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The weekend weather:
Friday, high 75, low 65, hum. 62 percent, and .16 inches of rain; Saturday, high 86, low 67, hum. 60 percent, and .05 inches of rain; Sunday, high 90, low 65, hum. 47 percent.

Off to the races: Ticket order forms for the 1992 Tryon Hounds Fall Steeplechase went out in the mail last week.

As you may have seen, Century BMW has already signed on as the Feature Race Sponsor for Polk County's major fall gathering. Congratulations to steeplechase organizer Bonnie Lingerfelt, who is apparently a hustler of the first order.

The race will be held Saturday, Sept. 19. Gates open at 10 a.m. and post time is 2 p.m.

What's happening:

The Summer Art Lecture Series at Isothermal Community College, Polk campus continues today and 18, at 2 p.m. each day. Curators from the N.C. Museum of the Arts in Raleigh are giving the lectures at no charge and each will be followed by a reception.

The Tryon Merchants Association will hold a general meeting at the Village Restaurant Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

O.P. Earle Elementary School

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Saluda Grade To Remain In Use

Norfolk Southern officials are going to keep using the Saluda Grade for the time being, public relations officer Bob Auman said Monday.

Last spring, the railroad announced plans to study alternatives to continued use of the Saluda Grade, the steep line between Tryon and Saluda. They were going to study alternative routes, citing the high cost of maintaining the Saluda Grade.

But that study has been put on hold, Auman said. "The plan for the foreseeable future is to maintain the status quo," he said.

The decision was made several months ago, well before BMW announced its plans to locate in Greer, Auman said.

He said he expects that BMW will be a Norfolk Southern customer, but he doubts that rail cars will carry auto parts and finished automobiles up and down the Saluda Grade.

"I anticipate the bulk of their shipments of parts and cars will be north-south movements over the main line from Washington to New Orleans," he said. "BMW will likely insist on rigid delivery times. In the interest of safety and service, Norfolk Southern will likely use the main line."

Local chamber of commerce and Economic Development Commission officials were considering developing the
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M. Shehan, M. Nicholson
with Lion Cub

Summer Volunteers To Be Honored At White Oak Manor

A reception will be held on Thurs., Aug. 13, in Benson Hall Dining Room at 2 p.m. to honor all school age summer volunteers.

Four to six local children have worked several days each week with residents. Help is given to assist residents to and from each activity offered, on trips outside facility, and with daily living activities. Assistance and new friendships have been welcomed by all residents and will be greatly missed with the return of school.

Volunteers honored will be: 144 Hours, Melissa Nicholson, Lynn; 143 Hours, Mat Shehan, Landrum; 120 Hours, Tonia Spicer, Blue Ridge, SC; 111 Hours, Jennifer Sheehan, Columbus; 24 Hours, Dillion Davis, Asheville; 24 Hours, Teresa Parker, Landrum.

Three Charged In Green Creek B&Es

Three teenagers were arrested and charged with three counts of breaking and entering in Green Creek.

Polk County Detective Sergeant James Carter said those arrested were Joey Cooper, 18, and J.J. Arrowood, 16, both of Rutherford County, and a 14-year-old juvenile.

Rutherford County Jail was still holding Cooper Monday. His bail was set at \$25,000.

Sgt. Carter said items were recovered from recent break-ins at Green Creek Farm Supply, Green Creek Elementary School and Shoe Biz. He said Cooper and Arrowood also face charges in Rutherford and Spartanburg counties.

In Polk County, they were charged with three counts of breaking and entering and larceny. Carter was planning to interview the suspects again Monday and said more charges might be forthcoming, in relation to other recent break ins in Green Creek.

Lady Wolverine Cross Country

Any girl interested in running cross country this fall for Polk County High School is asked to attend a meeting at 5 p.m. at the Field House at Harmon Field Wed., Aug. 12. If you are interested and unable to attend this meeting please contact Coach Aldred at 859-2223.

-Community Reporter