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The weather Monday, high 66, low 43, hum. 67 percent.

If you are too ill or disabled to ride in a car, you can still get a ride in an ambulance in Polk County. But it took a compromise to make it so.

You may recall that the county stopped allowing county ambulances to transport convalescent patients as of July 1.

That meant that patients who did not face an emergency, but who could not travel by car, had no way to get to the hospital or the doctor's office.

St. Luke's Hospital and the area nursing homes were very concerned.

Well, a compromise has been in place for some time now. Hospital president Thomas Bradshaw says the situation still is "not ideal," but nonetheless everyone is relatively satisfied.

Under the terms of the compromise, the county is providing an ambulance and a driver for necessary convalescent calls. In return, either the hospital or the nursing home supplies the required Emergency Medical Technician to ride along on convalescent transports.

Board of Commissioners
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McCormack Offers Possible Compromise Hunting Ordinance

A state hunting law passed for other counties may provide a solution to Polk County's dispute with hunters, commissioner Tim McCormack suggested Monday night.

Prior to the meeting, State Wildlife Officer Sgt. Johnny Blanton gave the board for study a copy of a "local bill" passed by the General Assembly for other N.C. counties.

Blanton will join the board, a sheriff's deputy, two hunter representatives, and an affected property owner in a workshop Oct. 21 to discuss the county's new hunting ordinance.

The county in August passed an ordinance, which among other things limits the firing of any gun to within certain distances of other peoples properties and residences.

Hunters complained that county law was too restrictive, and that the problems being addressed were already covered by state laws.

On Monday, McCormack suggested that the "local bill" Blanton provided might be a better county ordinance until the General Assembly meets again next spring and can make it a state law for Polk County.

McCormack said that if the "local bill" were substituted for the county's current law, it would make for a smooth transition when the "local bill" (Continued On Back Page)



Joseph Richard Stone

F.O.P. Officer Of The Month

Joseph Richard Stone, N.C. Wildlife Officer was selected for Polk County F.O.P. Officer of the Month. Mr. Stone has served the surrounding community for 11 years. For his continuing dedication to the community, Mr. Stone was awarded dinner for two at a restaurant of his choice. He and his wife, Wanda will dine at Brannons on Landrum Rd.

—Community Reporter

Meets Thursday

The Landrum Garden Club will meet at the home of Lois Ayers, 607 N. Shamrock Ave., Landrum, Thur., Oct. 10 at 3 p.m. Florine Strange will present a program on indoor plants for cleaner air.

New Work By Elaine Graves

New sculptural clay work by Elaine Graves will see the light of day for the first time at a Salt Kiln opening on Sun., Oct. 13 at 1 p.m. at Little Mountain Pottery on Peniel Rd. outside of Columbus. The pieces being fired combine sculpture as well as wheel thrown techniques and are decorated with glazes and clay slips before being fired in the Salt Kiln. The Salt firing process, brought to this country by German potters in the 18th century, accents texture and color and leaves the mark of the fire on each piece.

Elaine Graves, a painting and printmaking graduate of UNC at Wilmington, has been working in clay at Little Mountain Pottery in Columbus since 1974. She has studied at Penland School and the Appalachian Center for Crafts in Tennessee and is an Exhibiting Member of Carolina Designer Craftsmen. Her work has been exhibited at the Mint Museum, N.C. Museum of Art, Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, the Greenville County Museum of Art and numerous gallery shows around the country. Mrs. Graves teaches elementary art for the Polk County Schools.

—Community Reporter

Herr and Frau Martin and Elisabeth Hafner from Germany are currently visiting with Martin and Elisabeth Winters of Persimmon Hill, Columbus.