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The weather Monday: high 76, low 59, hum. 78 percent.

The Tryon Little Theater production of "High Spirits" opens tomorrow night at the Tryon Fine Arts Center. The box office is open from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. each day.

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

The FENCE Moon Howl will be held tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m.

The Columbus Town Council meets tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. at town hall.

Tomorrow's a busy day, isn't it?

The Carolina Carriage Club's Combined Driving Event is this Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 6 and 7, at FENCE. This pits horse, carriage and drivers against an obstacle course. There is no charge to attend.

The Any and All Dog Show is Sunday, October 7 at Harmon Field.

## Judge's Reprimand Disputed By Board

The Polk County Board of Commissioners were divided three-to-two again Monday night in deciding how to handle a judge's reprimand.

The reprimand came during a meeting Superior Court Judge Marvin Gray called with County Attorney R. Jay Foster and Board of Education attorney Russ Burrell on Sept. 18 to express his displeasure with the message placed on the county's supplemental tax bills by a vote of three commissioners, Ken Faulkner, Rachel Ramsey and Henry Huntsinger.

That statement read: "1990 Supplemental Tax Levy, As Mandated by the Superior Court."

Gray was the presiding judge when the school board brought its case for more funding to trial in July.

Reached at his home in Charlotte Monday night, Gray described his meeting with the attorneys Sept. 18, which was also attended by the commissioners and school officials.

"I wanted them to know that the message on the tax levy bill didn't accurately reflect what happened," Judge Gray said.

"I presided over the case and was present and that wasn't at all my understanding of what happened," he said. "The decision came about by both boards agreeing to accept a majority verdict of a jury that

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Pictured above are Harold Stott, Stott's Ford and Bobby Purcell, Assistant Director, Wolfpack Club, North Carolina State University. Stott's Ford received a plaque from Wolfpack Club for being a member of Courtesy Care Program. Stott's Ford has furnished a car for NCSU coaching staff in this program. — Reporter

## Columbus Day In Columbus

The Columbus Merchants Association is sponsoring the second annual Columbus Day Sidewalk Sale, Arts and Crafts Show on October 13, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Merchants along Mills Street will offer specials. Local artists and craftsmen will be exhibiting their work for sale in the historic downtown area of Columbus.

For more information contact Kathy Pack 704-894-3989 or Gene Owens 704-894-8226. — Reporter

## Plantation Owners Want Tax Break

Eugene and Ellen Cantrell, the owners of the Green River Plantation, have asked Polk County to give their property a tax break based on its historical value to the area.

But the Polk County Board of Commissioners Monday night tabled any action on the request.

"If we start that, the county has a lot of historical places, the line will start forming to the left," board chairman Jeannie Martin said after the meeting, echoing the board's reluctance.

The 363-acre Green River Plantation was purchased by the Cantrells three years ago. Built in 1804 by Joseph McDowell Carson, it is already listed on the National Historic Register.

"They say it has 42 rooms," said Ellen Cantrell. "We're still looking. We have counted 38. Maybe the others are some place we don't know about."

The house and property are valued on Polk County's tax rolls at \$450,000, Eugene Cantrell said. If Polk County designated the property as historically valuable, it could halve the Cantrell's tax bill, saving them approximately \$1,500 a year.

"We're just asking for what they give in other counties," Ellen Cantrell said, "Just because Polk County hasn't done it in the past, doesn't mean it shouldn't do it."

"Hey, we're an asset to the county. When we bought the Green River Plantation water

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