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The weather Tuesday, high 61, low 48, hum. 69 percent, and .16 inches of rain fell.

Polk County, sitting at the edge of the mountains, is a tempting treat for city-weary flatlanders, especially those to the south in Greenville, Spartanburg and Columbia. How do we encourage them to take a break and visit here?

We aggressively go out there and tell them about our mountains, inns, restaurants and shops - with brochures, advertising and the like. Perhaps an 800 number information line? Any effort takes money, and a hotel/motel tax has been proposed to raise the funds.

Everyone benefits from tourism. So the tax is a great idea, right? Maybe.

Commissioner Sue Cochran thinks Polk County may be able to promote tourism without a hotel/motel room tax.

At a recent public hearing on the tax, Cochran suggested that hotel/motel owners get together with the chamber of commerce, town officials and the county Economic Development Commission (EDC) to decide what can be done to promote tourism,

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## Jamacian Flag Flying At FENCE

The Jamaican flag is flying over FENCE to signify that half of the Jamaican 3-Day team is in residence. Tall and slim with sparkling brown eyes and a bubbling personality, Amanda Levy thinks Tryon is wonderful. "Such a beautiful place, wonderful trails, it's great for horses," she says in her melodious voice.

Her 10-year old mare, Silva, must like it too. She came out of quarantine in Miami dehydrated and thin, having been shut up in air conditioned quarters for a week. She is enjoying her large box stall and grassy paddock at FENCE and the twice a day rides on the trails of the Old Hunting Country.

They have come to spend almost a month in the area to compete in the Tryon Horse Trials and to get ready for the Pan American Games to be held November 7 through 10 in Chatsworth, Georgia.

Amanda has ridden practically all her life. She says she had lots of fun with pony club and then began to compete seriously in Intercollegiate competitions. Her first international experi-

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John J. Mahoney (left)  
Jean Eckert (right)

## Ten Years Of Care

Jean Eckert, executive director, Hospice of Polk County, is shown as she accepts an award from Hospice of North Carolina recognizing Hospice of Polk County for providing ten years of hospice care to patients and their families. Presenting the award is John J. Mahoney, president, National Hospice Organization, Arlington, Virginia. Eckert received the award at Hospice of North Carolina's annual conference held Oct. 2-4 in High Point.

-Community Reporter

## Football, Pizza And PTSA

Landrum High School PTSA will sell pizza slices and tea at the Homecoming Game on Fri. night, Oct. 18.

-Community Reporter

## Foundation Funds Fire Fighters

Mill Spring Volunteer Fire Department provides fire protection not only for Mill Spring, but for all of White Oak Township.

The Mill Spring Department also provides mutual aid to all fire departments in Polk County, and last year provided more mutual aid to other departments than calls to its own district.

Polk County Community Foundation, when considering applications for grants, looks for projects that benefit as many citizens as possible.

The Mill Spring Fire Department's wide ranging services thus were a consideration in The Foundation grant of \$7,500 toward purchase of a brush truck and a pumper.

A brush truck can get into woods to fight brush and woods fires. A pumper carries water to where there is no water source.

The Mill Spring Department has \$10,000 in a reserve fund, so with the grant can put \$17,500 down and finance the rest.

-Community Reporter

## Meets Saturday

The annual meeting of the Polk County Literacy Council will be held at 10 a.m. Sat., Oct. 19, in the Agricultural Extension Building, Columbus. Tutors, students and other friends of the council are invited to attend.

-Community Reporter