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34-32 loss in Clay County, NC.

On Sept. 24, the Indians make the pilgrimage to Milledgeville to take on the Bulldogs of Georgia Military as the Indians seek to avenge a 15-0 loss to GMC in 2009.

Towns County adds two non-traditional rivals to its schedule in 2010.

On Oct. 1, the Indians travel to Kennesaw to take on the North Cobb Christian School Eagles.

The Indians return to

Frank McClure Stadium on Oct. 15 following an open week to take on the River Ridge Knights out of Cherokee County.

The following week, Oct. 22, Glascock County's Panthers come to town for their annual matchup with the Indians.

On Oct. 29, the Indians travel to Gainesville to take on Lakeview Academy's Lions followed by the season finale on Nov. 5 at home against Hebron Christian Academy's Lions.



**Billy Meier and Joseph Foster should be a force for the Indian defense this fall.**

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tion has been moved to the back of the facility.

"Interior-wise, we've got a good bit more space," Daniel said. "We can service more people and it's a lot more open. With the privacy issue, HIPAA's regulations are now compliant, which is big. We're all up to standard."

Chatuge Regional Administrator Lewis Kelly said the day was long in coming. He added that the upgrades are a big deal to the community.

"This is going to put the flow back in our hospital," he said. "We've actually had to work around the construc-

tion. This automatically increases our flow of patients back to what it's supposed to be."

The renovations upgrade everything and gives the facility the ability to work more efficiently, Kelly said.

"We started out the second week in January. Basically, it's taken us three and a half months to get to this point," he said.

Kelly said the task wouldn't have been possible without the direct involvement of the foundation.

"The foundation raised funds for two and a half

years," he said. "It cost a little over \$100,000 to renovate the whole place. We now have six main trauma bays and one room can be expanded to handle two more people. It gives us two more beds."

Every major trauma incident is evaluated and given the extent of the injuries, the hospital will transfer the patient or patients to Atlanta, Gainesville, Asheville, NC or Chattanooga, Tenn., Kelly said.

Depending on the situation, the patients would go either Life Flight or by ground transport.

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"But that probably has to do with the economy and the rain in the forecast," she said.

Standing beside Lovell was Rachel Thornton Wilder, Young Harris College Class of 1951 and member of the Phi Delta Sorority. Matching each staff member's fun-loving comments about her age with a feisty remark or a playful swat, Wilder's liveliness became the personification of the mission of the Health Fair. Passing out goody bags full of pens, chip clips, hand sanitizer, and measuring cups, Wilder met each passerby with quick feet and a smile.

After taking the elevator to the second floor of the hospital, and the second level of the Health Fair, Mac McBride, Community Relations Coordinator of Senior

Helpers, stood midway between the wall and the middle of the hallway, greeting everyone with a face that looked full of good news. Shaking hands with hallway gatherers, he shared his love and pride for assisting senior citizens in their own homes.

"Most seniors really don't want to leave their homes and through our services, they can receive home care without having to go to a nursing home," he said.

After his message was shared, he handed out cards and brochures, sending people down the line of information.

Benita Esposito completed the journey through the Health Fair. Her booth, lined with pictures of people in various emotional states,

spoke about her services.

"I work with people who are like this," pointing to a picture of an angry couple. "To get them to this (pointing to a picture of a comfortable, cozy couple.)"

Esposito passed out flyers enclosing a "relationship quiz" and locations and dates for her workshops located at United Community Bank and Curves locations.

Each workshop tackles a different subject, from "How to Stop Losing Yourself in a Relationship" to "How to Speak so Your Partner Will Listen to You." Dates fall around the third or fourth week of each month from April 20<sup>th</sup> to October 28<sup>th</sup>.

As usual, the Health Fair was a well received success.

## Test Scores spike at TCHS...from page 1A

that the state sponsors called Project Express, where students who failed either the science or social studies portion of the graduation test can come back and do a two-week intensive study and then take it over again in June.

"If they do that, the state will count them as first-time test takers and take their best score," Perren said. "There's a possibility that our social studies scores will go up."

Towns County High School will host the 2010 Project Express from June 14-June 25. Students from

Rabun, Towns and Union counties are eligible to take the course if they need it, Perren said.

"It's actually the first time we've had the opportunity to host Project Express. There are sites all over the state for this and this year, we're fortunate enough to be the host for our area," Perren said. "The students who participate will retake the graduation test on June 25."

With the exception of math, there are four levels on the graduation test: below proficiency (failing), basic proficiency (passed), advanced proficiency (except-

tional) and honors (superb), Perren said.

In English, more than 55 percent of Towns County High School students taking the test scored advance or honors.

In math, students are graded as fail, pass or pass plus.

"We had more than 50 percent of our students at pass plus," Perren said. "Last year we had less than 40 percent, so we jumped more than 10 percentage points."

"Not only are our scores getting better, but we've got more scoring on

the high end," Perren said.

In science, TCHS rising seniors' scores jumped 11 percentage points from the junior class a year ago.

"These are the highest science scores that we've had during my years here," he said.

The Social Studies scores aren't good, Perren said. The overall pass rate was under 80 percent.

"But those are the students who will come back in June and take part in Project Express," Perren said. "It's something we've got to work on and we're taking steps to address it."