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The weather Thursday, high 80, low 64, hum. 65 percent.

What's happening:

The men's organizational meeting at Tryon Country Club will be held today at 3 p.m.

The next Business After Hours will be held June 25th at 6 p.m. at FENCE. These events are for Tryon Thermal Belt Chamber of Commerce members.

The Polk County Public Library and Friends of the Library are hosting a Bookmobile Open House Saturday, June 27 from 1-3 p.m. The public is invited. The bookmobile is expected to begin service in July.

The FENCE Flea Market will open its gates at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, June 27. Admission is free. This is one you won't want to miss.

The Polk County Jaycees 18th Annual Car Show will be held June 28 at Harmon Field. General admission is \$2 at the gate. Registration opens at 9 a.m. and trophies will be awarded at 3:30 p.m.

Looking ahead, there will be a public hearing June 29 at 9 a.m. at Columbus Town Hall to

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JOBS Training Program Offers More Than Check

For the past year and a half, a program has been in place in Polk County that offers welfare recipients a chance to break the cycle of welfare dependence.

Many people believe that the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) Training Program, has the potential to completely revamp the nation's approach to public assistance. What makes the JOBS Training Program unique is that it puts the emphasis on education, job training and employability skills rather than a monthly check.

Here in Polk County, recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) have been evaluated since 1990 to determine who is eligible to participate in the JOBS Training Program. Unless AFDC recipients qualify for an exemption, they are now mandated by federal law to participate in the program. If not, they lose that portion of their welfare checks earmarked for them, but not that which is for their children.

According to Polk County Coordinator Barbara Kimbrell, the JOBS Training Program is a multi-faceted one that takes a holistic approach. Lifestyle and family situations are taken into account while screening potential participants during home visits. For example, if a

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Della H. Jackson

WNCT Honors Della Jackson

Della H. Jackson of Stony Knoll Community in Polk County was chosen over nominees from the 17 westernmost N.C. counties to receive Western North Carolina Tomorrow's Award to one special woman - the annual Distinguished Women's Contribution Award.

This goes to the woman whose personal influence and hard work has most enlightened her community to the possibilities of getting on in life successfully.

Mrs. Jackson organized Stony Knoll Library in 1937 and has been its guiding light ever since. The library, a boot-strap organization with no government funding, now has a community center and conference room, a playground and an historical museum.

Over the years, this lady has

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Eubanks Moved To Newly Created Administrative Spot

Gerald Eubanks has been removed as principal of Polk County High School and placed in a newly created administrative position, following surprise action by the Polk County Board of Education in Thursday night's specially called meeting.

Upon recommendation by Supt. James Causby, Eubanks was unanimously appointed Director of Assessment and Special Programs, leaving the principalship of the new high school open. The Polk County Schools are seeking applications for that position now.

"I'm disappointed that I'm not going to be the principal of the new high school," Eubanks said Friday morning. "I have looked forward to that position. But I have been moved, and I will attack this new position with the same vigor and enthusiasm I have met any job in education."

The new position, Director of Assessment and Special Programs, is truly needed, Eubanks pointed out. Right now there is an overload of work on administrative personnel at Stearns, he said. Polk County has one half the number of secretaries and administrators than any other similar size school system in the state, he added.

"This will be a more equitable distribution of jobs," Eubanks said.

Eubanks will basically take

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