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The weather Thursday: high 81, low 55, hum. 38 percent.

John Parris, in his Roaming the Mountains column in the Asheville Citizen recently, described the discovery of the Imperial Tree of Japan right here in Polk County in the late 1870s.

Parris says it was Giles Pearson who first found the tall tree with the lavender blossoms growing in the Pacolet Valley. But it wasn't until 20 years later, when a botanist from Brown University arrived, that the odd tree was identified.

According to Parris, the tree was first brought to America 100 years ago, and "escaped" into the wild. That's something that was never allowed in Japan, where anyone found growing the tree outside the royal compound was beheaded. (I guess they didn't like it growing outside the royal compound, huh?)

Parris says a single paulownia produces 21 million seeds and a seedling grows 20 feet in a year.

The American Association of University Women will host an "Exploring Ideas" discussion on vegetarianism today at 2 p.m.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile
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Lake Adger Campers Arrested For B&E

A father and son were arrested and charged with two counts of breaking and entering last Wednesday after a ground and aerial search.

The Polk County Sheriff's Department was called Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. after Donald Stepp found burglars in his house on Silver Creek Road.

"He ran them out," the sheriff reported.

Soon after the sheriff and his deputies were at the scene with bloodhounds and the Blue Ridge Narcotics Task Force helicopter was hovering over the area searching for the suspects.

The helicopter sighted David Wilson, 21, and the sheriff said after he was apprehended he also implicated his father, Joe Wilson, who is in his 40s.

The pair from Ellenboro, N.C. had been camping out near Lake Adger, where they were planting marijuana, the sheriff said.

They were charged with possession of marijuana, and breaking and entering.

Guns stolen from the Stepp house were recovered, as were guns, money, jewelry and a knife collection taken earlier in the week from the Land of the Lakes home of Bobby Bishop.

Mental Health Advisory Board Special meeting today, Monday, May 6 at 1:30 p.m. at The Meeting Place.

—Community Reporter



Susan Jones

Green Creek Teacher Initiated Into Phi Delta Kappa

Susan Jones, Special Education teacher at Green Creek School, was initiated into the Greenville/Spartanburg Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa on April 17.

The initiation, involving some fifty career educators, took place at the Greenville/Spartanburg Marriott.

Phi Delta Kappa is an international professional fraternity whose members are leaders in the education profession. Pledged to promote quality education, they may include classroom teachers, school administrators, college and university professors, or educational specialists.

Ms. Jones has a B.S. degree in Psychology from Gardner-Webb College, an M.Ed. from

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Three Church Break-Ins Solved

A Greenville, S.C. man was arrested in Bakersville, California recently and found to have stolen goods which were traced back to three Polk County churches.

Polk County Sheriff Boyce Carswell said Darryld Richard Dupont, 22, of Greenville has been charged with breaking and entering and larceny in connection with break-ins at Midway Baptist Church, Byars Baptist Church and First Baptist Church in Mill Spring.

Three warrants have been issued for the arrest of Harold Lee III of Simpsonville, S.C. in connection with the same break-ins.

VFW To Meet

Polk County Memorial V.F.W. Post and the Ladies Auxiliary No.9116 will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, May 7 at the Western Steer Steak House in Columbus at 7 p.m. The installation of the new officers for the coming year will be installed after the dinner. The V.F.W. Post officers will be installed by Scott Camp, and the Ladies Auxiliary's officers will be installed by Joyce B. Preston, past 16th District President.

All members and friends are urged to attend!!

—Community Reporter