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Landrum Election Delayed A Month; Protests Continue

Landrum Town Council Tuesday postponed yet another month the second reading of an ordinance which would tie a change to single-member election districts to the addition of two council members.

Doug Brannon cast the only dissenting 'nay' in the 3-1 vote to table the issue until a work session can be held on the matter with the city attorney. Fred Williams, who with Brannon has opposed the move, was absent due to illness.

"This thing's got to get taken care of real soon," Brannon said.

The council set Tuesday, April 21 as a work session contingent on the attorney's availability.

Prior to the vote, three speakers addressed the town council, one in favor of single-member districts, and two in favor of pushing for a timely, at-large election for the two additional council members approved in a public referendum last November.

Donald Robertson urged the Landrum Town Council to seriously consider single-member districts. Robertson said that the black community of Landrum supports single-member districts.

"We as black citizens have no representative. All the council members are confined to one

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Kate Larken

New Director For Discovery House

Kate Larken has been named Director of Discovery House of the Arts in Tryon.

Larken, who recently moved from Kentucky, is a writer, an actor, and a musician.

A former administrator and teacher in the Kentucky public school systems, Larken has also taught creative writing, acoustic guitar, and journalism.

She taught at Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts where she co-designed a series of collaborative, interdisciplinary projects with various artists.

Her last position was as Interim Director of the Kentucky Writing Program.

Since moving here in January, Larken has joined an acoustic band.

"Tryon," she says, "is one of the very best places I have lived. I hope to stay here a long, long time."

Turner Retires With Board's Full Support

Green Creek Elementary Principal Willie Turner requested and received school board help to retire with 30.8 years of North Carolina Schools employment.

The Polk County Board of Education Monday approved \$19,000 to help Turner purchase his military time to bring his 28 teaching years up to 30 yrs. and 8 mos. He is able to do this because he returned immediately to the N.C. public schools upon finishing his military service.

Turner asked to retire with the closing of Green Creek School in June to enable him to care for his wife who has suffered a stroke.

Shirley Turner taught in the Exceptional Children's Program at Tryon High School for 16 years, her husband said.

In other personnel business following executive session Monday the school board accepted the following resignations: Beth Culbreth, custodian at Tryon Elementary, effective April 15; Ruth Price, teacher assistant at Tryon Elementary, effective April 1; Doris Edwards, Mill Spring School secretary for 28 years; Dennis Stokes, head football coach and P.E./Health teacher; Geoffrey Tennant, Athletic Director; Melissa Alwood, cafeteria manager at Tryon Elementary; and Keith Poole, county band director, who is leaving to take

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The weather Tuesday, high 79, low 38, hum. 40 percent.

What's happening:

The FENCE travelogue series will continue with a slide show and lecture on the Amazon tonight at 7 at FENCE.

Owen Phillips, Democratic candidate for State Superintendent of Instruction, will be at the Democratic Headquarters in Columbus Friday morning from 7:30 to 8:30. All Democrats and other interested persons are invited to meet the candidate at that time.

Friday is the deadline to make reservations for the Spring Barbecue Dinner of the 4-H & Youth Foundation. The event, to be held April 24th, will raise money for the maintenance and expansion of the Columbus youth center.

The 46th running of the Block House Steeplechase races will be held Saturday. Gates open at 10 a.m. The hat contest begins at 11:30, and the Green Creek Hounds and Carolina Carriage Club will parade on the course from 11:30 to 1 p.m. At 1:30 the horses will enter the paddock for the first race!

The Polk County Board of Commissioners meets Monday

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