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## Saluda Fall Leaf Festival A Success



The first Fall Leaf Festival was held at Saluda on Saturday, Oct. 20.

Activities included hayrides in horse drawn wagons, provided by Roy Morgan and Cliff Cox.

The children's poster competition was won by John Burdett, pictured above (left) with his friend Tracy Shurtleff. All the entrants pictures decorated the store fronts on Main Street.

Scarecrows entered by various groups were displayed throughout the city. The first place winner was Homemakers Extension; 2nd, Straxx; and 3rd, Mountain Page Community Club.

Various civic groups provided snacks and food items and spaghetti dinners were served to over 100 people in the Fire Hall.

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## School Board Profiles: Tryon

Each candidate for the Polk County Board of Education has been asked a set of questions by the Tryon Daily Bulletin. What follows is a synopsis of the answers given by the two candidates from Tryon. Voters on Nov. 6 may choose one candidate from each township race: Green Creek, Tryon and Columbus. In Cooper's Gap, Ann Whitmire is running unopposed. Green Creek candidates were profiled Thursday. Columbus candidates will be profiled Monday, and candidates for the Polk County Board of Commissioners will be profiled starting Tuesday.

### BILL MCKAIG

Tryon Polk County Board of Education candidate Bill McKaig's concern for education goes beyond his role as a parent to include all people who have to make a living.

In his years in the U.S. Air Force and now as supervisor at Barnette Southern, McKaig has seen people who quit school to go to work, and, once they've started working have a family. These people have no chance for advancement in any field. A high school education is a must for any job now, and to advance, additional training and/or schooling is needed, he pointed out.

The biggest strength in the Polk County Education system is that the majority of teachers and community support the school system, McKaig said. A lot of people have put dollars into the schools, he said pointing to Arthur Farwell, who donated computers to Tryon Elementary School, and the Community Foundation, which has helped all schools in the county.

The school system's weakness, McKaig said, is the school board. He charges that the school board is too involved in trying to build the new high school instead

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### GEORGIA PACK

Tryon school board candidate Georgia Pack said she would like to continue as a member of the Polk County Board of Education to be part of the completion of the merger she helped start. She said she would like to see the academic and building projects through to the end.

Pack said she sees the merger and the goals of this system to provide quality education for our children as the strength of Polk County's Education System.

The school administration and school board has put forth a lot of team work and "everything we're going after is toward providing quality education for the children of Polk County," Pack said. The beginnings of merger were tough, but once the two separate school board saw that merger was a sure thing, "we pulled together," she said.

Pol County's low SAT scores are one of the weaknesses Pack sees for the school system. "But people don't look at where we were and where we're aiming," she said.

The county's SAT scores have improved slowly, but coming up to the level the school board wants does not happen overnight, she said. Pack pointed

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