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The weather Wednesday, high 65, low 51, hum. 50 percent, and .16 inches of rain fell.

The doggone sun is aligning itself with the earth and the Aurora II satellite again and knocking out television and long-distance telephone service! In Alaska, that is.

The "sun outage" story was page one in the Ketchikan Daily News Oct. 10 when Snell Sellers of Tryon was there. Sellers, a world traveler in his job with QCI Co., was in Alaska to help rebuild a boiler at the Ketchikan Pulp Co.

Another front page story detailed Alaska's plans to develop tourism. They've hired a consultant to visit 30 U.S. cities and develop a strategy. Imagine that.

Ketchikan is on that slender strip of Alaska running down Canada's British Columbia coast toward Seattle. It is on the tip of the Alexander Archipelago, that is, "a sea with many islands." It may have been beautiful, but it certainly was expensive, Sellers said when he brought us the papers recently. A cheese sandwich cost \$4.50. And you need three of those just to keep your long johns

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·4-H Agent Deborah Johnson and Assistant Agricultural Extension Agent Allyn Walker present former FENCE Nature Center Director, David Riddle (center), a special gift for his efforts with children.

4-H Honors Riddle

The Polk County 4-H organization honored David Riddle, FENCE Nature Center Director, recently at 4-H Science Day Camp. Director Riddle is leaving his position as FENCE nature center director in December.

"David Riddle is one of Polk County's best secrets," said John Vining, County Extension Director. "Mr. Riddle has been a valuable resource person for the 4-H organization, scout groups, and the local schools. He has an exceptional knowledge of our native plants and wildlife and has a great rapport with children. It is a shame Director Riddle will not longer be affiliated with the FENCE

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Hunters Say Law Just Passed Covers County's Concerns

A new state law which took effect Oct. 1 should make Polk County's controversial firearms ordinance unnecessary, Steve Christopher said Thursday.

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Christopher and Dr. Jack
Frasher, both of Green Creek,
will represent hunters point of
view during a workshop with
the county commissioners
Monday after the regular meeting. County Manager John
Lewis said the workshop should
begin between 4 and 5 p.m.

A sheriff's deputy, a county resident affected by hunters, and State Wildlife Officer Johnny Blanton will also attend that workshop.

Christopher and Frasher were with a dozen hunters who complained to the commissioners in September about the firearms ordinance they passed in August. The hunters said the ordinance, which prohibits firing guns within certain distances of houses, roads and other people, duplicates existing laws and is unenforceable.

Since that meeting, Christopher said he has been researching the issue and recently learned of a new state law which took effect Oct. 1, called the "negligent firearms law."

Christopher said even State Wildlife Officer Johnny Blanton was unaware of the new law, which was only ratified

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Rhonda Burnett

Burnett To Attend National Conference

Rhonda Burnett of Columbus has been selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference from November 5 to 10, 1991 in Washington, D.C. Rhonda will be among 350 outstanding high school students from across the nation at the conference sponsored by the congressional Youth Leadership Council.

Highlights of Rhonda's week in Washington will include welcoming remarks from a member of Congress on the Floor of the United States House of Representatives and panel discussion led by prominent journalists at the National Press Club. Rhonda will explore presidential decision—making in a simulation entitled If I Were President. Rhonda will also visit the diplomatic embassy of either the Netherlands, Denmark, Czechoslova—

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