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The weather Wednesday, high 51, low 29, hum. 75 percent, and by 7 a.m. Thursday .86 inches of rain had fallen.

The Rev. Jerry Long of First Baptist Church in Landrum, told us an interesting story just after he arrived here which was two years ago yesterday.

He told how Jerri Herring, a consultant with the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, had taught him that one of the key challenges is bringing church leaders into the present.

At church council meetings, as strategies to meet the church mission are being debated, Herring suggested someone break in every once and awhile and ask: "What year is it?"

She believes someone has to remind us all that this is 1992, not 1950, 1972, or even 1989. Our communities have changed in basic ways. Families are under different stresses. If we want to be effective, we need to serve the community as it exists today, not as we remember it from our own childhoods, or years past.

From some of the rumblings we hear off the Polk County campaign trail, some of our (Continued On Back Page)



Peggy and David Riddle

Riddles Join Camp Wayfarer Staff

David and Peggy Riddle have joined the staff of Camp Wayfarer for boys and girls in Flat Rock, N.C.

David is well known in the community for his work as FENCE's Nature Center Director from 1986-1991. During this time he was instrumental in developing the nature program and activities.

At Camp Wayfarer, David, who is a graduate of Clemson University, will be directing the nature program and assisting in hiking, camping, and back-packing expeditions in Pisgah and other surrounding National Forests.

Peggy, who graduated from the University of Georgia, will be directing music and drama Community Reporter

programs and coordinating morning assemblies.

Jim Bob and Nancy Z. Wilson of Green Creek, owners and directors of Camp Wayfarer, said they are thrilled to have David and Peggy on the Wayfarer team.

"The success of any camp program depends on its staff, and they're both blue chippers who will be a tremendous asset to our camp program," Jim Bob Wilson said.

For more information on Camp Wayfarer's resident or day camps, write P.O. Box 850, Flat Rock, N.C. 28731, or call 704-696-9000 803-457-7272.



Polk May Become State, National Model With OBE

In a country scrambling for educational answers, there are some real rewards that come with being ahead of the times.

Polk County's school merger, construction of a new high school and commitment to reshaping its curriculum has made it a top contender in a North Carolina Outcome Based Education grant program.

The state plans to establish pilot program sites for five years, providing \$500 per teacher per year for staff development, an amount which would equal roughly \$89,000 in Polk County.

Recognition of Polk County's efforts may reach far beyond the state's borders. Educators have for some time been aware that the Outcome Based Education curriculum they were designing is very nearly a perfect match with the goals of the America 2000 program.

Polk County Board of Commissioners chairman Jeannie Martin attended a meeting with the governor in Asheville Wednesday where western

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