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Customers checking out the freshest crops in Towns County last Saturday at the Farmers Market across from the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. Photo by Jarrett Whitener



The new covered tables at the Farmers Market help vendors and customers alike avoid rain and/or too much sun during open hours. Photo by Jarrett Whitener

he left after he sold it all, and we never saw him again. "People like that help us give more to the community that come here looking for

new things every week, and we welcome local farmers." Selling goods at the market is free of charge and open to any locals.

The Towns County Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon, so be sure to stop in and support the local farmers.

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brings back some memories of us listening to these guys on our record player."

There were many couples like the Arbets there on Saturday night, each reliving some of their most cherished memories spent together.

"Ralph and I used to listen to music like this for hours," said Linda Arbet. "I mean, back then, we only really had a few channels to choose from, and television wasn't exactly what it is today, but I miss it sometimes."

"We had such good times, and we used to follow The Turtles for a while, going to concerts every now and then. I just couldn't imagine not listening to these guys, and they are all so wonderful."

Halfway through the show, 10 lucky couples got their names drawn for a meet and greet opportunity backstage following the concert.

The Turtles performed last, making sure to end the show with their hit "Happy Together," after which the show was named.

The concert had one more number up its sleeve, however, as every other band came on stage to conclude the concert with a brief piece of each of the hit songs performed



The Classics IV performing inside Anderson Music Hall over the weekend. Photo by Lowell Nicholson

that night.

"The concert was just amazing," said Linda Arbet. "That finale was one of the best I have ever seen, and I will remember that for the rest of my life. It was truly amazing."

The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds hosts concerts and festivals throughout the year, with the regionally popular Georgia Mountain Fair running from July 19 through July 27.

"Look forward to the 69th Annual Georgia Mountain Fair, held at the historic Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds

this summer," according to GeorgiaMountainFairgrounds.com. "Thousands of visitors from across the region have experienced the excitement and nostalgia that the event has to offer."

"With first-class musical performances, arts and crafts, fun carnival rides, unique attractions and a glimpse into North Georgia's rich history and culture, the Fair provides something for every member of the family."

School Board...from Page 1A



The June work session of the Towns County Board of Education was well attended by the public. Photo by Chad Stack

Board members also hired new middle school physical education teacher Evan Woodard of Lumpkin County, who has six years of teaching and coaching experience.

He will serve as the middle school wrestling head coach and a varsity football

assistant coach.

The board approved the resignation of longtime high school PE teacher Jeannie Ledford, who has won multiple state championships for Towns County's cross country program.

Ledford will be moving onto Union County High School to teach physical education this upcoming school year.

Financial Director Myra Underwood reported that tax collections were going well, with sales taxes coming in at \$156,955 for the month of April, which was up \$21,000 from budgeted figures and up

\$16,000 from a year ago.

"The month of May was very busy, so hopefully our June collections will be up quite a bit from last year," said Underwood. "For our expenditures, we are actually under budget. We still have 25% unused."

Due to the summer renovation projects going on at the schools, the board of education hosted its June 9 regular meeting at the school board office after press time.

The next board work session will be held on Monday, July 1, at 7 p.m. at the board office.

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