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The weekend weather: Friday, high 73, low 50, hum. 72 percent; Saturday, high 56, low 50, hum. 74 percent, and .29 inches of rain fell; Sunday, high 65, low 52, hum. 82 percent and .69 inches of rain fell. By 7 a.m. Monday, another .42 inches of rain fell and flood watches were in effect for the Polk County area.

There will be a hobby fair at Polk Central for seventh and eighth graders today and tomorrow.

The Kiwanis Club Travelogue Film Series takes you to Florida Thursday, April 18 at 8 p.m. at the Tryon Fine Arts Center. Tickets will be available at the door.

The Pea Ridge Community Club will be holding a Breakfast and Plant Sale on Saturday, May 4, beginning at 6 a.m.

Tickets are on sale for the Tryon Little Theater production of "Send Me No Flowers." The show will be on stage May 2-5.

The Second Annual American Association of University Women (AAUW) Dessert Card Party will be held Thursday, April 25 from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Contact Nancy Worsnop at

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Transfer Tax Bill Introduced

N.C. Rep. Edith Lutz, D-Cleveland, introduced a bill in the N.C. General Assembly last Thursday which would allow Polk County commissioners to levy a one percent tax on all land transfers.

The Polk County Board of County Commissioners unanimously requested the measure recently as a means of relieving pressure on the county's property tax, Lutz told the *Asheville Citizen* Friday.

"When they ask for it, there's nothing you can do but put it in," she said. "I'm down here to represent the people."

Sen. Bob Carpenter, R-Macon, and Sen. Clark Plexico, D-Henderson, also represent Polk County. They told the *Citizen* they are opposed to such taxes, but did not know whether they will oppose Lutz' bill.

"I'm not really in favor of (the tax)," Plexico said. "I'm not going to stand in the way of it if that's what the folks down there want."

The tax would be a drag on the economies of counties that adopt it, Plexico said.

Carpenter took a similar stance.

Jerry Stewart, chairman of the Macon County Board of Commissioners, told the *Citizen* the legislators' stand puzzles him.

"They're always mandating us to do things, but they're against raising taxes," he said.

Polk County real estate agents also have expressed opposition to any land transfer tax.



Returns To Stage

Bill Hughes, a newcomer to the area, is cast as the First Passerby in "Send Me No Flowers," the comedy Tryon Little Theater will present at the Fine Arts Center May 2-5. Hughes, a native of Ireland, says he has been absent from the theater for a long time. All his experience has been in Ireland, where he appeared in various plays by Shakespeare, in addition to lesser known plays, such as "Rugged Path" and "The Old Geysir," plus a number of plays in the Irish language.

The holder of a Master's degree from Florida State University, he moved here with his wife from St. Petersburg about three months ago. In Florida he had been working in the field of rehabilitation of the disabled.

In "Send Me No Flowers," Hughes plays the part of a passerby, who is a good Samaritan, as well as a good mathematician.

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Tanner Co. Joins Club at Red Fox

Tanner Industries, one of the areas foremost corporations, has signed up for a company membership in The Club at Red Fox according to Bill McLennan, membership co-chairman. This signals a resurgence of interest in private ownership of this outstanding golf course, and points to a successful conclusion of the membership drive, perhaps before the April 30 deadline.

Company membership for a corporation such as Tanner enables it to designate two officials as members, and therefore generates twice the revenue from dues as from an individual membership.

The committee working on the membership drive has met with great success, both with residents of Tryon and environs and with those who are planning to move here within the year. Any golfer interested, who has not received an invitation, may call 859-5685 for more information.

Once the acquisition of Red Fox is complete, the board plans to limit outside play, and to restrict local area residents to possibly no more than three guests or daily fee rounds per year.

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