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Lake Chatuge. "We hope the citizens of Towns County and neighboring counties will attend this lively event," Hopf said. The gates will open up at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds on Friday and Saturday. You will not want to miss the opportunity to see all the cars on display as there will be a huge "Automotive Midway" with top name parts vendors, as well as a huge used parts swap meet. If your looking to buy or sell a classic car, don't miss the

Car Corral. There will be several special guests including Dennis Gage of Speed TV and Linda Vaughn, Miss Hurst Golden Shifter. Vaughn is flying in from California to be a part of the action. Friday night the fun continues with a Cruiz-In Parade from the Fairgrounds to the Downtown Square in Hiawassee for a Cruiz-In street dance with live entertainment featuring King Fish Blue. Come on out and get ready to have some good old-fashioned fun.



The Moonshine Cruiz-in features classic and muscle cars from all over the country. This is the fourth year the Cruiz-In has been featured in Towns County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

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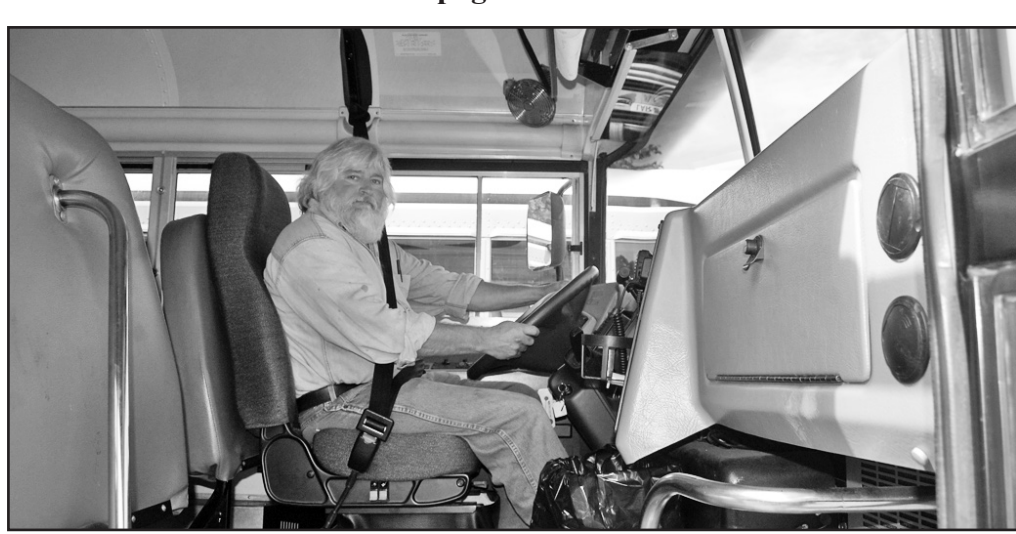
88 years old. His death marks the end of an iconic local business career that included bringing Towns County its largest employer along with 250 jobs. At the time of his death, Hoodenpyle was tireless in his efforts to bring industry back to Towns County to ease the local unemployment crisis and springboard an economic revival for local businesses. Until the end, Hoodenpyle was Towns County's biggest fan. "Hugh had a big heart in wanting to help his fellow man," said Towns County Sole Commissioner and longtime Hoodenpyle friend Bill Kendall. "At the time I began my career in teaching and coaching, Hugh came to me about coaching in a little league baseball program he envisioned for Towns County's youth. "He unified the business community with funding and community support for a successful program which touched and enhanced many of Towns County's youth and did the same thing for a basketball program for our boys and girls," Kendall said. "He had the biggest heart in Towns County."

about me co-coordinating his Towns County campaign for U. S. Congress," Kendall said. "I had to decline since I had a race of my own but recommended Hugh Hoodenpyle. "Hugh accepted and was a trusted friend and supporter throughout Nathan's political career," Kendall said. "Gov. Nathan Deal dropped his appointments and busy schedule to show his mutual friendship at Hugh's funeral on Saturday." Hoodenpyle came to Towns County in 1953. He quickly became a successful businessman, including building and operating Hiawassee Super Market until 1985. He also developed Bell Air Estates, and developed the Hiawassee Antique Mall. He also was responsible for recruiting American Weavers, Fred's and the Huddle House to Towns County. As a member of the Hiawassee City Council, Hoodenpyle served under eight mayors, and served many years as the city's Mayor Pro Tem. The appreciation of his business sense was evident as he served on numerous Congressional, county and city boards and regional study committees. "Hugh Hoodenpyle was a beloved public servant and respected member of our community," Hiawassee Mayor Barbara Mathis said. "He deserves high praise and honor for his years of being a beloved and dedicated public servant. "Throughout his life, Hugh Hoodenpyle has been a respected member of our community and committed himself to serving others," she said. "Hugh Hoodenpyle was a man of steadfast morals and had deep understanding of the needs of others." Hugh Hoodenpyle is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years, Colleen Hoodenpyle of Hiawassee; two sons, Richard Hoodenpyle and his wife Belinda of Sylva, NC and David Hoodenpyle and his wife Connie of Morganton. Three granddaughters, one step-grandson and three great grandchildren also survive. The *Towns County Herald* joins its community in extending heartfelt prayers for the Hoodenpyle family. Hugh Hoodenpyle was one of a kind; he will be long remembered, but he will be forever missed. *Editor's Note: "Happy trails old friend."*

Funeral services for Hoodenpyle were held Saturday at Cochran Funeral Home Chapel. Hoodenpyle served his community well for a number of years, serving as a member of the Towns County Board of Education and as a council member on the Hiawassee City Council. He was a member of the Towns County Industrial Development Authority at the time of his death. "Hugh served as a member of the Board of Education at the time we were consolidating all Towns County Schools," Kendall said. "His business experience was very valuable to this young School Superintendent coping with the problems and financial issues of school consolidation. "He wanted to help our people and the business community financially and brought the Mohawk Company to Towns County which provided 250 jobs, the largest single employer in Towns County," Kendall said. "He ably served on the Towns County Industrial Development Authority. "Years ago State Senator Nathan Deal from Gainesville came to my office and asked

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small as Towns County, teachers have the opportunity to familiarize themselves on a more personal level than in larger school systems. Towns County is fortunate to have a school system that regards their students' learning and achievement as its number one priority as evidenced by CRCT scores, EOCT scores, and graduation rate. Towns County School principals have been working behind the scenes most of the summer in preparation of the 2012-2013 school year. Towns County High School Principal Roy Perren is always excited to see the return of students to the high school setting. "It's always a special time when the school year begins," Perren said. "I am looking forward to seeing the students return and watching them grow, progress, and work toward their number one goal, graduating. "This is the beginning of a new chapter in their lives and for many the end of an era as they start preparing themselves for post-secondary choices whether it be college, vocational-technical schools, the military, or preparation for en-



Scott Hamilton says this bus is ready to roll on Thursday. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

tering the work force," he said. "Rest assured that they have the support of academic teachers, CTAE teachers, coaches, support staff, and, of course, administration. We are starting the year with 74 seniors. This is a very exciting time for me and the staff of Towns County High School." Towns County Middle School Principal Dr. Darren Berrong and Towns County Elementary School Principal Dr. Sandy Page, too, are always happy to see the smiling faces and excited chatter of students

reuniting with former classmates and readying themselves to settle in to another year of fun and learning. "I am excited about this upcoming year," Dr. Page said. "The student curriculum has changed to the Common Core Standards which are shared by most of the states. Our focus at the elementary school this year is math and science integrated with reading and writing. Getting kids interested in areas that will possibly be a career for them when they become an adult is a top priority."

Dr. Berrong was equally vocal regarding the middle school students. "We are extremely excited here at TCMS for school to start," he said. "We have an excellent group of returning seventh and eighth graders and we are looking forward to meeting our new upcoming sixth graders." It's always encouraging to see this kind of passion and excitement from the schools regarding opening day and the return of students to the classroom setting.

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ceived during an inter-agency meeting hosted by Towns Fire and Rescue in late June. The Towns County Sheriff's Office was represented at the inter-agency meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss inter-agency cooperation in the event of an emergency on Lake Chatuge.

The secondary purpose was for all participants to meet one another, have facial recognition of each other, and discuss potential issues that could be involved with a major emergency on Lake Chatuge. According to Floyd, "Several fatal or serious incidents had occurred on Lake

Lanier earlier in the year that prompted this meeting." Additional groups provided support in various ways. The Ridges Resort & Marina as well as The Boat House provided vessels and "victims" from Towns County. The Towns County Commissioner's Office provided the

facilities for staging areas and command post locations. "A critique of the incident will be held Aug. 14th so that all participants will have an opportunity to discuss the lessons learned and share their thoughts on areas that can be improved to enhance the efficiency of our response," said Floyd.

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"The group has learned to march and play the first three songs of their upcoming half-time show, including *Denial Twist* by White Stripes, *Low Rider* by War, and *Shout it Out* from the movie *Drumline*," said McKinney. "After school begins next week, they will add our closer, *Let it Be* and *Hey Jude* by *The Beatles*. So far they have compiled 20 pages of complex drill to accompany

the music," McKinney said. McKinney describe them as a "lean, mean, marching machine." He explained that the band still has a tremendous amount of work to do in order to be ready to "be competitive" by October. "We have an outstanding band, both in ability and character," he said. "I am most proud of our senior class. Some of these students volunteered to

boost the high school marching band by joining when they were only in the seventh grade, so this is the sixth year of participation for a few." They have named themselves, just for fun according to McKinney, the Towns Band of Blue, or T-Bob. McKinney said that the Band Boosters had a food booth at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds to help pay many of the band members expenses.

They also will have a booth set up at the Fall Festival in October at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. "There is a constant need for funds to pay for instrument repair, uniforms, Friday meals, and general supplies. Donations are always appreciated," said McKinney. "It is a privilege and an honor to be a part of the lives of these wonderful young adults. They inspire me every day."

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Yacht Club Boat House. The lucky winner and recipient of the lake package raffle was Mike Wroblews. By the end of the day, the Fire Corps had raised more than \$2,500. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of water rescue equipment for Towns County Fire and Rescue's Water Rescue/Recovery Team. Fire Corps, launched in 2004, is a volunteer program which is designed to connect community members with their local fire/EMS departments to help with non-emergency tasks.

These community volunteers perform a variety of non-operational tasks, allowing the department's first responders to focus on training and response activities while increasing the capacity and services the fire department can offer. Fire Corps members also act as advocates for the fire and emergency services in the community. Responsibilities of the Fire Corps include, but are certainly not limited to, helping out at special events, organizing fund raising events, providing administrative support, developing and maintaining Web

sites (will be up and running in the next couple of weeks), assist with public relations, pre-planning and community preparedness efforts, promoting fire prevention and life safety education in the schools and community, checks and installs smoke alarms for low income families or for people with disabilities, and helps with incident reporting and entering statistical data when needed. "The Towns County Fire Department really appreciates all the support we get from the Fire Corps," said Towns County Fire Chief Mitch Floyd.

The Fire Corps is operating with new board members and new officers. They are already making plans for future activities which include bringing back, "the popular Chili Cook-Off which will take place on the square in August 2013," said Ordiales. "We will also be on the square Friday night for the Moonshine Cruiz-In activities after the parade," said Ordiales. Ordiales is very excited about the endless possibilities for the Fire Corps and looks forward to serving as president of this very worthy organization.

BOE approves agricultural education plan for FY2013

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If zipping across, or just above, the waters of North Georgia and North Carolina while strapped to a wing seems like a good time, then a day at the Ridges & Marina Resort on Lake Chatuge should be a part of your plans Thursday through Sunday. That's when the Eighth Annual Georgia Mountain Fly-In will be showcasing many of the world's best sit-down hydrofoil athletes as they come together to show off the latest tricks, entertain the thousands of visitors that will show up to watch, and teach the sport to anyone interested in learning how it's done. The Ridges will be really the hot spot to be as the Fly-In will kick off on the same day as the Georgia Moonshine Cruiz-In Haulin' Mash Bash on Thursday. You are definitely in for a double whammy of a treat. For those of you not familiar with the sport of sit-down hydrofoiling, you owe it to yourself and your family to come out and participate or just enjoy watching as the well-trained athletes show you how it's done. Sit-down hydrofoiling is a relatively new sport in which riders are strapped in a seated position on a board atop a hydrofoil wing and towed by a ski boat. As the rider gathers speed, the hydrofoil acts as a wing in the water and lifts the board and the rider a foot or more above the surface of the lake. "They break world records while they're here,"



Hydrofoiling comes back to Lake Chatuge for the eighth consecutive year at the Ridges Resort & Marina this weekend. It's here Thursday through Sunday.

said Ridges' Marketing Director Cindy Lynd. "We are real excited to be able to bring this spectacular show back to Towns County year after year. If you've never witnessed hydrofoiling, you owe it to yourself to come out and see what it's all about. It really is very impressive to watch." Those who want to catch the action from the side of the lake can watch for free, but if you want to get up close and personal and want to experience

this phenomenon for yourself, it will cost \$60. But you will be getting a lot of bang for your buck as this covers the cost for the training, fuel for the boat, and dinner Saturday night. "In addition to teaching the sport to newcomers, the more experienced riders will show off their skills with flips and spins out of the water. A 'big-air' competition also is planned to see who can jump his or her board the farthest out

the water," said event organizer Captain Cliff Woodman who is no stranger to the Ridges as he has been involved with this event for many years. Woodman looks forward, once again, to helping people fully experience this sport, although he warns, "once you try hydrofoiling, it's very difficult to give up. "We tell people when we take them out, 'Don't ride one unless you plan on buying one.' It's that addictive," he said.

Beta Sigma Phi installs officers



(L-R): President-Paula Myers, Vice President-Carolyn Southard, Recording Secretary-Juanita Schneider, Treasurer-Barbara McMullen

The IOTA IOTA Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi recently installed officers for 2012-13. We are a local chapter which provides opportunities of service to others, educational programs and friendships. We are women of all ages, in-

terests and educational backgrounds and part of the largest organization of our kind in the world. For more information on membership and joining our local chapter contact Beta Sigma Phi at 1-888-238-2221. N/Aug8.22/JCA