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Weather Friday: high 66, low 52, hum. 72%; Saturday: high 73, low 53, hum. 54%; Sunday: high 79, low 55, hum. 75%.

Robert Polhill was freed Sunday by pro-Iranian Shiite Moslem militants in Beirut after 1,182 days as a hostage and he said his anger kept him alive. He was the first American hostage to be released in nearly 3½ years.

Out of town papers gave a lots of favorable publicity on the Block House Steeplechase held Saturday at FENCE. The articles discussed the social aspects as well as the results of the races.

Environmentalists and others used the weekend celebration of Earth Day's 20th anniversary to call for changes in economics, politics and personal values to protect our water, air and land.

Lilly Mosseller of Tryon received honorable mention for the 1990 Essay Contest, open to Isothermal students. The winners will be recognized at Isothermal's Awards Day set for May 17 in the Library auditorium. Her essay was "Bill: A Man To Be Remembered."

Bill Holcomb of Tryon was elected chairman of the Polk County Democrats Saturday at

Pre-School Registration Dates

Kindergarten registration and free health screening have been successfully completed at Tryon Elementary, Mill Spring and Saluda Schools.

On Friday, April 27, kindergarten registration and screening will take place at Sunny View Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

On Wednesday, May 2, kindergarten registration and screening will take place at Green Creek Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. — Reporter

S.N.A.P. Deadline Now May 4

The deadline for applying for S.N.A.P., the Summer Nursing Awareness Program for eighth-graders being held July 8-13 at USCS, has been extended until May 4. The extension has been granted because of a delay in the applications reaching local school counselors.

St. Luke's Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary are offering four scholarships to the week-long program believing that it offers an excellent opportunity to introduce local young people to possible nursing careers in an educational yet recreational atmosphere.

Interested students should contact their school counselors. For further information, contact Mrs. Joseph F. Hughes, Auxiliary Scholarship Chairman, 894-3837

Polk County Wolverines In First Place

Polk County Wolverines have taken the lead following the winter sports season in Wachovia Trophy competition in the Appalachian 1-A Conference.

Polk County earned 14.5 points, paced by first-place finishes in boys' basketball and wrestling and a tie for first in girls' basketball for an overall total of 26.5 points.

Hendersonville is second with 23 total points. Edneyville is third with 16 points, followed by Rosman with 15.

The Wachovia Trophy recognizes high schools that have the best overall sports program for boys and girls within their conferences. Points are awarded based on participation and excellence and are tallied after the fall, winter and spring sports seasons.

The Wachovia Trophy, sponsored by Wachovia Bank and Trust, is the companion to the Wachovia Cup, which is sanctioned by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. The Cup honors one school each in 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A classification for top overall performances in the state.

Revival Services

Here's Hope Revival Services will be held each night at Coopers Gap Baptist Church, April 22nd through April 29th, special singing begins each night at 7:20 p.m. Rev. Hubert Street, pastor, will be bringing the messages.

Sam's Junk Cars Cause Controversy

Two junk cars parked on Sam Searcy's property on Hwy. 108 across from St. Luke's Hospital, behind a sign reading "Sam's Junk Yard Coming Soon," greeted out of town guests for the 44th running of the Block House Steeplechase last weekend.

Much of the hillside conversation at FENCE Saturday was speculation about the controversial cars and their hidden meaning. Is this a joke? Or is a junk yard coming on one of Polk County's main entrances?

Vivian Searcy, who along with her husband owns Searcy Yarn Co. on Hammett St. in Columbus, said Monday that she would have no comment about the sign and junk cars. Her husband was unavailable.

The Searcy property adjoins another controversial parcel, property recently purchased by Bill Wakefield, who plans to relocate his TLC Chevrolet/GEO dealership there.

Three residents of Beechwood have sued the Town of Columbus for rezoning that property from residential to highway commercial. Though that suit was thrown out of court, the three residents have appealed the judging's ruling.

Unlike Wakefield's property, Searcy's property lies outside the town limits and is not subject to any zoning ordinances.

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