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*The weekend Monday: high 64, low 41, hum. 45 percent.*

The headline in a neighboring daily paper Tuesday read: "Hunter ousted".

The story described Monday's workshop between hunters, county residents, wildlife officers and the county commissioners. They were together to discuss the firearms safety ordinance passed by Polk County in August. The reaction to the ordinance has been emotional, and one might think from the headline that the boiling point was reached Monday.

Thankfully, just the opposite happened. The steam was vented.

A gentleman did speak up once too often and was asked not to interrupt. When he interrupted again, Polk County Sheriff's chief deputy Calvin Atkins motioned for the gentleman to follow him outside. They talked awhile and the gentleman did not return.

Other than that, the workshop was conducted in a rational, thoughtful, courteous manner. Agreement between all parties was reached on just about all the major points.

Hunter's representative Steve  
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## Green River Board Seeks County Help With Duke Power

Tom McHugh, chairman of the Green River Management Board, said it has been "a quiet fifteen years" along the river.

Until last summer.

McHugh said apparently Duke Power began increasing the water flow in the Green to allow kayakers to run the difficult Green River Gorge rapids.

The result has been an increase of recreational water users, and problems with drinking, driving and illegal camping.

McHugh said the management board will soon meet with Duke Power's manager of power supply to ask that water levels be lowered again until an impact study is done.

He asked the Polk County Board of Commissioners Monday to support the position that Duke should cooperate with the management board.

## Sign Ordinance Hearing Planned

A public hearing on the sign ordinance being proposed for Polk County will be held Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

The Polk County Board of Commissioners set the date Monday after hearing a brief summary of the informational meetings held last week given by sign committee chairman Leo Baird.



Holly Skinner

## Landrum High Homecoming Queen

Landrum High School held homecoming last Friday night at halftime between the LHS and Dixie football game.

Holly Skinner, a junior, was crowned queen. Holly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Skinner of Gowensville. Elizabeth Petty, a senior, daughter of Doris Petty and John Petty of Landrum was first runner-up. Chiniqua Johnson, a junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Johnson was second runner-up. Jeanne Steppe, 1990 Homecoming Queen, crowned the new queen assisted by Danny McDowell, principal and Julie Prince, Student Body president.

Other contestants were: Shawn Pierce, Shameka Twitty, Katrell Sherman, LeAnne Carswell and Allison Morse.

## County Firearms Ordinance Moot, But Kept For Now

The local firearms safety ordinance passed by the Polk County Board of Commissioners in August was barely even discussed Monday.

This was odd, considering the meeting between hunters, residents, state wildlife officers and commissioners was occasioned by the controversy surrounding the new ordinance. Nonetheless, the ordinance itself was no longer a matter of practical importance requiring a decision. Moot.

The commissioners were instead eager to defer to the expertise of State Wildlife Sgt. Johnny Blanton, who had since August drafted for Polk a law modeled on the laws of other counties.

A public hearing was set for Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. to consider Blanton's proposed firearms safety ordinance as a replacement for the county's. But until then, the commissioners decided by a 3-2 vote to keep their original ordinance in place.

Blanton's proposal retains restrictions on firing weapons when bullets land on others' homes and cars, but does not attempt to remedy the problem by setting out specific distance restrictions as the county's ordinance does.

Under Blanton's proposal, hunters would need written

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