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The weather Friday: high 92, low 68, hum. 55 percent, and a trace of rain fell.

An estimated 60 residential sewage "holding tanks" are in use around Lake Lanier? Some are perhaps as useless as "pipes sunk into holes in the ground"? And that lake provides Tryon's drinking water?

It kind of gives one pause - and not a pause that refreshes. Didn't Tryon once pride itself on its pure mountain drinking water coming down off the slopes above?

It did. But the public misunderstands the issue, according to Tryon water superintendent Clarence Henson. For starters, he said the daily tests his department must run show Lake Lanier water to be more pure than the mountain water.

And, secondly, he says no matter what source a municipality pulls its water from, all water put into the system for public consumption must meet the same exacting standards.

The Town of Tryon is not currently using any mountain water, but the council did budget this year for work on the pipe and valve delivery system from its mountain water intakes

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DHEC 'Back To Square One' With Lake Lanier Issue

The S.C. Division of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is back to square one on Lake Lanier, according to J. Michael Parrott.

Parrott, the DHEC district director, is responsible for solving the boathouses-without-legal-bathrooms problems on Lake Lanier.

Since there is no sewer line around Lake Lanier, and many of the building lots are far too small for septic tanks, an estimated 60 boathouse owners have over the years installed holding tanks.

These are illegal in South Carolina, and when area residents and Tryon officials began complaining in 1990, DHEC took a hard line. DHEC ruled on July 10, 1991 that all grey water (dish and bath water) discharges must be eliminated by Sept. 1, 1993, and all holding tanks must be eliminated by Sept. 1, 1994.

Since that time, however, DHEC officials have sought ways to modify the consequences for Lake Lanier property owners whose investment in boathouses was in jeopardy due to the ruling.

DHEC proposed to the Tryon Town Council that it would allow approved holding tanks to continue to be used if the town would take responsibility for overseeing a holding tank

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Bill Miller

Foundation Grants Have Great Impact

One of the Polk County Community Foundation's Slater Teacher Awards' recipients recently returned from an international educational experience.

Polk County Schools' vocational director Bill Miller visited a new education center in Canada that teaches many of the concepts of outcome-based curriculum.

The Holy Family Education Center in Guelph, Ontario is a state of the art educational facility for high school students. Mr. Miller spent three days observing students at work and the teachers in action.

"What makes the education center in Guelph unique is that the instructors acts as facilitators instead of the role we tra-

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Lockee New Pastor At Hickory Grove

Hickory Grove Baptist Church has called as pastor, the Rev. Gary Lockee, who served as a former pastor several years ago.

The Rev. Lockee will begin his pastoral duties Sun., Aug. 1. The congregation invites anyone in the community and surrounding area who does not have a church home to come and worship with them. You'll hear good old-time gospel preaching and receive a warm welcome.

-Community Reporter

Early Registration At ICC Polk Campus

Early Registration for former and current curriculum students at Isothermal Community College is Aug. 10 - 13, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Aug. 14, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call Student Affairs at 894-3092.

-Community Reporter

North/South Bridge

Winners of the North South Bridge, played at the home of Dick Bandler on Mon., July 27, were: 1st Dick Bandler, Bill Bley; 2nd R.B. Scruggs, Bill Hart; 3rd/Tie Ed Delehanty, Roy Schwerdtman with Lou Hodell, Porter Morgan.

Next game will be at the home of Roy Schwerdtman on Aug. 10.