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There will be many other businesses, individuals, and political entities involved in the parade. The parade will begin at Citizens South Bank, make its way through town, and end at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. Get there early to find the

best spot to view this historic event. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, bottled water, and your American pride. If you are interested in participating in the parade or need more information, contact the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds at (706) 896-4191.

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rooms and kitchen so it can be used separately at times when the gymnasium portion is closed. "This space can be used for all types of community groups, family reunions, birthday parties, dancing, and card games," Kendall said. When planning this space, Kendall said he particularly wanted a place designed to accommodate families/groups needing a place to hold benefits at no charge. "I am proud of Towns County's mountain tradition of helping their neighbors in their time of need due to sickness, death, and extreme medical bills," he said. "In times past, the proud mountain folks of this county would come to the aid of a neighbor in need due to illness or a disaster, whether it be a house or barn raising, plowing or planting the field, gathering corn, cutting tops, pulling fodder, or a hog killing to fill the smoke house for the winter. "While serving as School

Superintendent, I saw this mountain tradition re-established by neighbors holding benefits as they came together and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years helping their fellow man," he said. "I want to help keep this mountain tradition alive by making this public facility available for benefits, at no cost to county residents." Commissioner Kendall said this type of facility will also serve to boost the economy by allowing the county to attract conventions by corporations wishing to come and enjoy the scenic beauty Towns County has to offer. The construction schedule is as follows: concrete poured by Sept. 1, steel delivered by mid October, and hopefully having the building dried in before winter. Interested sub-contractors or suppliers are encouraged to attend the July 27th meeting or they can call the Commissioner's office at (706) 896-2276 with questions.

Fans salute Glenn Campbell's finale

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Some people think of Friday the 13th as an unlucky day, but it was only unlucky for those who did not come out to the Anderson Music Hall to witness the incredible Farewell Tour and great talent of Country Music legend Glenn Campbell.



Glenn Campbell

The show opened with Victoria Ghost, Campbell's daughter Ashley (on the banjo) and his son Shannon (on the electric guitar). The apple certainly doesn't fall far from the tree in this case, as they performed and entertained the audience with their unique musical style and harmonious blend of contemporary, country, and blue grass music. His son, Cal, was playing the drums. The fans responded with loud rounds of applause. But nothing could compare to the amazing reception Glenn Campbell received when he walked out on stage and totally took command. Fans immediately crowded to the stage to snap a picture of the legend that is Glenn Campbell. "I'm happy to be here in Hiawassee," said the 76-year-old Campbell, as he transitioned quickly into a moving rendition of *Gentle on my Mind* and the fans showed their love and appreciation with a standing ovation and shouts of "We love you Glenn." He continued with *Galveston* and *Show a Little Kindness*. The fans were mesmerized and it was obvious that Campbell still had the ability to connect with an audience on a personal level. When he sang *I Can't Stop Loving You*, the fans sang along as they did when he broke into *Rhinestone Cowboy*, one of the songs he will always be remembered for. He performed with the same passion and talent as in earlier years. Fans had tears in their eyes at many points during the concert, but they also had huge smiles on their faces when he talked to them about his life at this point. Campbell forgot the lyrics to a couple of songs even though he had the words on teleprompters on stage in front of him. He still did not miss a beat, however, as he hummed the rest of the words until he found his lines on the teleprompters. He sat down on a stool, wiped his brow, and quick-wittedly said, "I have an excuse." The fans didn't mind at all; they just loved his wit and honesty. "I'm having the time of my life now because of you'll, my peers," said a humble Campbell. Although Campbell seemed to tire easily, he did not want to leave the stage. He

had come to put on a show, and what a show it was. The fans adored him and they were not bashful about showing their love. Campbell made reference to his time performing as John Wayne's sidekick in the movie *True Grit*, in which Campbell sang the title song. Campbell was hand-picked for this role by John Wayne himself. "John Wayne, my gosh, what an incredible human being," said Campbell. Becoming a bona-fide living legend isn't as easy as Campbell makes it look. First, you have to have a solid foundation of talent on which to build, like being one of the finest guitar players in the world. Then you have to record songs that will stand the test of time, like *Wichita Lineman* and *By the Time I Get to Phoenix*. It certainly doesn't hurt to have a witty, bantering stage style that draws fans in and makes them feel like they are a part of every song he sings. Campbell has an amazing way of making each fan feel as though he is singing personally to them. When you put it all together, the result is a career that spans 54 years and fans that cross generational and international lines. In other words you have the multi-talented Glenn Campbell. During his 54 years in show business, Campbell has released more than 70 albums. He has sold more than 45 million records and racked up 12 RIAA Gold albums, four Platinum albums, and one Double-Platinum album. Of his 75 trips up the charts, 27 landed in the Top 10. Sadly, in the summer of 2011, Campbell was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. A public disclosure was made. So far it has had little effect on his touring schedule and he seems to be doing quite well. While this is deemed his Farewell Tour, don't underestimate the tenacity of this brilliant entertainer or the dedication of his family to seeing that he continues doing what he loves, entertaining his public and making his millions of fans happy.

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area's rich history." While visitors get to experience North Georgia's past first-hand, they also will be able to listen to tales of life as it once was from local experts. Art lovers will enjoy strolling through the juried arts and crafts show which is set up throughout the Pioneer Village and Craft Village each day of the Fair. The show features talented artisans from around the country. Visitors to the Exhibit Hall will be able to look back at the Fair's history. They will see pictures of many music legends including Conway Twitty, Patty Loveless, and Alan Jackson who have performed at the Fair, as well as interesting memorabilia from past events. The Exhibit Hall also is home to a large selection of antique farm equipment, and during the Fair, locals will share stories of how the equipment was once used and how vital the equipment was to farm life. Thomason extended a personal invite to visitors to

the Fair. "Come visit our brand new Anderson-Paris Park located inside the Fairgrounds," Thomason said. "It was built in honor of Elois Anderson and Dick Paris for their dedication and faithfulness to the city of Hiawassee for many years. The park consists of a new stage and will be featuring musical performers throughout the Fair." No Fair would be complete without the smells of hot funnel cakes, sweet cotton candy, and hamburgers cook-



Lee Greenwood



Waymore's Outlaws with Tommy Townsend open the Fair.

ing on the grill. The Fair offers all of these food selections in addition to barbecue, smoked trout, and many other festival favorites. The food booths are run by local civic organizations and serve as a fund raising tool for non-profit groups in Towns County. "The Georgia Mountain Fair is a non-profit organization, a project of the Towns County Lions Club," Thomason said. "We want to thank all of our Lions Club members and volunteers who help make this event possible. This is a wonderful, affordable event for the entire family." Event tickets for the Fair are \$5 Gate admission, \$10 Music Show tickets (Gate Admission required), \$2 parking, and children under 10 are admitted free at gate. For a complete listing of scheduled activities, free admission days, free carnival ride days, and musical performance times, visit www.GeorgiaMountainFairgrounds.com.

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hard at something pays off. "I have obtained real world experiences and made friends to last a lifetime," she said. Bleckley will attend Oglethorpe University in the fall, where she will take her basketball skills to the collegiate level. Meanwhile, also in San Antonio, TCHS received the prestigious 2012 *Hollis and Kitty Guy Gold Seal Chapter Award of Excellence*. This award recognizes the top 10 percent of local chapters in the nation of business programs that prepare students through comprehensive business programs and leadership projects. TCHS also received the *Southern Region Market Share Award*. This award recognized TCHS for having 133 members in its chapter, which is 40 percent of the high school population.



Towns County's national FBLA competitors come home happy from San Antonio, Texas.

In addition to Bleckley, TCHS had seven other region and state winners that earned their place representing Georgia at this year's National Leadership Conference. They include, McKenzie Moss in Word Processing, Claire Wilson in Client Service, Lesleigh Irvin in Principles and Procedures, Courtney Marshall and Eryn Cochran in Desktop Publishing and Thanh Duong in Digital Design and Promotion. The *Towns County Herald* congratulates both Bleckley and Lovelady and FBLA on their incredible accomplishments.

The Chamber's Business After Hours

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The Towns County Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours was held at Mountain Watersports in Hiawassee last week with owners Charles and Jenny Smith hosting the meeting. They provided delicious finger foods and beverages. Everyone enjoyed munching, talking, and catching up on community events. Charles and Jenny are not new to the water sports scene as they are the previous co-owners of Smith Power Sports in Hayesville, NC. Mountain Watersports opened its doors in November 2011.

Upcoming events include Relay for Life, Aug. 18th, at the Fairgrounds; and the Chamber-sponsored Golf 911, Sept. 14th, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Towns County Fire Department. It's at Brasstown Valley Resort. The next Business After Hours meeting will be held Aug. 2nd, at Young Harris College Dining Hall at 5:30 p.m.



"We offer sales, service, rentals, accessories, and parts. We also specialize in jet drive vehicles and off-road vehicles. We have factory trained technicians with a full service department for personal watercraft, ATVs, utility vehicles, and dirt bikes," boasted Charles Smith. Chamber President Candace Lee welcomed everyone. "It looks like a good turn out. We want to thank Charles and Jenny Smith for hosting the meeting this month," Lee said. "They have been members of the chamber since the early spring." First order of business, a ribbon cutting for Health Plan Select based out of Athens. Asher Hakman of Health Plan Select was one of the new members present at Thursday night's meeting. "We serve 27 counties in Northeast Georgia," Hakman said. "More than 90 percent of licensed physicians in Northeast Georgia are in our network." Lee introduced Cathy Wheeler, the Chamber's newest member and owner of The Vacuum Store in Blairsville. "The Vacuum Store has been around for 13 years," she said. "We sell old and new vacuums." New members Debra Spaulding and Linda Barton, owners of Affordable Hearing Aid Solutions, were on hand to promote their business. "We provide hearing assistance to the seniors here in the community," Spaulding said. "There is no charge." Lee reminded everyone the Chamber will have a food booth selling foot-long hot dogs at the Georgia Mountain Fair.

Chatuge Regional Hospital partners with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

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Chatuge Regional Hospital has connected with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta via Telemedicine. Telemedicine is a special camera and live video conferencing with specialty physicians. The patients are placed in a room with a large computer screen. This room also has special equipment that hooks to the computer to transmit heart and lung sounds, and can even look in ears, noses, or throats if necessary. There is always a nurse present in the room to assist with this. The patient can see and hear the doctor via this screen. The doctors can be as far away as Augusta, GA. "Chatuge Regional Hospital started providing Telemedicine Specialty Consults in 2006. A physician would request an appointment with a specialist and the patient could be seen at Chatuge Regional Hospital via the live video conference," said CRH Director of Nursing/RN Machel Lovell. "Children's Healthcare of Atlanta has expanded their service to include Telemedicine consults for outpatient visits and Emergency Room consults. After a child is evaluated in Chatuge Regional Hospital and determination has been made that a specialty consult is needed, a parent or guardian must sign a consent form for the Telemedicine consult," said Lovell. After an ER consult, the attending specialist at Children's Healthcare will make the decision as to whether the child should be transferred to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. There is a nurse there who can expedite the transfer if deemed necessary. The specialist may also offer recommendations to the parent/guardian or their healthcare provider for the child's care to



Hospital staff enjoy working with Telemedicine.

continue at Chatuge Regional Hospital or at home. "Your family physician may want to order an outpatient consult for non-emergency patients. Children's Healthcare of Atlanta now offers consults for many specialists via Telemedicine," said Lovell. If your physician wants a specialty consult, Lovell suggests that you try Telemedicine. "It keeps the gas prices down and the commute time is less. If interested, just let your physician know you would like to try Telemedicine." TCH118J2/SH

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