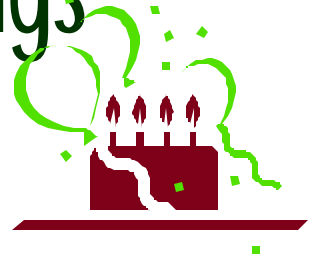




Town of Hudson

Hudson Happenings



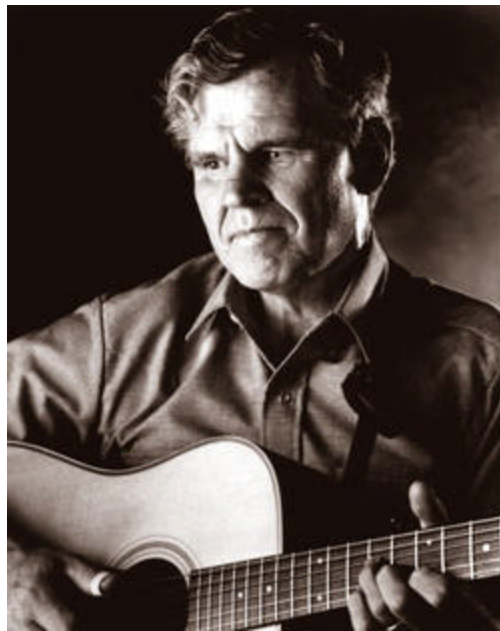
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Doc Watson to appear at the HUB, Sat. February 26, 2005

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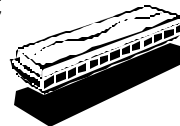


Exciting Centennial Events Continue for 2005

The Town of Hudson is very excited to host the world renowned Doc Watson and his grandson, Richard, in Concert at the **Hudson Uptown Building (HUB) on Saturday, February 26, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.** Doc, a local musician, was born in Watauga County (and even has connections with Hudson). He lost his vision before his first birthday but never let that interfere with his love for music. He began playing harmonica and banjo before the age of

six. Later, he learned to play guitar and fell in love with the sound. At eighteen, while playing at a radio station remote in Lenoir, Arthel got his nickname "Doc" from a lady in the crowd. From these meager beginnings, Doc has gone on to become a five time Grammy Award winning musician, internationally known and beloved by the world. In 2004, he was awarded a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award for a lifetime of creative musical accomplishments.

A limited number of tickets are available and are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at the Hudson Town Hall, HUB, Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce, The Gold Mine or Ray's Music Store in Hudson. Don't miss this opportunity to see the legendary **DOC WATSON** up close and personal.



Special points of interest:

- ?? *Doc Watson in Concert at the HUB*
- ?? *The Town of Hudson's 100th Birthday Party at the HUB, March 6, 2005*
- ?? *Bestselling Author and hometown girl, Ms. Jan Karon, birthday guest.*
- ?? *Community wide Easter Sunrise Service on March 27, 2005 at Hudson Middle School football stadium.*

2005 Town of Hudson Taxes

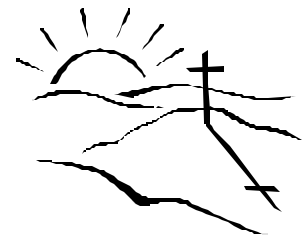
This year is a revaluation year for Caldwell County taxpayers. Revaluation means a reappraisal of your real property. Caldwell County conducts a revaluation every 4 years to assess all real property at its true value (market) in money. This revaluation becomes effective as of 1/1/05, and will be the basis for the 2005 tax bills for both Caldwell County and its municipalities. Your account number and property valuation are the same for both Caldwell County and the Town of

Hudson. The tax rate for Hudson is set each year by the Hudson Board of Commissioners. You should have recently received a revaluation notice from the Caldwell County Tax Department showing the revaluation of your property. If you have any questions about your revaluation, please contact the Caldwell County Tax Department. Any changes made to your property valuation will apply to both Caldwell County and Hudson taxes.

The Town of Hudson is now accepting tax payments by credit card. We accept either MasterCard or VISA. When paying taxes with a credit card, a convenience fee of \$3 or 3% of tax bill, whichever is greater, will be collected with the taxes. This fee covers the cost of providing a credit card service for tax payment collection. If you have any questions about your Town of Hudson taxes, please call 728-8272.

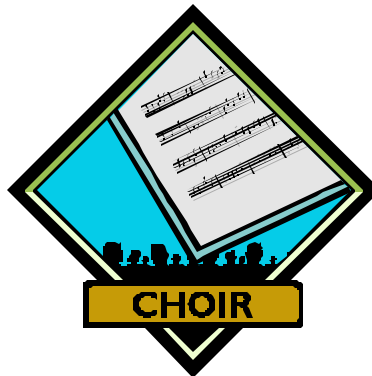
Tamra Swanson, Tax Collector

"The Town of Hudson is now accepting tax payment by credit card."



The Town of Hudson's 100 Member Centennial Choir

It is not too late to become one of the 100 people that will make up Hudson's Centennial Choir. The Centennial Choir will perform at several events during the Centennial and will produce a CD. If you are interested in becoming part of this historical group of singers you may contact the Town Hall or call Choir Director, Keith Smith at 828 322-3169



On Easter Sunday morning, March 27, 2005 a community wide Easter Sunrise Service is planned to begin at 7 a.m. at Hudson Middle School Football Stadium. In case of rain it will be held at Hudson First Baptist Church. The featured speaker is Rev. Jim Hamby. Several area churches and pastors are involved. The 100-Member Choir will sing.

At Easter Sunrise Service

A Light Breakfast of

Biscuits, Donuts, Juice & Coffee

Will be provided by

The area Churches

Bestselling Author, Jan Karon, coming home to Hudson

Jan Karon may be best known to you as the author of a series of bestselling books, *The Mitford Series*. Jan was born in Caldwell County and began her education at Hudson Elementary School. Even today, she fondly remembers her first grade class with Mrs. Downs. She loved writing and aspired to become a

writer someday. She started a career as an advertising executive that spanned 40 years. But, eventually, her dream of writing was realized, and since she has authored several best sellers. Jan has graciously agreed to be the keynote speaker at Hudson's 100th Birthday Party Celebration at the Hudson Uptown Building

(HUB) on Sunday, March 6, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. Auto-graphed copies of her latest book, *Jan Karon's Mitford Cookbook and Kitchen Reader*, will be available for purchase on that day.

Don't Miss Meeting

Jan Karon

In Person !!!!



I hope that you have noticed the Centennial Celebration banners that are placed up and down Main Street, Central Street, and Cedar Valley Road. These banners are to announce Hudson's Centennial Year and to serve as a reminder that the entire 2005 year will be filled with events to commemorate Hudson's 100th Birthday. Progress continues on the history book, *Hudson Heritage*. Book editors, Lucy Wagner and Nell Greene have worked tirelessly, along with other proofreaders, to

proofread the articles you submitted for publication. The publisher is on schedule to have the books to the Town for distribution at the Butterfly Saturday Spring Festival on May 14, 2005. If you have already pre-ordered your copy, you can pick it up anytime after that date. If you haven't already reserved your copy, you can still do so by contacting the Hudson Town Hall or by printing an order form from our website www.ci.hudson.nc.us and mailing it to the Town Hall.

History Book
Hudson Heritage
On Sale at the Hudson
Town Hall
\$30.00 plus tax and S/H

Other Centennial
 Memorabilia
 Available
 For more information
 Call 728-8272



Attention Kids
Easter Egg Hunt
Sat. March 26 10:00
am
Redwood
Park

FREE
Thousands of Eggs
Bring you basket and
find prize filled eggs

Public Works

We at the Public Works Department work hard to serve you the public. During the recent snow and ice storm you probably saw us driving snow plows and sand spreaders through your neighborhood. That is just one of the many duties that we have as your public servants. We will pick up and chip brush from your property, we also vacuum leaves from the curbside in the fall, we try to

keep the ditches and culverts clear of debris such that water will freely flow during wet weather events. If you have unwanted items that are too large or unsuitable for GDS to remove on garbage collection day, call us and we will pick it up for you for a very small fee. If you need any assistance, please call us at the Town Garage at 728-2826.

Spring Cleanup
April 16—May 2
 Public Works will pickup discarded items **free of charge**. Call the Town Garage for more information.

100 years ago the leading cause of death in the U.S. was pneumonia and influenza.

100 Years Ago: What a difference a Century Makes!

On March 1st the Town of Hudson will be 100 Years Old. My sister emailed me an article about life 100 years ago. I want to share that article with you.

Maybe this will boggle your mind, I know it did mine!

The year is 1904...100 years ago. Here are some of the US statistics for 1904:

Average life expectancy in the US was 47 years.

Only 14% of the homes in the US had a bathtub.

Only 8% of homes had a telephone.

The average wage in the US was 22 cents an hour.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each

more populated than California.

More than 95% of all births took place at home.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used egg yolks for shampoo.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was 30.



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Redwood Park: Phone 828 728-3331

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Hudson's Birthday Party: March 6, 2005 3:00 p.m.

Please don't miss the
Birthday Party!

It is FREE and we hope
all will attend to help us
celebrate

HUDSON'S
100 YEARS

Date: Sunday
March 6, 2005

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: HUB

