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## Local Weather and Lake Levels

Thur: T-Storms	78 59
Fri: T-Storms	75 55
Sat: Sunny	78 54
Sun: Cloudy	79 56
Mon: Cloudy	79 57
Tue: T-Storms	80 58
Wed: T-Storms	79 58



Upstream Elevation Predicted 5/25/09	
Lake Chatuge	1925.84
Lake Nottely	1775.76
Blue Ridge	1686.97

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## E911 addresses

The Towns County Mapping Office is requesting that you post your E911 resident or business address numbers today. Post your home with 6" reflective numbers on the front door (above the door or on the side of the door) so that it can be easily seen from the road. Read more about E911 numbers on Page 4 of this week's Herald.

## Food Pantry

The Towns County Food Pantry will have a free food distribution for Towns County residents on Tuesday, June 2 from 2-6pm. If you are unable to pick up your food, please call us at 706-896-4783, prior to distribution day, so arrangements can be for food to be delivered to you.

## Chili Cook-off

Fire in the Mountains Chili Cook-off is this Saturday, May 30 on the square in Hiwassee. Opening Ceremonies are at 10:30 a.m. with live entertainment, food and fun for all ages, a dunk tank, chili judging at noon, and a Zell Miller book signing from 10:30 am til noon. Shop our Fire Sale Country Store. Sponsored by T.C. Fire Corps to benefit T.C. Fire Department

## Yard Sale Donations

The Towns County Food Pantry will be having a huge yard sale June 5 and 6, 8am-3 pm. at the food pantry located at 1294 Jack Dayton Circle. Anyone wishing to donate items to be sold can bring them to the food pantry June 3 and 4, 9am-2pm or call 706-896-4783. All proceeds to benefit Towns County Food Pantry.

## Yard Sale

The Chatuge Regional Hospital Auxiliary will hold a yard sale on May 30 in Eller's Tire parking lot.

## Towns County remembers its heroes

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The sound of rifle fire echoed from Veterans Park

on Monday, a salute to the memory of Towns County's fallen military heroes. Blue skies and a gentle breeze greeted a crowd of



More than 200 people attended the Memorial Day ceremony at Veterans Park. Photo by Lowell Nicholson

more than 200 locals as they remembered those who paid the ultimate sacrifice to keep America free of tyranny and oppression.

Wreaths representing the fallen from the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard were placed in the monument's Circle of Honor. The garlands served as reminders of the heroism, bravery and valor exhibited by Towns County's fallen heroes in the defense of their nation's freedom.

Memorial Day, formerly known as Decoration Day, is observed on the last Monday of May. It pays trib-

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## Congratulations Class of 2009!



Hats off to the graduating seniors of 2009! Photo by Lowell Nicholson

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Towns County's 72 seniors have set out on a new adventure - life.

The Class of 2009 shed their tears, turned their tassels and tossed their graduation caps high into the

air as they embarked on a new path of education and exploration.

"You've made it to this day," TCHS Principal Roy Perren told the Class of 2009. "You've earned the right to sit in these chairs tonight.

"As you go through

life, always remember that attitude is everything," Perren said. "Success is a state of mind; success is measured in how you use your talents.

"When you leave here tonight, challenge yourself to

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## City of Young Harris enjoys its first parade

By David Seckinger  
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In spite of the weather predictions, it did not rain on their parade.

Instead, the City of Young Harris held its first Memorial Day Parade last Saturday, as part of the weekend barbecue festival, taking place at Brasstown

Valley Resort. Attendance was sparse as small groups set up camp along the Highway 76 parade route. Many of the spectators agreed that it might take a couple of years before people learn of the event.

As the old saying goes, everybody loves a parade, and that seemed to be espe-

cially true for the children. 10-year-old Brody Graper said he was looking forward to seeing the classic cars and hoped they would be throwing out candy.

4-year-old Quincy Rosser said she wanted to see the horses, and she was

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Young Harris and Brasstown Valley resort held their first Memorial Day parade last Saturday as part of their weekend festival. Photo by Lowell Nicholson

## Indians hold inter-squad football scrimmage

By Jim Bryant  
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Fans get opportunity to preview 2009 team.

After the Friday night "meet and greet" outing at Xaxby's the TCHS Indians had a chance Saturday to show the crowd their on-field performances. The team divided into two groups and put on modified scrimmage drills at the high school practice field. Throughout the scrimmage, the coaches had not only the opportunity to see their performances, they had a chance to offer advice and correct any pre-

season errors. The scrimmage also gave the coaches a chance to see play on a wet field after the Friday night rains.

Over thirty players have just completed their spring training and the scrimmage was the culmination of these practices. Coach Langford plans to have his stalwarts in the weight room as much as possible this summer for weight training. Working with a battery of three new quarterbacks, the 2009 team will face the performances of the record setting stellar 2008 season and the loss of several key players.

See sports for more pictures of the game.



Coach McClure demonstrates a blocking technique. Photo by Jim & Lisa Bryant

## Elementary Honor's Day



Towns County Elementary School students Adam Penland and Faythe Denton each received \$50 savings bonds as part of this year's PTSSO Citizenship Award. Also pictured is Parent Teacher Student Organization president Laura Diehl. Look inside this week's Towns County Herald to see the other Honor's Day recipients. Photo by Lowell Nicholson

## Memorial weekend boating accident injures two women

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Two women are recovering from minor injuries suffered after an explosion on their watercraft Sunday afternoon on Lake Chatuge. The two women

leaped to safety from the boat. The women suffered minor burns as a result of the explosion, a Georgia Department of Natural Resources spokesperson said.

The cause of the explosion has not yet been determined, according to DNR.

## Saturday voting almost a reality

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Towns County's 7,800-plus registered voters will soon have an opportunity to cast ballots at their leisure - on Saturdays.

Last week, Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall heard the first reading of an ordinance that will change the hours when local voters cast ballots.

"We've got an opportunity to allow more people to come in and vote early," Commissioner Kendall said. "We also need to work hard and find more space for early and advanced voting."

Kendall first considered making changes to the times voters cast ballots when he received complaints last year that locals were unable to access the voting booth from noon to 1 p.m. during early and advanced voting. That's because Towns County's voting laws allowed for the Election Office to be closed for lunch.

Kendall took the bull by the horns and together with County Attorney Rob Kiker and Election Superin-



Shook

tendent Joeni Marie Shook, created a proposed ordinance that satisfies local voting needs.

Shook told those attending last week's county commission meeting that 47 percent of the ballots cast in the Presidential Election came during early and advanced voting.

Kendall took that information into account when trying to look for more ways and opportunities for Towns County residents to cast ballots.

The proposed legislation would provide new

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## Josh Turner to perform Saturday

Special to the Herald

Josh Turner will return to the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds this Saturday at 7 p.m. to perform his hits.

Joshua Otis "Josh" Turner (born November 20, 1977) signed to MCA Nashville Records in 2003, Josh released his platinum certified debut album *Long Black Train* that year. This album produced a #13 in its title track. In 2005, Turner charted his first two Number One singles on the Billboard country charts: "Your Man" and "Would You Go With Me", both from his *Your Man* album, which has been certified 2x Multi-Platinum in the United States. This album also produced the #16-peaking "Me and God", a duet with bluegrass musician Ralph Stanley.

Turner's third studio album, titled *Everything Is Fine*, was released in October 2007. It produced the #2 hit "Firecracker", the #15 "Another Try" (a duet with Trisha Yearwood) and a Top 20 in its title track. Overall, Turner's three albums have



Turner

all been certified gold or higher by the RIAA, and nine of his singles have charted on the Billboard country charts.

For more information, contact the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds on phone at 706-896-4191 or online at gamtfair@windstream.net

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