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## Local Weather and Lake Levels

Thur: Cloudy 62 32  
 Fri: Windy 50 26  
 Sat: Showers 53 24  
 Sun: Sunny 63 28  
 Mon: Sunny 65 33  
 Tue: Sunny 67 35  
 Wed: Showers 68 41



Upstream Elevation Predicted 11/03/10  
 Lake Chatuge 1919.73  
 Lake Nottely 1765.77  
 Blue Ridge 1623.99

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### Don Williams Update

If you bought a ticket to the Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> Don Williams Concert, you have some options that include a full refund.

Williams was unable to perform at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds due to a serious illness. For the past week the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds promoter has been working on a reschedule date but regrettably was unsuccessful at rebooking a 2010 date.

Due to the circumstances beyond anyone's control, all ticket purchasers have the option of exchanging their tickets for Loretta Lynn on Nov. 20, Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers on Dec. 10, or a full ticket reimbursement. The Fairgrounds will continue working on a possible 2011 return for Don Williams to perform in Anderson Music Hall in Hiawassee.

### Harry Potter

Tickets for the Nov. 19th debut of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows 12:01 a.m. showing are now on sale at Fieldstone Cinemas Six in Hiawassee.

It's Part I of the finale of the J.K. Rowling masterpiece.

Voldemort's power is growing stronger. He now has control over the Ministry of Magic and Hogwarts. Harry, Ron, and Hermione decide to finish Dumbledore's work and find the rest of the Horcruxes to defeat the Dark Lord. But little hope remains for the Trio, and the rest of the Wizarding World. Everything must go as planned.

### Fall Back

It's that time of year again, an extra hour of sleep.

Turn the clocks back an hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday as Daylight Savings Time kicks in Nov. 7.

Towns County Fire Chief Mitch Floyd also says its the best time to test your smoke alarms and change the batteries. The Chief says an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

## Allison romps in House race

### Barrett, Alderman return; Deal is governor; Smith wins

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It wasn't even close in House District 8.

Incumbent GOP State Rep. Stephen Allison reclaimed his State House seat in a romp over Blairsville Democrat Jack Lance on Tuesday.

Allison, also of Blairsville, said he was humbled to return and serve the people of District 8, residents in Towns, Union, Rabun and White counties.

"A big thank you to the voters in the 8<sup>th</sup>," he said. "We need a conservative Republican with our values in the State House that will continue to serve the 8th District."

Allison claimed the District with 12,658 votes, or

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District 8 State Rep. Stephen Allison celebrates Tuesday's win with Towns County GOP Chair Darrell Barrett. Allison took 66 percent of the Towns vote and 64 percent districtwide.



Gov.-Elect Nathan Deal



Councilwoman Pat Smith

## Anderson, Paris celebrated Sunday at Music Hall

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On Sunday, Nov. 7, the tri-county communities of Towns and Union counties in Georgia and Clay County in North Carolina are cordially invited to attend a celebration honoring Elois Anderson and Dick Paris.

The event is scheduled for 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Anderson Music Hall.

"It's a celebration of what Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Paris have meant to the tri-county area throughout the years," said Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds General Manager Hilda Thomason. "The public is invited to be a part of this celebration honoring the lives of these two extraordinary individuals."

Special guests will be on hand to convey what both Anderson and Paris



Elois Anderson



Dick Paris

have meant to the tri-county communities.

"Joe Satterfield, retired general manager of Blue Ridge Mountain EMC will talk on behalf of Elois

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## Towns lands Harley Davidson event

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Mark your calendars for Sept. 8-10.

That's when the Georgia State H.O.G. Rally comes to Towns County.

It's official, Towns County/Hiawassee beat out Columbus and Macon by one vote to capture the annual Harley Davidson rally.

The special event venue will be the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. Brasstown Valley Resort will be the host hotel.

On Thursday, Sept. 8, 2011, Brasstown Valley will host a welcoming party for the Harley enthusiasts. On Friday, Sept. 9, 2011, The Ridges Resort will host a party for the group and on the following night, the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds will host the group's awards banquet.

"Our Fairgrounds are the only place big enough to



Fairgrounds' GM Hilda Thomason with members of the Georgia State H.O.G. Rally Inc. group on Sunday at Anderson Music Hall.

host the banquet," said Fairgrounds General Manager Hilda Thomason. "I met with the Harley folks yesterday and we've got several more meetings planned with them and we'll soon start all of our planning for the event."

The event, which has been held in Helen, will mean millions for the local economy, an estimated \$4.35 million dropped into an economy caught between a rock and a hard place be-

cause of a dour real estate market.

One of the requirements for the event was that the Fairgrounds have beer and wine available at the event, Thomason said.

"We've got our license to do that now," she said. "The license isn't just for the Harley Davidson event, it's for all special events coming to the

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## Bradley shines in Indy

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Towns County High School's Jeannie Bradley, the state's top Extemporaneous Speaker, claimed sixth place nationally at the 83<sup>rd</sup> National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN.

On Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, Bradley, president of Towns County's FFA Chapter, competed against 52 other state winners from across the nation in the Extemporaneous Speaking Event.

"It was nerve-wracking," said Bradley, a TCHS junior. "It was well worth the stress."

The career development event is one of the most difficult contests in the entire FFA contest spectrum, and requires the student to prepare a 4-6 minute speech in 30 minutes on a topic drawn on contest-site that could include any aspect of the agriculture industry. Ultimately, the contest requires the student to have a vast



Jeannie Bradley

knowledge regarding all realms of agriculture.

The event required dedication, test of skills, quick decision making, and the ability to give an effective presentation, in a limited format.

TCHS Principal Roy Perren was ecstatic.

"I can't tell you how proud we are of Jeannie Bradley," he said.

The Herald salutes Jeannie for her accomplishments as she represented Georgia and the TCHS FFA chapter with flair, exuberance and honor.

## Community celebrates Rogers

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A year ago, Bradley Rogers was finishing up cross country competition, training for the upcoming wrestling season and couldn't wait until soccer season.

Today, the 14-year-old, who has been an athlete since age 4, is in the midst of the greatest competition in his young life. He's battling cancer and doing his best to win.

On Saturday, his friends and hometown community came out to pay tribute to him on the Downtown Square as part of the Bradley Rogers Be Strong, Run Long, a community celebration in his honor. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

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Fourteen-year-old Bradley Rogers sounds the official start of Be Strong, Run Long, a community celebration in his honor. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

## Halloween at hit on Downtown Square

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All roads led to Hiawassee on Friday night as the annual Halloween on the Square event filled children's tote bags with candy.

The Downtown Square, the site of the event that began at 5 p.m., was covered in children and their adult family members moments before the official event kickoff.

One-by-one, the youngsters passed by booths featuring individual businesses, civic organizations

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Halloween on the Square was a huge success on Friday in Downtown Hiawassee. Hundreds of children lined up for Halloween candy. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

## Osborn denied new trial



Towns County deputies Dennis Young, left and Tony Elliott, right, escort Eddie Osborn from the County Courthouse. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

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Eddie Osborn's fate is now in the hands of the Georgia Court of Appeals.

"The State of Georgia versus Eddie Osborn is no longer in the hands of Towns County Superior Court," said the circuit's Chief Trial Prosecutor Jeff Langley, who also is the circuit's district attorney-elect. "That venue has changed to the Georgia Court of Appeals."

The move comes after Thursday's hearing in Towns County Superior Court before Enotah Judicial Circuit Superior Court Judge Lynn Alderman.

Judge Alderman, the trial judge, denied Osborn's motion for a new trial before a packed Towns County Courtroom.

Motions for a new trial are handled by the original trial judge. In almost all

cases, motions for a new trial are denied. Defense counsel then appeals that decision, setting in motion the defendant's appeals to the Georgia Court of Appeals.

Osborn, the former chief deputy for Towns County was convicted July 3, 2008 of two counts of aggravated assault, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, two counts of making false statements in a matter within a political subdivision, violation of oath by a public officer, and tampering with evidence.

Judge Alderman was

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