

# Towns County Herald

Legal Organ of Towns County

Your Hometown Newspaper Since 1928

50 Cents

www.townscountyherald.net

Publication Number 635540 Volume 81 Number 31

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

## Local Weather and Lake Levels

Thur: Storms	81 62
Fri: Storms	83 65
Sat: Storms	83 65
Sun: Storms	83 63
Mon: Storms	81 61
Tue: Sunny	80 62
Wed: Cloudy	80 63



Upstream Elevation Predicted 6/9/10	
Lake Chatuge	1926.00
Lake Nottely	1777.10
Blue Ridge	1687.20

## INDEX

2 sections, 22 Pages

Arrests.....	2A
Church/Obits.....	2,3B
Classifieds.....	4B
Editorial.....	4A
Calendar.....	4A
Legals.....	5B
Sports.....	8,9A
Television.....	6A

## Chamber Chronicles Page 10A

### Public Hearing

A second public hearing on the Towns County 10-year Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Towns County Courthouse. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

### Nursing Home needs help

Chatuge Regional Nursing Home would like to create a memory garden in front of the building for the residents and their families. This is a great opportunity to honor your loved one who is or may have been a resident of the nursing home. The nursing home needs perennial flowers for the project. Anyone who would like to donate a flower, please bring it to the nursing home.

### Food Pantry

The Towns County Food Pantry will hold its free food distribution on Tuesday, June 15. The distribution will be held at the Towns County Food Pantry on Jack Dayton Circle 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 so that arrangements can be made to deliver your food. Clients' personal inquiries are kept confidential.

### Cox to speak

You are invited to hear the President of Young Harris College, Cathy Cox, speak on the many exciting happenings at the college at the next Towns County Historical Society meeting on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. at the Senior Center in Hiawassee. Come hear about the latest happenings at YHC. So many of our Towns County High School students are also enrolled at the college making the college's advancements affect so many Towns County families. For more details, call (706) 896-1060.

## Cagle: 'better days ahead for all'

By Charles Duncan  
TOWNS COUNTY HERALD  
cduncan.tch@windstream.net

Georgia's Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle says the state is in an economic recovery, but, it's a slow one.

"We are certainly in a recovery, there is no doubt about that," he said. "It's slow recovery, it's not robust, but it's going to come around. We're seeing the signs and there is reason for optimism."

"Unemployment is still too high and until employment spikes, we're going to have some issues," he said. "Consumer confidence will lag behind and that's the position that we're in right now."

Lt. Gov. Cagle said that the budget will be the biggest contested issue when the General Assembly gets back together under the Gold

Dome in 2011.

"We're still very concerned financially," he said. "Revenues have not turned around yet. We've got fairly significant holes that have to be filled. We're projecting anywhere between \$800 million and \$1 billion that will still have to be dealt with."

"We're not out of the woods yet; the budget will continue to be front and center," he said. "Then of course continuing in our efforts about water, transportation and protecting our great resources like right here in Towns County."

"Towns County is one of the precious jewels of our state and we're very proud of it and we want to make sure that we're able to showcase it," Lt. Gov. Cagle said. "We want people to come here and not only retire, but we want Towns County to have a strong busi-



Georgia's Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle said the state's economy is in recovery, but 'it's slow.' Cagle was the keynote speaker at Saturday's GOP Campaign Forum and BBQ on the Square. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

ness environment because jobs are going to bring us out of this economic downturn."

Lt. Gov. Cagle, who withdrew from the gubernatorial race for health-related reason after raising more

than \$1 million, said that a run at the governor's mansion is still not out of the question for him in the future.

"That's one of the hardest decisions I've ever had to make," he said. "It's very hard to pull out of a

race that you're a front runner in. But, you have to put your health and family first above politics."

"We did that and the

See Cagle, page 5A

## 'Rallying for a cure'



Bradley Rogers, the 2010 Grand Marshal, kicked off Relay for Life on the Downtown Square on Friday evening as the Towns County community rallied for a cure for cancer. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

By Lisa Davis  
TOWNS COUNTY HERALD  
lisa.tcherald@windstream.net

Threatening clouds couldn't scare away Friday evening event goers on the Hiawassee Downtown Square.

Music played, event booths featured ice cream, cotton candy, cakes and

many other treats, including hot dogs.

Children laughed and played games, they took their turns in the Moon Walk. They danced in the streets.

What was the occasion? The annual Relay for Life event went on without a hitch as a community came together to help find a

cure for the deadliest disease known to humanity, cancer.

The event also featured the lighting of the luminaries to the tune of *I Will Remember You*.

Native Bradley Rogers, a cancer survivor,

See Relay, page 3A

## Turbines could put \$\$ in taxpayer pockets



Workers complete phase I of the turbine project. Photo/Beth Wood

By Charles Duncan  
TOWNS COUNTY HERALD  
cduncan.tch@windstream.net

The Towns County School System could soon be selling excess energy back to its service provider.

The school system has received \$27,405 in federal stimulus dollars to install a 2.4 kilowatt Skystream Residential Wind Turbine on the school campus.

"It's up above the softball field, so it's totally out of the way," Dr. Richard Behrens said. "If someone hits it with a softball, they'll be talking about that shot for years to come."

The grant comes through the Appalachian Regional Commission and

See Turbines, page 3A

## Dunn takes AD reins at YHC

By Ethan Burch  
Towns County Herald  
ethan.tcherald@windstream.net

YOUNG HARRIS – Randy Dunn hopes to help ease Young Harris College into NCAA Division II athletics.

On Monday, Young Harris College President Cathy Cox introduced Dunn, who helped guide North Georgia College and State University into Division II, as the school's new athletic director.

"We are thrilled to have Randy join Young Harris College to lead our athletic program," said President Cox. "He brings great strengths to the college, and his experience with transitioning to NCAA Division II competition makes



Young Harris College President Cathy Cox introduces Randy Dunn as the school's new athletics director on Monday. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

him a perfect fit for us as we prepare to make the move to NCAA Division II membership as a four-year college."

Dunn served NGCSU at the same position for 14

years. Prior to his tenure as AD, Dunn served as head coach for the NGC men's basketball team for 14 years before retiring in 2003 to

See Dunn, page 3A

## Deal leads GOP Poll

GOP opponents seek to gain ground

By Charles Duncan  
TOWNS COUNTY HERALD  
cduncan.tch@windstream.net

Former 9th District Congressman Nathan Deal has emerged as the frontrunner for governor, according to various polls, including Towns County's GOP straw poll.

Nathan Deal was unable to attend Saturday's Campaign Forum and BBQ in Hiawassee. However, his wife Sandra, a retired educator, told a crowd just outside the gazebo in Downtown that her husband is the man to vote for.

She told the crowd that Nathan Deal is honest, seasoned and ready to make sure that Georgians get a fair shake as the economy continues to linger.

"Nathan Deal is as conservative as they come," she said. "He champions tax cuts and limited government and he advocates free-market solutions, not government takeovers or bailouts. He's a passionate, consistent defender of innocent, unborn life."

"Nathan fights for the values he learned from his parents, his community, and his church," she said. "As our next Governor, he'll promote those same values and leadership. And he'll make us proud."

In the after hours straw poll, Towns County residents believed Sandra



Sandra Deal

Deal. Nathan Deal continues to be the popular local choice with 37.2 percent of the straw poll. Ray McBerry was second with 28.4 percent, followed by Eric Johnson with 21.4 percent.

Johnson, a former state senator, has a strategy to become Georgia's 82<sup>nd</sup> governor: win.

Johnson, 56, is a self-made businessman, one who believes he knows what will turn things around in Georgia's stagnant economic malaise.

"The number one issue facing Georgians is jobs," he said. It's not a matter of who can beat who; it's a matter of who can be governor."

Johnson brought his campaign to Towns County on Saturday, hoping to con-

See Deal, page 2A

TOWNS COUNTY HERALD



## Sheriff's Trap shoot on Friday

By Charles Duncan  
TOWNS COUNTY HERALD  
cduncan.tch@windstream.net

Towns County Sheriff Chris Clinton supports the cause: at risk youths.

On Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Sheriff Clinton and the Chatuge Gun Club will sponsor the Second Annual Georgia Sheriff's Youth Homes Benefit Trapshooting Event at the Shooting Range on Owl Creek Road in Hiawassee.

"The Georgia Sheriff's Association is one of the best



Towns County Sheriff Chris Clinton doesn't miss an opportunity to put in a plug for the Second Annual Trapshooting Event to raise money for the Georgia Sheriff's Association Youth Homes. Probate Judge David Rogers got his invite on Saturday. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

See Trapshooting, page 7A