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The weather Wednesday: high 69, low 61, hum. 68 percent, and by 7 a.m. Thursday .15 inches of rain had fallen.

Odd but true: Art Champlin brought us a couple of hickory nuts from that oak tree cut down Wednesday between the post office and NCNB in Tryon.

Wes Sessoms drove by as the denuded tree's vine-covered trunk was being taken down log

by log Wednesday.
"If the town would have cut the vines off of it, it wouldn't have died," Sessoms called out. "That was a great tree."

'Was' is right.

Questions to ponder: Why is Tryon paying twice? Where were the taxpayers when the Town of Tryon was deciding to duplicate the county's E-911 dispatching service last fall?

Due to a lack of confidence in the county's ability to run the dispatching service, the town council decided to buy its own E-911 computer equipment (for \$5,000) and keep five dispatchers on the payroll.

The operating cost is an esti-mated \$80,000 a year, roughly the same amount as that raised by the 13-cent tax increase passed Monday night.

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Wing Haven/ Discovery Place **FENCE Venture**

Wing Haven Gardens and Bird Sanctuary and Discovery Place at Charlotte will be our special FENCE Venture Saturday, July 13. We will carpool and a catered lunch will be provided. Call FENCE at 859-9021 for more information and to make your reservation.

Wing Haven has been a unique part of Charlotte since 1927. The formal garden areas are designed so that visitors may stroll brick paths and enjoy the many lovely vistas, as well as beautiful trees, flowers and

Beyond the formal gardens are wooded areas filled with ferns and wild flowers. Throughout the gardens, emphasis is on plantings for bird attraction-providing cover, nesting sites and food. Many pools, dripping bird baths and re-circulating fountains delight visitors and birds alike.

At Discovery Place, we shall visit a special exhibit called Superheroes: a High-Tech Adventure. Superheroes is a stylized city of technology and adventure, compact enough to fit into a museum, yet complex enough to invite hours of discovery. The city is populated by superheroes, familiar male and female characters who possess extraordinary powers.

As visitors explore the city, they encounter technological

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Glassman

One-Day Gardening Course June 29

On Saturday, June 29 local gardeners and would-be gardeners are in for a treat. They will be able to visit Jerome Glassman's mini-farm on Dug Hill Rd., in Little Dark Corners.

There, Jerome Glassman, an avid local gardener, will share his accumulated proven methods of gardening on a one-day course presented by the Polk County Campus of Isothermal

Community College.
Students of the course will learn about the raised bed technique of gardening, mulching, row planting, companion planting, planting by phases of the moon, composting, herbs as pesticides, cultivation of Shitake mushrooms and more.

The Glassman property is (Continued On Back Page)

A Family Art Exhibit

Something new for the Arts Palette, located on Melrose Ave. next to the Fine Arts Center, will be a family art exhibit on Wednesday, July 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The artists are the children of Abie Proudfoot who will be here for the family reunion that Ted and Abie are having at Bear Creek Lodge (now Melrose Landing) during the first week of July.

Says Abie, "Sally is a fine portraitist who had a one woman exhibit at Dunbarton Concert Hall in Georgetown in which she displayed 22 members of one family dressed in Elizabethan costume. To celebrate Shakespeare's birthday! She has painted unique designs in swimming pools in Georgetown but I think her forte is pen and ink sketches. She does them of houses for Pardoe Co., Washington's largest real estate firm. The Palms Restaurant in Washington is filled with dozens of her caricatures of D.C. biggies. The Washington Post has featured pictures and articles of her astonishing trompe l'oeil. She's very versa-

Ann, who lives in Fox Island. WA, is represented by the Corcoran Studio Gallery in Wash-ington, D.C. Her watercolors are vibrant and full of fantasy faces and all manner of original and humorous flights of fancy. You can look at one of Ann's paintings for ten minutes and find new surprises. If you

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