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The weather Monday, high 74, low 57, hum. 50 percent.

"Nobody try anything or there will be casualties!" The woman began to scream in terror.
"Shut up!" the hijacker said.
"Shut up or I'll kill you!"

In a panic the woman stood up and began to run. The hijacker turned and shot her in the leg. Ryan felt sick. The man walked over to the wounded woman. "You shouldn't have done that," the man said, grabbing her by the arm and pulling her over to the exit. The hijacker pushed a button and the door slid open. Ryan saw the ground passing by at great speed. The hijacker yanked the woman and tried to throw her out. She grabbed the railing and held on with all her strength.

Ryan's thoughts were racing. He knew that if anyone went out that door he would not survive, but he also knew he had to try to save the woman and the others. He reasoned that losing two lives was better than losing possibly 90 to 100. Ryan had the perfect angle. He took a deep breath, put his head down and charged. A bullet hit him in the shoulder, but it didn't stop him. Ryan wrapped his arms

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Story Caravan At Landrum Library

The Landrum Branch Library will have a special treat on Thurs., June 4. During our regular Storyhour time the Story Caravan of the Spartanburg County Library system will make a visit to the Landrum Library. Preschoolers will enjoy Storyhour in the van beginning at 10 a.m.

We hope you will enjoy this

special story time with us.
"Read, discover and explore South Carolina" is the theme for the Summer Reading Club which started June 1st and continues until July 30 at the Landrum Branch Library. Boys and girls of all ages may sign up and receive a South Carolina pencil and a book bag, as long as supplies last. Each week a prize will be given away to a lucky person who has read at least one book.

Come, sign up and get a list of all the summer activities at the

Parents may read to young children who wish to join the Summer Reading Club. Call 457-2218 for further informa-

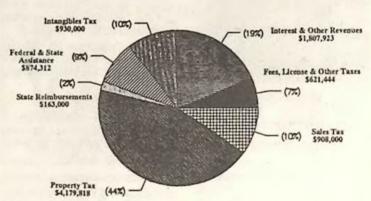
-Community Reporter

Final Edition

Polk Central and Tryon High Schools both have extra copies of their final edition yearbooks. If you would like one please call the school office by Friday, June 5th.

-Community Reporter

Polk County Revenue Fiscal Year 1992-1993 \$9,484,497



Revenues Grow Budget, No Tax Increase

Budgeting is a lot easier when you have a major new property taxpayer on the rolls.

Add to that increased expectations for sales and intangibles taxes, and County Manager John Lewis found he was able to budget several new projects without asking for tax increase

Polk County's \$7.79 million 1992-93 general fund budget, handed to the county commissioners Monday night, will go to public hearing next Mon-day, June 8 at 7:30 in the county courthouse.

Lewis has asked for a 8.99 percent general fund increase of \$643,398, for a total general fund budget of \$7,796,407.

Much of that increase is state and federal money, grants and fees which pass through Polk's budget, rather than money

from local property taxes.

In addition, the property tax burden this year is being spread out. Local property taxes provide 44 percent of the proposed budget, or \$4,179,818.

Revenues

The Polk County tax base, which normally grows about \$10 million each year due to new construction, renovation, and land splits, grew an estimated \$20 million last year, according to tax supervisor Clarence Wilson.

The Polk tax base went from \$610 million (it was estimated at \$595 million at budget time) last year, to an estimated \$630 million this year, Wilson said.

Most of that increase is due to Tryon Estates, which jumped from an assessed value of less

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