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The weather Monday: high 92, low 63, hum. 68 percent.

It was a ludicrous school budget. No one believed it could pass, but it did.

Not one plausible explanation was given. One hidden issue was clear though: Payback.

Well children always wind up being the ones hurt when adults' passions collide. This collision was over America's passion — money.

The Curb Reporter will observe silence to mourn the damage that's been done to children in Polk County and to pray for the return of trust among neighbors and friends.

Polk Team Wins

On June 14 for the first time in history, an FFA team from Polk County won the State Dairy Judging Championship in Raleigh.

In November, the victorious team members, all students from Polk Central High School, will advance to the National Dairy Judging Contest in Kansas City. They are Matt Davis, Scott Tresslar, Mitch Davis and Chauncey Barber.

In addition to team honors, Barber won first place in Individual Scoring at the State Contest. All are students of Polk Central agriculture teacher Richard Smith.

In recognition of their success, the Polk Central team received two plaques and a check for \$750 to help pay expenses for the trip to Kansas City in November. — Reporter

50th Year At Midway

Midway Baptist Church, located between Columbus and Mill Spring on Hwy. 108, will celebrate their 50th year June 24.

A variety of activities is scheduled for this weekend. Friday, June 22 will feature an old-fashioned hymn sing and food at 6 p.m. Testimonies and a "Big Birthday Party" is scheduled for Saturday, June 23 at 6 p.m. The celebration will climax on Sunday, June 24 with preaching, singing and barbecue dinner on the grounds.

Everyone is welcome.

New 2nd Wind Hall Of Fame President



Jessie Wiltshire has been elected President of the Second Wind Hall of Fame to succeed Joseph Thurber, who resigned as president and director for reasons of ill health. The action was taken by the Second Wind Board of Directors at its regular meeting last month.

Mrs. Malcolm Wileshire was elected to the Hall of Fame in October 1981 and has served as its secretary since November of 1988. Before and since her election she has been cited for her extensive volunteer work as coordinator of costumes for the Tryon Little Theater for 39 performances, her work as a "Wings" volunteer at St. Luke's Hospital, her vocal services to the Tryon Community Chorus since 1980 and "The Carolines" since its inception in

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County Board Passes \$6.4 Million Budget

The Polk County Board of Commissioners passed its \$6.4 million budget without change Monday by a vote of 3-2.

A group of concerned citizens presented 719 signatures asking for reconsideration. The petitioners asked that the school funding be increased to avoid laying off 16 educators and combining classes across the county.

The county school board had asked for \$1.9 million in current expense and \$158,550 for capital outlay. The county's budget provides no capital outlay and \$1.68 million for current expenses.

Board chairman Jeannie Martin and commissioner John Edwards voted against the budget.

But the three commissioners voting for the budget — Ken Faulkner, Rachel Ramsey and Henry Huntsinger — defended their decision against heated accusations made during the citizen comments portion of the meeting.

"Everyone is looking at us like a bunch of ogres," said Ken Faulkner. "Most North Carolina counties spend between 25 and 30 percent of their budget on schools. Polk County spends 42 percent. Polk County Schools are not underfunded. Schools have been our highest priority for years."

Fred Schairer of Tryon said he wished everyone would move on

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