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The weather Monday, high 85, low 64, hum. 70 percent.

What's happening:

A special program on skin care for the sick and disabled will be presented today from 3:30 to 5:30 by St. Luke's Hospital. The meeting will take place at Isothermal Community College. For more information, call 894-3311, ext. 3230.

The Polk County Paddlers June trip will be to the New River on June 19, 20 and 21. Reservations for accommodations or canoes can be made by calling the New River Campground at 919-372-8793.

The Newcomers Groups will meet Friday, June 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Coldwell Banker Conference Room. For more information call 894-2399 or 457-2984.

On Saturday, June 20, the Friendship Council will hold its 7th annual summer picnic. The festivities will begin at 4:30 p.m. at Roseland Community Center. For more information, call Louise Payton, 859-5203, or Katherine Canady, 859-6504.

The Tryon High School Class of '72 will hold its 20th Class Reunion on Saturday, June 20,
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Curfew For Minors Begins Tonight

Tryon youth 16 and under must be off the streets by 11 p.m. tonight under a curfew ordinance passed Monday night by Tryon Town Council.

The ordinance was enacted in an attempt to solve some of the recent problems of vandalism, loitering, littering and other complaints stemming from activity in the bar area on Trade Street.

A standing-room-only crowd was on hand Monday for a session of public input pertaining to a combination of complaints of a youth "gang" (the Posse) and bar crowd conduct.

Recent acts of vandalism, broken car windows, slashed tires, and a drive-by shooting were contributed to the "Posse." However, residents and Trade Street business owners contend that beer bottle litter, public urinating, loud profanity, and couples "making out" on cars are bar crowd related.

Council member Warren Carson was quick to point out that the curfew only addresses youth ages up to 16. The youth causing problems are probably more in the 17 to early 20's age range, he pointed out. Ellis Fincher added that the bar crowd represents the 25-30 age range.

"We're talking about three ages of people and we're only addressing one," Carson commented.

The curfew ordinance, based
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Wins State Vocational Award

Elizabeth Whaley, an eighth grader at Saluda School, won first place in the category of "Personal Services" on May 8-9 at the 17th Annual Leadership Conference, sponsored in Greensboro by the Career Exploration Clubs of North Carolina. Above, with Saluda Vocational Education teacher Evangelena Barber, she displays her trophy.

To Meet

There will be a working meeting of the Saluda City Council for the 1992-93 budget on June 22, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room above City Hall.

There will be a meeting on June 29, at 7:30 p.m. to adopt the budget.

Only Citizens, Not Town, Can Repeal ABC Laws

Tryon Town Council has no authority to, and wouldn't even if it could, rescind Tryon's ABC laws.

Only by referendum can the ABC laws of any area be changed, and that referendum can come about either by a petition of 35% of the voting population or at the request of the Town Council due to controversy.

"The change does not come from the council, but from the people," Tryon Manager Matthew Dolge emphasized at a standing-room-only gathering at Town Hall Monday night.

In an attempt to gather public input into ways to control continued problems in the downtown Tryon area, Tryon Town Council invited the public to comment on solutions to a growing problem of violence and crude public behavior in a two-block area of Trade Street. The area in question includes a public bar, Preston's, a private club, Country Cork, a pizza parlor which serves beer, Sidestreet Pizza and the Tryon Movie Theatre, which serves beer only in the balcony area. In addition, a yet-to-be-opened Deli in the Trade Street Mall has received a license to sell malt beverages.

Monday night pitted local bar owners and their patrons against other area business owners and residents tired of the "bar
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