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The movie, the sixth featuring stars Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint, is filled with intrigue and complete with romance, murder and suspense. It's also building toward a grand finale that is certain to make last week's opening look pale in comparison.

The final volume in Rowling's series about Potter and his young wizard friends, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" will be divided into two separate films.

But make no mistake, the sixth film is a must see as the Dark Lord Voldemort tightens his grip on both the Muggle World and Hogwarts.

Rob Loy, manager at Fieldstone Cinemas Six, said ticket sales for the most recent Potter movie have been brisk.

"We've seen our share of Harry Potter fans this week-

end," he said.

The movie's debut coincided with the opening of the 59th Georgia Mountain Fair. Fieldstone Cinemas Six offered traveling Potter fans an opportunity to enjoy both the most recent Potter movie and the Fair as well.

"I'm here visiting friends, enjoying the Georgia Mountain Fair and I'm a big Harry Potter fan also," said Cheryl Hodges, of Belle Glade, Fla. "It's great that Hiawassee now has a movie theater. I remember the days when everyone used to have to go to Murphy or Blue Ridge to see a movie.

"The Potter characters have really evolved," she said. "You can feel the hormones raging when you watch this movie. It's hard to believe that Harry has become a lady's man."

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youth entertainers. At 3 p.m. and 9 p.m., Connie Smith performs at Anderson Music Hall.

Thursday, July 23 is Bluegrass Day, featuring shows at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. The day's entertainment includes the Larry Stephenson Band, Jesse McReynolds & The Virginia Boys and Tim Graves and Cherokee.

Friday's calendar calls for the 57th Annual Country Music Show featuring Jim Wood and the Georgia Mountain Fair Band with special

guest Ronnie McDowell. Show times are at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

On Saturday, Jim Wood and the Georgia Mountain Fair Band welcome the Bellamy Brothers to Anderson Music Hall.

A reminder: daily crafts and exhibits are Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Admission is \$9 and \$2 for parking. Children under 10 years old get in free.

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County's DOT barn, which has been a huge part of the county for about 70 years, now emphasizes the gravity of the state budget crisis, Commissioner Kendall said.

Kendall's office has been swamped with calls regarding the lack of mowing along the county's state roadways. Callers complain that the state roadways within the county's borders haven't been mowed at all this year. They say that the tall, dead grass blades are unsightly and block the view at some intersections.

Kendall agrees. He said that GDOT isn't maintaining the state roads at the level they have in the past due to the recession and state budget shortfall.

"I recently received notice from the DOT that they were closing the DOT Maintenance Department in Towns County due to budget cuts," Kendall said. "The maintenance of Towns County state roads will be done by Rabun,

White and Union County State road maintenance crews.

"I contacted DOT Commissioner, Vance Smith Jr. about these concerns and he stated that beginning Aug. 1, DOT will begin to mow across the state and complete the work by the end of the year."

Kendall said that he has been informed that the state maintenance department has lost 250 workers due to the state budget crisis and a hiring freeze which is still in place.

"Commissioner Smith stated that budget and staffing constraints and funding limitations are expected to worsen during the new fiscal year that began July 1st due to reduced motor fuel tax collections," Kendall said.

"I want to emphasize to Towns County citizens and county employees the gravity of the recession we are in. I believe the recession is worse in Towns County this year," Kendall said. "I am seeing more citizens who have been laid off

and looking for a job, and am hearing of more foreclosures on homes this year than last year."

Kendall said that he had just learned that Stephens County recently acted to place all of its employees on one day per month furlough without pay.

"And the State is placing workers in most departments on un-paid furloughs in addition to their hiring freeze," he said.

Kendall expects the recession crisis to get worse before it gets any better.

"Revenue projections for the future do not look good," he said. "However, I am in the process of planning two to three years ahead for Towns County government with conservative revenue projections and spending.

"Hopefully, we will be in a better position to cope with the recession and live within our means in a less painful manner," he said.

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back to the Fair each year."

It didn't take long for Davis, a 2009 nominee for Carolina Music Awards Female Vocalist of the Year, to endear herself to her audience. After singing a few songs of her own, Davis cranked out a song made famous by another Tammy, "Tammy Wynette."

"If you close your eyes and listen to Tammie Davis singing 'Stand by Your Man' I swear it sounds just like Tammy Wynette," said Country Music fan Michelle Doherty. "She's great. I had never heard of her before, but, it didn't take long to realize we'll be hearing from her for a long, long time."

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to play them. We hung with them last year and we'll give them a game again this season," Langford said. "When you sign a contract, you get prepared and let the chips fall where they may.

"I don't have much respect for people that don't honor contracts," he said. "It's not the lesson you want to teach your kids. You want to teach your kids to be men of character and men of their word. I don't have much respect for folks that don't live up to their word."

A forfeit to Towns County would have been unheard of a decade ago. From 2001 through 2007, the Indians went an abysmal 2-68. During that same stretch, the Indians lost 36 consecutive games.

"Before the start of last season, we had teams that were willing to pay for us to come play them at their stadiums," Towns County High School Principal Roy Perren said. "When we started preparing for this season, we didn't get

any calls and couldn't get anyone to call us back."

The Indians broke that merciless losing streak on Aug. 29, 2008 with a 20-0 shut-out win over the Rabun County Wildcats.

On Aug. 28, the Indians will suit up for the season's first game against those same Wildcats.

"Last season is over with and people are already saying that we lost everybody," Langford said. "Well, everybody lost a lot, every team in the state lost a good bit.

"We want to get to the point where we're reloading and I think we're in a good position to do just that," Langford said. "We're never going to have to rebuild. We're building a program that will continue to be a strong program, year-in, year-out.

"Hopefully, we'll retool this fall," he said.

Langford said that the Indians biggest challenge will be Aug. 28 when they line up against the Wildcats from

Rabun County.

"The first and most formidable challenge will be Rabun County," Langford said. "We're not going to get ahead of ourselves and overlooking our opponents. The Towns County Indians will take each game, one at a time.

"I know that Rabun County will be look for some revenge," he said. "They didn't expect to get beat last season by the Towns County Indians. Obviously, they didn't want to lose to us and they were pretty sure that wasn't going to happen.

"But it did happen and it was a pretty convincing win. It really set the tempo for our season," Coach Langford said. "I know they're looking for a chance to get that one back and salvage some pride. We'll be ready.

"It's been a busy off season and we're looking forward to getting back out on the field," he said.

The Indians play the Wildcats in Rabun County.

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