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The weather Monday: high 94, low 69, hum. 65 percent.

Tomorrow Dr. Rick Gentry will sing on the courthouse steps about the purple mountains' majesty.

That's fine, but as a relative newcomer here, I just have one question - which purple mountain are you old timers talking about?

Though Mildred Rippe has pointed it out repeatedly to a slow student, I am still in search of Piney. That's not to mention Skyuka, Little Warrior, Bird, Warrior, Chocolate Drop, Fox, and the rest.

I believe I've picked out White Oak, but I'm not sure how it distinguishes itself from Tryon Peak. I know when I'm on Melrose, but from below I can only see Rocky Spur and Hogback.

Good old Hogback. Now there's a mountain whose majesty a person can plainly see.

We at the Bulletin wish you a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July.

What's happening:

There will be an open house held at area post offices today

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## SBI Investigates Cause Of House Fire

Tryon Fire Chief Jimmy Lankford and State Bureau of Investigation officers were sifting through the cinders of a house fire Tuesday morning.

The Tryon Fire Department responded to a fire on Flat Rock Road in Lynn Monday evening just after dark, according to Tryon Police Chief Nathan Shields.

The house, owned by Vernon Walker, was completely engulfed when the firemen arrived, Shields said.

He said there is a question as to the origin of the fire, and state arson investigators were called to the scene.

## Lucy Cate Memorial Fund

The three sons of Lucille Cate, following memorial services at the Congregational Church on Sunday, June 23, have set up a memorial fund to commemorate her many years of service to the Tryon Craft Center. John R. "Jack", Charles Hearn, and Henry R. "Pete" Hoke want to ensure that the needs of the weavers in Cate-Hall can be funded when needed.

Checks may out to Tryon Crafts, Inc., Lucy Cate Memorial Fund can be sent to Tryon Crafts, c/o Jan Ashmore, secretary, Box 1245, Tryon, North Carolina 28782

-Community Reporter

## Saluda Shuns Noise Ordinance For 'Good Neighbor' Approach

Depending upon where you live in Saluda, excessive noise can be a problem.

Local residents and visitors become aggravated when others run chain saws and mowers early Sunday mornings and late evenings.

Rather than adopt a "noise ordinance," Mayor Nolan Pace and members of the council at their meeting July 1st recommended the town try to adopt a "good neighbor" approach.

Some residents also have complained about vehicles, often with noisy exhaust systems, being driven at high speed through the city.

It was the consensus of the council that the offending vehicles and drivers should be reported to Police Chief Ron Hershberger.

In other business:

\* Mayor Pace reported to the council that the N.C. League of Municipalities is recommending that municipalities adopt a six-week interim budget while waiting for state budget makers to finish their work.

\* It was reported that Duke Power will replace a power line pole in time to hang flags and bunting for Coon Dog Day. The pole was damaged by a Norfolk & Southern railroad operation.

\* It was announced that candidates for the two council seats up for election in November

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## EMS Catches Flak For Ending Service

On Monday, July 1, a Polk County budget cut came home to area medical care providers.

Polk County EMS ambulance crews will no longer transport non-emergency patients.

Prior to July 1, the transport service was offered to anyone requesting it, even if just for a ride to the doctor's office for a blood pressure check.

The commissioners, however, saw too much red ink in the service during the county's first year of operating the EMS.

"It couldn't continue the way it was," said commissioner Sue Cochran. "(Calling EMS) just became the easiest, quickest way to arrange transportation for people, even those who had friends or relatives who could take them."

The county charged an average of \$130 for each transport, but collections have been very poor.

Last year the county wrote off \$16,047 in Medicaid claims and another \$4,426 in Medicare claims.

The total amount of bad debt from the service is still unknown because the county has not decided to write off individual claims. Some people are still receiving bills for services rendered nearly a year ago.

"It was a losing proposition to say the least," said County Manager John Lewis. Revenues for all of EMS's

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