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The weather Tuesday: high 95, low 71, hum. 77%. By 7 a.m. Wednesday, .43 inches of rain had fallen. Sunday's rain was two one-hundredths of an inch, not two tenths.

Several people from Saluda have told us that Willard Scott held up a Coon Dog Day t-shirt on to appeal the ruling. NBC's Today Show last Thursday. Officials at the Town Hall said calls came in from as far away as New York City to order a t-shirt from the Saluda celebration.

Residents of Hogback Mountain called the Tryon Fire Department Tuesday night to report a fire they saw from their vantage, but they could not pinpoint its location.

It took the firemen 15 to 20 minutes of driving around to finally find the fire on an isolated stretch of Horseshoe Curve Road. according to Fire Chief Jimmy Lankford.

By then, a dilapidated cabin had burned to the ground. It had not been occupied in some time, Lankford said neighbors told him. However, as of Wednesday he had not identified the owners.

Lankford said a visit to the property Wednesday showed the fire had been started by a

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## **Jury Awards** \$117,500 More

No school personnel will need to be laid off, now that a jury has awarded the Polk County Schools an additional \$117,500, Supt. Dr. Causby James S. Wednesday.

Polk County Manager Steven D. Wyatt said a 2.25-cent tax increase will be needed to raise the additional funds, and the additional property tax will be billed in a supplemental tax bill to be mailed within two or three weeks - unless the board decides

A 2.25-cent increase per \$100 will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$22,50 a year.

The jury's decision has not put the schools on easy street, Causby said.

"We still will have to revise the budget," Causby said. He said the school board will need to cut programs and will be reducing staff by leaving vacant positions

But the worst case scenario has been avoided, he said: No lay-offs will be required, and as a result the number of combination-grade classes will not increase over what it was last year.

After two days of testimony in the trial to determine if the county's local appropriations for schools were "adequate," schools attorney Russell Burrell summed up the reason the Board of Education went to court.

"Local funding for education is what makes the difference

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#### Elected Heart Director



Grace Fowler Bley (Mrs. William C.) was elected a director of the American Heart Association, Polk County Unit, by the Board of Directors at its June meeting.

Mrs. Bley has served as the Tournament Chairman of the Ladies Heart Fund Golf Tournament since 1988 and will again chair the Ladies Heart-Healthy Golf Tournament at Red Fox Country Club on Monday, Oct. 22 this year.

The Bleys moved to Tryon from Chagrin Falls, Ohio, in 1981. Since that time Grace has contributed countless services to the Tryon community, particularly in music and the

She has been a soprano with The Carolines since its inception in 1984, is a member of the Congregational Church choir,

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### **New Arrival**

Michael and Lori Champion of Tryon are parents of a son, Derek Michael born July 9. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and is 2134 in. long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Billy Rickman of Mill Spring.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Champion of Tryon

Maternal great-grandmother is Lillian Rickman of Columbus.

Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Champion of Tryon and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Greene of Mill Spring.

Paternal great-greatgrandfather is Henry Thompson of Green Creek.

# "Twice Pardoned II"

"Twice Pardoned II" will be shown Sunday, July 15, at 9 p.m.

This week at After-Church-inthe-Park in the Tryon High Open Air Gym see an emotion packed return visit to Georgia State Penitentiary. This powerful film takes a look at the individuals who motivated lonely prisoner Harold Morris to pursue freedom in Christ. His example assures others held captive by anger and insecurity that they, too, can find release in Christ.

Harold relates to Dr. James Dodson his dramatic pardon and his heroic struggle with throat cancer. Teens reflect on the powerful challenge by Dr. Dodson to care for the unlovely, as modeled by the imporbable example of ex-con Harold Morris.