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The weather Wednesday: high 73, low 43, hum. 65 percent.

We ran two letters yesterday about the "Sheriff's Annual Drug Education Program" fundraising going on right now in Polk County. One writer drew some conclusions on his own from a story we ran last Friday, the other seemed to want us to draw some conclusions for him, which we will do here.

It is hard to say what this fundraising program is all about. Officials for the Nashville, Tenn. firm, Benefit Shows, won't return phone calls and the Nashville Better Business Bureau has no record of the company.

The operators hiring people to get on the phone and ask for our money, a father and son from Concord, N.C., are "independent contractors" and claim not to know anything about the finances of the campaign.

Sheriff Boyce Carswell didn't seem to know much about the campaign he signed onto either.

It is much easier to say what the fundraising is not - it is not about any sort of real "drug education program." No people are actively involved in any sort of education "program," beyond

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Trio To See Big Apple Bond Raters

Three of Polk County's top officials will travel to New York City sometime this month, before the May 1st sale of Polk County School bonds.

They hope to make presenta-tions to Standard & Poor's Corporation and Moody's Investor Service, both bond rating agencies, that could win Polk County a more favorable interest rate.

"If we could win just a one-quarter of a percent rate drop, the money spent going to New York would not be a drop in the bucket," said Jeannie Martin, chairman of the Polk County Board of Commissioners.

Martin will be joined by County Manager John Lewis and Polk County Schools Supt. James F. Causby.

The trio will attempt to convince the N.Y. bond raters of Polk County's financial soundness.

If they are successful, it could mean huge savings. A quarter of a point drop in the interest rate on the \$14 million of bonds would equal a savings of approximately \$27,000 per year over the 20-year life of the bond, or about \$540,000.

"If we make any difference at all, it could make a huge difference," Martin said.

Polk County Finance Officer Rowena Sweezy said Polk's school bonds will go to the printer April 17th. She said she (Continued On Back Page)

Tri-County Softball League **Practice Schedule**

Friday, April 5 ((W) 6:30 Preston vs S.C. Elastic; 7:30 Brown Oil vs S.C. Elastic; 8:30 Bun Men vs S.C. Elastic.

Monday, April 8

(W) 6:30 Coopers Chev. vs Bk's; 7:30 Brown Oil vs. Preston's; 8:30 Brown Oil vs S.C. Elastic; 9:30 Bryan Collins vs Bud Men

Wednesday, April 10 ((W) 6:30 Preston's vs Bk's; 7:30 Cooper Chevrolet vs Bryan Collins; 8:30 Henson's vs Bud Men; 9:30 Prestons vs S.C. Elastic.

Friday, April 12 (W) 6:30 S.C. Elastic vs Cooper Chevrolet; 7:30 Bud Men vs Prestons; 8:30 Henson's vs Brown Oil.

-Community Reporter

White Earns Honors

Ms. Barbara P. White, a participate in the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Training (JOS) Program, has been identified as one of only forty-eight students at Blue Ridge Community College who have achieved a grade point average (3.75 or above) high enough to be considered for membership in the Alpha Rho Upsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, national scholastic honor organization.

Barbara is graduating in August in Administrative Office Technology. She is the only student in this field to be selected for this honor.



Yvonne Lee Borgia

Borgia-Bruce

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Borgia of Landrum, announce the engagement of their daughter, Yvonne Lee, to Kevin Lee Bruce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. Bruce, of Landrum.

Miss Borgia is also the daughter of Ms. Veronica Savage of Richmond Hill, N.Y.

Miss Borgia attended Richmond High School, Queens, N.Y. and was graduated from Landrum High School She also attended the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg and is presently attending Spartanburg Technical College. She is employed with Specialty Electronics.

Mr. Bruce was graduated from Landrum High School. He also attended Spartanburg Technical College where he graduated with an Associates Degree in Machine Technology. He is employed with Beverage Air, Spartanburg.

The wedding will take place this September.