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The weather Thursday: with 78, low 64, hum. 67 percent. By Friday at 7 a.m., .65 inches of rain had fallen.

The Polk County Board of Commissioners has called a special meeting today at 5 p.m. to consider a resolution authorizing the issuance of \$3 million in school bond anticipation notes. They also plan to meet in executive session to discuss personnel matters.

E.P.I.C. (Education in Polk County Is Crucial) will meet to complete plans for the political forum E.P.I.C. will host Oct. 30. All persons who would like to help with the planning are urged to attend at Isothermal Community College, at 7 p.m. in the Lecture Room. If you have any questions, call Emily Rogers at 859-5910.

The Tryon Hounds will meet Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at Loop Road for some hunting. In case of inclement weather, call 468-4990 or one of the masters.

Newcomers to the area, as well as new members, are cordially invited to The Lanier Library Wednesday for a get-acquainted library tour and refreshments. The membership committee will
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250-Year-Old White Oak Now Firewood



A white oak acorn fell onto a hillside nearby some 250 years ago and made good.

Eventually a town called Tryon grew up around it, houses were built underneath its limbs on a street called Lyncourt, and it grew to a massive size — with a trunk 56 inches in diameter and limbs reaching nearly 100 feet into the air.

Who would of thought tiny little ants could bring it down? But that's what probably led to the death of the white oak tree on Lyncourt, tree expert Chris Heatherly said last week.

"Black ants had gotten in where a limb had broken off," Heatherly said. "They go into the core and build a home like termites, chewing into the wood and carrying in dirt and debris. It could've started a hundred years

ago."

Heatherly and a crew of helpers spent 220 man hours taking down the tree in recent weeks for the property owner, Dr. Austin Woody, and much of that time Heatherly was high up in the branches.

That's where he met the bees.

"We had to go to the top and section out the branches," Heatherly said. Since the houses were built so close beneath, each branch had to be lowered by rope after Heatherly severed it from the trunk.

At about 70 feet up, he encountered a honey bee hive. "I had stuffed a rag in the hole," he said. "There was concrete poured in behind it and I thought the concrete had sealed off the

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Keith Teunion's Paintings At Library

Watercolors by Keith Teunion are currently being exhibited at the Polk County Public Library.

Teunion, a painter for over 30 years, has been shown in Michigan by the Birmingham/Bloomfield Art Association and at the Ford Motor Company World Headquarters. For the past several years, he has lived in Tryon where he has exhibited in shows throughout the area.

Teunion has been described as a "backroads watercolorist" and local viewers may indeed recognize many of the "backroads" where he set up his easel.

Among the interesting scenes from North Carolina in the exhibit are paintings titled "Old Mountain Home," "Calabash," "Sunset Beach - Storm Clouds," and "Abandoned Mountain Farm." Included, also, is an interesting symbolic painting with a complex background that includes some Tryon elements.

Watercolor is a demanding and revealing medium that permits subtle color transitions as well as marked contrasts. Teunion incorporates both to depict the life of scenes, scenes that one viewer described as being "Filled with distinctive light and color."

For the enjoyment of all library patrons, Teunion's paintings will be exhibited in the reading room of Polk County Public Library through Nov. 20 during regular library hours.