

DEDICATED TO THE PROMOTION OF TOWNS COUNTY

OPINIONS & COMMENTARY

Letters to The Editor

To our community
Chatuge Regional Hospital is currently undergoing the Transformation to Electronic Medical Records as required by the Federal Government.

We deeply regret any inconvenience this one-time re-scheduling may cause.

Feel free to contact me for any questions or for further information. 706-896-7162.

Thank you,
Machelle Lovell, RN
Director of Nursing, Chatuge Regional Hospital

Thank you Towns County

Although economic times are tight for most all of us, the citizens of Towns County showed their generosity during the first weekend of April.

During its sixty years of existence, the Lighthouse's services have grown to include: full eye exams, eyeglasses, eye surgeries, digital hearing aids, and vision and hearing screenings.

The reach of the Lighthouse extends across the state; in 2010, services were provided in 158 out of 159 Georgia counties.

The poor sinful Samaritan woman who had lived with six different men, weeping invites us to "Come see a man.. Is not this the Christ?"

For information on these services, contact any Lions Club members, or visit www.lionslighthouse.org.

Laurie Main
Public Relations, Towns County Lions Club



White Cane Chairman Bob Ford at the McDonald's intersection on the first day of the drive, Friday, April 8.

The Middle Path

by Don Perry

During the years I worked as a wilderness guide, I spent many more nights sleeping on the ground than in my own bed at home.

There were adjustments to make during the time spent at home after an extended stay away from technology.

Throughout the years that I lived closer to nature and less dependent on technology, I was not particularly aware that I was living as the majority of the world's population lives.

During the 1990's the wilderness school which employed me ran expeditions for adjudicated youth down the Ocmulgee, Oconee and Altamaha River systems in the winter months.

For a moment this morning when I woke up and Spanish Moss was the first thing I saw, as has happened

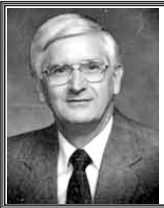
so many times from inside a sleeping bag, the memories of the past were incongruous with my king sized mattress.

The shell that separates us all from that great outdoors is thinner than most of us realize, and we fight to maintain it.

The war (and notice how much of our language is framed in terms of struggle and violence) may yet be won.

Additionally, we have an aging population less able to adapt to change. Personally, I would have a hard time returning to a tent and a sleeping bag and I am just as fond of comfort and convenience as anyone else.

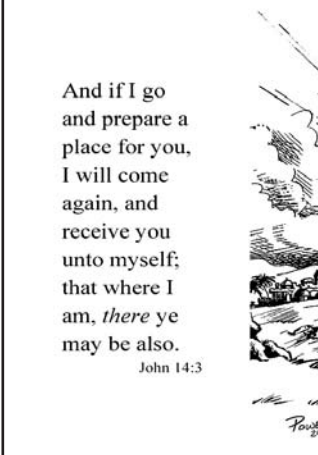
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"IT'S ON MY MIND.."
Danny H. Parris

What think ye of Christ?

Holy Week extends from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday and Christians all over the world turn their thoughts to Jesus and to the events that took place in Jerusalem over two thousand years ago.



And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
John 14:3

Apostle, records in the last book of the Bible that Jesus is "The bright and morning star" (Rev. 22:16). That Roman Centurion helping to carry out the execution of Christ declared with a broken heart, "Truly this man was the Son of God" (Mark 15:39).

RARE KIDS; WELL DONE
By Don Jacobsen

What should parents do with those annoying little behaviors they feel don't necessarily deserve to be punished, but that Toby really ought to get over?

Let me suggest a helpful strategy that works, from about age 4 or so on up to about 10 or 11.

I call it the "Billboard System." Mom and Dad describe the plan to Toby, then post it on the refrigerator "billboard" so he can see it.

On the sheet of paper list the two or three behaviors you really want Toby to leave behind (no more than that at a time).

Number the colored slips 1 through 5. When you're ready, call Toby to the fridge and explain the program. Here is how it works...

and violates one of the target behaviors, one of the colored slips is taken away and put on top of the fridge. He gets three "free passes," when he loses only a ticket but nothing more.

No warnings, no threats, no negotiation...no "Toby, if you do that again I'm going to take away another ticket."

After 30-days see how Toby gets along without the billboard. If he has a relapse start the 30-days over.

Send your parenting questions to: DrDon@RareKids.net.

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Towns County Herald, Letter to the Editor, PO Box 365, Hiawassee, GA 30546. Our email address: tcherald@windstream.net.

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Mountain Community Seniors meet the second Thursday of each month at the Senior Center in Hiawassee at 2 p.m.
Towns County Democratic Party meets the 3rd Thursday of every month. Please call Kim Bailey at 706-994-2727 or 706-896-6747 for details.

Community Calendar

at 4:30 p.m., Courthouse.
Towns County Board of Elections holds its monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Elections Office (Old Rock Jail).
Towns County Historical Society meets the 2nd Monday of each month at the Senior Center in Hiawassee at 5 p.m. Annual dues \$15, PO Box 1182, Hiawassee, GA 706-896-1060, www.townshistory.org
Bridge Builders intermediate level meets at 12:45 p.m. on Mondays & Fridays at the Towns County Recreational Dept. Call Eden at 706-896-6921.