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Local Weather and Lake Levels

Thu: Storms	74 56
Fri: Storms	73 57
Sat: Storms	69 57
Sun: Storms	73 58
Mon: Storms	76 58
Tues: Clouds	78 59
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Upstream Elevation Predicted 08/14/13	
Lake Chatuge	1,924.52
Lake Nottely	1,774.13
Blue Ridge	1,684.42

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TOWNS COUNTY Farmers Market

Fridays 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Free Food Distribution



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September 7th 10 a.m. on the Square

Classic cars take Towns by storm

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Hilda Thomason

The Fifth Annual Georgia Moonshine Cruizin made its way to Hiawassee on Thursday, and was treated to a very warm welcome thanks to The Ridges Resort and Marina.

Complete with live music and good food, the Ridges hosted the Haulin' Mash Moonshine Bash which was free to the public.

Numerous cars parked on the grounds to serve as a preview for the 500 cars that would be at the Georgia



Car enthusiasts made the trek to Towns County from as far away as Canada to witness the Fifth Georgia Moonshine Cruizin. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Mountain Fairgrounds through Saturday.

On Friday, the crowds raced to the Fairgrounds and filled up every available parking space to admire the numerous cars that ranged from the 1940s to present.

Later, there was a parade followed by an after party at The Lodge at Lake Chatuge next door to the Cruizin that included music and door prizes.

Throughout the three-day event, Terry Mason's Hot

Rod Show provided some great car-related hits such as "Dead Man's Curve" by Jan and Dean, complete with trivia such as how many taillights the Stingray mentioned in the song had. Winners received gift cards to various businesses.

Along with handmade quilts, cars lined up the vendor stations in the craft area of the Fairgrounds, including a Hulk Green Chevrolet Nova,

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School is now back in session in Towns

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Towns County Schools started back Thursday, Aug. 8th, and the students were all in a rush to get to class.

Big changes have been made at Towns County Schools. About 16 faculty changes have been made for the new school year, including a new principal, and a new football coach at TCHS.

Former High School Principal Roy Perren, had leadership skills that needed to be utilized, according to Superintendent Melissa Williams, so he will now be taking care of facilities for the Board of Education, federal programs, and student support services such as working with the 504 students, and At Risk students. Specifically those students at the high school to continue the high graduation rate which the BOE is very proud of.

At Risk students require motivation to understand that



Towns County students headed back to the classrooms on Thursday in Hiawassee. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

their education is important, and according to Williams, Perren has the perfect personality for it and is very happy with the move.

The 504 students have an accommodation plan that helps them get through whatever short or long term difficulty they may be facing, such as a broken arm that inhibits their ability to easily take a test.

Erica Chastain was the See School, Page 9A

Jessie Tatham Bradshaw turns 100

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Towns County Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall has always held Jessie Tatham Bradshaw in high esteem.

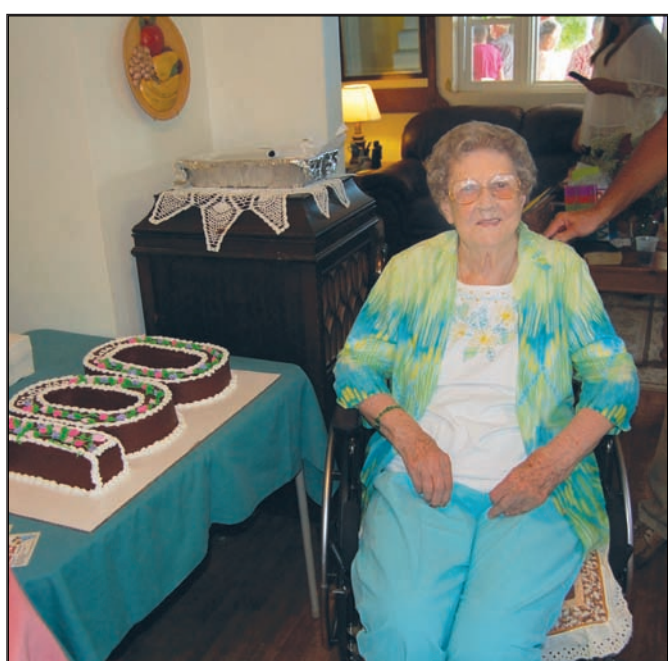
On Aug. 4th, Commissioner Kendall issued a proclamation to Jessie declaring that day as Jessie Tatham Bradshaw Day in Towns County.

It was Jessie's 100th birthday, and she and her family celebrated in grand style the day before, at the home of her daughter, Sandra Green.

Jessie was born in Macon County, NC on Aug. 4th, 1913, the youngest of Charlie and Lola Vesta Gribble Tatham's six children.

Her folks moved her to Georgia when Jessie was only 3 months old. The family settled

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Jessie Tatham Bradshaw celebrated her 100th birthday Aug. 4th. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

New safety measures at Towns County Schools

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Along with new faculty and staff changes this year, Towns County Schools have also added new safety precautions.

The elementary school now works on a buzzer system, which the middle and high schools have used for a few years now, allowing the doors to stay locked, and limiting who is able to enter and exit the building.

Also new in safety are Emergency Bags for every teacher.

Roy Perren attended a seminar in May that addressed the recent tornadoes that had just recently taken the lives of so many school children in Oklahoma.

It caused Perren, who has children in the Towns County School System, to wonder if the schools were doing all they could to prevent disaster.

At the time, each school was equipped with a Black Box that stayed in one central location and contained emergency supplies.

The box was to be used only in case of emergency and shared by teachers.



While the box served its purpose, Perren and Beth Wood, secretary to the Superintendent, felt they could be doing more.

After considering a scenario that would prevent teachers from all getting to the box, they realized it would be much more useful if each teacher had their own safety items, as well as the shared box.

These safety items go much further than basic First Aid items.

They include whistles, provided by Sheriff Chris Clinton and the Towns County Sheriff's Office, flashlights from Sonny Mahan and BRMEMC, note pads donated

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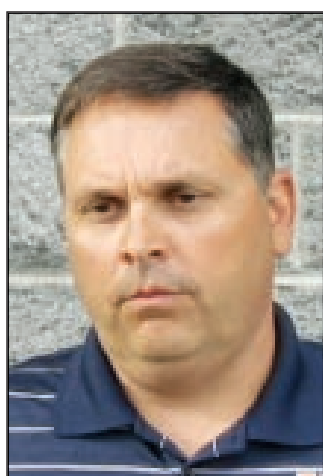
Indians ready for test versus Dawson

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Towns County Indians Head Football Coach Blair Harrison isn't worried about a win or a loss on Friday night at Frank McClure Stadium.

He's worried about Xs and Os, performance and adjustments of his young Indians to the new Wing-T offense.

The 2013 Indians will get their first attempt in Harrison's new offense in front of the home folks on Friday night as they square off with Coach Jeff Lee's Class AAA Dawson County Tigers.



Blair Harrison

"I think the kids have put a lot of effort into this season already," Coach Harrison said. "They've probably put more into this than they thought they would have to."

"I think we're seeing results from their hard work already," he said. "That makes for an exciting job for me, to watch them progress. We coach every game just the same. There might be a lot more going on outside the lines, but, we've got to play it our way."

Coach Harrison stresses winning mentally, and playing error-free football.

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Changes at Brasstown Dance Company

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Brasstown Dance Company has been around for more than 20 years, but this year, Amy McIntyre will be taking over after working for the company for nearly 8 years.

The studio used to be located behind the radio station in Young Harris, but will now be located at 3921 Highway 76 East, Young Harris at Crossroads Shopping Center.

The company teaches students ages 2 1/2 and up to adulthood.

The youngest students are encouraged to take a Creative Movement class to get their bodies moving and teach them coordination.

After that, students can

choose from ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical, modern, contemporary, and now, acrobatics.

A wonderful teacher, Beth Leopard formed an acrobatic dance troupe, *Dancers with a Twist*, which competed and toured professionally, had TV appearances, and even performed for athletes of the 1996 Olympics.

She has also owned her own studio.

Acrobatics classes start at age 5 for beginner and go to adult.

The ballet teacher at BDC is Madge Smith.

Royal Academy of Dance certified, Smith has danced with the Atlanta Ballet, and was even offered a training contract with the Sarasota Ballet.

The Modern Dance

teacher is Hannah Jones, Appalachian State University graduate with a minor in dance.

Jones debuted as a choreographer with the North Carolina Dance Festival in 2003.

Along with running the company, McIntyre will be teaching jazz, tap and lyrical.

Certified through the Dance Educators of America, McIntyre has been dancing for more than 20 years, and teaching for more than 10.

BDC is home to the Fusion Dancers, a non-profit organization started by Susan Vardeman and supported by membership dues and sponsorship.

Classes will start Aug. 26th, and everyone is welcome to sign up. To contact the studio, call (706) 391-6900.

Wilkinson to speak to Shakers

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On Aug. 2nd, Towns County Sheriff Chirs Clinton spoke out against House Bill 1176 and House Bill 1 at the Mountain Movers and Shakers meeting at Mary's Southern Grill in Young Harris.

House Bill 1176 is presented as a Criminal Justice Reform act, but as Sheriff Clinton pointed out, it could become a big problem for county



State Sen. John Wilkinson

overflow from the State Prisons.

House bill 1 makes it more difficult for drug dealers to face any jail time.

Sheriff Clinton encouraged everyone to contact their local legislators and speak out about the bills.

On Aug. 23rd, District 50 State Sen. John Wilkinson will be at Mary's Southern Grill at

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