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The weather Wednesday: high 55, low 43, hum. 95 percent, and by 7 a.m. Thursday .33 inches of rain had fallen.

The *Wall Street Journal* on Thursday made mention of Tryon in reference to the "dream retirement places" story, which also ran in *USA Today* a few weeks ago. Tryon, you may recall, was rated one of the Top 25 retirement spots according to a survey of Century 21 brokers nationwide. Now the word is spreading.

Did you know: The train tracks on the Saluda Grade between Tryon and Saluda travel upward 885 feet in just three miles - the steepest grade of track on the eastern seaboard. Tryon architect and train buff Holland Brady has hit the lecture circuit recently giving interesting anecdotes and statistics regarding this train world treasure in our back yard.

By comparison, Brady told the Tryon Kiwanis Club Tuesday, the Old Fort train line takes 13 miles to rise the same vertical footage.

But companies using the Saluda Grade pay a price in efficiency. On level ground, Brady said a locomotive can

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Baseball Meeting

All managers and coaches (and those interested in becoming one) of Polk County Little League and Senior League will meet Monday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at Tryon Town Hall. All former managers please bring equipment. - Reporter

Columbus Baptist Conducting Survey

Columbus Baptist church is making a religious survey of the Columbus area starting Sunday, March 10 and continuing through Sunday, March 17. Members doing the survey will be wearing badges with the church's picture and name. We hope you will welcome our visitors. - Reporter

Men's Softball Begins Saturday

Harmon Field's Grand Opening Men's Softball Tournament begins Saturday, March 9 at 10 a.m. Games will be played Saturday and Sunday.

Red Fox Lady Golfers

Be sure to make reservations before Tuesday, March 12 for the Ladies Luncheon at Red Fox on Thursday, March 14 at 12:30 p.m. - Reporter

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday and Friday at 8 p.m. at Holy Cross Episcopal Church. Call 859-2272 for more information.

Science Fair At Tryon Elementary

The annual Science Fair took place in the Tryon Elementary gymnasium on Feb. 20-21. Students who participated learned a lot from the experience. So did visitors of all ages who were lucky enough to see it.

In her Earth Science project which won a "first," Carolina Stewart, an eighth grader, discovered that by avoiding the use of plastic and tin containers and by concentrating on natural foods, her family's garbage was recyclable and biodegradable fully 94% of the time.

In Life Science, sixth grader Amy Grochowski's first prize "Memory" project undertook to determine whether words are best remembered at the beginning, end, or middle of a list. For example, which of the following will you remember: slender, frail, slim, lanky, slight, lean, small, thin, scanty, bony? (Amy found that words toward the beginning and end of a list are more easily remembered, but her graph goes up at any point when familiar words occur.)

In Physical Science, first place winner Ben Wolters, an eighth grader, set out to prove in "Plaster Reinforcement" that wire rod mesh, straw, and wire screening are the strongest reinforcers of plastic - and not the latex commonly used today. To confirm this, Ben constructed a drop stand and set the

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Blue Ridge Edges Polk In Semi-Finals

Blue Ridge edged Polk County 54-53 in the boys' semi-final game of the 1-A Sectional tournament Wednesday night.

The game was nip and tuck most of the way. Blue Ridge's Pat Stewart made two free throws with 47 seconds left which proved to be the difference.

Polk County had a couple of opportunities to pull the game out but the Wolverines couldn't get a shot to fall.

"It's been that way all season," said Polk coach Derrick Thomas. "We just haven't played smart at key times."

Blue Ridge scored the first nine points of the game and led 11-7 at the end of the first quarter.

Polk's pressure defense forced a quicker tempo and the Wolverines cashed in with several easy baskets to pull ahead 24-20. But two Blue Ridge three-pointers gave the Bobcats a 26-24 advantage at the half.

Neither team led by more than four points in the third quarter which ended with Polk County up 39-37.

There were six lead changes in the fourth quarter. O'Berry sand a pair of free throws to put the Bobcats up 52-48 with 2:17 remaining in the game.

Dewayne Anderson answered with a basket, and following a Blue Ridge missed one-and-one, Larry Fagan swished a

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