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The weather Thursday: high 79, low 64, hum. 65 percent. No rain.

The Rev. Don C. Davis is the new pastor of Tryon United Methodist Church. The Rev. Davis was transferred from Highlands United Methodist Church in Hickory.

Welcome a new community leader to town.

We said he was from Hickory didn't we? Or was it Oak?

The not-so-reverent Ray Ingham says the reaction has been all positive to his proposal that area residents form a corporation to purchase and run the Vineyard Restaurant.

Ingham said Hugh Murrill has considerable experience in restaurant management, and has expressed interest in the project.

Ingham said he's got his eye on some used restaurant kitchen equipment and has even toyed with the idea of running a cooking school as well as a restaurant.

What's happening:

There will be an open house held at area post offices Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon to celebrate the postal service's 20th anniversary. That is, the present independent,
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Communication

Dear Jeff:

The phone has been ringing off the hook, and lots of folks have stopped by the County Office to ask who is responsible for the beautiful gazebo in Stearns Park. The three philanthropic individuals are Mrs. Frank D. Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Guilford S. Turner Jr.

These generous people were kind enough to make this grand contribution to enhance Stearns Park. Everyone I have talked to is very excited and pleased with this addition. I believe this gazebo will be the focal point of many activities in the near future. I know I join all Polk County citizens in saying "thank you" to the Turners.

John W. Lewis, Jr.
Polk County Manager

Columbus Raises Tax Rate 5 Cents

The Columbus Town Council raised the tax rate 5 cents to 30 cents per \$100 valuation after a public hearing Friday morning.

The council passed its budget with the increase, which will bring an additional \$15,000 into town coffers.

That additional revenue was needed due to a general increase in expenses, Mayor Paul Smith said.

In addition, the town will begin advertising today for an additional policeman. Applications will be accepted through August 1.



Mr. & Mrs. Emerson Harmon

50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Harmon of Green Creek will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 5. They will be honored at their home on July 7 from 2-5 p.m. by children, Linda Phillips and Mary Bridgeman and William Harmon and Douglas Harmon and Alan Harmon. Friends and family are invited to enjoy this celebration.

Mrs. Harmon is the former Ruth Walker.

-Community Reporter

No Meeting In July

There will be no meeting of the Columbus Town Council during the month of July. The Columbus Town Office will be closed all day July 4.

Served in Baptist Summer Mission

Natalie J. Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Harris of Columbus, N.C., is working this summer at the Tulsa Baptist Women's Shelter, a home for abused women and their children in Tulsa, Okla.

Harris, a graduate of Polk Central High School and senior at Appalachian State University, is working mostly with children by providing activities and other services. She also helps by cooking and cleaning at the shelter.

The summer ministry project is funded by Baptist students across the state through the Baptist Student Union (BSU) Mission Fund.

-Community Reporter

Local Students Graduate From UNC

Nearly 3,800 students earned bachelor's master's doctoral and professional degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this spring.

Degrees were awarded at UNC's May 12 Commencement.

Local degree recipients are: Julie Ann Lanning, BS Business Admin. of Columbus; Cynthia Thompson Bishop, Master of Science, Pharmacy, Saluda; Laura Anne Harrison, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Tryon.

-Community Reporter