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The weekend weather: Friday: high 58, low 41, hum. 60 percent; Saturday, high 64, low 33, and hum. 77%; Sunday, high 67, low 39, and hum. 53%.

E.P.I.C. (Education in Polk County is Crucial) will host a forum for all candidates for the Polk County Board of Educations and Polk County Board of Commissioners tonight at 7 p.m. at the Stearns auditorium in Columbus.

The American Legion has offered a list of safety tips for children who wish to trick-or-treat Halloween night, and for their parents.

They suggest all children wear light clothing, carry a flashlight, walk — don't run, move in small groups and have an adult along, be careful crossing the street, use make-up instead of a mask, keep the costume short so you don't trip, and use materials that are not flammable.

Finally, the Legion reminds children to accept only wrapped or sealed treats, and don't even eat those until you get home and can have your Mom or Dad check them.

Fischer Can't Continue On School Board

Phillip Fischer, incumbent member of the Board of Education running for reelection from the Columbus Township, is moving out of the Columbus Township, he told a reporter Monday.

Fischer will close on a house in the Green Creek Township on Nov. 5, which will mean he cannot serve another term as the Columbus Township representative.

Fischer was unsure on Monday whether he would even be allowed to finish out his term.

Nonetheless, Fischer's name will still appear on the ballot Nov. 6, Polk County Registrar Dale Edwards said.

"My machines are already set up and I have three hundred plus absentee votes," she said. "If he (Fischer) wins, he will have to withdraw and the school board will appoint a replacement."

Fischer said he sold his house in August and knew then that he might be moving out of the township, but he said he had not located a new home yet and so he decided to remain in the race.

This past week Celia Blackwell of Green Creek had as her out of town guest, her sister, Myrtle Dimsdale, 92 years old from Weaverville, Calif. and her niece and husband, William and Beatrice Clary from Auburn, Calif. Also visiting was her sister, Bessie Feagan from Hendersonville, N. C.

County Commissioners Candidates Profiled

Each candidate for the Polk County Board of Commissioners has been asked a set of questions by The Tryon Daily Bulletin. What follows is a synopsis of the answers given by two of the candidates. Voters on Nov. 6 will have three votes, and six candidates to choose from, three Republicans and three Democrats. Responses have not been received from all the candidates as yet, but we hope to bring you the other four candidates answers, two on Wednesday and two on Thursday.

BILL CROWELL

Republican Bill Crowell wants to run for the position of Polk County Commissioner because he sees the county changing.

"If there is no long-term, level-headed, practical thinking in our county government, the people of Polk County could honestly lose control over the direction of their county," Crowell said.

A manageable budget and dedicated county employees are strengths the county can lean on, Crowell said.

However, the county's inability to hold onto key employees due to low pay is a weakness, he said. Crowell said he would be willing to pay more to qualified persons who commit to Polk County.

Lack of long-range planning is another of Polk County's weaknesses, he said. "Some major decisions have to be made in our county for the next ten years — the landfill, water quality," he said, citing two examples.

Crowell said he also sees transportation, food services for the jail, Emergency Medical Services, and the schools as additional responsibilities of the county commission.

Local taxes are not more important than providing quality services such as Emergency Medical Services, the Sheriff's

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CARSON DECK

Democrat Carson Deck brings two years of experience as a county commissioner (1986-88) with him to his candidacy for the Polk County Board of Commissioners.

In spite of so much controversy in the county, Deck said he feels progress has been made with the environment, education and health care. These strengths, however, are offset by weaknesses in the same areas.

"We'll have to do zoning and ordinances on business and industry to watch the industrial growth and the business growth," he said. "We want industry that will help us, not just any kind."

The responsibility of the county commissioners should be to administer the finances of the county in all services of the government, Deck said. The educational responsibilities of the county commissioners are also money-related, he said.

Deck will not say that we should have lower taxes. He explained that lower taxes could result in a lower standard of living, a lower standard of education.

"Taxes shouldn't be the question. We get what we pay for in respect to law enforcement, education, Emergency Medical Services, etc.," he pointed out.

As the board of commissioners
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