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## Local Weather and Lake Levels

Thu: Clouds	49 35
Fri: Rain	46 25
Sat: Sunny	38 21
Sun: Clouds	46 31
Mon: Clouds	54 39
Tues: Rain	58 45
Wed: Rain	59 36



Upstream Elevation Predicted 01/23/13	
Lake Chatuge	1922.88
Lake Nottely	1768.78
Blue Ridge	1679.76

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### Food Pantry receives grant from Catholic Relief Services

A \$1,000 mini-grant was awarded to the Towns County Food Pantry. The grant funds will enable the pantry's coordinators to purchase over 5500 pounds of food. See page 6

### Licklog Players Audition

Licklog players will hold auditions for "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" at the Creekside Plaza Mall Theater across from the ABC store in Hayesville on Sat., January 26 at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Monday, January 28 at 7 p.m. Male, female, all ages welcome. Call 828-389-8632 for further information. See page 5

### City Hall Has Moved!

Hiwassee City Hall has moved to their new location at 50 River Street on the square in downtown Hiwassee.

### Fundraiser for Boys Middle School Basketball

Tuesday, January 29 5-8pm @ Zaxby's

10% of Proceeds go directly to the Booster Club See page 9

### Towns County Basketball

Tues., Jan. 22 • 6pm vs. Prince Avenue  
Fri., Jan. 25 • 7pm @ Providence

### Towns County Wrestling

January 25 & 26  
Burnt Mtn. Classic @ Jasper

## Gentle Giant's last time at The Hall

By Libby Shook  
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Legendary Country music singer Don Williams will be performing at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds' Anderson Music Hall on Saturday, Jan. 26th.

This will be his last performance at The Hall as the decision has been made to take him off the traveling music circuit according to Fairgrounds' General Manager Hilda Thomason.

The show kicks off at 7 p.m. and tickets are still available.

Williams was dubbed "the Gentle Giant" during the decades when he was a dominating, bigger than life, Country hit maker.

Williams combined a unique blend of commanding presence and laid-back, easy style that has appealed to men and women alike throughout the decades.

Those personal and musical qualities that stood out



Don Williams will be at The Hall on Saturday at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$36 plus \$2 handling.

so strongly throughout the past four decades are even more distinctive with his latest sounds and he still has the ability to wow an audience with his country/pop sound that only Williams can deliver.

In 2010, Williams received Country Music's highest honor, with his induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Williams latest hit, *And So It Goes*, available from Sugar Hill Records on June See *Gentle Giant*, page 11

## Ninth District Opportunity closes out 2012

By Joe Collins  
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The Towns and Union County Emergency Food and Shelter Board met Wednesday at the Towns County Community Resource Center to approve the 2012 allocation from the National Board for household assistance in Towns and Union counties.

The purpose of the board is to insure that the allocations to the county by the National Board are spent on their intended purposes.

Present at the meeting were moderator and Towns County Community Resource Coordinator Teresa Stephens, Union County Community Resource Coordinator Ann Sullivan, United Way Director of Clay and Cherokee N.C. counties Karen Borchers, Towns County American Red Cross Chairperson Sally Varao, Towns and Union County Department of Family and Children Services Representative Darlene Haynes and Howard Wells of the First Baptist Church, Union County.

The purpose of the meeting was to approve funding for 2012.

"Although we are now in 2013, we still need to agree on



Ninth District Opportunity board members gather to discuss distribution of remainin 2012 federal funds. Photo/Joe Collins

the allocation of the remaining monies for 2012. We depend on the National Board for our funding so we must abide by state and federal requirements. We have seen a significant cut back at the state and federal levels because of the cuts in their budgets so we have to make every dime count," Stephens said, as the meeting got underway.

The budget for Towns County is a total of \$3,872 for housing and energy assistance.

There will be five households that will benefit from the housing budget and eight households for the energy assistance in Towns County.

The Union County budget is a little higher for a total of \$5,059 in housing and energy assistance.

There will be 10 households benefiting from the housing monies and five households receiving energy assistance in Union County.

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## Mountain Protection Act challenged

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John Colberg, Water Quality Program Coordinator with the Georgia Forestry Commission, was one of the key proponents of the conflict between Scofield Timber Company and the Bald Mountain Park Homeowner's Association back in November.

Colberg has challenged Towns County's Mountain Protection Act where it pertains to forestry.

He has sent a letter to Towns County's attorney, Rob Kiker and the Towns County Herald to that effect.

Property owner Sheila Donahoo contracted with Scofield Timber to harvest timber from her 270-acre tract of mountain property.

Residents were concerned with the logging trucks weighing in at 60,000 pounds traveling on their single lane



County Attorney Rob Kiker says the Mountain Protection Act is what it is, nothing more, nothing less. Photo/Libby Shook

road several times a day.

Safety issues were addressed as a school bus travels this road daily as well as the concern that the only road going in and out of the property may be damaged with this type of activity.

Residents expressed con-

cerns regarding soil erosion, destruction of the aesthetic appearance of the mountains, as well as animals that would be driven from the project area.

Kiker, speaking on behalf of Towns County, told Scofield

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## Rep. Collins visits Habitat fundraiser

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The Gold Academy and the Art of Gold Gallery hosted a fundraiser for Towns/Union Habitat for Humanity Inc. Saturday at their studio in Young Harris.

The event was very successful and entertained more than 75 sponsors from the surrounding area with good food and local musicians.

Habitat President A.J. Borowski would like to thank all the folks who donated their time and gifts for such a worthy cause.

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U.S. Rep. Doug Collins chats with Sam Fullerton and Steven Phillips during last week's Habitat for Humanity fundraiser. Photo/Joe Collins

## Kendall signs off on County's Emergency Operations Plan

By Joe Collins  
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Towns County Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall has signed a resolution adopting the Towns County Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Operations Plan.

"We are required to review and update this plan every four years in order to stay current in our Georgia Emergency Management Association eligibility status," Commissioner Kendall said. "This allows us to qualify for G.E.M.A. grants and disaster re-imbursements from the State of Georgia."

"The committee worked really hard on this and I want to thank them for their efforts," he said.

Speaking of Emergency planning, at the time the meeting was taking place, Towns County had it's eyes and ears focused on a storm system that had brought a deluge of rain to the community.

Commissioner Kendall provided all who attended a weather update and informing them that, "the flood warning for the Hiwassee River had been removed, but that ice and snow was expected during the night."

The weatherman missed on both accounts.

He then called on Deputy County Clerk Andrea Anderson to read the resolution.

Anderson began her reading by thanking the committee who worked on the plan and got it ready for the county.

"I want to thank 911 Mapping Director Marty Roberts, Towns County Fire Chief Mitch Floyd, Assistant Fire Chief Harold Copeland, Fire Department associate Ken Bryant, firefighter Buddy Sumner, Paramedic Supervisor Curtis Walls and E.M.A. and E.M.S.



Commissioner Bill Kendall

Director Ricky Mathis for serving on this committee," she said. "People can see the actual plan on the G.E.M.A. Web site if they are interested reading it."

She then read the resolution and tuned the meeting back over to Commissioner Kendall for his signature.

Commissioner Kendall then signed the resolution and asked those attending the meeting if they had any questions.

One person asked if there is a plan in place for the protection of the schools in case of a shooting here in Towns County?

Commissioner Kendall directed the question to Mathis who said the school has its own plan and it is similar to the one in place for the protection of the Towns County Courthouse.

"If something were to happen, then G.E.M.A. would send in officers to address the situation," Mathis said. "The school has a plan on file and so do we. It is a separate plan that is different than the county emergency plan."

Commissioner Kendall expressed his concern for the individuals of Towns County as to whether or not they had received a call from the county related to the Global Connect Emergency Notification System.

"Did everyone get a call concerning the flood warning?"

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## Scarlett Fuller visits with Towns Lions Club

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Tuesday evening, Jan. 8th, was an exciting night for the Towns County Lion's Club as they met for their regular meeting at the Anderson Music Hall.

It's always exciting to welcome and induct a new service-oriented member and members watched proudly as Ellen Mitchell stood and took her oath and became a full-fledged member of the Lions Club.

She was sponsored by Allan and Deborah Saylor.

Myers Banister did the honors of swearing her in.

After a delicious meal prepared by Daniel's Steakhouse, First Vice President Janice Smith introduced the evening's guest speaker, Scarlett Fuller.

Fuller is the Lake Chatuge Coordinator for the Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition.

Fuller began working as the Lake Chatuge Watershed Coordinator in June 2012.

She holds a bachelor's degree in Biology from Armstrong Atlantic State University and a master's degree in Environmental Health from the University of Georgia.

Fuller came equipped with a PowerPoint of the Lake Chatuge Watershed area and presented facts regarding the history of the Coalition and the mission to which they are committed.

Fuller talked about her role as Lake Chatuge coordinator and the programs she is involved in including lake programs, water quality monitoring, restoration projects, and environmental education programs through the schools.

"My focus is right here in the Lake Chatuge area," said Fuller.

She also informed the eager listeners about some of the projects she has been actively involved in since becoming the Lake Chatuge coordinator.

She discussed the Rivers Alive Project in which the com-



Scarlett Fuller talks Lake Chatuge with the Lions Club. Photo/Libby Shook

munity came together to clean up areas around Lake Chatuge.

She also educated the folks on the Georgia Adopt-A-Stream program as she handed out business cards and brochures and invited them to become active in this very worthwhile program.

"Communities and ecosystems alike thrive on the health of our rivers, streams and lakes," said Fuller.

"We rely on these resources for drinking water as well as recreation," she said.

"Our economies depend on healthy rivers and lakes to draw tourism, increase property values, and provide natural settings for high quality living," she said.

"I feel really good knowing that my efforts are helping to protect Lake Chatuge for those who come after," said Fuller.

At the end of her informative presentation, Fuller received a hearty Lion-fashion round of applause and many folks stepped forward afterward to talk with her about what they can do to help keep the streams and water systems on their property healthy.

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