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The weather Monday, high 78, low 54, hum. 35 percent, and by Thursday at 7 a.m. .01 inches of rain had fallen.

Congratulations to the winners in the Democratic and Republican primaries! Shame on those two thirds of you who didn't bother to vote. One race was decided by a mere 16 votes.

What's happening:

A new exhibit, "The Birds of Polk County," is open at Isothermal Community College as this year's FENCE Goes To Town offering. The exhibit, sponsored by FENCE and the Tryon Bird and Nature Club, includes videos, photographs, stuffed birds and carved birds. The college is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays. The exhibit will be at ICC through May 14th.

If your child will be entering kindergarten next year in Polk County, the schools are offering a free get-acquainted program for your child. The "Rise and Shine" program will meet at the elementary schools from 9 to 10 a.m. on Mondays at Green Creek, Tuesdays at Mill Spring, Wednesdays at Saluda, Thursdays at Sunny View and

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Band Students To Present Concert

All band students in Polk County, grades 6-12 will present an end of the year concert on Tues., May 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Tryon Elementary School auditorium.

Those organizations featured on the program will include the 6th grade beginner band, the 7th/8th grade intermediate band, at the Polk Central High School Concert Band. Also performing on the program will be the Middle School chorus.

Students participating in the concert will be from Tryon Middle School, Saluda School, Sunny View Elementary, Green Creek Elementary, Mill Spring Elementary, Polk Central Middle School and Polk Central High School.

The Middle School Chorus will be conducted by Woody Cowan. The band directors are Mrs. Barbara Poole and Keith I. Poole.

There is no admission charge for the concert and the public is invited and encouraged to attend.

-Community Reporter

Tryon Valley 411 Meets Thursday

Tryon Valley Chapter 411 will meet Thurs., May 7 at 5 p.m. at the Lodge Hall on Markham Rd. Asking all members to please be present. Wm., Sister Louise Payton, Sec., Sister Betty Thompson.

County Appoints Six To Small Business Loan Program Board

The Polk County Board of Commissioners on Monday appointed six persons to the Region C Certified Development Corp.

They are Celia Arledge, Glenn Rhodes, Lane Bailey, Ed Wilson, Bob Worsnop and Bill Miller Jr. Region C includes the same area as the Isothermal Planning District Committee - McDowell, Polk, Rutherford and Cleveland counties.

The Region C Certified Development Corp. was formed about two years ago as part of a Small Business Administration program. The corporation assists in making loans of between \$125,000 and \$1.875 million to small businesses.

The certified development corporation will make up to 40 percent of the loan, in cooperation with commercial banks, provided that the small business creates one new job for every \$35,000 borrowed from the corporation.

Assistant County Manager Lane Bailey said the Region C corporation has made three or four loans in the past two years, none in Polk County.

"I am working with a couple of businesses now," he said. "To be sure they are aware of the program."

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Smith, Huntsinger, Foy Join Incumbents In Fall Contest

Polk County voters will have three new candidates and three incumbent commissioners to choose from in November.

The winners in Tuesday's primary for the Polk County Board of Commissioners were Benny Smith, Henry Huntsinger and Sue Cochran, for the Democrats, and John Edwards, Jeannie Martin and Jesse Foy, for the Republicans.

Benny Smith was the top vote getter in the county, leading the field of four Democrats with 1,343 votes.

"I'm surprised," Smith said as he scanned the vote total chart on the wall in a crowded Democrat headquarters Tuesday night. "I guess I'm the new man on the chopping block. I'm just glad it was a good clean race."

Smith won in six precincts, and finished second in the other three, as well as among the absentee voters. (A complete chart of election results appears inside today's *Bulletin*.)

Martin, the board chairman for the last four years, got the most starkly divided response from the voters. She finished second among the Republicans winning five precincts, all of those in Tryon and Columbus, and finishing fifth in the rest of the county.

"I am proud to be selected," Martin said after the final total was counted. "I intend to do my

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