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Towns FBLA students advance to state competition

By Kendall Floyd
FBLA Parliamentary
NEWS SPECIAL

The 2017 FBLA Region 13 Leadership Conference was held at Madison County High School in Danielsville on Thursday, Jan. 26. Members of Towns County FBLA had 41 competitors in 23 different business events who contended with competitors from other FBLA chapters in Region 13 for a chance to advance to State Competitions.

The Awards Ceremony was exciting to say the least as a record 23 competitors will be advancing to state level competitions.

The following region winners will be state competitors: Will DeVries in Business Communications; Nick McConnell in Economics; Brody Graper in Economics; the team of Nick Shook and Will DeVries in Entrepreneurship;

Chase Rogers in Introduction to Business Communications; Cadence Nichols in Computer Applications; Jackson Taylor in Computer Applications; Nick Taylor in Spreadsheets; Chase Williams in Database Design and Applications; the team of Taylor Cornett and Emily Williams in Business Presentation; the team of Cara Galloway, Zandra Churchill and Sara Perry in Publication Design; Kendall Floyd in Public Speaking I; Emma Kate Leland in Public Speaking II; Makenzie Carroll in Word Processing; Kendall Floyd in Word Processing; Nick Bradley in Word Processing; Chase Crawford in Financial Math; Jessica Taylor in Financial Math; and Tia Bauer in Sales Presentation.

The following competitors also placed in the Top Ten in Region 13, but will not be advancing to state level competition: the

team of Taralee Arrowood and Hannah Whitehead in Video Production; Megan Wallace in Digital Design; Kenzi Smith in Job Interview; the team of Job Rogers and Connor Kelley in Public Service Announcement; Sara Beth Hobbs in Client Service; and Jenna Coker in Website Design.

FBLA competitors that also competed at region level are: McKenzie Burgess, Jordan Hyatt and Kyra Tallent in Business Communications; Jordan Hyatt and Sara Beth Hobbs in Business Calculations; and Kaitlyn Crowder in Financial Math.

Additionally, Towns County FBLA was given two chapter awards.

The Region 13 Largest Chapter Award, which recognizes the chapter with the most members, was accepted by Nick McConnell, President.

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Cox signed after stunning performance in FCA game

By Todd Forrest
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Staff Writer

Towns County senior running back/safety Russell Cox was the only Indian football player to participate in the Second Annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Football All-Star Classic presented by United Community Bank and Chick-fil-A of Blairsville back in December, and he sure is glad that he didn't sit it out.

As a result of his superb showing in the FCA game, Cox was invited to Point University in West Point, Georgia, and before the visit was over, Cox had signed on to play college football.

The FCA All-Star Classic, played at Habersham Central High School in Clarksville

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TCHS senior Russell Cox and Indians Head Football Coach John Cornett.

Rep. Doug Collins hard at work



Congressman Doug Collins with President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence at a retreat on Jan. 26, 2017.

By Shawn Jarrard
Towns County Herald
Staff Writer

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. Doug Collins of Georgia's 9th Congressional District won re-election last year,

which means he's back in D.C., currently taking part in the 115th U.S. Congress.

And since Republicans now control both chambers of Congress and the White House, it's an environment he says is full of energy and momentum.

"From our perspective, from a conservative's perspective, I think there's a definite excitement," said Rep. Collins. "There is a desire to move on the goals and the ideas

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Participation encouraged in Hiawassee special meeting



More than 50 people attended the ordinance public hearing at Hiawassee City Hall on Thursday, Jan. 26.

By Shawn Jarrard
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Hiawassee City Hall enjoyed perhaps its biggest turnout in recent memory for a series of public hearing presentations conducted by the councilmembers themselves on Thursday, Jan. 26.

And the public got what it came for, enjoying a fruitful exchange with councilmembers before, during and after ordinance presentations in a display of governance that was clearly of, by and for the people.

Residents asked questions of the councilmembers during each of the presentations,

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Bradshaw turns over old jail; elections board offices move

By Lily Avery
Towns County Herald
Staff Writer

The Towns County Historical Society and the Towns County Board of Elections and Registration each found new places to call home when Towns County Sole Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw officially handed over the keys of the Old Rock Jail to the historical society on Friday, Jan. 27.

In the fall of last year, former commissioner Bill Kendall presented the Old Rock Jail and Presley Post Office to the historical society to preserve the historical site. However, making the transfer was left to now Commissioner Bradshaw due to a rearrangement of

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Towns County Board of Elections Chair Janet Oliva with Elections Supervisor Tonya Nichols outside their new headquarters.

Homeowners association focuses on Lake Chatuge

By Lily Avery
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YOUNG HARRIS – Water quality has been a huge concern for the Towns County Homeowners Association for quite some time.

In the organization's latest meeting at the Towns County Recreation and Conference Center on Friday, Jan. 27, the group heard from various departments concerning the preservation and conservation of Lake Chatuge.

Association President Noel Turner and the board of directors gathered a panel of water savvy professionals from the Georgia Department of



Chris Cooper is natural resources manager for the Tennessee Valley Authority. He spoke on Lake Chatuge from a TVA perspective in the Towns County Homeowners Association meeting.

Mover and Shakers welcome Bradshaw, Paris

By Lily Avery
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Staff Writer

YOUNG HARRIS – Towns County Sole Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw and Union County Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris shared the stage at the Mountain Movers and Shakers weekly meeting on Friday, Jan. 27, to discuss each county's growth and development.

Commissioner Bradshaw touched briefly on economic development within the county, what he sees for the future and what he and his staff have been working toward since he entered office.

The commissioner also

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Towns County Sole Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw at the weekly meeting of the Mountain Movers and Shakers on Friday, Jan. 27, in Young Harris.

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Mountain Community Chorus holding auditions

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Chicago Blues Legend Mac Arnold at the Peacock

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Basketball

Tues Jan 31 vs. Hebron

6 & 7:30 PM

Fri. Feb 3 vs. George Walton

7 & 8:30 PM

Sat. Feb 4 @ Athens Academy

1 & 3 PM

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