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Local Weather and

## **By Heather Poole Towns County Herald**

## 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
Wed: Storms	79 59



Upstream Elev	ation
Predicted	
08/14/13	
Lake Chatuge	1,924.52
Lake Nottely	1,774.13
Blue Ridge	1,684.42

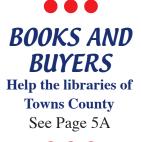
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**NASCAR** 



**The Peacock** Playhouse is looking for actors! See Page 5A





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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



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 threethat would be at the Georgia day event, Terry Mason's Hot

TCHS. 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

**By Heather Poole** Towns County Herald heather.tcherald@windstream.net

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

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 ack 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

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### Jessie Tatham Bradshaw turns 100 New safety measures at **Towns County Herald Towns County Schools**

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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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Towns County Indians



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

# **Indians ready for test versus Dawson**

"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

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

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

Roy Perren attended a

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

that staved in one central loca-



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, ton and the Towns County Sheriff's Office, flashlights from Sonny Mahan and BRMEMC, note pads donated



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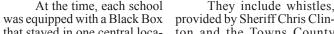
Also new in safety are Emergency Bags for every teacher.

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

At the time, each school

the building.

could to prevent disaster.



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**Farmers Market** 

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





**Towns County** North Mt. Zion Thurs., August 15th 10 a.m. - Noon See Page 6A

**Towns County Food Pantry Change of Distribution Hours** 



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** 

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.

House bill 1 makes

Sheriff Clinton en-

On Aug. 23rd, Dis-

it more difficult for drug

dealers to face any jail

couraged everyone to con-

tact their local legislators

and speak out about the

trict 50 State Sen. John

Wilkinson will be at

Mary's Southern Grill at

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#### Wilkinson to speak to Shakers overflow from the State

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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

jails because it takes the

tion and contained emergency

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

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# Haulin' Mash Bash a hit at The Ridges

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The Ridges Resort & Marina hosted the welcome party for the Mountain Moonshine CruizIn Thursday, Aug. 8th

Steven Phillips and the Midnight Express provided a great set as entertainment for the event welcoming numerous cars that would be exhibited the days ahead at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds.

From flat black to bright yellow, orange reminiscent of The Dukes of Hazzard to cherry red, Chevrolets, Fords, Oldsmobiles, and even a few Volkswagens lined up around the Resort and in the parking lot.

Despite how low-riding a majority of the cars were, Thunderbirds, vintage Corvettes, and stunning Bel Airs braved the grass that seemed taller than their fenders

The cars varied from the expected beauties, to the not-sotypical. One of the older model Chevy trucks came complete with a moonshine still in the bed, and even had the words, "We Deliver!" proudly emblazoned on the side.

Sean Thomas, owner of Sean Thomas Tire in Hiawassee, also was present with his Chevrolet Apache, complete with flames on the hood.

The smell of barbecue filled the air, mixing with motor oil, making everyone hungry for more than just fast cars.

Steven Phillips explained the menu, joking, "They have turkey for the vegans, and pork for all us regular folks.

After a while, the wannabe comedian let Chad Hooper, general manager of the Ridges, thank the crowd, band, Rakes Parrish, and car owners for all of

their support. He also mentioned how grateful he was it was not raining

The Blue Otter provided drinks which included the Redneck Margarita, and Grandaddy Mimms catered.

The playground on the property was open in case any children lost interest in the cars, but all of the young ones present seemed fascinated by the life-size versions of their favorite matchbox toy cars.

One of the cars, a Thunderbird, was for sale, and a little boy took notice, dragging his mother by the hand straight to the headlight, hinting, perhaps, for an early birthday present.

The cars later took turns heading out, so that others could come in and take their place. Cars were not the only things moving

Numerous couples took to the lot in front of the band, dancing in between the show cars, even shouting out requests to the band. Steven Phillips and company ate it up, consistently making jokes to the supportive audience, at one point even saying, "This song is an original, so y'all don't know it. But I only know one part of it, so that will not matter.'

Those who had set up lawn chairs near the band laughed, as more people continued to flood in. There was barely even parking, and Resort employees had to help direct the traffic. It was a perfect way to kick off the Fifth Annual Georgia Moonshine CruizIn, and provided a fantastic sneak preview of some of the cars.

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