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Weather Thursday: high 55, low 43, hum. 83%. At 7 a.m. Friday the precipitation was .48.

Fallen Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega told a federal judge Thursday that he is a political prisoner and refused to enter a plea to charges he took \$4.6 million to turn his nation into a way station for the cocaine trade.

Tonight the Tryon Town Council, the Saluda Town Council and the Polk County Board of Education meet at 7:30. They meet in the Tryon Town Hall, the Saluda Town Hall and the Stearns Administrative Building.

The Thermal Belt Business and Professional Women will meet tonight at 7 at the Vineyard Restaurant due to the recent fire at Brannon's Restaurant. The Board will meet at 6:15.

The Tryon Rotary Club will meet today at 12 noon at the Tryon Youth Center.

Filing for re-election are Judy Arledge, Democrat, for Clerk of Court and Boyce Carswell, Democrat for Sheriff.

Tuesday the Tryon Photographic Society will hold its annual dinner meeting at 6 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center.

## Bankruptcy Court Lifts Stay In Red Fox Proceedings

Word has been received by the interim board of directors of the proposed new The Club at Red Fox that the stay of bankruptcy proceedings against the defunct Red Fox Ltd., has been lifted as of January 3rd.

This information was confirmed by Linda Simpson, Bankruptcy Administrator for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court of the Western District of North Carolina.

According to Lawrence Heath, an interim director of the proposed club and chairman of its acquisition committee, "This means that the first mortgage holder, N.C. Federal Savings and Loan Ass'n., can now foreclose on the present owner, Red Fox Ltd., for the properties including the championship golf course and about 100 homesites."

"We expect that it will be offered for sale very shortly by the Savings and Loan. We also have information that they will not underwrite the operation of the club," Heath added.

The interim board of the proposed new club is making a concerted effort to secure 150 memberships to buy the properties and convert them to a member-owned club.

Charter memberships are \$5,300 with no initiation fee and must be in the hands of the acquisition committee by today (Monday), according to William

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## Health Director Responds To SWAB

Rutherford-Polk-McDowell District Health Department Director Clifford Fields said Friday the Polk County landfill is being operated with "a clean bill of health."

Fields was responding to criticism leveled at his department's operation of the landfill by members of the recently disbanded Polk County Solid Waste Advisory Board (SWAB).

"The landfill is inspected routinely," Fields said, by state officers in the Solid and Hazardous Waste Department of the N.C. Division of Health, Environment and Natural Resources.

"We had our last inspection three weeks ago and got a clean bill of health," Fields said.

Members of SWAB had complained to the county, and to Fields, that trash from out of the county, and out of the state, was being dumped in Polk County.

Their complaints also included charges that tires were not being cut in half, as is required, that trucks hauling trash were not covered and trash was blowing out onto Polk County roadsides, and that the landfill staffing was such that often only one worker was on duty, and at times no one is on duty.

"I'm not going to debate all those issues with them," Fields said. "Everyone is doing the best

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## File Now

Dale Edwards, Supervisor of Elections, reported Friday that the Election Board office in Columbus is open from 8:30 to 1 and 1:30 to 5 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Candidates who are interested in filing for local offices have until Monday, Feb. 5th at 12 noon.

Mrs. Edwards reported that two candidates have filed. Democrat Judy Arledge has filed for re-election as Clerk of Court and Boyce Carswell, Democrat has filed for re-election as Sheriff.

## No Ruling Yet In Columbus Rezoning

Superior Court Judge Hollis M. Owens Jr. on Friday gave the plaintiffs in the zoning dispute with the Town of Columbus ten days to file a written brief in the case.

He made no ruling on a motion to dismiss the case made by Columbus Town Attorney Chris Callahan.

The suit, brought by three residents of the Beechwood subdivision on Hwy. 108, claims that the town acted illegally in rezoning last July a 4.9-acre tract on Hwy. 108 which adjoins the Beechwood subdivision.

The land, owned by the estate of Pauline M. Cowan, was rezoned to Highway Commercial District (HC) from Community Residential — Medium Density Residential District (R-2), after

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