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The weather Wednesday, high 58, low 28, hum. 58 percent, and by 7 a.m. Thursday .02 inches of rain had fallen.

Every once in awhile, you hear people mistakenly describe local issues as though they were peculiar to Polk County. Take the gun safety law recently debated here. Some folks acted as if they thought our board of commissioners was off in left field passing ordinances willy nilly "every time they get a complaint." In fact, the board was right in the mainstream of American thought.

In his column, reprinted in the Spartanburg Herald-Journal Thursday, Ray Sasser, a columnist for the *Dallas (TX.) Morning News* made a prediction:

"By the year 2000, I predict we will see radical steps taken to eliminate hunting accidents and slob hunters... We must take steps to eliminate the negative aspects of this timeless sport we call hunting. The general public does not understand hunting in the 1990s and shakes its collective head in disbelief at 'hunters' shooting one another and violating game laws... The time is now for hunters to stress responsibility for their sport."

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Peoples Receives Army Award

J. Alan Peoples, Major in the U. S. Army Reserve, recently received the Army Achievement Medal in a ceremony in Greenville, S. C. Peoples serves as the assistant operations officer for the 3288th USARF School and received his commendation for outstanding efforts during summer training in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Those efforts included "improving the readiness of the Army Reserve through his tireless dedication" ... "working after the normal duty day to insure a successful AT, and operating his section in a smooth and efficient way."

—Community Reporter

Tryon Planning Board Meets

The Tryon Planning Board will hold a meeting on January 15, at 6 p.m. Various changes to the Tryon Zoning Ordinance will be discussed. The agenda for this meeting will be available at the Tryon Town Hall on Friday, Jan. 10. The public is invited to attend this meeting.

—Community Reporter

To Celebrate 90th Birthday

Grenville Sewall of Tryon will celebrate his 90th birthday on Sat., Jan. 11. Mr. Sewall's family is here to join him in this joyous occasion.



Katharine Boerner Rindge

At Tokpela Art

There are new energies at Art for January in Tryon at Tokpela Gallery. Across from the post office are selected paintings by Katharine Boerner Rindge.

A local artist, Rindge's earlier work was last seen here at the Upstairs in 1986, and at the Tryon Fine arts Center in 1982.

A painter for 25 years, her canvasses have been collected and shown in museums and galleries across the U. S. since 1967.

Fellow Tryon artist John Rosmini calls Rindge a "thinking artist"... "She expresses through form and color, the poetry and lyricism of intellectual thought."

To view these abstract paintings is also to enjoy them emotionally. The marriage of the two, thought and feeling, in this work is awesome and successful.

Tokpela is open Monday through Friday 9 to 5 p.m. or Saturday by appointment call 859-3103.

N.C. 74 Section Opened To Hwy. 9

The section of N.C. 74 from Hwy. 108 near the new high school to Hwy. 9 in Beulah, near Polk Central High School, opened recently.

The paving work was completed ahead of the schedule estimated last spring by N.C. Division of Highways Construction Engineer Leon Price. He had estimated the completion date as July, 1992.

Price said the last section of the Charlotte-to-Asheville highway is also ahead of schedule.

H.B. Rowe Construction Co. of Mt. Airy is underway on its \$13.8 million contract to grade the 6.4 mile stretch of N.C. 74 from Beulah to Rutherford County. Rowe is also building the bridges in that section, to include a bridge across the Broad River.

Once Rowe is finished, a paving contract will be let. Price said the grading and bridge work was scheduled for completion June 1, 1993, but he now expects the work will be finished in 1992.

Softball

Any 9th - 12th grade girl interested in playing softball please leave name at Tryon or Polk Central high school. You will need to have ready your physical form, parents waver form.