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runners for the Towns County Lady Indians' Cross Country team.

Once again, Relay for Life was a life changing event that gives everyone in Towns County a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease.

At most Relays, teams of people come together to take turns walking or running around a track to raise money for cancer research. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event – because cancer never sleeps.

Community relays began in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, Wash., ran and walked around a track for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Since then, Relay has grown from a single man's passion to fight cancer into the world's largest movement to end the disease.

Each year, more than 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities in the United States, along with additional communities in 20 other countries, gather to take part in this global phenomenon and raise much-needed funds and awareness to

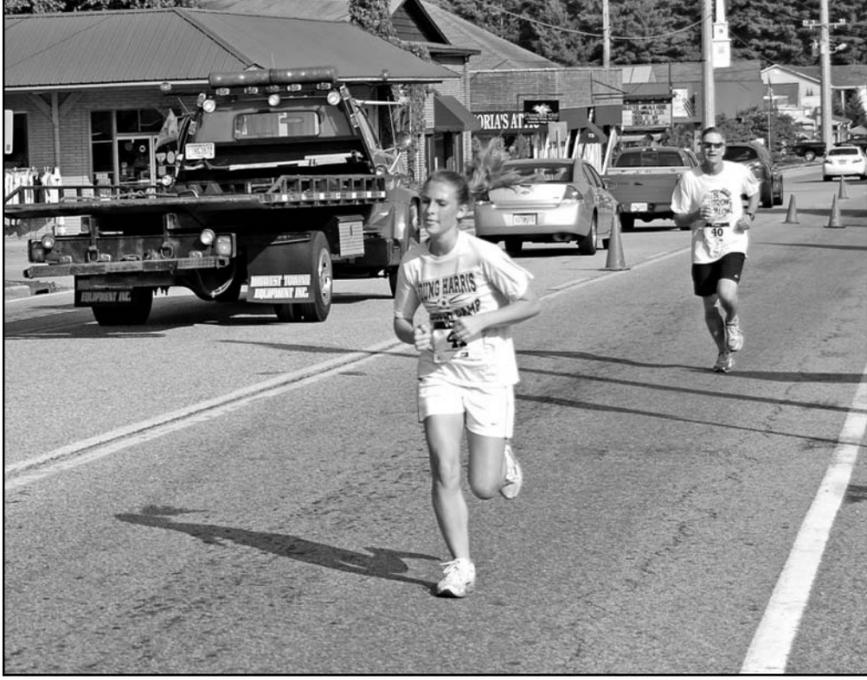
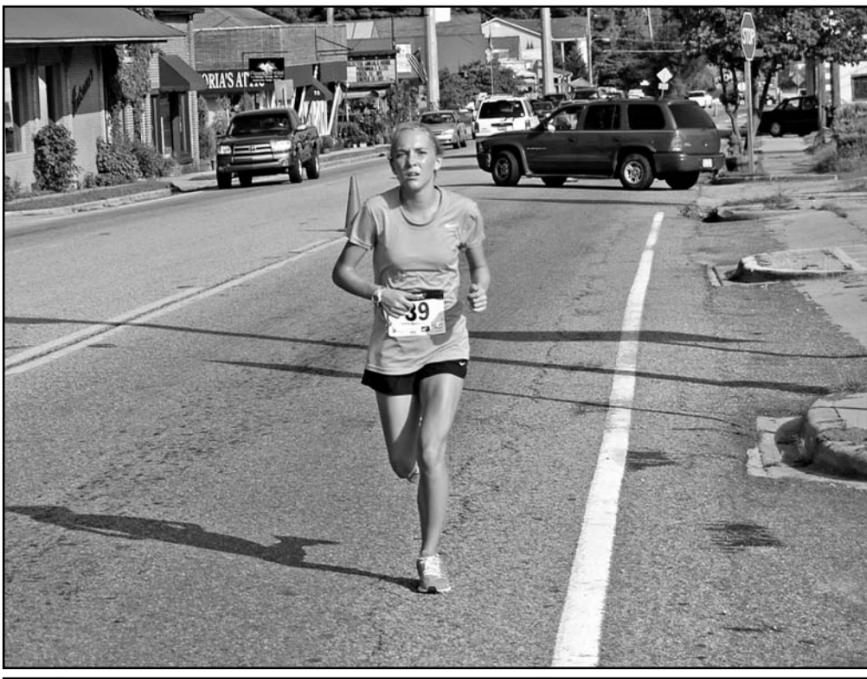
save lives from cancer.

Thanks to Relay participants, the American Cancer Society continues to save lives today.

Lives like Towns County's own Bradley Rogers, a young man who fights the disease every day.

This year's event featured adults and children alike enjoying themselves while at the same time, remembering why they were there.

Most of all, these individuals came together for a cause, just like the individuals who make Stars Shine for Cancer a success, year in, year out.



Ansley Vardeman leads the pack while her sister Taylor and father Kirk Vardeman aren't far behind during Saturday's 5K Run for Relay for Life in Downtown Hiawassee. Photos/Lowell Nicholson

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"It was a very sad day," said Towns County Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall, who attended Phillips' funeral services. "It's never easy to say goodbye to someone so young."

According to Georgia State Patrol Public Information Director Gordy Wright, Phillips was ejected from the 1999 Ford SRW Super Duty truck he was driving southbound on Georgia 2.

"The driver (Phillips) lost control of the vehicle

near Hice Drive," Wright said. "The vehicle overturned, came to rest in the roadway and the driver was ejected. Patrol reports show no seat belt was in use."

The accident occurred Wednesday, Aug. 17 at approximately 1:33 p.m., Wright said. Phillips died a day later from injuries sustained in the accident.

"It was a very tragic and unfortunate accident," Wright said.

Phillips is survived by

his parents, Ronnie and Susan Phillips, of Hiawassee; brother and sister-in-law Austin Phillips and Amanda Phillips, of Hayesville, NC; grandmother, Joann Phillips; grandmother, Jean Livingston; great grandmother, Ruth Miller; uncle, Roger Phillips; one niece, Jaden Phillips, of Hayesville, NC; and a host of friends also survive.

Banister Funeral Home of Hiawassee had charge of the arrangements.

constantly working to make excellent care even better."

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## Chatuge Regional Hospital once again places on Quality Honor Roll

Chatuge Regional Hospital in Hiawassee has been named to the Georgia Hospital Association's (GHA) Partnership for Health and Accountability (PHA) Quality Honor Roll. Chatuge Regional is one of 24 hospitals in Georgia to be placed in the Chairman's category, the highest on the list. The honor roll is based on clinical data provided by the federal Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS), which administers the nation's Medicare and Medicaid programs. The data was collected from January 2010 to December 2010.

"This is a great accomplishment for Chatuge Regional Hospital," said Joseph Parker, president of GHA. "This recognition further underscores the commitment of the hospital's staff to ensuring that every patient receives the best, most effective health care possible."

All acute care hospitals are required to submit care data to CMS. This data details how well a hospital's caregivers adhere to a list of eight Appropriate Care Mea-

asures (ACM), which are the clinical processes of care that are known to be the most effective methods of treatment for patients who have suffered heart attacks, heart failure or pneumonia. The ACM is a composite measure that determines whether or not a patient received the right care at the right time.

For instance, a recommended treatment to help prevent a heart attack is to take aspirin either before or upon arrival at the hospital, as well as at discharge. A suggested treatment for pneumonia is to administer an antibiotic within four hours of a patient's arrival. A hospital's adherence to these recommended clinical practices usually leads to better outcomes.

"It is our mission to ensure that each of our patients receives the right care at the right time and this recognition validates this," said Mr. R. Lewis Kelley, chief executive officer of Chatuge Regional Hospital. "This honor is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of our staff who are

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public crisis and the brutal violence it has inflicted on its own people.

Sen. Chambliss voted against the raising of the Debt Ceiling and is certain to explain his reasoning. Chambliss has been outspoken about his support for a

bi-partisan plan to reduce the nation's debt.

In reference to Standard & Poor's downgrade of the U.S. credit, Sen. Chambliss calls the matter a wake-up call for Washington to get serious about fixing the nation's debt problems.

Sen. Chambliss also is likely to address issues that include his stance on a pro-growth tax system, entitlement reforms and spending reductions.

Ample seating is available at the YHC Recreation and Fitness Center.

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Advanced Digital Cable Inc. was founded in 1997 and has grown to become a key manufacturer of Coaxial, Electronic, Industrial and IMSA Traffic Signal cables, according to its Web site.

Based in neighboring Clay County, NC, the company's motto is: *An American Company, employing American Workers, making a quality American Made product*, according to its Web site.

Over the past 4 years ADC has become a key supplier of XHHW-2 and USE-2 Building Wire.

ADC is committed to become a leading manufacturer to the Electrical Industry and rise to the forefront as a premier manufacturer of wire and cable products. The addition of being able to supply feeder sizes through 500 MCM is just a small step to becoming a better supplier to its valued customers, ac-

ording to its Web site.

Also according to its Web site, ADC is committed to its goal of increasing its manufacturing capabilities, something that could happen in Towns County.

Towns County Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall said news of the sale of the Mohawk Building is big news for the local economy.

"It's a bright spot for our county," Commissioner Kendall said. "It's a wonderful opportunity and I'm glad to hear that Advanced Digital Cable is the new owner. The company's president Steven Payne has ties to Towns County."

"Getting something back in the Mohawk Building has been a goal of the Industrial Development Authority since Mohawk left the county," Kendall said. "Many thanks to Hugh Hoodenpyle who worked tirelessly to help bring jobs back to Towns County."

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Banks, Elbert, Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Jackson, Madison, Rabun and Stephens counties from the current 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and shifts them to the proposed 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

The proposed Congressional maps trim Catoosa, Dade, Gordon, Murray, Walker and Whitfield counties from the current 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and shifts them along with current 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Congressman U.S. Rep. Tom Graves, R-Ranger, to the proposed 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

"That's almost the way the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District used to look," Towns County Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall said. "I think the folks in Towns County could live with that."

According to the proposed maps, approved by a state Senate Committee on Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District would take Towns at the top of Georgia, move as far west as Gilmer County, as far south as part of Clarke County and as far east as Elbert County.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District also would be an open seat in the 2012 elections. Current 9<sup>th</sup> District U.S. Rep. Graves would shift to the newly created 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, which includes his home county of Gordon.

The proposed 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District would be made up of 17 entire counties and portions of three others.

It would include Towns and its neighbors

Union, Rabun, Habersham and White. It also would include Fannin, Gilmer, Lumpkin, and Dawson counties, and portions of Pickens, Clarke and Forsyth counties.

The remaining counties in the proposed 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District would be Hall, Banks, Stephens, Franklin, Hart, Elbert, Madison and Jackson counties.

Along with the state House and Senate, the U.S. Department of Justice must approve the final maps under the federal Voting Rights Act, which is designed to protect minority voters. Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal said he believes that the proposed maps are fair and will meet with the approval of the U.S. Department of Justice and withstand any challenge in the federal courts.

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each year in their efforts to support the Shriners Children Hospitals. Chuck Pittman, Yaarab Shrine's Assistant Rabban, lives here. He knows how the Shriners can help. Pittman said that the Shriners are a network of human beings helping other human beings.

"We're 325,000 strong, we were organized in 1872, we're one of the oldest fraternal organizations in the world," Pittman said. "We were originally formed through the Masons."

After 50 years of existence, the Shriners sought a way to give back. In 1921, they came up with the idea

of a hospital. The hospital in Shreveport was opened for the sole purpose of eradicating polio, which was rampant at the time.

The rest is history.

"As we grew over the years, we built 22 hospitals dedicated to the care of children from birth to 18 years of age," Pittman said. "In our orthopedic hospitals, we treat anything to do with a bone or muscle disorder, or a tragic accident."

Shriners Hospitals are the most astute facility in the world in the development of prosthetics for children – arms, legs, whatever the need, Pittman said.

"The budget for our 22

hospitals is \$825 million each year," Pittman said. "That's a lot of money and people wonder how we get that money – we don't charge patients for care. I've personally sponsored five children to get treatment at the hospitals. The closest (hospital-wise) is Greenville, SC., which was established in 1926."

Shriners Hospitals cover the map, in the U.S. and Canada.

"I invite all citizens and merchants to welcome and support the Shriners in their fraternity and philanthropy endeavors," Commissioner Kendall said.