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The weekend weather: Friday high 85, low 57, hum. 60 percent; Saturday, high 87, low 64, hum. 70 percent; Sunday, high 76, low 69, hum. 73 percent and .3 inches of rain fell; and by Monday at 7 a.m. Monday 2.37 inches of rain fell.

The Spartanburg Herald-Journal featured one of those oh-so-goopy travel articles Sunday - this one about FENCE. What bittersweet timing.

David Riddle, known to some school children as Mr. Nature, announced today that he is leaving FENCE after five years as its nature director.

Riddle told *The Bulletin* he decided two months ago, and that now is just the right time to make the decision public. He was headed into a meeting of the FENCE board of directors Monday morning to make the announcement.

Riddle said he will be looking for work within an hour or so's drive from Spartanburg, where his father is recovering from surgery. That could mean the Riddle family will stay close by.

That would be doubly good for the Thermal Belt. In
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Riddle Leaving FENCE Position

At the August meeting of the Board of Directors of the Foothills Equestrian Nature Center, Nature Center Director David Riddle announced his intention to seek other professional opportunities. Riddle plans to leave FENCE by year end.

Speaking on behalf of the board, Chairman and CEO Gustav A. Hoffman said, "During the past five years David has built an exemplary nature study program here. We share his pride in that accomplishment and wish him well in furthering his career objectives."

Hoffman said that Riddle's departure will not affect existing or future programs in nature education.

—Community Reporter

Columbus To Hire Two Policemen This Week

In a special meeting Monday, the Columbus Town Council voted two to one to hire two policemen by the end of this week.

Dr. Tom Bolling voted against the motion to hire a second additional policeman, stating that the board never acted on a motion made four months ago to hire a first additional policeman.

Dr. Bolling questioned the legality of hiring a second additional policeman without acting on the first motion and without
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Polk County exhibitors Mitch Davis and Randy Smith are shown prior to their competition at the WNC Junior Dairy Show

The Dairy Show Experience

The UNC Junior Dairy Show is an annual event that is held each year in Fletcher, N.C. This summer the show involved 37 exhibitors showing 56 animals in 35 different events. The events are generally determined by animal breed and age, though some special events are based on the age of the exhibitor rather than characteristics of the animal. Exhibitors ranged in age from about 5 to 19 and it is most impressive to see how well the younger boys and girls demonstrated the patience and discipline needed to show these beautiful animals.

Polk County was represented at this show by five young men who were all of high school

age, and their entries were 12 cows and calves of various ages. Each animal in each event is judged on type, that is, how well the animal represents the best conformation for that breed, and on Fitting and Showing, which is how well the animal is groomed and handled. All 12 Polk County animals received blue ribbons for type and excellent ratings on fitting and showing. Five animals were class champions and three of those were Grand Champions for their breed covering all classes or age groups.

This is an outstanding record and our hats are off to Matthew Davis, Mitch Davis, Ric
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