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Local Weather and Lake Levels

Thur: Storms	80	57
Fri: Sunny	81	57
Sat: Sunny	81	59
Sun: Showers	77	58
Mon: Showers	76	57
Tue: Storms	78	56
Wed: Showers	76	54



Upstream Elevation Predicted 9/10/09	
Lake Chatuge	1922.10
Lake Nottely	1769.80
Blue Ridge	1679.90

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Horse Show

The 4H 2-bit Horse Club hosts its first event of the year, the Fall Color Classic on Sept. 12, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Union County Saddle Club. Registration for the event begins at 10 a.m.

The open horse show will be judged in 24 categories with Marty Teams, of Blairsville, taking part as this year's show judge.

Price per event is \$10 on the day of the show; \$9 if pre-registered. Also, 4H members in good standing, \$9 on the day of show, \$8 if pre-registered. Pre-registration phone number is (706) 781-6514. Please leave name, phone number and class number.

Trout Dinner

Everyone is invited to join the Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition at 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10 at Poteete Creek Park on Lake Nottely for the 6th Annual Trout Dinner. \$10 a plate. Tickets can be purchased in advance from a board member or the at the HRWC office. For details, call (828) 837-5414.

Mt. Zion Food

The monthly mobile food distribution for families in need will be held at No. Mt. Zion Church of God on Friday, September 11th from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. This outdoor food distribution will be held in the rear parking lot of No. Mt. Zion Church of God on Scataway, rain or shine. We look forward to seeing you there!

Cornwell Reward

A \$50,000 reward has been established at United Community Bank to assist in the safe return of 38-year-old Kristi Cornwell.

Cornwell, a former Towns County sheriff's deputy, is still missing following her Aug. 11 abduction near her home on Jones Creek Road in Union. To help, contact Kenya Patton at (706) 835-1212 or UCB at (706) 745-2151. For more details see page 14.

Herrmann to lead YHC men's basketball

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What do NBA Hall-of-Famer David Robinson and Young Harris College basketball have in common?

Coach Pete Herrmann is the common link for both.

Herrmann, who coached the 7-foot-1 Robinson and the United States Naval Academy into the 1987 NCAA Tournament and served as head coach for the Georgia Bulldogs over the final 12 games last season, has been chosen to lead Young Harris College's new men's basketball program, YHC President Cathy Cox and Director of Athletics Eric Geldart both announced on Tuesday.

"Our alumni and friends will be excited about this news as we reach another milestone at Young Harris College," President



Former Georgia Bulldogs head basketball Coach Pete Herrmann takes the reins at YHC.

Cox said.

The 61-year-old Herrmann will be the first men's basketball coach at Young Harris College since Luke Rushton. A YHC legend, Rushton, known as "the dean" of junior college coaches, led the Mountain Lions from 1948 until the sport was discontinued in 1969. Rushton's teams won six state championships and made two National Junior

College tournament appearances. Rushton was very demanding, very competent, and knew how to bring out the confidence of his players. His teams were always fundamentally sound. Rushton's 1962 squad spent much of that year as the nation's top-ranked Junior College basketball team.

"We are extremely

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Dr. Nicholson honored at Chatuge Regional



Dr. Robert Stahlkuppe, left, shakes hands with legendary Dr. Lanier Nicholson recently at Chatuge Regional Hospital. The hospital honored Dr. Nicholson by naming the Nurse's Station in his honor. Nicholson was accompanied by his wife Freddie Nicholson. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Northington talks with GOP

Special to the Herald

An almost capacity crowd of GOP faithful filled Daniel's Restaurant in Hiwassee last week to hear Stephen Northington, a candidate for Georgia Insurance Commissioner.

Northington spoke about the evils inherent in the proposed national healthcare plan that is presently under consideration in Congress.

While doing so, he also presented solid ideas on how our current healthcare system can be fixed without a radical overhaul complete with government control.

New officers, Rob Murray, first vice chairman, and Treasurer Harvey Cohen were introduced as

well as special guests at the monthly meeting, along with Enotah Judicial Circuit Assistant District Attorney Jeff Langley.

Meanwhile, the local Republican Party continues its quest to be involved with the community by responding when there is a need. Thus, a group of enthusiastic volunteers participated last week in the "Group for Food" program at the Towns County Food Pantry. The pantry is run by the Towns County Cooperative Ministries. Its purpose is to help the needy residents of Towns County.

A nonprofit organization, the food pantry is supported solely by area churches, businesses, orga-

nizations and individuals.

GOP meetings are held at Daniel's Restaurant in Hiwassee on the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 pm sharp. Many members arrive early to enjoy fellowship and buffet dinner together. Meetings are open to the general public and especially those who agree with the values and principles of the Republican Party.

The special guests for the Oct. 6 meeting at Daniel's Restaurant will be Sue Everhart, chairman of the Georgia Republican Party and Gerry Purcell, candidate for state Insurance Commissioner.

The public is invited to attend the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Friends of TCFD Lend a Helping Hand

Special to Towns County Herald

Terry Thompson liked what he saw on the Hiwassee Square last May as dozens of firefighters and as many Towns County Fire Corps members entertained more than a thousand visitors at the TCFC Chili Cook-Off. "Despite the fact that my chili didn't win," laughs the Towns County businessman, "it was a great day and along with the people I already knew, I met quite a few new folks involved with Fire Corps. They did a super job with the event, especially as a new organization. I decided this was a group I would be glad to help out if I could."

By late summer, TCFC President Brenda



Towns County Fire Chief Mitch Floyd, TCFC Board Member Joan Crothers, and local businessman Terry Thompson review projects under consideration for TCFC volunteers.

Hunt, who is also a 911 Dispatcher for the County, invited Thompson to Fire Station 1 for a review of some helpful projects under consideration by the TCFC.

"We looked over a number of issues," explains Thompson, who owns T. L. Thompson Construction as well as

Proforma Paints in Hiwassee.

"This week I was able to meet with Fire Chief Mitch Floyd and he agreed that projects like painting the fire truck bays would be suitable for the volunteers

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Groundbreaking held for Stephens Lodge No. 414

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In 1966, Stephens Lodge No. 414 F&AM came to life on Highway 66 in Young Harris.

Soon, the storied lodge will make the move just up the street to new surroundings along with Young Harris Pharmacy and Johnny and Janice Cochran.

Lodge members gathered last week at the site of the new Stephens Lodge, land donated by Johnny and Janice Cochran.

They broke ground and then broke bread. More than 100 people turned out for the ceremonial groundbreaking of the new lodge, which will continue to be a partner with Young Harris Pharmacy. The facility also will include a community room for wedding receptions, birthdays, reunions and family get-togethers, Worshipful Master William Lovell said.

"It's been an emotional day for us," Lovell said. "We're so very thankful to have this many people from our community and other lodges that turned out to help us get this project headed in



Johnny and Janice Cochran donated the land for the new Stephens Lodge on Highway 66. Photo/Charles Duncan

the right direction.

"This is an historical event. It's a ceremony that will be going down in history," he said. "The other lodge was built in 1966 and here it is 2009 and we're building another one that hopefully will last many, many, many more years."

The facility will be 80 x 120 feet, Lovell said.

"Young Harris Pharmacy will have about 10 feet more than they have right now," Lovell said. "The community room will be able to hold and seat 100 to 150 people. We're tickled

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Worshipful Master William Lovell thanks a crowd of more than 100 for attending the groundbreaking ceremonies for Stephens Lodge No. 414 in Young Harris. Photo/Charles Duncan

City and County work together to fix North Mountain Drive

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North Mountain Drive residents are euphoric today as they now know that City Hall and Towns County government listen when their residents are in need.

The County and City worked together to repair dangerous road conditions and other hazards created by recent construction.

Kendall called City Hall offering help after reading about the plight of residents on North Mountain Drive in the Towns County Herald. Council member Annie Johnson reported Kendall's good intentions to Mayor Barbara Mathis.

After talking with Kendall, the two governments pitched in and worked together to get the project resolved.

"They got it done real quick," said North Mountain Drive resident Marilyn Waye. "This is wonderful news."

A group of neighbors, which included Waye, met with the Hiwassee City Council on Tuesday, Aug. 4 to ask for help with a dangerous road and other haz-

ards created by recent construction.

Waye spoke for the group. Using photographs to illustrate her points, she showed council where ruts in the road had been created by metal tracks and placed where the sides of the road had caved in.

Waye claimed the electrical company had created a sink hole and threw asphalt on someone's personal property.

"This is an emotional situation for all of us up there. We feel you (the city council) needs to know about this," said Waye during the Aug. 4th council meeting.

She asked for help to repair the road leading to her home.

Last week, Waye and North Mountain Drive residents got the help that they asked for in August.

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