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The weather Friday: high 87, low 70, hum. 75 percent, and 1.43 inches of rain fell; Saturday, high 86, low 66, hum. 72 percent and .69 inches of rain fell; Sunday, high 85, low 66, hum. 64 percent and .10 inches of rain fell, and by 7 a.m. Monday 1.11 inches of rain had fallen.

We received a communication from Larry McDevitt, of Van Winkle, Buck, Wall, Starnes and Davis, a firm of 23 lawyers in Asheville which represents the Association of County Taxpayers in Polk County.

Mr. McDevitt wrote to object to any characterization of ACT as a political action committee (PAC). We reported in July the circulation of an anonymous petition seeking to have the Polk County Board of Elections register ACT as a PAC and publicly monitor its activities. And we referred to ACT as a political action committee, a name which certainly characterizes the group, if not legally defines it.

Legally, a PAC is an organization which contributes to candidates campaigns and endorses candidates for office,

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23 Pot Plants Pulled

Add 23 more marijuana plants to the tally of those discovered and destroyed this growing season in Polk County.

Chief deputy Calvin Atkins of the Polk County Sheriff's Department said he pulled 23 plants Sunday in the Rock Springs area.

No arrest was made in connection with the find.

Atkins said the plants were spotted earlier from the Blue Ridge Narcotics Task Force helicopter.

The chief deputy estimated the total number of plants pulled this year in Polk County at over 3,000, each with a street value at maturity of between \$1,600 and \$2,500 depending on market conditions.

I-26 Lanes Closed Due To Fuel Spill

A tractor trailer stopped on the side of I-26 had leaking fuel tanks Monday morning, and police closed two lanes of the road temporarily.

According to Calvin Atkins of the Polk County Sheriff's Department, the fuel was mixing with the rain and making the road slick.

The lanes were closed while everyone worked to stop the spilling and clean up the road.

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For Local News



Rick Henriksen

New Owner Of Tryon Pharmacy

Ellis Fincher Sr. sold the Tryon Pharmacy on August 1 to Frederick M. 'Rick' Henriksen.

Henriksen, a native of Wilmington, moved to Tryon July 1 along with his wife, Libby, and 9-year-old son, Hal.

Hal will be attending Tryon Elementary this fall in the third grade.

"Like 'Doc' Fincher, I enjoy the personal aspects of helping people in a small community," Henriksen said. "I look forward to getting to know the local people, and hope I can contribute to the already outstanding quality of life here."

Fincher will continue to work at the pharmacy part-time, as well.

Henriksen grew up in the

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Police Arrest Six On Cocaine Charges

Tryon Police ended a six month undercover drug investigation by making six arrests Friday night.

Eight more suspects were being sought as of Monday morning.

A total of 58 charges have been brought against the 14 suspects.

Tryon Police Chief Nathan Shields said those arrested were: John Nathan Jackson, Scott Hague, Brian Fred Beatty, Ricky Dean Gosnell, Anthony Dion Constance, and Cathy Roper.

They were each charged with counts of selling and delivering a controlled substance, and possession of a controlled substance, Shields said.

Shields said, if convicted, the suspects could face prison terms. All six are in their 20s and 30s.

Several were out on bond Monday morning, while others were still in jail, Shields said.

Shields said the investigation began about six months ago when a female officer went undercover. Over the six months, she purchased "quite a bit" of cocaine, and capsules of the prescription drug Xanax, Shields said.

At times, the officer simulated drug use to win the suspects' confidence, Shields said.

"This appears to be a close knit group of people who were street level type dealers."

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