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The weather Thursday: high 92, low 71, hum. 55 percent.

Was your favorite store Tryon, Columbus, Saluda open Saturday afternoon at 4:35? Was the store next to it open?

Could you start out the door at any given odd hour on any day and be sure you'll be able to find the goods and services you need available in the Thermal Belt?

If you're not sure, might you not just stop at a mall instead?

Not sure? Well, the board of directors of the Tryon Thermal Belt Chamber of Commerce isn't sure either. And its members have begun discussing ways to establish some sort of standard hours for local businesses to adhere to, so that consumers can know when they'll be welcome.

The chamber board last Wednesday discussed plans to ask area merchants to adopt standard hours just for a promotional week or two, and then promoting the Thermal Belt businesses as a group with advertisements in Greenville and Spartanburg.

"Come to the mountains," the ads might say. "You'll find our doors open and the friendliest merchants available from xx to
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Reading Club Guest

Tuesday, July 16 at 1 p.m. for the last program for the Summer Reading Club at the Landrum Branch Library, the special guest will be Pam Thompson. The children will sing songs old and new and have a celebration of reading and the summer.

The Reading Club will continue until July 31 so if anyone wants to sign there is still time.
-Community Reporter

Polk Wins State 1A Wachovia Cup

The Polk County high school Wolverines mounted the best overall athletic program in the state 1A division last year.

For that effort, Polk County will be awarded the Wachovia Cup during N.C. High School Athletic Association Day Nov. 16 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Polk County had already won the Wachovia Trophy as the best athletic program in the conference.

Peter (Pedro) Widdicombe, son of Dittie and Bob Widdicombe is visiting his parents in Tryon. Peter has lived in Jarambacoa, Dominican Republic for 20 years. He teaches English to young adults at his own school. Peter also teaches piano and his hobbies include painting, sculpting, furniture making and ceramics.

Saluda School Bids A Bit High In Total

The bids for renovation and new construction at Saluda School opened Thursday were a bit higher than expected, Supt. James F. Causby said.

The low base bid for "building and finishes" was right on target at \$516,350. That bid came from Cooper Construction Co. of Hendersonville.

However, the bids for three additional projects - building canopies and walkway covers, landscaping, and renovating the gymnasium - came in higher than expected.

With all three "alternate" projects included, the lowest total bid, \$610,955, came from Laughridge Construction Co. of Marion, N.C.

Causby said that when the Board of Education meets Tuesday to review the bids, it may choose to eliminate the landscaping and construction of canopies and walkway covers.

The county's construction management firm, GMK Associates, was negotiating with contractors over the weekend to see if the alternate bids might be reduced.

GMK and the project architects were also looking for ways to slim down the main project.

Causby said he believes the board will award contracts Tuesday.

"We had a very good turnout (of bidders)," he said. "It is not
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Homar Jones At Thermal Belt Rotary

Homar Jones of Columbus, will be the guest speaker at tonight's meeting of the Thermal Belt Rotary Club. Her program will be on Polk County history.

Mrs. Jones, a native of South Carolina, attended Stearns High School and Gardner-Webb College. She returned to Columbus in 1981 and since that time has been active in many local organizations including: Director and Secretary of the Polk County Chamber of Commerce, Program Chairman and President of the Polk County Historical Association and guide at the museum, lobby hostess at The Meeting Place, President of the Polk County Democratic Women's Club, and Chairman of the Fabulous Fourth. In addition, she is co-author of the current Town of Columbus brochure, author of Discovering Columbus, a volunteer at the Polk County Library and a member of the Stearns Park Committee. She also helped compile the Polk County History book and is currently working with the committee that is putting together the Pictorial History Book.

Thermal Belt Rotary meets at the Western Steer in Columbus. The program will follow dinner at 6 p.m. and everyone is invited.

-Community Reporter

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