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The weather Friday, high 84, low 72, hum. 68 percent, and by Thursday at 7 a.m. .06 inches of rain had fallen.

Tomorrow is Arthur Farwell Day in Polk County. Inside today's *Bulletin* you'll find a well-crafted interview with Arthur, written by Mary Ann Claud. Mary Ann signed the piece "community reporter", but this much work deserves recognition.

Claire Wharton has been working for a month or so to pull together the information for a series of stories on Medicare and the challenge it has created for the Thermal Belt medical community. The four part series begins today.

Hal Fisher of Lake Bowen, an employee at McFarland Funeral Chapel, will soon head to Colorado Springs to represent South Carolina in the National Beef Cook-Off. He could win \$10,000!

If you've been up and down Palmer Street recently, you may have noticed that Wes Sessoms is expanding Brock's Cleaners. A new roof is being put on a portion of his building, and he says expanded laundry and shirt laundry equipment will be

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Arthur Farwell Day

Saturday is Arthur Farwell Day in Polk County, a day for the everyone to take note of one man's many contributions to community life. Mary Ann Claud recently interviewed Farwell and the interesting conversation is featured inside today's *Bulletin*. In the picture, Arthur and Barbara Farwell are seen on the porch of their Hearstone Ridge home overlooking Tryon.

Hall Of Fame

Dina Smith McClure has been named to the Gardner-Webb College Athletics Hall of Fame.

She was inducted as the first representative of the women's basketball program during a ceremony Sept. 14.

McClure, the daughter of Judy Smith of Stotts Corner, is the all-time leading scorer with 2,031 points and ranks as the second all-time leading rebounder with 874.

She holds single game records for points scored (46), field goals attempted (39), free

throws attempted (19) and free throw percentage (100).

She holds single season records for free throws made (146) and free throws attempted (183). She played in the most games (94), and holds career records for field goals attempted (1,742), free throws attempted (594) and free throw percentage (76.9).

Since leaving Gardner-Webb, McClure has been coaching high school basketball. She began her career at Polk Central High School and is presently the Head Women's basketball coach at East Ruth-erford High School.

A DOCTOR
IN THE
HOUSE



Large Medicare Population Clouds Doctors' Finances

Today we present the first in a four-part series by Claire Wharton exploring the challenges facing the medical community in the Thermal Belt.

Since spring, two doctors have left the St. Luke's Hospital's medical staff. For financial reasons, both moved to areas with fewer over-65, Medicare patients.

More area doctors are expected to retire soon, which will further thin the ranks.

The Polk County Commission on Aging recently sounded a warning call, and urged people to protest "unfair" Medicare payments which doctors in this area must accept.

A key factor for retirees choosing this area in the first place is the 74-bed St. Luke's Hospital and its 21-doctor resident medical staff.

Like the commission, many area residents are worried that areas like Polk could face a medical crisis in the future.

The question is, given the finances of a heavily Medicare dependent practice, can the Thermal Belt continue to retain and recruit doctors?

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