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The weather Monday, high 51, low 40, hum. 40 percent.

The Saluda Grade delighted a group of passengers who paid nearly \$200 a head to climb aboard a passenger train last weekend.

But the grade has rarely delighted the train men and women who have had to operate on the steepest standard gauge main-line rail grade in the 48 contiguous states.

Rebecca Burcher, editor of Norfolk Southern's Focus magazine, traveled to Saluda last fall to gather information about the Saluda Grade. Her story appeared in the most recent edition of Focus.

She asked train man Melvin Warren what it takes to operate a train over the Saluda Grade

and he said: "Nerve."

Burcher wrote: "He thinks a little, then adds, 'A lot of guys, you can see their hands trembling when they reach for the throttle. It's just human nature.

"I've seen a couple road foremen who've been transferred here, rode the mountain once and said, 'If this is all you've got for me...' Some would rather quit than oversee operating trains across the steepest stan-

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Auction of Red Fox Country Club OK'd

A foreclosure sale of Red Fox Country Club was ordered Tuesday morning by Polk County Clerk of Court Judy Arledge.

The Resolution Trust Corp. the substitute trustee on the deed for the golf course and unsold residential lots, successfully petitioned the court Tuesday for a foreclosure sale.

Arledge said the trustee's attorney, Albert L. Smead Jr., will draw up an order of foreclosure for her to sign and a notice of sale to be posted in the courthouse and advertised in the newspaper.

Thirty days from the time she posts the notice, a public sale will be held on the courthouse steps, Arledge said. She expected to have the notice of sale from the trustee before

In order to force a foreclosure, Arledge said the trustee had to prove four points: first, there is a valid debt; second, the loan is in default; third, the lender has a right to foreclose; and fourth, everyone entitled to receive notice of the foreclosure proceedings had been notified.

Arledge said notice was sent to the following: R.S. Acquisition Co.; Alltel Carolina Inc.; Susan K. Mathers; Red Fox Limited Partnership; Harold Mathers; and the Red Fox Country Club Owners Associa-

Larry Heath, chairman of the (Continued On Back Page)



Sue Hipps, comedienne extraordinaire, will bring tears of laughter to those attending Melrose Madness this weekend. Will Scarlett (Sue) get her man (Rhett/Ronnle Mosseller)?

P.C. J.V. Baseball

The Polk County JVs defeated Edneyville 9-6.

Cutstanding performances were given by pitcher Shannon Hudson and Walter King. Leading the offense were Wesley Wolfe, Dietrich Bradley, Chad Fisher, Alan Kropp; defense - Perry Lindsey and Jason Wilson.

Polk County lost to Blue Ridge 6-2 Monday. Wesley Wolfe pitched a good game. Playing good offense was Shannon Hudson and for defense Brian Grochowski.

Coach Jeff Wilson stated that "we're playing pretty good baseball, working real hard on techniques and fundamentals."

-Community Reporter



Getting

Slow Students Don't Fail, They 'Reloop'

O.K. So what if James goofs off during the first 9-week period in Algebra I next fall. He'll take his 'C-' and try to catch up with the others during the second 9 weeks, right?

Wrong. If its Polk County High School James attends next fall, he'll find himself studying the same Algebra unit again, or whatever part of it he didn't understand.

Under the Outcome Based Education (OBE) plan devised by Polk County Schools, high school teachers next fall will begin using what educators call a "mastery learning" approach to assess their students' achievements.

Children who reach a designated level of skill or accomplishment will be given an "A" or a "B" and move on. But the student who does not reach the "mastery" level will merely receive a "Not yet."

"You don't set 70 as passing," explained Polk County English teacher Jane Kinchloe. "You say that to receive credit, a student must score no lower than an 80, or whatever."

This form of grading is already used in the elementary (Continued On Back Page)