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The weather Thursday: high 81, low 51, hum. 83 percent.

The long-awaited opening night of "High Spirits" is almost upon us. The Tryon Little Theater production takes the stage Thursday night and runs through Sunday. Tickets are still available at the box office, which is open from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. daily.

Two Tryon artists, Chevalier J. Tucker and Roland Bandinel, will open their exhibit "Faces and Places," paintings, drawings and photographs, at the Fox Trot Inn in Tryon Thursday. The exhibit will be open to the public from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. through Oct. 20.

U.S. Rep. Jamie McClure Clarke district representative Max Padgett will hold office hours in Polk County tomorrow, Oct. 2, at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' office in Columbus, and at 11 a.m. at the Meeting Place in Tryon.

Mary Ann Claud of Tryon has published in the October edition of the "arts journal," North Carolina's Arts Monthly, a review of the photographic exhibit, "Anne Frank In The World," and the cultural events

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Educators Plan SAT Improvements

Yes, North Carolina's students' Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores are the bottom of the barrel. N.C. students scored an average of 401 on the verbal section of the SAT and 440 on the math section, for a total SAT average of 841.

Yes, Polk County's students' SAT scores are below the state average. The average verbal score was 395 and the average math score was 426 for a total average of 821.

But there is hope:

Polk County educators are attacking the low SAT scores of the past with a vengeance, as the Polk County Board of Education learned when Supt. Dr. James Causby presented the SAT Improvement Plan for the 1990-91 school year at the September board meeting.

In addition, prior to implementation of the SAT Improvement plan, the 1990 SAT results improved 30 points from the 1989 test scores, and student participation increased from 44 percent in 1989 to 49 percent in 1990.

However, participation figures only reflect seniors taking the SAT, whether for the first or subsequent times, explained Susan Leonard, assistant superintendent for instruction.

The SAT Improvement Plan begins with increased expectation of students, parents and school personnel at all levels.

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BPW Honors Hazel Wiggins



Hazel Wiggins will be honored posthumously as "Woman of the Year" at the October 8 meeting of the Thermal Belt Business and Professional Women's Club to commemorate National Business Women's Week. The meeting will be held at Brannon's Restaurant at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Wiggins is being honored for her career as the first female law enforcement officer in Alamance County and Polk County and for her community service to BPW and Steps To HOPE. She was a charter member of BPW, serving many offices including President in 1987. She was one of those who helped to organize Steps to HOPE, the domestic violence program in Polk County.

A plaque will be presented to

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Eligible Voters List Posted For ASC Vote

A list of the names of all known eligible people to receive ballots in the upcoming annual ASC committee election is available in the county ASCS office, reports Yates Williams, chairman of the ASC County Committee.

Farmers will begin nominating candidates for the ASCS election on Oct. 4.

ASCVS, and agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is responsible for farm program administration. On the local level, ASCS operates under a farmer-elected committee system. This year's elections will be by mail ballot between Nov. 23 and Dec. 3. Voters may also get ballots at the county ASCS office.

Anyone who meets the following requirements is eligible to vote in these farmer committee elections: any individual of legal voting age with an interest in a farm as owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper who is eligible to participate in any ASCS program.

Several general provisions relate ASCS voter eligibility. A wife who operates a farm with her husband can vote if her name is on the deed of conveyance. Any person under legal voting age can vote if he or she runs a farm, and a legal guardian who runs a farm for a child can vote for the child. No person can be denied the right to vote because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex,

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