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Local Weather and Lake Levels

Thur: Sunny	70	34
Fri: Sunny	68	33
Sat: Sunny	62	39
Sun: Rain	61	35
Mon: Rain	64	39
Tue: Rain	61	38
Wed: Rain	58	34



Upstream Elevation Predicted 11/10/10	
Lake Chatuge	1919.31
Lake Nottely	1764.35
Blue Ridge	1624.47

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Budget Hearing

Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall has proposed a \$9.38 million budget for Fiscal 2011.

A hearing is scheduled for Nov. 18 at 5:30 p.m. to adopt the 2011 Towns County budget. The current Fiscal Budget is \$9.42 million.

The Towns County commissioner plans a conservative budget with projected revenues down \$344,061 due to an increase in the local homestead exemption and decrease in the millage rate.

The proposed budget restores \$23,000 the Library lost due to cuts by the Board of Education and up to \$5,000 in matching funds that the Friends of the Library may raise for books cut by the state government.

It also restores \$25,000 that the state government will cut in the next state budget.

Commissioner Kendall said that he felt the budget was a good one considering we're in the worst recession since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

"This is a reaffirmation that I will not raise your taxes at a time when electrical rates and food prices continue to rise," he said. "Wages are stale or non-existent in many cases due to the high unemployment rate."



Wizard of Oz

The Towns County Drama Club in association with the Towns County Chorus will present their production of the *Wizard of Oz*.

The production is scheduled for Thursday and Friday in the School Auditorium at 7 p.m. on both nights.

Student admission is \$2, while adult admission is \$5. Towns County High School Principal Roy Perren said.

Perren encouraged the community to come out and support the show and show appreciation for the dramatic arts in Towns County schools.

"This is like the Super Bowl to these kids," he said.

Frizzell school system's TOTY

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Alecia Frizzell is no stranger to accolades.

Last spring, she was named Towns County High School's Teacher of the Year. She also was named TCHS' STAR Teacher.

On Monday night, the Towns County Board of Education celebrated Frizzell one more time, naming her the system-wide Teacher of the Year.

"We're really, really proud of Mrs. Frizzell," said TCHS Principal Roy Perren. "She's an excellent teacher, she really is. She works hard with the kids, no matter what level they are. The kids are her passion; she really, really cares about the kids."

"She works so hard with those who struggle," he said. "We're very fortunate to have her at Towns County High School."



Towns systemwide Teacher of the Year Alecia Frizzell and Towns Schools Superintendent Dr. Richard Behrens. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Dr. Richard Behrens echoed Perren's sentiments. "She's done a wonderful job as long as I've known her," Dr. Behrens, the school system's superintendent said. "She's good with all the kids. When kids are having trouble, she'll do whatever she can to help them."

"She's given up her own personal planning time to work with kids for a whole semester," he said.

"She goes the extra mile in teaching; all of our teachers do. She's special."

Frizzell now represents Towns County in the statewide Teacher of the Year competition.

"I'm excited," she said with a smile.

A science teacher by

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Veterans to be honored on Thursday at Veterans Park

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The 2010 Veterans Day ceremony welcomes a new veteran to Towns County.

This veteran served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. The most recent service by this dedicated military servant was in Croatia, as part of the NATO alliance trying to bring stability to that region of the world.

The veteran goes by the name of Howitzer, and is the most recent addition to Towns County Veterans Park.

The M115, 8-inch, 203MM artillery weapon comes from St. Louis, MO, leased from the U.S. Army.

It will be on display during the annual Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans



Historic Howitzer

Park on Thursday at 11 a.m., or better known as the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

The Towns County High School band will perform during the Veterans Day event.

It wasn't a simple task bringing the Howitzer to Towns County. Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall had to talk with Dr. Richard Behrens, superintendent of Towns County Schools to arrange a lease agreement between the schools and

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Anderson, Paris humbled by community honors

Anderson humbled

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Elois Anderson was almost speechless when she entered Anderson Music Hall on Sunday afternoon.

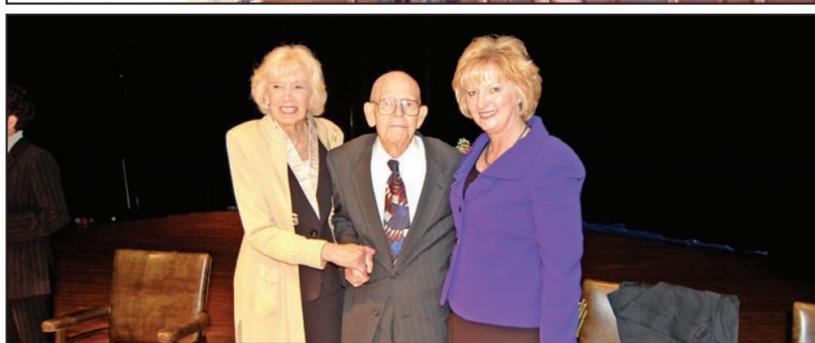
The stage where so many renowned musical acts have performed over the years was covered in flowers and pumpkins.

Two tables in front of the stage were covered in cupcakes, punch and other goodies. On each side of the stage, sat a big screen television; a DVD tribute to the impact Elois and hometown philanthropist Dick Paris have had on the Towns County community was playing on each set.

In the center of the Hall, a crowd of friends and family sat anxiously.

A party was about to take place and Elois and Mr.

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Above, Dick Paris is greeted Sunday by the youngest members of the Paris family. Below, Paris shares a moment with his longtime friends Elois Anderson and Hilda Thomason. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Paris gracious

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Dick Paris was born in Paulding County, but make no mistake about it, Towns County is his home.

Mr. Paris was honored Sunday along with Elois Anderson for their enumerable hours of time, talent and energy invested toward the betterment of the Hiawassee and Towns County community.

Born Aug. 7, 1914, the youngest of six children, Mr. Paris grew up on a farm which produced vegetables and produce for truck farming. He attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, and later the University of Georgia in Athens. He graduated from the latter in 1941 with a degree in agriculture economics.

When it came time to

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Basketball season begins Saturday

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The Winter Sports season for Towns County Schools is about to kick into high gear.

The season kicks off with the boys and girls middle school teams heading to Blue Ridge to take on the Rebels. Game time: 4 p.m. on Thursday in Blue Ridge.

The Indians' middle school wrestlers open with a tournament here on Saturday morning. Later in the afternoon, the Indians and Lady Indians kickoff the 2010-2011 basketball season with a scrimmage game against the Andrews Wildcats.

The Lady Indians tipoff with the Lady Wildcats at 6 p.m., followed by the Indi-



Varsity Indians Basketball players raised \$2,600 by bagging groceries on Saturday at Ingles of Hiawassee. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

ans and Wildcats.

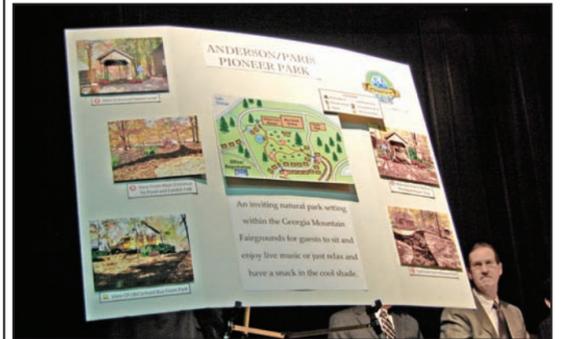
Basketball insiders say the Indians, with new head coach Ken Hamilton, could be the surprise team in Region 8-A this season. Veterans D.J. Rogers, Bradley Swanson, Brett Bradshaw, Devin Henderson, Corbin

Gilfilian and Brandon Henderson return for the Indians.

The Lady Indians, coached by Head Coach Jim Melton, figure to be a force again in Region 8-A.

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Anderson-Paris Park at Fairgrounds by July 2011



Plans for Anderson-Paris Pioneer Park at the Fairgrounds on display on Sunday at Anderson-Paris Day. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

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The committee that organized the Anderson-Paris Day at Anderson Music Hall on Sunday has gotten together to pay a lasting tribute to two community icons.

Anderson-Paris Pioneer Park will be a reality in time for the Georgia Mountain Fair in July 2011.

The park is dedicated in honor of Elois Anderson and Dick Paris.

The park is described as an inviting natural park setting within the Fairgrounds for guests to sit and enjoy live music or just relax and have a snack in the cool shade.

"We want to thank the contributors for this," said Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds GM Hilda Thomason. "It will be located on the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds."

It was already a park to begin with; it just needed a little

icing on it, Thomason said.

The idea is to make the newest pioneer project at the Fairgrounds a focal point of the entire facility. It continues with the Fairgrounds' theme of becoming a focal for tourists.

It'll be built within the Pioneer Village, located behind the general store. It's located between the lower level and the Antique Farm Exhibit.

"It's a really beautiful piece of property that has not been used," she said. "We can't wait to break ground on it. It'll be exciting for folks to come by and have lunch in that park."

The community's help is encouraged to help make Anderson-Paris Pioneer Park a reality.

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Stewarts repeat as costume champs

Among many original costumes, the Stewart Brothers enjoyed wearing their homemade costumes to this year's Halloween on the Square event.

Nine-year-old Wesley Stewart came as a "bedbug," winning the contest for his age group for the fifth year in a row.

His five-year-old brother, Ethan Stewart, came up with the idea of being a "fireplace" this year, winning the contest for his age group for the second year in a row.

The Stewart brothers



issue a special thanks to all those who made the celebration so much fun. The brothers

look forward to coming up with additional original costume ideas for next year.