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The weekend weather: Friday, high 77, low 53, hum. 68 percent, and .81 inches of rain fell; Saturday, high 71, low 47, hum. 65 percent, and .42 inches of rain fell; Sunday, high 64, low 47, hum. 48 percent, and 1.16 inches of rain fell.

The weatherman favored the 45th running of the Block House Steeplechase. Even the last to pack up and head home after Saturday's Block House Steeplechase had time to get indoors before the rain started falling Saturday afternoon.

Jamaica Bay of Augustin Stables of Pennsylvania won the featured race and most of the \$20,000 purse before a crowd estimated at somewhere between 15,000 and 20,000 spectators.

The Sierra Club has given Glenn Otto Mittelstadt a plaque in recognition of his owning the largest tree in Spartanburg and Union counties. Mittelstadt's tree, a beechnut with a 170-inch trunk circumference, has shaded a homeplace in Gowansville for an estimated 175 years.

"That tree has been the only air-conditioning that house has

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Operate State Line Nets 31 Arrests

A cooperative effort between law enforcement officers of two states and six public agencies netted 31 arrests for alcohol and drug-related offenses Friday in Tryon.

Tryon Police Chief Nathan Shields said the special, two-state operation was put together by N.C. Alcohol Law Enforcement officer Tim Swain.

Shields said Tryon officials had asked for help with problems including drinking and driving, sales of alcoholic beverages to minors, and drugs.

"It has been happening a lot and people have been getting away," Shields said. "If a Tryon officer stops one car, he has to work on that case for two hours. During that time, a lot can basically get away."

Friday night from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. Saturday, Shields said the odds turned sharply in favor of law enforcement officers.

Officers with the N.C. Alcohol Law Enforcement Division, District X, and S.C. ABC, District IV, conducted the operation. They checked establishments selling alcoholic beverages to detect sales to minors and any other illegal sales.

Meanwhile, the N.C. and S.C. highway patrols each had officers patrolling, as did the Tryon police. The N.C. State Bureau of Investigation also had officers involved in Operation State

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Phil and Gaye Johnson

Johnsons To Perform At I.C.C. Campus Day

Phil and Gaye Johnson, well known local musicians, will perform at I.C.C. Polk County Campus Day, Sunday May 5 at the Polk County Campus of Isothermal Community College, on Hwy. 108 in Columbus. Hours of the outdoor event are from 2 to 5 p.m. The public is invited.

The Johnsons play everything from traditional country music to Western swing, bluegrass and country rock. Gaye plays guitar and does lead vocals and Phil plays guitar, mandolin and harmonica.

Phil and Gaye Johnson are nationally famous, having appeared on national radio and TV. They also have released two albums, *Cornbread and Sweetmilk* and *Mountain Flower*.

The free entertainment will include many other talented

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Lady Wolverines In Volunteer Classic

The Polk County Lady Wolverine Track Team traveled to Knoxville, Tenn. on Saturday, April 20 where they participated in the Volunteer Classic head at the University of Tennessee.

Karen Godlock took 5th place in the Mile Run with a time of 5:17.07.

The 3200 Meter Relay Team place 6th with a time of 10:07.90. Team members are Karen Godlock, Pat McEntyre, Lesley Carter and Jenny McGrane.

—Community Reporter

Radio Club

The Thermal Belt Amateur Radio Club will meet at noon on Wednesday, April 24 at the Western Steer on Hwy. 108 in Columbus. All members as well as those interested in Ham Radio are encouraged to attend.

The TBARC Net is held on Mondays starting at 7:30 p.m. using the NOSARG repeater on 145.150 MHz. Hams in the area are asked to participate in this important emergency communications program.

—Community Reporter

Meet Tonight

Tryon City Lodge #518 P.H.F. & A.M. will meet tonight (Tuesday) at 8 p.m. All master masons are asked to be present.

—Robert Fox, WM; George R. Fant, Sec.