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The weather Wednesday: high 79, low 68, hum. 75 percent. Rainfall during the night totalled .92 inches.

The Democratic Men's Club will meet Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. at Democrat headquarters in Columbus.

Harold Burrell, of Burrell's Fuels Inc. said he has been catching some flak over gas price increases. But many of the complainers are mistaken in their belief that Burrell's business is reaping increased revenues, he said.

Burrell points out that his profit remains 7 cents a gallon, but he now pays 23 cents more per gallon than he paid just 22 days ago. Prices went up Aug. 3 (3 cents); Aug. 4 (5 Cents); Aug. 7 (7.5 cents); Aug. 8 (2 cents); Aug. 14 (1 cent); and Aug. 21 (5 cents).

During that time, prices went down once on Aug. 10 (1.5 cents).

Burrell said that the major oil companies in some cases are retailing gas at their own outlets for less than he can buy it wholesale.

"They would rather all the independents (gasoline dealers) be gone," he said. Tryon once had nearly a dozen gas stations. Four

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Emmanuel Church Dedicates Building

Emmanuel Baptist Church on Fox Mtn. Rd., Columbus will have a dedication service of their new building Sunday, August 26th at 3 p.m.

The members bought Pace Electric Building last spring and remodeled it for a sanctuary. The work was done mostly by volunteer labor.

The pastor, Rev. John Edwards and members invite all to attend.

Boating Accident Update

The family of Dr. Wayne Rogers filed its report regarding the July 29 boating accident on Lake Lanier the day after the accident, Clara Rogers said Thursday.

They did not delay reporting until Aug. 20, as was stated by S.C. officials in a news report in the Bulletin Thursday.

However, the report was delayed when the South Carolina Division of Wildlife and Marine Resources lost the original report and had to ask the Rogers to file a second report, Clara Rogers said.

Also, the second person hurt in the accident was Samantha Kell, with cuts to the legs and chest. Clara Rogers had her collar bone broken and her ear lacerated.

A state investigator will be investigating and filing a report on the accident in the next few weeks.

Shooting In Tryon Over A Pool Game

A man was shot in the leg and another was assaulted with a pool cue early last Friday morning outside JP's Eatery & Saloon on Maple Street in Tryon, police reported Thursday.

Roger W. Bridgeman of 303 Moss Lane in Landrum was arrested Sunday in connection with both crimes. He was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill in one case, and simple assault in the other. Officer Larry Cochran said Thursday. Bridgeman was released on bond.

The shooting victim was James N. Thompson of 901 Tuckaway Lane in Tryon. He was shot at 1:48 a.m. Friday morning, Aug. 17. He was shot once in the calf of the left leg with a small calibre bullet. Thompson was treated and released at St. Luke's Hospital.

Johnny Lee Wright was assaulted with the cue stick.

Cochran said the incident apparently began with a dispute over a pool game and the altercation moved outside.

Celebrates 86th

Willie Proctor of Pea Ridge Road, Mill Spring, will celebrate an early birthday on Sunday, Aug. 26, at 2 p.m. at the Proctors Community building, which will be his 86th birthday.

Dinner will be served at 3 p.m. The public is invited. — Reporter.

Stearns Park Lease Approved

The legal paperwork to allow the Columbus Merchants Association to develop a park in front of the old Stearns School was completed Monday.

The Polk County Board of Commissioners approved the lease arrangements, which were drafted by the Board of Education's attorney.

Jim Dunmire, who has been spearheading the project for the merchants association, said Wednesday that \$5,000 in cash and pledges has already been given to the project, and he predicts that much of the shrubbery will be donated by area garden clubs.

Letters will go out soon to local organizations seeking support for the park project, Dunmire said. He said he hopes to have the walkway completed and the park benches and tables installed in time for the Columbus Day celebration in October.

In other business Monday, the Polk County Board of Commissioners:

* Approved a motion to have Sheriff Boyce Carswell seek bids for a recording system to accompany the county's new E-911 emergency dispatching phone equipment. The cost was estimated at \$20,000.

* Heard a report from field soil scientist Scott Keenan regarding the soil survey in Polk County. Keenan said the survey is winding down and should be

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