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Local Weather and Lake Levels

Thur: Sunny	79 52
Fri: Sunny	72 42
Sat: Sunny	66 39
Sun: Sunny	67 39
Mon: Sunny	71 44
Tue: Sunny	75 44
Wed: Sunny	76 47



Upstream Elevation Predicted 09/28/11	
Lake Chatuge	1920.78
Lake Nottely	1768.25
Blue Ridge	1674.62

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Eastern Star Bake Sale

The Eastern Star is having its annual pecan/baked goods sale on Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot next to Eller Tire Shop.

Come out and support the Stars by purchasing your pecans and or baked goodies. Your support enables the Eastern Star to continue with donations to the Food Pantry Back Pack Snack Program and provide a scholarship for a Towns County High School graduating senior. That's just a few good causes to name a few good causes of active Star Projects.

The Stars look forward to seeing everyone on Oct. 8.

Hospital Auxiliary

Yard sale items needed for Oct. 8 semi-annual sale at Eller's Garage. See page 2A

Reward

Recently the Tree Tops Chevron on Bell Creek Road was burglarized. The Towns County Sheriff's Office, along with the store's owner, is seeking help from the public in an effort to quickly solve this crime. Any information which leads to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for this crime will be treated confidentially, and a reward is offered by the owner of the store.

New Deadline

The Towns County Herald deadline for classified advertising submissions has changed due to printing schedules. The new deadline is Friday at 5 p.m.

Brubaker at the helm of *The Goats* movie

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Jim Brubaker doesn't get caught up in titles.

After all, the legendary film producer has had his share after more than five decades in the film industry.

Brubaker, has spent 20 years as president of physical production at Universal Studios, he's acted, produced and edited motion pictures.

Born in Hollywood in 1937, Brubaker, 74, got his start in the business as a transportation captain. He credits John Wayne with helping him break into the business. Brubaker served as transportation coordinator on *Cahill: U.S. Marshal* in 1973.

Today, he's in Hiawassee and ready to help director D.J. Caruso complete the latter's dream project, an adaptation of

Brock Cole's *The Goats*.

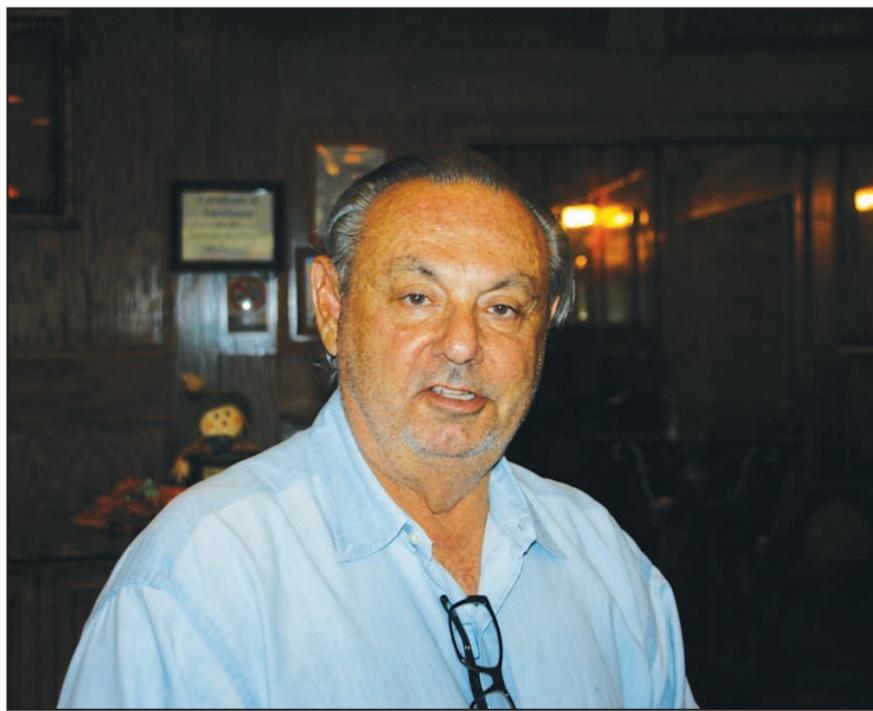
"The area is so beautiful, I would move here if I could," Brubaker said, referring to the scenic mountains and Lake Chatuge here in Towns County. "I'm very excited about this film because it's something that my grandkids can watch. It's going to be a great movie."

Filming is expected to begin on Monday, Oct. 3 and last through Friday. The production schedule includes two days filming at Towns County Beach (Monday and Tuesday) and at Cable Island (Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday).

Brubaker says Georgia, which has become a movie industry hot bed, is learning a valuable lesson from the movie industry.

"The movie industry is leaving California," he said.

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Legendary film producer James D. Brubaker is the executive producer of the upcoming movie project *The Goats* to be filmed in Towns County. John Wayne helped Brubaker get his start in motion pictures. His film credits include the *Rocky* series, *Liar Liar*, *Cahill: U.S. Marshal*, *Life*, *The Nutty Professor*, *Cobra*, *Dragonfly*, *Gia* and *The Right Stuff*. Photo/Charles Duncan

Summer's Last Kiss a beauty

Weather for Fourth Annual event couldn't have been more perfect

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Summer came and went over the weekend as fall finally arrived.

However, tourists and locals alike were still smiling on Monday; Summer's Last Kiss was an event to remember.

Artists made money, tourists went home happy and the locals are looking forward to the Fifth Annual event in 2012.

"I think it went well," Towns County Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall said. "Everybody has worked together to make this a success.

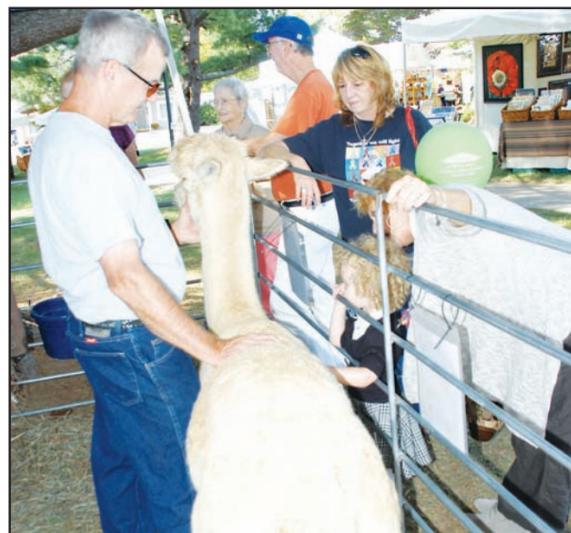
Mother Nature couldn't have painted a more beautiful landscape on Saturday and Sunday, said local artist Deb Collins.

"It's been absolutely fabulous; the weather was perfection, we couldn't have ordered it any better," she said. "This is our fourth year and I think this is the best turnout we've ever had. Word of mouth increases the numbers year-in, year out as more and more people find out about this festival.

"We've had a lot of people that just happened to be passing through town that have stopped in and enjoyed themselves," she said. "People are discovering the square, they're stopping and buying local art and that's just great."

Aimee Alberts, of Powder Springs was just taking a routine drive through the mountains when she

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The two-day Summer's Last Kiss: An Affair with the Arts was a winner for artists and event goers. Photos/Lowell Nicholson

2011 Fall Festival has new attractions

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The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds' Fall Festival has fun and entertainment for children of all ages.

New this year will be Water Treaders, where participants actually crawl inside a six-foot high ball and tread on water.

The concept is to tread on as much water as possible, while inside the ball.

"The balls are great entertainment for all seasons without getting wet," Fairgrounds General Manager Hilda Thomason said. "They are also great exercise to build up strength, balance, and endurance as well as lots of fun."

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Kids will be walking on water at the Fall Festival Oct. 7-15. New events include live statues, stilt walkers and alligators.

Qualifying begins for Senate District 50

Quest to replace State Sen. Jim Butterworth begins Oct. 3

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Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp has set qualifying for Jim Butterworth's Senate District 50 seat for Oct. 3, 4 and 5.

Qualifying on Monday will run from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.; on Tuesday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.; and on Wednesday from 8 a.m. until noon.

Candidates will qualify in the Elections Division of the Office of Secretary of State, 802 West Tower, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Qualifying fee is \$400. Two men have already stepped up to the plate to try and fill the unexpired term of Sen. Butterworth, who accepted the post of adjutant general of the Georgia National Guard earlier this month.

As Butterworth assumes those duties on Oct. 2, the following day, expect State Rep. Rick Austin, R-Demorest and John Wilkinson, of Toccoa to qualify for the post.

Both men were in Hiawassee earlier this month to announce their candidacy for Senate District 50 during the monthly Towns County Republican Party meeting at Daniel's Steakhouse in Hiawassee.

No other candidates have stepped up since and



State Rep. Rick Austin



John Wilkinson

it's unclear if any other candidates will toss their hats into the Senate District 50 race.

Senate District 50 includes Banks, Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Rabun, Stephens and Towns counties and a portion of White County.

The election is a non-

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Ricky Skaggs headlines annual Fall Festival

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Ricky Skaggs is an artist. The 14-time Grammy Award winner, known both for his country music classics as well as his Bluegrass hits, headlines the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds' Fall Festival of music entertainment.

Along with his band, Kentucky Thunder, Skaggs is on the road for the 2011 *Treasure Chest Tour*, in addition to a number of Bluegrass performances.

In addition to Skaggs, Fall Festival headliners include Percy Sledge, Diamond Rio, Gene Watson, John Anderson and T. Graham Brown.

The festival opens Oct. 7 and runs through Oct. 15. Jim Wood and the



Ricky Skaggs

Georgia Mountain Fair Band open the Fall Festival musical entertainment at 2 p.m. on Oct. 7. On Sunday Oct. 9, the Chuck Wagon Gang, The Isaacs and The Diplo-

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