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Local Weather and Lake Levels

Thur: Sunny	76	42
Fri: Sunny	76	43
Sat: Sunny	75	44
Sun: Sunny	75	46
Mon: Sunny	75	47
Tue: Cloudy	76	47
Wed: Storms	75	46



Upstream Elevation Predicted 10/06/10	
Lake Chatuge	1920.70
Lake Nottely	1767.40
Blue Ridge	1629.80

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Cornwell Case on National TV

The case of Kristi Cornwell soon will be featured on Season Two of *Investigation Discovery: Disappeared*, according to her brother Richard Cornwell.

According to the show's Web site, the second season will feature stories of many who have vanished without a trace. Kristi Cornwell is a prime example. The show featuring Kristi will air on Monday, Nov. 15 at 10 p.m. on Investigation Discovery's series *Disappeared*.

The show's season premiere was Monday night.

Kristi Cornwell, a former Towns County sheriff's deputy, has been missing for more than a year. In a clip promoting the show, JoAnne Cornwell says, "I'm her mother and I'm not giving up hope."

The show's promotion line states, "Some have vanished without a trace while others left a string of mysteries in their wake. Learn more about some unsolved missing persons cases and see what you can do to help."

Discovery is Channel 22 on Windstream Cable.

BOE meeting

The Towns County Board of Education's Oct. 11th Regular Meeting is rescheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 12th. The meeting time and location are not changed.

Food Pantry

The Towns County Food Pantry will hold its free food distribution on Tuesday, Oct. 12. 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.

Indians register first win in 2010

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Kennesaw's long drought is finally over.

The Towns County Indians recovered from a six-point second quarter deficit Friday against the North Cobb Christian Eagles to claim their first win of 2010.

The Indians made up for a prolonged losing streak in decisive fashion, scoring 42 unanswered points en route to a 48-18 victory over the Eagles and reaffirming Head Football Coach Kyle Langford's confidence in his 2010 squad.

"It's a real good win," Coach Langford said. "We're really happy. That's what I've expected out of this group all along."

It's the first win on the football field since the Indians decisively whipped the Hayesville Yellow Jackets

on Sept. 18, 2009 by a score of 48-12. The Indians scored a 1-0 forfeit win in October last year over the Asheville School without having to take the field.

It felt good to once again walk away from a Friday night game with a win, Coach Langford said.

"Our expectations haven't changed," he said. "We finally got enough people healthy. Tonight is the first time we've had everybody ready to go and I think that was evident on the scoreboard."

Coach Langford and his coaching staff decided to spread the ball around. His troops struck pay dirt on the ground and through the air. The defense surrendered only 12 points all night, with the Eagles' third and final



Towns County's Billy Meier breaks loose on a game-winning 60-yard freekick return following a safety by the North Cobb Christian Eagles on Friday in Kennesaw. The Indians went on to win the game 48-18 to record their first win of 2010. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

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Kendall settles Flood Plain map

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With a little help from a longtime friend, Towns County Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall was able to see approximately 300 or so homes removed from the federally-mandated Flood Plain map of Lake Chatuge.

At a meeting last week at the Towns County Courthouse, Kendall met with officials from the U.S. Geological Survey, Georgia DNR and FEMA to approve a new Flood Plain for the purpose of flood insurance requirements.

A 30-day waiting period for public comment is in order before Commissioner Kendall adopts an ordinance.

"We had a good crowd, and there were a lot of good questions," Kendall said. It was absolutely unheard of

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Residents affected by the new flood plain map sought answers last week at the Courthouse. Photos/James Reese

Fall Festival opens Friday

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Expect countless Country Music fans to get swept off their feet as the annual Fall Festival gets underway on Friday at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds.

Each October, the nine-day event features exciting musical performances, educational demonstrations, a flower show and the ever-popular Official Georgia Fiddlers' Convention.

The flower show gets underway at noon on Friday and continues throughout the festival.

Jim Wood and the Georgia Mountain Fair Band kick off the fall music festivities followed by an incredible show featuring Country Music legends John Conlee, Janie Fricke and T.G. Sheppard.

On Saturday, Country Music sensation Crystal Gayle arrives in Hiawassee



Crystal Gayle

ready to perform at Anderson Music Hall.

Last year was the first appearance at The Hall for Loretta Lynn's baby sister. She sang some of her biggest hits, including *Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue* and *Talking In Your Sleep*. Her sister, Peggy, cracked jokes, sang her rendition of *Coal Miner's Daughter*, and teamed up with Crystal for several songs. Crystal's trademark of course is her

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Historic cabin back in use

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Late last year, Buck Jones was taking one of his daily strolls through Downtown Hiawassee. As he approached the Bank of Hiawassee, he looked across the street and noticed two beautiful log cabins.

He was overcome with personal awe of the site he witnessed at 35 South Main Street.

"I thought to myself there is history, a huge piece of history," Jones said. "I couldn't let them be empty. I just couldn't."

He wondered why the historic buildings were empty. He learned that at one time, the building on the right was home to a



Nina Farkosh and her son Buck Jones are in business together in possibly the oldest building in Towns County. Both soak up the historic value of the Log Cabin Salon across from the Bank of Hiawassee in Downtown. Photo/Charles Duncan

craft business.

As it turns out, Betsy Stoinoff found the cabin in Woodbury, Tenn. It was the oldest structure in that town, built circa 1837. The cedar cabin was being dismantled in favor of a parking lot.

Stoinoff, who vacationed in Hiawassee with her parents, had other plans for the then 140-year-old structure.

She had it shipped to Hiawassee where it was

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Kendall to cut county's millage rate for taxpayers

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Towns County Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall is working hard to make sure county taxpayers aren't caught off guard when it comes to the 2011 budget.

The proposed 2011 Towns County government budget is on the table and county taxpayers can count on a tighter budget than the existing county budget.

The current millage rate is 5.580 mills. Commissioner Kendall says he'll guarantee that millage rate to drop to 5.570 mills for 2011.

A public hearing is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Oct. 21 in the Courthouse to set the millage rate.

Commissioner Kendall said the county will continue to keep a tight lid on spending as the local economy continues to recover from the worst economic times since 1933.

"Basically, we're going to hold the line again," Kendall said on Monday. "We'll go into 2011 with basically the same budget as 2010. We can't afford to do anything else."

Commissioner Kendall was still working on the proposed 2011 county budget at press time.

The current \$9.42 million budget included \$1.1 million for the Towns County Sheriff's Office, \$900,000 to operate the jail facilities,



Commissioner Bill Kendall

slightly more than \$1 million for Emergency Services, \$410,000-plus for Fire Services and \$921,600 for roads.

Commissioner Kendall said that the 2010 Tax Digest has declined, meaning that a mill tax levy doesn't bring in what it used to anymore.

"Property is assessed at 40 percent; property values are down and naturally, that means we bring in less money for the same amount of millage from a year ago," he said.

"The reason people are having a difficult time paying their taxes is because they don't have the money

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