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The weather Thursday, high 80, low 50, hum. 45 percent. Only 1.16 inches of rain fell during the month of October, erasing the year's surplus of rain over the average to date. With 54.55 inches of rain to date, we now have .97 inches below average. An average of 4.77 inches of rain falls here in October. Last year, 10.76 inches fell. Go figure.

At first glance you can't tell just what you're looking at. There is an exhilarating golden hue across the top of the picture which breaks off into streaks of white like a fine old beard.

Blink and look again, and you see it's a river. It's Tad Stamm's photograph of the Little Tennessee River in the Great Smoky Mountains.

Stamm's photography is on display at Photo Graphia in Tryon through the end of November. His photographs of natural scenes have been published in *Popular Photography* and have been displayed at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

There's one shot of a wall of Boston Ivy. It's amazing that the leaves, their shapes, and all their varied colors, could hold

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Polk Retail Sales Decrease Sharply

Retail sales, which have been climbing steadily in Polk County since February, dropped dramatically in September according to figures released by the N.C. Department of Revenue.

Sales and Use Tax collections for September totalled \$75,529, representing sales of \$3.7 million. That's a decrease of \$1.2 million from August sales.

Rutherford County sales dropped for the second month in a row, going from \$25.8 million in August to \$22.7 million in September.

Henderson County sales, which dipped in August, grew in \$3.3 million in September to \$43.5.

Kiwanis Hears About Alternative School

Eleanor Barber will address the Tryon Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, Nov. 5 on the topic of "Alternative School." Ed Klatt is in charge of the program.

Pumpkin Winner

Sean Johnson and Erik Weingartner won the pumpkin carving contest at the Stone-hedge Inn on Halloween night.

Their jack-o-lantern was an intricately cut face of a sorcerer. The two boys received a cash prize. -Community Reporter.



Homer and Wendy Carder, who studied gourmet cooking in France, offer a gourmet dinner for eight for the Congregational Church's Harvest Sale Silent Auction.

Harvest Sale Includes Auction

The Congregational Church's Harvest Sale, Thursday, Nov. 7 will again include a Silent Auction of treasures and services from church members. In a Silent Auction, written bids are kept secret until they are opened. The popular gourmet dinner for eight, prepared and served by Wendy and Homer Carder, will be offered again this year. The six course dinner, with appropriate wines, can be French, Italian or whatever menu the winning bidder and the Carders may arrange together. It would be a memo-

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Vining To Describe Tryon For Rotary

Seth Vining Jr., former owner of the *Tryon Daily Bulletin*, will speak to the Thermal Belt Rotary Club tonight at 6:30 at the Western Steer Family Steakhouse in Columbus.

Vining will talk about Tryon, Polk County, and the changes he has seen.

Buys Home

Pam Hardin of Landrum purchased the home of the late Rev. and Ruby Wright off Red-land Road.

Pam is employed with an accounting firm. She and her daughter will be moving soon. Rosie Barnett of Landrum Real Estate Agency was the listing and selling agent for the transaction.

TCC Women's Bridge

The Tryon Country Club Women's Bridge will be on Tuesday, Nov. 12. Please bring your own foursome. Play begins at 1 p.m. Hostesses will be Pat Fiol, Susan Blake and Bette Dunne.

Correction

The Early Music Ensemble of Hendersonville will present a concert at the Church of the Transfiguration in Saluda on Friday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

The date was given incorrectly in a story last week.