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The weather Thursday: high 62, low 27, hum. 62 percent. February was a dry month, with only 2.17 inches of rain recorded, official weather recorder Robert Dedmond tells us. The average is 5.52 inches of rain. So far this year, 7.78 inches of rain has fallen, 3.06 inches less than usual.

Put it down to the law of averages. Last year by this time, 18.39 inches of rain had fallen, a surplus of 7.55 inches.

The Columbus Lions Club called to say that the lighted cross on top of White Oak Mountain went out last Thursday night due to a mechanical difficulty. Once that is corrected, however, the cross will be lit again through Easter.

David Crissone found a well-traveled balloon while driving along Scrivens Road Friday morning. Attached to the drooping but still-inflated, helium balloon was a message urging support for American troops abroad, and the dateline: Akron, Ohio.

Tryon Mayor Bob Neely said Friday morning that he hopes to bring together all of Polk County for a "welcome home" celebration for area service men

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Toastmasters To Let The Good Times Roll

Deborah Johnson, Toastmaster for the Talk of the Town Toastmasters Club meeting Wednesday, March 6th, says that the theme for the evening is: "Let the Good Times Roll".

Speakers for the evening will be Mike O'Steen, Dave Slater and Russ Quarles. General Evaluator will be Jeannie Martin, and Speech Evaluators will be Frank Palumbo, Julie Davis, and John Flanagan. Bill Kuhn will give the invocation and pledge. Virginia Meader will serve as Grammarian and Peggy Dando as Timer.

The public and guests are invited to attend. The meeting is held at the Western Steer in Columbus, 7 p.m., Wednesday.
- Reporter

NA Meeting

Narcotics Anonymous meeting Tuesday and Fridays 8 p.m. Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Melrose Ave., Tryon, N.C. Call 859-2272 for more information.

Landrum Loses Season Opener

Brian Gosnell got two of Landrum's three hits in a 4-0 loss to Spartanburg Thursday.

Spartanburg pitcher Mark Shook struck out nine batters. Meanwhile, Spartanburg scored runs in the first, fourth, fifth and seventh innings.

Nephew Charged In Uncle's Burglary

Garland Kale Hyder, 18, of Greenville, S.C. was charged Friday in Polk County with breaking into his uncle's home in the middle of the night and taking cash, guns and a safe.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Henson were awakened around 3 a.m. at their home, the Red Barn house at the boat landing on Lake Adger, Polk County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Calvin Atkins said.

"The Hensons have a guinea hen that walks around on the roof sometimes," he said. "They thought it was that guinea."

Atkins said it is likely that the sound the Hensons heard was the burglar. He said the burglar apparently used a ladder to climb into a second floor window.

Once inside, the burglar took \$5,000 cash from Henson's pants, which were laying right next to the bed he and his wife were sleeping in.

Also taken were: a 30-06 rifle; a 12-gauge shotgun; a single shot .22 calibre rifle; a semi-automatic .22 calibre rifle, and a safe.

The safe was later found in a ditch.

Atkins said Don Henson was awakened again at 4 a.m. and when he got up, he confronted the burglar. Henson was carrying a gun, Atkins said. The burglar fled, and on his way out passed right by Mrs. Henson, who later identified the burglar

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Communication

The temperatures this winter have not been as harsh as in years past, but many Carolinians continue to face financial difficulties. Families of citizen soldiers in the Persian Gulf and families who've suffered layoffs from the recession are among those who may have trouble meeting winter heating needs.

Duke Power's Share the Warmth program, established in 1985, is designed to help needy families - no matter what the reason - keep their homes warm during the winter season.

The spirit of giving in our community has been tremendous. The generosity of our neighbors has resulted in \$4197.00 being donated to the Department of Social Services in this year's program.

Two out of three checks have been distributed throughout Duke's service area so far this winter, totaling more than \$799,000.

Funds contributed by Duke customers are matched dollar for dollar up to \$25 by Duke shareholders to help pay winter fuel needs, regardless of the type of fuel used for heating. Contributions and the matching portions are sent to the county of the customer's choice and distributed by local community service agencies.

At Duke Power, we are proud of the Share the Warmth program and the difference it can make. And we want to thank

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