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*The weather Monday: high 90, low 70, hum. 50 percent.*

Sally Vodden's collie, Yetta, is back at home. After nearly a month's disappearance, Yetta was returned last Friday for a \$300 reward.

Sally is sure her dog was stolen. The man who returned Yetta to her Howard Gap Road home found her miles away being kept at a home between Gowensville and Greenville.

"There is definitely a dog ring out there," Vodden said. "I went door to door looking for Yetta and found that many dogs are missing. There aren't that many strays out there. I know of at least ten purebred dogs stolen from contained areas within the last 10 months."

Vodden said she believes some thefts are intentional, where the thief hopes to resell purebred dogs. Yetta was worth \$1,000 on the market, she said.

Others steal dogs to be used for research, or to be used in "bull pit" fights. Some really wierd people steal dogs for use in religious rites.

Then, others just keep dogs they find wandering through their yard, mistakenly believing

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## Little League All-Star Tournament

Green Creek vs. Polk County, July 15.

The Green Creek All-Stars hosted the Polk County All-Stars in their first game of the All-Star series on Monday night. It was a perfect night for baseball with a cool breeze, a nice park, and a crowd of friends and relatives ready to cheer every move their All-Stars made.

Pitching for Green Creek were Tracy Edgeron, who went four innings, and Jeremy Hembree, who hurled the final two innings. Hembree showed a lot of composure for a young pitcher coming in after a tough fourth inning and fanning three batters in a row for a quick fifth inning at bat for Polk County. Edgeron and Hembree had eight strike outs between them.

The Green Creek batters kept the Polk County fielders busy. Casey Thompson and Travis Walker each hit two singles. Travis Hicks singled and Jeremy Hembree swatted a single that got him two RBI's. Richard McEntyre hit a clean double for an RBI. Joseph Drake blasted a big triple and a little pop up that hustled him all the way home, thanks to Polk County errors. Stealing was next to impossible with Andy Arledge's solid presence behind the plate for Polk County. Extra effort and good legs got stolen bases for Travis Hicks, Jeremy Hembree and Derrick McSwain

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## Board Reconsiders Whether To Provide Transport Service

If you are so sick that only an ambulance can give you a ride to your doctor's office, or to the hospital, you've got a problem right now in Polk County.

Unless your case is an emergency, or "medically necessary," the Polk County EMS ambulances will not transport you. And there are no private services in the county.

St. Luke's Hospital President Ton Bradshaw, area nursing home administrators, and doctors are unhappy with the county's new policy, which took effect July 1.

Bradshaw and several others asked the Polk County Board of Commissioners on Monday to reconsider their decision.

Bradshaw gave examples of the inconvenience patients experience in Polk County with no transport service available.

One woman had to wait five hours for an out-of-town transport service to take her four miles home from the hospital. And she paid \$200 for the service.

Dr. Hobart Rogers recently had a patient whose artificial hip dislocated at home. The EMS service hesitated before finally deciding to transport the man to the hospital.

Commissioner Tim McCormack said the county does need to clarify its policy.

But he said he feels for the  
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## Republican Meeting

The Polk County Republicans will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 18, at headquarters in Columbus. The meeting is open to all Republicans.

Arrangements will be finalized for the BBO Picnic scheduled for August 24 when all conservative candidates for the next U.S. Senate election will speak. The public will be invited for that occasion.

-Larry Poe, Chairman

## Auxiliary Renews Four Scholarships

St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary has renewed the scholarships of four previous recipients of its Health Career Scholarships, according to Mrs. John B. McCallum, president.

The scholarships, totaling \$3,500, have been given to Michael Crater, a 1988 Tryon High awardee, currently studying toward a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at UNC-Greensboro; Angela Barnette, a 1989 Landrum High graduate, now working toward a Doctorate in Pharmacy at USCS-Columbia; Stacie Jennings, 1990 Landrum High, a chemist who plans to do medical research; and Sharon Jolley, 1990 Polk Central, who is in her second year as a Veterinary Medical Technologist student at Central Carolina Community College.

-Community Reporter