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The weather Tuesday, high 49, low 26, hum. 55 percent. Wasn't it just a few weeks ago that we were sweltering through 80 degree days?

The merchants of downtown Tryon are planning an evening on the town Dec. 6. Shopkeepers will stay open until 9 p.m. There will be music in every store, and every store will be featuring sale items. In addition, area charities will be decorating Christmas trees in each shop and these will be sold to benefit the charities.

Volunteers and officers at FENCE report that the nature and equestrian center's annual fund drive is behind schedule as of now. Donations are being sought to keep this community asset healthy, and plans are being made to even further tap the resources it offers to the entire region. Stick around.

There is a burning ban in effect in Western North Carolina. All burning permits have been revoked, and unless people observe this ban, we might find Polk County kindling adding to the smoky haze over southern Appalachia.

What's happening:

The annual Home Economics

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Smith Takes Mayorship By One Vote

One vote can make a difference in an election, as Columbus incumbent Mayor Paul Smith proved Tuesday by winning the mayoral election over challenger Kathleen McMillian by one vote.

Smith had 180 votes to McMillian's 179.

Mark West was the top vote winner for Columbus Town Council, 271, qualifying him for a four-year term.

Incumbent Dr. Thomas Boling received 196 votes, allowing him to complete a second two-year term.

Voting results for the other two candidates in Tuesday's Columbus Town Council election were James Christopher with 180 votes and Robbie Hutcherson with 41 votes.

Over 50% of Columbus voters, 370 out of 600 registered voters, cast ballots Tuesday, said town election chairman Kathleen Culbreth.

The Columbus Board of Elections will verify Tuesday's election results Thursday, Mrs. Culbreth said.

-C. Wharton

Thrums And Threads

Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 10 a.m., area weavers will meet at Cate Hall to work on projects for Tryon Crafts Christmas Sale.

Ideas, fibers and helping hands are all needed. For information, call 859-5930 or 859-9642.

-Community Reporter



George P. Masologites

Tryon Rotary Meets Nov. 11th

Members of the Rotary Club of Tryon will learn how to "Maximize Your Car Mileage" at their noon meeting next Monday, Nov. 11, at Holy Cross Episcopal Church.

George P. Masologites will explain how fuel economy is affected by items such as car speed, trip length, tire pressure, weight load, lubricant selection and others. Gasoline and its production, consumption and cost breakdown will also be reviewed.

Masologites is a Minneapolis, Minn. native and holds a degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Minnesota. His professional career is centered on research and development in the fields of petroleum and petrochemical processing

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Manager Question Tied In Landrum; Brannon, Williams Re-Elected Easily

Landrum voters were exactly divided on the question of whether or not to hire a town manager and change their form of government.

The vote on the referendum question was 240 to 240, and for now at least, no one seems to know whether that represents a victory or a defeat for the measure.

Joseph E. Hines Jr., director of voter registration and elections for Spartanburg County, was checking with state officials in Columbia Wednesday morning to determine the meaning of a tie vote.

The town residents, however, were very clear about the other referendum question: They want to expand the size of their council. By a vote of 301-188, the voters decided to increase the number of councilmen to six.

Mayor Bob Cogdell said the U.S. Justice Department will have to approve the addition of two council members. He was unsure when a special election would be held to fill those seats.

City Council incumbents Doug Brannon and Fred Williams each garnered roughly two-thirds of the 594 votes cast Tuesday.

Brannon was the top vote getter with 389, followed by Williams with 373. Both will

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