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Bill Wells works the knobs at his River Road studio, Foothill Studio. (Josh Humphries/Daily Courier)

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News

New recording studio is man's 'field of dreams'

By JOSH HUMPHRIES Daily Courier Staff Writer

GREEN HILL — Local musicians need not travel to Asheville or Charlotte for professional recording in a large studio when Foothill Studio is up and running this month.

W.C. "Bill" Wells built the studio on River Road here and he said it was his "field of dreams."

"I went out on a limb, trusting God, that if I built it, they would come," said Wells. "Local musicians are in agreement that they have never seen anything like it in the county."

The studio is 1,500 square feet with beautiful wood walls and all the rooms and equipment to record professional artists.

Wells has worked in the music business for over 35 years doing live sound and studio engineering.

He led the bluegrass gos-pel group Gospel Train for 18 years and is currently a part of the River Road Band.

Wells said that the experience he has as a musician makes him a much better producer and engineer.

He and his wife, Connie, moved to Rutherford County two years ago after searching the Southeast for three years for the perfect place to move from Long Beach, Calif.

"I am impressed with the musicianship and heritage of the entire area," said Wells. "I love the rural lifestyle. We love our neighbors and church family at First Baptist of Spindale."

The studio includes a kitchen, an isolated drum booth, an isolated vocal booth, a large room with amps, organs and a grand piano and a control room.

"This is a place were musicians can come and have a musician record them," said Wells. "And at the introductory rates that we are starting with they can get world-class sound extremely reasonably."

Wells has recorded many nationally known acts including the album "The Loner Ranger," by mandolin virtuoso Evan Marshall.

Wells said that the studio is equipped to record any kind of acoustic music including bluegrass, country, gospel and certain forms of rock and roll.

He said that he will also plan in-house studio performances for up to 40 people to record bands in front of live audiences.

The rates for the first six months that Foothill Studio is in operation will be: \$40 per hour with a minimum of 4 hours in the studio.

For more information call the studio at (828) 288-0266 or visit www.foothillstudio.com.

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