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Upstream Elevation Predicted 5/05/10
Lake Chatuge 1926.60
Lake Nottely 1774.40
Blue Ridge 1685.90

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Food Pantry

A free food distribution is scheduled Tuesday, May 11th. The distribution will be at the Towns County Food Pantry from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. All in need of food are encouraged to attend. If you're unable to pick up food please call (706) 896-4783, prior to distribution day.

All clients and inquires are kept strictly confidential.



Fund Raiser

The Towns County Booster Club will host a Car/Truck/Motorcycle Show on May 15 in the Towns County High School parking lot. Admission to the event is \$5. Entry fees are \$20 for a car or truck and \$10 for a motorcycle. No awards will be given; this is a fundraiser event. The event benefits athletics in grades six through 12 in Towns County Schools. Deadline for entry is May 1. Call (706) 781-8763 for more details.



Spring Game

The Towns County Indians' Blue and White Spring Football game is scheduled for May 14 at 5 p.m. at Frank McClure Stadium in Hiawassee. Tickets are available at C&J Mountain Outfitters.

Towns-Union football rivalry renewed

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The Towns County Indians football team is gearing up for Spring Practice this week, but they're already looking forward to the season opener at Frank McClure Stadium in late August.

Gone from the 2010 schedule are Rabun and Dade counties, the Asheville School and the Robbinsville Black Knights.

Enter Union County, North Cobb Christian, River Ridge and Cherokee, NC.

On Aug. 27, the Indians kickoff the 2010 high school football campaign against the Union County Panthers. The Indians haven't played the Panthers during the regular season since 2007.

"We're really excited about the home opener," Indians' Head Football Coach Kyle Langford said. "Union County has a solid Class AA football program and they'll be a good measuring stick for us early in the season."

The Union-Towns matchup is the renewal of an historic border rivalry between the two traditional opponents following a two-year hiatus.

"Historically, Union and Towns has always been a big event for both schools," Coach Langford said. "We look forward to these two teams getting together to jump-start the 2010 football season."

The clash between the Panthers and the Indians also expects to attract a crowd to see the two non-region rivals go head-to-head.



Towns County Head Football Coach Kyle Langford welcomes the renewal of the Towns-Union football rivalry. "It's exciting for both schools," he said. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

"A big crowd on a Friday night is always exciting," Coach Langford said. The 2010 schedule is just a tad bit different than the past couple of years, Coach Langford said.

Over the past few sea-

sons, the Indians have scrimmaged the Panthers prior to the season football opener. That all changes in 2010 as prior to the Union-Towns rivalry game, the Indians begin the season on Aug. 19 with a pre-season

scrimmage against the Rebels of Fannin County in Blue Ridge.

The Cherokee Braves come to town Sept. 3 following the season-opening clash against Union, as the Indians open the regular season with their first two games at home.

Following the Cherokee game, the Indians begin a four-game road trip, travelling first on Sept. 10 to Copper Hill, Tenn. to take on the Copper Basin Cougars. The Indians are eager to turn the tide on the Cougars after last season's 7-6 loss.

The Indians then travel to Hayesville, NC on Sept. 17 to take on the arch-rival Yellow Jackets. The Indians beat Hayesville last year 48-12 to avenge a bitter 2008,

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Chatuge Regional Hospital's big week

ER Reopens

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Members of the Mountain Community Healthcare Foundation were all smiles on Thursday as the more than \$100,000 in renovations to the Chatuge Regional Hospital's Emergency Room were unveiled.

"It's been a long time coming," said Leslie Daniel, the foundation's executive director. "With the economy like it's been it's taken us almost three years to raise the money to complete this project. We're extremely proud of this project."

The actual outer square footage of the emergency room is the same. The inner workings of the ER have changed dramatically. It now includes two new ER rooms and the nursing sta-

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Chatuge Regional Hospital staffers enjoying making a difference during the annual Health Fair on Saturday; Dr. Paul Conrad and Elois Anderson peruse the \$100,000 renovations at the Emergency Room on Thursday. Photos/Lowell Nicholson

Health Fair

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The fluorescent lights of Chatuge Regional Hospital touched the shoulders of many on Saturday. The annual Health Fair brought crowds of all ages, offering information about health services offered in the area and Lab Work for under \$40.

The event, which has taken place for more than 25 years, has become a community event. Many, who have no insurance, line up for a chance to have tests such as CBCs, PSAs, and Breast Exams done by CRH physicians.

Mechelle Lovell, Director of Nursing at Chatuge Regional, noted, the crowd numbers are down a bit from years past.

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Graduation scores on the rise

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Towns County High School Principal Roy Perren got some good news last week.

The graduation test scores for the current junior class are in and Towns County has had a marked improvement in math scores, an 8 percent jump.

"We're very pleased with the improvement that we saw - in particular in three of the four areas," he said. "We're going to be working hard on the other one to get it corrected."

"Overall, it appears we've made Adequate



Principal Roy Perren

Yearly Progress for the seventh year in a row, but the state will make that determination, not us," Perren said. "We've still got some work to do in other areas, especially on Social Studies scores."

Perren emphasizes that the test scores at present

are "raw data" but the unofficial scores indicate that the school's science scores are the best ever.

"Our science scores are incredible, our math scores increased," he said. "It looks like we jumped 8 percent on the enhanced math scores (516 or better). It looks like we've got a 93 percent pass rate (500 or better), that's up from 92 percent last year."

Perren said that the school's Social Studies scores were down, but there are plans to work on those scores.

"There's a program

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Local, state, federal seats up for grabs

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The Enotah Circuit District Attorney's race heads the local ballot for the July 20 Primaries.

Jeff Langley and Raymond George both have qualified for the race, according to the Georgia Secretary of State's Web site.

District Attorney Stan Gunter is not seeking reelection to the office; rather he's running for a seat on the Georgia Court of Appeals.

Langley, the circuit's Chief Assistant District Attorney for the past 12 years, is seeking that seat. George, an attorney in private practice in Lumpkin County, and a former law enforcement officer, is seeking the seat as well.

In the State House, Democrat Jack Lance Jr. is the only challenger to put their name on the dotted line to face incumbent District 8 State Rep. Stephen Allison. With no party opposition for either, they'll face each other in the November General Election.

In the State Senate, District 50 State Sen. Jim Butterworth has opposition in the July 20th Republican Primary.

Butterworth, 43, who represents Towns, Banks, Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Rabun and Stephens coun-



U.S. Rep. Paul Broun

ties, and part of White County, qualified for a second term in the Georgia State Senate last week.

Also qualifying last week is Clarksville businessman Terry Rogers, 56, also a member of the GOP.

State Sen. District 50 will be decided in the July GOP Primary.

Paul Broun, incumbent U.S representative from the 10th Congressional District has Democratic opposition. Twenty-eight-year-old Russell Edwards, of Athens seeks to earn the next two-year stay in Washington representing the 10th District, which includes Towns County.

Edwards will receive his law degree from the University of Georgia later this month in Athens.

The Broun-Edwards race will be decided in November.

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