2011

BY THE NUMBERS

5.8 magnitude of an earthquake that occurred Aug. 23 in Virginia, rattling homes and businesses in Watauga County and beyond.

9.03 percentage of registered voters who cast a ballot in the 2011 municipal elections.

20 number of Watauga County meth lab responses as of Dec. 19, according to the SBI. Watauga was second only to Burke, which had 33.

21.2 percentage of Watauga County residents living below the poverty line, according to the latest figures.

22 snow days for the 2010-11 school year.

60 number of seasons Horn in the West outdoor drama completed this year.

51,079 population of Watauga County, according to census figures released this year. The population grew 19.6 percent since the 2000 count.

1,352,429 AppalCART ridership total for the fiscal year completed June 30, 2011. The record-setting number was the fourth time AppalCART passed the 1 million trip threshold.

$23,281,888 Boone budget for fiscal year 2011-12.

$46,494,896 Watauga County budget for fiscal year 2011-12.