Highlands 2010 Year in Review

January
• Smoke-free air now required at NC bars and Restaurants, Macon County way ahead of the ‘pack.’
• USPS says ‘no’ to boats on Upper Chattooga River; voluntarily withdraws previous decisions on recreation uses.

February
• Weeks of single-digit weather were hard to take, 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.’

March
• 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.

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“Fireman of the Year.”
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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 be 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 aren’t playing a part in the USPS 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 - 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.”

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I’ll take down the Christmas lights when the mosquitoes stop biting

Not everything in Palm Beach County, Florida is peaches and cream. 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 knecape before I can ask, “Am I making this up?” Well, maybe... a little... but they’re rebig.

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 working 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 sure you buy the extended warranty just in case your li’l missus grabs the chopper out of your 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? Yes, 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. Soodoo, while much of the country is getting crooked 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-logs look pretty dam 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 dock is striking midnight.

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

Fred Wooldridge
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What the new year marks for America

Don'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's 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, history 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 of Mullen will certify that the military is ready for the historic change. A 60-day grace period will follow before gay, lesbian, and bisexuals are permitted to acknowledges 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 those 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 homophobes, but they are a shrinking minority. Bull is more representative of his generation. He doesn’t understand derision 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 tolerant 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.
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 which I am affiliated, and which was in-vision, I am going to take much of this and her hubby could take a well-earned va-cation, I am going to take much of this and submit two columns at once so our editor can go and take a well-earned vacation.

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, Indiana, 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 midterm election, and now Congressman Steve King, R-IA says the death of the Omnibus bill is proof of their influence, 'goes far beyond' the ballot box. Tea Party groups are claiming success after a campaign of phone calls and emails urging Congressmen 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."

"I am not alone in his thoughts. The Wall Street Journal put it this way: "Even as President Barack Obama signed a broad bipartisan tax law, battles 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 hived cement another year of massive increases in spending and help pave the way for a health-care bill most Americans are asking 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.

Happy New Year!!

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Mike Krzyzewski is 63 years old, and while some would say he is headed toward 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 freshmen Kyrie Irving and Nolan Smith, but too many factors have played against them. 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 he was much too busy with Team USA to effectively coach Duke.

Ironically enough, the “game has passed him by” comments were the same leveled at Dean Smith in the early 1990s just 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 toward a similar run 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.

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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 ball field as dog park. Board rules ball field is off limits to dogs and their owners. Talk of constructing a dog park begins; site set for Rec Park.

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• Nantahala Tennis Club meets everyday at 9 a.m. at Highlands Recreation Park. $2 per person; all visitors welcome. Call 526-3556.

Sundays
• Afternoon Yoga 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 Highlands Square will be having a dance workshop get-together on Sundays. This will include mainstream 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.

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• 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)
• 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 Ninth 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 johnaston@aol.com or Karen Hawk hkwlocwc@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.
• Kettlebell Class at the Rec Park with Ginger Pustinger. Meet at 5:15 p.m. Fast moving free weight kinetic chain movement for 30-40 minutes. $8 per class. Call 526-3556 or 526-4895 to reserve a spot.

Wednesdays
• The Highlands Mountain Top 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 a.m.
• 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 Fellowship 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 a.m. Meeting is at 10 a.m. All veterans are invited to attend.

Saturdays
• At Pockette’s Restaurant, intimate Wine Tasting at the bar at 1 p.m. 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 Cypress 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.

Sunday, 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 mainstream, 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 Iota Street, Franklin, 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. 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 phylisedwards@frontier.com.

Jan. 8-Febr. 12
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 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 when times are tough, 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 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’s 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 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 his name is

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 at the ultimate Christmas gift, bless you and yours now and in the coming year. Let your lights shine!
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$103,000!! LOWER CLEARY CREEK, 5.5 miles from Main Street. 2 Lots. .55 & .95 acres. Septics installed. Borders National Forest. 2005 SIC COUNTRY HOME. Small yard, 8 years old. 706-746-3551. Leave Message. (12/11)

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COTTAGE ON TURTLE POND ROAD NEAR DILLARD ROAD. 2/2, unfurnished, $600 a month plus utilities. Call 526-5838 ext. 230 (st. 9/30)

LOST and FOUND

BROWN CAP WITH FISH ON FRONT, heirloom. Call 772-321-0881 or 526-5669.

RESIDENTIAL FOR RENT

COMMERCIAL – MAIN STREET EXPOSURE, 800 sq ft. with storage space. Small kitchen area. Great for retail or small office space. Handicap access. Call for details. 526-3363

WATERFRONT HOME – Mirror Lake. One mile from town. Furnished, 3 BR, 2 BA, LR/DR/Sunroom, gas heat/fireplace, W/D, dock, decks, porch, canoe, storage. Now through May. $1,000/month plus utilities, 770-435-0678 (st. 11/14)

NICE 1BR CABIN CLOSE TO TOWN ON SMALL HORSE FARM. Private, well insulated, pretty view, W/D and gas heat/fireplace. Can provide some optional rental relief with occasional property maintenance. $600/mo. 421-7922. (st. 11/18)


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1 BEDROOM/1 BATH, in-town furnished apartment, totally renovated, 2 decks, hardwood floors, granite countertops, washer/dryer. Call: 526-9523 (st. 9/30)

2 BEDROOM, 1.5 BATH, central heating, dishwasher, wood floors at Oak Square Apartments on Main Street. Highlands.Washer-dryer access. Competitive rental price. Call 828-421-1157. (st. 9/23)

SMALL PRIVATE ONE BR FURNISHED COTTAGE ON CHESTNUT STREET with screen porch. Additional sleeping loft. Three blocks to Main Street. Available immediately. $650. monthly plus utilities for six months. lease. e-mail: chestnutcottages@yahoo.com or contact Charlie @ (828)526-8645 (st. 4/22)

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT/SALE

3BR/2BA HOME. In town, Hickory St, level landscaped lot, 24x36. 2-car garage/workshop, $595,000, offers welcome. 352-494-1531 (Jan 2003)

A STEAL ON GORGEOUS 3 BED/3 BATH – Monthly rental (or weekly) – Beautifully furnished home on 1.5 acres in a private community just off Hay 64, between Cullasaja Club & Lake Osseroga. Central heat/air, lg. stone fireplace, large open living design, 1000 ft. deck, garage, many extras. (561) 212-2148 or (561) 239-2424 woodlandswv@sbcglobal.net or see our place on www.vrbo.com/99644. Contact for special low monthly rates. Tell us you heard about it from this ad...house is also for sale (12/30)

PINEBROOK CONDO FOR LEASE OR SALE – 2/2 downstairs. Call for details. 200-0018 or 421-2144.

For SALE/RENT – BEST ‘COMMERCIAL’ BUY IN HIGHLANDS – 535 4th Street. Zoned mixed-use, commercial and residential. Recent Remodel. Great retail/office and separate one-bedroom basement apartment. $290,000. Call 770-827-0450. (St. 11/5)

ITEMS FOR SALE

2009 CAMOUFLAGE ATV 250 CC BRAND- KAYAK has front and rear racks with helmet and trailer only 20 miles.Great Christmas Present or Great for Hunting Season! Paid $5,000, will sacrifice for $1,895 or OBO. 828-371-2129 or 828-371-2129. (st. 9/9)

AFGHANISTAN-VINTAGE RIFLE very rare. Collector’s Dream. Saw one at gun show for $7,000-$10,000. Great for Christmas for REAL gun collector. Over 100 years old. Will sacrifice for $1899 or OBO. 828-371-2129 or 828-524-7233 (st. 9/9)

BALDWIN ORGAN $100, Gulbransen Spinet piano $250. 828 526-4818 (st. 8/26)

PIANO – MAKE OFFER! Gorgeous Fully restored. Late 1800s upright owned by the Vanderbelters and was in the Biltmore Estates. Plays beautifully $7,000 invested, worth way more. Must sell. Will sacrifice for $2,100. 828-524-7233 or 828-371-2129 (st. 10/22)

VEHICLES FOR SALE


2003 NISSAN FRONTIER – 4 Door, 60,000 miles, Excellent condition, $9,000 OBO. 526-9180 (st. 5/20)

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TREES SERVICE – Complete Tree Removal, Trimming, Stump Grinding, Lot Clearing, Under Brushing, and Hemlock treatment and fertilization for “Woolly Adelgid.” 828-526-2251


... YEAR IN REVIEW continued from page 9

- An 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 oversight.
- The Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Board of Directors appointed Craig Bowen James, FAHE, to the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital 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 Olivera 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 fresheman Taylor Osteen, 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 2010/11 was $1,388,977, a little over 3% less than the revised current year budget, which came in at $44,161,123 after revisions.
- A very rare. Collector’s Dream.
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- Highlands School seniors Brice Jenkins was named the Valedictorian and Kate Marie Parks was named Salutatorian.
- Residents along Big Creek are anxious to have the creek...
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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 overturned the town's Zoning Department and approved a Special Use Permit (SUP) for an electronic sweeps game 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 Condo, yet 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 Fallad decides to shift Town Hall and Police Department personnel to improve customer service for the citizens and to make way for the new post of Accounting Supervisor.
- Highlands 2010 SAT scores rank with the best 'brainy' schools in the state.

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, 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 Zahn 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 resumes '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.
- Local's impact county & state races; elected to the MC Commission are Ronnie Beale, Ron Haven and Brian McClaran, Sheriff Robert Holland was re-elected. Elected to the school board was Tommy Cabe and Gary Shields. Jim Davis takes NC Senate 50th District seat from Son, 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 Cortin, past BOE chair, has been named Commissioner Jim Davis' replacement on the Macon County Commission.
- Grinder pump policy in the works. Selectmen divided over grinder pump policy.
- Highlands School seniors Cord Strown 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 commission members voted not to reappoint Al Slagle to the planning board and appoint Jimmy Goodman, instead. Move sets a maelstrom of controversy over reason for pick.
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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 Pro Temore for 2011.
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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 at a 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.
On Sherwood Forest Road, inviting Highlands single story 3 or 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths. 2 car garage with workshop, covered deck with waterfall. $495,000. MLS#59447

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 $495,000. MLS#69758

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.

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 Wolf appliances. Premium tile throughout, bidet and heated floors in master bath. Offered at $869,500. MLS#69291

Cul-de-sac on Sherwood Forest Road, inviting 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

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

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

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. 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

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 grandchil-dren, owner wants offer. Offered at $519,000. MLS#70523

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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.

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

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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

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

Highlands’ Charm of the original 1950s landings. Wonderful screened outdoor living room, 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

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

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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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