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The weather Tuesday, high 59, low 47, hum. 65 percent, and .01 inches of rain fell.

What's happening:

The Columbus Merchants Association meets tonight at 7 p.m. at McDonalds.

Registration for children who will be entering kindergarten next fall will be held tomorrow at Sunny View School.

A Festival of Flight will be held in Green Creek Saturday on the grounds of Green Creek Elementary School. Among the day's performers will be "Lazy Boy and the Recliners", a family band made up of Claude, Zeke and Jacob Graves.

The Foothills Humane Society Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the shelter. Festivities will run from 2 to 4 p.m. The shelter is located on Little Mountain Road between Hwy. 14 and Peniel Road. For more information, call 863-4444.

The Polk County Board of Education meets Monday, April 13 at 6:30 in the Stearns Education Center board room.

Registration for children who will be entering kindergarten next fall will be held April 14 at

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## Mill Spring Program Attracts Attention

In the spring of 1990, Mill Spring Accelerated School was designated as one of North Carolina's six official "Learning Labs" by the North Carolina Association of Educators.

Since then, Principal Rick Howell has received a steady stream of requests from educators around the state wanting to visit his school.

The pace has quickened during the past few months, reports Howell, and in spite of the fact that Mill Spring Accelerated School will close in two months, the faculty is more optimistic than ever about the "accelerated learning" program which has brought the school such attention.

The concept of "accelerated learning," initiated by Stanford University and first tried in California, begins with a school vision developed by the faculty.

The "vision" to which each teacher at Mill Spring subscribes is that every student will be at least up to grade level in all subject areas by graduation from sixth grade, with a high degree of self-esteem and intellectual curiosity.

To accomplish this vision, the school faculty, aided by grants from local industry, has converted its reading program from basal readers to literature. Students work cooperatively in groups but are not segregated by ability. They tutor their peers, individually and by

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## A Crumbling Dream?

A Spartanburg couple contracted for a custom designed house to be built near Columbus, and construction began last August. Today work has stopped with the house just 35% complete, and the couple and builder are filing counter suits in Polk County courts to determine who is responsible and who will pay. The builder points out that the house passed inspection, and reportedly exceeds minimum state code standards. He says he wants to fix any problems. The couple and their private inspectors say the house is a total loss. They point to problems such as the deck pier pictured above perched precariously next to a hole underneath the house. Reporter Reen Smith files the first of three stories on this situation inside today's *Bulletin*.