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The weather Monday, high 71, low 62, hum. 68 percent, and by Tuesday at 7 a.m. 1.89 inches of rain had fallen.

What's happening:

Rabies clinics will be held all over Polk County Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. at four locations, Bonnie Brae Veterinary Hospital, Green Creek School, Saluda School, and Sunny View School; from 3 to 5 p.m. at Mill Spring School; and from noon to 2 p.m. at Red Fox Veterinary Clinic.

The Republicans will hold their Pig Pickin' Saturday at Republican headquarters in Columbus. The six Republican candidates for county commissioner will speak.

A reception for the opening of G. Carol Bomer's art show will be held Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Tryon Fine Arts Center. It is sponsored by the Tryon Painters and Sculptors.

Habitat for Humanity will dedicate the Roger Anderson home in a ceremony Sunday at 2:30 at the Habitat Resale Store in Landrum.

There will be a Picnic in the Park April 28th at Greene Corner. The Lanier Library is sponsoring an informal program
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County To Consider Taking EMS Private

The Polk County Board of Commissioners may soon receive two proposals from organizations who would run the county ambulance service.

Proposals are expected from Mission Memorial Hospital in Asheville and a group of Polk County Emergency Medical Service (EMS) workers, board chairman Jeannie Martin said.

Mission Memorial already runs the EMS services in Mitchell, Transylvania and Yancey counties, Martin said.

The hospital runs the service at no profit, but does hope that by providing the service it will enlarge its service base.

"They are not predatory to the local hospital," Martin said. "They more want to develop a relationship."

Martin said Mission promises to patients who can talk wherever they want to go, and that rather than St. Luke's Hospital, it is more likely that Spartanburg Regional would suffer if Mission Memorial strengthened its position in Polk County.

A hospital spokesperson, however, said St. Luke's officials will probably strongly oppose Mission Memorial taking over EMS.

Board chairman Martin said, "If a company came along to manage and keep the service, and be more efficient, we would take a look at it."

She said the local EMS
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Nell Deaver

Next Bloodmobile May 4 In Tryon

The next Red Cross Bloodmobile will be Mon., May 4 at the Parish House of Holy Cross Episcopal Church on Melrose Ave. in Tryon. Hours are 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Red Cross Bloodmobile volunteer Nell Deaver is shown as she worked at a recent Bloodmobile.

Jean Stratford, executive director of the Polk County Chapter of the American Red Cross, said that plans have been made to speed things up at the May 4 Bloodmobile.

"Instead of three blood-taking stations, we will now have four," she said. "We hope this will enable our blood donors to be processed faster than in the recent past."

Mrs. Stratford said that it is important that as many people as possible donate blood. "When you give blood, you give the gift of life," she said.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and in good health. There is no top age limit.

Lake Lanier Slalom Ski Course Denied

Although the Lake Lanier Civic Association board voted in favor of the request, the Tryon Town Council denied its permission to anchor buoys for a slalom ski course in the Lake Lanier bottom.

The town owns the lake bottom and exercises rights over waterfront development.

The council heard a half dozen citizens speak in opposition, and received another half dozen letters with the same complaints - the lake is too small and a slalom course will be unsafe, and all property owners are supposed to have access to the lake at all times. A slalom course, although used in the mornings only, would deny that right, several speakers told the council.

Mayor Bob Neely also advised the council that it would have to investigate its liability if it approved a slalom course and someone was hurt using it.

The council didn't need to investigate. Since no one spoke for the course, the council decided quickly to deny the request.

But Councilman Billy McFarland chided the lake residents for presenting a divided picture to the council and urged them to "get your act together."

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