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## Local Weather and Lake Levels

Thur: Clouds	86 59
Fri: Storms	83 58
Sat: Storms	80 55
Sun: Clouds	83 57
Mon: Clouds	83 57
Tue: Sunny	80 57
Wed: Clouds	83 58



Upstream Elevation Predicted 5/26/10	
Lake Chatuge	1925.70
Lake Nottely	1776.50
Blue Ridge	1686.80

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### Rabies Clinic

A rabies clinic is scheduled for Saturday. The event is sponsored by the Hiwassee Animal Hospital and Towns County 4-H.

Clinic schedule: from 10 a.m. to noon in the Young Harris Elementary School building; Towns County High School parking lot from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Hiwassee Animal Hospital parking lot from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Prices are Dogs/Cats Rabies shots \$10; Distemper/parvo shots \$13.



### Yard Sale

The Towns County Food Pantry will be holding its 2nd annual Yard Sale, June 4th and 5th. Items to donate to the yard sale can be dropped off Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1294 Jack Dayton Circle. If you are unable to get the items to the Pantry, please call (706) 896-4783. Proceeds benefit the Pantry.



### Memorial Day

A Memorial Day ceremony at Towns County Veterans Park will be held Monday, May 31st at 11 a.m. in honor of all those who died in defense of our country. Lt. Cmdr. Chris Swett, is the keynote speaker. Honors will be rendered by the North Georgia Honor Guard and wreaths laid by all Towns County veterans groups and auxiliaries.



### Fund Raiser

The Towns County Lady Indians' Basketball Program will hold their annual Car Wash and Cook Out on Saturday, at Towns County High School. Team members are pre-selling car wash and hotdog or hamburger plates now. Please see one of the girls to get yours! Everyone is welcome to also come by TCHS on May 29 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. to pick up a hamburger or hotdog plate (includes slaw, baked beans, and chips) for \$5 each or come by to get your car washed from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. for \$5 (or any donation amount).

## One more walk for Class of 2010

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The size of the graduating class is a bit smaller than a year ago.

That doesn't make watching them walk the aisle any easier for Dr. Richard Behrens.

The Towns County Schools Superintendent hates to say good-bye to his students, but he knows that it's a given each year. He's seen a lot of students come and go over the course of his 24-year educational career.

At 7 p.m. on Friday at the Bill P. Kendall Gymnasium, another outstanding group of TCHS seniors begin their life's adult journey. It'll be hard for Dr. Behrens to wave good bye to the Class of 2010 as the group concludes a dozen years of academic achievement.

Kids can certainly grow on you when you're a

superintendent in a small town, especially on a campus as tightly woven as TCHS, Behrens said.

"Every year, it's always mixed feelings," Dr. Behrens said. "You're very proud of the kids for what they've accomplished. It's been a lot of hard work on their part.

"But, then, you're kind of sad that you have to say so long," he said. "They're all good kids. You watch them grow up and you not only know them, but you know their families as well. The children in Towns County are a wonderful group of students to work with."

Dr. Behrens truly believes this graduating class has much to look forward to, regardless of the current economic malaise.

"The economy goes up and down," he said.



The Class of 2010 recites the Pledge Allegiance during Friday's Honors Day ceremonies in the Towns County Schools Auditorium. The seniors are ready to walk the aisle at 7 p.m. on Friday in the Bill P. Kendall Gymnasium. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

"They've learned some values that they ordinarily wouldn't have learned during good times. I truly believe that this group of young people will have a very bright future ahead of them."

TCHS educator Shannon Floyd told the students on Sunday evening during the Baccalaureate Service at Sharp Memorial in Young Harris, that wisdom has been part of their education at Towns County High. He

encouraged them to utilize common sense in their life's journey.

"Know the difference between confidence and arrogance," he said. "Some-

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## Seniors honored at TCHS



Twenty-one Towns County High School seniors will attend Young Harris College in the fall on scholarships received during the annual Seniors Honors Day at TCHS on Friday. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

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Twenty-one Towns County High School seniors are headed to Young Harris College bringing along approximately \$850,000 in scholarship money over a four-year scholastic career.

The group includes Valedictorian Jeff Stewart and academic and basketball

standout Missy Conrad, who will be one of three Lady Indians playing for the Mountain Lions in 2010. The Mountain Lions open the basketball season Nov. 15 against North Georgia College and State University, YHC Head Coach Brenda Paul's alma mater.

Both Stewart and Conrad each received significant scholarship support

toward their future college educations.

Clint Hobbs, YHC's vice president for Enrollment Management, said that TCHS students were a win-win situation for Young Harris College. TCHS students maintain better than a 3.0 Grade Point Average at

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## TCES students praised

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Colored Polo shirts and wispy skirts lined the seats of the Towns County Elementary School auditorium on Thursday. The Honors Day Assembly was in full swing, and grades 3-5 were dressed to impress and receive their awards in "A/B Honor Roll," "All A Honor Roll for the Semester," "All A Honor Roll for the Year," and Special Awards that included "Perfect Attendance for the Semester," "Perfect Attendance for the Year," "Accelerated Reader," "Student Council," "Citizenship," and "Chorus."

Before the awards were given out, Towns County Sheriff Chris Clinton gave the students some words of encouragement and wisdom to live by.

"I know each of you

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Principal Don Dermody



Sheriff Chris Clinton

## Underclassmen honored at TCHS

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The inaugural Honors Night for grades nine through 11 at Towns County High School provided a glimpse of the 2010-11 top students.

Jordan Moss, a scholar athlete, and a member of the Towns County Lady Indians' basketball team, has the highest Grade Point Average of any junior heading into the Fall school year.

She's followed by two more scholar athletes, Corbin Gilfilian and Ginny Rhoades.

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Principal Roy Perren and Assistant Principal Dr. Sheri Hardin present the top three students heading into the 2010-11 school year at Towns County High School. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

## Barnes comes to Towns June 18

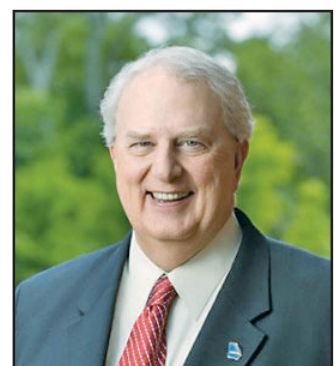
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The top Democratic contender for governor of Georgia is coming to Towns County on June 18.

Former Gov. Roy Barnes is coming to town for a fundraiser hosted by Tom Phillips, Towns County Democratic Party Chair Kim Bailey announced at the recent Democratic Party meeting.

Barnes, Georgia's 80th governor, who lost eight years ago to incumbent Gov. Sonny Perdue in one of the state's biggest political upsets of all time, is once again seeking another term as governor.

Barnes was a noted reformer, and as governor,



Roy Barnes

he pushed to reform the state's education system. He championed smaller teacher-pupil ratios, stressed increased accountability by raising academic standards. He also backed legislation that guaranteed patients the right to choose their physicians and helped pass legis-

lation that allowed insurance companies to be held liable for denying or delaying health care for individuals.

Barnes successfully pushed for tax cuts on family farms and established a sales tax holiday for Georgia.

It was his position on the state flag that led to his political demise. Barnes pushed for a redesigned state flag that did not include the Confederate emblem. His success led to his declining popularity throughout the state as Georgians bucked his rule following state changes to the Georgia flag.

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## Lt. Gov. Cagle comes to Towns on June 5

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Georgia's Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle is coming to Towns County June 5. Cagle will be the keynote speaker at the Second Annual Candidates Forum and BBQ on the Square in Hiwassee.

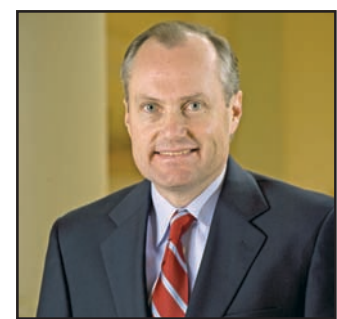
Lt. Gov. Cagle will be joined by incumbent District 50 State Sen. Jim Butterworth and incumbent District 8 State Rep. Stephen Allison at the event scheduled for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lt. Gov. Cagle, seeking his second term, was first elected to public office in 1994 at the tender age of 28, when he upset District 49 State Sen. Jane Hemmer. It was Cagle's District 49 surprise victory that seemingly jumpstarted the Republican Revolution in Northeast Georgia.

A seventh generation Hall County native, Cagle served as State Senator from 1995 through 2006. He later campaigned and won the lieutenant governor's race over Democrat Jim Martin.

Cagle was the pride of the Georgia GOP during the 2006 Republican Primary. He won a rather easy victory over better known Ralph Reed. Afterward, supporters referred to Cagle as 'governor.'

Citing health concerns, (spinal injury) Cagle opted not to run for governor, deciding that a re-election campaign for lieutenant governor



Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle

would be easier healthwise than a demanding campaign for governor.

Tickets for a barbecue plate are \$8 for an individual platter or two for \$15. The ticket stub from the meal will be used in a drawing for door prizes. Tickets may be purchased from Republican Party members or from Chairman Darrell Barrett, 333 Big Sky Drive, Hiwassee, GA 30546. Other event attractions include a bake sale; silent auction; face painting for the children and entertainment by singer Buddy Benedict and band.

Towns County Republicans meet the first Tuesday of each month at Daniels Steakhouse at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited on Tuesday, June 1, to hear District 8 State House Rep. Allison, from Blairsville.

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