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The weather Thursday, high 82, low 48, hum. 42 percent. A perfect day. Some friends just returned from upstate New York say you still need your winter coat up there!

What's happening:

Polk County Democratic Women will meet at Democrat headquarters in Columbus tonight at 7:30. The speaker will be Judge Tom Hix.

There will be a Picnic in the Park tomorrow at Greene Corner. The Lanier Library is sponsoring an informal program of poetry and prose readings and music.

The American Association of University Women will hold its third annual Dessert-Card Party Thursday from 12:30 to 5 p.m. at the Tryon Youth Center. To make reservations, call Nancy Worsnop at 894-2741.

The Tryon Merchants Association will sponsor a May Fest celebration in downtown Tryon Friday. Activities begin at 1 p.m.

The Tryon Little Theater will present *The Diary of Anne Frank* Thursday through Sunday. Tickets are on sale.

Registration for children who will be entering kindergarten

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Conservancy Thanks Warren Before Move For A Job Well Done

Over 80 enthusiastic conservationists gathered April 21 for the 2nd annual meeting of the Pacolet Area Conservancy.

Allen A. Slater, a founder and the board president, greeted the group and then introduced PAC Executive Director Melissa Warren, who presented the featured speaker, Patrick Morgan of the Nature Conservancy, South Carolina Chapter.

Morgan showed excellent color slides surveying the current work in the Blue Ridge done by his organization.

A VCR tape summarized the role land trusts play throughout the country in preserving open space and natural areas.

In conclusion, Warren gave the membership a review of the local organizations accomplishments during this past year. She reviewed the progress that has already been made in gathering an inventory of "Treasured Trees" throughout this area. She stressed that their is an ongoing need for volunteers to survey scenic views and vistas and continue the important work on the Stream Watch.

With the announcement that Melissa Warren and her husband, Dave, will be moving to Shreveport, La. Slater expressed the group's appreciation of Melissa for her great assistance and assured her that she would be greatly missed.

-Community Reporter



The Ashgrove Garland Dancers from Asheville

Garland Dancers To Perform For May Fest

The Ashgrove Garland Dancers from Asheville will help Tryon celebrate May Fest Friday at 7 p.m.

The May Fest celebration being sponsored by the Tryon Merchants Association will begin at 1 p.m. Friday.

The Ashgrove Garland Dancers formed in October 1983 and has appeared at the Dogwood Arts Festival in Knoxville, Tenn., the Renaissance Festival in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Belle Chere and Southern Highlands Handicraft Guild Fair in Asheville, and the American Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. for the 75th Anniversary of the Country Dance and Song Society of America.

Garland dancing, performed at

celebrations, festivals, and other social functions, is a traditional ritual dance from Great Britain. Dances are performed with garlands of fresh greenery decorated with seasonal flowers. First popular during the Industrial Revolution in England where both men and women participate in the dance. Here, in the United States, most garland dance teams are composed of women.

Dances to be performed in Tryon include a longsword dance, and English country dance, and a Stave dance. Stave dances were traditionally performed by members of Friendly Societies which were benevolent organizations who helped people in times of need. The

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