

Local Weather and Lake Levels

Thur: Sunny	51 27
Fri: Sunny	58 39
Sat: Showers	56 41
Sun: Showers	57 34
Mon: Showers	53 30
Tue: Sunny	52 30
Wed: Showers	54 32



Upstream Elevation Predicted 01/04/12	
Lake Chatuge	1917.64
Lake Nottely	1761.42
Blue Ridge	1669.20

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Snow

Who says you can't fool the weatherman. About an inch of unexpected snow on the coldest night of the year closed Towns County Schools on Tuesday.

The National Weather Service had predicted temperatures in the teens. That happened, as well as enough snow to make road conditions icy.

Food Pantry

The Towns County Food Distribution is scheduled for Tuesday Jan. 10 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. All that are in need of food assistance are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to pick up your food, please contact The Pantry at (706) 896-4783 prior to distribution day.. All clients and inquiries are kept confidential.

Area Duals

The Towns County Indians grapplers will compete in Area Duals on Friday and Saturday at Holy Innocents in Atlanta.

The two-day tournament will determine which teams from our area will compete at the state tournament.

Every team within the area is expected to compete for the Duals titles and the right to advance to the state Duals tournament. The Indians' grapplers are on a roll so The Herald wishes them the best of luck.

Free Tutoring

Young Harris Family Development Center at Stephens Lodge Community Center is offering tutoring, games, snacks, meals, counseling, parenting workshops and activities on Tuesdays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Contact Towns County Family Connection at (706) 896-4131 for more details on how to enroll your student.

Retired U.S. Rep. Ed Jenkins dies at 78

Former 9th District Congressman remembered for standing up for constituents

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The people of the North Georgia Mountains have lost one of their nearest and dearest friends.

Retired 9th District U.S. Congressman Ed Jenkins died on New Year's Day at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta at the age of 78 from an extended illness.

Visitation is scheduled for 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, at Cagle Funeral Home in Jasper.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Jasper. Rep. Jenkins will lie in state at Antioch Baptist Church of Blairsville from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Graveside services are scheduled for 3 p.m. at Antioch Church Cemetery with full military honors.

The Blairsville native,

born in Young Harris, graduated from Union County High School in Blairsville in 1949. Jenkins went on to graduate from Young Harris College and the University of Georgia School of Law. He became a lawyer in 1958.

Jenkins served on the legal staff of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the late 1950s; later as an aide to U.S. Congressman Phil Landrum; and spent the early 1960s as a prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

In 1976, Jenkins, a Democrat and a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, was elected to the 9th District Congressional Seat as successor to Rep. Landrum.

Rep. Jenkins represented the 9th Congressional District of Georgia for 16 years until his retirement from Congress in 1993. During his years of Congress-

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Ed Jenkins, left, sits with his brother Charles Jenkins at a campaign rally for then 2010 State House District 8 candidate Jack Lance. Ed Jenkins, the former U.S. Congressman for the 9th District, died Sunday following an extended illness. He was 78 years old. Photo/James Reese

Lady Indians take third in BOS

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The 18th Annual Battle of the States Christmas Tournament is in the books and the Towns County Lady Indians took home the tournament's third place trophy.

The Lady Indians took a hard fought 52-48 win in the first round over Polk County, Tenn.

Gabby Arencibia led the Lady Indians in scoring for the game with 19 points but she had lots of help with other leaders being Eryn Cochran and Lindsay Patton with 8 each, Kelsie Cowart with 7, and Ali Bleckley with 6. Arencibia also took the lead in assists with 4 with Bleckley close behind with 3, according to your reporter's unofficial tally.

The win vaulted the Lady Indians into a semi-final match up with last year's champion Gordon Lee. The Lady Trojans entered the game with a 10-1 record with the lone loss coming on opening night to Class AAAAA Kennesaw Mountain.

The Lady Trojans, who claimed the Battle of the States' first-place trophy last year, claimed the meeting of the Lady Trojans and Lady Indians again in 2011, this time by a 72-61 score.

Cochran scored a

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Lindsay Patton (33) accepts the trophy; All Tournament selections - Eryn Cochran (10), middle; Dallas Manus (20) bottom. Photos/James Reese

Indians take third at Classic

Colliers take gold along with Hoffman; youngsters come up big

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Dawsonville - The Towns County Indians grapplers captured third place in the 28th Annual Amicalola Classic.

The two-day tournament held at the Ford Phillips Center in Dawsonville featured gold medals for Aaron Collier at 106 pounds, Tim Collier at 138 pounds and Tyler Hoffman at 170 pounds.

Jonathan Owenby and Zach Stroud earned silver medals at 113 pounds and 152 pounds respectively.

Austin Stephens and Kyle Davis earned bronze medals at 145 pounds and 182 pounds respectively. Lane Kimsey took home a fourth place finish at 160 pounds while Bradley Smith brought home a fifth place finish at 195 pounds.

It was the best showing of the season for the Indians as they prepare for



Nine Indians wrestlers struck paydirt in Dawsonville including three gold medals and two silver medals. Photo/Joe Collier

Area Duals on Friday and Saturday at Holy Innocents in Atlanta.

The real story for the Indians was the youngsters, Aaron Collier, Owenby, Stephens, Kimsey and Davis.

"It's the best we've wrestled all year, by far," Coach Jeff Stowers said. "What can you say about the kids, man, they wrestled their tails off. They've really made a difference."

The Indians also welcomed back Tim Collier

from the ranks of the injured.

"He's been banged up for a while. We've got to get him back into wrestling shape, but he looked great over the weekend," Coach Stowers said. "He experienced some fatigue against Murphy on Thursday, but he handled the Classic really well."

The Indians are still banged up. Vonya Baldwin,

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MercyMe coming to Anderson Music Hall

Travis Tritt coming to town on St. Patrick's Day

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The 2012 acts signed to play Anderson Music Hall just keep adding up.

On Friday, tickets go on sale for MercyMe, the Christian music band from Greenville, Texas. Don't remember MercyMe? Remember the crossover Christian single *I Can Only Imagine*?

Of course you do. It was the No. 1 song in America in 2003. The lyrics were written by lead singer Bart Millard 10 years after the death of his father. The song gives inspiration to the chance to be in Heaven and standing before God. Today, it's a Platinum hit for MercyMe and it earned Millard Songwriter of the Year honors.

Millard wrote the song in 10 minutes and the track was recorded in five minutes.



MercyMe will perform at Anderson Music Hall on April 21 at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$25.

Never before has an award-winning song been put together so fast.

The tickets go on sale Friday morning at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds' office. Ticket prices: \$25 plus \$2 handling.

The news just keeps on getting better. Travis Tritt, last seen here in April 2010

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New Year a welcomed site



Brasstown Valley Resort was the place to be in Towns County on New Year's Eve. The New Year was welcomed. Photo/James Reese

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Revelers at Brasstown Valley Resort were oblivious to the economy on New Year's Eve.

They were tired of watching the mainstream news channels. They were tired of hearing all the hype about which Republican Presidential candidate was leading in this week's polls.

They were ready to celebrate the coming of a New Year. They were ready toot their party favors and put on their 2012 New Year's hats.

They dined, they listened to music and they danced in the New Year.

It was a Masquerade

Ball adventure at Brasstown Valley Resort in Young Harris.

Uptown Entertainment Band, or as they're known in Atlanta as U.E.B., supplied more than ample entertainment for the party's chosen theme for Brasstown Valley's dynamite of an evening.

Jane Glaspar of Atlanta had a wonderful time.

"It was a great time to forget about all the bad economic times America is facing," she said. "It was a time

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