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The weather Wednesday: high 83, low 68, hum. 74 percent, and by Thursday at 7 a.m. 1.44 inches of rain had fallen.

The Polk County Board of Realtors has purchased and put on line an Multiple Listing Service (MLS) computer, according to Phil Edwards, president of the board.

MLS members across the county will now be able to access listings immediately after they are filed.

Parking is the problem with shopping in Tryon, according to Babs Cavendish. "There is plenty of parking in Landrum and Columbus," she said. And the increase to a 6% sales tax in North Carolina makes crossing the state line more attractive, she said.

Cavendish was responding to comments generated by recent discussions at the Tryon Thermal Belt Chamber of Commerce. The chamber at this very moment is formulating plans to promote shopping in the Thermal Belt area.

Bully good. Given an incentive, most shoppers don't mind hunting a parking space now and then.

What's happening:

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Returns From Mexico

Brenda Turner, daughter of Jack and Patsy Mills of Columbus, has returned from a three-week visit with Nadia Cabrera of Zacatlan, Puebla, Mexico. While in Mexico, Brenda and Nadia traveled through some of the beautiful countryside surrounding Nadia's hometown of Zacatlan.

In Mexico City they visited historic Aztec Indian museums, the Museum of Anthropology of Mexico, the National Palace which houses the office of the President, the Constitution Plaza, the National Cathedral and shopped in the marketplaces and malls of both Mexico City and Puebla for hand-crafted souvenirs.

Nadia attended Polk Central High School during the 1989-90 school year as an AFS Exchange Student, resided with the Fred Ashley family, and had Brenda as one of her appointed host sisters for that school year.

Nadia accompanied Brenda on her return to Columbus and is presently spending time with the Mills and Ashley families. She will be with them until the second week of August and would love to see some of her schoolmates before returning to Zacatlan.

Brenda and Nadia say "thank you" to AFS and all the people who help organize, promote and host the exchange student programs. These experiences will help to establish lasting friendships between young people and promote future friendships between nations.



One Killed In Accident

Charles Patrick McKee, 27, of Columbus, was killed when the two-door, white Nissan automobile he was driving went over an embankment off New Market Road just below Godshaw Hill and hit a pine tree Thursday morning. A passenger, Tony Constance, was taken to St. Luke's Hospital and later transferred to Spartanburg Regional Hospital by Polk County EMS. He was in between hospitals at presstime and neither hospital had a condition report. The accident was not discovered right away. When emergency personnel arrived around 9:30 a.m., the car engine was cool and Constance was pinned underneath the wreckage. Tryon Police Chief Nathan Shields said he believes the accident occurred sometime after 5 a.m. A wrecker was hauling the car out of the woods and back onto the road when this photograph was taken.

Hood Wins

William Daniel Hood of Campobello won the book, *Draw 50 Animals*, at the Landrum Branch Library. This week's price, to be given away today (July 19), is *Scary Stories to Tell in The Dark*, by Alvin

Schwartz.

Members are reminded to read one new book each week to be eligible for the weekly drawing. The Summer Reading Club will end on July 31.

—Community Reporter