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The weather Wednesday, high 89, low 68, hum. 65 percent. The thermometer was headed "straight up" Thursday, and Robert Dedmondt expected to see a high in the 90s.

The June edition of *Inc.* magazine offers a report on "The Fastest Growing Cities in America." No cities in North or South Carolina made the list when it came to "most population growth," nor "most personal earnings growth," nor "most job growth," nor "most retail sales growth."

But ask which cities had the most business starts from 1988 to 1990 and you'll find Charlotte, N.C. third on the list, followed by Atlanta, then Hickory, N.C. The Greenville/Spartanburg metro area tied with Riverside, Calif. for ninth place.

If Greenville/Spartanburg has enough new business starts to rank among the top ten nationally, surely the Polk County Economic Development Commission can entice a few worthy companies into the beauty of the Thermal Belt.

Just a visit or two would convince them. After all, where else would a businessman find the local shop

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## Fall Steeplechase Still Needs Sponsors

Tryon Hounds Fall Steeplechase event chairman Bonnie Lingerfelt has found \$18,000 in sponsorships for the fourth annual race.

But she needs \$50,000 before there'll be any horses running Oct. 12 at FENCE.

"It all depends on sponsorships," Lingerfelt said. "At this point the race is not fully sponsored and without sponsors the race will not happen."

This has been a tough year to find sponsors, Lingerfelt said, due to the downturn in the economy.

Hoechst Celanese has agreed to be a sponsor again, pledging \$12,500.

In addition, three textile manufacturers and suppliers have signed up to be part of the Crafted With Pride sponsoring group, at \$2,200 each. Lingerfelt said the Crafted With Pride sponsorship usually includes seven or eight companies.

Lingerfelt said she is waiting to hear from a Greenville car dealer, and a national soft drink bottling company.

She said it would be a shame if the race were to be scrapped.

"We have a permanent facility available (FENCE)," she said. "It is just taking time to build an audience. We're not like the Block House yet."

Lingerfelt said proceeds from the sale of ads in the program and from gate fees only cover

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Dwayne W. Bolt

## Bolt Honored In Duke Program

Dwayne W. Bolt, a student at Polk Central Middle School, will be honored for his academic achievement at statewide ceremony on June 6, 1991 at Duke University.

The recognition ceremony is sponsored by the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP) to salute the seventh-graders from North Carolina who qualified in TIP's eleventh annual Talent Search. All students invited to the ceremony have earned scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Testing Assessment (ACT) comparable to the average scores of college-bound high school seniors.

He is the son of Wayne and Judy Bolt of Green Creek.

-Community Reporter

## State Per Pupil Funding Change May Bring Polk \$494,000

Polk County Schools stand to gain an additional \$494,000 in state funds if the N.C. General Assembly passes legislation to give additional funding to school districts with less than 3,000 students.

Polk County is one of 21 or 24 (depending on which bill is passed) small school districts who will benefit from these funds, said Pete Leousie of the Public School Forum.

Polk County has 2,000 students in grades K-12.

Supt. James F. Causby said the chances are good that the Small School Fund will pass.

"I feel very positive about it," he said.

The funds generated by the Small Schools Fund have not been included in Polk County Schools' proposed \$2,187,119 current expense budget, said Dr. Causby.

The bill introducing the Small Schools Fund spells out the positions that the money may be used for, he explained.

He said Polk County Schools would use the \$494,000 to hire additional teachers' assistants to replace those recently laid off, to hire additional teachers, and to hire support personnel such as guidance counselors and library assistants.

In addition, the funds would be used for such programs as art and second languages, Dr.

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