

## **Blowing in the wind**

There's more than wind blowing in Highland County these days, and we're glad for it. We have gone on the record opposing a quick decision in the wind turbine controversy in Virginia's Little Switzerland, and last week the county's representatives tabled the issue. It seems that, quite appropriately at least in our judgment, the rush to decision has been slowed by a groundswell of concern.

It's certainly not that we know whether or not wind turbines strewn across the ridges of Highland County are a good idea or a bad one. We're not going to debate it at this point. It's just that we believe the county belongs to its residents — and all have a voice in the decision.

“There is something of a religious fervor about wind energy,” scientist and Highland resident Rick Webb told reporter Joel Baird last week. “You're just a sinner if you're opposed to it.”

So, hats off to any accused “sinners” who are speaking up. And hats off to their elected representatives for taking a long, hard look at the decision and its long-range consequences.