



Joint Historic Preservation Commission

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Historic Spotlight: Cathey's Creek Community Center

Cathey's Creek Community Center, located at 131 Island Ford Road, was built in 1907/1908 by C.R. Sharpe. At the time of its construction, it served the local community as the Selica School, which combined the Cathey's Creek and Glady Branch schools. The Selica School taught seven grades and was important for the education of rural students. In 1957, the Selica School closed when Transylvania County Schools consolidated. It sat empty for many years until it was put to use as a community center now known as Cathey's Creek Community Center.

An architectural summary of the building was written by Deborah Thompson in the 1990s as part of the architectural survey of the county. It reads: "A high hip roof covers the main block and front extension of this three-room schoolhouse. The two front doors, on either side of the extension, are recessed under a small engaged roof. The rear of the school retains its original look, with a tin shingle roof and plain weatherboards. The front has been somewhat modernized, with masonite siding, an asphalt roof, and metal window awnings. The brick pier foundation has been infilled with fieldstone. A molded concrete block well cover nearby has a plywood top."

Additional information about the Selica School is available in the [Rowell Bosse North Carolina Room](#) of the Transylvania County Library.



Picture courtesy of Rowell Bosse, NC Room



Historic Downtown Recognition Program

JHPC, in partnership with the Heart of Brevard, and the Transylvania County Library, are developing a historic recognition program for the National Historic Main Street District in downtown Brevard. Many of the buildings located in the historic district exhibit historic architectural features and have great stories associated with their social history.



Picture courtesy of Rowell Bosse, NC Room

For example, Harry Patterson opened a department store in Brevard on South Broad Street in 1922. A rhyme in the Brevard News sang,

"Patterson sure will get my trade;
 To spend my dollars, I'm not afraid
 For I know I'm getting the value twice,
 And all his goods are clean and nice.
 So come with me to fair Brevard;
 You certainly won't regret it, pard.
 Of all the stores I ever struck/
 Patterson's sure will bring you luck."

As of 2017, Gravy and Platt Architecture are in the old Patterson building.

To highlight the contribution these buildings have had on the history of Brevard and Transylvania County, a web-based walking tour and associated brochure are being developed. If you would like to learn more about the buildings or share a related story please contact JHPC at 828-884-3205 or visit: <http://planning.transylvaniacounty.org/>.

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JHPC Chair Comments:

The JHPC continues to build awareness of the value of our county's historic structures by working with non-profit agencies such as the Transylvania County Historical Society, Transylvania Heritage Museum, Transylvania County Library, Heart of Brevard, and our county's community centers. Building partnerships will build a better community.

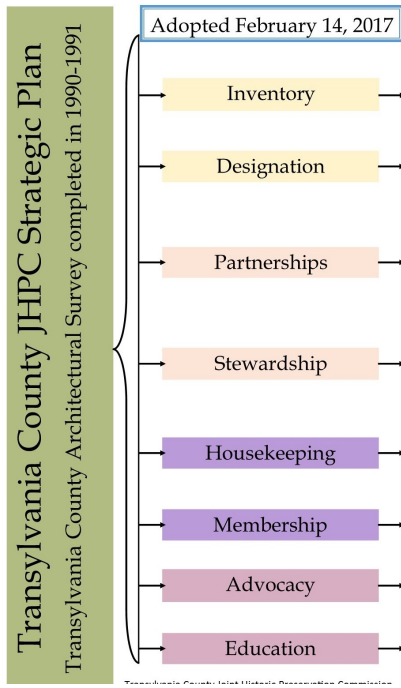
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Strategic Plan: Identification of Goals for JHPC



WHAT: As a Certified Local Government (CLG), JHPC is charged with historic designation, providing education, facilitating partnership development related to history, ensuring stewardship for historic structures and fulfilling its duties as a historic commission. A preservation or strategic plan provides JHPC with a structure to guide the Board's efforts.

HOW: JHPC began the strategic planning process by reflecting on their accomplishments and challenges of 2016. Members discussed the role of JHPC in following the North Carolina General Statutes and the JHPC Bylaws while aligning with the Transylvania County Strategic Plan 2016-2021 and the Transylvania County 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

JHPC members brainstormed short, medium and long-term goals as well as potential projects to reach those goals. To view the 2017 JHPC Strategic Plan visit: <http://planning.transylvaniacounty.org/>.

Allison-Deaver House Restoration

As a Certified Local Government (CLG) JHPC applied for Historic Preservation Funds from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to help fund emergency repairs to the Allison-Deaver House.

Built in 1815, the house had experienced water intrusion at the roof and windows along the west side of the house. The \$11,000 grant from the State Historic Preservation Office helped fund the Transylvania County Historical Society's efforts to prevent further water damage.



In addition to applying for the grant on behalf of the Transylvania County Historical Society, JHPC supported grant administration.

National Park Service Grant

As a Certified Local Government (CLG) JHPC was able to apply for Historic Preservation Funds from the U.S. National Park Service to survey all of the community centers in the county and potentially nominate one or more for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. JHPC will be notified of grant status in late 2017.

Nine of the community centers that were built before 1970 are still active centers that host cultural events such as potlucks, heritage programs, music performances, and educational programs. These events allow these rural communities to retain their rich cultural heritage by serving as a gathering space for community members.

The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of buildings, structures, objects, sites, and districts worthy of preservation for their significance in American history, architecture, culture, and archaeology. Listing a community center on the National Register would be a way of recognizing the significance the center has had on Transylvania County's history.

Listing a property in the National Register places no obligation or restriction on a private owner using private resources to maintain or alter the property. For more information visit: <http://www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/nrhome.htm>.