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Weather Monday: high 80, low 55, rain .86. The total rainfall was 2.07 inches, a much needed rain. Monday it cleared up and was a beautiful spring day.

The nation was shocked Monday afternoon as it learned of the attempted assassination of President Reagan. President Reagan, who had been speaking to a labor group inside, was shot in the left side with the .22 bullet penetrating his lung. The President, who walked into the hospital, never lost his sense of humor. He underwent surgery at George Washington University Hospital and was reported in excellent condition Tuesday morning.

Others shot were White House Press Secretary James S. Brady who is in critical condition; Timothy McCarthy, a Secret Service Agent and District of Columbia police officer Thomas Delahanty. Brady was shot in the head, McCarthy in the chest and Delahanty in the neck.

Arrested was John Warnock Hinckley, Jr., 25, from Evergreen, Colorado.

After almost postponing the NCAA basketball finals in Philadelphia due to the shooting
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Precinct 8 Meets Thursday

The Democrats of Columbus Precinct 8 will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. in the hall way at the courthouse in Columbus.

Softball Tournament

The Polk Central High School Boosters Club will sponsor a softball tournament for men and women April 13 through April 18.

It will be held at the Green Creek Ruritan Ballfield in Green Creek.

Any team wishing to enter the tournament may contact Coach Ken Brumley at the following numbers: from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Area Code 704-894-3969 or 704-894-8233, after 5:00 p.m. at 704-894-3729.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$50. Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. Only sixteen (16) teams will be accepted for the tournament.

There will be a meeting of the team managers and the tournament director at the Green Creek Ballfield on Saturday, April 11, at 5:00 p.m. Entry fee must be paid at this time.

Interagency Council

The Interagency Council will meet Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at The Meeting Place. The primary topic will be planning approaches to parking and heating problems of the Jervey-Palmer Building.

Early Bird Tournament

The Tri-County Softball League will sponsor the 4th Annual Early Bird Tournament April 10, 11 and 12 at Harmon Field. The first twenty (20) teams, men or women to enter will be accepted. This will be a double elimination tournament under the direction of Dean Smith. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Individual trophies for 1st place teams and lead home run hitter. Entry fee will be sixty-five (65) dollars. Fee must be paid before a team is entered in pairings. A manager's meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 5 at 5 p.m. at the Round House at Harmon Field. To enter or for more information contact League Secretary, Joyce Hipp, at 704-859-6481 or 859-6919 or Tournament Director at 704-894-8402.

A New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Guice of Saluda are parents of a daughter, Amy Jean, born March 30th at St. Luke's Hospital.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Smith of Rt. 1, Saluda and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Horace Guice.

Visiting Mrs. Ernst Mahler at Chinquapin Farms this weekend will be her grandsons, Gary Mahler of Maryville, Tenn. and Ernie Mahler of Bradenton Beach, Fla.

Balloons Launched At Saluda School

Students at Saluda School launched two hundred fifty helium-filled ballons on Friday, March 27 as part of the nationwide Writing Pals Balloon Contest sponsored by Weekly Reader, the classroom newspaper.

A message attached to each balloon explains the project and asks that the finder return it to Saluda School. Weekly Reader will present a \$500 prize to the school that gets back the message that has traveled the farthest distance. In addition, 100 runner-up prizes will be awarded.

Since the annual balloon launch began, Weekly Reader has furnished more than a million free balloons to schools participating in the Weekly Reader Writing Pals program a pen pal program in which Weekly Reader pairs classes across the country. The balloon launch is the climax of Saluda School's yearlong participation in Weekly Reader Writing Pals. The goal of the program is to motivate children to write to, and to become familiar with, students in other parts of the country.

Saluda School pupils will write to every person who sends back a message card from the balloons.

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