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The weather Thursday: high 75, low 57, hum. 68 percent, and by 7 a.m. Friday, .18 inches of rain had fallen.

Here's some of what's up this week:

The Tryon Community Chorus 1991 Spring Concert tickets are on sale. Proceeds from the three performances - Friday, May 17, Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19 - go to the Rotary Scholarship Fund.

The Tryon Town Council meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. A crowd is expected to turn out for a public hearing on the proposed trash collection fee schedule.

The Polk County Board of Education meets tonight at 6:30 in the Stearns Board Room.

The Landrum Town Council meets Tuesday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

The Tryon Thermal Belt Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will be held Tuesday, May 14 at The Oaks Bed and Breakfast Inn in Saluda from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Thermal Belt Friendship Council meets Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Roseland Community Center.

The 19th Annual Tryon Pres-
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NC 74 Contract To Be Awarded

Work may begin as soon as May 27 on the final stretch of N.C. 74, the planned Charlotte-to-Asheville highway cutting through the heart of Polk County.

The N.C. Transportation Board was meeting last week and was expected to award the contract for grading and structures of a 6.35-mile section.

That section stretches from Beulah, located southeast of Mill Spring on Hwy. 9, to the Broad River in Rutherford County.

Bids were opened April 16, and H.B. Rowe Construction Co. of Mt. Airy, N.C. was the low bidder at \$13.8 million.

Division Construction Engineer Leon Price said Friday that it would be very unusual for the contract to be awarded to anyone other than the low bidder.

The contract calls for a completion date of June 1, 1993. At that time, Price said a paving contract will be let and the road should be open for use by the summer of 1995.

Paving is underway now on the section of NC 74 from Mill Spring to Beulah. That work is projected for completion by the summer of 1992.

Once the Beulah to Broad River section is open in 1995, NC 74 will be complete from Asheville to Charlotte.

White Oak Celebrates

National Nursing Home Week began Mother's Day and will be observed all week at White Oak Terrace in Tryon.

White Oak residents began their celebrations early by participating in the Golden Games at Flat Rock Jr. High School. Participants came from Autumn Care of Saluda and six other Henderson County nursing homes.

Today, at White Oak, it is Farmer's Day. At 9:30 a.m. residents will be making biscuits and Edith Thompson will be churning butter.

At 1:30 p.m., Jerry Atwood, owner of Years Ago Antiques, will be displaying antiques. At 2:30, the Crabgrass Band will be playing country and gospel music on the patio.

At 3 p.m., Bill Davis will bring cows for residents and staff to milk.

Tuesday will be a Day of Fantasy. Jack Roper of WSPA-TV 7 will be performing a magic show at 10 a.m. From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Jackie Kemp's Joy Unlimited Puppets will be giving a puppet show.

Residents will dress in a favorite costume.

White Oak activities director Joyce Hipp invites the community to come join in the fun all week long.

-Community Reporter

Bloodmobile Over Goal

Sixty-seven people turned out to donate 63 units of blood at the Red Cross Bloodmobile held May 6 at the Parish House of Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Tryon. The goal was 60 units of blood.

Jean Stratford, executive director of the Polk County chapter of the American Red Cross reports that in the 33 hospitals served by the Asheville Regional Blood Services, an average of 200 units of blood products are being used daily. She thanked all who came to donate blood at the May 6 Tryon Bloodmobile.

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Mize Brothers Speak to Lions

The Mize Brothers, Joe and John, are fast gaining recognition as proprietors of one of the largest and most successful agricultural enterprises in Polk County in recent years. This venture will be the subject of the program for the regular meeting of the Tryon Lions Club this Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. at the Western Steer in Columbus. Their presentation will include slides of this 50 acre tree farm with its tree inventory in excess of 30,000 trees and its system of trickle irrigation.

Jim Bodie is in charge of the program.

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