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Local Weather and Lake Levels

Thu: Clouds	80 59
Fri: Clouds	84 60
Sat: Clouds	81 58
Sun: Clouds	78 57
Mon: Clouds	79 58
Tues: Clouds	79 59
Wed: Sunny	79 59



Upstream Elevation Predicted 08/21/13	
Lake Chatuge	1,924.02
Lake Nottely	1,773.14
Blue Ridge	1,683.56

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Football

Fri. Aug 23rd
vs. Hayesville 7:30 p.m.

Middle School

Thurs. Aug 22nd
vs. South Habersham
5:30 p.m.

Softball

Thurs. Aug 22nd
@ Hebron 4:45 p.m.



Downtown on the Square
Aug. 23rd 6 p.m.
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TOWNS COUNTY Farmers Market

Fridays 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Golf Classic to support Local Food Banks Chatuge Shores Golf Course
Saturday August 24th.
9 a.m.
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September 7th
10 a.m.
on the Square

Harrison's Indians ready for Jackets

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Towns County's new Head Football Coach Blair Harrison has only heard about his Indians' rivalry with the Hayesville Yellow Jackets.

On Friday night, he'll experience it, first hand. "I'm excited to see this rivalry for the first time," Harrison said. "Hopefully, we'll have a good turn out at Frank McClure Stadium. Who knows, maybe we'll shock the world."

He's seen the Yellow Jackets up close and personal.

"They're a physical football team," he said. "Their offense looks really good. They're going to give us some fits defensively."

"I think we'll probably be able to move the ball a little bit on them," he said. "I think that they're a superior team to us."

"They have a lot more speed. I think they're well coached," he said. "They've



Towns County Indians Head Football Coach Blair Harrison has his team ready to take on the Hayesville Yellow Jackets. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

got a lot of experience on the coaching side, and I think their coaches will have them ready to play.

"You've got an advantage when you've got good coaches," he said. "I think they've got a good staff and a good program. I could tell they have a winning and successful program when I watched them play."

Harrison's Indians played a hard and physical brand of football last Friday night in their scrimmage with the Dawson County Tigers.

"I was not surprised," Harrison said. "I purposely put guys in situations to see who was going to make a play. We didn't game plan, we didn't

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Kendall proclaims Sept. 17-23 Constitution Week

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The Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution have come to Towns County, and they are already making positive changes with the help of Commissioner Kendall.

Historical as well as educational, the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) is dedicated to patriotism.

A non-profit organization, SAR seeks to maintain the institutions of American freedom, as well as an appreciation for true patriotism.

They also aim to build respect for our national symbols, such as the flag.

Therefore, Tom Jones, secretary of the Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter of the SAR, has been busy locating properties that fly the flag, and ensuring they do so properly.

There is a very specific protocol for how to do so, and Jones wants to make everyone aware of it. He was proud to



Commissioner Kendall welcomes the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. Photo/Heather Poole

announce, "The courthouse properly displays it."

Commissioner Kendall, wanting to be sure all of Towns County is displaying the flag correctly, inquired about the flag at Memorial Park, and whether it met the standards.

Jones was sure that it did. Commissioner Kendall was not surprised, as he ex-

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Hobbs is Towns' Teacher of the Year

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Connie Hobbs had a problem last Monday night. She kept tearing up.

And with good reason as she was named Towns County's Systemwide Teacher of The Year.

Towns County Board of Education held its monthly meeting Monday, Aug. 12. At the top of the agenda, naming the Elementary, Middle and High school Teachers of the Year, as well as the Systemwide Teacher of the Year.

Hobbs, the Middle School Teacher of the Year, was humbled to be named the Systemwide Teacher of the Year.

A very gracious Hobbs said she was still numb from the excitement.



Connie Hobbs, center, the Middle School Teacher of the Year, has been named Systemwide Teacher of the Year. Lynne Abernathy, left, was named Elementary School Teacher of the Year, and Lynn Swanson, right, was named High School Teacher of the Year.

"I feel I work at a great school," she said. "I am so honored. It is a privilege to be recommended, let alone chosen."

Sincerely shocked by the honor, her gratitude was endearing, making it easy to understand how she would have chosen."

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Jean Kendall remembers the best days

By Todd Forrest
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Blairsville – Jean Parker Kendall spent the early days of her youth in a two-room school house in rural Union County.

Her father, Newman Parker, taught in the Bunker Hill Baptist Church, which doubled as a community school for grades 1 through 7.

Towns County Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall, who has been an important part of her life, never even crossed her mind in those days.

On Saturday, Jean Kendall, and those who attended



Jean Kendall's youth was spent at Bunker Hill School in Union County. Her father Newman Parker was the teacher. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

the school, returned to Bunker Hill to reminisce as more than 50 classmates and family gathered for the Bunker Hill School Reunion at Bunker Hill Baptist

Church.

The Reunion began back in 2006 when for the first time in 50 years former alumni all

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Elvis says: "I'm just Roy Perren"

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It just so happens that Aug. 16th was National Elvis Day, and Sam Fullerton, co-founder of the Mountain Movers and Shakers, must have known about it, since he asked Roy Perren, Elvis impersonator extraordinaire and former principal at Towns County High School to speak at their meeting at Mary's Southern Grill that day.

A man of many hats, Perren was also complimented for being a fine Sunday School teacher, father, principal, and of course, Elvis.

Modest as always, Perren told the crowd that he's simply just "Roy Perren, "I'm nothing special," Perren said.



Towns County Schools' Roy Perren speaks to the Mountain Movers and Shakers at Mary's Southern Grill in Young Harris.

Those in attendance disagreed. An outstanding member of the Towns County community, Perren will be missed as the principal of Towns County High School.

However, he was quick

to point out that he still has a presence there.

Perren now manages the custodial crew and budget, 504 and At-Risk students, and serves as a motivator. Many people at

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Ohio man charged with rape

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A sexual abuse incident was reported to the Towns County Sheriff's Office in March of this year, according to the Towns County Sheriff's Office.

The incident allegedly occurred in October 2012 at a residence in Towns County, sheriff's reports show.

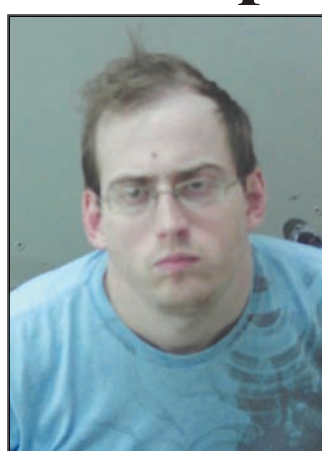
Sheriff's Investigators who were following up with the investigation recently located the suspect in Warren County, Ohio, sheriff's reports show.

Towns County investiga-

tors secured an arrest warrant for Paul Jason Brothers, 34, of Waynesville, Ohio, according to the Towns County Sheriff's Office Facebook page.

Warren County, Ohio Sheriff's officials picked up the suspect. Brothers waived extradition, and Towns County deputies transported him back to Towns County on Saturday, Aug. 10th, sheriff's reports show.

Brothers has been charged with one count of rape. He is being held in Towns County Detention Center at press time, according to the Towns County Sheriff's Office.



Paul Brothers

Chili cookoff returns to Towns County Sept. 7th

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Fire in the Mountains Chili Cookoff will return after a two-year hiatus Saturday, Sept. 7th on the Square in Hiawassee.

There will be live entertainment, a raffle for a firearm, a bounce house, a dunk tank, silent auction, meet and greet with the firefighters, an equipment setup, and of course, plenty of delicious chili.

Towns County Fire Chief Mitch Floyd is ecstatic to bring the event back to the community for the first time since 2011.

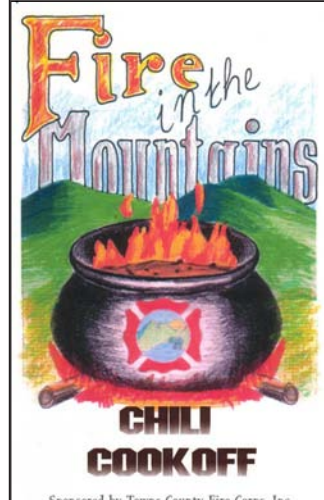
The community seems anxious as well, Floyd said.

"People wanted to know when we would be doing the Chili Cookoff again," Chief Floyd said.

With all of the requests Towns County Fire & Rescue and the Towns County Fire corps were receiving, it did not take much convincing before the event-planning was in progress.

Not only is the event a fun and tasty one, it also helps wallets fatten up, while bellies are filled.

Because of the successful



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turnout the event has had in the past, it promises to help our community.

"We get a lot of cooks from outside of the area as well as local folks," Floyd explained.

And as we all know, the out of town crowd is almost always sure to help our local businesses.

The last Chili Cookoff was the biggest event the Square had ever seen at one time, bringing in 3,000 hungry people.

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Merle Haggard heads to The Hall Oct. 25th

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Just when you thought it couldn't get any better.

Country Music legend Merle Haggard is headed to Hiawassee Oct. 25th.

Haggard, American legend, Country Music icon, song writer, singer, guitarist, fiddler, and instrumentalist, will perform at Anderson Music Hall.

Haggard's performance is scheduled for 7 p.m. The Hall on Oct. 25, Fairgrounds General Manager Hilda Thomason said.

"Tickets go on sale Sept. 6th," Thomason said. "Level I tickets are \$45 plus \$2 handling. Level II tickets are \$35 plus \$2 handling."

Long before Haggard arrives, the Georgia State H.O.G Rally, or Harley Owners of Georgia, return to the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds for the third year in a row Sept. 13-14.

That's unheard of, according to Thomason.

Thomason was proud to explain the occurrence.

"They love the area, they love the people, they love how we treated them, and we have worked really hard to make it successful," she said.

The hard work has paid off, as it seems the H.O.G Rally is as excited to come see us as we are to see them.

Their Website proudly promises, "Between the breathtaking scenery and the hospitable community you will be embraced with warmth from the moment you arrive."

The promise is sure to be kept, as they will be embraced by the Ridges Resort & Marina, Lake Chatuge Lodge, and

the Holiday Inn.

Each hotel is completely booked, which is no surprise, since Thomason expects 900 people and 700 motorcycles.

The campground at the Fairgrounds is also quite full.

This summer has proven to be a successful one, financially speaking, as the community has held so many events back-to-back.

The Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruizin, Carhardt's Bass Fishing experience, and the Georgia Mountain Fair made a big impact.

Now the H.O.G Rally, along with upcoming concerts, is sure to continue bringing in tourism, one of our biggest money makers.

All of these events have also given Towns County the recognition it deserves.

The Cruizin brought a lot of newcomers to the area, allowing them to see what a beautiful place Hiawassee is, especially since the Fairgrounds overlook Lake Chatuge.

That lake was also in the spotlight with the Bass Fishing Championships covered by ESPN.

From boats on the lake to motorcycles on the road, Thomason and the rest of the crew at the Fairgrounds and local hotels have done a phenomenal job bringing people to our Mountains and helping ensure they feel at home.

The Harley Rally will

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