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Inman honored

ASHEVILLE --- Kassie Inman of Asheville-based accounting firm Debits &Credits will be listed in The National Dean's List for 2005-06.

Inman, who has more than 10 years of business and accounting experience in multiple industries, including banking, higher education and travel, started Debits &Credits with a vision of providing personalized business accounting services in Asheville. For information, visit www.debits-and-credits.com or call 277-1616.

W. Wall &Co. recognized by Money Manager Review

ASHEVILLE --- Investment advisory firm W. Wall &Co. Wealth Management has received the highest ranking among global equity managers by Money Manager Review for five-year annualized performance based on the review's return/risk analysis.

Money Manager Review reported that Wall &Co.'s Global Growth Programs had achieved an annualized return of 20.47 percent for the five-year period ended Dec. 31, 2005, with a risk level based on a standard deviation of 13.71 percent, resulting in a return/risk ratio of 1.49.

Wall &Co. uses intermediate-term, trend-following investment strategies that have helped its clients weather the volatile periods in the market by minimizing losses in market downturns. By preserving capital during market downturns through moving to the safety of a cash position, principal and earnings are preserved, providing leverage over a buy-and-hold position when the market turns back up.

Money Manager Review has published performance data on private money managers since 1987. Thousands of individuals, consultants, brokers, investment advisors, plan sponsors, institutions, foundations and charities use the review to locate, research, compare and contact more than 600 managers offering more than 1,450 investment products.

Money Manager Review ranks managers on the basis of risk/return to focus on not only achieving quality returns but also minimizing the level of volatility an investor's account might suffer. While there are other money managers with higher returns than Wall &Co. for the five-year period, they achieved those returns with considerably more risk for the investor.

Wall &Co. is an SEC registered investment advisory firm based in Asheville. Wall &Co. manages in excess of \$28 million for clients primarily in the Southeast. Founder Warren Wall has been involved in the financial industry for more than 22 years and specializes in asset management for individuals nearing and in retirement. He is also a guest financial columnist for the Asheville Citizen-Times.

DC4 Report

Quick receives certification

ASHEVILLE -- Paul Quick, president of Asheville Business Consultants, recently received the Certified Business Intermediary designation. Quick completed the requirements for the designation during the International Business Brokers Association Conference for Professional Development held recently in Phoenix.

Business brokers are the intermediaries for those who want to buy or sell a company. Business broker transactions are mainly geared to brokering sales of mid-sized and small businesses. These business broker transactions are valued at more than \$1.5 billion per year and affect the economic well being of thousands of communities in the United States and around the world.

Quick was awarded the designation after demonstrating a superior knowledge about the functions and applications of business broker services, documenting practical experience in the field, completing a curriculum of at least 60 credit hours of IBBA courses, attending the IBBA Conference for Professional Development, passing a comprehensive examination and pledging to uphold and practice IBBA's Code of Ethics.

Ten Thousand Villages observes International Women's Day

ASHEVILLE -- On March 11, two local Ten Thousand Villages, nonprofit fair-trade retailers, celebrated International Women's Day by holding all-day benefits for local agencies serving women. The Asheville store is at 10 College St.

It partnered with International Link, 87 Patton Ave., to raise funds and awareness for International Link's work to overcome language and cultural barriers for foreign-born members of our community. Ten Thousand Villages, 303 Lookout Road in Montreat, partnered with Helpmate of Asheville (www.helpmateonline.org) to raise funds and awareness for Helpmate's work to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence and their children.

Ten Thousand Villages, Asheville, will donate 15 percent of the day's sales to International Link. Ten Thousand Villages, Montreat, will donate 15 percent of the day's sales to Helpmate. Customers will also enjoy sampling soup and salsa made by women working with Women's Bean Project in Denver, Colo., an organization that helps women break the cycle of poverty and unemployment.

Wilkie completes title examination course

ASHEVILLE -- Stephen C. Wilkie, vice president and marketing director of Four Seasons Title Inc., recently completed an eight-hour continuing education course on Title Examination In North Carolina. The course focused on tile searching, special conveyance issues, reviewing surveys/plats and title defects. Four Seasons Title was the only title agency from Western North Carolina in attendance.

Howell joins Farm Bureau Insurance

ASHEVILLE -- Gary Howell of Asheville has joined the Farm Bureau Insurance office in Buncombe County.

In addition to N.C. Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co., Howell will represent Southern Farm Bureau Life and Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

For information, call Howell at 665-8086.

DC4 Report

Weller wins Pacesetters Award

ASHEVILLE -- Jeff Weller of the financial-services firm Edward Jones recently won the firm's Pacesetters Award for his outstanding performance during the first three years of his career at Edward Jones. Weller was honored at a meeting in Los Angeles, where he also met with other Edward Jones investment representatives to share ideas.

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