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It was "standing room only" at the Feb. 1 Indivisible meeting at the Hudson Library where the three Democratic candidates running for the U.S. House of Representatives, District 11, NC, hoped to sway the crowd to vote for them in the primary. Seated in front from left are Dr. Scott Donaldson, Philip Price and Steve Woodsmall. To learn where they stand on the issues go to their websites: www.scottdonaldsonforcongress.com, price4wnc.org and www.woodsmallforcongress2018.org. They hope to unseat Republican Mark Meadows who is running for his fourth term Nov. 2018. Indivisible's Dave Kukor introduced the candidates.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

Candidates are working for votes in upcoming May 8 Primary Election

The 2018 Primary Election will be held on May 8.

The filing period for the 2018 Primary Election begins on Monday, February 12, 2018 at noon and will end on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at noon.

Voters in Macon County can be expected to see each of the eligible incumbents file for re-election.

The following local seats will be up for re-election this year:

- US House of Represen-

tatives District 11. This seat is a two-year term and is currently held by Mark Meadows, re-elected in 2016. Congressman Meadows said he still plans to seek election to a fourth term in Congress.

So far, there are three Democrat candidates vying for the District 11 seat.

- District Attorney District 30. This is a four-year term and is currently held by Ashley Welch, elected in 2014. Welch was the first

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NC Schools scramble to comply with House Bill 13

House of Representative Kevin Corbin, along with members of the education committee have been working this week to come up with a solution to a state mandate that has left school districts across the state scrambling to prepare for the 2018-'19 school year.

In 2016, the General Assembly passed legislation requiring smaller class sizes for kindergarten through third-grade. The mandate was made by the General Assembly, but didn't include any additional funding for teachers and classroom space. Without additional funding, school districts across the state began devising ways to come into compliance

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MAMA II 'home' may change

Rumors have been swirling about the possible relocation of the MAMA helicopter that now resides in Franklin.

According to a press release,

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• MAYOR ON DUTY •

The many 'positives' about broadband

Highlanders were probably excited back in the early 1900s when the first telephone lines were installed. Even more in 1929 with the construction of the Lake Sequoyah Dam and power plant, not to mention the new running water system and the recently completed Gorge Road.

I took a friend down to the old power plant below the dam last week. It had beautiful masonry work, and the equipment was state-of-the-art for that time. Some parts of rural western Carolina didn't have these utilities, like telephones, until after World War II.

Like the rest of the country, Highlands is about to see another wave of life-changing technologies. Well, I may be exaggerating since urban areas already have them.

So much of the delivery of these technologies will be connected to a fiber optic broadband network that we are about to build. Our focus will be to deliver a smart grid for efficient, green utilities management. Our private partner will provide internet and video services.

Our staff is already researching applications for the "smart grid" fiber network.



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

For instance, in severe winters, frozen pipes become problems, especially for seasonal homeowners. Broken pipes generate copious amounts of water that flood homes causing major damage and soaring water bills. But, what if water meters were connected to a smart grid, and residents, regardless of their location, could monitor their water usage constantly? Using a cellphone AP, homeowners could check meters routinely during winter months. A sudden spike would indicate a major leak in their system. The town could be contacted to shut-off the street meter, and the resident could summon a plumber.

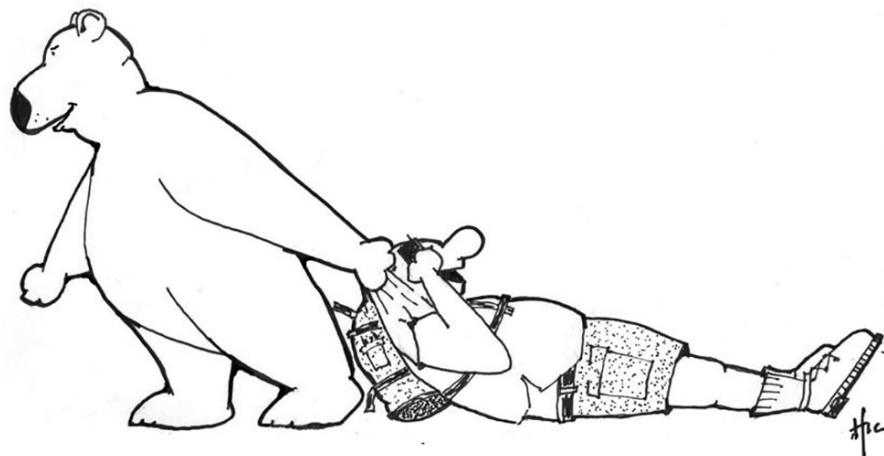
Customers could also monitor electricity consumption daily during peak winter demand. A homeowner could monitor kilowatt usage while operating appliances, like electric heaters, to get a true picture of operating costs.

The town already employs similar technologies. Our water tanks are networked, and the staff receive real-time data concerning water levels in each tank. A smart grid will enhance this kind of monitoring.

Our staff is also researching drone technology. No not as a spy system, but for helpful applications. Some drones can do three-dimensional mapping. This mapping option, coupled with infrared technology, can document the ratio of pervious to impervious surfaces in the town. There is a concern about the growing amount of impervious surface, and its environmental impact. The drone

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• HIC'S VIEW



"Yes dear. I know dear. Yes I promised. But something unexpected has come up, I just can't get out of."

• LETTER •

Issues with the Town decisions

Dear Editor,

So, we need another Christmas Tree. Really? The huge evergreen that stands in the middle of Main Street in the Methodist Church front yard won't do? Carolers sing and hot chocolate is served but we need to go to the KH Park instead? I do not get it. The tree is beautifully decorated (Thank you OEI) and maintained, but it has been rejected two years in a row. Why?

The pipsqueak tree at the park has not flourished. It was planted by experts but has not been much of a representative of the cheer brought forth by the holiday season. I do not understand how this tree could die if the very same company who planted the tree sees it every day at lunch time as they eat in the park and never noticed its failure to thrive. Maybe if one of the trees whacked down to make the park had been allowed to stand we would have an authentic Christmas Tree.

Such a waste of town taxpayer money, time and effort it seems to me.
Too bad

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• WEATHER •

	Friday 2/9		Saturday 2/10		Sunday 2/11	
	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight
Temp	50 F	35 F	48 F	45 F	57 F	39 F
RealFeel	53 F	29 F	45 F	39 F	54 F	46 F
Winds	4 g 7	3 g 5	3 g 5	3 g 4	4 g 8	4 g 6
T-Storms	1%	2%	4%	18%	24%	24%
Rainfall	0.03	0.61	0.79	1.51	0.85	0
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• OBITUARIES •

Marie Teague Cranston

Marie Teague Cranston, age 87, a former resident of Augusta, died at Chestnut Hill in Highlands, North, Carolina after a brief illness. Graveside services was held at Summerville Cemetery in Augusta, Georgia on Saturday, February 3. Officiating clergy was her son-in-law the Reverend Michael H. Cleckler from All Saints Episcopal Church in Homewood, Alabama. A celebration of her life will be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Cashiers, N.C. on May 26, at 11 a.m.

Mrs. Cranston is survived by her two daughters, Catherine Cranston Whitham (Wayne) of Richmond, VA, and Elizabeth Cranston Cleckler (Mike) of Birmingham, AL; four grandchildren, Ann Whitham Cundy (Steve), Craig Cranston Whitham, (Christina) Joseph Bryan Boudreaux (Kathleen), and James Scott Boudreaux, Jr., and four great grandchildren, John Harford Cundy (Ford), Eleanor Thomas Cundy, Jackson Teague Boudreaux (Jack), and Elizabeth Minann Boudreaux (Ella).

A lifelong resident of Augusta, she was born on May 23, 1930 to Newton Nesbitt and Claire Ellis Teague and was predeceased by her husband of nearly sixty years John Craig Cranston, who had maintained a branch of his engineering firm now Cranston Engineering, in Cashiers for over twenty five years. She graduated from Chatham Hall and spent two years at Mary Baldwin College before returning to Augusta to work as a lab assistant at the Medical College of GA and to marry Craig. While most of her married life was spent in Augusta, she and Craig had maintained a second residence Fiddlers Green in Cashiers for the past 50 years.

Mrs. Cranston was a member of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America and the Sand Hills Garden Club of Augusta, Ga. An accomplished gardener and cook, she was widely appreciated for her cheerful undertaking of many projects of varying scope and difficulty. In addition, she was a devoted grandmother, instilling in her four grandchildren a love of the outdoors and all growing things. She cared for ageing family members, countless family dogs, cemetery plots, back yard gardens, and Craig, with energy and good humor. Marie discovered her talents as a water colorist in the 1970s and painted local landscapes prolifically over the last 25 years.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to Historic Augusta, Inc. or the Highlands Land Trust.

Online condolences are available at bryantgrantfuneralhome.com. Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Cranston family.

Betty Jean Norris McCall

Betty Jean Norris McCall, 80, of Highlands went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 1, 2018. She was born in Macon County, the daughter of the late Alex and Beulah Rogers Norris. She was married for 40 years to Cletis McCall who preceded her in death in September of 1991.

Mrs. McCall was a passionate loving mother who cared deeply for her family and friends. She was a member of Highlands Assembly of God Church where she was the bookkeeper for many years. She was also an honorary member of Highlands Ladies Garden Club. She loved gardening and growing beautiful dahlias and making flower arrangements. She was an excellent cook who always loved to prepare meals for those in need. She had a servant's heart for the Lord.

Survivors include five of her six children, Daniel Lee McCall "Jabo" of Scaly Mtn., Leroy McCall "Spud" of Highlands, Linda McCall of the home, Turtle Pond, Doyle Wayne McCall (Teresa) of Goldmine; Mary Ellen Cooper (Gary) of Turtle Pond; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Harry Norris of Scaly Mtn. and Bill Norris of Franklin and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by a daughter, Roberta McCall who died May 10, 2004.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at Highlands Assembly of God Church with Rev. Randy Reed and Rev. Aaron Phillips officiating. Burial followed in the Miller Cemetery. Pallbearers were Chris McCall, Jamie Holt, Kenny Talley, Jack McCall, Matthew McCall, Tom Holt, Jerry McCall, Bryant Phillips and Kenneth Norris.

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with Kedra McCall

High school basketball played Blue Ridge and Andrews this week. JV girls did not play Blue Ridge because they do not have a JV girls team.

JV boys lost after a hard fought game.

Varsity girls and boys both won over Blue Ridge. They then played Andrews. Only the JV girls were able to pull out a win over Andrews, winning 44-9. JV boys lost 37-27. Varsity girls lost 41-37.

Although they lost, in the game Maddison Lloyd achieved her 1,000 career point. The varsity boys then lost 57-51. Their next home game will be on Friday, February, 9. They will play Blue Ridge with JV boys starting at 5 pm. They will also play at home on Saturday against Nantahalla.

Middle school played their Tri-State tournament this past week. The girls lost to Summit in the game to go to the championship. The boys beat Summit to go to the championship game where they won. They finished Tri-State Champions. The girls then played Cullowhee Valley and finished with a 31-30 win. They have now finished their season.



Middle School Boys finish season as Tri-State Champions

Highlands Middle School boys finished the year by winning the Tri-State Conference Championship against the Rabun Gap Eagles on Saturday by the score of 29-26. The Highlanders were led by 8th grader Brent Sleight who contributed 14 points in the game and made a 4th quarter 3 point shot that put the Highlanders ahead for good. It was a defensive battle and a highly contested game. In the end the Highlanders held on to the lead, as 7th grader Connor White sunk two free throws to extend the lead to three. The Highlands Middle School Boys finish the season 12-1 overall and 9-1 in conference.



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could also fly over a house during winter and document heat loss from windows, roofs and walls. The infrared system could help first-responders in fire events and also to locate people lost in wooded areas.

I won't even begin to discuss German and Chinese research in developing automated helicopter taxis. They are about a de-

cade away. Nevertheless, I do have concerns about the use of artificial intelligence and privacy rights related to future technologies.

What I have described might not have the same impact of those past technologies, but they will certainly make a difference in the lives of current and future Highlanders.

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Our heartfelt thanks to friends and families for their prayers, words of comfort, food and memorials. A special thank you to Rev. Howard Southard, Rev. Gene Hawkins and Bryant-Grant Funeral home for their participation in his home going service.



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A typical response might be, but my insurance will cover me. That is normally the case but there are gaps in some coverages that could lead to major expenses that are potentially more than your equity in a recently purchased property.

While those events that fall into the gaps of insurance coverage may be few and far between, is it really worth the risk? How many of us read all of the finer print in our insurance policies?

To use an example quoted in the January/February issue of Realtor Magazine; State Farm Insurance doesn't cover bites by 'rottweilers, chows and about a dozen other breeds'. What if your tenant's normally docile rottweiler bites someone on your property and you have State Farm insur-



Wanda Klodosky
Landmark Realty, BIC

article is to in no way discourage investing in rental property. In fact, I've covered the topic in these articles before and our Highlands Cashiers Plateau is a fantastic area for income property investment as we see more and more demand for good vacation rental properties. This is just to encourage our clients to be smart investors and to understand some of the ways to make your investment even more secure and worry free.

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local candidate to announce her bid for re-election and released a statement at the end of 2017 declaring her intent to run again this fall.

- NC Senator District 50. This is a two-year term and is currently held by Jim Davis, re-elected in 2016.

- NC House of Representatives District 120. This is a two-year term and is currently held by Kevin Corbin, elected in 2016.

Both Senator Jim Davis and House of Representative Kevin Corbin plan to file for re-election when they return from Raleigh. The General Assembly is currently in session so both representatives will be out of town when filing opens but will file as soon as they return home.

- Macon County Commissioner District 1. This is a four-year term and is currently held by Jim Tate, elected in 2014.

- Two seats for Macon County Commissioner District 2. These are four-year terms. One seat is currently held by Ronnie Beale, re-elected in 2014, and the other seat is held by Gary Shields, elected in 2014.

All three incumbents, Jim Tate, Ronnie Beale, and Gary Shields plan to seek re-election.

- Sheriff. This is a four-year term and is currently held by Robbie Holland, re-elected in 2014. Holland plans to run for another four-year term this year.

- Register of Deeds. This is a four-year term and is currently held by Todd Raby, re-elected in 2014.

- Clerk of Superior Court. This is a four-year term and is currently held by Vic Perry, re-elected in 2014.

For more information, contact the Board of Elections staff 828-349-2034 or mthibault@maconnnc.org

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Repentance

"But unless you repent, you too will all perish. "Our Lord and his apostles preached this great doctrine regularly. They declared, "God now commands all men everywhere to repent."

By Pastor Sam Forrester

Whiteside Presbyterian Church, Chashiers

There is no beating around the bush here. You need to confess your sins and turn from them.

Someone might ask what is repentance? The answer is; it the grace of God. It is the abasement and humiliation of a man. It is grace that enables him to see himself before God as God sees him. It makes him aware of his sinful nature, his dead heart and self-centeredness. It draws him to the feet of his Savior where he is cleansed and forgiven because of his Savior's sacrifice.

Sin always produces in the hearts of those coming to repentance a bitterness of grief and a sense of regret. It causes a recognition of the depth of pain caused by forsaking your God.

But, remember, repentance is grace and wherever grace abounds so is found an indescribable sweetness which can only be understood by experience. Only when bitterness and sweetness come together in the heart as confession is made and repentance granted can the preciousness of peace be possessed.

God says through the prophet, Isaiah 57:15 "For this is what the high and lofty One says— he who lives forever, whose name is holy: 'I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.'" But how can we know one is contrite and lowly? He must be one who truly knows the evil of sin because he has felt it. He must recognize the holiness of God's character. He must feel the spirituality of his law, for he has seen it. He knows his heart has changed because his desires have changed. He no longer judges himself by man's standard but God's standard. He hears no exaltation of himself but only praise of his Savior. He feels ever so keenly the condemnation his sins deserve but knows that condemnation is no longer on his back. He ever searches his heart and the motives of his actions because he knows the weakness of his flesh. He works to bring glory to his God and accepts no applause for his efforts because he knows it is grace alone that drives him. When others praise him for his efforts he retires to his closet in sackcloth and ashes to seek divine help to fight off his pride.

Repentance is far more than just turning from sin. It is also turning to Jesus Christ and seeking with all your heart to imitate him and show love to your God and to others. Nothing makes our Lord more pleased than we acknowledge our weakness and inability to be what he has called us to be. That we come to him stripped of pride and completely aware of our total dependence on him for all things. My dear friend, to know God and his reconciling love, to know how tender and loving he truly is, and how he heals each and every hurt of the soul, your spirit must be wounded and your heart broken. My prayer is that as you read this you will think of your own life and how short it falls of God's holiness and you will be so convicted you will fall to your knees and confess before your God and ask his forgiveness. He will hear and will forgive your sins and bless you with his grace and mercy beyond what you could ever imagine.

Proverbs 3:5

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John 3:16

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with the law.

To meet the unfunded mandate, districts are having to expand class sizes in higher grades, and reduce offerings of enhancement courses such as art, physical education, music, and technology.

Districts across the state are opposed to the legislation and Rep. Corbin was one of the primary sponsors of House Bill 13, which delayed the implementation of the classroom requirement last year.

Now heading into the 2018-'19 school, districts are once again faced with the issue of ensuring class sizes meet state requirements when additional teachers and classroom space, without financial help.

To comply with the state mandate this fall, local school districts would need to hire upwards of 4,750 teachers statewide, costing \$300 million.

Corbin said that he and his colleagues have been working this week to establish a compromise bill that would eventually decrease class sizes, which Corbin said every-

one supports, but does so in a way that provides the needed funding to hire additional teachers or build new facilities. He believes he and his fellow Republicans are close to developing legislation that will do just that.

"I don't think there is anyone in the House or Senate that would argue that smaller class sizes aren't a good idea," said Corbin. "It has even been proven to work. But in reality, children don't come in perfect packages of 18 or 20, especially in Macon County."

In the meantime, Corbin said the General Assembly needs to act now so school districts aren't facing budget crunches this fall. Best case scenario, Corbin said he would like to see school districts have the flexibility to exceed the 18-student class size requirements when needed for the next few years so state leaders can provide proper funding to implement class reduction.

With the General Assembly set to adjourn next Friday until May, a resolution is needed in the next few days so districts can properly develop the coming year's budget.

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Mission Health has been exploring land options in Macon County and surrounding areas for a very long time with a goal of identifying a location for the Mountain Area Medical Airlift (MAMA II) helicopter that can improve its ability to support patients more effectively.

"Currently, the location for MAMA II at Angel Medical Center sits below the fog line and as a result, the helicopter is unable to fly as much as 40 percent of the time because of unsafe weather, including fog, clouds and storms," reads the release. "Morning fog and summer afternoon storms are common around Angel Medical

Center."

Currently, Mission says it doesn't have a new site in mind, and are still exploring options.

"Our focus has been and will always remain to ensure that we provide the community with the safest and most reliable emergency medical transport options, with improved transport times and increased ability to provide critical care transport via MAMA II when air transport is needed," they said.

As to a timeline, Mission was not forthcoming. It's unknown if this will happen before its new hospital is built or after.



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular Board of Commissioners' meeting of February 20, 2014, the Town Board voted to list all Town of Highlands Delinquent Accounts in the newspaper every 6 months. The following accounts are over 60 days past due.

Delinquent Utility Accounts

Sarah Anderson	\$153.89	Mary Propst	\$892.53
Thomas Batson	\$137.39	Tokyo Restaurant	\$378.92
Roberto Barbosa	\$375.65	Elisa Espinosa Parra	\$1,153.89
Binder Biomedical	\$548.52	Athens Leasing	\$9,934.14
Adil Bouazzaoui	\$224.14	John Bryant	\$192.11
Brick Oven	\$508.79	Frank Cassiano	\$3,744.94
Cheryle Carlton	\$536.79	Mike Chatlos	\$702.05
James Carlton	\$606.36	TL Coffeen	\$1,406.99
Amy Crook	\$286.99	Michael & Maxine Davidoff	
Dennis Franklin	\$1,050.50		\$180.27
Mary Beth Buck	\$837.80	Michael Hammond	\$778.63
Highlands Quick Mart	\$4,028.26	Margaret Hardin	\$17.15
L K Partners	\$1,378.10	The Highlands BBQ Company	
John Mutter	\$63.12		\$4,064.66
Randall Peterson	\$369.16	Ann Jacob	\$116.88
Connie Smith	\$131.36	Michelle Jaffe	\$86.39
Cory Allen Talbot	\$1,232.39	Thomas Littlejohn	\$73.29
Stuart Thompson	\$289.04	Joan Maps	\$1,038.24
Charles Weatherly	\$903.84	Joshua Mendenhall	\$165.34
Charles Weatherly	\$313.96	Steven Merlino	\$674.21
Jeannette Chidsey	\$508.70	Michael Morrone	\$159.66
John Clyatt	\$2,713.48	Movie Stop	\$976.83
Melba Egan	\$514.82	Steve Muraco	\$128.86
Pamela Lomba	\$770.20	Prudential MB Realtors	\$95.90
Pamela Lomba	\$91.84	Richard Read	\$430.42
Jason Williams	\$366.69	Roto Rooter Plumbers	\$1,184.28
Samantha McCall	\$1,165.13	Brendon Roland	\$521.56
Sandra Gauthier	\$333.39	Schmitt Building	\$3,248.23
Kristin Araujo	\$2,002.82	Nikki Smolarsky	\$121.72
William John Araujo	\$41.55	The Lost Hiker	\$2,126.13
Rachael Evans	\$340.81	Tonya Wales	\$382.10
Highlands Smokehouse	\$1,499.62	Devonta "Ladarius" Wilson	
Alan James	\$1,908.26		\$669.29
Samantha Stauch	\$504.09	Deborah & Ross Young	\$8,179.32
Alicia Tremblay	\$532.67	Jeffrey Zerilli	\$174.75

Delinquent Accounts Receivable Accounts

Roto Rooter Plumbers	Sludge	\$7,825.00
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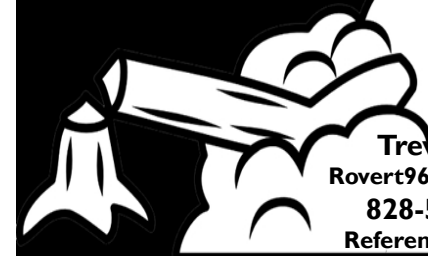
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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

The Highlands Police log entries from Jan. 25. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

Jan. 25

• At 2 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Helens Barn Ave.

• At 6:55 p.m., officers received a report of drug paraphernalia found at 30 Tudor hall Lane.

Jan. 26

• At 12:53 p.m., officers received a report of household items being stolen from the back of the Mountain Finding building on Spruce Street.

• At 12:53 p.m., officers received another report of golf clubs being stolen from Mountain Findings on Spruce Street.

• At 11:22 p.m., officers responded to a call of a simple physical assault at a residence on Dog Mountain Road where a husband pushed his wife out of bed

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from Jan. 30.

Jan. 30

• At 9:25 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to the Scaly Fire Department.

Jan. 31

• At 10:10 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on US 64 west.

Feb. 1

• At 6:17 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on US 64 east.

Feb. 3

• At 11:52 a.m., the dept. stood by for the MAMA helicopter at Zachary Field.

• At 2:07 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at the 200 Main motel

• At 4:13 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to the Scaly Fire Dept.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Announcement

The Town of Highlands Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold their regularly scheduled meeting on February 14th, 2018 at 5:30pm in the Highlands Community Building. At this meeting the Board will hold four separate quasi-judicial public hearings for the following applications:

Special Use Permits

SUP2018.1

Applicant: Jeff Weller in representation of Hall Enterprises of Macon Co. LLC Submission Date: 1.11.18

Business Name: Vivace

Physical Address: 230 S. 4th Street

Property Pins: 7540-40-2213 and 7540-40-2119

SUP2018.2

Applicant: Jeff Weller in representation of RLR Investment

Submission Date: 1.11.18

Business Name: Park on Main Restaurant (Rukas)

Physical Address: 151 and 163 Main Street

Property Pins: 7540-21-9104 and 7540-21-9142

SUP2018.3

Applicant: Jeff Weller in Thomas H.W Craig

Submission Date: 1.11.18

Business Name: The High Dive (The Lost Hiker)

Physical Address: 476 Carolina Way

Property Pin: 7540-41-9120

The applications above must apply for special use permission as they are proposing to alter and expand existing buildings within commercially zoned districts.

Variance Request

VAR2018.1

Applicant: Jeff Weller in representation of Moss Robertson

Submission Date: 1.11.18

Physical Address: Parcel of Big Bear Pen Road

Property Pins: 7540-62-9626, 7540-06-5752 and 7540-72-1962

The subdivision proposal above must apply for variance, as the proposed road profiles exceed the maximum allowed road grade per the Town's Unified Development Ordinance.

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