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Soldier surprises family at Tourists game
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Chance of thunderstorms
High 87 Low 67
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NOTEWORTHY

Chihuahua leads searchers to 2 lost in Ga. woods

A Chihuahua is being hailed as a hero after authorities say it sniffed out two girls who were lost in a Georgia forest.

The girls, ages 5 and 8, disappeared Monday for a couple of hours when they were walking on trails near their neighborhood about 30 miles southwest of Atlanta. As police and firefighters began to search for the girls, neighbor Carvin Young grabbed his 3-year-old Chihuahua and joined the search.

Young tells CBS Atlanta the dog, Bell, picked up the girls' scent and began running until she reached them.

Rebecca Parga, the girls' mother, says her children play with Bell almost every day, and the dog is very familiar with them.

The girls, Carlie and Lacey, were scared when they were found but were not hurt.

— The Associated Press

Five schools among best in NC

District fares well in state's annual ABC grading report

By LEIGH KELLEY
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Henderson County school officials said they're pleased with the district's 2011-12 ABC test results released Thursday, as five schools were named among the best in the state and 11 made high academic growth.

The ABCs of Public Education is the state's school accountability model. Annual ABC reports show the percentage of students at each school who test at proficiency level in certain subjects and grade levels, and the amount of growth schools make each year.

Testing is done in grades three through eight in reading and math, and in science for grades five through eight. At the high school level, students take end-of-course tests in seven subjects: algebra I, algebra II, biology, English I, U.S. history, civics and economics, and physical science, along with a writing assessment in 10th grade.

2012 marks the last year the state will use the ABC model. The state is transitioning to the READY school accountability model for 2012-13. This new model will incorporate new measures to gauge student success, although HCPS officials said the exact criteria is still being hammered out between the state Department of Public Instruction and the General Assembly.

With the ABCs, schools earn a "status" based on their proficiency rates, and Honor School of Excellence is the highest status. Schools must have at least 90 percent of students proficient in the tested subjects and also meet all federal Annual Measurable Objectives requirements.

AMOs have replaced the Adequate Yearly Progress measure previously required by the U.S. Department of Education. Under AMOs, proficiency targets are set for each student subgroup.

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Honor Schools of Excellence

Five Henderson County Public Schools were named an "Honor School of Excellence" according to the state ABC report released Thursday. Schools earn a status based on student proficiency rates, and "honor school of excellence" is the highest status a school can achieve.

- Atkinson Elementary
- Clear Creek Elementary
- Etowah Elementary
- Glenn C. Marlow Elementary
- Henderson County Early College High School

SOURCE: Henderson County Public Schools

Field Day



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The Mountain Horticultural Crops Research Station in Mills River hosted its annual Apple and Peach Field Day this week for area farmers. More than a dozen educational presentations were given in the research center's experimental orchards, ranging from herbicide and pesticide programs to pest management, as N.C. State University horticultural experts updated farmers on the latest research being conducted at the center. See more photos on page C4, and online at BlueRidgeNow.com.



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BLUE RIDGE VIEW

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Number of votes: 705

46% YES
54% NO

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CUSTOMERS SHOW SUPPORT

Chick-fil-A has its biggest day ever

By JESSICA GOODMAN
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Hendersonville Chick-fil-A owner Joel Benson said he saw record numbers Wednesday at his franchise during a national Appreciation Day in support of the restaurant chain.

"It's the biggest day we ever had," he said, calling the turnout "a phenomomen." "It's a record-breaking day nationwide."

Across the country, Chick-fil-A saw more than \$4 million in sales, according to Benson. He did not have exact numbers for his res-

taurant.

Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee called for the rally of support after Chick-fil-A CEO Dan T. Cathy stated he supported the "biblical definition" of marriage.

Benson said the surprising thing for him was that many people showed support not only for the issue of defining marriage, but out of principle.

"It was about freedom of speech more than anything," he said.

The restaurant ran out of food by 7:15 p.m. Wednesday. They

started running out of ice cream and lemonade first, then some types of chicken sandwiches.

"Many of the guests (said) it didn't matter," Benson said.

A truck came at midnight Thursday and then 6 a.m. to restock the restaurant. Another truck is scheduled to deliver today.

Benson has owned the franchise for the past 11 years and said he loves being a part of the community.

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City Council to give \$10,000 to Chamber

By JESSICA GOODMAN
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City Council Thursday agreed to give the Henderson County Chamber of Commerce \$10,000 for this year and consider a donation for the next two years.

The chamber has started a second capital campaign to raise funds to pay down debt from its new building on Kanuga Road, which was constructed in 2008. The Chamber has already raised

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