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The weather Tuesday: high 85, low 62, and hum. 68 percent.

Several people have commented about the relative quiet surrounding the proposed land transfer tax for Polk County. They think citizens should be taking to the streets in protest.

The state legislature is considering a bill introduced by Edith Lutz which would allow Polk to levy a 1 percent local land transfer tax. The county would be limited in its use of the proceeds to capital expenditures - buildings, water and sewer, stuff like that.

The tax would be in addition to the current excise tax of one-tenth of 1 percent (revenue stamps). Certain inter-family transfers would be exempt.

The tax could be levied without being brought first to a vote by the people.

Now you know. But before you take to the streets, ask your county manager or county commissioner for more information. Polk County is trying to operate on mere thimble fulls of money. After hearing more about this possible source of new revenue,

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## Landrum Raises Water, Sewer Rates

Landrum water and sewer customers will pay higher rates starting July 1, it was decided by the Landrum City Council Tuesday night.

The new monthly minimum water rate, for the first 2,000 gallons used, will be \$8 for water customers inside the city limits, up 45 percent from \$5.50, and \$16 for customers outside the city limits, up 39 percent from \$11.50.

Sewer rates were raised the same amount.

Each 1,000 gallons used after the first 2,000 will cost \$2.20 inside the city, and \$2.65 outside.

The city water department was \$25,000 in debt at the end of March, the council was told, due to increases in the cost of chemicals, power, insurance and other expenses.

In addition, the rate increase is needed for new construction, the council decided.

City Water and Sewer Engineer Keith Overstreet proposed a \$656,000 construction program to build an EPA mandated sludge handling facility for the town.

In addition, Overstreet proposed that the town install an 8-inch pipe running down Blackstock Road into the Hwy. 14 system, back to Hwy. 176. This would improve service and increase the water pressure to customers, he said.

The sludge handling facility

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Eileen Fabian

## Artist To Present At Brevard Inn

Irish-born artist Eileen Fabian will present an exhibit of her paintings at the Inn at Brevard through the month of June. The show opens with a reception from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, June 1, and her portraits and still lifes in oil will remain on display for the remainder of the month. The Inn at Brevard is located at 410 E. Main St., Brevard, N.C. The reception and exhibit are free and open to the public.

Eileen has studied in Europe and the Far East, as well as New York and Atlanta. She is a protege of Russian painter Roman Chatov and paints in the classical method. After spending a number of years in Atlanta, she now lives, paints and teaches in Brevard. Immediately apparent in her work is the way she uses a multitude of colors to achieve dramatic skin tones bringing life into faces and figures.

## Schools Ask Increase In Local Funding

The recently approved Polk County Schools proposed budget seeks a 316% increase in local capital outlay funds and a 6.6% increase in local current expense funds.

The \$8,283,050 total capital outlay budget reflects \$8,075,000 in bond proceeds allocated for the new high school construction project and renovation projects at Saluda and Polk Central.

The \$208,050 sought in county funds for capital outlay would be used for a new roof at Sunny View and roof work at Tryon Elementary. Some of the more expensive items on the list are renovation of restrooms in Saluda and a walkway cover to the parking lot in Saluda. The Polk Central Water tank also needs paint and repair, the board said.

Included in the equipment budget is \$8,000 for athletic equipment and \$6,000 for band equipment. All schools need audiovisual equipment and all high school and middle schools need science equipment, the board said.

The Tryon Elementary media center needs to be computerized for \$20,000. Saluda needs air conditioners, filing cabinets and gym lockers; Mill Spring needs a new copier; and Tryon Elementary needs new cafeteria tables and chairs and new desks.

Two outdated activity buses

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