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The weekend weather: Friday, high 89, low 66, hum. 65 percent; Saturday, high 92, low 68, hum. 78 percent; Sunday high 94, low 67, hum. 65 percent.

The Landrum Town Council will meet to night at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Tomorrow is your curbside recycling day in Tryon if you live on one of the following streets: Academy, Cherry, Dogwood, Doubleday, Embury, Forest, Harrell, Hidden Hill, Hillside, Hogback, Howard, Lanier, Laurel (Avenue and Drive), Lockhart, Lynn, Marion, Melrose, Porter, Power, Rector, School (Place and Street), Trade Street North and Wilcox.

Elton Cochran, a Polk County furniture maker, was quoted in Sunday's Charlotte Observer story about U. S. Senate candidate Harvey Gantt's trip through western North Carolina.

Cochran predicted Gantt "has a better chance than anybody ever had" to beat incumbent Sen. Jesse Helms.

Aides to President Bush were complaining in news reports over the weekend about the appearance of the president answering questions about Americans held hostage in Iraq

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Tutoring Elementary School Children

You probably read enough about the school budget; this letter is about education, not money. This letter is about volunteers as tutors.

Earlier this year, under the auspices of the Thermal Belt Friendship Council, a group of dedicated volunteers started tutoring some 20 students from the Tryon Elementary school on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at the Roseland Community Center. The result was a marked improvement in scores and class work which was very gratifying to the tutors, the students and the teachers

Dr. Edward Lakey, the new principal, is interested in expanding our program and has invited us to come into the school. In this way the tutors will have good facilities and and materials and the benefit of being able to consult with teachers about the children's special needs and the work to be done. Children in the first through fifth grades would be available in the mornings and sixth through eighth grades in the afternoons.

If you are concerned with education here is your chance to do something about it. We could use at least 20 more tutors who would be prepared to give an hour's time twice a week to help keep a child from failure and help to develop her or his potential.

For more information please call me at 859-9819. — Peter Hahn

Polk County Teacher Visits Soviet Union



"What was described to me as an urban camping trip proved to be much more," said Nancy Z. Wilson, 6th grade teacher at Green Creek Elementary.

Nancy was selected to be part of a team of teachers that traveled to the Soviet Union in July to help up-date the N.C. school curriculum. "The changes are happening so quickly, it has made even our newest text material out-dated," Mrs. Wilson stated.

The team of thirty began their journey in Moscow, then traveled to Tblisi, Georgia, Leningrad, and finally Tallinn, Estonia. "One can see the housing shortages at crisis proportions especially in Moscow," Nancy said. "Everyone there is trying to find a flat. The people are in a

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Prizes At Next Bloodmobile

Jim Jackson, chairman of the Polk County Chapter of the American Red Cross, announced that there will be a prize drawing at the next Bloodmobile Monday, August 27, at the Parish House of the Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Tryon. Bloodmobile hours are 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

All blood donors will be entered in the prize drawing. There will be three prizes: Sunday lunch at Lake Lanier Tea House; Dinner at Caro-Mi Restaurant, and Lunch at George's Restaurant.

Jim Jackson said that the Red Cross is very grateful to the three restaurants for donating the prizes. "The demand for blood is greater during the summer months," he said. "We hope that the prizes will help attract a record turnout for our Bloodmobile on August 27."

Jean Stratford, executive Director of the Polk County chapter, pointed out that residents of Polk County who use blood in a hospital outside of Polk County should contact the Polk County Chapter of the American Red Cross so that arrangements can be made to replace the blood. "In order to make these replacements, we need lots of donors at our Bloodmobiles" she said.

Republicans are planning to gather for their annual picnic feast Saturday, Sept. 1st at Harmon Field. For reservations, call 859-9810.