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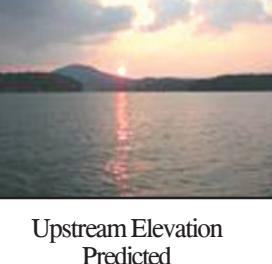
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## Local Weather and Lake Levels

Thur:	Cloudy	49	27
Fri:	Cloudy	53	25
Sat:	Cloudy	42	21
Sun:	Cloudy	41	24
Mon:	Cloudy	51	31
Tue:	Cloudy	57	35
Wed:	Showers	58	35



Upstream Elevation  
Predicted  
02/08/12

Lake Chatuge 1917.61  
Lake Nottely 1761.55  
Blue Ridge 1669.39

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## Food for Fines

During the entire month of February, the Mountain Regional Library in Young Harris and the Towns County Public Library in Hiawassee will accept "non-expired" food items or canned foods for overdue library fines. See Page 2 for details.



## Food Pantry

The Towns County Food Distribution is scheduled for Tuesday Feb. 14 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.



## Sweet Art

Brasstown Valley Resort and Spa in Young Harris will host the third annual Sweetheart Arts and Crafts Show to be held indoors on Feb. 11th and Feb. 12th at the resort. The show is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 11th and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 12th. This is a juried show and more than 40 of the finest artisans will be present to exhibit and sell their work. This will be a three dimensional show and will include pottery, fused glass and jewelry. See Page 3 for more details.



## PTSO meeting

Come meet Linda Silva of Family and Play Therapy at the Community Meeting sponsored by Towns PTSO.

The event is scheduled for 7 p.m., Feb. 9th in the Towns County High School Cafeteria.

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## Manus breaks 59-year-old scoring mark

### Hoops star breaks single-season freshman

### TCHS scoring record set in 1953

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A most noteworthy personal accomplishment was achieved last Tuesday night by Towns County Indians' basketball player Dallas Manus who surpassed the known school record for points scored by a freshman.

A 3-point basket at the 3:39 mark of the fourth quarter in the Indians' game against Tallulah Falls gave him 202 points and eclipsed the 199 scored by Bob Bryson as a freshman way back in 1953.

There is and has been a common denominator in most such recognitions with that being the absence of stating of a certainty that the accomplishment breaks a school record, due to the absence of a number of Indian score books of the past. In this case more than perhaps most, however, the ac-

complishment is especially remarkable and actually worthy of recognition whether thought to be a school record or not in view of the stature of Bob Bryson both as related to his then overpowering height and more significantly the extent of his accomplishments.

The 6-foot, 4-inch Bryson, a 1957 Towns County High School graduate, is the son of legendary and multi-talented Young Harris athlete Hoyle Bryson and the older brother of Bryan Bryson, himself a standout basketball and baseball player at TCHS before graduating in 1961. Bob Bryson's verifiable career points total is 1,181 but that total is far from complete as the score book for his sophomore year is missing along with the score sheets of a few games at the

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Freshman Dallas Manus launches the shot that put him in the TCHS record books last week against Tallulah Falls. Manus owns the school freshman scoring record. Photo/James Reese

## Homecoming: Guss, Farmer crowned

### Seniors reign supreme at 2011-2012 Homecoming ceremony

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A jubilant crowd of Towns County Indians fans cheered Saturday night as basketball's new royalty were crowned at Bill P. Kendall Gymnasium.

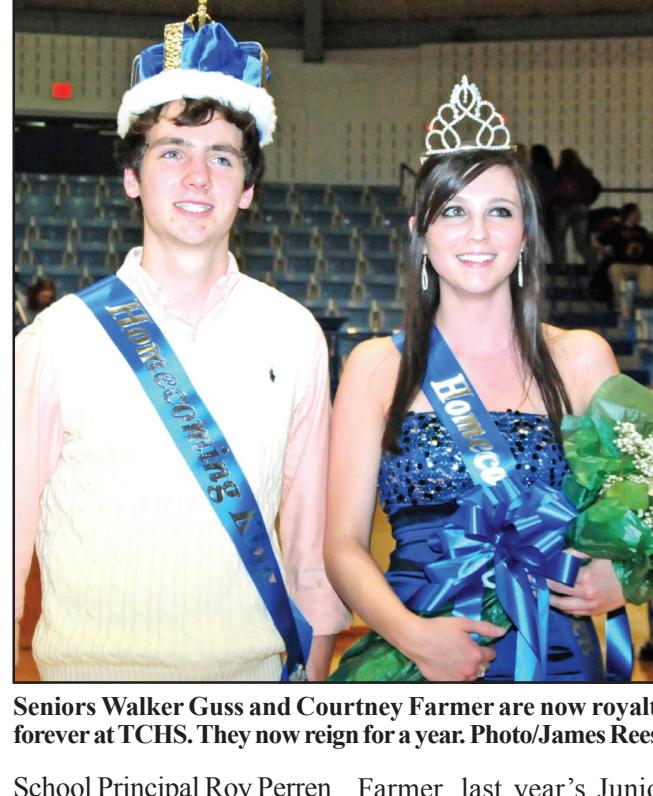
There was much reason to cheer: it was Homecoming Night and the Indians had defeated Riverside Military Academy.

Towns County High School seniors Walker Guss and Courtney Farmer will reign supreme for the next year as they were named as the successors to King Bradley Swanson and Queen Jordan Moss.

Senior Ali Bleckley was named runner up to the 2011-2012 Queen.

The cheers were in contrast to the moments prior to the coronation ceremony. When the time to anoint new royalty arrived, you could have heard a pin drop.

It was like Oscar night as Towns County High



Seniors Walker Guss and Courtney Farmer are now royalty forever at TCHS. They now reign for a year. Photo/James Reese

School Principal Roy Perren made the announcement regarding the new King and Queen.

The lovely Courtney

Farmer, last year's Junior Princess, was crowned Homecoming Queen by last

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## No ID yet; victim a male

Sheriff will share details as they become available

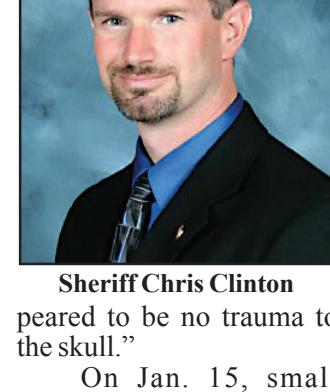
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Towns County Sheriff Chris Clinton and Georgia Bureau of Investigation Region 8 Assistant Special Agent in Charge Brad Parks have confirmed that the human remains found near the Appalachian Trail in Towns County on Jan. 15 are from an as yet unidentified male.

Authorities now wait for official confirmation from the Georgia State Crime Laboratory regarding dental records and notification of next of kin before releasing the identity of the remains.

Chief Deputy Jeff Edge said the Towns County Sheriff's Office cannot speculate about the possible identity of the remains found by small game hunters a few hundred feet from the Appalachian Trail on Jan. 15.

"The Crime Lab has identified the remains as being that of a male," Major Edge said. "The Crime Lab also indicated that there ap-



Sheriff Chris Clinton

peared to be no trauma to the skull."

On Jan. 15, small game hunters discovered what they believed to be human remains on U.S. Forest Service land near the Soapstone Community.

Towns County sheriff's deputies and a DNR ranger were the first authorities to arrive at the scene. They determined that the find was indeed human remains.

The remains were immediately transferred to the Georgia State Crime Laboratory for forensic review.

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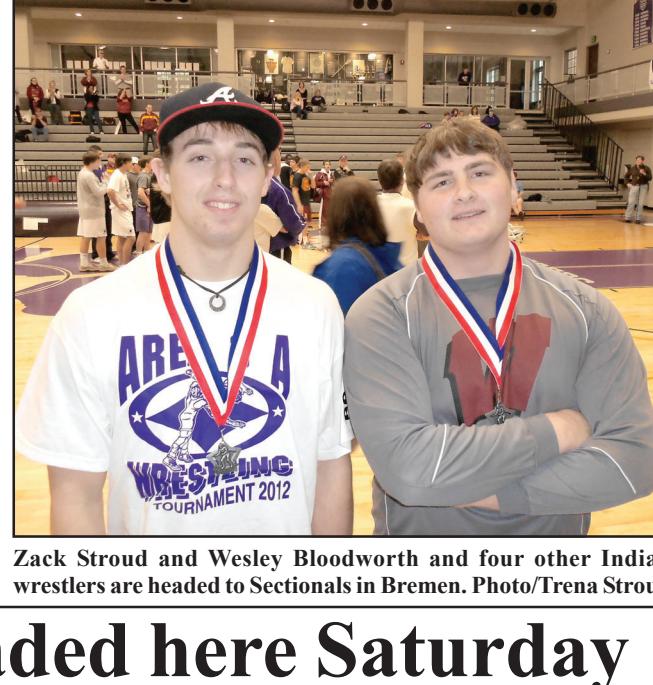
## Grapplers headed to Bremen

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Rome - The Towns County Indians' wrestling team will be well represented at Saturday's Sectionals in Bremen.

Aaron Collier, Tim Collier, Zack Stroud, Tyler Hoffman and Wesley Bloodworth all have a shot at reaching the state Traditional tournament at Gwinnett Arena Feb. 16-18.

Stroud and Bloodworth took home silver medals; Aaron Collier and Hoffman brought home bronze med-



Zack Stroud and Wesley Bloodworth and four other Indian wrestlers are headed to Sectionals in Bremen. Photo/Trena Stroud

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## Randy Travis ready to play The Music Hall

Nashville legend here on March 24th

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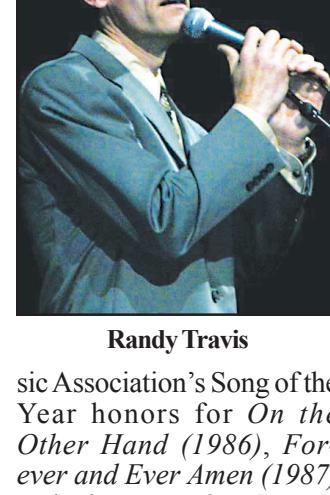
His music is legendary; his voice is as familiar as a comfortable pair of faded blue jeans.

Randy Travis, who burst onto the Country Music scene in 1985 at the age of 26, has agreed to come to Anderson Music Hall and perform on March 24.

The singer-songwriter, whose hits include 1982, *Forever and Ever, Amen*, *Diggin' Up Bones*, *I Told You So* and *On the Other Hand*, will take the stage at 7 p.m., just one week after another Country Music Legend, Travis Tritt, helps Towns County celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Travis has sold more than 20 million records, won countless awards including a Grammy for *Best Male Country Vocal*, 10 Academy of Country Music honors, 10 American Music Awards, two People's Choice awards, seven Music City News awards, eight Dove Awards from the Gospel Music Association and five Country Music Association honors.

He's also a three-time winner of the Country Mu-



Randy Travis

sic Association's Song of the Year honors for *On the Other Hand* (1986), *Forever and Ever Amen* (1987) and *Three Wooden Crosses* (2003).

Travis also is an accomplished actor, having starred both on the small and silver screens.

Tickets go on sale Feb. 17th at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds; tickets are \$40 plus \$2 handling.

That's not the only news coming out of Ander-

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## Willie headed here Saturday

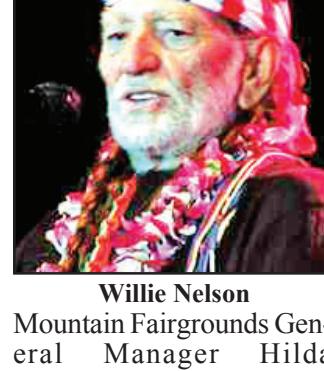
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Willie Nelson is "on the road again" to Hiawassee.

The Country Music legend and icon will appear at Anderson Music Hall on Saturday at 7 p.m.

The house is almost packed and tickets are scarce. Those lucky enough to purchase one at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds will feel like they've just hit on a scratch-off lottery ticket.

"It'll be a great, great concert," said Georgia



Willie Nelson

Mountain Fairgrounds General Manager Hilda Thomason. "As a matter of fact, it's a heck-of-a-show."

Meanwhile, Nelson, who was here Halloween

2009, is best known for his Outlaw Country Music style and his long-time association with Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard and Kris Kristofferson. He has been a member of the Grand Ole Opry since 1965.

A favorite son of Abbott, Texas, Nelson has long been associated with the music scene in Nashville, Tenn.

Early in his career, Nelson was better known as a songwriter by penning hits like *Night Life*, *Funny*

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