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Local Weather and Lake Levels

Thu: Rain	53 33
Fri: Clouds	64 36
Sat: Clouds	66 41
Sun: Clouds	58 33
Mon: Sunny	63 35
Tue: Rain	63 35
Wed: Sunny	62 34



Upstream Elevation Predicted 03/05/14	
Lake Chatuge	1,918.29
Lake Nottely	1,762.42
Blue Ridge	1,673.76

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Faithe Robinson signs to play soccer with Liberty University

By Todd Forrest
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Towns County Lady Indians' soccer standout Faithe Robinson is on her way to Lynchburg, VA in the fall after signing with Liberty University on Feb. 20.

Robinson has started all four years at Towns County High School where she scored 61 goals in three seasons, and entering her senior season, she has led the team in scoring for two of her three years.

"You can say a lot of things about Faithe, but one thing you can not say about her is, 'she does not work hard,'" Lady Indians' Head Coach Peter Byrne said. "She is the hardest worker that we have on our team, and she is a much different player than she was three years ago. She is a much better player this year than she was last year because she has worked each and every year to get better, and you have got to commend her for that."

Robinson said that she narrowed her decision to three schools with nearby Young Harris making it into her final two.

"Young Harris was definitely in the running and



Faithe Robinson, center, will take her soccer game to the next level as a Liberty University Flame. She signed Feb. 20 with her coach, teammates and Athletic Director Jonathan Gibson attending the ceremony at Towns County High School. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

that was probably my most prominent option, but other than that I visited Charleston Southern University and other schools in the southeast, but those were the three that stood out," Robinson said.

She plans to major in Sports Ministry, and that was eventually one of the deciding factors in her decision to choose Liberty.

"The Christian atmosphere at Liberty is what swayed me," she said. "I

really like all of the involvement that I'm going to have with my specific major, and being able to play soccer there just tops it all off."

As for adjusting to the college game, Robinson admits that she has a lot of room to improve. When she gets to the Big South Conference, she will no longer be the strongest and fastest player on the field, but she is prepared to up her game.

"I think there will be a

huge difference in the level of physicality, especially in the women's game, because in high school, no one is quite as big and strong and physical, and that's going to be the biggest challenge," she said.

With her senior season at Towns County in front of her, she has a good feeling and has found new ways to improve her game. And when it came to offering her former teammates or any young player for advice on

the recruiting process, she said you must ask yourself one simple question.

"I feel confident about my senior year because I played on a great club team this fall and it was a tremendous privilege to do that," she said. "I see aspects of my game improving that have been in a bit of a stand still for the past three years. Everyone has always told me to make

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YHC campus food drive a success

By Mason Mitcham
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The recent food drive at Young Harris College was a rousing success.

A YHC honors society, Sigma Delta Chi, or Dorcas for short, was able to make a sizeable donation to the Towns County Food Pantry.

This was due in part to work by Dorcas, but also to the efforts of a local fraternity, Epsilon Delta Sigma, and, of course, the communities of Blairsville and Hiwassee.

Dorcas is a service-based honor society at YHC devoted to community service on campus as well as in the Blairsville and Hiwassee communities.

Dorcas president Georgia Googer, a sophomore, said that Dorcas often initiates service projects, but doesn't always achieve this level of participation.

"We were all very surprised and excited about the campus involvement," she



Sigma Delta Chi's Georgia Googer. Photo/Mason Mitcham

said.

The success of this canned food drive is largely because of the initiative of Epsilon Delta Sigma fraternity, who stood outside Ingles to collect nearly 500 cans of food.

"It was very easy," fraternity president Tyler Benson said.

"The first two hours we had 200 cans of food. People were very generous and wanted to donate as soon as they could."

Benson said that Epsilon Delta Sigma doesn't often participate in on-campus projects or

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Kendall explains foam on Lake Chatuge

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Towns County Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall has fielded numerous complaints recently about foam on Lake Chatuge.

The commissioner says there's nothing to be concerned about.

"Lakeshore property owners sometimes become concerned about lake foaming," Kendall said.

"However, most foam observed in lakes and streams is a product of nature; and is not necessarily an indicator of pollution," he said.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, foam found in rivers and lakes was partially caused by synthetic laundry detergents that were highly resistant to chemical breakdown, and slowly broken down by bacteria.



Commissioner Bill Kendall

By law, the sudsing agent of all detergents now on the market must be biodegradable. This means that they quickly lose their ability to cause foaming and are unable

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Qualifying continues through Friday

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Qualifying for local, state and federal races got underway on Monday.

Up for reelection in 2014 in local races are Post 1 Board of Education member and Chairman Mike Anderson, Post 2 Board of Education member Emily Phillips, and Post 5 Board member Jerry Taylor. The BOE races are nonpartisan.

House District 8 State Rep. Stephen Allison, a Blairsville Republican, is seeking his fourth term as the representative of Union, Towns, Rabun and White counties.

District 50 State Sen. John Wilkinson, a Toccoa Republican, is seeking reelection for his second full term as senator of State Senate District 51.



State Sen. John Wilkinson

Sen. Wilkinson, who represents Towns County in the State Senate, qualified for reelection on Monday.

Enotah Circuit District Attorney Jeff Langley, a Union County Republican, is seeking his second term as circuit district attorney. Langley represents Union, Towns, Lumpkin



Jeff Langley

and White counties.

U.S. Doug Collins, a Gainesville Republican, is seeking his second term as 9th District Congressman. Collins qualified for reelection on Monday.

"I'm excited to seek two

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Lady Indians can't get past Randolph Clay in playoffs

By Jerry Kendall
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Cuthbert - The Randolph Clay Lady Red Devils proved too much for the Towns County Lady Indians in the Class A state playoffs.

The Lady Red Devils outlasted the Lady Indians from start to finish and completed a 62-48 state playoff win to advance to the Class A Final Four, and later, to the title game.

Randolph Clay took a 45-30 win over Claxton in a game on Saturday with similarities to their game against the Lady Indians as they built a 15-4 lead after one quarter and won going away after Claxton closed to within six points in the third quarter.

The Lady Indians were led in scoring by senior Eryn Cochran with 20 points, Karlie Albach with 9, Kellsie Cowart with 8, and McKenzi Moss with 5.

Cochran also led in assists with 5 according to your reporter's tally.

The Lady Red Devils lost several top players from last year's team but three members of their team combined for 60 of their 62 points against the Lady Indians.

Those leaders were Amanda Buie with 30 points, Kobi Thornton with 22, and Shanice Jackson with 8.

Not much went right for the Lady Indians during the first 10 minutes of the game as the Lady Red Devils' used their size and quickness in opening the game on a 12-2 run and leading

17-6 after one quarter of play.

A field goal and two free throws by Cochran kept the two teams on nearly even terms in the final 4:21 of the quarter.

The Lady Red Devils opened the second quarter with two free throws and a 3-point play in less than a minute of playing time for a 22-6 lead, but that would be the end of their dominance of the game.

The Lady Indians outscored the Lady Devils 13-12 the remainder of the second quarter. The big boost came when they reduced a 34-14 lead to just 34-19 at intermission on a 3-point play by Savannah Dyer and a Cochran steal and field goal in the final 48 seconds of the quarter. Cochran contributed seven of the Lady Indians' second quarter points.

Randolph Clay opened the third quarter as they had the second on a 5-0 run, on a 3-point play and a field goal, for their second and final lead of 20 points at 39-19.

The Lady Indians stung the Lady Devils with an 11-0 run between the 5:18 and 3:25 marks for just a single digits deficit of 39-30.

The Lady Indians accomplished the run on a trey by Cochran, two treys by Albach, and a coast-to-coast run for a pull up jumper by Cochran.

Cowart followed by twice

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Windstream agrees to pay \$600,000

Towns County Herald
News Special

ATLANTA - The top watchdog in the Governor's Office of Consumer Protection says his agency has entered into a \$600,000 settlement with Internet service provider Windstream Communications Inc.

John Sours, administrator of the Governor's Office of Consumer Protection said the settlement is over allegations of false advertising.

Windstream provides Internet service to residential consumers and businesses, many of who are located in rural parts of Georgia, where they have very limited options for Internet service. Sours' agency alleges that Windstream advertised that it would provide certain Internet speeds to its custom-



ers that it could not provide and/or guarantee, particularly for Georgia consumers whose network equipment is supported by copper-fed wires.

It also alleges that when customers called Windstream to complain about their slow Internet speeds, Windstream representatives allegedly misrepresented the time frame

within which the customers' Internet speed issues would be resolved, or, in the case of customers whose equipment is supported by copper-fed wires, failed to tell customers that it was unable to resolve the issue.

Also, some of Windstream's "Lifetime Price Guarantee bundle" advertisements falsely implied that the advertised offer included high-speed Internet packages with speeds of "up to 12 Mbps."

Windstream also allegedly advertised a free 6-month "Hulu Plus" subscription but did not clearly disclose that consumers who failed to cancel the subscription at or before the 6-month period would be charged membership fees ev-

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Historical Society meeting rescheduled

Monday, March 10th

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Red Cross Month Give Blood!

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Tourism Board Meeting March 13th

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Time changes Sunday Mar. 9th



BASEBALL:
Tues. Mar 4 @ Pinecrest 4:30 PM
Thurs. Mar 6 vs. Prince Ave. 5 PM
Sat. Mar 8 W Tallulah Falls (DH) 10 AM

SOCCER:
Fri. Mar 7 vs. Highlands 6 PM

