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The weather Tuesday: high 71, low 58, hum. 70 percent.

State Sen. Charles W. Hardin is in stable condition at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville following by-pass heart surgery, the hospital reported Tuesday.

Hardin was admitted Monday for tests and it was determined that he needed surgery to correct a blockage. He did not suffer a heart attack.

"Mr. Hardin is doing extremely well and we anticipate an excellent recovery," the hospital spokesperson said.

Tryon Painters & Sculptors will hold an opening reception for the exhibit of watercolors by Paul Koenen on Sunday, Oct. 28 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Tryon Fine Arts Gallery.

There will be a wine and cheese reception Friday night, Oct. 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. to preview the exhibition of constructions by Frank Thomson and paintings and drawings by David Fraley at The Upstairs, 409 North Trade St.

Tryon Mayor Bob Neely declared yesterday United Nations Day in a proclamation, which read in part: "The United States and the 158 other members states of the United Nations must work together through the

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Cable Wiring Passes

527 Sunny View Homes

Phoenix Cable Television has run cable wiring from Lake Lure down Hwy. 9 to Mill Spring, making service available to 527 homes in the area, company spokesman Chuck Himelrick said this week.

About 100 Polk County homeowners have subscribed to the cable television service, Himelrick said.

Once Duke Power and Alltel Carolina have agreed, the cable company will string wire another half mile below Mill Spring on Hwy. 9, Himelrick said.

A land tower will be needed to bring service to the rest of the Green Creek and Sandy Plains areas, he said, since the Lake Lure signal will not travel any further than Mill Spring.

Himelrick said Phoenix is looking for property on which to locate its tower, and will wire the Green Creek area soon after. He said the company will consider wiring any streets with 20 homes or more per mile.

P.C. Volleyball

The Polk County Lady Wolverines Volleyball team traveled to Swain on October 18th for the playoffs.

The Wolverines lost to Swain 15-2, 15-3, won 15-0 and lost 15-12. Coack Terrell says the girls had a sluggish start, lacked floor leadership and had poor services. But overall the girls had a 14-4 record and a 4-2 conference record for a very successful season.

School Board Profiles: Green Creek

The following questions were asked of all Nov. 6, 1990 candidates for the Polk County Board of Education. Elections for the Polk County Board of Education are non-partisan and county-wide. Political party affiliation has no bearing on a candidate and all county voters may vote for the candidate of choice from each of the school district seats up for election.

DR. GEOFFREY E. BALKAM

Dr. Geoffrey E. Balkam said he is a Green Creek candidate for the Polk County Board of Education because he would like to see education processes improved.

Balkam feels that his unique background will complement the school system. "I have the contacts and the resources to ask the right questions of the superintendent and the county commissioners," he said. "I'm not any better, just different."

Balkam sees the smallness of the Polk County school system and its slow turn-over rate for teachers and educational staff as its strengths.

Weaknesses that Balkam sees in the existing school system have to do with particular problems with the board of education in the past. Balkam said there is no need for the school board to go into executive session so often. This makes people feel the school board is trying to keep something from them, he explained. He hopes to regain the confidence of the community.

Balkam disagrees with the present policy for accepting South Carolina students with a tuition of an average yearly property tax. Out-of-state students are not given a break in

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CRAIG McSWAIN

Green Creek school board candidate Craig McSwain would like to thank the people of Polk County for the support they have shown him as a school board member for the past six years.

McSwain said he sees the board moving to hire good teachers.

"The superintendent we have now is stressing quality teaching in the classroom. The board backs him," McSwain said.

The school board is also working to improve the CAT test scores and the everyday conditions for students, he added.

Though the school system has the majority of the county's support, McSwain said the county must pull together to overcome weaknesses.

"Teachers are not leaving like they did before. They see we're dedicated to them," he said.

McSwain said that the short range plans of the school board should be to get the new high school open and running smoothly. The quicker this can be accomplished and Green Creek and Mill Spring Elementary Schools can be consolidated, the quicker other problems can be solved, he said.

Completed consolidation will cut out combination classes, and the need every year to have to

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