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64 percent. Lance finished a distant second with 7,136 votes, or 36 percent.

"In no way does this diminish the hard work that we put into this campaign," Lance told supporters at his election headquarters in Blairsville. "I want to thank you all for the support that you gave me."

During early voting, a record 2,473 voters cast early ballots in Towns County. In the city of Hiawassee, 183 voters turned out to cast early ballots in the city's special called election.

Speaking of that race, the vote to fill retired Hiawassee City Councilman Howard Cunningham's unexpired term, former Towns County Clerk Pat Smith defeated VFW Commander Chris Swett 176 to 112. Smith claimed 61 percent of the city vote to 39 percent for Swett.

Smith said that she felt that her experience in state government as a budget and financial officer, constituents' services and her love and desire to help people helped prepared her to be an effective city council member.

Swett congratulated

Smith on her victory following the final count, showing respect for his opponent.

"All you can do is offer your service," Swett said. "These are my neighbors; I went around to my neighbors and offered my service. That's the best I can do."

In the Enotah Circuit Superior Court judgeship races, Senior Judge David Barrett and Judge Lynn Alderman each won in a cake walk over David Turk and Ridge Rairigh respectively.

Barrett defeated Turk 18,887 to 6,750 for Turk. Alderman reclaimed her judgeship with 19,530 votes to Rairigh's count of 4,803 votes. Barrett claimed 79 percent of the Towns County vote and Alderman took 77 percent of the Towns vote.

Allison's State House victory was part of a statewide GOP mandate.

Former U.S. Congressman Nathan Deal claimed victory over former Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes, a Democrat, and Libertarian John Monds in the race for governor.

At press time, Deal, a Hall County Republican, had almost 53 percent of the statewide

vote. He earned 71 percent of the Towns County vote as 60.16 percent of the county's 7,259 registered voters turned out to cast ballots.

Barnes conceded to Deal at 11:45 p.m. Tuesday as Gov.-Elect Deal led the gubernatorial race with almost 53 percent of the statewide vote.

Likewise, Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle, also a Hall County Republican, romped in his reelection bid over Democratic challenger Carol Porter and Libertarian Dan Barber. Cagle took 73 percent of the Towns County vote and 55 percent statewide.

Tenth District Congressman Paul Broun returned to Washington with 66 percent of the vote over Democratic challenger Russell Edwards. Broun took 76 percent of the vote in Towns County.

In other statewide races, all GOP candidates had at least 54 percent of the Georgia vote to win every statewide seat.

U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson claimed victory with more than 60 percent of the vote against Democratic challenger Michael Thurmond. Isakson claimed 78 percent of the vote in Towns County.

On Saturday, November 6, the Towns County Indians Varsity Boys Basketball team will be Celebrity Bagboys at

Ingles in Hiawassee. This is a fund raiser for the team and we need your support. Please come out and "tip" them for

their hard work or give a donation. Thank you for all you do for the youth of Towns County. T(Nov3,F)SH



More than 60 percent of local voters cast ballots in the general election. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

## Come Grow With Us campaign breakfast report



Left to right: Assistant UGA Dean, Dr. Jerry Arkin, Campaign Chair, Jason Karnes and Sandy Nicolette, Community Council Chairperson.

The steering committee of the Community Council's "Come Grow with Us" fundraising campaign met at the Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center (GMRE Center) to update the current results. Jason Karnes, campaign chair, thanked all the volunteers for their efforts during this difficult economic period. At this point the campaign is approaching the 50% mark on the way to its goal of \$60,000.

Dr. Jerry Arkin, Assistant Dean, The College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (CAES), University of Georgia spoke of the many reasons that the GMRE Center is special. He spoke in especially glowing terms of the uniqueness of the Community Council and its efforts to enhance our community with the Student Education, Adult Outreach and Preservation Project initiatives.

Dr. Arkin, although still recovering from a torn calf muscle reportedly suffered while fighting western wildfires as part of the elite smokejumpers, spoke at length about his own work at the Griffin cam-

pus and the value that these and other CAES locations around the state provide to their respective communities.

The steering committee teams with the highest percentage of appointments made and most total dollars raised were recognized by Sandy Nicolette, Community Council

Chair person.

The steering and resource committees hope to finalize their work over the next few weeks so if you are a business looking for a way to support your community or an individual who has benefited from the Council's work, you can make a donation to the campaign by visiting our secure site at [www.gmrec.uga.edu](http://www.gmrec.uga.edu).

The Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center is part of the University of Georgia and its Community Council programs, which are 100% funded by community donations, serve Fannin, Towns and Union counties in Georgia and Cherokee and Clay counties in North Carolina. For more information on the Center and the Community Council programs call the Center at (706) 745-2655. NT(Nov3,ME)SH

## Marine Corps Toys For Tots 2010

The Unicoi Detachment, Marine Corps League in association with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve is collecting toys for the Toys For Tots in Towns County.

You can drop off your new, unwrapped toy at any of the following locations: Antique Mall, Bear Meadows Grill, Brasstown Manor, Brothers Restaurant, Chop House of Hiawassee, Community Bank and Trust, Dollar General (Hiawassee), Fun

World, Hardees, Ingles Market #483, RE/MAX Hiawassee Realty, United Methodist Church, Windy Hill Convenience Store, Army/Navy Garrison 66, Black Tie & Tails, Brasstown Valley Golf Course, Charlotte Ledford Realty, Cinema's 6, Daniel's Steakhouse, Dollar General (Young Harris), Georgia Vision Center, Hog Heaven, Mountain Realty, Smoke Rings BBQ, VFW 7807 (Hiawassee), Yacht Club-The Boat House. T(Nov3,F2)SH

## Towns FFA Alumni meeting

Agriculture is a major part of everyone's life, providing us food, jobs, and reminding us of our American Heritage. We recognize the importance of agriculture and

our farmers, and are working hard to develop and educate those that will feed us and nurture our environment in the future. The Towns County FFA Alumni is asking you to join our efforts to educate and develop our youth in the agriculture industry. Whether you are a former member, the parent of an FFA student, or just simply want to support the future farmers of our community we invite you to join the Towns County FFA Alumni. We invite you to our next meeting on December 9th, 2010 at Towns County High School in the agriculture room 219. Please come support our students and the future of agriculture. If you would like more information, please contact Darren Osborn at 706-994-4878 or Frank Riley at 706-897-1676.

What: Towns County FFA Alumni Meeting and Membership Drive. When: December 9, 2010 at 7 PM. Where: Towns County High School (Agriculture Room). T(Nov3,G2)SH

## TC Historical Society meeting

Towns County Historical Society meets at 5 p.m. the second Monday of each month at the Senior Center in Hiawassee. Annual dues \$15, PO Box 1132, Hiawassee, GA 30546, 706-896-1060 [www.townshistorv.org](http://www.townshistorv.org). NT(Nov3,Z)ICA