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Coach Langford and the Indians won't rest on one win. They enter the bye week preparing for an Oct. 14 showdown with River Ridge.

The Indians defeated the Knights in 2010 by a score of 14-7. Coach Langford said the Knights are a totally different team this season.

"They run the same kind of offense that

Hayesville and Fannin run," Coach Langford said. "So it's going to be a multiple option look for us.

"They've only lost one game this season and I know they want to get back at us for last year," Coach Langford said. "Coach Robert Braucht does a really good job of coaching them.

"They have a lot of good players especially their fullback who rushed

over 1,000 yards last year," Coach Langford said. "We'll have our work cut out for us, but at least we'll have extra time to prepare for them. It was a 14-7 game last year and we had to hang on, and make plays at the end to win it."

The Indians and River Ridge match up is in Woodstock, Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

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production schedule continues at Cable Island Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Meanwhile, some big names have been added to the independent film's cast.

Chandler Canterbury and Annalise Basso have been cast to play the lead characters. Basso's film credits include *Bedtime Stories* with Adam Sandler, *Alabama Moon*, and guest starring roles in *Desperate Housewives*, *Lie to Me*, and *True Blood*.

Canterbury's film credits include *Knowing*, *Powder Blue* and *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*.

Also veteran leading

man, Val Kilmer has been cast as a deputy sheriff in the film. Radha Mitchell will play Basso's mother and Kate Maberly will play a camp counsellor.

*The Goats* is Caruso's dream project, an adaptation of Brock Cole's 1987 book, which has been one of the most popular young adult books of a generation.

Caruso bought the book rights a decade ago from Cole; he's written the screenplay for the film and is filming the movie in Towns and Habersham counties. The film will be shown at The Sundance Film Festival in January 2012.

Veteran producer

James Brubaker will be the film's executive producer.

Caruso has built a solid name in the film industry as a director.

He directed the Sci-Fi Thriller *I Am Number Four* that hit the big screen earlier this year. He's also directed the box office smash *Disturbia* and *Eagle Eye*, both starring Shia LaBeouf. Other big screen directing credits include *Taking Lives* starring Angelina Jolie, Ethan Hawke and Kiefer Sutherland and *The Salton Sea*, starring Kilmer. Caruso's television directing credits include *The Shield*, *Over There*, *Smallville* and *Dark Angel*.

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ing from the rafters.

The banner gave it away: *Happy 60th Birthday Chief!*

Red-faced and embarrassed, a smile crept across Chief Floyd's face as he walked to the front of the room where his wife Kathy waited patiently for him to come and sit beside her.

He listened as Towns County Assistant Fire Chief Harold Copeland read off a list of Chief Floyd's career accomplishments. Copeland also introduced several of Chief Floyd's friends from his firefighting days in Florida.

Chief Floyd was also in the company of members of Towns County Fire Corps, Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall and Hiwassee City Council member Joan Crothers and Young Harris City Council member David Sellers.

Together, the group sang happy birthday to Chief Floyd as he humbly stood and acknowledged the day's most important event: putting out the fire on his birthday cake.

"Yes, I was surprised, you bet I was," Chief Floyd said. "I don't think I've had a surprise like that in my 60 years. It was very thought-

fully done as far as everybody that was here, and I just really appreciated it."

Chief Floyd said he was blessed the day he was the runner-up as a finalist for Fire Chief for Cobb County. That meant he was top choice for Towns County Fire and Rescue.

"It's a tremendous personal reward for me to work with dedicated professionals who volunteer their time and put their lives on the line for their fellow citizens," Chief Floyd said. "It's an honor to be a part of the experience we call Towns County Fire and Rescue."



Towns County Fire Chief Mitch Floyd celebrates his 60th birthday with special folks at The Ridges Resort & Marina. The Chief said he was humbled by the experience. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

# Collins kicks off Mountains campaign for 9th District seat



House District 27 State Rep. Doug Collins is officially a candidate for the 9th Congressional District seat. He kicked off his Mountains campaign in Hiwassee at The Ridges Resort. Photo/Charles Duncan

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Doug Collins is proud to see the "old" 9th District is back intact.

Collins, with a little help from his friends, kicked off the Mountains portion of his quest to become the next 9th District Congressman.

Those friends included Georgia House Speaker David Ralston, District 8 State Rep. Stephen Allison, and the former First Lady of Georgia, Shirley Miller.

Speaker Ralston said Collins is running the first leg of an incredibly important election.

"Doug Collins is not only my friend, I'm just pleased that he's offered up

for a job, that I think he's suited for," Ralston said.

"I look around at what's going on in Washington, I don't think it's real complicated what they need up there," Ralston said. "I think they need common sense and I think they need somebody with courage to do the right thing."

Doug Collins is that man, Ralston said.

"I know Doug Collins has those qualities," he said. "I'm excited about him taking those common sense values to Washington."

The former First Lady spoke on behalf of former Georgia governor and U.S. States Senator, Zell Miller.

She told the crowd of

Collins supporters that both she and Zell are proud that their grandson Bryan Miller is a part of the Collins Campaign as Collins' campaign manager.

"I thank Doug for running for office," she said. "I know for a fact, it's hard work. And many thanks to Speaker Ralston and Rep. Allison for creating this new 9th District."

Collins was humbled.

"It's been a great crowd," Collins said. "I really feel at home up here. When you put good people in the same room, it's a joy to be around them."

"I'm excited about the opportunity to represent them in Washington," he said.

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A native of Toccoa, Wilkinson earned Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Master of Education degrees from the University of Georgia. Upon graduation, he taught for six years before he was hired by the Georgia Department of Education as the FFA Executive Secretary. Later, as State Agricultural Education Program Manager, Wilkinson served not only as State FFA Advisor, but also as State Young Farmer Advisor and

Chairman of the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Camp Administrative Committee.

No other candidates besides Austin and Wilkinson have stepped up to qualify for Senate District 50 and it's unclear if any other candidates will toss their hats into the Senate District 50 race.

The election is a non-partisan special election with no party primaries. However, each candidate's party affiliation, if any, will

be listed on the ballot. The date for the special election is Tuesday, Nov. 8. Run-off elections, if needed, will be held Tuesday, Dec. 6.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Voters must be registered by Tuesday, Oct. 11 to take part in the Nov. 8 special election. Voter registration forms can be obtained at the Towns County Registrar's Office at 91 Berrong Street in Hiwassee.

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more quarterback back Jackson Noblet gave the Indians all the points they would need to make this night a special one for the record books.

A Homecoming win always seals the deal and it's the second consecutive Homecoming win for the Indians, who defeated River

Ridge last season by a score of 14-7.

Homecoming Night capped a week of excitement at Towns County High School, a week that included a Powder Puff football game between the Kyle Langford's Pirates and Sgt. Darren Jones' Bombshells.

Needless to say, Jones' Bombshells prevailed with a convincing 26-14 win over the Pirates.

Bleckley thought the Powder Puff game added significantly to Homecoming Week.

"The Powder Puff game was a lot of fun," she said. "We should do it again."



Homecoming King Zack Stroud didn't have one problem being surrounded by the 2011 Homecoming Court. Meanwhile, the Bombshells celebrate their Powder Puff victory. Photos/James Reese