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injury that might result from the animal's behavior," Commissioner Kendall said.

"That's regardless of whether such behavior is motivated by mischievousness, playfulness, or ferocity," he said. "Every animal shall be controlled so as to prevent it from chasing menacingly or attacking persons or other domestic animals. Citations under this section shall not replace or be a substitute for vicious animals, and an owner may be subject to enforcement under both sections."

The move was prompted by numerous complaints about a pack of dogs terrorizing the Holly Hill and Streak Hill communities, Commissioner Kendall said.

According to the commissioner, small dogs and cats in those neighborhoods have been killed by the aggressive pack while on the property of their owner.

Also, the pack has shown aggressive behavior toward residents in the Holly Hill community.

The problem has been an ongoing occurrence for at least six months, residents in the Holly Hill community say.

"What we've done is amend the ordinance to deal with a serious problem," Commissioner Kendall said. "These dogs belong to one person; they've been advised to control their dogs. These dogs have been determined to be dangerous dogs."

The ordinance was

amended last week during the September County Commission Meeting at the Towns County Courthouse to better define the term aggressive dog.

The new meaning of aggressive dog means a canine on another person's property or on public property which exhibits aggressive behavior without provocation, placing that person in fear of personal well-being; injures or destroys property of another, including but not limited to livestock and domestic animals; exhibits aggressive behavior toward animals, including but not limited to livestock and domestic animals, which are kept or domiciled on the property of another or while

on public property.

The aggressive pack, believed to have once numbered 14, and now around 10, evaded capture last month after an order by Commissioner Kendall to capture them.

"We had to do something before we're reporting that a small child has been injured or killed by this pack of dogs," Commissioner Kendall said.

Once the traps were removed, the dogs returned to a resident's property without consent and seriously injured her small dog, Commissioner Kendall said.

"That's a matter that is now in the hands of the Probate Judge," Commissioner Kendall said.

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he believes the Mayor and City Council did the right thing this year in holding the line on property taxes.

"The economy demands it," he said. "The voters will likely be given the opportunity to decide on a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax to replace the expiring school sales tax in March, and we're hopeful that they (voters) will approve it and ensure our continued ability to keep prop-

erty taxes low."

Swett has been a resident of Hiawassee for 12 years and retired here following 20 years of active military service.

"I had no home for 20 years. I moved around. And then I came to this warm, welcoming community," Swett said. "And now I feel compelled to give back to the community that so readily gave me a home."

Swett said he believes he

was born to be a public servant.

He is a member of McConnell Memorial Baptist Church and is an active volunteer with the Towns County Food Pantry, Unicoy Masonic Lodge, Hiawassee Chapter of the Eastern Star and Lake Chatuge-Hiawassee Rotary Club.

"I believe that my current, active involvement in City planning and operations make me the best candidate for the open Council seat," Swett said.

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ing for a stronger voice at the State Capitol.

"I'm all ears," he said. "I'll always listen to your concerns and I'll carry them with me to the State Capitol."

Lance said the last three months have reaffirmed his feelings of how happy he is to be a native son of the North Georgia Mountains.

"It's been a pleasure to know so many good people who reside here, were raised here and chose to live the rest of their days here," he said.

"I want you to know, I'll be there for you when you need me," he said. "I'm not a flaming liberal running on a national agenda."

"Would U.S. Sen. and Gov. Zell Miller have endorsed me if he thought I was

some liberal that would go down to the State Capitol and follow the Atlanta way?"

"Do you think that retired Congressman Ed Jenkins would have endorsed me if he felt that's what I was going to do if I'm elected?"

"You can say what you want to say about Sen. Miller, but I'll tell you one thing, he's never been accused of being a flaming liberal," Lance said. "He's been accused of a lot of things and he's been called a lot of things, but that ain't one of them."

Lance told the crowd that he was cut from the same conservative Georgia cloth as Sen. Miller, Congressman Jenkins and of U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn.

"I'm as conservative as so many great Georgians that have come before me," he said. "Great people who have been leaders of this state and country over the last 50 years."

Lance told the crowd that his message was clear.

"This race is not about Washington, it's not about President Obama, it's not about Congress and it's not about Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians or Independents," he said. "This race is about you, this race is about the people who reside in the District 8 State House district."

"Hearing your voices and tending to your needs," he said. "Now that's what it's all about."

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would be great to come back to this event next year."

The event also was a coming out party for CB&T's new City Executive for Hiawassee Juanita Shope. She arrived in Hiawassee three weeks ago.

"It was a great event, a lot of folks got to come out and mingle with us; I got to meet a lot of new people," Shope said. "Today was a continuous celebration of Community Bank & Trust of all the branches."

Shope said she was excited about the possibility of making the customer appreciation day an annual event.

"I really believe that this is the first of many customer appreciation events at Community Bank & Trust in Hiawassee," she said.

Shope has been at CB&T Hiawassee for three weeks now. She has loved every minute.

"I love Towns County," she said. "It's a beautiful area, the people are wonderful, and the atmosphere is welcoming. I love it here and I think

we're going to do some good things here."

CB&T has become a big time player in supporting Towns County Athletics.

On Oct. 22, CB&T will give the football program \$110 for every touchdown the Indians score in their match up against Glascock County.

If the team ends up with no points, it still receives a minimum of \$110. Also, one lucky fan with the correct football program will win \$110. It's all part of the bank's celebration of 110 years in the banking business.

"We're going to be involved in this community," Shope said. "Every where you turn around, we're going to be involved. We'll be working with the school system, the Chamber of Commerce, the commissioner, the city council."

"We're going to be supportive of everything that goes on," she said. "We're strong and we're here to stay. We're going to grow with the community as we come out of this economic hardship; we're going to help the community grow."

## Early Voting...from page 1A

term limits on the BOE.

Opportunities to cast ballots are plentiful – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Tuesdays, ballots can be cast from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Towns County voters also can cast ballots on Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The last opportunity to vote on Saturday prior to

the general election is Oct. 30, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Early voting in the race for Hiawassee City Council Post 5 will be determined after qualifying has ended, the candidates have qualified and the ballots for the election are printed.

The Towns County Herald will feature a Sample Election Ballot in its next week's edition.

## Glenda Gooch House available

The Glenda Gooch House is now available for use by families, from the tri-state area, of patients in Union General Hospital as well as local nursing and assisted living homes. For more information please contact Leslie Daniel at 706-745-2050, or log on to [glendagoochhouse.org](http://glendagoochhouse.org) (Sep22,2010)

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chance to help make a difference in the life of a child."

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals. Children up to age 18 with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients' ability to pay.

For those not in the know, the Shriners and Hiawassee/Towns County are about to become real close friends.

Hiawassee Mayor Barbara Mathis announced last week that the Georgia Shriners Convention would be held in Hiawassee and Towns County in June 2011. Members of the Towns County Tourism Association, including City Manager Rick Stancil, will make a presentation on Towns County's behalf at a Shriners meeting in Atlanta in October. Stancil also will present a proclamation honoring Shriners and their charitable works at that meeting.