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15-Year-Old O.K. After Tractor Rolls

Nathan Jackson, 15, of Holbert's Cove Road, spent about an hour Monday afternoon pinned underneath the tractor he was driving.

But after he was extricated by the Polk County Emergency Medical Services crew, and was airlifted to Mission Memorial Hospital, he was found to have no serious injuries.

EMS Director Lisa Wilson said the dispatcher received a call about the accident at 3:52 p.m. A crew was on the scene ten minutes later, at which time Jackson had reportedly been pinned for a half an hour.

Wilson said the tractor was on a hillside and apparently slid down the hill and then rolled over and up against some trees.

Jackson was pinned from the pelvis down, although the entire weight of the tractor was not on him, but was partially borne by the tree.

The EMS crew was concerned about internal and spinal injuries, because the boy told them he could not feel his feet.

But doctors at Mission Memorial found only bruises and contusions, Wilson said.

Jackson was freed by 4:34 and was transported to Stearns School where the Mission Air Medical Ambulance helicopter was waiting.

NA meeting schedule Tuesdays and Fridays, 8 p.m. Church of the Holy Cross. Phone 859-2272 for more information.

Reminder For AARP Members

Don't forget our "Day in the Mountains" Thursday, November 8th. Carpool at Food Lion in Columbus, 9:15 a.m. — Reporter

LHS Band Boosters Christmer Supper

The Landrum High School Band Booster Christmas Supper will be Thursday, Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Each family is to bring a meat dish or casserole.

Republican Meeting Postponed

The regular monthly meeting of Polk County Republicans has been postponed. It will not be held November 8th. Instead it will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 15th at Republican Headquarters on Peak St. in Columbus. — Reporter

Meets Thursday

The Tryon Valley Chapter 411 will meet Thursday, November 8 at 6 p.m. at the Lodge Hall on Markham Rd. All members are asked to be present. W.M. Sister Louise Payton and Secretary Sister Betty Thompson.

Drug Abuse Dinner For Area Leaders

The Tryon Town Council's Drug Abuse Task Force, chaired by councilman Warren Carson, held a dinner for area business and civic leaders Monday night.

Tryon Mayor Bob Neely told the gathering that the task force is working to compile information for the town council.

"We want to promote a unified effort," Neely said, to combat the problems.

Carson said the task force is "Committed to achieving an environment free of abuse."

The featured speaker for the evening was Mike O'Grady, a Duke Power officer in charge of working with substance abuse issues in the southeastern region.

O'Grady told the employers and civic leaders that substance abuse is a problem in the workplace today, and that the major problem is with alcohol.

He said nationally alcohol abuse problems are about 300 times greater than problems with all other drugs combined.

O'Grady described Duke Power's random drug testing programs.

Reminder

Friendship Council Swing, covered dish dinner, with live band will be held Thursday, Nov. 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Roseland Community Center in Tryon.

The weather Monday: high 74, low 50, hum. 85 percent, and .12 inches of rain fell.

There will be a ham and turkey supper at the Pea Ridge Community Building Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m. featuring ham, grits, red-eye gravy or turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, slaw, candied yams, bread, beverage and dessert.

Do you remember how everyone used to ask you what you wanted to be when you grow up? Well, Tryon Elementary School second graders were asked the same question and they answered with drawings which are now on display at First Union National Bank in Tryon.

The Board of Directors of the Tryon Country Club hosted an open house for new members Sunday afternoon. The weather was perfect and the company just as nice.

A retired Furman University professor of history, William E. Leverette Jr., will discuss the Victorian era and the people who created it during a Lanier Library program Thursday at 11 a.m.

Dr. Douglas Rayner of Wofford College will describe a survey he and an assistant have been taking

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