

Weather Clouds In Forecast

By The Associated Press

A strong high pressure system remains in control of North Carolina's weather, the National Weather Service said.

The high was centered over the western Atlantic early today and

is expected to remain over the region through Wednesday. A cold front will approach western North Carolina late Wednesday.

Tonight will be partly cloudy, with a slight chance of showers in the southeast.

Two Arrested On Assault Charges

From Staff Reports

Two local men have been arrested, one after allegedly breaking into his cousin's home and demanding a rifle, the other after allegedly threatening his girlfriend with a butcher knife.

Allen Webb, 20, of Smith Hill Road was arrested on charges of assault, breaking and entering, communicating threats and injury to personal property after an incident at the residence of his cousin.

Ronald McMillan, 28, of Capitol Hill Apartments has been arrested on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon for allegedly threatening his girlfriend with a butcher knife.

According to a report from the McDowell County Sheriff's Department, deputies responding to a disturbance Monday night found Allen, who was wanted on previous charges.

The incident began, according to the report, when someone began pounding on the door to the residence of James Webb and his son Scott.

Allen Webb, Scott's cousin, forced the door open and threatened James and Scott Webb with a knife,

demanding that they give him a rifle so he could shoot someone, the report said.

Allen Webb had apparently been in a fight. He was bleeding from a deep cut in his arm, the report said.

Scott and James Webb were able to restrain Allen Webb and summon authorities.

Allen Webb was taken to The McDowell Hospital where he was treated and released.

Deputies arrested Allen Webb on outstanding warrants from apparently unrelated incidents. Additional charges are pending.

In an unrelated incident, Ronald McMillan was placed in the McDowell County Jail facing charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

Chastity Renee Porter, 18, said McMillan entered the apartment where they lived Monday night and forced her into the bedroom. McMillan then reportedly threw Porter on the bed, forced her hands above her head, put a butcher knife to her throat and made a threat.

McMillan tried to leave the resi-

More Briefly

Poor Man's Supper

A Poor Man's Supper will be held Saturday from 5-7 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church on Jacktown Road. The cost for adults is \$3.50 and \$2.50 for children. All proceeds will go to benefit Leigh Ann Poteat who is a cancer victim.

Arrowood Reunion

The descendants of C.W. and Callie McCurry Arrowood are planning a reunion Sunday at the Macedonia Baptist Church fellowship building. Bring a well-filled picnic basket.

Lipinsky Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for the general public and \$6 for children.

Montford Cove Meeting

The Montford Cove Community Club will hold a special called meeting Monday Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at

Festival will be held at Patience Park outside of Burnsville. Workshops, performances, clogging, and storytelling will highlight the day of Saturday, Sept. 18. The festival will last from 2:30-10:30 p.m. Call 682-7215 for more information.

Foster Parent Training

652-6021 to pre-register.

GED/Work Program

Students who are 18-23 years old and did not complete high school, may be eligible to earn an hourly wage while obtaining GED and learning job skills. For more

information call Robbie Schultz at 652-6021.

Sunset Hike

Lake James State Park is offering a hike to one of the lake's overlooks. The hike will be approximately 1 1/2 miles round trip. Hikers should wear appropriate footwear.



What's down there? — These UNCA students were busy gathering Lake James water samples to determine the changes in pH, phosphorus, carbon dioxide, oxygen and nutrients according to depth. UNCA professor Rick Maas brings his

environmental science students to Lake James each year to chart changes in the water and test the water quality of the lake. (Photo by Bonnie Byrd)

Professor: Lake In Borderline Situation

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he stated. Bell noted bacteria from a dirty lake can deplete oxygen in the water.

The oxygen level in a lake becomes a critical issue, according to Maas.

"The deeper the oxygen level, the more diverse fish you will have. And the fish can access the entire

volume of the lake," he said.

When the oxygen level in a lake falls below four parts per million, 80 percent of the aquatic life is lost, said Maas.

"Lake James is in a borderline situation," he said. "Relatively small changes in the nutrient input will influence the fish life."

There is plenty of oxygen at the surface levels, said Mass. But as

fish go deeper, the water is further from the atmosphere, and the oxygen is not replenished.

When the oxygen has been depleted, fish cannot breathe and move to the top. But the water near the surface is also warmer. That kills many of the cold-water fish.

Maas said he has seen several changes in the lake over the five years he and his students have been

studying Lake James.

But, he says it's hard to say whether the quality of the lake is improving.

"Some years are better and some years are worse," he said. "With natural fluctuations like that you need a great deal of data to chart the trends and changes."