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Local Weather and Lake Levels

Thu: Sunny	64 38
Fri: Sunny	64 34
Sat: Sunny	54 30
Sun: Sunny	61 36
Mon: Sunny	64 41
Tue: Sunny	66 50
Wed: Rain	66 47



Upstream Elevation Predicted 10/29/2014	
Lake Chatuge	1,916.67
Lake Nottely	1,763.25
Blue Ridge	1,672.32

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THE ELECTION WEEK PAPER WILL BE PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED ON WEDNESDAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION

Reward for information regarding the theft of political signs

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Food

Distribution Towns County Food Pantry Tues. Nov 4th 2-5 PM

Football

Fri 10/31 @ Providence 7:30 PM

Sam Nunn: time to end the dysfunction in Washington

By Shawn Jarrard
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Hiawassee - U.S. Senate candidate Michelle Nunn and her father, retired U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn, brought a message to North Georgia last week at the Upper Pavilion of the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds in Hiawassee.

The Nunn family were in Young Harris earlier that day to support family friends Zell and Shirley Miller for the dedication of the Millers' namesake library inside the Rollins Campus Center of Young Harris College.

Sam Nunn, who spent 24 years in the U.S. Senate, spoke on dysfunction in Washington, noting that the main question from young people is what can be done about the dysfunction.

"We have to elect people in both parties who understand that once the election is over, you're supposed to govern - you're supposed to tackle the long-term challenges of the country," Sam Nunn said.

"You're supposed to make your state, and you're supposed to make the country



U.S. Senate Candidate Michelle Nunn accompanied by her father, retired U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn during a Meet and Greet in Hiawassee last week. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

better. And to do that, there's not a single big problem that we can solve without both parties participating. You've got to have Republicans and Democrats of good will sitting down to work together."

Sam Nunn told the crowd of more than 300 that the candidate his daughter faces for the vacant Senate seat of retiring U.S. Sen. Saxby Chambliss, Republican David Perdue,

"we don't need a professional out-sourcer in the United States Senate," and criticizing Perdue's stance on bipartisanship.

"This is an important election - it could send a signal all over the country," said Sam Nunn. "It could begin to send a signal to the Republican Party - we want some Republicans who are willing to compromise, we want some Republicans whose top job

is not to go to Washington to prosecute the president. It's a signal that can be sent from this election all over the country. It can make both political parties stronger."

His daughter, Michelle Nunn, Perdue's opponent, was overwhelmed by the Mountains show of support.

"This is extraordinary," said Michelle Nunn, commenting on the size of the crowd at

the Fairgrounds on Thursday. "I am so grateful to be here, and I can think of nowhere that I would rather be right now than right here."

"I know that y'all never get used to this or take it for granted, but we are so lucky to live here in Georgia," said Michelle Nunn. "And to be here in these extraordinary mountains is a great antidote to anything that might happen on the campaign trail."

She thanked retired U.S. Sen. and Gov. Zell Miller for his tradition of public service throughout the years, and spoke on her campaign.

"I have traveled this state over the last 15 months, and I have seen the extraordinary beauty and goodness of our people," said Michelle Nunn. "And I have once again seen what really I have always believed, which is that we have so much to be optimistic about in Georgia."

She gave a brief overview of her experience organizing volunteers with the Points of Light non-profit, which grew to more than 4 million volunteers last year.

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YHC honors Zell, Shirley Miller

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Young Harris - Young Harris College held ribbon-cutting ceremonies on Thursday, Oct. 23, to commemorate the official opening of the Rollins Campus Center and Zell and Shirley Miller Library.

"Good morning and welcome to a beautiful day on the Young Harris College campus," said Young Harris College President Cathy Cox. "We want to welcome all of you to this exciting and historic event in the life of our 128-year-old campus - the dedication of the Rollins Campus Center, an event we have been looking forward to for a number of years."

Many were in attendance Thursday, including students, faculty, and friends and family of the Rollins and the Millers. Towns County Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall, Mayor of Young Harris Andrea Gibby, Mayor of Hiawassee Barbara Mathis and Mayor of Blairsville Jim Conley attended the events.



Zell and Shirley Miller do the ribbon cutting honors at the new Zell and Shirley Miller Library at the Young Harris College campus. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Also present were retired U.S. Senator Sam Nunn, as well as U.S. Senate Candidate Michelle Nunn, in support of their longtime friends Zell and Shirley Miller.

Members of the Rollins and Miller families were present as special guests of both dedication ceremonies.

"The Rollins family has been an integral part of the history and growth of the college

for more than four decades," according to Young Harris College literature. "O. Wayne Rollins joined the board of trustees in 1970 and systematically addressed the College's needs with generous support and leadership."

Majority funding for the Rollins Campus Center came in the form of a \$22 million

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Flu season has arrived

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Flu season is here, and the Towns County Health Department will begin vaccinating school children this week.

"The timing of flu is very unpredictable and can vary from season to season," according to the cdc.gov website. "Flu activity most commonly peaks in the U.S. between December and February. However, seasonal flu activity can begin as early as October and continue to occur as late as May."

The health department will hold flu clinics at the Towns County Comprehensive School. In order to receive a vaccination, students must have returned a parent/guardian consent form, signed and dated, by Friday, Oct. 17.

Elementary school students, which include Pre-K, Head Start and grades 1-5, will be vaccinated on Thursday, Oct. 30.

Middle school and high school students, grades 6-12, along with school staff, will receive vaccinations on Wednesday, Nov. 5.

The health department



Dave Palmer

has been administering shots to faculty for many years now, but started vaccinating students in 2009.

"There are two different kinds of vaccines that we can offer children," said Public Information Officer for District 2 Public Health Dave Palmer. District 2 Public Health covers 13 counties in North Georgia, including Towns, and there are 18 health districts in the state.

"We have the injectable, the flu shot," said Palmer. "And then we have the nasal mist that's not a shot, but it's a mist that's sprayed in the nose, and they get the vaccine that way."

The nasal vaccine, called Flumist, contains weakened forms of the flu virus, where

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Jeepers to invade Halloween on the Square

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Halloween on the Square kicks off this Saturday, Nov. 1, at 5 p.m. in Hiawassee, and children can look forward to candy and special guests North Georgia Jeepers.

The event, which normally takes place on Oct. 31, was moved to Nov. 1 this year to accommodate the crowd favorite Jeepers, which will be able to show in larger numbers on Saturday.

"We are based out of North Georgia in Rabun County - the founders, there's one in Rabun County and there's one out of Savannah," said Meet and Greet Organizer Martha Simpson, who owns two Jeeps: a 2001 Wrangler and a 2014 Trailhawk. "Basically, we are a



family-oriented Jeep club." The Towns County Sheriff's Office will escort the decorated Jeeps around 4:15 p.m.

from the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds in a parade down to the square.

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Superintendent selection begins in earnest

By Shawn Jarrard
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The Towns County Board of Education met for a called meeting Monday, Oct. 20, to discuss the latest update in its search for a new superintendent for Towns County Schools.

Dr. Sandy Addis of King-Cooper & Associates Superintendent Search Services filled the board in on the number of applicants who applied by the Oct. 6 deadline.

"We had 46 applications come in," said Dr. Addis. "And what we have been doing since Oct. 6 is we've been running preliminary references on all of the folks that applied."

King-Cooper & Associates have reviewed each application and completed a preliminary match of each applicant based on the superintendent profile developed by the board in a previous called meeting.

"What we will do tonight is, I will share all 46 applications



Dr. Richard Behrens with the board," said Dr. Addis. "I'll give them a summary, kind of a thumbnail sketch of each one, and I'll give them our assessment from both references and the application and what we know about these people - many of them we're familiar with, the ones from Georgia particularly."

Applicant experience was diverse, with principals, vice principals and seated superintendents, with in-state and out-of-state applicants vying for the

position.

The board went into a closed executive session to discuss the 46 applicants.

Earlier in the month, the board held its regular board meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2014.

Meetings normally take place the second Monday night of each month, but the meeting was moved to a Tuesday because of the Columbus Day holiday.

Principals of the Towns County School System gave a report on their respective schools, including Dr. Sandy Page of the elementary school, Dr. Daren Berrong of the middle school and Jonathan Gibson of the high school.

Interim Superintendent of Towns County Schools Dr. Richard Behrens spoke on what precautions the school system is taking in light of the recent spread of Ebola.

"Mr. Perrin asked that I talk a little bit about - he's got a pandemic exercise set up, a

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Election precincts to return to original boundaries in 2015

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News Special

The Towns County Board of Elections and Registration have voted to ask the state to restore traditional voting precinct boundaries, election officials announced this week.

The Towns County Elections Board is pleased to announce that the State has agreed to return to the former mapping of precincts; however, the process is time consuming and will not be completed prior to this year's General Election, to be held on Nov. 4.

Conscious of the confusion and upset caused by the unannounced redrawing of some of the boundaries of our voting precincts, the Towns County Board of Elections and Registration voted to initiate the procedures to request that the State Election Board restore the precinct boundaries to the way they were in the 2012 election cycle.

Thus, we face one more election under the "new" boundaries.

The Board understands the confusion and frustration vot-

ers feel, but reminds the voters that if they go to the wrong poll, they can either go to the correct one, or vote where they are by using a provisional ballot.

Once your registration is verified by the Registrar's Office, your vote will be counted in the proper precinct.

The plan put forth by Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office and with which the Board agrees, is to begin work in early 2015 to restore the precinct boundaries to the previous 2012 precinct positions.

Voter precinct cards for all Towns County voters will then be reissued.

This should insure that every voter knows where he/she should go to vote, and also gives us time to correct any errors associated with the return to the old boundaries prior to the 2016 election cycle.

If anyone has additional questions about this issue or any other issue related to one's voting place, please call the Registrar's Office at (706) 896-4353 any day of the week between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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