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The weather Monday: high 63, low 38, hum. 76 percent.

The Association of County Tax-payers postponed meeting will be held tonight at 7:30 at Isothermal Community College.

Jean Pettigrew's poetry seminar is scheduled for 3 p.m. today in the LeDuc Room of the Lanier Library.

Ed Yoder, syndicated editorial columnist with the Washington Post Writer's Group, was one of several speakers on a panel discussing news coverage of the war in the Gulf last Friday at the N.C. Press Association's Newspaper Institute.

Yoder said, as a newsman, he is torn between his strong support of President Bush's policy, and the desire to see the war covered more fully, free of military censors.

Yoder outlined a possible scenario he believes would have been plausible, had the U.S. not stepped into the breach: Saddam would have continued his campaign and occupied Saudi Arabia. Emboldened, Iraq next might have joined forces with Syria and begun a campaign against Israel.

Israel, fighting for its existence, might have turned to its nuclear arsenal.

Given that as a possibility, Yoder

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Pictorial History Book Sales Deadline Extended

Pre-publication subscriptions to the Polk County pictorial history *A Sense of Heritage* are being received daily. Initial response has been so good the Tryon Thermal Belt Chamber of Commerce has decided to extend until Mar. 31 the deadline for the \$29.95 special price which had been scheduled to expire Jan. 31. The regular price will be \$45.

Orders may be placed at the Chamber office 401 North Trade Street in Tryon, or at several other order points in the county. These order points include NCNB and Tryon Federal Savings & Loan in Tryon and Columbus, First Union National Bank, First Federal Savings Bank, George's Restaurant, Blue Ridge Weavers, One Tryon Place, The Tryon Daily Bulletin office and WTYN in Tryon, also Natures Storehouse in Lynn, The Flower Cottage in Columbus and Twiggs in Saluda. Gift Certificates are also available.

New Arrival

Michael and Trinka Stone of Tryon are parents of a son, Zachary Rutledge, born Saturday, Jan. 26, 1991. Zachary weighed 5 lbs. and 11 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Pat Westbrook of Asheville and Art Westbrook of Gastonia, N.C.

Paternal grandparent is Judy Stone of Asheville.

Paternal great-grandparent is Cornelia Griffin of Asheville.

Zoning Proposal Targets Hwy. 108

The section of Hwy. 108 between the Tryon extended zoning district and the Town of Columbus is only about a half of a mile long, but it has Polk County planners' full attention.

Once the economy turns around, planners believe Hwy. 108, particularly between Tryon and Columbus, is likely to come under more pressure from commercial developers than any other section of roadway in the county.

The Polk County Planning and Zoning Board has drafted an ordinance establishing a new zoning category - the "neighborhood commercial district" - to deal with challenges like those faced on Hwy. 108.

Once the planners are satisfied, Planning and Zoning Board member Carl Wharton said the new ordinance will be submitted to the Polk County Board of Commissioners for its consideration, perhaps within the next 90 days. It would take six to nine months after that to complete the public process to rezone Hwy. 108.

Hwy. 108 is already zoned from Tryon to the eastern limits of Columbus. Within Columbus, Hwy. 108 is zoned either highway commercial, central business, public service or industry, except for the Beechwood area, which is zoned residential.

Within Tryon's zoning district, which extends from the Hwy. 176 at the Triangle Stop to ACE Hardware in Lynn, Hwy. 108 is a mix-

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Tucker Trial Motions Heard

At the outset of the trial of James Christopher Tucker of Lynn Monday, attorneys and prosecutors were trying to determine if Tucker's confessions were admissible evidence.

His defense attorneys argued that the statements are not admissible because Tucker had not been read his rights. However, District Attorney Alan Leonard said Tucker made his confession voluntarily.

Tucker, 29, is accused of second-degree murder in the death of his two-year-old son, Adam Nathan Hill. The boy was last seen alive by his mother in November 1989, and was found Jan. 17, 1990 buried in a shallow grave behind Tucker's mobile home on Howard Gap Road.

On that day, Tucker told his uncle, David McNeely, a Cumberland County deputy sheriff, that Adam died on Dec. 2 or 3 from injuries suffered during a fall several days earlier.

A state medical examiner, however, has ruled that Adam died of a blow to the stomach, not the head, as Tucker claimed.



REMINDER: Jean Pettigrew's Poetry Seminar is at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the Lanier Library LeDuc Room.