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The weekend weather: Friday, high 74, low 51, hum. 68 percent; Saturday, high 77, low 42, hum. 60 percent; Sunday, high 81, low 44, hum. 64 percent. No rain. In fact, Robert Dedmond reports that there was less than one inch of rain during September.

Did you know that with just five visits to a doctor or health clinic, most children can be protected against eight diseases? County health officials recently conducted a campaign to make parents aware of the importance of getting vaccination shots for their children.

Nearly all school age children, 97.6 percent, are well immunized due to school requirements. The greatest threat is to preschoolers. A 1990 survey showed only half of North Carolina's two-year-olds had received the basic series of immunizations on time.

"All parents should check their children's shot records and get their child up to date immediately by having them vaccinated by their pediatrician, family physician, health department, or other health care provider, said county health

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Tryon Kiwanis Project Recognized

Following the tradition of its cooking class project, the Tryon Kiwanis Club's discount coupon project has recently received widespread recognition.

The project was featured as one of several innovative Young Children: Priority One major emphasis projects in the Carolina Kiwanian, a monthly paper covering club activities and events in both states. Soon after, club president Lee Cutting received a letter of commendation from Kiwanis International president Dr. W.J. Blechman of Miami, Fla.

The coupon project relies on public donated discount coupons from magazines and newspapers. Once collected by Kiwanians, these coupons are distributed through the Polk County Social Services office to county needy families consisting of Priority One age children (prenatal through age five). Hardly any cost is involved, with maximum benefit to these children.

The following community minded businesses provide collection boxes: McCall, McCall, and McCall dental office, G&K Appliance & Furniture, Walker Agency Real Estate, and The Tryon Daily Bulletin.

—Community Reporter

The Habitat for Humanity third annual auction will be held Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the former Years Ago Antiques building.

New Sign Ordinance To Ban Billboards; Three Hearings Set

New billboards will not be permitted in Polk County, and existing ones will have to come down by Jan. 1, 2000 if the sign ordinance being proposed is passed.

The Polk County Sign Ordinance Committee completed its work last week and has scheduled three public hearings on the proposed ordinance. The ordinance will only impact the unincorporated areas of the county.

Copies of the ordinance are available at the Polk County Library for review, or personal copies may be purchased from the county manager for \$2.50.

Hearings on the ordinance will be held Oct. 14 at Mill Spring School at 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 15 at Saluda School at 7:30 p.m.; and Oct. 17 at Isothermal Community College Polk Campus at 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meetings will be to inform interested people in Polk County of the basic provisions of the sign ordinance, said committee chairman Leo Baird. He said the ordinance will be presented to the county commissioners for approval before the end of the year.

In addition to regulating billboards, the ordinance will require permits for business signs, home and farm name

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Columbus Day Arts, Crafts Show

The third annual Columbus Day Arts and Crafts Show will be held this Saturday, Oct. 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Stearns Park in downtown Columbus.

Over 40 craftsmen and artists have signed up to offer their products for sale. The new Stearns Park is a perfect setting for this annual event in Columbus.

Columbus merchants will be holding a sidewalk sale at the same time with special prices on sale merchandise. The Polk County Library is having their Fall Book Sale in the garage behind the Library. At 11 a.m. in the Gazebo at Stearns Park there will be a dedication of Stearns Park with Columbus Mayor, Paul Smith, County Commissioner Jeannie Martin, along with other local dignitaries.

Starting at 1 p.m., also in the Gazebo, will be gospel singing with groups from the local area. From Columbus, the Friendship Gospel Singers; The Doug Cobb Singers from Lyman, S.C.; The Lambert Family from Whitmire, S.C.; The Corner Stones from Easley, S.C.; The Called Out Singers from Marietta, S.C.; The Gospel Foundations from Forest City, N.C.; The New Covenant Quartet from Mauldin, S.C., the Foundations from Cowpens, SC.

It looks to be a delightful morning and afternoon in Columbus. Everyone is invited to come out.