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The weekend weather: Friday, high 78, low 49, hum. 65 percent; Saturday, high 81, low 50, hum. 60 percent; Sunday, high 85, low 54, hum. 50 percent.

The North Carolina Association of Realtors has launched a statewide campaign to defeat real estate transfer tax measures under consideration now in the General Assembly.

As of Friday, June 7, the association reports that legislation to enact a 1 percent statewide real estate transfer tax appears to be headed for defeat.

"However, we are concerned about numerous county (local option) bills that are still pending," the association reported.

Rep. Edith Lutz has introduced one of those local bills on behalf of Polk County.

Polk County Board of Commissioners chairman Jeannie Martin says that, if passed, a 1 percent transfer tax for Polk County could offset the need to raise property taxes in the future when major needs arise, such as meeting the environmental mandates now being discussed.

The association of Realtors, however, argues that a transfer tax is a poor way to raise reve-

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Red Cross Gallon Club Members

Jean Stratford, executive director of the Polk County Chapter of the American Red Cross, has announced names of blood donors who have joined Red Cross Gallon Clubs:

One Gallon Club: Carroll Felch and Michael Shehan of Landrum, and Tim Scoggins of Tryon.

Two Gallon Club: Elizabeth Hawkins of Landrum and Nancy R. Martin of Tryon.

Six Gallon Club: Henry Huntsinger of Mill Spring.

Seven Gallon Club: Coy Painter of Columbus.

Eight Gallon Club: Geoffrey Balkam of Columbus.

The next Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Parish House of Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Tryon on Monday, August 26.

—Community Reporter

Folk Art Meeting

Andrew Glasgow, Curator for the Southern Highland Handicraft Guild at the Folk Art Center, will speak and show slides about folk art at the June meeting of the Arts League of Henderson County at the Opportunity House, 1411 Asheville Highway, Hendersonville, on Wednesday, June 19 at 1:45 p.m. Refreshments will be served. It is free and the public is invited.

—Community Reporter



Foy Is LHS Valedictorian

Teena Marie Foy was graduated from Landrum High School on May 31 with highest honors, being chosen as valedictorian of the class of 1991. Awards presented to Teena at graduation and at an earlier Senior Awards night are as follows: the Phi Beta Kappa Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, District One Board of Trustees 90-90 Award, Landrum Masonic Lodge #278 Social Studies Award, and the Joshua Hawkins Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution "Good Citizen Award."

Teena was also presented with a certificate of scholarship designating her as a Clemson-Landrum Scholar. Special recognition was also awarded to Teena for being part of the Cryovac "Top Ten," perfect

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New Arrival

Kyle and Lisa Pack of Rt. 1 Union Mills are parents of a daughter, Kayla Renee, born June 6 at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville. She weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz.

The paternal grandparents are Ted and Jean Pack of Mill Spring. The maternal grandparents are Fred and Revonda Siegfried of Sunny View.

Rosmini Sculpture At Polk Library

Wood sculpture by local artist John Rosmini will be exhibited in and near the library's display case during June and July.

The titled abstract assemblages are constructed from surplus wooden pieces from a commercial woodwork firm where Rosmini was once employed. Rosmini said, "These were pieces of walnut in all sizes and shapes that I took home and formed and assembled into abstract forms. It was something I did at my leisure, letting the forms take shape as I envisioned them while working with the wood."

Rosmini, a nationally recognized artist, works in a variety of media and modes. His works are in numerous collections and have been shown in major galleries, including the Metropolitan Museum and the Museum of Modern Art in New York, The National Gallery in Washington, and the Smithsonian Institute in Zurich, Switzerland.

—Community Reporter