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The weather Tuesday: high 71, low 33, hum. 80 percent; Wednesday, high 80, low 37, hum. 73 percent.

In the first ten months of 1990, more rain has fallen than in an average year in Tryon. In fact, if we didn't see a cloud for the rest of the year, we would have .75 surplus over the yearly average of 64.83.

But it would be well if we did see more rain, weather recorder Robert Dedmond reports. The winter rains are not used by the foliage and thus are available to replenish groundwater supplies.

"This is the time of year when we need the rains," Dedmond said.

October saw rainfall of 10.76 inches, well over the average of 4.77 inches. It's been a wet year.

Next Tuesday evening, the election will be over and in many ways life will return to normal.

You will find many "communications" of opinion on the candidates and the issues printed inside today's Bulletin. Whatever your point of view, you will undoubtedly believe some of these final arguments cry out for rebuttal, but there is no time left.

The only rebuttal now will

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Bobbie Briggs of Landrum is working at The Tryon Daily Bulletin as a temporary replacement for Wanda Cash, who is on maternity leave.

Bobbie most recently worked for Keys Printing in Greenville in their desktop publishing department.

Prior to Keys, she also worked with Bulletin publisher Jeffrey A. Byrd in Richmond, Va. helping to computerize classified, circulation and desktop publishing operations for Suburban Newspapers of Virginia.

In addition to bookkeeping and receptionist duties, Bobbie is working on computer operations for the Bulletin also.

Bobbie's husband, Dick Briggs, is a media consultant and broker, primarily specializing in

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County Commissioners Candidates Profiled

Each candidate for the Polk County Board of Commissioners was asked a set of questions by the Tryon Daily Bulletin. What follows is a synopsis of the answers given by the two incumbent candidates. Voters on Nov. 6 will have three votes, and six candidates to choose from for the Polk County Board of Commissioners, three Democrats and three Republicans. Ann Whitmire, an unopposed candidate for the Polk County Board of Education from the Cooper's Gap Township, will be profiled Monday, finishing the profiles of all candidates for both boards.

KEN FAULKNER

Incumbent Republican Ken Faulkner is running for reelection because he said he feels Polk County has many problems to solve, now and in the future, and he wants to find viable solutions.

"This is not just an office, it is a public trust," he said.

Faulkner said that he has the time to thoroughly read and digest mountains of legal documents and state and federal rules and regulations. He said he also has the time to spend in the courthouse keeping up with county business and building good working relationships with other county officials and personnel.

Polk County's greatest strength lies in its small size as it is not hampered by a large staff of "time and money-wasting bureaucrats," Faulkner said.

The county's weakness is its small tax base compounded by the fact that most taxpayers are either working people who do not earn large salaries and retirees living on small fixed incomes.

To overcome this weakness, Faulkner said it is necessary to be very conservative in the commissioner's approach to needs as opposed to desires.

"Without prudent money
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RACHEL RAMSEY

Incumbent Democrat Rachel Ramsey would like to give the citizens of Polk County the benefit of the knowledge she has gained as a commissioner this past four years, the first two of which she served as chairman.

"There are several good programs which were started during these years that I would like to see well established. I enjoy people and I enjoy public service."

Polk County's strengths are definitely the dedicated employees and the caring, concerned, interested and interesting citizens, Ramsey said. She mentioned no weaknesses in the county government.

Services that benefit all citizens of the county — social programs, law enforcement, aging issues, schools, library, health, EMS, environmental — are the responsibility of the county commissioners, Ramsey said.

When asked if lower taxes are more important than providing quality services, Ramsey said that taxes are a fact of life.

"It isn't a question of how low or how high they are that should concern us; it's how we use the tax dollars that's important. I
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