, groceries and prescriptions.



The Henderson County Chamber of Commerce employees and their families are not eligible to win.



Drawing will be held at the Chamber office on Monday, December 21st.



Thank you for participating in
Shop & Dine Henderson County!
For more information, please call the
Chamber of Commerce at 828.692.1413.



This holiday season, your two cents can buy a lot more than you'd think.

Shopping locally not only benefits our merchants and their employees, it adds to local government revenue in the form of sales tax dollars. North Carolina collects a 6.75-cent sales tax on every dollar spent - 2.25 of those cents are returned to the county in which the taxed items were purchased. Sales taxes collected by Henderson County businesses make up over 20% of the county's budget and between 20-30% of our municipalities' budget, which provides for school needs, infrastructure and countless other items we enjoy and expect as residents here.

But what happens when Henderson County shoppers travel to Asheville or Greenville to do their shopping?

This is known as "leakage," and it amounts to an estimated \$157 million annually being spent outside Henderson County. 2.25% of these expenditures (\$3 million + annually) will go to the county or community where the tax was collected. If those tax dollars stayed in Henderson County, many of our county programs and benefits could be enhanced and other forms of taxation or tax increases could be prevented.

November and December are traditionally big shopping months and our local merchants would love the opportunity to serve you this season.

Henderson County has grown exponentially over the past few years. If you were unable to find a particular item or assistance 5 years ago, chances are good that you will now be able to find those goods or services right here in our community.

We encourage you to support your local economy by shopping and dining in Henderson County.



Front Row (left to right): Bill Moyer, Chairman of the Henderson County Commissioners; Barbara Volk, Mayor Pro Tem City of Hendersonville; Henry Johnson, Mayor of Laurel Park. Back Row (left to right): Bill Moore, Mayor of Fletcher; Bob Staton, Mayor of the Village of Flat Rock; Roger Snyder, Mayor of Mills River.

Top Reasons To Shop Locally

Keep the Dollars in Our Local Economy

When you shop in our community, you simultaneously create jobs, fund more services through sales tax, invest in neighborhood improvement, and promote community development.

Local Business Owners Invest in Community

Local businesses are owned by people who live in this community, are less likely to leave, and are more invested in the community's future.

Lots of Great Products

With so many great stores, markets, restaurants and crafters, the choices are endless. There is a broad range of products available.

Keep Our City Unique

We have a variety of unique specialty shops and products. These businesses are an integral part of the distinctive character of our community. Our tourism industry benefits from this. When people go on vacation they seek out destinations that offer them the sense of being someplace special. By choosing to support local businesses you help maintain our diversity and distinct flavour.

Get Better Service

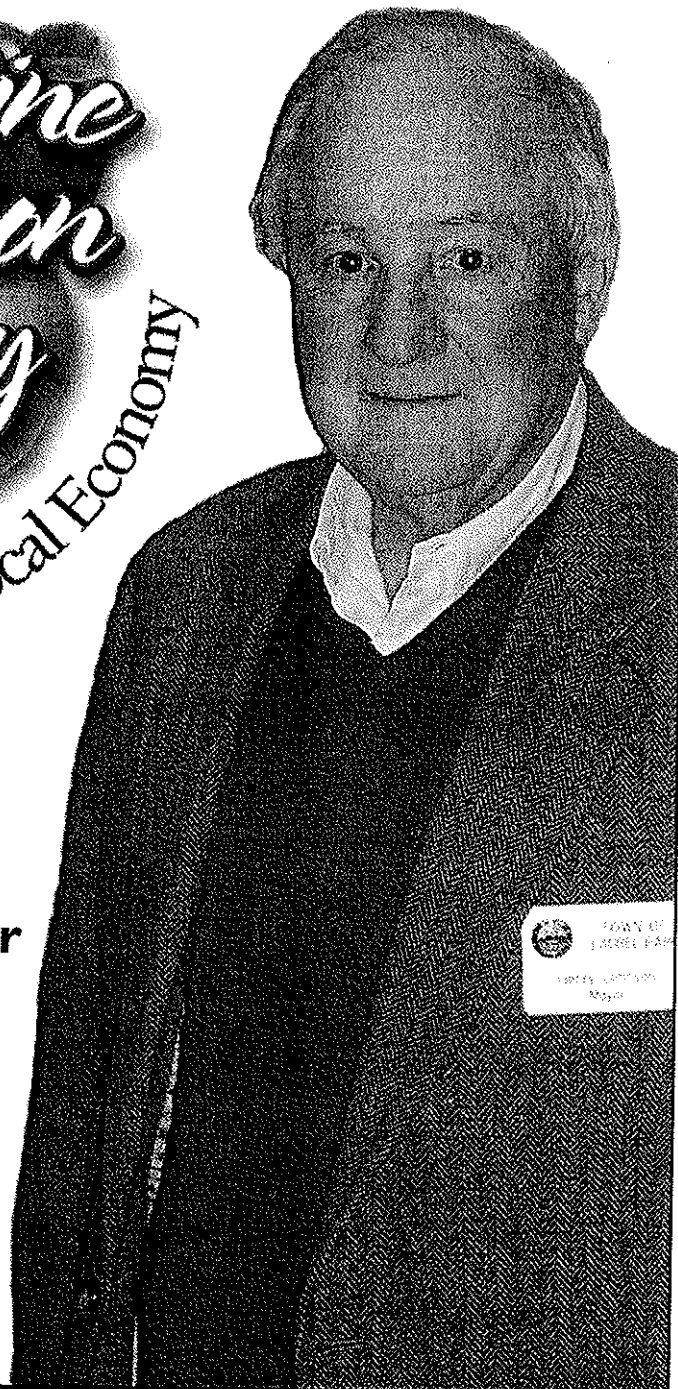
Our area merchants take pride in hiring the right people who are passionate about their products and services... let's support them by shopping locally. And consider if you have a problem with the item you have purchased you can easily return it to a local merchant for service where this is not as easily accomplished with a foreign purchase.

We All **WIN** When We



**“Spending your
discretionary dollars
locally is good for
your neighbor, good for
your community and
good for you.”**

**Henry Johnson,
Mayor
Town of Laurel Park**



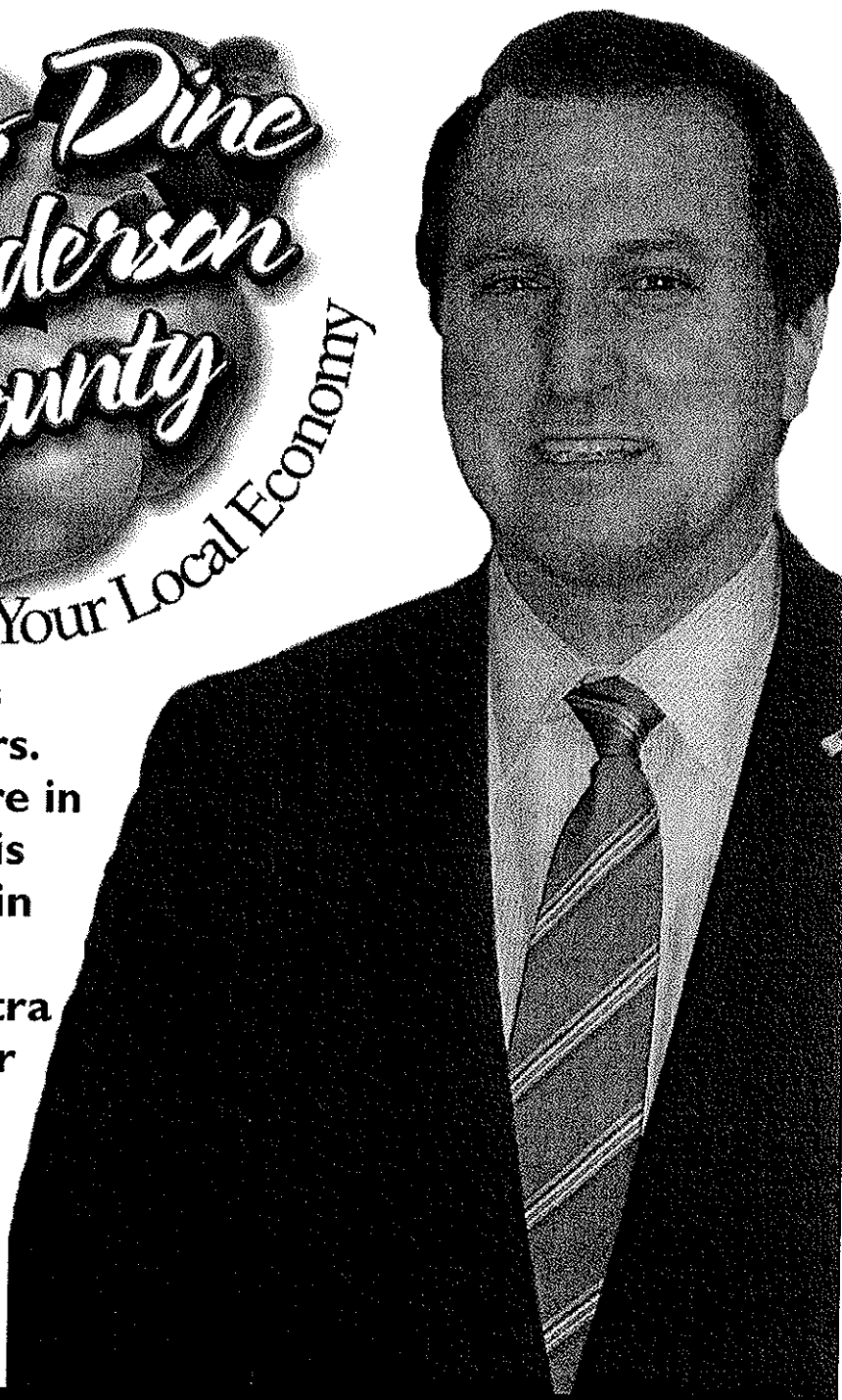
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**"Our merchants
are our neighbors.
Money spent here in
our community is
money invested in
our community.
Let us go the extra
distance this year
to support one
another."**

**Greg Newman,
Mayor - City of
Hendersonville**



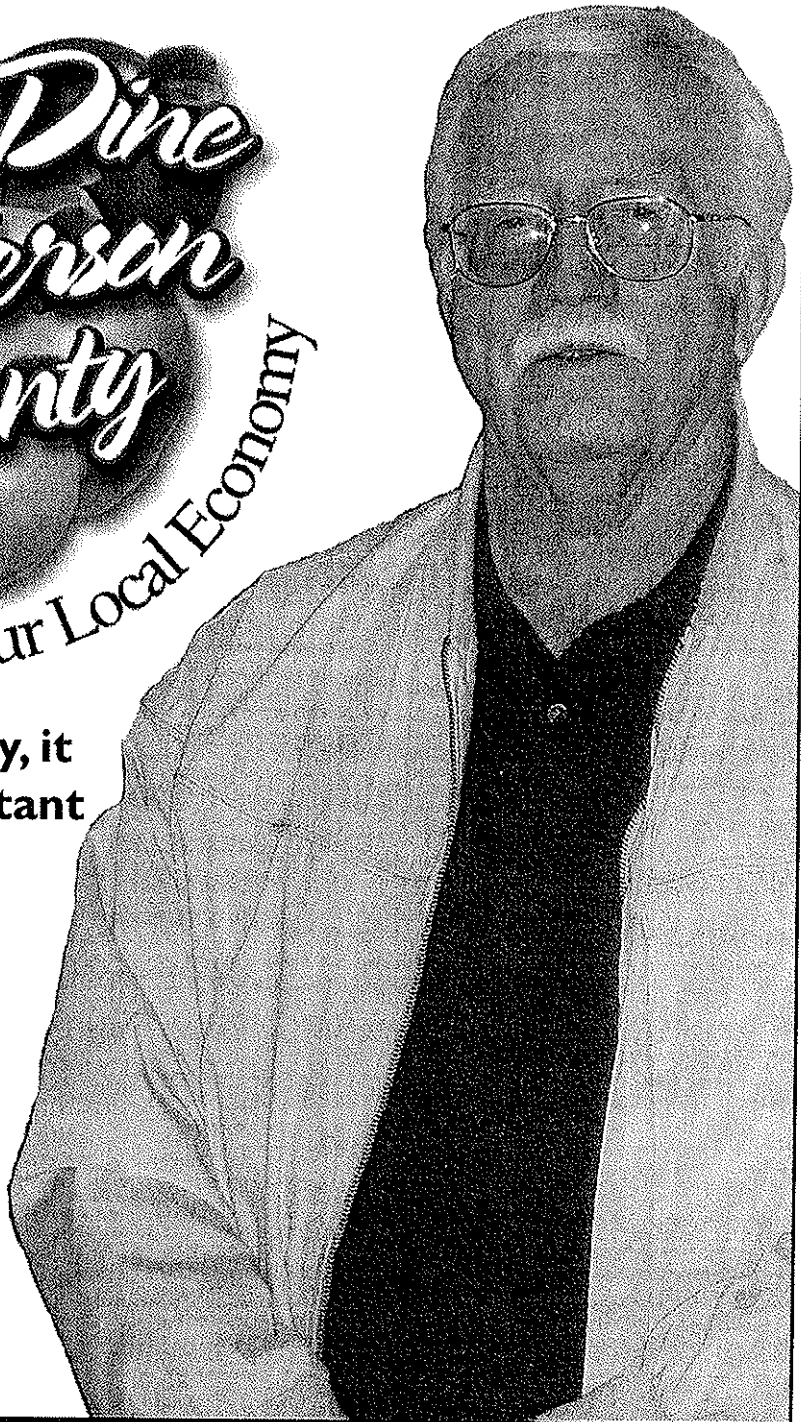
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"In today's economy, it is extremely important for all of us to shop and dine locally. When we shop and dine in Henderson County we support jobs in our community."

**Bill Moore, Mayor
Town of Fletcher**



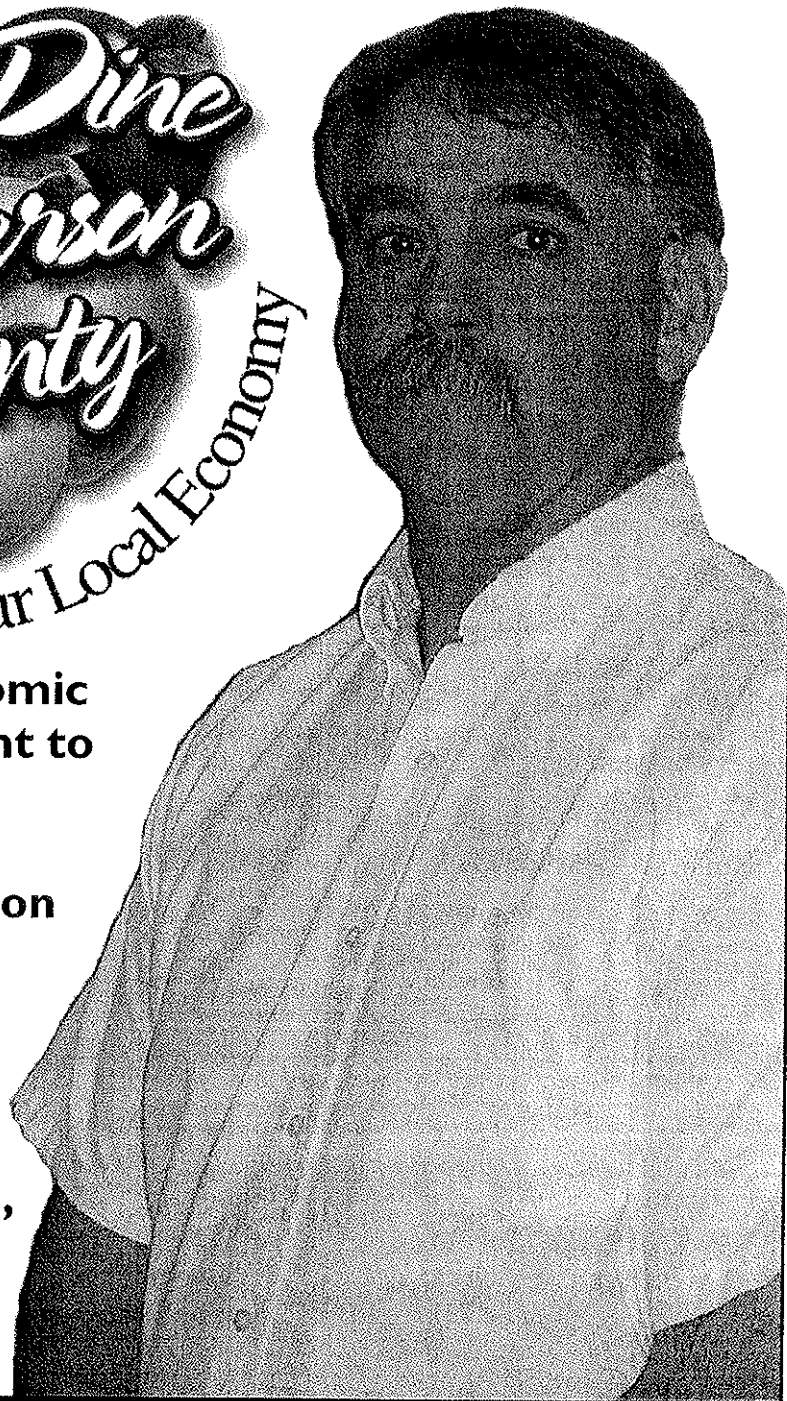
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“During slow economic times, it is important to support our local merchants. Dollars spent with Henderson County businesses keep our local economy strong. I encourage you to shop and dine in Henderson County.”

***Roger Snyder, Mayor
Town of Mills River***



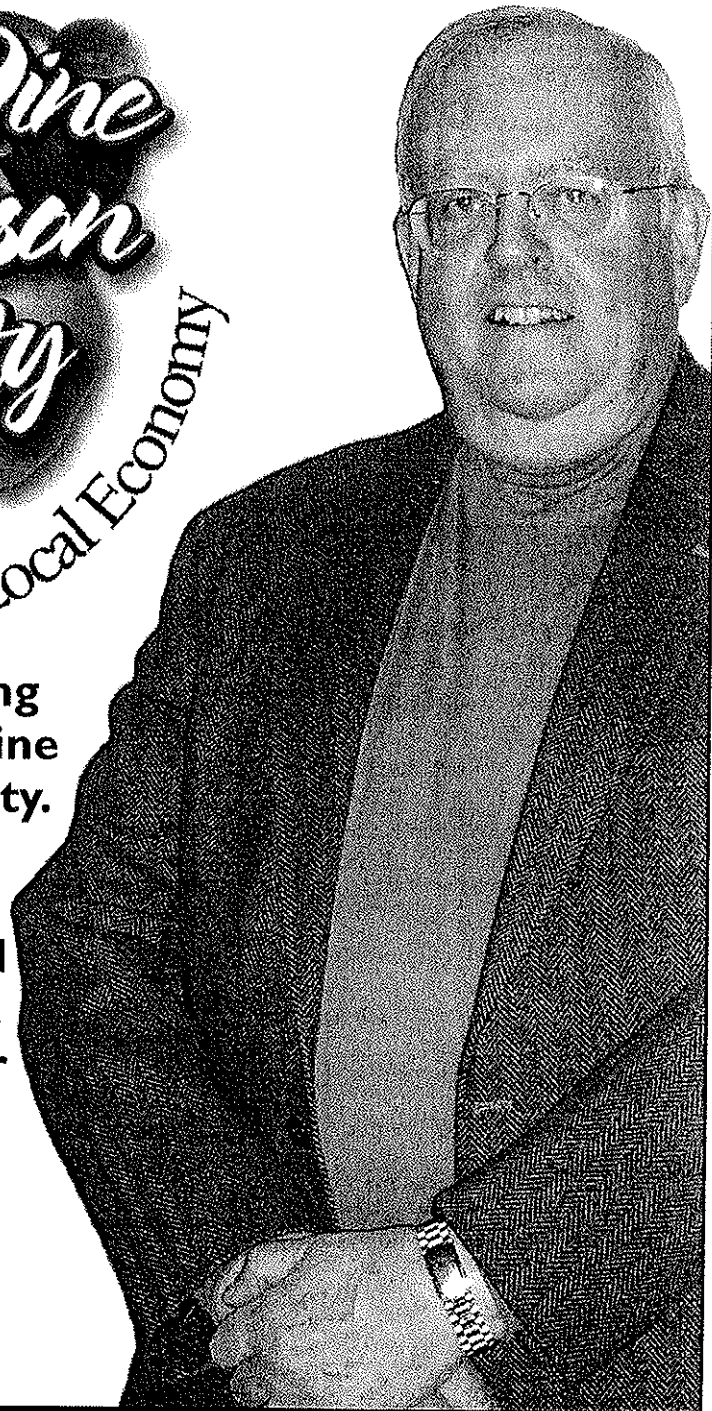
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"We have great shopping opportunities & many fine restaurants in this county. Let's take advantage of them. Flat Rock's business district is small - about two blocks long. But we are proud of our merchants and urge all to shop and dine Henderson County."

**Bob Staton, Mayor
Village of Flat Rock**



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Water bill flies

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Flat Rock Cinema

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Merchants report campaign success

By Jennifer Heaslip
Times-News staff writer

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Every year, local residents spend \$157 million outside of Henderson County or online, leaving officials scratching their heads.

Not this year, they hope. Several business owners reported the Shop and Dine Henderson County campaign was a success, drawing more local traffic into stores for the holiday season and softening the blow of a staggering national economy.

"The feedback we're getting is that the traffic is pretty good," Henderson County Chamber of Commerce President Bob Williford said. "I think people realize how important it is to support local businesses, who in turn support local charities and nonprofits and provide jobs to our friends and neighbors."

No sales figures are in yet, he added, but he hears people talking about shopping locally before hitting the Internet or looking elsewhere. It's not just business owners who benefit from shopping locally. The county and its municipalities would receive about \$3 million in sales tax revenue from that \$157 million, the Chamber says.

"We see that as an opportunity," Williford said. "That translates into thousands of jobs."

The campaign

To increase local spending the past two years, the Chamber and county municipalities and organizations have held an annual Shop Henderson County campaign. For 2008, they decided to include restaurants and change the name to Shop and Dine Henderson County.

"The restaurants are also getting hit hard this year with the economic challenges," Williford said, "so we thought it was important this year to include our restaurants in our campaign."

The campaign is the product of a coalition of businesses and nonprofits who work

together to encourage residents to spend money locally.

Henderson County has grown tremendously in the last 10-15 years, Williford said, and the offerings have grown as well. You can find anything you want here, and can even call the Chamber if you can't find something you need.

All of the municipalities and organizations chipped in money, and together raised \$10,000 to spread the message that shopping locally keeps sales tax in the community and provides jobs. Media outlets also worked with them to get them twice as much advertising for the money.

The campaign continues, as Williford said January, February and March are typically slower months. The worsening economy in 2008, and the expectation of an even worse 2009, make it especially important to support local businesses, he said. A Valentine's Day promotion is ready to launch.

In addition to the Chamber and the municipalities, campaign contributors included Downtown Hendersonville Inc., Hendersonville Merchants and Business Association, Flat Rock Merchants Association, Blue Ridge Mall, Fletcher Area Business Association, Highland Square Shopping Center and Laurel Park Village.

Success

Eva Ritchey, owner of Once Upon A Sign on Main Street, said she was glad to participate in the campaign "because I recognize that if we're going to have small local businesses, we're going to have to shop locally."

She placed a poster in her window and talked to people about the campaign and its message, telling people, "hey, this is not the year for online shopping."

There's a misconception that there aren't affordable gifts in town, she said, but nothing could be further from the truth.

The average cost of an item in her shop is \$20, and Ritchey said many other affordable, unique gifts can be found.

As for Once Upon A Sign, Ritchey said they did well enough to support the store through the winter. She hopes the campaign has helped other businesses as well.

"There have been some pretty lean times down here, and there have been some shops thinking about moving on, and that's not what we want," she said.

When she talked about the campaign with her customers, some said they had decided to shop locally this year. Ritchey herself saw an increase in traffic and local shoppers.

"I think Henderson County really stepped up," she said.

And the shoppers haven't left, said Barbara Hughes, owner of Narnia Studios on Main Street. The days after New Year's have been just as busy, as people don't have to be back at work right away and family members are still visiting.

Overall, 2008 "was the best year in five years for the store," Hughes said. "I think some of that comes with longevity. You get those repeat customers. I just feel blessed."

Narnia Studios has been in Hendersonville for 14 years. The bestsellers locally were fresh flowers and arrangements, while fairies and similar items sold well online.

Hughes said she had more local than online customers. She always encourages business owners to have a Web site, even if they don't use it to sell merchandise. Just having a Web presence can help, she said.

She also participated by shopping at her neighbors and encouraging others to do the same, and buying American.

One of the biggest differences she noticed in 2008 was that people were shopping every day of the week. Last Christmas, they came toward the end of the week and over the weekend, but this year people came out during the middle of the week, she said. And there were five fewer shopping days this year because Thanksgiving fell later in the year.

Even the weather cooperated this season, she added. On Friday, Hughes had her door open as people strolled down Main Street.

Diana Hecht, an artist at Wickwire Fine & Folk Art Gallery on Main Street, said the store's owner told her this year was better than last Christmas.

"I personally heard a lot of people say they wanted handcrafted items, nothing from China," she said. "So it was a very good Christmas for us. We haven't had a downtime yet."

A flier advertising the campaign also sat in the window at Sherman's Sports. Owner Becky Banadyga said she heard some customers say they decided to shop locally.

"It was good," she said of the store's sales and the traffic downtown. "It seemed busy. It seemed like a normal Christmas season."

Hannah Flannagan's owner Matt Johnes said 2008 was similar to 2007 in sales, although he did see fewer tourists and more local residents. "In our case, most of our business is local customers. We really count on the local customers year round."

Although most of his crowd already dines and shops locally, Johnes said the campaign "is a great thing to keep it on people's minds."

At Blue Ridge Mall, the campaign seems to have helped with foot traffic as some merchants said they saw more local shoppers this year, Mall Manager Lisa Schaack said, especially Waldenbooks and JCPenney. People she considers "mall regulars" told her they thought the mall was the busiest they have ever seen it in the last month. Some merchants also had fliers posted to get the message out. Schaack herself did a lot of promoting, appearing on a radio show and working hard to spread the word about the importance of spending money locally.

"In general, (sales were) probably lower than last year, but we're probably not hurt as much as others unfortunately were," she said.

The mall manager praised her tenants and said they offered a lot of strong promotions to draw shoppers. Black Friday and the day after Christmas were especially busy.

"It was even busier than we had anticipated," Schaack said.

We All **WIN** When We



**Thank You for Shopping & Dining
in Henderson County during
the Holiday Season!**

**Our Merchants say that Your Support
this Year Made a Difference!**

We hope everyone continues to
Shop & Dine Henderson County. Now, more than
ever before, local businesses need your support.

**Watch for information on how you can win a
Valentine's Package from local merchants as part of the
next *Shop & Dine Henderson County* Campaign.**








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Running 1/4, 7, 9 • Total cost \$674.12



Now through February 6th, residents who do their shopping with Henderson County retailers can enter a drawing to win a **Valentine's Package** including flowers, chocolates, night's stay and much more!

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-  Drawing will be held at the Chamber office on Monday, February 9th.



Thank you for participating in
Shop & Dine Henderson County!
For more information, please call the
Chamber of Commerce at 828.692.1413.

Running 1/6, 8, 11 • Total cost \$319.32

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Henderson County's Animal Control Ordinance and Dangerous Dogs

Henderson County Office of the County Attorney



Existing Ordinance

What is a “Dangerous” or “Potentially Dangerous” Dog?

Any dog whose behavior constitutes a risk of severely injuring or killing a human or domestic animal, or which, by demonstrated behavior, is commonly accepted as dangerous.

Existing Ordinance

What are examples?

- A dog that, without provocation, has killed or inflicted severe injury on a person.
- Any dog owned or harbored primarily or in part for the purpose of dog fighting, or any dog trained for dog fighting.
- A dog that is determined hereunder to be ***potentially*** dangerous because the dog has:
 - (1) inflicted a bite on a person that resulted in broken bones, disfiguring lacerations, or requiring surgery or hospitalization.
 - (2) killed or inflicted severe injury upon a domestic animal when not on the owner's real property.
 - (3) approached a person when not on the owner's property in an apparent attitude of attack.

Existing Ordinance

Are there exceptions?

A dog shall not be deemed dangerous solely because it bites, attacks, or menaces:

- Anyone assaulting the owner or trespassing on the owner's property;
- Any person or other animal that has tormented or abused it; or
- While protecting or defending its young.

How is a Dog Deemed “Dangerous” or “Potentially Dangerous”

- Declaration of dangerous/potentially dangerous dog is by the Animal Service Director. When a report is received and investigated, the Director determines whether, in the Director’s opinion, the animal fits the ordinance’s criteria.
- Any person who owns a dog that has been declared dangerous/potentially dangerous has the right to appeal this decision to the Appellate Board.

Consequences of Deeming a Dog “Dangerous” or “Potentially Dangerous”

AMONG OTHER THINGS:

The owner must (except when the dog is muzzled and controlled):

- (a) Confine the dog within the owner's residence or (b) confine the dog in a securely enclosed and padlocked pen with a concrete bottom and secure top within 30 days. The structure must be secured by a child-resistant lock.
- Post a warning sign.
- Insure that the dog at all times remains enclosed or controlled and muzzled as to meet the requirements of this chapter.
- Demonstrate that such dog has been tattooed on the inside of the right hind leg with an identification number or had a microchip implanted as directed by the Animal Service Director.

Penalties

Violation of the Ordinance is a criminal general misdemeanor (and requires the dog being put down).

Civil penalties for dangerous/potentially dangerous dog:

Unattended dog -- \$500.00 per day.

Dog without tattoo/microchip -- \$500.00 per day.

Henderson County ICE-287(g) Program Information

Why it works for community safety

Example 1: Subject SARA VIA, Joshue arrested by the Henderson County Sheriff's Office on 10/13/2008 for Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon and Assault by Pointing a Gun. Subject will be deported upon completion of these charges after Henderson County ICE 287(g) Deputies determined his immigration status as being illegal.

Subject is affiliated with a gang. Subject was previously arrested on November 24, 2006 for Discharge of a Weapon on Occupied Property and Assault with a Deadly Weapon for which the subject was convicted on the latter count. This was before the ICE 287(g) program and subject claimed he was a U.S. Citizen and these claims were never verified by anyone in ICE because there was no reason to disbelieve at that time. Subject is an 18 year old illegal alien male who was on his way to becoming a full time criminal and a serious safety concern to the community.

Example 2: Subject Obed MELCHOR-CARTAJENA is a wanted Immigration Fugitive by DHS/ICE. Subject was arrested 12/23/2008 by the Henderson County S.O. on Larceny Charges. Subject was properly identified as the wanted fugitive by Henderson ICE 287(g) Deputies due to their training and access to ICE systems that normally would have gone undetected.

Working with the local counties near Henderson (IAQ process)

Example 1: On December 23, 2008, Henderson County 287(g) Deputies received an Immigration Alien Query (IAQ) from Buncombe County regarding an individual who was possibly an illegal alien arrested by the Buncombe County S.O. for DWI. Subject has the following arrests and/or convictions in Henderson County:

07/28/1984 Assault with a Deadly Weapon, intent to Kill-arrest
12/01/1986 Concealment of Merchandise-conviction
11/11/1988 Possession of Stolen Property-arrest
11/29/1988 Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle-conviction
02/15/1989 Larceny-arrest
12/09/1991 Driving While Intoxicated and Driving While License Revoked-convicted, sentenced 2 years
12/09/1991 Probation Violation, Resisting Public Officer-Dismissed
While awaiting trial on 12/09/1991 subject was arrested for Assault on female on 11/15/1991 and Carrying a Concealed Weapon
09/11/1992 Assault and Simple Assault-arrest
12/17/1992 Misdemeanor Larceny-convicted
05/16/1994 Misdemeanor Larceny-convicted
05/16/1994 Failure to Appear-convicted

In Buncombe County, subject has the following encounters:

04/15/1999 Assault on a Child under 12-arrest
04/29/1999 Possession Schedule II-convicted
10/21/1999 Larceny-convicted
09/18/2003 Possession of Schedule II-convicted
10/20/2008 DWI, Trespassing, arrested

Other convictions include Possession of Schedule II in Florida and Felony Larceny and Burglary in Texas for which subject was sentenced to 2 ½ years in the 1980's.

Subject was deported On February 10, 2001 and is a re-entry Aggravated Felon. He will be presented for Federal Prosecution upon completion of his local charge of DWI (about his recorded 5th DWI) on 12/20/2008 in Buncombe County.

There have been several other cases where subject's criminal records/wants/warrants have crossed between communities because of the 287(g) program.

Productivity of adding one ICE-287(g) Officer

On October 19, 2008 Henderson County allowed one part time ICE 287(g) Officer to work TDY to the program and since then the results have been much improved. These numbers are as of January 4, 2009:

- The Monthly Immigration Count at Henderson County 287(g) has gone from six inmates a week to approximately 17.
- The IAQ count was zero (never done before) to 164. Of the 164 IAQs, 112 were interviewed. Of the 112 interviewed, 94 ICE detainers were put on these individuals. Of the 94 ICE detainers, 35 have been processed by the Henderson County ICE 287(g) Program. The rest are still facing local charges.
- If December means anything, the numbers look like this....67 Interviews, 56 Detainers, 21 processed from out of County. Within County, 48 Interviews, 39 Detainers, 36 processed. December totals for both within the county and outside the county 115 Interviews, 95 Detainers, 57 processed.

Fiscal Sense (Cents) of 287(g) to include IAQs

Currently, the one additional ICE employee processed 12 cases in a four day span during the New Year's Day week. Conservative figures for a **full time** ICE 287(g) employee indicate he/she should be able to process 10 cases per week. That is an average of two a day. With a current ICE detainee averaging 7 ½ days in custody in Henderson, that should prove to be a worthy undertaking. Although the purpose of the program is not to make a profit, it can happen, even with conservative estimates.

1 287(g) employee = 10 cases x \$72.00 x 7 days (average ICE detainee at HCDF = \$5040 \$5040 x 4 weeks (one month) = \$20160 a month x 12 months = **\$241,920 per year**. This is the gross product, which does not include the cost of the inmate or salary of the Deputy. More importantly, we have not even begun to discuss the amount of felons and aliens with misdemeanor convictions that have been removed from the country due to this program.

What would happen without the 287(g) Program

Example 1: Subject Gabriel DONDiego-SANCHEZ, DOB 09/20/1982, arrested by Henderson County 287(g) Deputies for DWLR and Resisting Public Officer. Subject had a court date of January 22, 2009. An ICE detainer was put on this subject and therefore, his court date was moved up to December 23, 2008. Subject was given Credit Time Served and placed into ICE Custody. Due to the holidays, subject was moved into ICE Custody on this date and was unable to be moved out until January 6, 2009. Therefore, instead of this person being on the county budget for 30 days, the subject still received a conviction and will spend more time in federal detention until he is removed to his country. The county will actually receive 14 days of this detention (\$1008) rather than pay the cost to house this individual for 30 days.....

Example 2: Subject Ekrem Toptal had previously been arrested on 03/26/2008 for Speeding and Operating Vehicle with No Insurance by HCSO. It is very likely that had the 287(g) program been instilled at that time, this Turkish Citizen would have been encountered and put in removal proceedings before he had a chance to commit Indecent Liberties with a Child and 2nd Degree Sexual Offense later that year. Subject failed to appear on the initial charges and is currently a wanted fugitive by HCSO. Subject is an F-1 student overstay, originally coming here to attend a University for a higher education. This is the same visa that 19 people used to come here and bomb the World Trade Center. The question remains; can we afford to add 287(g) Deputies to the full time staff? I think the more important question here should be can we afford not to?

Respectfully,

Rick Davis
Sheriff
Henderson County