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The weather Wednesday, high 74, low 50, hum. 65 percent, and by 7 a.m. Thursday .08 inches of rain had fallen.

Have you ever noticed that when the engine knocks, the used car salesman will try to divert your attention to the beautiful paint job?

It was the same when the Surgeon General concluded that cigarette smoking causes lung cancer. The cigarette companies began arguing about smokers' "rights."

Well, it would appear this switch-the-subject syndrome is rearing its head again. Some people are characterizing the debate over Polk County sign ordinance as a "them" versus "us" issue.

This is just the unfortunate, latest example of this useless argument. Folks, there is no "them" and "us." It's all of "us" together in Polk County who must plot out a path to the future. If we're going to be at all successful in this new global economy, we must work at it together. Like it or not.

The fact is, those who rely on this outdated, divisive "don't let 'them' tell 'us' what to do" ploy secretly must realize that there

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Attention: Horse Owners

All horse owners and professional horsemen should be aware of a local horse testing positive for Equine Infectious Anemia. A special test, called the Coggins test, is the most accurate way to identify this equine disease.

Equine Infectious Anemia, or EIA, is an infectious viral disease characterized by a variety of symptoms related to anemia. Horses, ponies, mules and donkeys are the only known natural hosts. The disease is transmitted by the injection of infected blood. This can be done by blood sucking insects, primary horseflies and deerflies, contaminated hypodermic needles, and occasionally by dental floats and bridle bits. Unfortunately there is no known cure for this equine disease.

The local Cooperative Extension Staff, with the encouragement of a few local horse owners, contacted Dr. Tom McGinn and Dr. D. H. Crawford, veterinarians with North Carolina Department of Agriculture. Dr. McGinn suggests that all horse owners can put themselves at ease by giving each of their horse a Coggins test.

"There may be some horses in the area that may have been exposed to EIA. It would be a good idea to have each of your horses tested," said Dr. Tom McGinn, state veterinarian for

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PV2 Corley Shane Jackson

Graduates

PV2 Corley Shane Jackson has graduated as a Distinguished Honor Graduate at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He is presently completing AIT (Advanced Individual Training) at the Field Artillery Battery, Fort Sill. Shane is a 1990 graduate of Polk Central High School. He is the son of Benny G. Jackson of Green Creek and Mrs. Judy Peeler, also of Green Creek.

—Community Reporter

Football Tonight

The Polk County Wolverines will host their last game at Harmon Field tonight at 7:30. The Wolverines will play Robbinsville in the second round of the play-offs.

Special events are planned to honor the history and tradition of Harmon Field and the Eargle Stadium.

Buys Hilltop Home

Bob and Virginia Britt of Huntington Beach, California have purchased Paul Bristol's home on the edge of the Greenville Watershed in the Oak Grove Section. Virginia is a native born South Carolinian who for a time as a young girl resided in Landrum. Robert Britt is the Manufacturing Manager of Gold Band Building Products in Long Beach. Upon his retirement, within the next few years, he plans to bring his wife back to her beginnings.

The sale of the property was handled by Glenn Otto Mittelstadt of AM:Realty and it was listed by Janice Blackwell of ERA The Walker Agency and a Spartanburg area broker.

—Community Reporter

Poor Man's Supper

The Baptist Women of Midway Baptist Church, located on Hwy. 108, Columbus, are sponsoring a Poor Man's Supper and Singing, Sat., Nov. 23, at 6 p.m. The cost will be contributions only and the proceeds will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

The menu will be Beans, Slaw, Cabbage, Cornbread and Dessert. The Baptist Men's Organization will do the desserts and have a "bake-off".

The community is invited.

—Community Reporter