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The weather Wednesday: high 66, low 32, hum. 62 percent. Robert Dedmondt said the warm weather is nice, especially since he has to get out and walk every day. He said his recovery from heart bypass surgery is proceeding apace. (He's feeling better every day!).

The Tryon Fire Dept. Christmas Parade was a hit. Children and adults lined the streets oohing and aahing, that is, when they weren't scampering after candy.

The Tryon Thermal Belt Chamber of Commerce board of directors on Wed., led by president Charles Neff, decided to seek out new members among the general population. The board agreed that anyone and everyone with a desire to better the community is needed and should be made welcome.

The chamber board also decided to back Jim Tabb's effort to have magazine subscriptions sent to attack pilots on aircraft carriers in the Middle East. The Bulletin is acting as a clearinghouse for Tabb, if you would like to jot down one of the carrier addresses and send a

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Bids \$9 Million

The Polk County Board of Education opened contractors' bids for construction of the new Polk County Consolidated High School Thursday afternoon.

The low bids altogether totalled \$9 million, about \$1.5 million less than has been budgeted, not including site improvements already underway.

The board will consider the bids until next Thursday, Dec. 20, when they will award the contracts. The amount of the bid is not the only factor that will be considered. — C. Wharton

Humane Society Meets

The Foothills Humane Society will have a meeting of the board of directors on Dec. 17th at 4 p.m. at the NCNB building. All are urged to attend.

All-Conference Teams Named

The all-conference teams for the Appalachian 1-A were named this week. They are:

FOOTBALL

Hendersonville: Chris Mucci (RB), Dennis Braswell (QB), Eric Then (TE), Trade Elkin (OL), Miquel Lammons (OL), Ben Smith (LB), Chris Jones (RB), Morris Carter (RB) and Tony Johnson (DE). **POLK COUNTY:** Sean Cunningham (RB), Lamond Twitty (DL), Keith Painter (OL), Neal Petty (LB), Matt Davis (OL), Alfred

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Truck Crashes Into Home, Occupants Unhurt



Trish Case had a traumatic awakening around 3:30 a.m. Thursday when a pick-up truck crashed through the walls of her double wide trailer on Fox Mountain Road.

She and her six-year-old daughter, Leah, were sleeping in the bedroom nearest the road, while her 3-year-old daughter, Bridget, slept on the bedroom at the other end of the house. Miraculously, none of them were hurt, Ernest Leon Case was in Salisbury, N. C. working for Norfolk & Southern Railroad.

The driver of the pick-up truck, Joe Stockton of Ellenboro, apparently lost his brakes as he was coming down the exit ramp of N. C. 74 onto Highway 108, according to Polk County Sheriff Boyce Carswell. Stockton was pulling an empty six-horse trailer.

Trish Case said she believed Stockton broke his neck and collar bone in the crash, and had internal injuries. He was reportedly taken to Spartanburg

Regional Hospital, but a spokesperson there had no record of his arrival.

When he was unable to brake, Stockton's truck ran straight across Hwy. 108 and hit a pine tree along Old 19 before crossing Fox Mountain Road headed on a direct path into the Case home.

"There were no tracks on the bank (of exposed dirt)," Lois Case, Trish's mother-in-law, said as she and other friends and neighbors surveyed the scene and helped Trish clean out the refrigerator Thursday morning.

"After the truck hit that tree, it didn't touch ground again," she surmised.

Stockton's truck crashed through the front wall of the Case home where the trailer was ripped off. The truck continued through the den, the kitchen, the dining room and through the back wall onto the porch, Trish Case said.

"I thought it was an earthquake," she said. Her first

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