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Weather Thursday: high 73, low 50, hum. 45%. At 7 a.m. Friday there had been .11 precipitation. Friday morning was cool and windy, one of those days we associate with the month of March.

The shuttle moved closer to its future as a space freighter Thursday as the Columbia's robot arm demonstrated it has the muscle to lift a payload.

N. C. State officials ended the Central Prison hostage-taking Thursday by sending three inmates to a federal prison as they demanded, then announcing within an hour after they left that they would be returned to the state.

The Democrat Women will meet tonight at 7:30 at the courthouse to hear and meet the candidates.

Thursday is the AFS Spring Fling at the Landrum High School at 7:30 p.m. It will feature Gaye and Phil Johnson, Bluegrass, Landrum High School Jazz Band, O. P. Earle School Chorus.

Saturday is the Block House Steeplechase. The First Race is at 2 p.m., Gates open at 10 a.m. with reserved parking only.

Meet The Candidates Tonight At 7:30

The Polk County Democratic Women will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the courthouse in Columbus. The program will be "Meet Our Candidates." State House and Senate Candidates as well as local candidates will be present. All Democrats are invited.

Tryon Day Is Saturday, April 10

Tryon Day will be held Saturday, April 10th, according to Robert Scruggs, president of the Tryon Chamber of Commerce. The special day is being sponsored by the Tryon Central District Committee and the Town of Tryon as well as the Chamber of Commerce.

Last year's successful event will be repeated again this year, featuring a riding tour of the fine homes in the area. A few of the homes will be open.

One new feature this year will be Southern Railways replica of the Best Friend of Charleston, the first steam locomotive to pull a train of cars in regular service on the American continent, and it happened in Charleston, S. C. on Christmas Day 1830. Children and adults will be able to ride the train on the sidetrack. Southern Railroad will also have their exhibit car.

A street dance will be held that evening at the Depot.

Chuck Lott Is Kiwanis Speaker

The Tryon Kiwanis Club will meet Tuesday at 12:45 p.m. at the Pacolet River Plantation. Tryon Town Manager Charles Lott will give a slide presentation of the Downtown Business District of Tryon. This is the same presentation he will make today in Raleigh before the North Carolina Operation Beautiful Committee. Tryon was selected as one of the top three towns in North Carolina for Beautification of Cities under 5,000. Mr. Lott will use slides taken by Gen. Harry Evans, Jim Moore, Ken Tucker and Paul Culberson. The program will give a history of the Downtown area.

Bob Millikin is in charge of the program.

New Class At Meeting Place

Beginning April 2, Mrs. Sara MacDonald will teach a Knitting Class every Friday from 10-11:30 and 12:30-2 in the Meeting Place library. Bring your pattern, yarn and needles and join Sara and her class if you are 60 or older.

Boys Track

Wednesday Tryon and Polk Central in conference meet at NCS D

Thursday Polk Central, Chesnee, Blue Ridge at Blue Ridge

A New Arrival

Dr. and Mrs. Danny Waldrop (Darlene Parry) of Cincinnati, Ohio, announce the adoption of a 9 lb. 1 oz. baby boy, born Mar. 18th. He has been named Kevin Parry Waldrop.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Waldrop of Columbus. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Parry of Booneville, N. Y.

On Dean's List

The University of South Carolina has released the fall, 1981 Dean's List. Making a perfect A average (4.0) was Jeffery Ervin Bradey of Landrum. Those with a grade point ratio of 3.25 or above were: William W. Owens, Columbus; Curtis R. Plumley, Campobello; Doris P. Dill, Cynthia L. Galloway, Linda D. Guffney of Landrum.

Polk School Bd. Meets Wednesday

The Budget Work Session of the Polk County Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, March 31, at 7:30 in the Agriculture/Extension Conference Room.

Girls Softball

Thursday Polk Central at Edneyville