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The weather Tuesday: high 44, low 39, hum. 70 percent, and by 7 a.m. Wednesday .11 inches of rain had fallen.

The famed Tryon Hickory Nut Oak Tree, mashed in its prime by clinging vines, according to theories put forth by gardener Wes Sessoms, is likely some sort of ether now, doing its part to eat away at the ozone layer over Antarctica.

But, like the Spring, new life is arising between the Post Office and NationsBank. The two new trees are, as Dave Barry would say, "We're not kidding," Shady Honey Locusts.

Joe Claud of NationsBank says these locusts can grow to be 80 feet tall, "But none of us will be alive to see that."

Well, don't be too sure! Who's to say some of us might not choose to be frozen at 50, leaving specific instructions to be thawed out when the Honey Locusts hit 80 feet?

Those less daring might prefer to watch in the next few weeks for the blooms on Nations-Bank's primroses, hundreds of daffodils, hollies, azaleas, and, of course, the variegated lagustrums. We always like to see

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VCRs Stolen From **Tryon Sears Store**

Eight video cassette recorders (VCRs) were found missing from the Sears Authorized Catalog Sales store in Tryon Plaza Tuesday morning.

When workers arrived, they found the back door ajar. There was no sign of forced entry.

Also missing were two televisions, a microwave and two camcorders.

Tryon Police are investigat-

District Health Directors' Office Hours

Beginning March 4, 1992, office hours for Clifford Fields, District Health Director, will be from 9 a.m. until noon on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Health Center for the purpose of addressing local issues or concerns. The Health Director will be available on other dates by calling the Rutherford County Health Department at 704-287-6220. -Community Reporter

Men's Bridge

Results of the Tryon Men's Duplicate Bridge Club match at the home of Joe Doti on Tuesday, Feb. 18th were: 1st Joe Doti and Bill Bley, 2nd Tom Dustin and Charlie Francis, 3rd R.B. Scruggs and Bill Stoddard.

The next match will be at the home of Tom Dustin on Tuesday, Feb. 25th.

-Community Reporter



Julie D. Staggs

Staggs Rejoins Converse College

Julie Staggs rejoined the Converse College staff in Spartanburg, S.C. recently as the new Performing Arts Director for the college.

Staggs is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Terry W. Staggs of Landrum and paternal granddaughter of Juliette C. Staggs of Landrum.

After graduating from Converse in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in music, she worked for Converse as the Music Admissions Counselor. Julie traveled and recruited extensively, producing the largest incoming music class in the history of the college.

Julie moved to the Washington, D.C. area, where she worked for a Converse alumna at ADIA Personnel for two years. She then developed a marketing department for a

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Tryon Hopes More Mountain Water Will Cut Costs

Water and sewer operations have been a financial weakness for the Town of Tryon in recent years. The department revenues are running slightly behind costs this year, even though town customers' rates were increased last summer.

The town is looking to cut its costs where ever possible, but new treatment standards are coming down from Raleigh and Washington with regularity.

Town Manager Matthew Dolge told the Town Council Monday night that work on refurbishing gravity feed water lines from the town's mountain reservoir is continuing.

The town eventually hopes to begin receiving half of its daily water usage, about 500,000 gallons, from the Big Fall Creek reservoir. Tryon also takes some water from small creeks and streams on Hogback Mountain in South Carolina.

By using these gravity feed sources, the town will cut down considerably on its use of the electric pumps at Lake Lanier, Dolge said.

Dolge said Tryon already has cut about \$25,000 in annual electrical costs by running its wastewater treatment plant during off-peak hours, during which times Duke Power gives price breaks on electricity.

With the help of Ronnie Pack as a consultant, Dolge said the town also changed the flow

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