

Local Weather and Lake Levels

Thur: Storms	88 67
Fri: Clouds	84 64
Sat: Clouds	84 65
Sun: Clouds	84 64
Mon: Storms	84 63
Tue: Storms	86 64
Wed: Storms	87 67



Upstream Elevation Predicted 8/04/10	
Lake Chatuge	1924.00
Lake Nottely	1773.20
Blue Ridge	1666.40

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Benefit Yard Sale

A huge yard sale at Friendship Community Clubhouse adjacent to Hawg Heaven is scheduled for Aug. 13-14. The event will take place from 8 a.m. until noon, rain or shine.

Proceeds benefit Operation PUP and the Whiskers Project. PUP is a local nonprofit animal advocacy group that assists families to spay and neuter their pets. It also provides educational programs in responsible animal care.

The Whiskers Project is a program that traps and spays or neuters feral cats. Please come out in support of these community service groups. For more details call (888) 496-2387 or (888) 872-9330.

Food Pantry

The Towns County Food Pantry will hold its free food distribution on Tuesday, Aug. 10. The distribution will be held at the Towns County Food Pantry on Jack Dayton Circle from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. All that are in need of assistance are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to pick up your food, please call (706) 896-4783 for more details prior to distribution day. This allows us to make arrangements to deliver food to you. All clients and inquiries are kept confidential.

Project Blue

Zaxby's of Hiawassee will host the Second Annual Project Blue on Friday, Aug. 13.

A portion of the sales from Project Blue will be donated to the Towns County Indians' gridiron team as support for the 2010 football season.

"We appreciate Zaxby's teaming up with us to show our players that their community is behind them and supportive of their efforts for a great season," said Indians' Head Coach Kyle Langford. "This really means a lot to the guys and our school."

Zaxby's hopes to continue this preseason tradition for years to come.

School buses revved; kids ready for classes

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Towns County Schools Superintendent Dr. Richard Behrens is excited. "We've got an open house on Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the schools," Dr. Behrens said. "Where did summer go? It went by fast."

"We urge folks to be patient with us. There will be a lot of people coming in and out of the schools," he said. "We'll do our best to keep the lines to a minimum. There will be lines and there will be delays; please be patient."

Bottom line: Towns County students and teachers return to the classroom Thursday with high expectations of another exciting school year, Dr. Behrens said.

"It's another new

year," he said. "We can't wait until everybody gets back in and cranked up."

The student numbers won't be in right off the bat, but Dr. Behrens expects those numbers to be about the same as last year.

"We've got solid numbers at the high school, but our elementary school numbers are dropping," he said. "We don't know how much that's going to be for a while, but hopefully we'll know those figures in a couple of weeks."

When the dust settles, the numbers of students in local classrooms should settle somewhere in the neighborhood of 1,150 or so students, Dr. Behrens said.

The signs of a new school year were evident on Sunday as the Towns

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The Central Office of Towns County Schools has been a scene of activity in recent days as school officials prepare for Thursday's opening day of local schools for an estimated 1,150 students. Photo/Charles Duncan

Fifty is the magic number



The children of Marcus and Mattie Elizabeth Buttrill have followed in their parents footsteps. On Saturday, Pug and Emily Buttrill, far left, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. That marks the fifth Golden Anniversary for the family raised on love, faith and values at Soapstone. Athelyn and Marc Buttrill, far right, still call Soapstone home.

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Some might say that there's gold at Soapstone.

It's true, that Marcus and Mattie Elizabeth Buttrill were approaching their

Golden Anniversary when the couple made Claude Kimsey an offer he couldn't refuse back in the 1970s for a piece of land more popularly referred to as Soapstone.

Nevertheless, "Pappy" and "Pat" handed

something down that can't be patented.

On Saturday, Samuel "Pug" Buttrill and Emily Moye Buttrill will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. To make matters more

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Moonshine Cruiz-in just eight days away

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Chad Hooper can't hide his enthusiasm about moonshine.

Well, the Second Annual Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruiz-In that is.

Promoter Rakes Parrish is coming to town on Aug. 12-14 with the phenomenal event that kept Towns County cash registers ringing for three days in 2009.

He says the 2010 event is going to be bigger and better than last year.

Double the cars, double the enthusiasm and most businesses owners are banking on double the money they brought in during the inaugural event.

The 2010 event will include a feature parade on Friday evening through



Rakes Parrish

downtown that leads to a stage on the Downtown Square, Parrish said.

The event also will feature increased shuttles to make sure everyone gets where they want to go, said Hooper, general manager of The Ridges Resort, which hosts the Second Haulin' Mash Moonshine Bash to

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2010 Indians seek gridiron glory



Indians Head Football Coach Kyle Langford goes over strategy with his offensive unit on Monday during the second day of football practice at The Refuge in Plott Town. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

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Towns County Indians Head Football Coach Kyle Langford believes his football team can be as good as they want to be in 2010.

With the clock ticking down to an Aug. 27 showdown with Union County at Frank McClure Stadium, Langford has less than four weeks to prepare his team for the 2010 Season Kickoff.

Langford and his coaching staff began preparations on Sunday as they welcomed the team of 43 to The Refuge, the annual host of Indian Football Camp.

"It was a real good

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YHC adds a jewel



YHC President Cathy Cox and Athletics Director Randy Dunn show off the new multi-million dollar Recreation Center. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

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YOUNG HARRIS – President Cathy Cox opened the doors of Young Harris College to the public last week to unveil the college's new multi-million dollar recreation center.

President Cox was the first speaker of the tour as she welcomed all who attended and introduced faculty members of the recreation center. The recreation staff will be headed up by director Sharon Stanton who comes to YHC from a position at Marshall University. The staff will soon consist of students who wish to participate in recreation center jobs as a means of work study while attending classes.

The recreation center contains a full service fitness

center consisting of an arena area containing three courts that will be used for a variety of athletic and social events. The main court also will serve as the home courts for YHC Mountain Lions Men's and Women's basketball teams. Men's Head Coach Pete Herrmann and Women's Head Coach Brenda Paul were in attendance for the open house. These teams will play their first game in the 1,000 seat arena on Nov. 15th against North Georgia College.

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Fair brings economic boost

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Towns County cash registers were ringing for 10 straight days as the Georgia Mountain Fair attracted a fantastic crowd through Saturday.

With one amazing entertainment act after another, Anderson Music Hall stayed full throughout the Fair.

Children and their families covered the ball fields where the carnival rides were in abundance. In the Pioneer Village, craftsmen plied there wares to the many folks making their



The Fair, an event to remember in 2010. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

way through the grounds. The Fair was greeted early on by the best crowd in 15 years, General Manager Hilda Thomason.

The people kept com-

ing and kept spending, making 2010 a year to remember as the Fair celebrated its 60th Anniversary with the help and support of the Towns County Lions Club.

