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storms,” he said. “There are customers in Dahlonega, Blairsville and Dawsonville that are affected.”

Morris initially told the North Georgia News that the problem should have been remedied by 8:30 p.m. Eastern Time Thursday in Union County.

Problems persisted despite that good news. According to the Towns County Herald’s Copy Editor, Shawn Henrikson, Internet service was down from Wednesday afternoon until late Friday afternoon.

The Towns County newspaper had no Internet service and was unable to communicate via e-mail with its sister paper, the North Georgia News. “It (Internet service) came on just about quitting time,” said Henrikson. “I’ve been putting news items on a writable CD and sending it to Blairsville to

process. It hasn’t been fun.”

House District 8 State Rep. Stephen Allison (R-Blairsville) and District 51 State Sen. Steve Gooch, (R-Dahlonega) both say that they’ve received numerous complaints during the Legislative Session in Atlanta regarding problems with Windstream Internet service. “A lot of people are telling us that they’re not getting what they’re paying for in terms of Internet speeds,” Sen. Gooch said. “We’ve fielded a lot of complaints.” State Rep. Allison concurred with that statement. “I’m not a big fan of Windstream right now,” Rep. Allison said. “That’s about all I’ll say about that.” Union County Tax Commissioner Lee Knight said that e-mail was a problem for several folks and businesses. “I didn’t know what the problem was, I only know that it was

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the school consolidated with Hiawassee Elementary as did many other schools in impacted areas.

“As one growing up in Woods Grove Community in the 1950s and 1960s, I am amazed to this day to think of the way each family, and the community as a whole, managed and even thrived with few resources to carry out their daily activities,” said Kendall.

Kendall added that the great advantages Lake Chatuge has provided Towns County and our area certainly can’t be denied, but it also brought the trauma of life-changing events for families, the church, the school, and businesses.

Some families moved to higher ground within the community, others relocated within the county and into neighboring counties, and some moved far away from their homes, families, and friends.

Woods Grove resident Ina Kozesky said, “When the lake came, there’s no doubt that there were great advantages for the county, but for the Woods Grove folks impacted by it, it was traumatic and a great sacrifice for the folks who were uprooted and lost their homes and beautiful farmland.”

Farming was a way of life for the folks of the Woods Grove area, and most of the farmland was sacrificed and lost with the coming of the lake.

Clara Nichols, Kendall’s

adult, has lived in the Woods Grove community since 1945.

“My daddy had 200 acres of land and deeded 10 acres to my brother. The TVA took the rest of it and paid him \$37 per acre. To the old people it was a different kind of sacrifice; it took their health,” said Nichols.

Nichols recalled that they moved in December 1941 and the lake started filling up shortly afterwards.

Kendall spoke fondly of the early days in Woods Grove.

“Folks back then were self-sufficient. They pulled together and helped each other out. The community would come together and help each other with plowing, planting, cutting hay, building houses and barns, and hog killing time was a big time in the community. Folks would do all kind of things to survive-farming, mechanic work, carpentry, laying block-whatever it took. A way of life now long gone due to the coming of the lake and the commercialization and industry that came in with it.”

As Kendall continued with the before and after pictures, or as he referred to them pre-Cafe Portofino, pre-Fun World, and pre-Fieldstone Shops, he said, “How amazing the difference of viewing the farmland, houses, and barns compared with the photos of today. What a difference time, the lake, and progress makes.”

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exhibitors.

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construction industry which employs your neighbors.

Experience the Mountain Home Show, you’ll be glad you did.

The Mountain Home Show tabloid is designed and printed by North Georgia News and West Printing Co.

The event is held at North Georgia Technical College, a half mile west of Blairsville, on Georgia Highway. 515.

The event takes place Friday, April 26, 2013 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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with Rico the Alpaca allowing the kids an up close and personal encounter with the beautiful animal.

There also was a Cornhole game set up for the kids and kids-at-heart.

Just lots of fun activities for everyone. The artists and crafters had some amazing items on display with wind chimes made from recycled bottles, fused and hand blown glass, handcrafted jewelry, alpaca scarves and hats, creatively designed pillows, handcrafted wood and metal signs, metal works, organic skin care products, handmade and woven children’s clothing, beautiful and decorative ceramics, birdhouses, framed art work, and photographs.

There was also plenty of food available as the American Red Cross had hot dogs, chips, and all the trimmings.

The Sweet Tooth Bakery also had a wonderful selection with their delicious chicken salad sandwiches, cupcakes, and wide assortment of candy available.

The Brown Egg Bakery of Tiger, also had a huge assortment of sweet treats.

For the 21 and over bunch, Crane Creek Vineyards was having a free wine tasting of three of their finest signature wines.

A popular attraction was the interesting presentation by featured guest speaker Elaine Deluca of Young Harris. She provided information on the wildflowers and different environments within Southern

Appalachian Georgia.

Deluca teaches an adult education class through the ICL program at Young Harris College. She educates her students on various wildflowers in their natural environment.

This historic Hamilton Gardens has been a focal point for Towns County for more than 30 years and attracts many visitors to the Towns County area.

Rows of rhododendrons, locally grown annuals and perennials, as well as a variety of greenhouse grown wildflowers were the main attraction on opening weekend. Many visitors took the opportunity to walk the garden trail and had the opportunity to see firsthand the splendor and natural beauty of the Hamilton Gardens.

The greenhouses were open and a wide assortment of annual and perennial plants were available for sale with all the proceeds from retail plant sales go directly back into the gardens and garden projects.

The Festival will continue each weekend through May 12th. There are two featured speakers scheduled for next Saturday, April 27th. B.J. Foster, a retired educator and member of the Mountain Stewards, will be speaking at noon about “trail trees,” thought to be tree markers used by Native Americans. Tony Harris, who speaks throughout the US about the Native American tradition of using locally found herbs and vegetation, also will be speaking at 1 p.m.

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his twin brother, Nicholas, were there for the presentation.

Trevor explained what happened on the day of the fire.

“It was very windy outside and rainy,” he said. “There was a loud bang and the shutter flew off the house.

“Then there was a second loud bang, so my mom checked the front deck and I checked the back,” Trevor said. “The grill had blown off the back deck and onto the propane line.

“The grill had managed to turn on the gas and hit the electric igniter, so the grill was on fire,” he said. “I ran and grabbed the fire extinguisher while my mom was trying to get the gas line unhooked.”



Trevor Bradley

Tamie Bradley reported that when Trevor checked the back deck he came back and

told her that he could smell gas and smoke.

“The gas grill was lodged between the air conditioner and the house,” Tamie Bradley said. “It had landed on the propane output for the hot water tank. As we took off the grill cover, we could see flames.

“We were unable to move the grill and I could not get my hand in to turn off the propane,” she said. “While I was trying to turn off the gas, Trevor ran back inside the house and got the fire extinguisher, pulled the pin, and started to spray the fire.

“He was able to help me wiggle the grill enough to turn off the propane and finally move the grill,” Tamie Bradley said. “He finished spraying it to make sure all of the fire

was out,” said Tamie Bradley. “Trevor was calm during the entire incident.”

“I truly feel that our house did not burn down due to his quick thinking and actions,” Tamie Bradley said. “Had he not been home, we may not have a house today.”

In the face of danger, Trevor was able to maintain a good sense of humor throughout the ordeal.

“I told my mom she could have told me we were having an E-prep drill today,” said Trevor.

Commissioner Kendall said it was an honor and a privilege to live in a community where bright young men like Trevor are here to save and protect property and lives.

Good job Trevor.

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tion, the three children escaped through a bedroom window and their mother fled through the door.

The mother and her children both arrived at a neighbor’s residence and called 911, sheriff’s reports show.

The gunshot victim also escaped from Thomas and fled to the neighbor’s residence, sheriff’s reports show.

Sheriff Clinton secured the neighbor’s residence to prevent Thomas from reaching the family he seemed intent on harming.

Deputies secured a perimeter and two K-9 teams were dispatched to locate Thomas, who had fled on foot after not being able to return to his sister’s vehicle parked at a vacant residence, which was

secured by deputies.

The victims, while traumatized by the event, did not appear to have any life-threatening injuries.

Once the scene was secure, Sheriff Clinton, assisted by deputies who formed a perimeter, were able to get the victim out of the area and transport the gunshot victim to emergency personnel, who waited at another location free of harm’s way.

They helped the mother and her children gather personal items from their home after it was secured and safely escorted them from the area.

The shooting victim was treated and later released from a local hospital, sheriff’s reports show.

Deputies were posted at

the residence of the neighbor, as well as at the hospital to prevent Thomas from causing any further harm to the family.

Afterwards, Thomas was located in the wood line behind the vacant residence, where he had parked his sister’s car, and was taken into custody without incident.

In other Grand Jury indictments, grand jurors indicted Phillip Guy Kelley on charges of DUI, improper lane change; and open container, Superior Court records show.

Kevin Michael Ledford was indicted on charges of two counts serious injury by vehicle; DUI; driving a school bus under the influence of alcohol or drugs; improper lane change; possession of an open container.

The following persons also were indicted by grand jurors during the April Term:

Selena Autumn Monkus, false statements and writings; two counts, violation of Georgia’s Controlled Substance act; open container;

Lisa Marie Arrowood, three counts furnishing alcohol to a minor;

James Logan Garrett, two counts furnishing alcohol to a minor;

David Andrew Evans, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon or felony first offender;

Neil Kenneth Dewis, false statements; violation of Georgia’s Controlled Substance Act; pedestrian under the influence; failure to report an accident.

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For the Senior Class, this night would mark the end of an era as they attended their last high school prom.

Senior Caden Smith said, “Prom night is a very exciting time. It’s a time when we get together and cut loose, be ourselves, and just have fun. I’ll miss it.”

The unsuspecting seniors were surprised to find that they would be spending *An Evening in Paris*.

The decorations included tulle and lights draped from the ceiling, a Paris city skyline decorated with twinkling lights, street lights draped with red swags, park benches, and walkways sprinkled with red rose petals.

JB JAMS Enterprises and Events of Gainesville provided the entertainment and music as well as the lighting, decorations, and refreshments.

Everyone danced, laughed, strutted their outfits, snacked, socialized, and snapped pictures until the big moment finally arrived that they had all been waiting for; the crowning of the 2013 Prom Queen and King.

This year’s honors went to Queen Dadian Blythe and King Sonny Goodman.

The 2013 Prom Attendants were Whitney Moss and Carly Gilfilian.

Behind every exciting prom night, you will find exhausted Junior Class Sponsors who have donated endless hours planning, coordinating, overseeing fundraisers, chaperoning students, while also continuing to carry on their regular, everyday classroom responsibilities as well.

The six sponsors responsible for working with the 2013 Junior Class and making sure that everything goes off without a hitch, and that everything is kept very hush-hush until the big night, are: Stephanie Keller, Shannon Moss, Sabrina Garrett, Lynn Swanson, Erin Schuette, and Jeannie Ledford.

They are deserving of a great deal of recognition and



Juniors and seniors danced the night away at the 2013 Junior/Senior Prom on Saturday. Photos/Libby Shook

appreciation for their efforts.

“The Junior Class worked hard this year to provide a memorable prom for the Class of 2013. Students sold Yankee Candles and citrus fruit to raise money for the prom decorations and the DJ,” said Keller.

The Prom Committee was involved in selecting this year’s theme, *An Evening in Paris*, choosing decorations, and creating a T-shirt to be given as a special memento to all attending juniors and seniors.

The T-shirts were designed by John Landress.

“Overall, prom night was a successful event. The students seemed to have a good time. They were all very well behaved,” said Towns County High School Principal Roy Perren who also was attending his last prom as principal, as he moves into another administrative role in the fall of 2013.

The Junior Class and the Junior Class Sponsors would like to recognize the following for their support of this year’s prom.

Sponsors making cash donations to help with the cost

of the T-shirts were Park Sterling Bank, Asiano’s, Happy Hawg, Woodmen of the World (Brad Hutson), Hiawassee Hardware, and Hiawassee Discount Pharmacy.

A special thanks also is given to Ingles Market, Brass-town Valley Resort, Young Harris Florist, Strawbridge Photography, and North Georgia Technical College, Michael Lee’s Chocolate Caffe, Carol’s Floral Creations, Moose Creek Furniture and Home Décor, Fieldstone Cinemas, Fun World, and Café Portofino.

Bankers’ Hour, two shows Saturday

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United Community Bank is pleased to announce that they will be hosting their 19th Annual Bankers’ Hour production, *The Big Show at the County Fair*, on Saturday, April 27th, at Anderson Music Hall in Hiawassee.

There will be two show times, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets are still available for both shows and

you can’t beat \$10 per ticket for some good old-fashioned family fun.

UCB Special Events Coordinator Gail Day is very excited about this year’s production.

“The thing I am especially proud of is that 100 percent of all proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to many worthy charities,” Day said.

Day explained that each bank “in the UCB footprint,” gets a piece of the proverbial pie and they can choose the charity or

charities they wish to donate to.

The crew has been working real hard to ensure that patrons of the event will be thoroughly entertained whether this is their first show or their 19th show.

Just think of it as a Southern Appalachian Broadway production without the expense.

Event goers will be thoroughly entertained from the moment the entertainers step out on stage until they take that final

bow.

Mark your calendars and come out to support this charitable event.

Historically, the Bankers Hour productions have always been a huge crowd pleaser and this one will be no exception.

You’ll be glad you did.