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Psychologist Joins Local Agency Staff



Rutherford-Polk Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse program recently welcomed a new Staff Psychologist II.

Gordon Wells, M.A., joined the staff on June 1. He took this position after vacating a similar position in New Bern, North Carolina where he worked for the past two-and-a-half years.

Mr. Wells originally did his graduate training in clinical psychology at Morehead State University in Kentucky. He then stayed in the eastern part of that state working on his internship and gathering additional experience in a rural community mental health setting. His undergraduate training was received through Albright College in Reading, Pa., where he

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Polk Landfill Fees Ruled Unconstitutional

The landfill fees approved as part of Polk County's 1990-91 budget are unconstitutional and the county is back to "square one," County Manager Steven D. Wyatt said Wednesday morning.

Wyatt filled in for Solid Waste Manager David Draughn as the speaker at a Tryon Thermal Belt Chamber of Commerce coffee-get-together.

He told the approximately 50 business people gathered at George's Restaurant & More that the flat-fee schedule adopted by the county "goes beyond the constitutional authority of the State of North Carolina."

The fees are "essentially uncollectable," Wyatt said. He learned this after Sen. Bob Carpenter wrote him this week regarding special legislation Polk County had sought allowing it to enforce collection of the fees.

Carpenter enclosed a memo from Senate legal counsel describing the constitutional issues involved and outlining several legal options the county might pursue.

Wyatt said the Board of Commissioners planned to meet again Friday morning. He said at that time he and Draughn would present a plan to install a \$25,000 scale at the landfill and begin charging all trash haulers by weight as they enter.

50th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph House recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Sharing this occasion were their children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Richard House, Rebecca, Nathaniel and Walter from Swarthmore, Pa.; Judy Lanier and Sydney from Jacksonville, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. David House, Amy, Abigail and Ashley from South Bend, Ind.; Capt. and Mrs. John House, David, Julien and Eric from Colorado Springs, Col.; Paul House, Lindsey and Melissa from Lafayette, Ind.

Also present were Mrs. House's brother and sister, Donald Menks from Poland, Ohio and Mildred Menk from Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bd. of Education Meets Monday

The regular monthly meeting of the Polk County Board of Education will be held Monday, July 2 at 7:30 in the Stearns Board Room. Executive session begins at 7 p.m.

The weather Tuesday: high 88, low 57, hum. 60 percent.

Polk County Sheriff's Deputy Chuck Edwards said Wednesday that the death of Ben Taylor, 17, of Overlook Circle on Melrose Mountain in Tryon is still under investigation by his department and the state Bureau of Investigation.

Sheriff Boyce Carswell said Taylor's body, discovered Tuesday, has been sent to Chapel Hill for an autopsy.

The news summary:

Sen. Jesse Helms and Democratic challenger Harvey Gantt had quite different reactions to the visit of Nelson Mandela in Washington Tuesday.

Gantt said he sees Mandela as a freedom fighter in the same spirit as Patrick Henry, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

Helms, who didn't attend Mandela's speech, said Mandela's African National Congress includes Marxists, and has refused to renounce violence. He said, in fact, the ANC has tortured and murdered blacks in South Africa.

Mandela was the first black person who was not a head of state to be invited to address

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