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The weekend weather: Friday, high 92, low 63, hum. 76 percent; Saturday: high 96, low 65, hum. 50 percent, precipitation .23 inches; Sunday, high 96, low 72, hum. 78 percent.

The precipitation for June, if you hadn't guessed, was way off the average of 5.67 inches. Only 1.48 inches of rain fell.

The rainfall for the year is still 4.24 inches above the average. So far this year 39.04 inches has fallen, compared to an average of 34.8.

Julia Wheeler returned to her home on Lyncourt Circle in Tryon at 10 p.m. Sunday night with her daughter, Samantha, and a friend, Greg Marrs.

All three were getting out of their car, arms loaded when something startled them — a cooperhead snake, reared back ready to strike.

"He didn't have much interest in running away," Julia Wheeler said. "He was more interested in striking."

They turned back on the car lights and Greg, who is visiting from New York City, used a box to capture the snake. He carried it deep into nearby woods and released it.

Julia said she treads lightly

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McCall Wins Shooting Silver

Robin McCall of Tryon won a silver medal in the women's standard rifle prone open competition at the U. S. international Shooting Championships in Chino, Calif. last week.

McCall won the silver, beating out two former Olympian shooters and finishing just one point behind the leader.

She also won the title of Junior National Champion.

McCall is one of 24 rifle shooters selected to compete at the U.S. Olympic Festival from July 7 — 9 in Minneapolis-St. Paul.

McCall will be competing on the East Squad. All 13 Olympic shooting events will be staged at the Festival.

Searcy Reunion

Sunday, July 8th the descendants of Elijah and Rebecca Ann Pack Searcy will hold their annual family reunion at the Sunny View Community House. Registration at 12 noon. Lunch at 1 p.m. Followed by a business meeting. — Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Troxler of Stuart, Florida, formerly of Tryon, had their son, Sam W. Troxler of Anchorage, Alaska and 2 granddaughters, Anne and Katie Troxler of Sioux Falls, South Dakota for a visit recently.

Foundation Sends Nancy To Russia



Nancy Wilson's sixth graders, next school year, will enjoy an early orientation to glosnost and onion-domed cathedrals, and many other aspects of life in the Soviet Union.

"Especially", says their teacher, "I will make my students aware of the momentous changes that are taking place in that huge country."

Nancy, who teaches at Green Creek Elementary, is the recipient of a Slater Award to Promote Excellence in Teaching, provided by the Polk County Community Foundation.

Her proposed project, as described to The Foundation's Education Committee in April of 1989, was to accompany a group of North Carolina teachers on a trip to Russia, organized by the

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County Manager To Move On

Polk county Manager Steven D. Wyatt has resigned. His last day will be July 27.

Wyatt has accepted the position of assistant to Catawba County Manager Tom Lundy.

"It's a career move for me, no doubt," Wyatt said. His salary will be \$49,600 to start, with a review after six months which could add another seven percent to that. He was paid \$31,000 by Polk County.

Wyatt said Lundy is probably the only county manager he would have agreed to serve as an assistant. Lundy is past president of the National Association of County Administrators, and currently serves as president of the N.C. Association of City and County Managers.

"They had 160 people apply," Wyatt said. He was not among the applicants, but Lundy approached him at a recent conference in Wilmington.

Wyatt agreed to consider the position, and sat through a 5-and-a-half-hour interview in which he took a written test and was grilled by a couple of panels.

His new position will involve directing several Catawba County departments, including EMS, animal control, legal services, tax administration, budget and finances, library and agricultural extension services.

Wyatt said he is already putting out the word among other professional managers in the state to an effort to help recruit a

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