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The weather Wednesday, high 61, low 26, hum. 38 percent.

We understand that some parents were quite disturbed at the stand taken by school board members Phillip Feagan, Dr. Geoffrey Balkam and Phillip Pleasants over school line redistricting.

When the board met Monday, it faced a room full of parents who did not want their children to be transferred from the Polk Central school district to the Tryon district.

Balkam, Feagan and Pleasants stood their ground. They correctly pointed out that it is their responsibility to face up to the circumstances we find ourselves in today, not to answer for "hindsight" mistakes of the past nor to read a crystal ball for the future.

It is their responsibility to see that the schools are not overcrowded today, that class sizes are such that each child receives a teacher's individual attention, that the buildings used are in good condition.

By allowing 63 transfers, the board instead ensured that some classes will be overcrowded at Polk Central next year. That's a fact. But the parents said they

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Lady Wolverines End Great Season

The Lady Wolverines basketball season came to a grinding halt Wed. night at the hands of Murphy High School. Murphy took an 85-45 victory in the Sectional Tournament. Speaking personally, as someone who has followed the team closely all year, one bad game does not ruin the season. As Conference Champions, they have given us something to be proud of and their style of play has made women's basketball exciting to watch.

In the first quarter of Wednesday's game, Murphy jumped out to an 8-0 lead before Polk County could score at the 4:37 mark. Murphy outscored the Lady Wolverines 20-7 in the quarter.

Polk County went on an 8-0 run in the first two minutes of the second quarter behind the shooting of Neysa Callahan and Jenny McGrane. They cut the lead to five, 20-15, but Murphy quickly pulled back out to a 12 point lead, 30-18, with 2:33 to go. Balanced scoring put Polk to within eight, 34-26, at the half.

The Lady Wolverines scored first in the third period but six points was as close as they could get. Murphy outscored Polk 29-7 to take a 63-33 lead into the final quarter.

Polk County was scoreless until the last four minutes of the game when Leah Justice scored nine of the Wolverines 12

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Merchants Assn. Plans Discussed

This week 17 people, representing 15 local businesses, met at Photo Graphia to discuss the feasibility of organizing an association of Tryon merchants, and to make plans for a community spring sale promotion effort similar to the Christmas Stroll held last Dec. The group adopted Tryon Merchants Assn. as the name for the new organization and made preliminary plans for a May Festival on May 1.

Those attending the organization meeting were: Bell Sherlin, Bill's Jewelry; Ruth and Nate Williams, Village Restaurant; Stephanie McFarland, Carolina Bedding Shop; Olin Cobb, Cafe Encore; Pat Foy, Goodyear Florist; Emma Pruette, Four Winds Florist; Bob Richardson, Blue Ridge Weavers; Leighton A. Butts, Antiques; Ann LaChance, Carole's Shoes; Frank Sexton, Antiques on Trade; Noreen Lehner, The Farm House; Phil Edwards, Fox Horn; Ruth Dillingham, Lambeth Way Antiques; Mike McCue, Photo Graphia; and Jennie and Jack Herold, The Book Shelf. Several others expressed interest but were unable to attend.

The discussion focused on the need for an organization to sponsor local events for the community and to attract people outside the immediate area to visit and shop in Tryon's many unique speciality shops and

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Polk Central Adds An Asst. Principal

The Polk County Board of Education named Spencer Johnson as a temporary asst. principal for Polk Central High School following executive session.

Handling 611 students at the 7-12th grade school is too much for only two people, principal Gerald Eubanks and asst. principal David Williams, Supt. James Causby explained.

Whether or not there will be two asst. principals at the new Polk County High School next year will be determined by the budget, Dr. Causby said.

Johnson is a teacher at the Polk Central alternative school for 7th and 8th grade Career Explorations.

In other personnel business, the school board hired James Laughter for the district maintenance staff.
C. Wharton

Singing Sunday

The Bloodline Singers of Aberdeen, Md., and the Conner Singers of Broad River, N.C. will be guests at Redeemed Baptist Church Sun., Mar. 15 at 6 p.m.

The church is located at 1000 South Blackstock Road, Landrum. Rev. Bill Walker, pastor, and congregation invite everyone to come.

-Community Reporter