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It's spring, usually a time for spring football practice, but the Indians have stepped away from that process in favor of an extra fall scrimmage game, now allowed by the Georgia High School Association, Gibson said.

"It's late in the year and that is a positive (no spring football)," Gibson said. "It's a little late to be looking for a head football coach, but we're going to weather the storm."

"The kids have an open facility, so they're coming and going, working out and they're going to continue doing that on their own," Gibson said.

Superintendent Williams said the BOE accepted the resignation of Coach Harrison and his wife Krissy Harrison on Monday night.

"Blair told me he wanted to stay, but this opportunity wouldn't wait on him," Williams said. "He had to do what made him and his family happy."

"I think he did a wonderful job with the football program," she said. "I'm not an expert, but I know the kids were catching on to his system."

"Things started out rough in the early going, but the kids caught on and were headed in the right direction," Williams said. "We're looking forward to finding the right fit for that job."

The Indians began the Blair Harrison era on a slow note.

The team had to start from scratch and learn a new offense, the Wing-T.

The first five games of the Harrison era were a wash, as the

Indians lost all five games.

The team celebrated a successful second half to their season and closed the year with a solid 34-19 season-ending victory over Hebron Christian.

The Indians finished the season 4-6, with two unofficial Region wins as they played a non-region football schedule.

Essentially, a new head coach means a new scheme. The Indians will have to learn on the fly as they begin play in Region 8-A for the first time in almost a decade.

Anyone taking the job must be ready to get to work. August is closer than you think and fall practice is just a summer away.

Here's hoping the Indians find the right coaching fit for years to come.

EggFest...from Page 1

Cooks sign in and setup.

At 9 a.m., tasters sign in and then let the EggFest begin.

The Georgia Mountain EggFest begins with the traditional "Lighting of the Eggs."

Food will be available all day. Just wander from Egg to Egg to sample foods and discuss recipes and techniques with the cooks.

More than 1,500 tasters are expected throughout the day and many will be ready to go when the gates open at 9 a.m.

Tasters will continue to come in throughout the day.

They will come hungry and ready to sample the virtual smorgasbord that awaits them as they enter the gates.

The air outside will be filled with aromatic fragrances

of beef roasts, pork roasts, barbecue of all varieties, chicken, shrimp, scallops, pizza, homemade bread, and almost anything else you could imagine.

Tasters will be lined up with plates in hand to sample the homemade sauces and foods, which have one common theme - they are all prepared on a Green Egg cooker.



Towns County Fire & Rescue had all six fire stations open on Saturday. The department served hot dogs and hamburgers and made youngsters like this young man, fully aware of the dangers of fires. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

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capacity of 13 megawatts. Net dependable capacity is the amount of power a hydroelectric dam can produce on an average day, minus the electricity used by the dam itself.

In a year with normal rainfall, the water level in Chatuge Reservoir varies about 10 feet from summer to winter to provide seasonal flood storage.

Chatuge has a flood-storage capacity of 62,600 acre-feet.

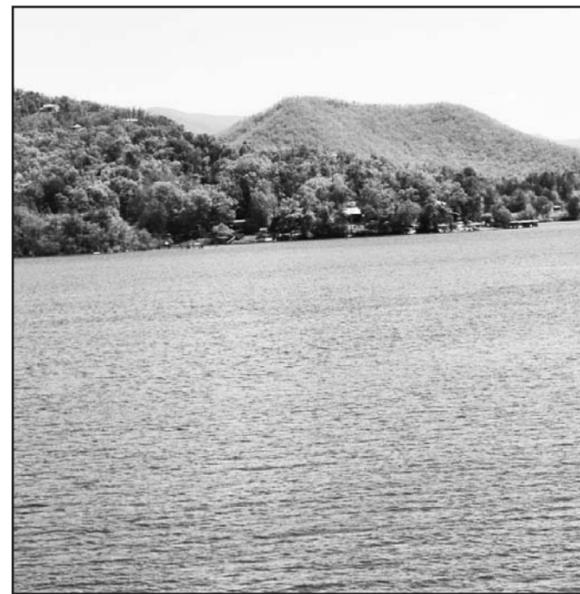
Lake Nottely in Union County is in a similar position as Chatuge. Currently at 1,773.38, reaching full pool at 1,777 is almost a slam-dunk.

Lake Hiwassee in Western North Carolina isn't as fortunate, coming in at 9 feet below full pool at its current level.

"If we get normal rainfall, we should be able to reach full pool in Hiwassee," Barnett said. "Of the three lakes, it's the one that is in most jeopardy of reaching full pool. I expect it to get really close to full summer pool."

The news is good in North Georgia and Western North Carolina. However, the northern half of the Tennessee Valley is dealing with considerably less than full pool, Barnett said.

"Lake Norris, around Knoxville, TN, and the Cherokee Watershed, on the Holston River in east Tennessee, things aren't looking as good. The



Lake Chatuge in Clay County, NC and Towns County, ranks as one of the most beautiful lakes in the TVA system of reservoirs. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

rains came and hit the North Georgia Mountains pretty good," Barnett said. "The Northern part of the Tennessee Valley experienced only about 50 percent of normal rainfall. It's not looking good."

The Tennessee Valley Authority came to fruition when President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed the TVA Act into law on May 18, 1933.

The utility, a corporation owned by the United States government, provides wholesale power to 9 million customers through its distributors in parts of seven southeastern states.

TVA also provides flood control, navigation and land management for the Tennessee River system and assists utilities and state and local governments with economic development.

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the right decisions."

Towns County Sheriff Chris Clinton told the crowd of the importance of placing God first in our lives.

"That's what makes America so blessed," Sheriff Clinton said. "There is a battle of ideas, a battle of hearts and minds. I truly believe that if we humble ourselves, place God first, we'll bless our community and we bless our families."

Towns County Assistant Fire Chief Harold Copeland said God is good to Towns County.

"When the alarm sounds, the red lights flash, rest assured we're coming to save God's children," Copeland said. "That is our goal; that is our duty."

Pastor Blair concluded the service without formalities.

"We came here to pray and that's what we did," he said. "Thank you all for being with us here today."



There was barely a seat left at the Towns County Recreation and Conference Center on Thursday as the community came together in united prayer. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

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blessings."

Wood is a rare breed, planting by the signs and growing his own produce - 50 acres of produce to be exact. He's a familiar face at the Towns County Farmers Market.

His heirloom tomatoes are a hot commodity at the local Farmers Market.

Wood started planting his underground plants that include potatoes, cabbage, carrots and onions, about four months ago.

"Anything above the ground, don't plant it until after May 15," Wood said. "Tomato plants, don't put them in the ground either until May 15."

Wood was growing organic vegetables long before the term 'organic' became popular among consumers. He uses cow manure as his most popular form of fertilizer.

"Cow manure is available upon request," Wood said. "Sure, you can go to the hardware store and buy commercial fertilizer, but it's \$18 a bag I prefer cow manure, I've never had to pay for it."



Ash Todd, left, enjoyed his morning at Mary's Southern Grill. Todd shared logic with mountain farmer Shylan Wood at the Shakers' weekly meeting. Photo/Charles Duncan

Spinning The Old-Fashioned Way at Reece Heritage Center

Spinning is an ancient textile art in which plant or animal fibers are drawn out and twisted together to form yarn. For thousands of years, fiber was spun by hand using simple tools. In the Middle Ages the spinning wheel increased the output of individual spinning. The art of spinning yarn has long been retained in the Appalachians. The mother of mountain poet Byron Herbert Reece spun thread to make clothing for

the family and spinning is the subject of one his most powerful parables. Come see Cathryn Washell from Cleveland, GA demonstrate this craft. "I enjoy sparking someone's interest in a new skill, and maybe recruiting new fiber artists," says Ms. Washall, "even if a person doesn't have an interest in hand spinning, I hope they still walk away with the awareness of the time, effort, and creativity that goes into making yarn."



Byron Herbert Reece
Hopefully they'll have a deeper respect for both modern-day artists and craftspeople as well as those whose lives depended on their textile-making abilities in the years past."
In addition to Ms. Washell's demonstration, visitors to this event will be given the opportunity to spin their own yarn the old fashioned way. This event is the first of a summer series of programs at the Byron Herbert Reece Farm & Heritage Center on Saturday, May 10th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Reece Center is nine miles north of Blairsville on US Highway 129 near Vogel State Park.



Annual meeting
Please join our Towns County Fire Corps for their annual meeting on Monday, May 12th at 7 PM at the new Recreation Center. The Fire Corps is always looking for new members to join in supporting our Volunteer Fire Department. Come meet our existing board and directors and see the many purchases made during 2013 and already into 2014.

Liz Ordiales, President

says "Our goal is provide Towns County's finest with the equipment and training they need to keep them safe and efficient on the job. Join

us to see what our major projects are for 2014"

The Fire Corps two big events this year are the Memorial Day Yard Sale and the Labor Day Chili Cook-Off, both on the square in Hiwassee. Smoked Boston Butts will be available for sale at both of the events for \$30.

Please join us for some refreshments and lots of information. T(May7,F)ISH