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The weather Wednesday: high 78, low 45, hum. 50 percent, and by 7 a.m. Thursday .10 inches of rain had fallen. Even the kudzu has had enough to drink.

On Thursday May 2, in the *Curb Reporter*, we made a comparison between Greenville County, Spartanburg County and Polk County school funding.

The two S.C. counties employ local school taxes levied on real property. Northeastern Greenville County residents without school children who are paying higher Spartanburg School District 1 taxes were complaining recently, asking for relief.

To make a comparison to the South Carolina tax rates, we used the Polk County property tax as the sole source of local funding for the Polk County Schools.

In rethinking this, it is a misleading comparison, since the Polk County local appropriation for schools is derived also from sales taxes and state shared revenues.

The comparison is further clouded by the fact that South Carolina funds its schools differently, relying more heavily

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Saluda Police Commissioner Says Council Informed

Saluda Police Commissioner Harold Phillips objected to statements that he and Saluda Police Chief Ron Hershberger ran a "drug education" fundraising program without the town council's knowledge.

In a story in the April 19 edition, Saluda Mayor Nolan Pace told a *Tryon Daily Bulletin* reporter that the Lenny the Lion drug education fundraising program was run "without the council's knowledge."

Phillips said that isn't so. "I have copies of the minutes where I brought it up," he said. A formal vote was not taken, but Phillips said the council had no objections.

Phillips said he also told the council what he bought with the money raised for the town, walkie-talkies to replace a 20-year-old set.

The Lenny the Lion program raised \$20,000 altogether, and gave the Saluda police \$2,400.

Phillips said he and the chief liked the program and had signed up to run it again. But he said this week that he had changed his mind, and would cancel it.

"We don't want to be a part of anything controversial," he said.

There will be a special Mother's Day service at St. Luke C.M.E. Church Sunday at 2 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.



Andrew Raines

Andrew Raines In Clear 5 Years

It will be a great Mother's Day for Mary Raines, and for her husband Keith as well. Their son has been free of cancer for five years.

It was Mother's Day five years ago when two-year-old Andrew, now 7, first got sick. He fell from a chair at McDonald's in Columbus and complained that his stomach hurt.

Within days he was diagnosed as having a fast growing, deadly tumor in his kidney, known as a Wilms tumor.

Only a few days later, doctors at N.C. Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem operated and removed Andrew's kidney.

However, the physicians also detected a spot on his lung and what they believed to be a dead cancer cell in his stomach - so 15 months of chemo-therapy

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Dance Saturday

The Palmetto Dance Club of Spartanburg is having its May dance Saturday, May 11 at the Spartanburg Arts Center. Marion Brock's Music Makers of Tryon will provide the music.

-Community Reporter



Thanks to all of you who brought in books for the Lanier Library book sale coming up on June 8. We want them all but are setting a final deadline on May 31 for you to bring in your last minute books to the library Le Duc Room.

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Retired Teachers To Meet

A visit to the Hawaiian Islands is in store for the Polk County Retired School Personnel Mon., May 13 when they meet at Columbus Presbyterian Church.

The noon luncheon will be followed by a program complete with music, leis and hula skirts. A business meeting will follow the food and fun.

If you wish to attend and have not been contacted, please call 894-3984 or 859-9557 right away.

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