

Local Weather and Lake Levels

Thur: Storms	82 55
Fri: Clouds	69 49
Sat: Clouds	71 49
Sun: Clouds	74 47
Mon: Storms	76 51
Tue: Storms	79 51
Wed: Clouds	79 53



Upstream Elevation Predicted 09/14/11	
Lake Chatuge	1921.34
Lake Nottely	1771.48
Blue Ridge	1675.19

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Congress on the Square

U.S. Representative Paul Broun, M.D. (GA-10th District) announced Monday that he will hold "Congress on the Square" in three Georgia communities. Members of Congressman Broun's staff will set up mobile offices next week in Towns, Rabun, and Banks Counties.

Broun will be in Towns County on Monday, Sept. 19 at the Towns County Senior Center from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., his Press Secretary Jessica Morris said.

"Serving the residents of Georgia's 10th Congressional District is an honor I hold in the highest regard," said Broun. "That is why I am pleased to bring 'Congress on the Square' to local communities. This is an opportunity for individuals to learn information about national current events or receive assistance with a federal agency, such as the IRS, Social Security, the Veterans Administration, or Medicare. Although I can't override the decisions made by a federal agency, I can often intervene on a person's behalf to answer questions, find solutions, or just cut through the red tape."

EMC Annual Meeting

The public is invited to attend the BRMEMC Annual Meeting on Saturday at Anderson Music Hall at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the business session beginning at 10 a.m.

New Deadline

The Towns County Herald deadline for classified advertising submissions has changed due to printing schedules. The new deadline is Friday at 5 p.m.

Butterworth takes new post

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The next time you see District 50 State Sen. Jim Butterworth, salute him.

Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal has appointed Butterworth as the next adjutant general of the Georgia National Guard. In concert with the appointment, Sen. Butterworth, who represents Towns County in District 50, has resigned from his Senate seat effective Oct. 2, the day he takes command.

"As has been widely reported, I have accepted a new position within the state of Georgia as the next Adjutant General of the Georgia National Guard," Sen. Butterworth said. "Needless to say, this is truly a great honor. It is also an honor that comes with great responsibility. I pledge to do my best to ensure that our brave and hard working Georgia Na-



State Sen. Jim Butterworth

tional Guard members will remain among the best in the world. I do not take this responsibility lightly."

Sen. Butterworth replaces Maj. Gen. Terry Nesbitt who is retiring after more than 40 years of service, including service in the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Vietnam and Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Georgia Army National Guard and Deputy Commander of the 48th Infantry Brigade.

The adjutant general of Georgia is responsible for more than 14,000 personnel

in the Georgia Department of Defense, which includes the Georgia Army National Guard, the Georgia Air National Guard and the Georgia State Defense Force.

Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle said that Gov. Deal picked the right man for the job.

"Senator Butterworth is the latest in a long line of distinguished Georgians who are willing to defend our state and nation here at home and abroad," Lt. Gov. Cagle said. "Throughout his time as a member of the Georgia State Senate, he was a passionate advocate for his constituents and the entire state.

"His tireless work ethic, rock solid character, and principle-centered leadership earned him the respect and admiration of all of his colleagues," he said. "I am proud to call

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Senate candidates emerge



State House District 10 State Rep. Rick Austin R-Demorest, chats with Cecil Dye and State Rep. Stephen Allison on Thursday.

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Butterworth.

State Rep. Rick Austin and former FFA State Director John Wilkinson have officially declared as candidates for the District 50 State Senate seat soon to become vacant when State Sen. Jim Butterworth assumes his new duties as ad-

The Towns County Republican Party welcomed some special guests to Daniel's Steakhouse last week, two of which will take part in a special election to fill the unexpired term of District 50 State Sen. Jim

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H.O.G. will return in 2012

Local hospitality brings Georgia State H.O.G. Rally back to Towns County

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They came, they ate, and they rode their bikes. Best of all, they'll do it again next year.

The 2011 Georgia State Harley Owners Group Rally is history and participants rank their Towns County experience as perfection.

That sentiment was echoed on Sunday morning as they voted to return to Towns County in 2012. The Top of Georgia beat out Macon and Athens for the honor of hosting the 2012 Georgia State H.O.G. Rally. "They'll be back," said Hilda Thomason, general manager of the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. "It's an exciting time in Towns County."

Local hospitality played a key role in the 16-member committee's decision to come back to Towns County. Participants said they've never ever been treated with as much respect and admiration at any

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The 2011 Rally was a huge success. Photos/Lowell Nicholson

Zoller follows Collins into 9th District race

Radio talk show host coming to Towns County Oct. 13

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Gainesville radio personality Martha Zoller has joined the chase for the 9th District Congressional seat.

Under the revamped Congressional maps, current 9th District Congressman Tom Graves shifts to the newly created 14th Congressional District, leaving the 9th Congressional District seat open for the 2012 elections. The U.S. Department of Justice must approve the maps.

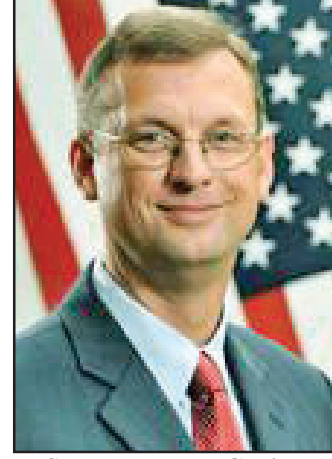
Zoller joins District 27 State Rep. Doug Collins in pursuit of the open Congressional seat. She probably won't be the last candidate either. Qualifying doesn't take place until April 2012.

Zoller, a long time conservative voice, is wildly popular with grassroots Republicans and Tea Party leaders across Georgia. A formal campaign kick off event will be announced soon for later in September.

Towns County GOP Chair Chuck Luca said that Zoller will come to Towns



Martha Zoller



State Rep. Doug Collins

County on Thursday, Oct. 13 to talk with Towns County Republicans.

Towns County is aligned

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Towns County remembers 9/11



Public Safety officials receive American flags during Sunday's 9/11 Remembrance Ceremonies at Veterans Park. Photos/ Charles Duncan

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There wasn't a dry eye at Veterans Memorial Park in Hiwassee on Sunday afternoon.

Lee Holland sang the

National Anthem and America the Beautiful, and the Rev. Anthony Dye reminded the crowd that at Ground Zero on Sept. 11, 2001, "all gave some, and some gave all."

Towns County re-



membered the 2,977 victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the Northeastern United States by members of Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda terrorist network.

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It's official: Fairgrounds a Conference Center

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The USDA Rural Development brought a big check to Anderson Music Hall last week.

No one tried to cash it, but rest assured, the \$12,611 is in the bank to be used in

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Everyone was smiling on Wednesday. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Unicoy Lodge Pancake Breakfast draws a crowd



Eastern Star member Pat Smith serves up a helping of sausage on Saturday morning at the Senior Center. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

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Saturday's Unicoy Lodge Pancake Breakfast at the Towns County Senior Center was reminiscent of a family reunion.

More than 300 persons bought tickets either from a Lodge brother or at the door.

The Worshipful Master of Unicoy Masonic Lodge, Brothers within the lodge and members of the Order of Eastern Star hosted the annual Pancake Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

For \$5 a meal, lodge members served up eggs, sausage and pancakes. Patrons had the option of chugging their meals with orange juice or coffee.

Each year, patrons

who purchase a breakfast plate at the annual Pancake benefit know they're helping provide monies that provide scholarships for local high school students to allow them to further their education.

Last year, more than hundreds attended the event and broke bread with the lodge members and their families.

Lodge members like Chris Swett know that the economy is tight. For that reason alone, they don't get

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