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The weather Monday: high 48, low 35, hum. 90 percent. By 7 a.m. Tuesday, .04 inches of rain had fallen.

The Polk County Sheriff's Department was investigating two shootings Tuesday morning, one an attempted suicide and the other apparently a successful suicide.

The Bulletin will not report the names of persons involved in suicide attempts.

The American Red Cross will hold its fund drive kick-off breakfast March 1 at 9 a.m.

Aimee Swartz of Isothermal Community College's graphic arts department has designed and printed a post card for mailing to servicemen in Operation Desert Storm.

You can write to servicemen, even if you don't know one in particular, by addressing your correspondence to: Any Service Member, Operation Desert Shield, FPO NY, NY 09538-2800.

Tryon officials will be touring areas of town next Tuesday and Thursday with consultants from Benchmark Inc. to see if Tryon might meet the criteria for a Community Development

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Tryon Makes Top 25 List

Tryon is in the Top 25, according to *USA Today's Monday* edition.

Tryon was the smallest town on a list of 25 "dream retirement spots" provided to the national newspaper from a survey of Century 21 real estate brokers. The findings were cross-checked by David Savageau, author of *Retirement Places Rated*.

The listing asked brokers to disregard the cost of housing in making their choices, a fact which impressed Tryon's Frank Basler when he read the report.

"Tryon's on the list with places like San Diego where average home prices are \$425,000," he said. Tryon's average home price for a 2,000-square-foot home is \$120,000.

Kathy Woody, executive secretary of the Tryon-Thermal Belt Chamber of Commerce, said one Connecticut couple re-routed their trip home just to stop by Monday, just hours after reading *USA Today's* report. She said she expected the phone to ring off the hook for the next few days.

Alan Pruette, of Century 21 Pruette & Associates Inc., said he was pleased that he was able to convince so many others in his organization that Tryon has what it takes.

"I believe a large part of it was that I believe in Tryon Estates," he said. "I was the

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Fund Raising Chairman



Roger Traxler has been named Fund Raising Chairman of the 1991 Red Cross fund drive, it was announced by Jim Jackson, chairman of the Polk County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Over 100 volunteer canvassers under Traxler's direction will cover all of Polk County during March, Red Cross month. These Red Cross volunteers will attend a "kickoff breakfast" on March 1 at the Parish House of Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Tryon.

Roger Traxler and his wife Irene live in Tryon. They moved here in 1988 from Wallingford, Pa. where Traxler was with the Scott Paper Co. He retired from Scott Paper after 34 years with the firm. He served in Technical Services in the firm's International Division.

Born in Mentor, Ohio, Traxler received a B.S. degree in chem-

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911 Target Date

There remain seven or eight items on the county's "punch list" which must be completed before Emergency-911 service can begin, County Manager John Lewis told the Polk County Board of Commissioners Monday.

"March 1st is just a target," he said. "We're not committing to that."

In other business Monday:

* The board approved a tentative budget for the Polk County Transportation Authority (PCTA). Marvin Arledge, the PCTA director, told the board that he must submit his budget to the state early because it includes state and federal funds.

However, he said the county's approval does not commit the county to anything. The budget can later be cut, but it cannot be increased.

Arledge's budget included a request for local funds of \$75,481, an increase of \$34,876 over last year's local appropriation.

He cited increased insurance and fuel costs, and the need for replacement vehicles as the primary factors in the increase.

* The board decided to postpone any decision on renewing the county's group health insurance policy with New York Life.

Lewis said the New York Life policy will continue month-to-month, and that he would like more time to explore participating in a self-insurance pool

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