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## USPS moving ahead with plans to relocate

The U.S. Postal Service called a public hearing Wednesday, Dec. 22, to hear pros and cons about the organization's plans to relocate to the corner of NC 106 and US 64 – but the public didn't know about it.

Town officials were invited to attend and a courtesy call was made to the newspapers, only too late to notify the public prior to the meeting. Furthermore, the meeting was set for 3 p.m. – smack in the middle of the workday.

Consequently, about 16 people

showed up – all but six of them were either involved with the case, Highlands town officials or the press.

Dennis Perry of the USPS Greensboro office hosted the meeting. Attorneys Peter Paul and Scott Neuman were also there – Paul representing Margaret O'Donnell the owner of the post office building at Highlands Plaza. Neuman was there representing Jane Woodruff who has made the postal service an offer they can't refuse – a new post office free of charge, no strings at-

tached.

When asked what initiated the move, Perry said "This is being driven by money. The money aspect is speaking very loudly. This gives us the opportunity to save some significant money on an ongoing basis."

He agreed that the present location and configuration of the post office is less than ideal, but it isn't what is driving this, he said.

Perry said he got the "go-ahead" from his superiors – basically to move forward to make this

happen – about two weeks ago.

"This is not a done deal, but I can't imagine there is any opposition except from the present lease holder and owner of the post office building. But that is between us and shouldn't infringe on what we have planned here," he said.

Planned is a 5,000-6,500 sq. ft. building, designed and built by Woodruff's architects to post office requirements and stipulations on 1 ¼ to 1 ½ acres of the five-acre tract.

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## Advocates discuss bear hunting issues

by John Edwards

Wild South Outreach Coordinator  
Mountain Wildlife Days Director

In a rare meeting of organizations, hunters and non-hunters a first step was taken recently, at a meeting sponsored by Wild South, to encourage better relationships for all who value wildlife in Western North Carolina.

The purpose was designed to build bridges of understanding in a diverse gathering to discuss issues of mutual concerns regarding wildlife.

NC Representative Ray Rapp shared the complexity involved in introducing and passing legislation designed to enhance wildlife and the outdoors acknowledging his concern for additional law enforcement officers to handle wildlife issues.

"Before the next meeting of this group, I suggest adequate ways to fund these positions from new fees or reductions in other departmental functions be considered along with authorization of local authorities to take a more active role

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## Highlands 2010 Year in Review



### January

• Smoke-free air now required at NC bars and Restaurants; Macon County way ahead of the 'pack.'

• USFS says 'no' to boats on Upper Chattooga River; voluntarily withdraws previous decisions on recreation uses.

• Weeks of single-digit weather were hard to bare, but Highlanders were rewarded with a frozen Harris Lake thick enough to skate on. The last time it was safe to skate on Harris Lake for an extended period was the winter of 1994.

• Bobby Lewis was named "Fireman of the Year."

• Two enter guilty pleas for robbery in RBC Bank Aug. 13, 2009 robbery.

• Highlands' Newspaper columnist Dr. Henry Salzarulo travels to Haiti to help with earthquake recovery.

• Highlands School Seniors

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### NOTE:

• Highlands Town Hall will be closed Mon., Dec. 27 and Fri., Dec. 31. In addition, there will be no garbage pickup those days.

• All recycle centers in Macon County will be closed all day Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011.

### Saturdays

• At Paoletti's Restaurant, intimate Wine Tasting at the bar at 1 p.m. Great inexpensive wines. Cost: \$20 per person refundable with case purchase.

• At Cyprus International Restaurant, live music beginning at 9 p.m. No cover.

• At The Bascom, Art Cinema and ongoing exhibitions. Call 526-4949 for more information

### Saturday, Jan. 1

Annual Resolution Run in front of the Town Hall at 210 North Fourth Street at 9 a.m. It's a three-mile loop at a relaxed pace around the downtown area of Highlands, returning to the Town Hall. Walking breaks for new runners are encouraged. The run is held "come rain or shine or ice or snow."

### Sun., Jan. 2

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 2-3 mile hike on the Bartram Trail loop from Wallace Branch. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2 p.m. Bring water, a snack if you wish; wear sturdy shoes. Drive 6 miles round trip. Call Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations.

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## JAN. 1, 2010-DEC. 21, 2010

**Town of Highlands**  
**PROP\_ADDR, OWNER\_NAME, DATE\_RECORDED, SALES\_PRICE, LAND\_VALUE, BLDG\_VALUE, FIRST\_GRANTOR\_NAME, ASSESSED\_VALUE**

- 60 SAW MILL RD, BATY TIMOTHY, 9/23/2010 0:00, 0, 53590, 123770, BATY CLARENCE E, 177360
- 4124 BUCK CREEK RD, BARNES BARBARA LIFE ESTATE, 7/13/2010 0:00, 0, 42750, 59570, BARNES LONEY E, 102320
- 94 ALLEN RD, WHEELER JOHN A, 1/26/2010 0:00, 327000, 66060, 288430, BASKIN ROBERT, 354490
- 119 HIGHLANDS MANOR CT, HARRISON ELEANORA, 11/30/2010 0:00, 329000, 25000, 312990, GARY GILMER ALLEN TR, 337990
- 365 CROWE DR, CROWE WAYNE E TR, 7/8/2010 0:00, 0, 243760, 207990, CROWE WAYNE E & GERALDINE, 451750
- 43 BIG VIEW DR, WOMSLEY ROBERT B., 11/23/2010 0:00, 0, 386490, 706000, WOMSLEY ROBERT B., 1092490
- 186 WOODLAND HILL DR, WALKER DOLORES R TR, 6/2/2010 0:00, 0, 132120, 361580, WALKER CHARLES W & DOLORES, 493700
- 325 SASSAFRAS GAP RD, ALLMOND DIANA G, 3/26/2010 0:00, 0, 75350, 125210, POTTS DIANA G, 200560
- 1177 HICKS RD, T W MATHER LLC, 1/4/2010 0:00, 0, 657720, 215140, HAYO JANE GATCH, 872860
- 185 COLE MOUNTAIN CIR, CALLOWAY MARK CURTIS, 1/25/2010 0:00, 0, 150050, 48860, CALLOWAY MARK CURTIS, 198910
- 679 COLE MOUNTAIN CIR, STRAHAN PATRICIA MILES TR, 11/5/2010 0:00, 0, 59270, 211330, AT 103 LLC FBO, 270600
- 715 DOG MOUNTAIN RD, AUSTIN SAMUEL F TR, 11/5/2010 0:00, 0, 249310, 297480, AUSTIN SAMUEL F, 546790
- BUCK CREEK CHURCH RD, CORBIN PAUL A, 6/14/2010 0:00, 0, 301570, 1000, ICENHOWER FLOY, 302570
- BUCK CREEK CHURCH RD, CORBIN ANTHONY J, 6/14/2010 0:00, 0, 113570, 0, ICENHOWER FLOY, 113570

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- CHARLOTTE LN, BRYSON WALTER NEVILLE TRUSTEE, 4/15/2010 0:00, 0, 130560, 0, BRYSON WALTER NEVILLE, 130560
- CHARLOTTE LN, BRYSON WALTER NEVILLE TRUSTEE, 4/15/2010 0:00, 0, 122780, 0, BRYSON WALTER NEVILLE, 122780
- DILLARD RD, SUNSHINE NC LLC, 5/27/2010 0:00, 180000, 40000, 0, KEYT CHARLOTTE C, 40000
- 1568 DILLARD RD, SUNSHINE NC LLC, 5/27/2010 0:00, 180000, 202000, 122730, KEYT CHARLOTTE C, 324730
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- BUCK CREEK CHURCH RD, CORBIN JESS ALEXANDER, 6/14/2010 0:00, 0, 111960, 0, ICENHOWER FLOY, 111960
- TURTLE POND RD, GLEANER STEPHEN PAUL, 8/19/2010 0:00, 0, 73380, 0, GLEANER STEPHEN P, 73380
- TURTLE POND RD, GLEANER STEPHEN PAUL, 8/19/2010 0:00, 0, 82450, 0, GLEANER STEPHEN P, 82450
- 525 ARNOLD RD, SITZ STEPHEN P, 11/8/2010 0:00, 0, 689720, 438490, SITZ EDWARD J., 1128210
- 469 SKY LAKE DR, PENNINGTON GERALD, 3/24/2010 0:00, 0, 159070, 734500, PENNINGTON GERALD, 893570
- 78 ELM CT, PARADISE LYLE W, 6/24/2010 0:00, 415000, 146250, 715520, HESTER BETTE C PERSONAL RES, 861770
- 219 RICH GAP RD, LARRY ROGERS CONSTRUCTION, 11/10/2010 0:00, 0, 91840, 59900, CORNERSTONE HOMES OF HIGHLANDS LLC, 151740
- TURTLE POND RD, GLEANER STEPHEN PAUL, 8/19/2010 0:00, 0, 174680, 0, GLEANER STEPHEN P, 174680
- 382 WEBBMONT RD, FIGEL STEPHANIE LUCAS, 7/2/2010 0:00, 125000, 178560, 65610, PATOO

INC, 244170

- 865 COBB RD, CAYE CHARLES GIDDINGS, 10/18/2010 0:00, 0, 1687200, 554280, CAYE DOROTHY GODWIN, 2241480
- 121 SPRUCE LN, MAGRUDER RESIDENCE TRUST, 9/2/2010 0:00, 0, 136660, 643360, MAGRUDER JANE HERNDON TRUSTEE, 780020
- WALKINGSTICK RD, EDWARDS FARM INVESTMENTS LLC, 9/23/2010 0:00, 0, 93670, 0, WELLER CHRISTY NIX, 93670
- WALKINGSTICK RD, EDWARDS FARM INVESTMENTS LLC, 9/23/2010 0:00, 0, 88180, 0, WELLER CHRISTY NIX, 88180
- 329 HIGHLAND MEADOWS RD, BOWERS EMILY P, 5/26/2010 0:00, 0, 87270, 301420, PORTER JOEL, 388690
- HWY 64 EAST, WILSON C A ELECTRIC SERVICES INC, 3/26/2010 0:00, 80000, 72030, 0, CABLE CO, 72030
- 205 CHOWAN DR, PITTMAN MARCUS H, 6/3/2010 0:00, 0, 48640, 90880, PITTMAN MARCUS H, 139520
- 1409 BUCK KNOB RD, HUERTA CHRISTOPHER, 9/30/2010 0:00, 239500, 49860, 182720, KNIGHT ROGER L, 232580
- LOT 13 LOIS PURDIN PROP, HUERTA CHRISTOPHER, 9/30/2010 0:00, 239500, 27540, 0, KNIGHT ROGER L, 27540
- LOT 12 LOIS PURDIN PROP, HUERTA CHRISTOPHER, 9/30/2010 0:00, 239500, 30580, 0, KNIGHT ROGER L, 30580
- 92 SEQUOYAH WOODS DR, GANS GILBERT J, 4/14/2010 0:00, 0, 255000, 628980, GANS GILBERT J TRUSTEE, 883980
- SHORTOFF RD, DYER CHRISTOPHER TOWNSEND TR, 8/4/2010 0:00, 0, 74060, 0, DYER CHRISTOPHER T, 74060
- 64 LAZY CREEK LN, DYER CHRISTOPHER TOWNSEND TR, 8/4/2010 0:00, 0, 92050, 537080, DYER CHRISTOPHER T, 629130
- 311 MOUNT LORI DR, SCUDDER FRANK A III, 10/5/2010 0:00, 0, 128620, 246920, SCUDDER FRANK A III, 375540
- 341 CHOWAN DR, NADLER JOSEPH M LIFE ESTATE, 10/4/2010 0:00, 0, 107300, 102120, NADLER JOSEPH M, 209420
- 1275 ECHO VALLEY RD, SHEARL JOHN A, 1/22/2010 0:00, 35000, 15250, 49560, HSBC BANK USA NA TR, 64810
- 390 PANTHER MOUNTAIN RD, MILLER BETTY J TRUSTEE, 5/14/2010 0:00, 0, 74720, 177660, MILLER WILLIAM A TR, 252380
- PANTHER MTN RD, MILLER BETTY J TRUSTEE, 5/14/2010 0:00, 0, 37990, 0, MILLER WILLIAM A TR, 37990
- 88 PICKLESIMER RD, CROWE WAYNE E TR, 7/8/2010 0:00, 0, 76270, 119780, CROWE WAYNE E & GERALDINE, 196050
- 590 VIEW POINT RD, GURITZ RICHARD LEWIS, 2/1/2010 0:00, 0, 153270, 582720, GURITZ RICHARD LEWIS, 735990
- 343 CROWES BRANCH RD, FENTON NATHANIEL GRIER, 3/1/2010 0:00, 85000, 86130, 72530, GRIFFIN B KIRK, 158660
- CORNET LN, BUNNELL BRUCE T, 10/20/2010 0:00, 0, 52920, 0, BUNNELL BRUCE T, 52920
- 241 WALNUT COVE RD, MARKS DAVID A, 7/9/2010 0:00, 132500, 30000, 112760, BURGESS H V TRUSTEE, 142760
- 255 PANTHER MOUNTAIN RD, SHORT VINCENT JOSEPH, 3/11/2010 0:00, 0, 182540, 158080, SHORT VINCENT JOSEPH, 340620
- 139 WALKINGSTICK RD, WILSON SETH AARON TRUSTEE, 5/28/2010 0:00, 0, 346900, 366280, WILSON SETH AARON TRUSTEE, 713180
- 275 COUNTRY CLUB DR, GRIMES WILLIAM A, 3/26/2010 0:00, 0, 149570, 422040, GRIMES WILLIAM

A TRUSTEE, 571610

- SATULAH RD, HANKEY M CORBET TR, 7/28/2010 0:00, 190000, 214940, 0, KIMBALL LYNN W, 214940
- HURST RD, MCDONALD EDDY, 8/31/2010 0:00, 122000, 23020, 95800, CANNON DONNA M, 118820
- CALLOWAY RD, CRESWELL MARY ANNE, 7/20/2010 0:00, 0, 19800, 0, CALLOWAY DOYLE L, 19800
- 669 GLEN FALLS RD, HUNTER LINDA, 4/23/2010 0:00, 0, 102000, 242690, MAYBURY CHARLES R TR, 344690
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- 3230 GOLD MINE RD, WATTS DIANNE E, 7/28/2010 0:00, 0, 41060, 55920, REED LESTER JR, 96980
- 101 BROADVIEW CIR, CHAPMAN C DAN, 11/17/2010 0:00, 0, 195840, 143020, CHAPMAN C DAN, 338860
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- 496 HOLT RD, SUTHER LINDA RUMSEY, 4/23/2010 0:00, 440000, 210430, 443560, BARRETT LYNWARD, 653990
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- 448 BUCKBERRY RD, STRAHAN SUSAN STRAIGHT, 5/28/2010 0:00, 664500, 105690, 602860, VIERS RAYMOND L, 708550
- 89 RAOUL RD, CHAPMAN C DAN, 8/19/2010 0:00, 0, 32000, 77770, CHAPMAN C DAN, 109770
- 135 CHESTNUT LN, MILLER LOUISE K TR, 11/3/2010 0:00, 0, 99430, 405170, MILLER FREDERICK M. JR., 504600
- 120 LOG BRIDGE CIR, MEHDER STEPHEN P,

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### LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

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in the enforcement of wildlife laws. As we approach next year's \$3 billion budget shortfall, it would be worthwhile to examine alternative ways to administer programs and fund new positions," he said in post meeting remarks.

Debbie Lassiter, representing the Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance, explained and encouraged others to support the Bear Smart Initiative.

The Bear Smart Initiative is a plan where bears, residents and visitors can peacefully co-exist by following simple, yet specific guidelines.

JMCA has taken a leadership role in bringing this program to Western North Carolina and will work with other communities and agencies who are seeking remedies.

Wild South's associate director, Ben Prater, explained their multi-task approach in wildlife education and preservation of "wild lives and wild places."

Programs were explained, currently available through Wild South that provides a wide range of wildlife adventures for schools and organizations in Western North Carolina. Cooperative efforts to work with JMCA and the Bear Smart Initiative will continue to receive emphasis.

North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission biologist, Mike Carraway explained his duties and referred to issues he faces in day to day wildlife management involving Western North Carolina residents and visitors.

With wildlife habitat rapidly disappearing, by development in the mountains, Carraway pointed to the need for developers and builders to consider wildlife management plans and he is available to work with groups and individuals during their planning stages.

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The public hearing is required by the postal service so it can hear from the public "who usually has negative things to say about a post office change," said Perry. "And we need to take into account what the public has to say."

Perry said the USPS received 250 letters, mostly positive, about the project. Those who were against it suggested other uses for the property, like an ice skating rink.

Only a portion of the five acres will be occupied by the post office and Perry said he has heard that Woodruff is entertaining other uses on the parcel, as well.

Following the hearing is a 15-day waiting period (through Jan. 6) to see if any more comments come in prior to beginning the environmental and traffic flow studies.

"If there isn't a major reason why we shouldn't proceed, we will announce our plans to proceed based on the offer made to us," he said.

After the environmental and traffic flow studies are complete, the project enters the design/construction phase where a USPS manager will work with Woodruff's people.

Though the issue of safety was brought up at the meeting Perry said safety issues

He cited a good example regarding his work with the Balsam Mountain Preserve in developing a plan that is considered "wildlife friendly."

A highly respected NCWRC wildlife enforcement officer, Captain Greg Daniels, related the role of his officer's difficult task of apprehending those who violate hunting laws. He said both the general public and responsible hunters play a key role in enforcement of regulations and are an essential part of upholding high standards of conduct valued by all who love wildlife.

Daniels also pointed out the need for courts and judges who prosecute those involved in wildlife regulation infractions, to seriously consider maximum penalties for those who commit crimes against nature and wildlife.

After the introductions and informative sharing time, several specific issues were discussed in detail by the group.

Black bears took center stage with hunters, non-hunters and organizations having input. Of importance to many attending the meeting, hunting dogs trespassing on private property received major attention. The regulations regarding owner's responsibilities were explained, however, questioned by some who feel all the effort is unfairly thrust entirely on to the property owner.

As wild places shrink and conditions change, wildlife advocates, hunting organizations, the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission and the NC General Assembly are encouraged to find acceptable solutions to what is becoming a serious problem as our population in WNC grows.

Even with shrinking revenues and budget cuts at the state level, the group was in general agreement regarding adding person-

nel for adequate law enforcement, especially in Western North Carolina's rugged terrain. The quality of NCWRC's law enforcement officers was highly commended. However, it is essential both NCWRC and the NC General Assembly find ways to " earmark funding" for addition law enforcement officers.

The issue of wildlife baiting was briefly mentioned and is a matter that should be studied and possible changes made to this practice since it tends to diminish the positive aspects of a wholesome outdoor experience.

The Bear Hunters Association, North Carolina Wildlife Federation, and other organizations who value wildlife as well as government officials who are involved in the formation of hunting regulations will be invited to the Jan. 7, 2011 meeting, noon to 3 p.m. at Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center.

The meeting will convene after lunch which will be available at the noon for a fee of \$8.95. The focus of the meeting will be on two topics for discussion. First, NC Representative Ray Rapp will present his ideas for increasing funding and manpower for wildlife law enforcement officers. Second, the group will discuss the NC Wildlife Federation's Responsible Sportsman Doctrine as tool for educating hunters and encouraging responsible behavior.

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aren't playing a part in the USFS decision to move – it's just about money. "Certainly, the current location and configuration isn't ideal, but there are a lot of other buildings in the postal service system that are a lot worse," he said. There are 35,000 post office facilities nationwide – 27,000 are leased. Mayor David Wilkes said the town isn't involved with the project – that it is a private deal between Woodruff and the postal service – but the town did sign a resolution in favor of the proposal because a post office could be an anchor at that end of town and would fit nicely into the long-term plans the town has for Main Street. However, he said, as a citizen, he would like to see the post office in a location citizens could walk to like they used to when it was on Fifth Street. Other than agreeing to the idea of the post office relocation, he said the town has nothing to do with the project. There are four years with options left on the post office lease. Attorney Paul said he would be discussing the lease and those options with the USPS, but Perry said options are just that, "options." – KL

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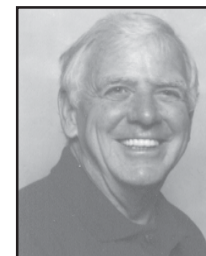
Not everything in Palm Beach County, Florida is peaches and crème. The front of our home will just have to stay decorated for another week or so. Ya see, we're having a bout with mosquitoes... the big black thirsty ones... the ones that drink so much blood they can't even take flight afterwards... that kind. They're so big they can stand flatfooted in my driveway and guzzle a pint of blood from my kneecap before I can ask, "Am I making this up?" Well, maybe... a little... but they're big.

Our home in North Palm Beach sits next to a saltwater preserve that feeds into the Intracoastal Waterway. I lovingly refer to it as "the swamp." And yes, it drains and refills with the tide about twice each day. The developer charged extra for homes built on "the swamp" except he called it a beautiful natural preserve. It's nice, except for the saltwater mosquitoes and the scary sounds that come from there at night. Do alligators make sounds?

I'm always sad on New Year's Eve because that day unofficially marks the end of Christmas for me. I love the Christmas holidays and I'm sad to see them pass. I know, I know, there's always the Epiphany celebration, but who celebrates that? Besides, there's controversy over what date marks the Epiphany. Most believe it's 12 days after Christmas Day, or January 6. Some argue it's January 5. Are you falling asleep yet? Well, read on 'cause I'm workin' on it.

The best gift I received for Christmas was an awesome remote control helicopter named Cloud Force. Once airborne, I fly this baby around the house and occasionally crash it into the li'l missus. She has threatened to take it away from me if I even buzz her. It came from Brookstone Stores and if you're stuck indoors for long periods, this is a great new way to aggravate your li'l missus and have fun at the same time.

Hey, you're stuck inside with bad weather and I have mosquitoes! Order it on-line but make sure to buy the Cloud Force and not the Silver Bullet which is harder to control. You don't even have to be a pilot to fly the Cloud Force. It will be the best 50 bucks you've ever spent. Are you writing this down? Oh, and make



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sure you buy the extended warranty just in case your li'l missus grabs the chopper out of the air and throws it at you, usually on the third day. A word of caution; these choppers become unstable in turbulence. The other day, the air conditioner cycled on as I flew near a vent, sending my chopper into an uncontrollable spin. It wound up in the dining room chandelier. Turn off the heat or air conditioning before take-off.

Moving on to less important news, guess what the li'l missus and I are doing for New Year's Eve? Yep, you guessed it... same as last year... sleeping. We never go out on amateur's night. Fortunately, we have a Subway a couple of blocks from our home, both in Palm Beach and Highlands. Here in Florida, we get them to go, making sure we're home before dark and the crazies start to come out. Soooo, while much of the country is getting crocked and making fools of themselves, we're sitting in our PJ's, eating foot-long subs and watching old Dexter reruns.

I know that might sound boring, but we love it. In order to get a real appreciation of people making asses of themselves on New Year's Eve, be a cop for a whole lot of years on Miami Beach. PJ's, Dexter reruns and foot-longs look pretty darn good to us. I'm not sure I've even seen the stroke of midnight since I retired. Fortunately, my li'l missus feels the same way.

Important holiday dates and times are fake anyway. Jesus was not born on December 25 and Thanksgiving can be celebrated on any one of three days, depending on whose history book you're reading. Midnight on New Year's Eve is celebrated every hour on the hour around the globe, starting in Australia. And knowing the li'l missus and I will be sound asleep by midnight, our son in Dubai calls at 3 PM on New Year's Eve as his clock is striking midnight.

Well, Happy New Year everyone. We love y'all, or as they say in Macon, Georgia, all y'all.

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## • THE VIEW FROM HERE •

### What the new year marks for America

**D**on't ask. Don't tell. It's been a hell of a way to run an Army. Now that the vote has been taken and President Obama has signed the bill into law, I'm left with a feeling of, "What's the big deal?" It is of course a big deal, a very big deal, in terms of equal rights for all Americans. But for many Americans and for most soldiers, sailors, and airmen, historic though the event might be, it's simply a policy change whose time has come, a recognition of reality.

Most military members currently serve with gay and lesbian comrades today and judge them, not by their sexuality, but by their service. It is as it should be. So after a period of preparation, a phase which is intended to preserve unit cohesion and military preparedness, President Obama, Secretary of Defense Gates, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Mullen will certify that the military is ready for the historic change. A 60-day grace period will follow before gay, lesbian, and bisexuals will be permitted to acknowledge their sexuality and remain in the military. Openly gay people who wish to serve will, for the first time, be permitted to do so. After 17 years, the charade will come to an end.

There are some who oppose the move. Among them are many Marines who live in a hyper-masculine cult of brotherhood, a brotherhood to which gays need not apply. The Marines are a superb force and a credit to the country, but they will have to learn to accept the new reality. And they will learn. Their survival depends on trust, and trust must extend to all members of the team. There will be unpleasant incidents, but they should be relatively infrequent. Seventy percent of active duty personnel who responded to a Department of Defense survey favored the elimination of "Don't ask. Don't tell". The other 30% yawned.

Young people are different from old fogies like me. They are unconcerned with race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, or sexual orientation. They accept people as they are. I notice when a group of kids includes whites, blacks, and Asians. I'm pleased, but unlike Bull, I'm aware. There are racists among the young and there are homophobes, but they are a shrinking minority. Bull is more representative of his generation. He doesn't understand clerical or Congressional isolation of people based on their sexuality. The only sequestration I might expect from him is removing the small-minded from an increasingly toler-



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ant majority. But even they don't bother him. He tolerates friends who are intolerant. I suspect they will learn from him.

It is a New Year, but it is more than that. The revocation of "Don't ask. Don't tell" is one facet of our evolving society. Technology is changing at a dizzying and ever accelerating pace. People change with greater deliberation.

The military's acceptance of openly gay service members is neither the beginning nor the end of a struggle for equal rights for all Americans. It is a process that began with the realization that it is wrong for one man to own another and progressed to the abolition of slavery. Along the way we allowed women to vote and granted Jews, Italians, Poles, and Asians full participation in the American dream. Gays still face challenges as do more recently arrived Asian immigrants. Muslims are viewed with suspicion, victims of stereotyping.

As I said, the New Year does not mark the end of our evolution, but our halting progress is more worthy of celebration than the mere turning of the calendar, the sweep of clock hands, or the dropping of an illuminated ball. Happy New Year, and bless us all.

...on this day from the History Guy

Dec 30, 1853

A dinner party is held inside a life-sized replica of an Iguanodon created by Benjamin Waterhouse and Sir Richard Owen.

What type of dress should one don when one dines within an Iguanodon? Ought I be collared, studded and cuff linked, inside this creature long extinct? I would not wish to be thoughtless than gracious about this invitation to things that are Cretaceous.

Are the standards regarding things sartorial more relaxed at the heart of a large herbivorous?

Would it be permissible to wear slacks and shirtsleeves inside this creature that ate shoots, and leaves?

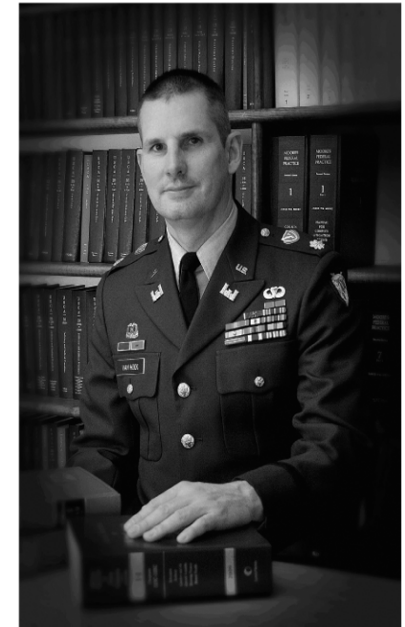
And what about the entertainment in this Paleontological containment? Will we hear a piano and a guitar play at this festive Dino-soiree?

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• CONSERVATIVE POV •

Now we must govern!

That's "We" as in "We the People!" Being really cramped for time, since we had to submit two columns at once so our editor and her hubby could take a well-earned vacation, I am going to take much of this from a newsletter I just received. It came from FreedomWorks, an organization with which I am affiliated, and which was instrumental in the great success we conservatives enjoyed in the recent election. How pleasant it is to write about something with a positive attitude instead of braying and

whining about the miserable past. Times they are a'changin'!

Let's review the accomplishments on Election Day 2010, shall we? The GOP took control of the House by winning a stunning 63 seats – the largest House turnover in 70 years. The American people fired Nancy Pelosi as Speaker of the House!

Republicans gained six seats in the Senate – not quite winning the majority but dramatically shifting the balance of power in that body. Republicans took Democratic Senate seats in Pennsylvania, Indi-

ana, Arkansas, Wisconsin and North Dakota. They even took Obama's former seat in Illinois.

Republicans defeated three major committee chairmen and at least seven lawmakers who had 20-years seniority in Congress. Defeated Democrats include 18-term incumbent Minnesota Rep. James Oberstar, chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; 14-term South Carolina Rep. John Spratt, chairman of the Budget Committee; and 17-term Missouri Rep. Ike Skelton, chairman of the Armed Services Committee. Nine of the 27 longest-serving House Democrats either lost their election or retired and saw their seats go to Republicans.

Among the most pleasing results of the election was the defeat of 16 freshmen "Obama babies" – Congressmen elected during the 2008 Obama sweep. So what do all these wins mean in real life? According to Fox News: "It's undeniable that the Tea Party played a major role in the mid-term election, and now Congressman Steve King, R-IA says the death of the Omnibus bill is proof their influence 'goes far beyond' the ballot box.

Tea Party groups are claiming success after a campaign of phone calls and emails we sent to Capitol Hill in an effort to derail the earmark-laden Omnibus bill. 'The



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sheer resistance to that kind of pork bill is enough to get some Republicans that had earmarks to step away and say 'I no longer support this bill,' said King.

When asked about the push to pass the unpopular legislation, King said 'It's arrogance, elitism and spite altogether. Remember, the liberals think they know what's best for everyone. They don't want to submit to their own rules. They think that people are like sheep and they

need to be nurtured and taken care of and that we can't make decisions for ourselves. King added, 'Conservatives believe that individuals, if they are given their right to liberty will make the best decisions themselves and the collective combination of that is the best decision for America.'

King is not alone in his thoughts. The Wall Street Journal put it this way: "Even as President Barack Obama signed a broad bipartisan tax law, battle lines were being drawn over spending cuts and Mr. Obama's health-care law, setting up the likely first big fights in the new Congress.

Senate Republicans, facing uproar from Tea Party activists, rose up late Thursday to scuttle a \$1.1 trillion spending bill, turning their backs on billions of dollars in projects they had championed. In the process, they showed the power fiscally conservative activists now hold over even the most seasoned lawmakers.

The death of the spending bill was a setback for the White House, coming just as the president was celebrating his victory in forging the tax package with Republican lawmakers. Mr. Obama has spoken out against the spending known as "earmarks" – specific projects inserted by lawmakers for their states and districts – which have also irked the Tea Party. But he also had \$1 billion in the bill to begin implementing his health-care law.

'By approving this bill, we would have helped cement another year of massive increases in spending and help pave the way for a health care bill most Americans are asking us to repeal,' Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said on the Senate floor."

So, all those who derided the Tea Party in the past will have to ignore reality to continue their misguided ideas. Citizen involvement, after decades of hibernation, has awakened with a fervor that will not be denied. Those that still feel that we don't have a voice in our government need to get out of the way and let the rest of us, the people, govern.

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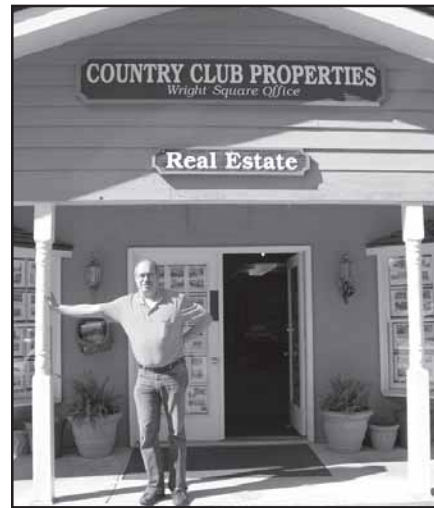
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REALTOR's must have a working knowledge of home construction and codes in order to provide clients with information related towards a sale. When showing a property, a good agent can provide much-needed insight in terms of the quality of construction of the house, potential construction problems and future possibilities for the property. A good agent is also informed on the many different regulations and codes that help to keep properties safe

such as proper Radon testing or the latest slope ordinances. Additionally, it is important for an agent to know about plumbing and electric matters, particularly here in the mountains. With the many different regulations and environmental factors in terms of wells and septic systems, an agent can give their clients the proper information to make informed choices for their current or future property. For sellers, their agent can provide tips for improving the "look" of the house for when it is shown as well as landscaping advice to ac-



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centuate the property.

REALTOR's must also be able to give their clients information about the appraisal process in order to determine the type of offer to submit or accept. Perhaps the worst thing to see at this point and time in our industry is for a sale to fall through because either the buyer or seller do not have an accurate understanding of the value of their property. Because value is an ever-changing number based on many different factors, there can be some confusion as to the true value of a particular piece of property. However, consulting your RE-

ALTOR can help to clear up this confusion, and an agent will also have the numbers of all of the professional appraisers in the area who can help with further questions.

Finally, a REALTOR can help with information on local laws that can affect the value of a property. Because tax laws can vary on all levels (including state, county and municipality) it is important to be aware of local taxes that can change the value of a property. Access to county services or municipal services such as sewer or garbage pickup can greatly affect the desirability of a property depending on the person/company looking at it. Additionally, information on local schools, possible zoning changes, weather patterns and even the rates at local banks can help ease the transaction process for a potential client.

As we move into a new year, it is important to look back and be thankful for what we have been given in 2010. It was a wonderful 2010, and now we can enjoy the idea of looking forward to an even better 2011.

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## • COACH'S CORNER •

### Merry K-ris-tmas

**M**ike Krzyzewski is 63 years old, and while some would say he is headed towards the twilight of his career, his players say that he has more energy than ever before. In addition to his work at Duke University, he has led Team USA for the past six seasons. He has a radio show that he does once a week on Sirius called "Basketball and Beyond." For a guy that seemed to be on the downward spiral several years ago, Coach K seems to have risen even further than before in recent years.

As perhaps the most hated man in college hoops, it is incredible the amount of respect that the man known to fans everywhere as "The Rat" has been able to garner from recruits and NBA veterans alike. Coach K has won both an Olympic Gold Medal and a World Championship during his tenure as coach of USA basketball, and the relationships that he has developed with NBA superstars have done wonders for his "street cred" with some of the top recruits in the nation.

Additionally, Coach K has said in numerous interviews that his experiences with USA basketball have changed not only the way that he has approached relationships with players, but also the way he has coached the game.

Last year, Duke abandoned the high pressure defense that had been a signature of Mike Krzyzewski-coached teams throughout his career at Duke in favor of a sloughing man defense. Instead of the drive and kick approach that Duke has been using since the days of Jay Williams, Duke instead ran a lot more motion offense and relied on offensive rebounding to allay cold shooting nights. It was a stark contrast to the recent Duke teams, but it was also successful enough to win a fourth National Title for Coach K.

This year's team was supposed to be even better thanks to the arrival of stud frosh Kyrie Irving, and thus far they have lived up to their billing despite a possible season-ending injury to Irving. (www.savekyriestoe.com can provide updates on the injury)

However, with 11 final fours and four national titles, Duke fans may feel that their team is in the best hands possible. Unfortunately, this is not the case with fans, as just three years ago many lamented that the game has passed Coach K by and that the was much too busy with Team USA to effectively coach Duke.

Ironically enough, the "game has passed him by" comments were the same levied at Dean Smith in the early 1990s just



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before Dean went on a terrific run from 1993-1998 culminating with Smith becoming the winningest coach in college basketball history. And while many UNC fans have been loathe to compare Smith and Krzyzewski-it appears that Krzyzewski is working towards a similar run. Monday night Coach K tied Smith as the second-win-

ningest coach in college hoops history, and will almost certainly surpass Smith next Wednesday.

Depending on the depth of Duke's run in the NCAA tournament, it is possible that Krzyzewski will take the mantle of all time wins from his mentor Bob Knight and be mentioned in the same breath as John Wooden in terms of the greatest coach in college basketball history. How fortunate are those of us who live in North Carolina to bear witness to two of the finest men ever to coach basketball in any era?

### ... YEAR IN REVIEW continued from page 1

Chris St. Germain and Kate-Marie Parks were crowned Homecoming King & Queen at Jan. 23 dance at the Performing Arts Center.

#### February

- Mother Nature's winter weather brings town to a standstill, again.
- Wynn and John Cleaveland celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary on the Queen Mary 2 on route to Dubai.
- Doshie M. Wilson, 102, of Highlands died Friday, January 29, 2009 at the Fidelia-Eckerd Living Center. She was the daughter of the late Rufus and Albie Picklesimer McCall.

- County replaces full-time attorney Moxley with part-time counsel.
- Joy Lowe Dooley, age 64, of Highlands, NC died, Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010.
- Mayor Pro Tempore policy hits snag.

#### March

- Ice skating big topic at TB meeting. Discussion of a privately owned ice-skating rink at Pine Street Park spurred discussion about a semipermanent public rink at the Rec Park, instead.
- Previous Highlands resident, Tucci-Casselli jailed for rape of child.
- 15 local candidates line up for May 4 primary.
- Man attempts to steal prescription drugs from H-C Hospital.
- Baseball teams and dog owners face off about using ballfield as dog park.. Board rules ballfield is off limits to dogs and their owners. Talk of constructing a dog park begins; site set for Rec Park.
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## What's for Dinner?

Highland's favorite lunch place now has  
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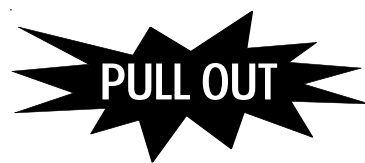
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# On going and Upcoming Events

## Ongoing

- At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes all week long. Call 828-526-1FIT.
- Nantahala Tennis Club meets everyday at 9 a.m. at Highlands Recreation Park. \$2 per person; all visitors welcome. Call 526-3556.
- YOGA- Moonrise Yoga - The Highlands Dedicated Studio, 464 Carolina Way. Mon 5:15pm and Sat 9:30am. All Levels. Mats provided. Pre-register

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## Sundays

• Aftershock Youth meets every Sunday Night at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at Cullasaja Assembly of God at 6201 Highlands Road, Franklin, NC. Contact youth ministers Seth & Sarha Henegar at 828 369-7540 ext 203.

• The High Mountain Squares will be having a dance workshop get-together on Sundays. This will include main/stream and plus levels. The caller will be Jim Roper from Cornelia, GA. The dances will be held at the Environmental Resource Center, Lakeside Drive, Franklin, from 3 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$3 per person. For information, call 828 349-0905, 828 369-8334, 706 782-0943.

## Mon. & Thurs.

• On the Mat Yoga at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation on Main Street. Upper Level Jones Hall. Mon., and Thurs. at 10:45 a.m. Bring your mat. 828-482-2128. \$10/hour. (12/31)

## Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class at the Rec Park. 8:30-9:30 a.m. \$20/month.

• Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m. \$10 per class or \$50 a month.

## First Mondays

• Participate in your hospital by joining the Auxiliary of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the hospital.

## Mondays

• Closed AA meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

## Tuesdays

• Highlands Rotary Club meets at noon at the

Highlands Conference Center at noon.

• Closed AA Women's meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

• The Highlands Dialogue Tuesday discussions at the Civic Center from 10-11:30 a.m. For information about the Highlands Dialogue or any of our upcoming discussions, e-mail John Gaston [johngaston@aol.com](mailto:johngaston@aol.com) or Karen Hawk [hwkncrw@earthlink.net](mailto:hwkncrw@earthlink.net).

## Tues. & Thurs.

• Study Hall at the Literacy Council of Highlands in the Peggy Crosby Center from 3 to 5 p.m. Come do your homework, projects use the resources on site and get help from a tutor. For more information, contact Faviola Olvera at (828) 526-0925 or by email at [missolvera@yahoo.com](mailto:missolvera@yahoo.com).

• Kettlebell Class at the Rec Park with Ginger Baldwin at 5:15 p.m. Fast moving free weight kinetic chain movement for 30-40 minutes. \$8 per class. Call 526-3556 or 526-4959 to reserve a spot.

## Wednesdays

• The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary meets at 7:30 a.m. in the dining room at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Enter the hospital in the main or emergency entrance and follow the signs downstairs. Visitors are welcome. Meetings end at 8:30 am.

• Men's interdenominational Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

• The Homegrown Buds, a homeschool 4-H club, meets at noon at the Macon County Library on Siler Road in Franklin at 1 p.m.

## Wednesdays & Fridays

• Open AA meeting at noon at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

## Every 3rd Wednesday

• Study sessions at the Universal Unitarian Fel-

lowship Hall in Franklin. A \$5 soup-supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Study sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. Call 828-524-6777 or 706-746-9964.

## Thursdays

• Al-Anon meeting, noon at the Episcopal Church on Main and Fifth streets.

## Every Third Saturday

• The Highlands Memorial Post #370 of the American Legion meets at the Shortoff Baptist Church. Breakfast is at 9 am. Meeting is at 10 a.m. All veterans are invited to attend.

## Saturdays

• At Paoletti's Restaurant, intimate Wine Tasting at the bar at 1 pm. Great inexpensive wines from around the world, available for retail sales daily. Cheese and Crackers are served. Cost: \$20 per person refundable with case purchase.

• At Cyprus International Restaurant, live music beginning at 9 p.m. No cover.

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## Friday, Dec. 31

• The High Mountain Squares will be having a "New Years Eve Dance" on Friday, December 31st, at the Macon County Community Building on Route 441 South from 9:00 p.m. to midnight. The square dance callers are Ken Perkins from Pelzer, SC, Tom Pustinger from Spartanburg, SC, and Jim Duncan from Otto, NC. We dance Western Style Square Dancing. There will be main/stream, plus, and high energy level square dancing. There will be plenty of food for this special event. So come and dance, eat, and celebrate New Years Eve with us. Everyone is welcome. For information call 828-349-0905, 828-349-8344

## Sun., Jan. 2

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 2-3 mile hike on the Bartram Trail loop from Wallace Branch. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2 p.m. Bring water, a snack if you wish; wear sturdy shoes. Drive 6 miles round trip. Call Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations.

## Thursday, Jan. 6

• Franklin Community Blood Drive at the First Baptist Church, 69 Iotla Street, Franklin, 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Please call 369-9559 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Walk-Ins Welcome! Appointments preferred. *All presenting donors have a chance to win one of two pairs of Delta Air Lines tickets!*

## Friday, Jan. 7

• NC Wildlife Advocates will meet from Noon to 3 p.m. at Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center. The meeting will convene after lunch which will be available at the noon for a fee of \$8.95. The focus of the meeting will be on two topics for discussion. First, NC Representative Ray Rapp will present his ideas for increasing funding and manpower for wildlife law enforcement officers. Second, the group will discuss the NC Wildlife Federation's Responsible Sportsman Doctrine as tool for educating hunters and encouraging responsible behavior. Everyone is invited - bear hunters and non-bear hunters. For information, email [phyllisedwards@frontier.com](mailto:phyllisedwards@frontier.com)

## Jan. 8-Feb. 12

• At The Bascom, view "The Bascom Collection:" 20th and 21st century American art in numerous media. Call 526-4949 for more information.

## Annual 'Resolution Run' set for Sat., Jan. 1



Those who want to make a New Year's Resolution to begin or to renew a program of health and fitness in 2011 may be interested in the annual New Year's Resolution Run, which will be held on January 1 in Highlands. For several years, the annual event has attracted both regular runners and also visitors and new runners who want to start the New Year in a positive way.

The Resolution Run has no entry fee and offers no T-shirts or trophies. Those

interested in participating simply gather in front of the Town Hall at 210 North Fourth Street on Saturday morning, January 1, at 9 a.m. and run a three-mile loop at a relaxed pace around the downtown area of Highlands, returning to the Town Hall. Walking breaks for new runners are encouraged. The run is held "come rain or shine or ice or snow," but Betz claims that the weather has been flawless for several years, though a little on the chilly side on some occasions.



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- 590 VIEW POINT RD, GURITZ RICHARD LEWIS, 2/1/2010 0:00, 0, 153270, 582720, GURITZ RICHARD LEWIS, 735990
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I remember when my husband Jon and I were first married, 25 years ago, we would take the car out in the evening of the week before Christmas, pick up Jon's Mom, and drive around our end of town looking at all the lights and decorations.

We live in a modest, middle class neighborhood so there are none of the neighborhood association restrictions that burden more upper-crust areas. Folks went all out in volume, color and creativity. Some of the yards we saw were so lavishly adorned that I'll bet you could see them from space. There was even one house that had a 40-foot snowman that dwarfed the house beside it. It would take us hours just to circumnavigate a 5-mile radius. We played Christmas music on the car radio and in general had a jolly good time.

However, over the last several years, I've noticed a great drop-off in decorating — maybe it's because the weekend after Thanksgiving — the traditional time to put all your lights with free family labor that you've lured in with a turkey dinner — the weather has been wet and cold.

As much as I'd like to blame the weather, I believe that the lack of lights is indicative a greater malaise. I believe that with times as tough as they are, folks have neither time, money nor the inclination to put out their lights. This is troubling to me, and tells me that when folks stop shining lights in the darkness, they have lost hope.

Many have lost their jobs and are worn down by the months and years of futility in searching for a new one. Those of us who are lucky enough to be around still, keenly feel the loss of those we loved who have passed on. And to top it all off, it is shaping up to be a long, cold winter — the final insult of a year with a long and unbearably hot summer.

In short, we are a depressed and oppressed people. The prophet Isaiah wrote to a depressed and oppressed people. In Isaiah 9: 2-7, he writes about the promise of deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise.

"The people who walked in darkness

Have seen a great light;

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness

On them a light has shined."

For a child has been born for us,

a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders  
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Amid our broken world we proclaim that the prince of peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh — in Christ's body and blood — so that we may bearers of divine light to all the world.

May the love of God that sent us his Son as the ultimate Christmas gift, bless you and yours now and in the coming year. Let your lights shine!

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Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice

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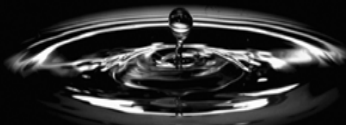
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• Architect unveils plans for Police Dept. at old ABC Store site.

• BOE urges citizens to push for local school calendar.

April

• PAC lease in limbo; PAC reluctant to have town over-sight.

• The Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Board of Directors appoints of Craig Bowen James, FAHE, to the position of Pres-ident and Chief Executive Officer of Highlands-Cashiers Hos-pital and Fidelia Eckerd Living Center.

• H1N1 puts public health system to the test.

• Board OKs new plans for Kelsey-Hutchinson Park to include grass parking and raised connection across street.

• What room tax figures likely mean. Proceeds moving back to pre-recession levels

May

• An EEOC charge of discrimination citing race, sex, and national origin was filed against the Town of Highlands by previous Highlands Police Officer Erika Olvera on April 14, 2010.

• Seniors Olen Schiffli and Beverly Nix were crowned King and Queen of the 2010 Prom held at OEI's The Farm Friday, May 7.

• Bevan Schiffli's Google doodle puts Highlands on the map.

• Sam and Lisa Osteen, parents of freshman Taylor Os-teen, were named “Fans of the Year.” Coach Chris Green was named “Coach of the Year.”

• On Monday, May 24, a man who sustained injuries due to a motorcycle accident on U.S. 64 west near Bust Your Butt Falls died at Mission Hospital in Asheville.

• County to own Hudson Library building.

June

• The county's proposed budget for 2010/ 1 is \$1,388,977 – a little over 3% less than the revised current year budget, which came in at \$44,161,123 after revisions.

• Highlands School seniors Brice Jenkins was named the Valedictorian and Kate Marie Parks was named Salutato-rian.

• Residents along Big Creek are anxious to have the creek

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1/22/2010 0:00, 0, 80740, 266650, DEVANE MARY ELLEN, 347390

- JACK WILCOX RD, SNYDER JEAN D TRUSTEE, 6/8/2010 0:00, 0, 319330, 0, SNYDER JEAN D, 319330
- 165 JACK WILCOX RD, SNYDER JEAN D TRUSTEE, 6/8/2010 0:00, 0, 1167180, 469520, SNYDER JEAN D, 1636700

- 1100 CLAIRE LN, BRANCH BANKING & TRUST CO, 8/2/2010 0:00, 290000, 110160, 283150, OCEAN PARK OF SC LLC, 393310

- DILLARD RD, BLUE VALLEY FALLS LLC, 11/12/2010 0:00, 0, 449120, 0, MURER GLENN, 449120

- DILLARD RD, BLUE VALLEY FALLS LLC, 11/12/2010 0:00, 0, 598920, 0, MURER GLENN, 598920

- DILLARD RD, BLUE VALLEY FALLS LLC, 11/12/2010 0:00, 0, 232660, 0, MURER GLENN, 232660

- 120 LOG BRIDGE CIR, MEHDER STEPHEN P, 12/3/2010 0:00, 425000, 119680, 392010, TOUSSAINT MILDRED M, 511690

- 150 BLUE VALLEY FALLS DR, WOOD RAY E TR, 2/1/2010 0:00, 0, 367720, 817000, WOOD RAY E, 1184720

- 849 FLAT MOUNTAIN ESTATES RD, FLAT MOUNTAIN PARTNERS LP, 6/4/2010 0:00, 0, 306980, 662840, BOCK DEBORAH WEILLER, 969820

- 371 HIDEAWAY TRL, WEBB JAMES RONNIE, 12/8/2010 0:00, 0, 254960, 1711110, CLARK DEBORAH, 1966070

- 175 WEST VIEW WAY, MOORE PAUL EDWIN, 1/29/2010 0:00, 710000, 291180, 590630, MCKINNON CHARLES W JR, 881810

- 147 HIGHLANDS VIEW RD, DEVORE JEFFREY STEVEN, 8/2/2010 0:00, 0, 72720, 67590, DEVORE GEORGE W JR TRUSTEE, 140310

- 386 BONNIE DR, GAMBLE JAMES E, 10/19/2010 0:00, 260000, 111080, 351920, CHAMPION BRADLEY PAUL, 463000

- 672 CULLASAJA CLUB DR, BROWN JAMES M TR, 10/1/2010 0:00, 0, 278100, 776460, BROWN JAMES M, 1054560

- HIGHLANDS VIEW RD, DEVILLE ANNE ELISE, 8/9/2010 0:00, 50000, 94580, 0, SCHIFFLI JOHN ROBERT JR, 94580

- OFF 1544, EAGER GEORGE B, 8/9/2010 0:00, 0, 174420, 0, EAGER GEORGE B, 174420

- OFF 1544, EAGER GEORGE B, 8/9/2010 0:00, 0, 216580, 0, EAGER GEORGE B, 216580

- RD 1544, BOWMAN JOE L JR, 6/29/2010 0:00, 75000, 113220, 0, ARMSTRONG LULA MAE TR, 113220

- 1273 OWL GAP RD, SWEENEY JAMES EARL TR, 7/21/2010 0:00, 0, 150000, 511650, SWEENEY JAMES, 661650

- WALHALLA RD, TALLEY NOVIA A, 5/4/2010 0:00, 500, 156460, 400, TALLEY RICHARD, 156860

- 191 FLAT MOUNTAIN ESTATES RD, OLINDE ALFRED A, 10/11/2010 0:00, 445000, 262730, 440170, JOHNS HARRY M, 702900

- 45 BLACK BEAR TRCE, BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, 5/6/2010 0:00, 631000, 124310, 629990, PATTERSON FRANCES H, 754300

- LOT 138 CULLASAJA CLUB, EAGLE RANCH INC, 7/14/2010 0:00, 0, 119120, 0, HURLBURT BARBARA Y CO TRUSTEE, 119120

- 101 SENNING DR, CASSIDY THOMAS, 10/25/2010 0:00, 550000, 163300, 476630, APPEL GEORGE K TRUSTEE, 639930

- 300 BIG PINE LN, HARKINS DEBRA LEE SCHUTZ, 10/11/2010 0:00, 0, 250690, 303800, HARKINS DEBRA LEE SCHUTZ, 554490

- 99 GARNET ROCK TRL, PALMISANO ANTHONY P, 6/1/2010 0:00, 715000, 327680, 629700, WOLFE JILL J, 957380

- ZACHARY RD, STAMEY SARAH P, 9/14/2010 0:00, 0, 389400, 0, JENKINS MATTIE P, 389400

- 61 DIAMOND DR, STAMEY SARAH P, 9/14/2010 0:00, 0, 200100, 1000, JENKINS MATTIE P, 201100

- 659 SASSAFRAS GAP RD, MUNGER FREDERICK EUGENE, 5/13/2010 0:00, 0, 20470, 2000, MUNGER WILLIAM FRED, 22470

### Flats Township

PROP\_ADDR,, OWNER\_NAME, DATE\_RECORDED, SALES\_PRICE, LAND\_VALUE, BLDG\_VALUE, FIRST\_GRANTOR\_NAME, ASSESSED\_VALUE

- 21 EAST VIEW RD, LADD CHRISTINE ROBITSCHER, 12/1/2010 0:00, 0, 50000, 291600, BERGMARK JEAN B TRUSTEE, 341600

- 2473 HIGHLAND GAP RD, PUTNAM ABEL A TR, 3/30/2010 0:00, 0, 199670, 0, PUTNAM ABEL A TR, 199670

- OFF HWY 106, MILLER EVA JEAN, 10/29/2010 0:00, 29000, 43450, 0, LITTLE BROWNIE PROPERTIES INC, 43450

- 437 HIGHPOINT DR, FIERBERG JAMES H, 9/15/2010 0:00, 295000, 53680, 439480, AWIS BRIAN E, 493160

- 68 SHOAL CREEK RD, MOUNTAIN LAUREL REST INC, 10/5/2010 0:00, 0, 147630, 880220, IMB REO LLC, 1027850

- RED GATE LANE, SCALY HOUSE LLC, 11/15/2010 0:00, 0, 260450, 0, HENRITZE ROBERT M, 260450

- CREEKSIDE COVE N, BRIDGES WINSTON T, 11/3/2010 0:00, 105000, 100000, 0, CORAM JENNINGS B, 100000

- CREEKSIDE COVE N, FRANK ROBERT O, 11/3/2010 0:00, 106000, 100000, 0, CORAM JENNINGS B, 100000

- 25 CREEKSIDE COVE N, GOODWIN JOHN RICHARD, 5/12/2010 0:00, 100000, 100000, 0, CORAM JENNINGS B, 100000

- 151 SHOAL CREEK RD, DRYMAN LESLIE, 4/1/2010 0:00, 0, 40140, 128140, REESE EDWIN B., 168280

- 1409 BUCK KNOB RD, HUERTA CHRISTOPHER, 9/30/2010 0:00, 239500, 49860, 182720, KNIGHT ROGER L, 232580

- 97 RAVEN RIDGE RD, MELTON RUTH LIFE ESTATE, 9/14/2010 0:00, 0, 68510, 244090, MELTON BERNST G & RUTH, 312600

- 104 COLLECTORS LN, OLIVER GEORGE L TR, 11/8/2010 0:00, 0, 193340, 179670, OLIVER GEORGE L JR, 373010

- 241 HICKORY RIDGE RD, FIELDS ROBERT R TR, 3/24/2010 0:00, 0, 57950, 281880, FIELDS SHEILA C, 339830

- LOT 30 ROCKY KNOB, ENTRUST ADMINISTRATION SERVICES, 3/17/2010 0:00, 42000, 33470, 0, MAYER INVESTMENTS LLC, 33470

- CREEKSIDE COVE N, HUNT HARVEY L, 7/1/2010 0:00, 95000, 100000, 0, CORAM JENNINGS B, 100000

- OFF RD 1624, MILLARDS MOUNTAIN RESORT LLC, 4/8/2010 0:00, 0, 656640, 0, MILLARD WARNE R JR, 656640

- 270 CHARLIE WOOD WAY, SCALY HOUSE LLC, 11/15/2010 0:00, 0, 257670, 834690, HENRITZE ROBERT M, 1092360

- RD 1622, COLLINS GEORGE SCOTT, 11/12/2010 0:00, 145000, 128090, 0, BARTRAM RIDGE DEVELOPMENT LLC, 128090

- RD 1622, BARTRAM RIDGE DEVELOPMENT LLC, 4/16/2010 0:00, 0, 132960, 0, BARTRAM RIDGE DEVELOPMENT LLC, 132960

- 25 LAKESIDE RD, KUTT ROBERT BRUCE, 4/14/2010 0:00, 0, 47230, 266670, FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSN, 313900

- 700 SILLY RIDGE RD, BISHOFF WILLA JANE, 6/9/2010 0:00, 0, 680140, 1116070, BISHOFF WILLA JANE, 1796210

- RD 1622, HIDAY ROBERT D, 7/23/2010 0:00, 80000, 112820, 0, ERICKSON DWAIN T JR ETAL, 112820

- RD 1622, BARTRAM RIDGE DEVELOPMENT LLC, 4/16/2010 0:00, 0, 20560, 0, BARTRAM RIDGE DEVELOPMENT LLC, 20560

- OFF RD 1622, MAGRUDER MARION H, 2/16/2010 0:00, 0, 26010, 0, MAGRUDER JOSEPH P, 26010

- 164 LAKESIDE RD, VROON DAVID, 4/26/2010 0:00, 0, 121890, 637780, VROON DAVID, 759670

- LOT 12 LOIS PURDIN PROP, HUERTA CHRISTOPHER, 9/30/2010 0:00, 239500, 30580, 0, KNIGHT ROGER L, 30580

- RD 1622, BARTRAM RIDGE DEVELOPMENT LLC, 4/16/2010 0:00, 0, 222450, 0, BARTRAM RIDGE DEVELOPMENT LLC, 222450

- LOT 55 ROCKY KNOB, ENTRUST FREEDOM LLC CUSTODIAN, 3/8/2010 0:00, 0, 50040, 0, TAX FREE STRATEGIES LLC FBO, 50040

- OFF RD 1622, BARBER CECILE S, 3/29/2010 0:00, 0, 75310, 0, BAILEY MARGARET E TRUSTEE, 75310

- 364 HUCKLEBERRY HILL RD, FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSN, 8/11/2010 0:00, 0, 55910, 273870, ATTAWAY ALTON Z, 329780

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• LOT 13 LOIS PURDIN PROP, HUERTA CHRISTOPHER, 9/30/2010 0:00, 239500, 27540, 0, KNIGHT ROGER L, 27540

• 10 HIGHPOINT DR, SEYBERT KIMBERLY E, 5/6/2010 0:00, 0, 117310, 297270, SEYBERT TOM, 414580  
• LLOYD COVE RD, WALSH LAURE SWANNER, 11/18/2010 0:00, 240000, 666180, 0, WILKES ALVIN L, 666180

• ON HWY 106, JONES DENNIS A, 7/6/2010 0:00, 0, 53790, 0, POSS EDWIN C., 53790

• OFF RD 1626, JOLLAY CYNTHIA T TR, 3/10/2010 0:00, 0, 64210, 0, JOLLAY DAVID L, 64210

• OFF RD 1626, JOLLAY CYNTHIA T TR, 3/10/2010 0:00, 0, 56550, 0, JOLLAY DAVID L, 56550

• 10121 DILLARD RD, PETER CHARLES COADY & SARAH E COADY LIVING TRUST, 11/19/2010 0:00, 0, 39200, 130590, COADY PETER C, 169790

• OFF RD 1622, BARBER CECILE S, 3/29/2010 0:00, 0, 62600, 0, BAILEY MARGARET E TRUSTEE, 62600

• OFF HWY 106, SANDERS THOMAS J, 2/26/2010 0:00, 47500, 113340, 0, THOMAS KNOB HOMES LLC, 113340

• OFF RD 1626, LANDERS ANNE J, 9/30/2010 0:00, 0, 69500, 0, JOLLAY O L, 69500

• OFF RD 1626, LANDERS ANNE J, 9/30/2010 0:00, 0, 52150, 0, JOLLAY O L, 52150

• OFF RD 1626, LANDERS ANNE J, 9/30/2010 0:00, 0, 57900, 0, JOLLAY O L, 57900

• 100 BILLINGSLEY MOUNTAIN RD, BILLINGSLEY WINIFRED LIFE EST, 3/26/2010 0:00, 0, 32510, 70550, BILLINGSLEY WINIFRED LIFE EST,

103060

• OFF HWY 106, SHIFRIN ROBERT, 5/17/2010 0:00, 0, 35620, 0, GRAND GCT TRUST, 35620

• LOVE RD, BILLINGSLEY VIRGINIA LIFE EST, 10/29/2010 0:00, 0, 69570, 0, BILLINGSLEY VIRGINIA LIFE EST, 69570

• OFF RD 1624 HIGHLAND GAP, BRUSICH ANN M, 2/24/2010 0:00, 0, 167030, 0, BRUSICH JON M, 167030

• ON HWY 106, JONES DENNIS A, 7/6/2010 0:00, 0, 6890, 0, POSS EDWIN C., 6890

• OFF RD 1626, JOLLAY CYNTHIA T TR, 3/10/2010 0:00, 0, 79720, 0, JOLLAY DAVID L, 79720

• 224 BOB LONG MOUNTAIN RD, THOMAS SANDRA L, 7/1/2010 0:00, 0, 90380, 96830, SMITH WARREN L TRUSTEE, 187210

• 433 CHASTAIN RD, UNDERWOOD CHARLIE P JR, 4/1/2010 0:00, 140000, 62610, 88420, ROYALL VELMA LEE, 151030

• 261 AUTUMN VALLEY LN, TALLEY JANICE N, 3/19/2010 0:00, 0, 37300, 236020, FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSN, 273320

• OFF HWY 106, GRAHAM DARRELL J, 11/16/2010 0:00, 0, 169110, 0, GRAHAM GEORGE, 169110

• OFF RD 1626, JOLLAY CYNTHIA T TR, 3/10/2010 0:00, 0, 51380, 0, JOLLAY DAVID L, 51380

• 11 DRYMAN RIDGE RD, BARNES CURTIS MATTHEW, 2/26/2010 0:00, 355000, 86890, 324370, BARNES FRED HENDERSON, 411260

• OFF 106, SULLIVAN TONYA, 6/30/2010 0:00, 0, 32350, 0, YOUNG LESLIE A, 32350

• 70 EASTSIDE DUCK MOUNTAIN RD, ADLER HELEN, 7/23/2010 0:00, 0, 54480, 57520, ADLER FRANCES ET ALS, 112000

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dredged but are still waiting for answers from the town.

### July

• Bio Station wins Audubon Bird Lore Award

• Walter Neville Bryson, age 85, of Highlands, NC, died Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

• In a rare, the Zoning Board of Adjustment overruled the town's Zoning Department and approved a Special Use Permit (SUP) for an electronic sweepstakes gaming business to open in Wright Square.

• The cost of educating out-of-state students attending Macon County Schools was the subject of an impassioned discussion at the July 26 School Board meeting. There are 15 students – 14 from Satolah, GA and one from Sky Valley, GA – whose families are requesting entrance to Highlands School this year. Board rules to suspend tuition for the time being.

• Highlands' water supply held hostage by Randall Dam.

### August

• Employer/employee restricted parking areas extended in town.

• Highlands Schools' AYP scores are up. Of Macon County's 12 schools, nine schools or 75% met the AYP criteria – which is meeting all targets or 100%.

• HB 961 law changes face of 'Closed Sessions.' New Ethics & Campaign Reform Act of 2010 bill, signed by Governor Bev Perdue.

• Macon Bank wants to reduce Riverwalk density; town says OK.

• Talk begins about proposed 5,000 sq. ft. Post Office building at the corner of NC 28 and US 64 currently occupied by Furniture South and the Wachovia satellite bank.

• MC Public Health on alert for 'bad' eggs. Egg brand not sold in Highlands grocery stores

### September

• Dogs who live along Buck Knob Road in Scaly Mountain have been dying at an alarming rate. Investigation begins by MC Animal Control and Health Department. Poisoning from pesticide suspected and later confirmed.

• Business owners want changes to sign ordinance; Planning Board says 'yes;' Town Board say 'no.'

• Varied mix running for school board; On the ballot is incumbent Stephanie McCall, runs unopposed for re-election in District 1, Ex-principal of Highlands School Larry Brooks faces incumbent Tommy Cabe in District 2, and incumbent Bobby Bishop faces ex-principal of Franklin High School Gary Shields in District 4.

• Homeowners want fallen trees out of Lake Sequoyah. In North Carolina, property lines of parcels along waterways typically go to the middle of the creek, stream, or in this case the lake. As such, the responsibility of tree removal falls on the property owner.

• Town Manager Jim Fatland decides to shift Town Hall and Police Department personnel around to improve customer service for the citizens and to make way for the new position of Accounting Supervisor.

• Highlands 2010 SAT scores rank with the best 'brainy' schools in the state.

• Previous Norton Community resident Helen King turns 105 years old at Fidelia Eckerd Living Center.

• TB delays Grievance Policy ruling; been on the back burner since February.

• Tip leads to arrest of drug dealer in town. Officers with the Macon County Sheriff's Office and the Highlands Police Department arrested Mitchell Lee Stahl on September 14 in the Highlands Plaza parking lot.

• A warrant was issued for the arrest of Larry Gantenbein, 64, formerly of Highlands, for failure to appear in court Monday, Sept. 13, 2010 in St. Tammany Parish in Louisiana.

### October

• HS fall sports make historic strides. 3-sport championship lineup is Sat., Oct. 9 at Highlands School.

With bear-hunting season Oct. 18- Nov. 20 and again Dec. 13-Jan. 1 in both Macon and Jackson counties, the faction that wants to co-exist with bears is worried about hunters and their dogs going after bears particularly when they seek refuge on private property. Factions divided over bear hunter regulations in Macon County.

• Town Square changes may mean public restrooms & skating rink.

• Motorist drives into Big Creek; crashes into water intake valve.

• The Bob Zahner Wilderness Area proposal – previously OK'd by the Highlands Town Board but yet to be considered by the Federal legislators – was tabled by the Macon County Commission Monday night. Commissioners question allowed uses in a "Wilderness Area" and what that new designation might mean to citizens in the future.

• Town Board fires Town Planner Cooley.

• Auditors find 'weaknesses' in town finances.

• Town board resurrects 'Parking Study' tabled for over a year.

### November

• Highlands hybrid form of government stands. When the town changed its charter to the Council-Manager form from the Mayor-Council form, it left in tact the provision that the Town Attorney, Zoning/Watershed Administrator and Police Chief work at the pleasure of the board and not at the pleasure of the Town Manager as in all other departments.

• Locals impact county & state races; elected to the MC Commission are Ronnie Beale, Ron Haven and Brian McClellan. Sheriff Robert Holland was re-elected. Elected to the school board was Tommy Cabe and Gary Shields. Jim Davis takes NC Senate 50<sup>th</sup> District seat from Sen. John Snow.

• At a special called meeting the evening of Monday, Nov. 8, commissioners OK'd the construction bid for the new Police Department and hired Mark Maxwell as the Interim Town Planner.

• Kevin Corbin, past BOE chair, has been named Commissioner Jim Davis's replacement on the Macon County Commission.

• Grinder pump policy in the works. se

• Since Highlands was picked as a Small Town Main Street Community, its businesses are now eligible for a special \$200,000

grant to spur business development.

### December

• Police Department renovation project finalized. Job in at \$610,662. To be financed by BB&T at 3.07% interest over 10 years with two payments a year.

• John Dotson is elected Highlands Mayor or Pro Tempore for 2011.

• Highlands School seniors Cord Strawn and Valerie Shelton were crowned king and queen at the Homecoming Dance on Dec. 4 at PAC.

• MC Commission new board is off to rocky start when three of five commissioners vote not to reappoint Al Slagle to the planning board and appoint Jimmy Goodman, instead. Move starts maelstrom of controversy over reason for pick.

• Fire destroys Coppage home in Horse Cove, Tuesday, Dec. 14.

• MC planning board turmoil is put to rest. Two members come off the planning board in the spring and the planning board will request Al Slagle be appointed at that time.

• Winter weather came fast and furious this year Friday, Dec. 10 through Tuesday, Dec. 14 causing a delays and closings at Highlands

School, as well as sub-zero temperatures and 10-12 inches of snow.

• Together 'Relay For Life' in Franklin, Highlands earn national recognition.

• New input about uses on Upper Chattooga River sought.

• After more than a year in the works, the Planning Board sends final draft of Unified Development Ordinance to Town Board

• Advocates discuss bear hunting issues; meeting set for Jan. 7 with NC Representative Ray Rapp and NC Wildlife Federation.

• Community meeting held to discuss pending post office at corner of NC 106 and Main Street on Woodruff property.

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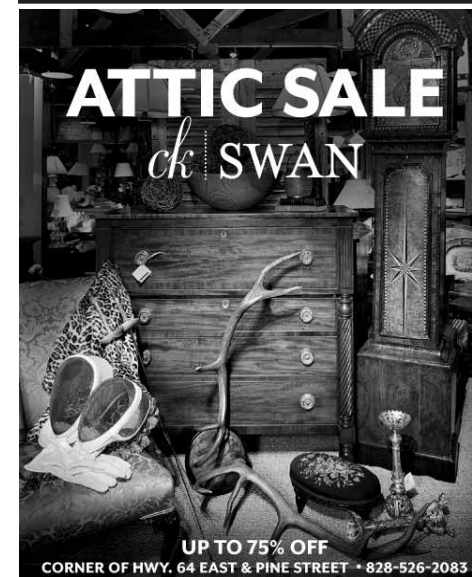
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Great mountain getaway. This unique property has lots of wormy chestnut wood, fireplace, sauna, wonderful sleeping porch and more. This 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home is located on a 1+/- acre lot with a meadow feel off Flat Mountain Road. Offered at \$385,000. MLS# 53871



Cullasaja Club. 4 bedroom, 4 1/2 baths, 2 fireplaces. Designed by Schmitt architecture, great layout and quality materials throughout, Lower level family room and excellent storage. wonderful screened outdoor living area and large 2-car garage. Offered at \$1,595,000. mls #70517



Decorators own villa has many special features. Lower level villa with screened porch on Mill Creek. Heart pine beams, mantles and ceiling. Kitchen/breakfast room. Sub Zero and Wolfe appliances. Premium tile throughout, bidet and heated floors in master bath. Offered at \$869,500 MLS#69291



Walk to Harris Lake, downtown or The Nature Center from this completely updated 4 bedroom, 3 bath home. Charm with a gracious outdoor family room. 2 master suites and children's room with bunk beds. 2 massive stone fireplaces, cypress and slate flooring and lovely finishes. Offered at \$849,000. MLS #59837



Cherokee Drive. Great entry level, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, charming cottage with wood floors, fireplace. Good storage. Large deck and great yard. Offered at \$329,000. mls #70204



The view are indescribable. Almost 5 acres of lovely grounds, with a house and guesthouse. Large living room features pegged wood floors, rustic log accent walls, with vaulted ceilings. Master suite with a large master bath is on the main level, guest bedroom and bath. Guest wing has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, plus a den for guests or the grand kids to have their own space. Large kitchen The lower level has a family room with fireplace, office, bedroom, and bath. Large 2-car garage. Offered at \$3,400,000.



Views of Cashiers Valley from atop the plateau come with this lovely Highlands home located off Rhody Road. The owners kept the Old Highlands Charm of the original 1950s home and did a quality renovation in the 1980s to give it the comforts of modern living. Large private lot! Offered at \$595,000. MLS# 69758



Perched on the side of roaring Buck Creek Falls. This family home has room for guests or a large family. Living room and deck overlook the waterfall. Wood burning fireplace. Large kitchen with eat-in area and picture window. You provide the finishing touches to complete this unique waterfall home situated on about 1.5+/- acres. Offered at \$495,000. MLS #54731



Ridgewoods. Attention all renovators, this lovely home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths plus a 2 car garage. Great floor plan with a cathedral living room, great privacy and all paved road access. Offered at \$345,000. mls #59825



Charming 2 bedroom, 2 bath with loft sits on a wooded lot in gated Rustic Falls subdivision. Wood floors, vaulted living room with stone fireplace, full unfinished basement and nice screened deck. Offered at \$330,000. mls#72082



Holt Circle. This fits the criteria of most everyone list! Close in with walk to town access, some mountain view. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths on main level with a large deck. Lower level has guest quarters with bedroom and bath. It is in excellent condition and is slated to have paved access in the near future. Offered at \$359,000.



Located on desirable Bowery Road. This charming log home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, lofted living room with additional studio/family room and bath on a large wooded lot. New roof and in excellent condition. Offered at \$469,000. MLS #61021



Great Cullasaja Club Fairway Cottage close to clubhouse. Great kitchen updated with granite countertops, all stainless steel appliances, nice glass porch serves as a den or office. Big upstairs loft is great for grandchildren, owner wants offer. Offered at \$519,000. mls #70523



Great Mountain home features farmhouse design and sits on a large 1.54 acre lot. Garage with finished upper story office, or guest quarters, main house has an efficiency apartment that could be income producing. 3 beds, 3 1/2 baths. City water, walk to Mirrormont Pond and Mirror Lake. Shown by appointment only. Offered at \$549,000. MLS #70122



Cherokee Drive. Very nice Home with old Highlands Charm has extensive landscaping, privacy, and a flat approach..3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Wood floors, updated kitchen and bathrooms. Offered at \$595,000. MLS #70287



Shortoff Mountain Road. One-of-a-kind, real log cabin. This year round home was constructed from 4 log cabins (Circa 1800s) from remote Kentucky. Creativity to the max is the epitome of mountain charm. 3 bedrooms plus studio, 4-1/2 baths, loft, fireplace, garage. 1.69+/- acres with a great view of Shortoff Mountain. Offered at \$1,350,000. MLS #56186



Perfect get-a-way cabin. East to get to, easy to take care of and virtually no yard work. Great room with living, dining, and kitchen. Long range mountain views.. Covered deck with hot tub (hot tub is negotiable). Private end of road location. Offered at \$105,000. MLS#70366.



Completely renovated, in town old Highlands charm. New kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances, exposed beams, wood walls. Short walk to Mirror Lake and Main Street Highlands. Offered at \$489,000 MLS#69499



Great starter home in the Spring Lake community located just over the State line in Ga. Off Hale Ridge Road. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, porch, Open living area and great lake and community pavilion. Offered at \$175,000. mls #71271





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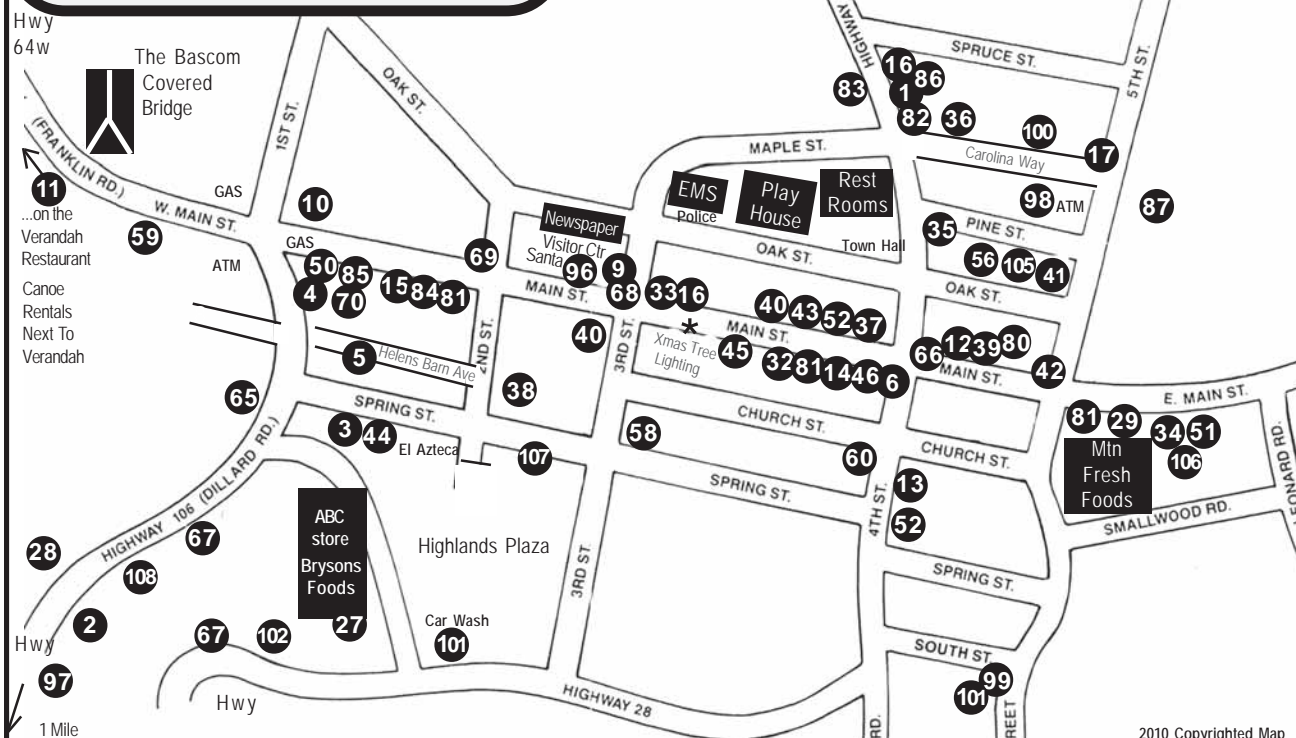
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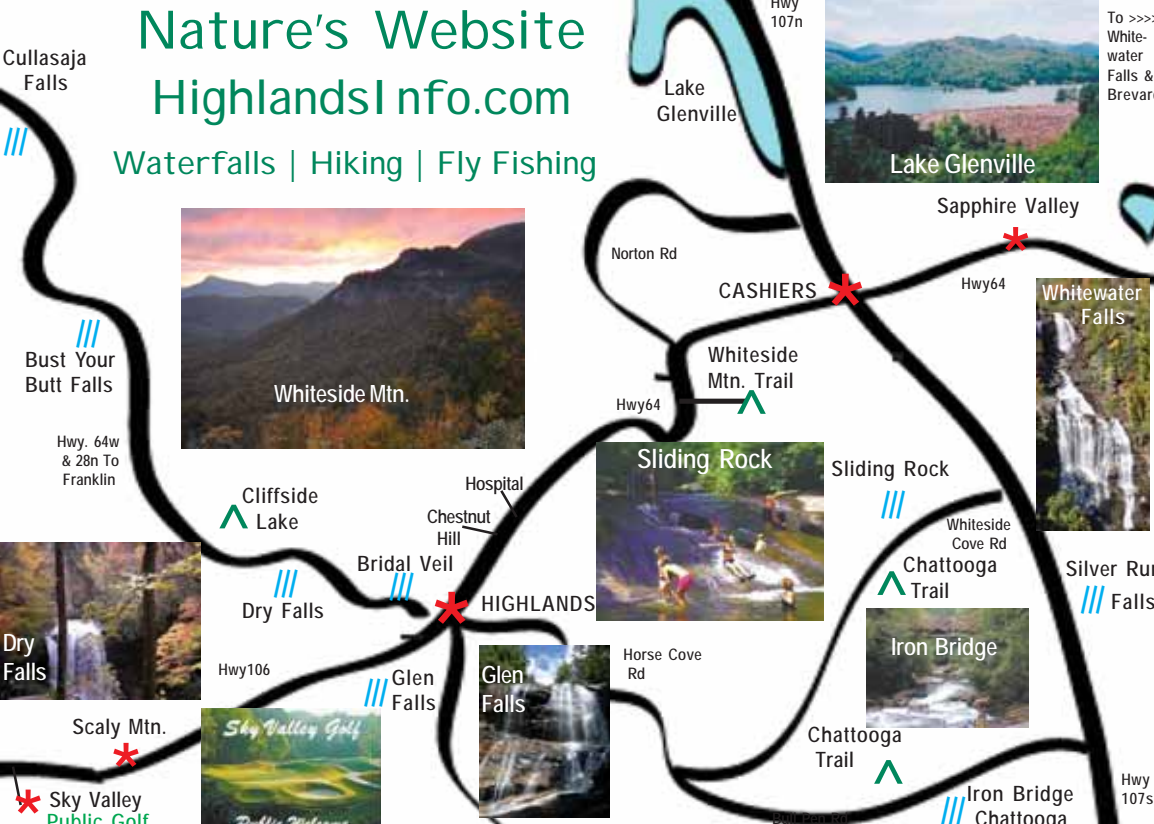



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