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*The pre-Christmas weather: Friday, high 50, low 17, hum. 40 percent; Saturday, high 59, low 33, hum. 55 percent; Sunday, high 67, low 40, hum. 55 percent.*

They were still turning people away at the Saluda School door Sunday for the last scheduled performance of *Cinderella*. The word had spread and parents, with children in tow, had flocked to the auditorium.

It was a great show, full of terrific music, and even actresses playing the evil stepsisters couldn't hide their real charm.

There is one more performance planned. The players will reassemble to put on the school for Polk County students on Friday, Jan. 3. The public is invited.

**What's Happening:**

The Heritage Chamber Players, a unique ensemble of French horn, strings and piano, will perform Friday, Jan. 3 at 3:30 at Isothermal Community College Polk campus. Tickets will be \$5 at the door.

Auditions for Tryon Little Theater's upcoming production of *Come Blow Your Horn* will

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## Don't Wait Until You Need It To Have A Health Directive

A patient with a Living Will can choose natural death rather than resuscitation by machines when death is imminent, but what if the machines are already in place?

What if the patient is in a vegetative state, as in the case of Karen Ann Quinlin?

The St. Luke's Hospital Board of Trustees learned the details of the Patient Self Determination Act which will be required of all health care facilities receiving Medicare supplements.

Pat Claypoole, Director of Nursing, told the trustees of the new requirement to provide information to all patients on Living Wills and other health care directives.

Now, health care facilities will ask each patient if he has a health care directive and if it applies to only "end of life" situations, Claypoole explained.

A Living Will is a declaration of the desire for a natural death, Claypoole said. The Living Will is protected under North Carolina State Law, but it only deals with end of life situations, she explained.

A Health Care Power of Attorney does not require an end-of-life situation and an agent can decide medical treatment, based on the directive the patient has given him in the

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Clay Hardin, Bob Worsnop  
(Photo by Allan Boas)

## 4-H Teen Club Receives Community Service Award

Bob Worsnop, Youth Chairman of the Tryon Kiwanis Club, presents the Polk County 4-H Service Award to Clay Hardin, President of the 4-H Teen Club, for the club's recycling and leadership activities.

—Community Reporter

## New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Green of Tryon announce the birth of a son, Richard "Dylan," born Dec. 18th at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. He weighed 5 lbs. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Green of Tryon and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Guynell Smith also of Tryon.

—Community Reporter

## St. Luke's Pension Plan To Be Improved

St. Luke's Hospital employees will benefit from a new pension plan accepted by the board of trustees Thursday.

The Trustees approved changing from a defined benefit pension plan to a defined contribution pension plan through the Lincoln National Insurance Co. effective March 1, 1992.

The hospital employees want a change in the pension plan, and this plan benefits the employees as well as the hospital in the long run, said Pension Committee chairman Bob Bielaski. He added that this is not the best plan in the world, but it is all the hospital can afford.

The current plan allows for little yearly increase and is based on all of an employee's working years, lowering the amount because of low payment 10 or more years ago, explained Wheeler, St. Luke's Human Resources Director. Now one third of the pension cost is going to administrative costs, he added.

In the past two years, 12 vested employees left the hospital and each took the lump sum due him rather than take the annuity payment, Wheeler pointed out.

The new defined contribution program gives more money to the employee, and less to administration, he said. The new plan is based on current wages and encourages employee saving as the

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