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Upstream Elevation Predicted 7/30/09
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Licklog Auditions

Auditions for the British Farce, Two Into One, will be held on Saturday, August 1, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Monday, August 3, from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Several men and women are needed to fill out this cast. For more details on auditions times and dates, please call (828) 389-8632, or (877) 691-9906.



Food Distribution

The Towns County Food Pantry will have a free food distribution for residents on Tuesday, Aug. 4. Distribution takes place at the pantry from 9 a.m. to noon. Those in need are encouraged to come. Enter Jack Dayton Circle on the Fun World side for a more orderly distribution. If you are unable to pick up your food, please call (706) 896-4783 prior to distribution day so arrangements can be made for food to be delivered to you. All clients and inquiries are confidential.



Hoedown & BBQ

Drug Free Towns County Coalition invites everyone to attend a hoedown and barbecue on Aug. 29 at 6 p.m. at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds upper pavilion. Tickets to the event are \$20 with children 10 and under getting in free. The event is Western style square dancing, the Virginia Reel and Line Dancing, all by caller Jim Duncan.

Come one, come all, bring a lawn chair and learn how to dance. For more details, call (706) 896-0007.



Driver Safety

An AARP Driver Safety Course at the Mountain Regional Library in Young Harris is scheduled for Aug. 6-7 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. New enrollment fees are \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers. All participants must register before Aug. 6. For more details and to enroll call (706) 379-2140 or cell (706) 781-9527.

U.S. Rep. Nathan Deal coming to town

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The most experienced candidate in Georgia's 2010 gubernatorial race is headed for Hiwassee.

Ninth District Congressman Nathan Deal of Gainesville will headline the Towns County GOP meeting Aug. 4th at Daniel's Steakhouse on Big Sky Drive. The event begins at 6:30 p.m.

First elected to Congress in 1992, Deal, one of the most respected lawmakers ever to go to Washington, has represented most of North Georgia during that time. The long-time Congressman has never lost a political race and during his 1996 Congressional reelection campaign, Deal earned the highest victory percentage of any Congressman during that General Election.



Ninth District U.S. Rep. Nathan Deal will speak to the Towns County GOP on Aug. 4th at Daniel's Steakhouse. Deal currently is the GOP front-runner for governor in 2010.

Deal met his wife of 43 years, Sandra Dunagan, after the couple was set up on a blind date by one of Sandra's close college friends. They've been together ever since.

Nathan and Sandra have four grown children

and six grandchildren. Sandra is now retired from education and devotes her time to being a partner in Nathan's public service and being an active grandmother.

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YHC baseball standout signs with Reds

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Derrick Lowery is a Cincinnati Red.

The former Young Harris College baseball standout, a 26th round selection by the Reds in the 2009 Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft, has signed a contract with the Cincinnati organization. He has been assigned to the Reds' rookie league affiliate in the Pioneer League. Lowery made his professional debut with the Billings (Mont.) Mustangs on Sunday.

"We're very proud of what Derrick accomplished while he was a part of Young Harris College and the Young Harris baseball program," said YHC head coach Rick Robinson. "He

was a young man that was a little rough around the edges in many aspects when he first came here, but he left here prepared to be successful academically, socially and even in professional baseball."

Lowery was 1-for-3 with a base on balls in his first game with the Mustangs Sunday. After striking out in his first professional at-bat in the second inning and grounding out to the shortstop in the fourth, Lowery delivered his first hit, an infield single in the sixth inning. The Mustangs fell to the Missoula Osprey, an Arizona Diamondbacks affiliate, 2-1. Lowery was Billings' designated hitter in the game.

Lowery's hitting coach at Billings is former Major



Derrick Lowery

Leaguer Delino DeShields, who played 13 seasons with the Montreal Expos, Los Angeles Dodgers, St. Louis Cardinals, Baltimore Orioles and Chicago Cubs. Though not directly tutored by him,

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Indians ready to hit the football field in 2009

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Only time will tell if the Towns County Indians are rebuilding or reloading.

Head Coach Kyle Langford's Indians, which set a school record with seven victories last year, will start the 2009 season with a new set of skill position players. Veterans like quarterback Chase Ellis and tailback Andy Page have headed off to pursue a secondary education and college gridiron glory.

"We're in a situation where we're ready to get out there," Coach Langford said. "Last year is over, we've lost some folks and we've got some new guys. I like our kids."

The Indians have a small, but talented senior group, Coach Langford said. "All of our seniors are good players," Coach Langford said. "They were good players last year and they'll be good players this season."

Langford's charges are gearing up for the fall as they head to the practice fields in the Plott Town community. The third-year head coach and his returning staff must determine who will replace Ellis at signal caller and who will replace Page in the backfield. Both were 1,000-yard rushers and Ellis was a record-setting passer as well.

The early frontrunners at quarterback are familiar names. Mat Hogsed and John Swilley are the names most commonly associated with the quarterback position. Langford said he's eager for a spirited competition between the two premier



A busy offseason has kept Indians' Head Coach Kyle Langford from dwelling on the 2009 football season. As August approaches, Langford is ready to change all that. It's time for football. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

athletes.

"To be honest with you, I don't know which one will be the starter," Langford said. "More than likely you'll see both of them out there under center at different intervals. Not to give anything away, but for the most part, we'll go with whoever has the hot hand."

Matt Beni figures to carry a load from the tailback position, Langford said.

"We've got some guys that are a real good group of seniors," Coach Langford said. "There's a huge junior class right behind them and it's got 14 kids in that group. From there down, everything looks really good."

Also returning for the Indians this fall, John Bleckley, Billy Meier, Taylor Denton, Josh Barnes, Cody Partin, Dylon Nelson and Zach Johnson.

The Asheville School, which fell to the Indians last season by a score of 37-6 has already forfeited the Oct. 9th contest between the two squads to put less emphasis on their football program, Coach Langford said.

"We got a call that the Asheville School would forfeit this season's game between the two schools," Langford said. "It's really a victory I would have rather have gotten on the field, but we can't control that out-

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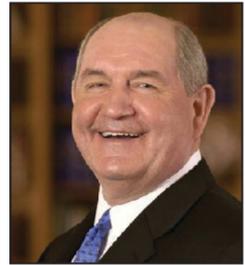
No delays for local County schools opening

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County Schools Superintendent Dr. Richard Behrens said all Towns County school classes will start on time on Aug. 6.

Worried parents have called the school system concerned about the impact that Gov. Sonny Perdue's call for three days of statewide teacher furloughs without pay will have on the new school year.

"School will start on time as planned," Dr. Behrens said. "The students



Gov. Sonny Perdue

are expected to report for the first day of class on Thursday, Aug. 6. Open

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Bellamy Brothers pack Anderson Music Hall

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David and Howard Bellamy were excited to be in Hiwassee on Saturday to help close the historic Georgia Mountain Fair's 59th annual gathering.

The Bellamy Brothers have a new hit 33 years after their first single went No. 1 on Billboard's record charts. "Guilty of the Crime" in concert with The Bacon Brothers, is climbing the charts, but not as fast as the Brothers 1976 hit "Let Your Love Flow."

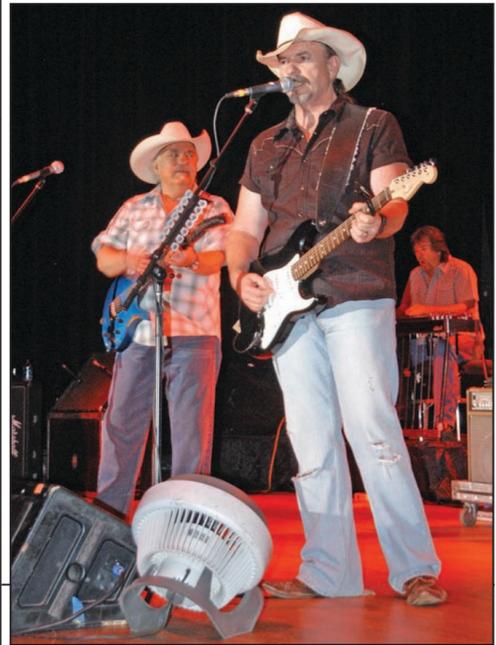
One thing is for certain, one of the most successful duos in Pop and Country Music brought a capacity crowd to its feet after playing the bulk of its

14 No. 1 hits. Those songs included "If I Said You Had a Beautiful Body (Would You Hold It Against Me)"; "Sugar Daddy"; "Redneck Girl"; "Dancing Cowboys"; "For All the Wrong Reasons"; "Old Hippie"; "Reggae Cowboy" and "Kids of the Baby Boom."

The Brothers or what's left of them as Howard Bellamy jokingly says, love to bring their Grammy-nominated act to the stage. They love Georgia and they especially love the folks who come to Hiwassee.

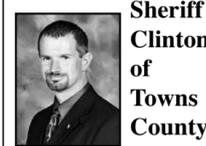
"Y'all are a diehard bunch of fans," David Bellamy quipped to the crowd. "Thank you all for

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Howard and David Bellamy took center stage on Saturday at Anderson Music Hall bringing the 59th Georgia Mountain Fair to a close. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

From the Desk of:



Sheriff Clinton of Towns County

Last week I attended the Georgia Sheriffs' summer training conference. Among other things I met with the Standards and Training Committee and we discussed upcoming training and training needs as well as the newly updated Basic Jail Officer's School being offered by the Georgia Sheriffs' Association. I have

been asked and plan to continue to serve on the committee for another year.

The Georgia Sheriffs' Association maintains an academy status with the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council and offers much needed training that is specific to the Office of Sheriff. One such training is an annual update of the standards of complying with the Georgia Sex Offender Act.

Sheriffs are charged with making certain that sex offenders are in compliance with the law. Having been involved since the inception of the Georgia Sex Offender Act, I am very familiar with

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Support local athletes

Your Booster Club is doing fund raisers to help offset the cost of local athletic programs. Support the Indians in 2009.

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