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The weather Thursday, high 68, low 47, hum. 50 percent, and by 7 a.m. Friday .32 inches of rain had fallen.

Addelle Thompson became the first resident of Tryon Estates in Columbus last Thursday.

Originally from Washington, D.C., she was living in Hendersonville. More residents are expected to move in this week as Tryon Estates becomes Polk County's newest, fastest growing residential community overnight.

In other news: Callers responded to the series of post office photographs run in the Bulletin last Thursday. They correctly surmised that the community photographer simply wanted to show that Tryon Post Office does not display its zip code - for what it's worth.

What's happening:

The Tryon Merchants Association will hold an organizational meeting Tuesday at 5:30 at The Village Restaurant.

The Lake Lure Republican Women's Club will hold a luncheon and fashion show Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. at Bald Mountain Country Club in the

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Hendersonville Radiology Group To Serve St. Luke's

St. Luke's Hospital will contract with Hendersonville Radiology Consultants beginning May 1 to replace radiologist Dr. Rick Gentry, who is moving the end of April.

In return for radiology services, the hospital has agreed to purchase \$20,000 of tele radiology equipment to transfer CT and ultrasound images to them, reported hospital president Thomas Bradshaw.

However, chief of medical staff Dr. Brad Whitney questioned the cost of such equipment in the face of hospital financial problems when there is no guarantee Hendersonville Radiology Consultants will stay more than a year or two.

In addition, tele-radiology equipment can only transmit 60% of X-rays, Dr. Whitney pointed out. That leaves 40% that will not transmit.

"Dr. Gentry always comes down (to the hospital). Will they be willing to come for a C-Spine at 2 a.m.? I don't want any frustrating situations," he cautioned.

In such circumstances, one of the radiologists would have to come to St. Luke's under the agreement of the contract, Bradshaw said.

Local resident and radiologist Dr. Bill Spencer will be joining Hendersonville Radiology Consultants and he lives right

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8th Graders Soon To Choose A Major

In the next few weeks, Polk County's rising 9th graders will choose more than their freshman year course schedule.

They'll begin choosing their future. These students will decide which educational plan they think they want to follow through high school:

- * College Prep;
- * Applied Academics (technical skills and academic skills needed to pursue a job-oriented associate degree);
- * or "Occu-Prep" (occupational preparation for exceptional students to seek jobs right out of high school).

The students also will indicate what they're thinking of doing after high school graduation: Seeking higher education? If so how much and what type? Military service? Employment? Something else? Undecided?

Like college freshmen, they will designate a "major" course interest or preferred focus of study.

For the college prep student the interest could be language arts or communications, math, science, social science, or a combination of these.

The Applied Academics stu-
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dent's choices are Business Education; Health/Human Services; or Trade and Industry.

The Occu-Prep student can concentrate in either Custodial/Building and Grounds; or Home/Health Care. (More detail on these two areas will follow in the series).

"Every student will have a major in high school around his interest," said Dr. Willard Daggett, the nationally known consultant helping Polk design an Outcome Based Curriculum. "Let them study what they want in depth, the technical reading and writing in that interest."

Each student will have an advisor to counsel him in these decisions. Once the OBE curriculum is established in the middles grades, middle grade students will have the same advisor from 6th through 8th grade.

Each high school student also will have a teacher "advocate", a sort of mentor who will work with him through high school, advise him, counsel him and meet with him regularly.

The new courses will emphasize not so much content and data as process and skill, said David Williams, assistant principal at Polk Central and Director of the N.C. Center for Teaching Thinking.

Following is a look at some of those courses:

* Communication Skills I replaces English I. This will still be a broad survey course, but more emphasis will be put on reading, writing, speaking

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