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love, it's taught you essential truths about life and about the world in which we live."

It was a great honor for the president to take time to come and speak to the FFA organization.

Towns FFA would like to express its appreciation to Frank Riley and the Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D Council for their sponsorship of \$2,000

to help offset the cost of those FFA members attending.

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**Voters...from Page 1A**

<b>Unofficial Towns County Election Results</b>									
<b>Votes By Precinct</b>									
	Young Harris	Tate City	Macedonia	Hiawassee	Absentee and Advance Voting included in Precinct Totals	TOTALS	Percentage		
<b>Towns County Alcohol Referendum</b>									
<b>YES</b>	506	19	387	313	176	2552	<b>3953</b>	<b>66.67%</b>	
<b>NO</b>	243	3	175	132	87	1336	<b>1976</b>	<b>33.33%</b>	
<b>Total Voters</b>							<b>5929</b>		
<b>Hiawassee Branch Resolution</b>									
<b>YES</b>	-	-	-	50	21	182	<b>253</b>	<b>61.40%</b>	
<b>NO</b>	-	-	-	25	10	124	<b>159</b>	<b>38.60%</b>	
<b>Total Voters</b>							<b>412</b>		

number of provisional and/or absentee ballots that had yet to be counted at press time, while Kemp declared victory last week and subsequently resigned his post as Secretary of State.

On Nov. 8, Gov. Nathan Deal appointed Robyn Crittenden to serve out the remainder of Kemp's term as Secretary of State. Previously, Crittenden served as commissioner of the Georgia Department of Human Services.

Kemp won big here in Towns County, receiving 5,009 votes for 81.69 percent of the vote to Abrams' 1,065 votes and 17.37 percent. Libertarian Ted Metz received 58 votes locally.

Republican Geoff Duncan won his Nov. 6 contest, and he will be Georgia's next lieutenant governor. He received 51.74 percent of the vote statewide to Democrat Sarah Riggs Amico's 48.26 percent.

Locally, Duncan earned 4,812 votes (81.44 percent) to Amico's 1,097 votes (18.56 percent).

The race for Secretary of State is headed to a Dec. 4 runoff election between Republican Brad Raffensperger and Democrat John Barrow.

Raffensperger received 49.2 percent of the statewide vote to Barrow's 48.58 percent, while Libertarian Smythe Duval received 2.23 percent of the vote.

Locally, Raffensperger earned 4,763 votes (79.17 percent) to Barrow's 1,174 votes (19.51 percent) and Duval's 79 votes (1.31 percent).

Republican Incumbent Chris Carr will remain the state's Attorney General, having earned 51.41 percent of the statewide vote to Democrat Charlie Bailey's 48.59 percent of the vote.

Republican Incumbent Gary Black will also remain in office as Commissioner of Agriculture, having defeated Democrat Fred Swann by earning 53.51 percent of the vote.

Republican Jim Beck will be the state's next Commissioner of Insurance, having earned 50.47 percent of the vote against Democrat Janice Laws and Libertarian Donnie Foster.

For State School Superintendent, Republican Incumbent Richard Woods defeated Otha E. Thornton Jr. with 53.13 percent of the vote.

For Commissioner of Labor, Republican Incumbent Mark Butler won against Democrat Richard Keatley with 52.56 percent of the vote.

The race for Public Service Commissioner District 3 is also headed for a runoff between Republican Incumbent Chuck Eaton (49.8 percent of the vote) and Democrat Lindy Miller (47.53 percent of the vote).

For Public Service Commissioner District 5, Republican Incumbent Tricia Pridemore will retain her seat, having defeated Democrat Dawn A. Randolph and Libertarian John Turpish with 50.36 percent of the vote.

Republican Incumbent Doug Collins will go on to serve another term as U.S. Representative in the 116th Congress from the 9th Congressional District of Georgia. Collins handily defeated Democratic challenger Josh McCall, earning 79.51 percent of the vote to McCall's 20.49 percent.

Locally, Collins received 4,910 votes (81.56 percent) to McCall's 1,110 votes (18.44 percent).

For State Senator from the 50th District, Republican Incumbent John Wilkinson ran unopposed and was re-elected.

For State Representative in the General Assembly from the 8th District, Republican Incumbent Matt Gurtler ran unopposed and was re-elected.

For District Attorney of the Enotah Judicial Circuit, Republican Incumbent Jeff Langley ran unopposed and was re-elected.

No one ran for the office of Blue Ridge Mountain Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor.

Also up for approval in the Nov. 6 election were five Proposed Constitutional Amendments.

Amendment 1 passed statewide. The amendment will result in "the creation of the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund to protect water quality, wildlife habitats and

parks." Locally, the amendment received 4,540 YES votes (78.79 percent) and 1,222 NO votes (21.21 percent).

Amendment 2 passed statewide. This amendment will result in "the creation of a statewide business court to lower costs, enhance efficiency and promote predictable judicial outcomes."

Locally, the amendment received 3,662 YES votes (66.29 percent) and 1,862 NO votes (33.71 percent).

Amendment 3 passed statewide. This amendment will result in "the encouragement of the conservation, sustainability and longevity of Georgia's working forests through tax sub-classification and grants."

Locally, the amendment received 3,308 YES votes (60.8 percent) and 2,133 NO votes (39.2 percent).

Amendment 4 passed statewide. This amendment will result in "the provision of rights for victims of crime in the judicial process."

Locally, the amendment received 4,631 YES votes (79.94 percent) and 1,162 NO votes (20.06 percent).

Amendment 5 passed statewide. This amendment will result in "the authorization of fair allocation of sales tax proceeds to county and city school districts."

Locally, the amendment received 3,660 YES votes (66.56 percent) and 1,839 NO votes (33.44 percent).

The 2018 General Election Ballot also featured two Proposed Statewide Referenda.

The first referendum passed statewide. This referendum will provide for "a homestead exemption for residents of certain municipal corporations."

Locally, the referendum received 2,868 YES votes (53.59 percent) and 2,484 NO votes (46.41 percent).

The second referendum passed statewide. This referendum will provide "a tax exemption for certain homes for the mentally disabled."

Locally, the referendum received 3,947 YES votes (70.77 percent) and 1,630 NO votes (29.23 percent).

For full local election results by precinct, check out [TownsCountyHerald.net](http://TownsCountyHerald.net).