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Man Killed By Train

CRAMERTON, N.C. — A Landrum man was killed instantly when he was struck by a train around 4:40 p.m. Wednesday in this town about six miles east of Gastonia, according to Donald K. Conrad, Gaston County assistant coroner.

Roger Gene Ramsey, 26, of 100 Poplar St., was apparently struck by the train as he walked south on the railroad tracks, Conrad said.

He said that according to witnesses, Ramsey was walking on the tracks above the South Fork River when a train approached from behind him.

About a half-mile from Ramsey the engineer began blowing the train's horn and applying its brakes, he said. About 20 people were playing on a ballfield and heard the train. They looked up, saw Ramsey and began hollering to him to warn him of the train, he said.

Apparently Ramsey did not hear the warnings or ignored them until it was too late, Conrad said. The train struck Ramsey and knocked him off the trestle. Ramsey landed on a concrete ledge just above the water, he said.

Ramsey died from chest and head injuries received from the train striking him and from the fall, Conrad said. — Spartanburg Herald

Golf

MONDAY

Tryon in MAC Match at Hendersonville Country Club

Who Is Low?

The Town of Columbus received 13 bids on the right to construct the sewer connector line from the Town of Columbus to the Polk County Industrial Park. The bids ranged from \$181,950.13 to \$232,564.75. Two of the bids were very close. Huntley Construction Co. of Asheville had a total bid of \$181,950.13 and Thackson Construction Co. of Greenville had a bid of \$182,571.45.

The Huntley Construction Co. total bid was \$18,950.13 but the line items added up to more than that amount. If the line items are added their bid will be slightly higher than the bid from Thackson Construction Co. However the Huntley Construction Co. has said that its total bid stands even though it was lower than it was intended to be.

The Columbus Town Council met Thursday night and decided to let the Farmer's Home Administration decide who is the low bidder.

Town officials think it will take about two months for the construction of the line once the bid is let.

Federal and state funding will pay for 90% of the cost of the project with Polk County and the Town of Columbus paying the rest.

11-Year-Old Killed When Hit By Tractor

An 11-year-old Campobello boy was killed Thursday night when he fell off a tractor which then ran over him, according to Highway Patrolman John Hammond.

Craig Thomas Ballew, of Route 3, son of Garland Ballew, was dead on arrival at about 8 p.m. at General Hospital, said Spartanburg County Coroner Steve Lanford. Craig died of massive internal injuries, he added.

Bad road conditions and the tractor slowing down too quickly caused Craig to lose his balance as he stood on the left fender frame, Lanford said. Craig fell off the tractor and the left rear tire ran over him as the tractor traveled south on Blue Ridge Circle at about 6:30 the coroner said. — Spartanburg Herald

Julie D. Staggs Wins Scholarship

The Spartanburg County Foundation has awarded its six annual four-year scholarships to high school seniors in Spartanburg County on the basis of academic excellence.

One of the recipients was Julie D. Staggs, Landrum High School, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Terry Staggs of Landrum. Julie plans to attend Converse College where she will major in piano performance. She would like to become a studio musician.

Girls Softball
WEDNESDAY
Madison at Polk Central

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