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The weather Wednesday, high 76, low 51, hum. 65 percent, and by 7 a.m. Thursday .31 inches of rain had fallen.

Fifty six people hiked up Mount LeConte with Margaret Stevenson last Saturday. It was the 79-year-old former Tryon resident's 500th time up the mountain.

Her hiking buddy, Nancy Cain, said it takes longer to hike with Stevenson. Not because she's slowed down, but because so many people stop to talk to her and have their picture taken with her.

"She's become quite a legend on the mountain," Cain said.

Stevenson's legend was furthered by the "500th hike" story. The *Knoxville* (Tenn.) *News-Sentinel* placed the story on the front page, as did Stevenson's hometown paper in Maryville, Tenn. The Associated Press picked up the tale, as did area radio stations.

Five hundred felicitations Margaret!

What's happening:
The Jaycees Halloween Party will be held Friday at 8 p.m. at the Harmon Field Log Cabin. Shag, who will be 40 years old, will provide the music. Tickets
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Speak To Democrat Women

Polk County Democrat Women will meet at Democrat Headquarters in Columbus on Oct. 28, at 7:30 p.m. Judy Arledge will tell about the State Convention for Democrat Women which she attended. Lib Correll will report on the Vance Aycock Breakfast and Catherine Feagan will report on the Vance Aycock Dinner. These were held at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville on Oct. 12. All Democrat women are invited to attend.

—Community Reporter

Schreck Promoted

First Union National Bank has announced that William F. Schreck, City Executive in Tryon, has been promoted to Assistant Vice President.

A native of Bay City, Michigan, Schreck is a graduate of Delta College. He has been with First Union for four years, having served in the Tryon office since Jan. 1990.

Schreck is the Treasurer for Habitat for Humanity, and serves on the Board of Directors for both the Tryon Thermal Belt Chamber of Commerce and the Thermal Belt Rotary Club. He has recently become active in the Polk County School system.

Schreck and his wife, Marti, have one daughter, Leslie, and are expecting their second child any day. They reside in Tryon.

—Community Reporter



Mary Ann Claud

FENCE President Speaks To Rotary

Mary Ann Claud, President and CEO of FENCE, the Foothills Equestrian Nature Center, will be guest speaker at the Tryon Rotary Club meeting on Monday. A North Carolina native, Claud holds a Bachelors and a Masters degree from Converse College in Spartanburg. She worked with a number of volunteer organizations in Charlotte and Winston-Salem before moving to Tryon in 1977, where she has served on the board of the Tryon Fine Arts Center, the Children's Theater Festival and the Upstairs Artspace.

For Claud, being at FENCE is a homecoming of sorts. When FENCE was founded in 1984, she worked with the five founding directors as public
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Football Tonight



The Polk County Wolverines will meet Hendersonville tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Hendersonville. It will be the Bearcats Homecoming.

The Landrum Cardinals will meet Calhoun Falls in Calhoun Falls at 8 p.m.

Wolverine Soccer

Avery County took a 4-0 victory over Polk County Wednesday night at Harmon Field.

Avery scored at the 8:59 mark, the 12:18 mark and again at the 12:36 mark. Coach Preston stated that the Wolverines "began to find themselves at this point and held Avery the rest of the half."

Avery County scored early in the second half at the 41:35 mark. Then, Polk County held them scoreless the rest of the game.

Coach Preston said "Jeremy Schneider played a good game, recording eight saves." He went on to say the "Wolverines still have a problem working the ball in on offense."

If you haven't been to game, it's still not too late. Polk County plays their final game of the season Wednesday, Oct. 30 at Harmon Field against R.S. Central at 6:30 p.m.
—Patty Aldred