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Local Weather and Lake Levels

Thur: Snow	40	22
Fri: Sunny	43	22
Sat: Sunny	49	26
Sun: Sunny	52	31
Mon: Clouds	56	33
Tue: Sunny	50	29
Wed: Sunny	51	28



Upstream Elevation Predicted 02/09/11	
Lake Chatuge	1918.24
Lake Nottely	1763.39
Blue Ridge	1621.43

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Tourney Time

The Towns County Indians wrestling team sends five grapplers to Class A Sectionals in Bremen this weekend. Tim Collier at 135 pounds, Jake Cole at 140 pounds, Tyler Hoffman at 152 pounds, Jack Hodges at 171 pounds and Wesley Bloodworth at heavy-weight all advanced from competition at The Darlington School to move on to Bremen. The Indians are minus the No. 3 wrestler in Class A at 145 pounds, Zach Stroud, Coach Jeff Stowers said.

Stroud dislocated his shoulder at a tournament in Pickens County last week end. He won his first match at Darlington, but tweaked the shoulder again in his second match. "We shut him down," Coach Stowers said. "No use risking further injury." Coach Stowers said his wrestlers have a great opportunity: "It's show time."

CPR Class

The American Red Cross is holding its annual Free Adult CPR Training course on Saturday, March 5th. The class will be held in the Towns County Recreation Center at 10 a.m. The class lasts about three hours. Call (800) 282-1722, to sign up.

Food Pantry

The Towns County Food Pantry will hold its free food distribution on Tuesday, Feb. 15 if Towns County Schools are open. The distribution will be held at the Towns County Food Pantry on Jack Dayton Circle from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. All in need of assistance are encouraged to attend. Those unable to pick up your food, please call (706) 896-4783 for more details prior to distribution day. All clients and inquiries are kept confidential.

Fifth-ranked Lady Indians ready for Region play

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The Towns County Lady Indians' Varsity basketball team is primed for the next level.

The Lady Indians (22-1, 11-0) continued their winning ways last week, taking easy respective victories over Region 8-A North opponents Tallulah Falls and Lakeview Academy.

The Lady Indians, currently ranked fifth in Class A by the Georgia Prep Country Coaches Poll and seventh in the AJC Poll, completed their regular season at home Tuesday night against Commerce in a final tune-up before next week's Region 8-A Tournament.

That all important tournament is scheduled next week, first at Commerce High School and commencing at Athens Christian School.

The first three days of

the tourney will be held Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 14-16 at Commerce with games beginning at 4 p.m. each day.

The semi-finals and tournament finals follow at Athens Christian on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-19, also beginning at 4 p.m. each day.

The Lady Indians enter the Region tournament as the No. 1 Seed from Region 8-A North; the Indians will be the No. 4 Seed from 8-A North.

A region meeting on Sunday will determine tournament pairings. Those planning to attend should check with coaches, players, the school, or other fans for the days and times the Towns County teams will play.

Teams advancing from Tuesday and Wednesday action qualify for not only the final two rounds of the region tournament, but also for the Class A State Tournament, beginning the following week.



Ali Bleckley and the Lady Indians are the No. 1 Seed in Region 8-A North. Photo/James Reese

Moss crowned Homecoming Queen

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The 2011 Towns County High School Basketball Homecoming ceremony was unique, as the Lady Indians had the night off with the Indians playing host to Riverside Military Academy.

That didn't stop senior Jordan Moss from taking center court.

For once, the 5-foot, 9-inch senior stood still, but only long enough to be crowned Homecoming Queen.

Moss, a dominant force on the hardwood for the Lady Indians, was chosen as Homecoming Queen following the parade of king and queen nominees from freshmen to seniors.

Others seniors in the Queen's Court were, Alexa Arencibia, Kristin Fuhs, Jordan Moats, and Ginny Rhoades. The King's Court included Logan Fambrough; Caleb Hart, Billy Meier, D.J. Rogers and Bradley



Bradley Swanson and Jordan Moss began their reign following Saturday's contest with Riverside Military. Photo by Lowell Nicholson

Swanson.

The 2010 TCHS Basketball King was the Indians' Mr. Consistency, Bradley Swanson, also a force on the court.

The Junior Princess Court was well represented by Gabby Arencibia, Ali Bleckley, Courtney Farmer and Kindle Moss. The Court of Princes included Dakota Barrett, Cody Smedley, Zach Stroud and Bruce Webster.

Courtney Farmer and Dakota Barrett were crowned as Junior Princess and Prince.

The Sophomore Princess Court also was well represented with Dadrion Blythe, Meagan Ellis and Claire Wilson on the ballot; the Sophomore Prince Court was made up of Wesley Bloodworth, Tyler Hoffman

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Burglary crosses Towns County line

Sheriff praises swift detective work

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Two Northeast Georgia men are believed to be responsible for a high-dollar burglary that spanned three counties.

Towns County sheriff's reports show that one suspect is in custody and warrants have been issued for a second suspect, all within 12 hours of the initial burglary report.

Daryl Boykin, 41, of Hall County, is in the White County Detention Center awaiting transfer to the Towns County Detention Center. Also, warrants have been issued for a second suspect believed to be involved in the case, Steve McDonald, 44, of White County.

Both are believed to be



Sheriff Chris Clinton

connected to the burglary of a Towns County home where almost six figures worth of personal items were allegedly stolen, according to Towns County sheriff's reports.

The burglary investigation began here in Towns County with Deputy Derrick

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SPLOST: 'it's not a tax increase'

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The Citizens for Towns County Progress gathered last week at the Towns County Senior Center to share their reasons for supporting the upcoming Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax referendum.

Among the most important messages the more than 50 residents wanted to get across is that a "yes" vote for the \$12.7 million SPLOST does not mean a tax increase.

Towns County Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall explained to the crowd that a "yes" vote keeps the sales tax the same as it is now.

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Commissioner Kendall says some residents are confused about the SPLOST, thinking it's a tax increase when it's not.

Plan in place to make up missed snow days

School system has its fingers crossed

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Towns County Schools will make up six days using a unique formula.

Snow days missed in January will be made up on March 11, April 22, May 6 and May 26-27.

Also, the remaining makeup day will be made up by holding students 20 minutes longer for nine consecutive days, Towns County Schools Superintendent Dr. Richard Behrens said Monday night.

Beginning Feb. 14, students will attend classes 20 minutes longer each day until Feb. 24, Dr. Behrens said.

"The formula to make up a school day is going 20 minutes extra for nine days," Dr. Behrens said. "That makes up one day. Beginning Feb. 14, we'll hold students until 3:20 p.m."

The school system's main focus was to leave Spring Break untouched and avoid Saturday classes, Dr. Behrens said.

"Spring Break (April 4th through April 8th) is still intact," Dr. Behrens said. "That's what we were shooting for. Also, we are trying not to make these make up days too convoluted."

A powerful Arctic Storm that brought ice and snow closed Towns County schools Jan. 10-14. Another



Dr. Richard Behrens

snow day was added on Jan. 24 when icy conditions closed the Towns County campus.

The school system had already missed four school days in December. However, the Board of Education approved four make up days to account for those missed classroom days.

"If we only have to make up the one day, we'll go back to our regular classroom schedule once that day is made up," Dr. Behrens said.

The make up schedule may be premature. Another blast of Arctic air is on the way with a 70 percent chance of a wintry mix on Thursday.

"Don't even say that," Dr. Behrens said.

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TCMS Lady Indians win title

No. 1 Seed Ladies beat Banks 27-22; Morgan, Lindemuth all tourney

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Gainesville - The Towns County Lady Indians middle school team has brought home a championship.

The Lady Indians got 12 points from Tori Morgan and 7 more from Misty Lindemuth to clinch the Middle School championship last week in Gainesville at Lakeview Academy.

The Lady Indians claimed a hard-fought 27-22 championship win over



Tori Morgan (15 White) put up 12 points in Towns County's middle school championship win over Banks County. Photo/James Reese

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