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The weather Tuesday: high 94, low 69, hum. 65 percent, and by 7 a.m. Wednesday, .01 inches of rain had fallen.

The Columbus Fire Department recently accepted women into its ranks.

Fire chief Geoff Tennant said the membership voted to accept two women. One resigned a week later, saying her schedule was already too full.

The other, Diana Salinas, is now a probationary member of the Columbus Fire Department.

Former New York Mayor Ed Koch used to say, "I don't care what sex my fire fighters are, as long as they can carry a 206-pound mayor out of a burning room."

Roger that, mayor.

What's happening:

The Polk County Campus of Isothermal Community College will hold early registration for the fall quarter on today from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Columbus Town Council will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

The Polk County Democratic Executive Committee is holding its Watermelon Slicin' Saturday, Aug. 10 at 3 p.m. at Dem-

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100 Marijuana Plants Pulled

The Polk County Sheriff's Department found and pulled about 100 marijuana plants found growing in the Grassy Knob, Rock Springs area Tuesday.

Sheriff Boyce Carswell said the plants, about 4-6 foot tall, would have a value of about \$1,600 each when mature.

Carswell, who was flying in the Blue Ridge Narcotics Task Force helicopter Tuesday when the plants were spotted, said his department has uprooted about 3,000 plants this growing season.

If all 3,000 plants had reached maturity, they would have had a street value of \$4.8 million.

Carswell said the helicopter crew also spotted 43 plants growing in Rutherford County, just off Hwy. 74, while heading to an airport there to refuel.

Rutherford is not part of the Blue Ridge Task Force.

Meeting Place Bridge

Results of Tuesday afternoon Meeting Place Bridge are as follows: 1. Adele Henshaw; 2. Toddy Woodruff; 3. Eddie Fitzgibbon; 4. Eleanor Bowes.

-Community Reporter

Red Fox Bridge

Red Fox Ladies Bridge Tuesday, August 6 winners were: 1. Marge Deobald; 2. Brenda Merkel; 3. Mollybelle Schwab.

-Community Reporter

Hole In One

Harry Peterson scored a hole in one at Red Fox Country Club Tuesday.

His ace came on the No. 2, 162-yard hole. He used a 3-iron.

Peterson was playing with Hugh Zweig, Tom Miller and Jim Kingery.

Truck, Car Collide

A truck and trailer backing into the parking lot of the former Pantry building on South Trade Street collided with a car Wednesday morning at 10:16.

No one was hurt.

The car, a 1968 Dodge, was driven by Mary Lockhart Camp, 83, of Tryon.

The truck, an International was driven by Earl Whaley Jr., 24, of Greenville.

Tryon Police Chief Nathan Shields said the northbound lanes were blocked, and a flag man attempted to stop all traffic in the south bound lanes.

The car and truck collided when the truck pulled forward across the center line, where it met Camp's car in the south-bound lanes, Shields said.

No charges were brought.

Registration

Campobello-Gramling School will have open registration from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14 for kindergarten thru 8th grade.

-Community Reporter

"Fiddler" Everywhere

Proof that a stage play has become a great triumph - a part of the history of its time - is the use of its title in slogans, essays, and expressions completely unrelated to the show. "Fiddler on the Roof" is a good example. In 1965 when "Fiddler" opened in New York, the city had a prominent roofing contractor named Fiedler who used to have his trucks painted with the slogan "We Cover New York." Soon after the show scored its huge success, he changed the slogan to "See Fiedler on the Roof."

Also, the May 27, 1991 issue of The New Republic magazine has on its cover a caricature, in color, of Gorbachev trying to balance himself while standing on a hovel and sawing away on a fiddle. The cover carries the caption in bold lettering - "Fiddler on the Roof." The two main articles in the issue are concerned with Gorbachev's perilous balancing act: between communism and democracy, and between the status quo and change.

Furthermore, the August 4, 1991 issue of The New York Times Book Review includes a lengthy review of a book written by a well known professor of English and literary critic. Although he is the author of numerous works, this is his first book in nine years. His name - Leslie Fiedler. The name of the book? You guessed it! "Fiddler on the Roof." The book has as its subtitle, "Essays on Literature and Jewish Identity."