



The Landis Police Department is joining hands with the Drug Enforcement Administration and the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation for Operation Medicine Drop, which will take place on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The drop-off periods are between 10:00 am – 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm and will be located at the Landis Town Hall which is on 312 S. Main St. Landis, NC. The purpose of the event is to provide members of the community with a drop-off location for any unused or out-of-date prescription medications that they wish to discard. It has been found that 70% of teens that abuse prescription drugs admit to easily obtaining the drugs for free primarily from friends and relatives. Every day 2,500 kids ages 12-17 abuse a prescription pain killer for the first time. More than 2.2 million youth in the United States ages 12-17 use prescription drugs for non-medical reasons. Drug treatment admissions for prescription pain killers increased more than 300% from 1995 to 2005. The Landis Police Department is asking local business owners and the community for their support of Operation Medicine Drop to protect our youth in Rowan County. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact Officer B. Linn at (704) 857-2129.

