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The weather Tuesday, high 58, low 35, hum. 35 percent.

Someone commented to me recently that in his opinion Landrum can trace its downtown revitalization to the way the town's residents and leaders have come together.

Likewise, he said Columbus can trace its downtown problems to the lack of any consensus, the factional feuding and bickering going on.

The theory has merit. Columbus has been a divided camp over several issues in recent years. (I'll leave it to the old heads to say how far back this pattern goes.) Rather than going away the divisions seem instead to be festering. People are too often contentious, ready to fight rather than compromise and move on as friends.

Common sense would say that the way the recent Columbus election was run certainly is not warming the hearts of prospective investors.

By contrast, look at Landrum. The Spartanburg Herald-Journal on Wednesday ran a front page story which said Landrum "is in the midst of a downtown revitalization that

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#### After School Program Saved By Enrollment

An all out effort by the Polk County Schools to keep all three After-School Programs open has resulted in increased enrollment which will keep all programs open, at least until January.

The Polk County Board of Education okayed keeping the Tryon, Mill Spring and Green Creek After-School Programs as is through the Christmas holidays and will decide in January whether all programs will remain open.

Average attendance has doubled at the Mill Spring After-School Program, the one which was losing the most money, said Supt. James Causby. Both Green Creek and Tryon Elementary programs have also seen increases in average attendance.

"Tryon is now on a break even par, Green Creek is making money and Mill Spring is losing slightly," Dr. Causby said of the three after-school programs. "If we can maintain these numbers over all, we can

break even," he added. It takes 10 after-school students to pay each employee. Green Creek and Mill Spring programs require only one employee, but due to the program's layout at Tryon Elementary, two employees are required.

School administrators sent letters home to all after-school parents encouraging them to

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# **Receives Scholarship**

Christopher Pittman, a resident of Columbus, has been named a recipient of a scholarship from the FEL-PRO Automotive Scholarship Program. This Scholarship is designed to help students interested in becoming professional service technicians to further their educations, and to help meet the demand for qualified service personnel. Christopher Pittman will use the scholarship to attend classes at Spartanburg Technical College this year. -Community Reporter

## Meets Monday

The Rotary Club of Tryon will hold its noon meeting next Monday, Nov. 18, at the Congregational Church. This is a on-time-only change from its regular meeting place at Holy Cross Episcopal Church. -Community Reporter

### Parents Without Partners

A demonstration of hand made Christmas decorations by Loretta Kilpatrick of Duke Power company is scheduled for the Mon., Dec. 2 meeting of Parents Without Parents, Inc. at 7 p.m. at the Community Room of First Citizens Bank, Fifth Ave., at Church St., Hendersonville. Public invited. Refreshments served. For information 704-697-4172. Glenda or 704-692-0359. -Community Reporter

# Lady Wolverines State Runner-Up

The Polk County Lady Wolverine Cross Country team traveled to Charlotte on Sat., Nov. 9, to participate in the State Championship meet. Battling rain, sleet and the best teams in the state, the girls came away with the runner-up trophy, finishing second to Murphy High School. Rounding out the top ten were Manteo in third, Camp Lejeune 4th, Owen 5th, Surry Central 6th, North Carolina School of Science and Math 7th, Parkwood 8th, Ledford 9th and Northside 10th.

The Lady Wolverines ran well with Karen Godlock of Polk County finishing first overall with a time of 18:07.9. This time is a new state record for girls in North Carolina. The previous record had been set in 1982 by Kathy Ormsby of 4A Richmond Co. H.S. Other runners from Polk County were Jenny McGrane who finished 10th with a time of 21:05, Pat McEntyre was 17th, 21:31; Natalie Jackson 30th, 22:31; Sara Fitzsimmons 31st, 22:33; Jennifer Owens 69th, 25:10; Martha Burnett 81st, 27:02.

Coach Aldred stated that he was proud of the entire team, they ran hard and represented the school well. The team had an excellent season as they won the Erin Invitational, Lake Junaluska Invitational, Wolverine Invitational, and were also Western Regional Champions. As well a being state runner-(Continued On Back Page)