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The weather Tuesday: high 60, low 42, hum. 92 percent, and by 7 a.m. .29 inches of rain had fallen.

There was quite a contrast between two stories reported yesterday.

On the one hand, we recorded the celebration of Polk County's recognition in *USA Today* as one of America's Top 25 retirement "dream" locations.

In the other column was a reminder that even a "dream" location does not, by itself, save us. Two men committed suicide Monday - one, relatively young, still working, died yesterday at St. Luke's; the other, retired, living alone, was discovered by his housekeeper Tuesday, already gone.

It is no surprise to know that even a "Top 25" place cannot guarantee one freedom from emptiness.

I've erased every philosophical and religious thought I've tried to express in response to that contrast.

I would only say that I've met very many people here who would've welcomed a chance at least to try to meet the needs of these two men.

That feature transcends retire-
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AARP Tax Assistance

Free income-tax assistance will be available for Polk County senior citizens again this year through the AARP. Trained volunteers will be at the Meeting Place on Tuesday through April 9th.

Call the Meeting Place, 859-9707 for an appointment. Be sure to bring last year's returns with you.

Public Notice

Employees from the Town of Tryon and Benchmark, Inc., will be surveying areas of Tryon on February 26th and 28th.

The purpose of this survey is to prepare preliminary information for a possible submission of Community Development Block Grant Application.

If you have any questions about this process, please call the Tryon Town Hall at 859-6654.

Democratic Men Meet

The Polk County Democratic Men's Club will meet on Saturday, Feb. 23, 8:30 a.m. at the Democratic Headquarters in Columbus for the election of officers.

Please come and help elect your leadership for 1991. Also, you may pay your \$5 membership dues at that time if you have not already done so.

Biscuits and coffee will be served.

4-H Alumnus Speaks To Volunteer Leaders



Dr. Cathy Hill Shore, Polk County 4-H Alumnus, will be the guest speaker for the 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Recognition Dinner on Tuesday night, Feb. 26, at the 4-H Center in Columbus.

Cathy's 4-H achievements include being a national winner in the Horse Project; state winner in the Horse Demonstration and Horse Public Speaking; and showing a Grand Champion Jersey at the Western N.C. Jr. Dairy Show. She also served as a District 4-H Officer.

She graduated as valedictorian of her senior class at Polk Central High School in 1975, and received her B.S. in Pre-Med, cum laude, from Bob Jones University. In 1983 she graduated from the University of N.C. School of Medicine. Her residency included family prac-
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Heart Fund Dinner Tonight

The Annual Heart Fund dinner will be held tonight at the Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 316 Melrose Ave., Tryon, with seatings at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Take-out dinners will also be available. Tickets at \$12.50 each will be available at the door. Proceeds go to the Polk County Heart Fund.

Receives Scholarship

Penelope M. Voso has been selected by the UN-Chapel Hill's School of Education to receive the Marvin D. Wine Graduate Scholarship.

This scholarship is awarded to a graduate student preparing to become a Special Educator with a strong interest in mental retardation.

Penelope, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip T. Voso of Tryon, will receive her M.Ed in Special Education from Chapel Hill in June.

New Arrival

John and Jill Mize of Columbus are parents of a son, John Thomas Mize, III. He was born on Feb. 11 at Mary Black Hospital and weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Laura Bradshaw of Tryon and the late Dr. John Bradshaw. Paternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. J.T. "Tom" Mize of Tryon.