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## Local Weather and Lake Levels

Thur: Clouds	55 25
Fri: Sunny	53 25
Sat: Sunny	60 31
Sun: Clouds	63 39
Mon: Clouds	66 44
Tue: Showers	64 44
Wed: Showers	62 42



Upstream Elevation Predicted 11/09/11	
Lake Chatuge	1918.34
Lake Nottely	1762.57
Blue Ridge	1668.98

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## Basketball Scrimmage

The Towns County Indians and Lady Indians return to the hardwood on Saturday at 6 p.m. at Bill P. Kendall Gymnasium. Both teams will face Highlands. The Lady Indians are the defending Region 8 Champions. They are led by Gabby Arencibia, Ali Bleckley and Lindsay Patton.

The Boys' squad returns big man Brandon Henderson, and features youngsters Grant Arencibia, Cruz Shook and Dallas Manus.

Jim Melton returns to coach the Lady Indians and Ken Hamilton returns to coach the Indians.

Come out and get a sneak preview of the basketball team on Saturday.

## Homecoming Parade

The public is invited to join the festivities on Saturday. The parade starts at 10 a.m. and will include a variety of student-created floats as well as local civic leaders and businesses. The parade will begin on Maple Street and ultimately end at the Recreation and Fitness Center. The Lady Mountain Lions play at 2 p.m. and the Mountain Lions play at 4 p.m.

## Veterans Day

A celebration of the 236th Marine Corps Birthday is scheduled for Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Daniels Steakhouse. The cost is \$13 per person and includes meal and drinks.

On Friday, Garrett-Owenby Post 7807 welcomes you to Veterans Day services at Towns County Veterans Park on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. The park is located in front of Towns County Schools. Please come join us in honoring our past and present service members.

## Indians capture season finale

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Dacula - If only the season had started on Friday night. If Towns County Indians' Head Football Coach Kyle Langford had his druthers, the 29-27 win over Hebron Christian Academy would be the start of the 2011 football season.

Unfortunately, it was the season finale, but the victory has left Coach Langford with a sweet taste in his mouth. You see, the 'W's' always taste better than the 'L's.'

"It was just a real nice win for us; we wish we could've taken care of the ball better and put the game away when we had the opportunities," Coach Langford said. "To the credit of our defense, Hebron came upon our territory; we make four plays and that was the ballgame.

"We're just glad that



The Indians made a late fourth quarter defensive stand count as they closed the 2011 season on a high note with a 29-27 win over Hebron Christian Academy in Dacula. Photo/James Reese

our seniors go out winners," he said. "This is the first time that seniors have gone out with a win. It's really cool. They can say that - it'll be cool for them and we hope that we'll repeat it again next year. That's what

we're shooting for." Seniors Zach Stroud, Noah Calhoun and Cody Smedley finished their final season as the winningest senior football class in

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## Young Harris Council Seat, District 50 undecided

Mulkey return unlikely; Austin, Wilkinson in runoff

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The City of Young Harris' Post 3 Council Seat could be in new hands come Wednesday morning; homestead exemptions are popular; and there will be a runoff in Senate District 50.

Stuart Miller, director of Residence Life at Young Harris College and a political newcomer, is poised for victory and a seat on the Young Harris City Council. Miller had exactly 50 percent of the vote Tuesday night, garnering 63 votes to Deborah Edwards' 33 and Incumbent Jennifer Mulkey's 30.

However, five provisional ballots will decide whether Miller gets 50 percent plus one vote, or is headed for a Dec. 6 runoff with Edwards, the city's

planning commission chair. Also, there's an outside shot that Mulkey could end up in a runoff with Miller.

Confused? According to Towns County Elections Superintendent Jonni Marie Shook, those five votes could go either way. However, if Miller takes three of the five ballots, he's a winner.

In the District 50 State Senate race to fill the unexpired term of Jim Butterworth, Rick Austin collected 43.3 percent or 6,766 votes to John Wilkinson's 39.2 percent or 6,129 votes. Mary Beth Focer finished third with 9.1 percent or 1,417 votes. David Strickland and Curtis Burger pulled up the rear respectively with just over 8

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## Grease is the word at TCHS

TCHS musical a hit; encore performance Thursday at 7 p.m.

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The \$5 you spend on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Towns County Schools Auditorium could be the most memorable cash you've spent in some time.

The guys and dolls from Towns County High School put on a command performance last week of the Warren Casey and Jim Jacobs' musical *Grease*.

They'll suit up and do it again on Thursday in what could only be called an encore of an incredible musical and theatrical experience.

Everyone remembers *Grease*, the musical that proved Olivia Newton-John



Mark your calendars for Thursday at 7 p.m. for an encore performance of the TCHS musical *Grease*. Photo/James Reese

could act and that John Travolta was more than just one of Kotter's Sweat Hogs named Vinnie Barbarino.

With its unforgettable music and beloved characters, the well-known story of

the Pink Ladies and the T-Birds came to life last week, this time, starring Towns County's most talented teenagers.

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## Seniors break ground on new Center

Community comes together to celebrate new Senior Center

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The best way to describe last week's groundbreaking for a new Towns County Senior Center: 'it's been a long time coming.'

Cora Berrong knows just exactly how long it's been since Towns County last had a Senior Center to adequately meet the needs of Towns County's senior population.

She's 98 years old and sharp as a tack. She was 64 when she first started visiting the Senior Center. That was in 1977. Though she now lives in Dahlonega with her son Jimmy, she still

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Cora Berrong is 98 and she's excited about the new Towns County Senior Center. She's been going to the Senior Center since 1977. She was the guest of honor last week. Photo/Marty Roberts

## Lady Indians finish 18th at state

Cross Country team makes eighth trip to state in nine years

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Carrollton - Towns County Cross Country Head Coach Jeanne Ledford was a realist on Saturday.

She knew her Lady Indians were under the weather, and were without their No. 2 runner Caitlin Sheffield due to a leg injury. All Coach Ledford could ask of her squad was a competitive effort.

She got that.

The Lady Indians finished 18<sup>th</sup> in a field of 30 teams featuring 200 runners vying for the Class A Cross Country championship on Saturday in Carrollton. The Lady Indians finished third among public schools behind Bremen and Pelham in the



Ansley Vardeman breaks from the pack as Towns County High Principal Roy Perren cheers her on Saturday. Photo/James Reese

private school-dominated Class A race.

Lead runner Ansley Vardeman paced the Lady Indians, finishing a minute off her time during last

season's state championships. She finished the course 61<sup>st</sup> among the 200 runners. However, it was

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## Empty Stocking Fund, Shop with a Cop need help for the holidays

Sheriff Clinton, Chief Wright kick off fund raising campaigns

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The Towns County Sheriff Chris Clinton and Hiwassee Police Chief Jimmy Wright are on the fund-raising trail again.

Sheriff Clinton once again is hoping to make Christmas brighter for children ages new born to 12 years old; Chief Wright is hoping for the same miracle for under privileged teens ages 12-16.

Yes, it's time to raise dollars for the Empty Stocking Fund and Shop-With-A-Cop.

The Sheriff's Empty Stocking Christmas Parade is scheduled for Dec. 3 in Downtown Hiwassee. Part of the benefit of the parade is what each entrant brings to the event. Parade participants are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Annual Empty Stocking Fund toy drive.



Sheriff Chris Clinton



Chief Jimmy Wright

An entry form is included in this edition of the Towns County Herald. For those with questions, feel

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## Williams, Zoller featured speakers at GOP meeting

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Towns County Schools Superintendent Melissa Williams and 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District candidate Martha Zoller are the featured speakers for the monthly Towns County Republican Party meeting at Daniels Steakhouse.

The meeting takes place at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> in Hiwassee. Williams, who was named superintendent of Towns County Schools in June, will address two issues concerning education in the Towns County Schools System.

First, she will present her five-year vision for the School System. Second, the recently concluded session of the Georgia General Assembly has mandated changes in the educational curriculum for public schools. Williams will address the impact these changes will have on the local school system.

Williams has worn a lot of hats in her career; she's handled varied responsibilities



Melissa Williams



Martha Zoller

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