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Weather Wednesday: high 82, low 53, hum. 60%.

A chemical plant in Libya the United States says is used to produce poison gas was on fire Wednesday. Libya blames the fire on the U.S. and Israel.

Tonight from 5 to 7 o'clock there will be an artists' reception at The Upstairs for paintings by Jane Allen Nodine and custom furniture by Bob Doster.

Saturday is "Super Saturday" and there will be lots of children in town for the various events. (drive carefully). The Melrose Strut will be held at 12:15 on Melrose Ave. and will feature Leprechaun Contest, Puppet Contest, Wagon Contest, Bands, Shriners, face painting, sidewalk art, etc. At 12:30 Phil and Gaye Johnson will perform at the First Baptist Church parking lot and there will be food booths.

Saturday is also St. Patrick's Day and several local restaurants will have special menus for the occasion.

The Polk County Museum will be open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Old Tryon Depot.

The Polk County Commissioners meet Monday at 3 p.m. in the Commissioners Room in the

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Red Fox Case Continued — Again

Red Fox Ltd's bankruptcy status hearing was continued to April 2 this week.

The company, which owns and operates the Red Fox Country Club and the residential lots surrounding the golf course, has been in Chapter 11 bankruptcy since late last spring.

Chapter 11 gives Red Fox Ltd. protection from its creditors while it seeks to find a new buyer for the properties.

North Carolina Federal Savings & Loan in Charlotte is the largest creditor, holding a \$2.6 million mortgage on Red Fox Ltd. properties.

Absent any buyer, the bankruptcy court has held several hearings since January in Charlotte to determine whether or not to allow the bank to foreclose. Each time Red Fox's case has been continued and Thursday's hearing produced the same result.

But for a substantial reason. On March 2, N.C. Federal itself was taken over by federal regulators, who now have to study the bank's portfolio for themselves.

Red Fox Ltd. president Blicker Nettles said his firm's negotiations with a potential buyer are continuing.

In addition, members of the club have made an offer to buy the properties for a member-owned club, The Club at Red Fox. Their offer was to have expired last week, but was extended to Saturday.

An Evening With The Poets

For the pleasure of the public on Thursday evening, March 22, at 7 p.m. North Carolina poet Chuck Sullivan and fifth grade students from O. P. Earle Elementary School will present a poetry reading at the Landrum Library. The fifth grade students have been involved in a two-week residency with Chuck Sullivan through the Artists-in-Education Program (AIE). This program is made possible through funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, the S.C. Arts Commission, the Spartanburg Arts Council, O. P. Earle PTA, and private contributions from the public. The poetry reading will be the closing highlight of the poetry residency. It is free to the public. Refreshments will be provided by the O. P. Earle PTA.

For further information call O. P. Earle Elementary School, 457-3416 or Landrum Branch Library, 457-2218.

Co-Dependents Support Group

A support group for co-dependents, including adult children of alcoholics, meets every Monday evening at 6 p.m. at Tryon Presbyterian Church on Harmon Field Rd., Tryon.

Softball

Friday
R-S Central at Polk County

Judge Dismisses Columbus Suit

Superior Court Judge Hollis M. Owens Jr. on March 5 ruled that the Town of Columbus was within its rights when in July 1989 it rezoned 4.9 acres on Hwy. 108 from residential to "highway commercial."

He agreed to dismiss without further ado the suit brought against the rezoning by three residents of Beechwood, granting the motion made by Columbus Town Attorney Chris Callahan during a hearing Jan. 5.

The former owners of the property, the estate of Pauline M. Cowan, sought the rezoning to pave the way for a sale of the property to TLC Chevrolet/GEO in Tryon.

Though the case was still pending, Bill Wakefield and Stanley Hooker, owners of TLC went ahead and purchased 18.6 acres, including the 4.9 acres in question, from the Cowan estate Feb. 9.

From the beginning, TLC officers have stated an intention to locate the TLC Chevrolet/GEO dealership on the Hwy. 108 site, but have kept other options open.

The property adjoins the Beechwood property, and residents Virginia R. Dale, Irwin C. Winter and Jerry Shannon, brought suit against the town and the Cowan estate claiming the rezoning would "arbitrarily and unreasonably change the existing character of the neighborhood."

Owens, however, ruled March 5
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