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The weather Thursday, high 70, low 61, hum. 72 percent, and by 7 a.m. Friday .47 inches of rain had fallen.

Tonight is the public hearing on the sign ordinance. By all indications, the courtroom will be packed at 7:30.

Some are predicting tempers will flare. If you're going, do us all a favor and prove them wrong. There is no reason to get angry. There are no villains in this. Everyone has a point of view and tonight is the time to express it.

The fact that a proposal is on the table for discussion means only that. It's up for discussion. Nothing has been done. The commissioners are reasonable people and they'll be there tonight to listen.

What's happening:

Tuesday School will sponsor a Thanksgiving bake sale Wednesday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in front of The Book Shelf on Pacolet Street in Tryon.

The Tryon Little Theater will present the courtroom drama/comedy "First Monday in October" about the Supreme Court Dec. 5, 6, 7 and 8.

The third annual tour of

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Positions Open on Mental Health Advisory Board

Three positions are open on the Polk County Mental Health Advisory Board.

If you would be interested in serving on this committee, contact County Manager John Lewis at 894-3301.

Evening Rotary To Hear About Ponies

Hatsie Goodrich will speak to the Thermal Belt Rotary Club tonight at 6:30 at the Western Steer Family Steakhouse.

Her topic will be the Pony Club.

Final Days For Special Pictorial History Price

Prepublication prices for subscriptions to the Tryon Thermal Belt Chamber of Commerce's Pictorial History, *A Sense of Heritage*, are about to expire. For a few more days these interesting and unique books may be ordered at \$39.95 plus \$2.40 sales tax, total \$42.35.

As of Fri., Dec. 6, the price becomes \$45 plus \$2.70 sales tax, total \$47.70.

Subscriptions may be charged to Visa or MasterCard. To order, stop in the Chamber Office, 401 N. Trade St., Tryon or call 859-6236.

—Community Reporter



At a regular meeting Nov. 19, the board of directors of Hospice of Polk County, Inc. authorized the organization to apply for certification under Medicare and Medicaid.

If the application is approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, a process that will take an estimated 30 to 60 days, Medicare and Medicaid will help pay for some of the care given to patients.

Hospice of Polk County has been studying the desirability of Medicare/Medicaid certification for more than a year, president Lawrence S. Heath noted.

Of the estimated 1,800 Hospices in the United States, 1,029-57 percent, were Medicare/Medicaid certified as of Nov. 1, 1991, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"We believe we will continue providing the same kind and quality of care for our patients that we have always given," Heath said. "This will not change. But if certification is awarded, the additional revenues will enable us to provide a broader spectrum of services to more patients, still at no cost."

A more detailed description of Medicare/Medicaid, certified Hospice care will be released by Hospice here in early December.

—Community Reporter

Quilters Guild

The Western North Carolina Quilters' Guild will have its annual Christmas luncheon on Friday, Dec. 6th at the Hendersonville Country Club.

Coffee will be served at 10:15 a.m., the meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch.

Members are asked to bring 1/2 yard of fabric, wrapped to exchange.

—Community Reporter

Communication

Dear Jeff:

Senator D'Amato's wailing about excessive credit card interest rates is a phony issue. While its certainly true that everyone prefers the lowest possible rates, its equally true that low rates are widely available. *Money Magazine* lists some of the best; the current edition shows issuers that charge annual fees with rates as low as 10%. Issuers that do not charge fees offer rates as low as 13%. These rates are below what the senator proposed to legislate.

The simple fact is that those with strong credit can get good rates with a minimum of effort.

It would be refreshing of politicians like Senator D'Amato would address the real problems rather than politicizing the non-issues.

Yours truly,
Vince Tenney

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