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The weekend weather: Friday, high 59, low 38, hum. 40 percent, .32 inches of rain; Saturday, high 62, low 30, hum. 35 percent, and .12 inches of rain; Sunday, high 59, low 32, hum. 62 percent; and by 7 a.m. Monday .32 inches of rain had fallen.

Are you dissatisfied with the choices America's political parties are offering you for president this year?

H. Ross Perot may be your answer. He's the financial wizard who ran a computer company to wealth and stardom, the one who sold the GM and then balked at the lethargy within the ranks of its top management and made them buy him out for a few hundred million, the gutsy guy who went to Iran himself to help break his employees out of jail.

He's running for president, without the aid of a political party or primary delegates. He just has an 800-number that you can call. It is 1-800-685-7777.

What's happening:

The Tryon Merchants Association will hold an organizational meeting tonight at 5:30 at
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Wolverines Advance To Regional Finals

Polk County hung in there even on a poor shooting night and moved into the regional finals with a 78-76 triple overtime victory over E. Wilkes Friday night. The Wolverines couldn't get the shots to fall inside the paint or from the foul line.

E. Wilkes went up 5-1 before baskets by Gavrick Carson and Duron Davis gave the Wolverines a 6-5 lead. Then E. Wilkes outscored Polk 13-3; with one second on the clock, E. Wilkes threw up a shot from beyond mid-court giving them an 18-9 lead.

E. Wilkes held a 10 pt. lead, 21-11, at the 6:41 mark of the second quarter. Polk County cut the lead to 3 at the 4:28, 2:21 and 54 second and 12 second marks but couldn't get over that hump going into halftime trailing 27-24.

E. Wilkes pushed ahead by 10 again, 34-24, with 5:37 to go in the third quarter but the Wolverines came back at them and pulled to within one, 36-35, at the 2:32 mark. The Cardinals outscored Polk 7-2 in the last 1:24 to take a 43-37 lead.

Polk County cut the lead to two, 43-41, with 7:11 remaining and two again, 47-45, with 4:49 50 go. E. Wilkes went up by six at the 4:09 mark before a three pointer by Dwight Canady and a three point play by William Burnett tied the score at
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Getting Ready For The World

Tech Prep Replaces Vocational, General Track Study Plans

In most American high schools it used to be that when the administration had lost its patience with a student he was assigned to "shop."

Vocational courses such as carpentry and auto mechanics had few, if any, academic requirements. And the shop teacher often was good at handling discipline problems.

Another bunch of students were often on what was called the "general track." They often were sliding through school picking up passing grades only in those academic courses required for graduation.

In most cases, there were not even any minimum requirements. General Math I and II, for instance, would knock off the two required years of math.

By their senior year, many general track and vocational students were simply hanging around waiting for graduation. Some attended school only part days.

Too often, these students were leaving high school without the skills needed to succeed in the job market, and just as
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Schools Seek Capital Outlay Advance For Renovation Project

Polk County Schools do not have enough money to award the Polk Central renovation project base bids, the school board learned Monday morning.

The board decided to seek a \$175,000 advance on 1992-93 capital outlay funds from the Polk County Board of Commissioners.

"There's more work to do than money to do it," said Supt. James Causby following Monday's special early morning bid awards meeting of the Polk County Board of Education.

"It's not unexpected; we are going to be able to do the renovation for the elementary section," Dr. Causby said.

The commissioners will meet Wednesday at 5:30 to consider advancing the schools \$175,000.

The schools are facing an April 1 deadline to ensure that the Polk Central will be renovated before school opening in the fall, he said.

The School Board allocated \$34,000 from other construction projects which have been under budget toward the Polk Central project. With another \$175,000 from the county, the schools will still only be able to afford a low base bid of \$1,046,139 to go ahead with the essential base projects, Dr.
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