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Tryon's official weather recorder was out in the weather, under the weather, weathering the storm someplace else — we don't know. All we know is he wasn't available Friday morning to report the highs and lows of last Thursday, so we'll provide those tomorrow.

It didn't take a rain gauge Friday, however, to know that Polk County was getting a good soaking.

Sheriff Boyce Carswell reported Friday that the body of a man found inside a burning trailer in Pea Ridge Thursday morning was positively identified as Paul Frederick Acker.

Acker, 51, was the owner of the property. He had moved here a year ago from Long Island, N.Y., bought 300 acres, and was in the process of developing a cattle farm.

According to the sheriff's department spokesman, the medical examiner's office in Chapel Hill identified the cause of Acker's death as two bullet wounds. Further details were not available. No suspects were identified.

The Polk County Board of Commissioners will meet this afternoon at 3 p.m. at the county

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courthouse annex in Columbus.

The Foothills Humane Society Board will meet this afternoon at 4 p.m. at the NCNB building in Tryon.

The Tryon Thermal Belt Chamber of Commerce will host a forum for candidates for the Polk County Board of Commissioners tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. in the Stearns auditorium.

The Association of County Taxpayers will get its chance to grill the candidates for the Polk County Board of Education Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. at Isothermal Community College in Columbus.

The Polk County Farm Bureau annual meeting will be held tomorrow night at 7 p.m. at Polk Central High School.

It is good to be alive, surrounded by the beauty of creation, and the ones you love. We at the Bulletin wish you all happiness this day — even those rare few of you who call, yell, refuse to give your name and hang up before we can get a word in edgewise.

Reminder

The monthly Alzheimer's Support Group meeting will be held on Monday, October 15, at 2 p.m. The program will be presented by Lena Duncan of Polk County Dept. of Social Services regarding the North Carolina Medicaid program. The program will be in the dining area of the Meeting Place.



After more than 400 years what is it that draws us still to the plays of Shakespeare? How is it we can still laugh at his comedies written for an audience so at variance with those of today?

Jean Pettigrew will fill you in on Shakespeare and broaden your understanding of "The Comedy of Errors" when she speaks on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Mural Room. — Reporter

Revival

Revival meeting began at New Zion CME Church on Oct. 14 and will last until Oct. 19.

Rev. Rob Roy Staley, pastor of St. John AME Zion Church will be the guest speaker. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited. — Reporter

Terri McEntire At Thermal Belt Rotary

Terri McEntire, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services, will be the guest speaker at the October 15th meeting of the Thermal Belt Rotary Club.

ALLTEL Brings New Equipment, More Services To Columbus

Telephone customers in the Columbus 894 exchange may notice two subtle differences in their telephone service beginning October 20. Their calls will reach their destinations faster and the dial tones will have a different sound.

That's because ALLTEL Carolina, Inc. is installing digital switching equipment. "The new equipment is the most advanced on the market today, said Jerry Covil, vice-president operations for ALLTEL in Tryon. "The new system will help us identify problems before they become apparent to the customer," he said.

Once the equipment is in place, ALLTEL will offer four new telephone services to Columbus customers. For the first time, Columbus customers will have the opportunity to choose custom calling features such as call waiting, call forwarding, three-way calling and speed calling.

Furthermore, the new equipment will enable ALLTEL to offer Equal Access, the process that lets customers choose the long-distance company of their choice through 1 plus dialing. Equal access will begin in the Tryon and Columbus exchange areas Dec. 8.

Covil said ALLTEL will turn up its new digital switch shortly after midnight, Oct. 20. ALLTEL has been testing the equipment over the past month by calling

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