

## SPOTLIGHT ON HILLS AND DALES -Production1&2

How many times have you either said or heard someone say, "Somebody should do something," especially when it comes to our environment? Well, somebody is, in fact, a lot of somebodies. At Highco Inc. or better known as Hills and Dales we have started an active effort to open a recycling center.

In the past couple of years the employees of Production 1 & 2 have been recycling cardboard, books, magazines junk mail, catalogs, phone books, and "Thanks" to Highland County Press and USA Today, a lot of newspapers.

Besides paper, we are also recycling plastic milk jugs, pop bottles and detergent bottles (all #1 and #2 plastics). We also recycle clean metal food cans and pop cans. Last week alone we recycled and sold 3,640 lbs. of tin and 400 lbs. of aluminum. As word of mouth has grown, we are continually getting more and more donations from schools, hospitals, and many local businesses as well as friends and families in the community.

Besides recycling, Highco Inc. has several contracts with local businesses. One of our biggest customer's is Ferno-Washington. Our contract with them is to assemble and finish stretchers with the employees at the Highco workshop completing 60-70 stretchers per week. We also assemble and complete Wizloc neck braces for Ferno on an as needed basis. Another customer of Highco Inc. is Timber-Tech. Timber Tech sells pre-made decks and porches and we here at Highco put together display cases that feature a sample of all the various choices available. These cases are used in stores, by contractors, and at home shows so potential customers can see the products.

The best thing about the work being done at Highco is the benefit that it pays employees with disabilities.

### BALLOON LAUNCH

Hills and Dales will have a Balloon Launch to celebrate March as MRDD month. The balloons will be let go on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. by the Shelter House behind Hills and Dales. God Bless America will be sung by the Hills and Dales Chorus. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by students from the Primary Class. We invite all parents, family members, County Commissioners, MRDD Board Members, and the community to join us. Rain date will be Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to show their support by wearing [Wildcat Blue](#) this day.