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The weekend weather: Friday, high 87, low 61, hum. 52 percent; Saturday, high 88, low 61, hum. 48 percent; Sunday, high 85, low 60, hum. 65 percent. The sun shone all weekend. Cross your fingers for Labor Day.

The recently concluded undercover investigation in Tryon resulted in several arrests related to drug charges.

However, not all those charges brought as part of that undercover operation were for drugs. Kim Bolsinger of Columbus, for instance, was charged with transferring a handgun without a permit. It is a misdemeanor charge.

The law he violated reads as follows: "It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation in this State to sell, give away, or transfer, or to purchase or receive, at any place within this State from any other place within or without the State any pistol unless a license or permit therefor has first been obtained by the purchaser or receiver from the sheriff of the county in which that purchaser or receiver resides."

Quote for the day: "It is by the goodness of God that in our
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Transformer Blew, A/C Unit Smoked At Polk Central

It was a rough first day of school for the new Polk Central Principal Gerald Eubanks and his staff Monday.

A power transformer blew up around 9 a.m. leaving the school with only partial power.

The power was restored by about 11 a.m., said Pam Bumgardner, the school secretary.

But the partial power apparently caused an air-conditioning motor to burn up in the exceptional children's building, located behind the school cafeteria.

Smoke pouring from the false ceiling filled some rooms in the building and the Mill Spring Fire Department was called.

"It's settling down now," Bumgardner said. "We got through lunches."

She said most students probably did not even notice the problems.

Youth Football Parents' Meeting

There will be an organizational meeting for the parents of youths interested in playing Youth Football this fall.

The meeting will be held at Harmon Field at 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 26.

Youth Football players are in the third through the sixth grade.



Drew Sheppard of Cooper Construction atop the large poplar tulip tree that was felled to make way for the new Saluda School Buildings recently. (Photo by Ceri Dando) —Community Reporter

Break-Ins Reported In Tryon, Saluda

Tryon Police investigated a break-in at the office of Smith Optometric Eye Associates on Pacolet Street Friday.

The office was closed Wednesday at 5 p.m. and reopened Friday morning at 8 a.m., when the break-in was discovered. A side window had been broken out.

Tryon Police Assistant Chief Larry Cochran said the burglars took cash, and sunglasses valued at over \$300.

In Saluda Monday morning, police officer Mike Revels was investigating a rash of break-

ins.

Break-ins at Ward's, M.A. Pace, the Saluda Mountain Telephone Co. and Wildflower Bakery were believed to have happened after Revels' shift ended around 3 a.m. Monday.

Town Clerk Charlotte Sullivan said cash was reported stolen, along with a case of pocket knives from Ward's.

In addition, the thieves found keys to drink machines and pay telephones and stole the change from those machines as well.

Officer Revels told a reporter that the rear windows were broken out of each business. He said he has suspects in the case.