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The weather Thursday, high 85, low 54, hum. 35 percent.

What's happening:

The Foothills Humane Society board will meet at 4 p.m. today at NationsBank in Tryon.

The Polk County Board of Commissioners meets today at 3 p.m. in the courthouse annex.

The Tryon Town Council meets tonight at 6:30 for a public hearing on changes to its zoning ordinance to create a new zoning district in which mobile homes will be allowed on a conditional basis. The regular monthly meeting will follow.

The Tryon Merchants Association will meet Tuesday at 5 p.m. at The Village Restaurant. The members will finalize plans for the May Fest '92. Interested merchants are invited to join.

The Carolina Foothills chapter of the World Federalist Association will host a flag raising ceremony Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Isothermal Community College.

Rabies clinics will be held all over Polk County Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. at four locations, Bonnie Brae Veterinary Hospital, Green Creek School, Saluda School, and Sunny View

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Phillips Campaigns For N.C. Supt.'s Job In Columbus Fri.

Owen Phillips brought his campaign for the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction to Democratic Headquarters in Columbus early Friday morning.

Phillips, currently on leave from his post as superintendent of High Point Public Schools, said he wants to bring a professional's experience to the office.

"What we have now is a former hardware store owner," Phillips said of State Supt. Bobby Etheridge. "While there is nothing wrong with that occupation, what we need is a professional at the helm of our profession."

Phillips was being hosted on his Western N.C. campaign tour by Polk County Supt. James Causby, who endorsed him in introductory remarks Friday.

Phillips said he and Causby both supported Etheridge during the last campaign, believing his legislative powers would be good for the schools.

But both men have become disenchanted with the former legislator's handling of educational matters, he said. Phillips said Etheridge is pursuing the "Three R's - Rules, Regulations and Restrictions."

The bureaucracy at the state level is too self-serving and too little concerned with children's education, Phillips said. He cited as an example the fact that

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Tool Judging Team First In District

The Polk Central FFA Tool Judging Team placed first in the Mountain View Federation Tool Judging Contest at Isothermal Community College in Spindale and will participate in the State Tool Judging contest in June in Raleigh. From left to right: Clay Hardin, 10th grade; Brant Edwards, 9th grade; Seth Bailey, 10th grade and Jeremy Waldrop, 9th grade. Waldrop was Individual High Scorer with a perfect score of 100. Vocational Agriculture teacher Richard Smith is the team's FFA advisor.

Pacolet Area Conservancy Meets

The Pacolet Area Conservancy will hold its second annual membership meeting on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Stearns School Auditorium. This meeting is for all persons interested in the conservation and preservation of our natural areas.

The featured speaker for this meeting will be Patrick Morgan of the Nature Conservancy.

Mr. Morgan will be speaking on Conservation efforts along the Blue Ridge escarpment.

Everyone is asked to please enter the building on the end closest to Hardee's (on the left-hand side facing the building). Refreshments will be served in Stearns Park prior to and after the meeting.

-Community Reporter