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The weather Monday: high 80, low 57, hum. 75 percent.

The six candidates for three seats on the Polk County Board of Commissioners will air their views in a public forum for the first time tonight. The Association of County Taxpayers is hosting the political forum at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Isthothermal Community College. The public is invited.

ACT President Walt Hamill says each candidate will have five minutes to talk, and then will be asked to take questions for an additional five minutes.

the Tryon Hounds Horse Show will beheld Friday, Saturday and Sunday at FENCE.

Tryon Crafts is planning a trip to the Cherokee Indian Village and Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual Cooperative Oct. 11, timed to coincide with beautiful leaf-viewing scenery.

To make reservations, call 859-8323 right away.

After being closed two months, the Polk County Museum is open again, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Museum curator Richard Cannon and Seth Vining, Jr. have retrieved some ancient copies of the Tryon Daily Bulletin and Cannon will soon be

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## Census Challenged By County, Towns

Polk County, Tryon and Columbus each have sent a formal letter of protest to the U.S. Census Bureau disputing the count made by the bureau in its 1990 Census.

County and town officials are worried that a low count will negatively affect their revenues from several state and federal sources which use per capita figures to allocate grants-in-aid.

Preliminary figures from the census show 14,383 residents in Polk County, up from 12,000 in 1980. Rhodes, however, said the N.C. state budget office estimated Polk's population at 14,991 two years ago.

Rhodes said errors in the count have been documented, but he is not sure what the Census Bureau's next step will be.

"Sometimes they put it back on the county to document all errors," Rhodes said. "It will be my position that we should exhaust all possibilities to get a formal review."

Workers in Tryon checked 24 of the town's 113 residential blocks and found 545 people living where the Census only counted 340, said acting Town Manager Clarence Henson.

The 1980 Census counted 1,955 people in Tryon, while the early returns from the 1990 Census show 1,631 residents.

Henson, however, said since the Census count was off by 205 people in just 13 blocks, he

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## Causby Named Region 8 "Supt. of the Year"



The superintendent of eighteen Western North Carolina school systems have selected James F. Causby, Superintendent of Polk County Schools, as Region Eight "Superintendent of the Year."

Dr. Causby is now automatically a candidate in the "Superintendent of the Year" contest for the State of North Carolina as part of a national competition sponsored by the American Association of School Administrators.

Prior to his Polk County appointment in March of 1989, Dr. Causby served for eleven years as Superintendent of Swain County Schools. A former teacher, principal, and central office administrator, he has long been active in state and national educational organizations and just completed a year-long tenure

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## Intangibles Tax

### Revenues Up \$239,775

The check is in for Polk County's share of the N.C. intangibles tax, and the amount is higher than expected, interim County Manager Glenn Rhodes told the board Monday afternoon.

The county had budgeted for revenues of \$639,969. But Rhodes said Monday that estimate was low by \$239,775.

Rhodes asked that \$30,000 of that surplus revenue be moved immediately to the county's contingency fund, which stood at \$18,000, and was rapidly being depleted.

New cooks for the jail, the cost of mailing supplemental bills and other miscellaneous items had used up the contingency funds, he said.

The board approved the changes to the budget.

## Correction

The location of a Chesnee man's 85-foot fall was incorrect in Tuesday's Bulletin. Donald Price, 22, fell over the falls on White Oak Mountain in Columbus, not Pearson's Falls in Saluda. Price was listed in stable condition Tuesday at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville with bilateral fractures to both bones in both his lower legs. Lisa Wilson, Polk EMS director, said, "...ever, that Price was showing no signs of brain or spinal cord damage.