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The weather Tuesday, high 58, low 27, hum. 50 percent.

Thermal Belt residents are running a sort of Operation Lost Trust themselves these days. Not the sting operation that found S.C. state officials taking bribes. They feel their trust in the Pisgah Girl Scout Council was misplaced.

According to one concerned Tryon resident who wrote to us, the council was given the Lake Lanier Girl Scout Camp property in 1950 by Hoyt Prince.

He was well aware that many families could not afford to send their little girls away to summer camp. He decided all little girls in our area deserved a chance to... learn to swim, learn scout crafts, to be a part of Girl Scouting.

So he deeded his lots on Lake Lanier to the Tryon Girl Scouts, in good faith that it would remain for the benefit of local Girl Scouts.

When the Tryon Girl Scouts joined Pisgah, they deeded the camp over, again in good faith that it would be kept going.

Well, throw the faith out with the burned marshmallows. The Pisgah Girl Scout Council apparently now wants to sell

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Saluda First Citizens 25th Anniversary

The Saluda Branch of First Citizens Bank celebrated its 25th anniversary of service to the community of Saluda on March 20, 1992.

Snr. Vice President Robert R. Ross from the Hendersonville Office and former Branch Manager welcomed guests who included Mrs. Betty Thompson and Jack Ward, Director Emeritus.

The Saluda Branch opened on March 27, 1967. Betty Thompson and Patricia Ross were both bank tellers at the time. Betty Thompson retired as manager in 1987.

Currently the branch is staffed by Dianne Holden, Manager, Rheta Foster, 11 years service, Sandra Pace, 7 years service and Lisa Crawford, with 11 years service in banking.

Shown in the photo above are Betty Thompson, Robert R. Ross and Dianne Holden looking over some of the old branch pictures.

-photo Ceri Dando

Time Change For PAC Land Meeting

The Land Use Planning Forum sponsored by Pacolet Area Conservancy will be held on Tuesday, March 31, at the Tryon High School cafeteria. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. (not 7:30 as previously stated).

Sue Green of the Isothermal Planning and Development

Commission will coordinate the meeting, which will give everyone an opportunity for discussion regarding land use within the PAC area. All members and guests are urged to attend this very informative forum. Please call the Pacolet Area Conservancy at 894-3018 for further information.



Getting Ready For The World

Retraining Teachers The Key To Success

The new curriculum at Polk County High School won't mean diddly if teachers continue to teach the way they always have, educators say.

"The potential success of the OBE (Outcome Based Education) program is going to depend on teacher retraining," said David Williams, Polk Central assistant principal.

Since January 1991, Polk County's teachers have been training and retraining.

A lot of money has come in to support their efforts. In 1990-91, the Polk County Board of Education allocated \$25,000 for staff development. In 1991-92, another \$30,000 was allocated, \$45,000 was donated, and nearly \$50,000 was allocated by the state.

These funds were used to pay teachers to work over the summer to develop the OBE curriculum, for consultants' fees, and for substitutes to cover classes so teachers could attend workshops and conferences.

Polk County Schools have applied to the state for an \$89,000 OBE grant. And many of the teachers applying for this year's Slater Awards have told

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