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The weather Monday: high 74, low 29, hum. 55 percent.

A brief service of prayer and intercession will be held today at the Church of the Holy Cross at 12:15 p.m.

Any who would like to pray for servicemen and women in the Gulf, by name, are urged to arrive early and register their names before the service.

Jean Pettigrew's poetry seminar will be held today at 3 p.m. at the Lanier Library. Jean called to correct a quote from Walt Whitman given in Monday's Bulletin. Whitman described his rebellious cries as a barbaric "yawp." If that gets your curiosity brewing, go hear Jean today.

Congratulations are certainly in order for Karen Godlock, North Carolina state champion in the 1,000-yard dash. So, congratulations Karen!

## Polk County Board of Education Meets

The regular monthly meeting of the Polk County Board of Education will be Monday, Feb. 11 at 6:30 pm in the Stearns Board Room.

## Social Services Comments on Trial

The trial of James Christopher Tucker, convicted Friday of second degree murder in the death of his son, raised many questions about the lack of protection for the child.

Witnesses testified that Nathan Adam Hill repeatedly was abused and neglected during his short life.

It was also brought out in the trial that the Polk County Department of Social Services (DSS) had investigated those claims.

On Monday, DSS director Sue Rhodes issued the following statement regarding the case of Nathan Adam Hill:

"Immediately following the discovery of the death of this child, the Polk County Social Services director notified the regional office and requested the protective service case on the child be reviewed by the N.C. Division of Social Services. The review was promptly initiated and was completed by a team from both the central office and regional office staff of the N.C. Division of Social Services.

"Their in-depth review of the case determined that the Polk County Department of Social Services thoroughly investigated all complaints received according to child protective services policy and in compliance with N.C. General Statutes. It also determined that the

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## Tucker Receives Life Sentence

by Michael B. Smith

Superior Court Judge Zoro Guice on Monday morning handed down his sentence for James Christopher Tucker. Tucker stood before Guice with tear-filled eyes and listened as he was sentenced to life imprisonment in the N.C. Department of Corrections.

The verdict of guilty came Friday night in the Polk County courthouse following a one hour and ten minute jury deliberation. Tucker was found guilty of second degree murder in the death of his son, Nathan Adam Hill. The two-year-old died on Dec. 3, 1989.

One juror said that the jury had no doubt that Tucker was guilty, but also noted that the members felt the father was not the only one who abused the child.

Judge Guice told Tucker that he had never been involved in a case where more cruelty was involved.

"The evidence of your guilt was just overwhelming," said Guice.

On Friday afternoon, defense attorney Roy Neill began closing arguments by suggesting that the evidence was inconclusive. He said that the tape around Adam's buried body had been cut during excavation and that perhaps a shovel had caused the internal injuries

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## Bradley Family Burned Out

The home of Jeff and Melia Bradley on Warrior Mtn. Road, Saluda, was completely destroyed by fire Friday, Feb. 1 around 11:30 am.

According to reports, a Duke Power employee saw flames and called the Henderson County Sheriff's Dept. The Blue Ridge and Saluda Volunteer Fire Depts. responded. Jerry Pace, Saluda's Fire Chief, reported the home was engulfed in flames on their arrival.

The family was uninsured. There are three children, Layla 13, Ryan 4½, and Aaron 2.

Anyone wishing to make donations of any kind may send them to Warrior Mtn. Church, Saluda or contact Mr. Bradley at 704-749-3706, or 749-2641. - Reporter.

## 12 Roads Renamed

Twelve Polk County secondary roads were given new names - again - Monday night.

The action was taken by the Polk County Board of Commissioners, after another in a series of public hearings on naming roads in the county as part of setting up the Emergency-911 calling system.

The Emergency-911 system is scheduled to go on-line February 14.

The following road name  
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