

Safety...from Page 1A

from Cheryl Barrett at United Community Bank in Hiawassee, pens from Julie Payne at Park Sterling Bank, jelly packs for a diabetic emergency from Becky Lusk and the Towns County Nutrition Department, plastic gloves and hand sanitizer from Martha Cunningham with Chatuge Medical Supply, alcohol wipes and band aids from Roxanne Barrett with the Towns County Health Department, burn cream, large bandages, antibacterial wipes, and tweezers provided by Melissa Williams, Superintendent of Towns County Schools, and even CPR Masks from Commissioner Bill Kendall, purchased at cost from Hiawassee Discount Pharmacy.

All of the teachers are provided with the items, all encased in a bright red emergency bag from Ricky Mathis and Towns County EMS.

The bright bag bears the Towns County logo, and reads, "Focused on Safety" underneath all capitals "EMERGENCY BAG."

The teachers add their current rosters to the bag, so that each student would be identifiable in case of an emergency, and teachers are also equipped with emergency binders highlighting emergency procedures.

Wood was stunned at how quickly the community

came together to support the cause.

After talking with Perren about creating the bags, she got on the phone and called everyone she could think of, and each person was beyond willing to help.

"Nobody hesitated," Wood said, adding, "they simply asked how many items I needed."

And the number was not a small one. About 125 bags were made so that each teacher would have one, but they could also be placed in the gym, front office, field house, bus garage, auditorium, and even at the Board of Education.

Some will even be placed in the custodial closets, because as Wood pointed out, "We want to put them anywhere we can get them."

The bags will be used throughout the school year during emergency drills, so that the teachers can get used to having them.

However, until the contents absolutely have to be used, they will remain untouched.

The school nurse is able to assist with all minor injuries, and the bags are reserved for major problems.

The school system would like to thank all of the contributors for making the teachers and students as safe as possible.

CruizIn...from Page 1A

complete with a plush Hulk toy hanging from the driver's side window.

Although the rain held off on Friday, the humidity was nearly unbearable.

To cope, most of the visitors sat down throughout the event to enjoy lemonade and sugary goodies available at most of the food vendors.

Along with Classic Cars, there were numerous Classic Trucks such as Chevrolet Apaches and picturesque Fords.

One dad could be overheard explaining to his young son, "See, they used to make trucks like this."

The nostalgia was palpable, as everyone seemed to mention, "They just don't make them like this anymore," throughout the CruizIn.

However, considering all of the fresh paint jobs and updated engines, some could have argued they were never made like that.

Dave Miller, an out-of-towner, was showing off his 1959 Corvette LT 1 Convertible with 6 speed, 456 horsepower, and a very unique, non-original, paint job complete with purple flames on the hood.



The crowds came early and often during the three-day CruizIn at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Vehicles included Fords, Oldsmobiles, Chevrolets, Chryslers, and many more, all sporting numerous colors from flat black to bright yellow, cherry red to Dukes of Hazzard orange.

And what car show would be complete without an appearance by the Hazzard County Sheriff Car?

Roscoe's patrol car was in attendance, and even used in one of the episodes of the classic show.

A toy replica orange Dodge Dart was in the back

seat, full of signatures from the cast, as well as other signed memorabilia.

Unlike most car shows which require statistics taped to the windows of each car, the CruizIn provided an atmosphere that encouraged onlookers to ask the owner for details about their vehicle, rather than just reading a piece of paper.

The car owners, most of whom dressed in shirts displaying their car, were more than happy to talk about their vehicles.

Not unlike other Clas-

sic Car Shows, there was a continuous rumble throughout the days, not due to the thunder that boomed on Friday, but rather from the larger bores and strokes found in older cars that make them louder than current models.

Along with live music throughout the Fairgrounds, thunder, and the rumble of engines, the other sound that could be heard was an announcement encouraging visitors to buy raffle tickets.

The Blairsville Cruisers were raffling off a 2001 Camaro Z28 convertible, or \$2,500 cash, winners choice, for just \$5 a ticket.

The drawing will take place in October, but the distant date did not discourage anyone from buying a ticket.

Throughout the day on Saturday, the cars slowly started packing up and getting on trailers to drive back home.

Visiting car owners asked locals where to eat and what to see before heading home, and our friendly community was always ready with suggestions.

Everyone in attendance was excited to be a part of the Fifth Annual Georgia Moonshine CruizIn, and is already looking forward to next year.

Jessie...from Page 1A



Commissioner Kendall presents Jessie with a framed proclamation. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

in the beautiful Woods Grove community, where Charlie worked a large farm and ran a grist mill.

Woods Grove Baptist Church was the heart and soul of the community, and was attended faithfully by the Tatham family.

Jessie was baptized there when she was a mere 13 years old. Today, she is currently the oldest living member of Woods Grove Baptist Church.

Jessie grew up and married Neal Bradshaw in 1934. The couple continued living in the Woods Grove community.

Her sisters, Bertha Swanson and Bessie Cloer, married prominent members of the community and their descendants remain a part of the community.

Another sister, Esther, married John Ferry Moore, a beloved Baptist minister, who spent two memorable years as pastor of Woods Grove Church, among decades of ministry in many locations throughout Georgia.

Jessie's brother, Glenn Tatham, married Katie Hall and after her death, Nannie Rose Sims. Although Glenn lived in Young Harris, he remained active in the Woods Grove Church until his death.

Jessie's sister, Carrie, married Dean Burch and moved

away for a time, but returned to live in Woods Grove in her later years.

On Aug. 3rd, about 125 relatives and friends from far and near joyously attended the 100th birthday celebration of Jessie Tatham Bradshaw.

Those celebrating Jessie's birthday included Ann Bradshaw, widow of Jesse's son, Bruce, grandson, Michael Bradshaw, and great grandchildren, Jacob, Anna, Justus, Issac, and Madison.

Many of those attending traveled from as far away as Mississippi, Alabama, North and South Carolina and Texas.

In honor of Jessie's 100 years of life in Towns County, Commissioner Kendall presented her with a framed proclamation designating Sunday, August 4th, 2013 as Jessie Tatham Bradshaw day in Towns County.

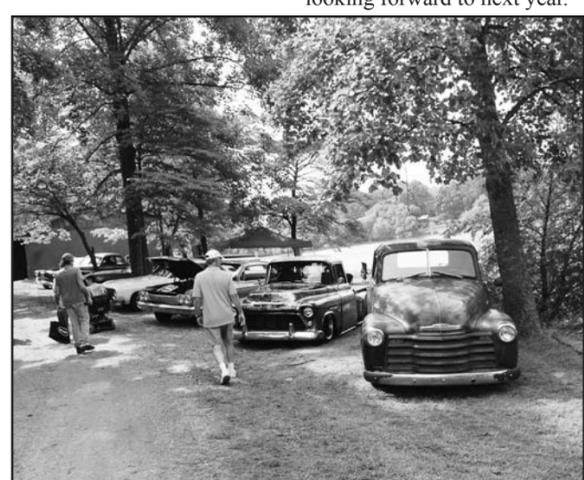
In addition to that honor, Pastor Scott Sims, proclaimed Sunday, August 4th, 2013 as Jessie Bradshaw Day at Woods Grove Baptist Church. She has been presented a framed copy of that proclamation as well.

All who attended the birthday celebration for Jessie know that she had a very happy celebration and best wishes are extended for many more years of good health and happiness.

Happy Birthday Jesse!



Left, rain or shine, the CruizIn was wide open from the word go. Right, patrons got an upclose looks at the Classics. Photos/Lowell Nicholson



School...from Page 1A

504 coordinator for the system, but she will now take on the role of school counselor, and assistant principal. Former assistant principal, Jonathan Gibson, steps into the role of principal, while maintaining his position as athletic director.

The high school has new math teachers, Tonya Martin and Walter Justus, Physical Education teacher and football coach Blair Harrison, science teachers Brandon Rowland and Brent Lance, Health Occupations teacher Sarah Vardo, and football assistant community coach Rodney Thomas.

Changes also include new special education teacher for elementary and middle school Krystal Adams, Special Education para pros Rachel Solle-Queen and Amanda Woodward, new school nurse Susan Brantley, cooperative extension associate in the 4-H program and receptionist and secretary in the county extension office next door to the BOE, Billie Harvey, Business education teacher Jill Dyer, Middle School math teacher Krissy Harrison, food service cafeteria Manager Becky Lusk, and elementary school special education teacher Lindsey Walker.

"We have a strong administrative team at every school, and that allows us to have a strong administrative team system-wide," Williams said. "We think that we will be able to support each other."

So far, the changes seem to be making the community proud. Those that have already met Coach Harrison are singing his praises according to Williams.

Dr. Darren Berrong was excited to bring Harrison's wife, Krissy, on board to the math department.

"She's gifted certified,



Even high school students were proud to be back at school on Thursday morning. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

so that gives us an opportunity to expand our gifted program," said an excited Williams.

Coach Chris Vardo's wife, Sarah, will be acting as the High School Health Occupations teacher.

"She's what we consider a local girl," Williams said, smiling. "So we were excited to have someone with us that's going to be vested in the community."

Principal Gibson shares Williams' excitement saying, "We've added six new teachers at the high school, and we are thrilled about them joining the team. They are all unique and diverse, but bring great expertise in their fields. We're really got a good team, and I'm thrilled to be a part of it."

Krystal Adams will be a resource teacher for special needs students working with elementary and middle school students.

She is another "local girl," and Williams feels bringing in local folks is always a plus.

"The board is in agreement with supporting from within, promoting from within. When you have someone within

the system that you've watched, and you've groomed, you want to be able to advance them when a position becomes available, so that's one of the things we're embracing is promoting from within, and also trying to hire local, because those people are vested in the community."

Williams hopes to be able to continue to grow the system's own teachers.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for the community when you can do that," she explained. "We look for the person that is a best fit, and so many times we find that is someone local."

Meanwhile, on the first day at the elementary school, cars lined up dropping off children toting brand new backpacks with their favorite cartoon characters, singers, and Super Heroes on them.

Many students also had brand new shoes, obvious by the cleanliness only found on footwear kids have not spent much time in.

As the elementary students waved bye to their parents, they were greeted by Melissa Williams, superintendent

of Towns County Schools.

Waiting outside, Williams wore a permanent smile, excited to see all of the little ones rushing in to greet their teachers and fellow students.

Of course, some young scholars were more sleepy than ecstatic, yawning as they shuffled in to the building.

Occasionally, a child was escorted in by his parent, and every now and then, a little one had to be carried, apparently nervous about the day.

By the time they made it to the front door, they already seemed more confident no doubt spotting friends through the glass.

At the high school, students seemed used to the routine, as they shuffled in to the building, some perhaps already planning a nap after school.

Others met up with friends before even entering the building, possibly more confident with a familiar face by their side.

Meanwhile, Towns County Sheriff Chris Clinton was helping direct traffic out in front of the school, especially invested in the safety of the students, as he has a couple children enrolled at Towns County Schools himself.

With the football pre-season starting Friday, Aug. 16th, at Frank McClure Stadium at 7:30 p.m., complete with a new coach, a new high school principal, and numerous new hires from the elementary school to the high school, it is sure to be an exciting year for TCCS.

Students, as well as the new hires, were probably unknowingly sharing butterflies, as they began the first day of school, unsure as to how the day would go.

It is bound to be a great one though, with all of the exciting changes going on.

Indians...from Page 1A

"We're going to do what we do and hope to come out on top," he said.

He said that depth and being injury-free because of the lack of depth is going to be key in 2013.

"Injuries can slow us down in a hurry," he said. "Our depth is young and inexperienced. Of course, everybody is new to the system right now. If we lose a couple of key guys, it could really be devastating."

Coach Harrison considers Season 1 in his program as a learning experience.

"If we do lose some key players, it's going to give some young players an opportunity," he said. "We're just going to have to go at it and do our best."

Jackson Noblet returns for his senior season as the Indians' signal caller, Coach Harrison said.

"Jackson will be our quarterback, we're still not set in the backfield, we've got a lot of running backs that are about equal," Coach Harrison said.

"I'd say there are going to be a lot of people playing in the backfield for us.

"I know Cruz Shook is going to be there at fullback, but right now, I don't know anybody else that stands out in my mind," he said. "We're still working on the offensive line, we're still working on a couple of tackles. You've got Jared Gurley at center, Kyle Davis

at one guard, Evan Keyes at guard, and they are two of the best guards I've had in my 19 years of coaching."

"Our two tight ends are exceptional, Garrett Bradshaw and Harrison Hobbs," he said. "They've got good hands and good size. We've just got to get them blocking."

Defensively, Coach Harrison believes the Indians will be decent upfront.

"It all depends on whether we want to be big or quick up front," he said. "Linebacker-wise, we're a bit small, but, I think we're going to be hard-nosed. Our best athletes are probably our secondary. We're not sure where we're going to have everybody back there, but we'll get there."

"The defense will struggle because we're putting a lot of emphasis on offense right now," he said. "But, we'll be out there, we'll tackle and go for the football."

As Coach Harrison puts it, let's just get through this one without any injuries.

A capacity crowd is anticipated at Frank McClure Stadium as Coach Harrison unveils his 2013 football squad.

They've been through all the drills, and they're tired of hitting each other.

The Indians, the Tigers, 7:30 p.m., Friday night at Frank McClure Stadium in Hiawassee.

Be there.

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8 a.m. to speak about numerous topics, including the House Bills.

Wilkinson joined the Georgia State Senate in 2011 during a special election.

He represents Senate District 50, which includes Habersham, Rabun, Towns, Stephens, Banks, Franklin, and portions of Hall and Jackson counties.

A Toccoa Republican, Wilkinson serves as the Chairman of the Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee and Vice chairman of the Education and Youth Committee.

He also is a member

of Georgia Agricultural Education Hall of Fame, and was recently named "Policy Maker of the Year" by the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education.

The meeting is open to the public, and questions are welcomed. Mary's Southern Grill is located at 1615 Georgia 17, Young Harris.

Come in, have breakfast and coffee and get to know State Sen. Wilkinson on a first-name basis.

Also, get to know the Movers and Shakers, a nonpartisan group devoted to the youth in Towns County, and education.

Local students on UGA Dean's List

The University of Georgia has announced the names of undergraduate students who achieved the Dean's List for summer semester.

Students named to the Dean's List have earned a 3.5 grade point average or higher out of a possible 4.0.

Regency Hospice events

Men's Coffee will meet the first and third Tuesday of the month from 10-11:30 AM at Grinds 'n Glazes in Blairsville.

If you or someone you know has experienced the death of a loved one, you

The Dean's List also requires that students take at least 14 credit hours and receive no unsatisfactory or incomplete grades.

Elisabeth Carrie Lee, Senior, Young Harris; Taylor DeBell, Professional, Young Harris.

are invited to attend the grief support group and Dining with Friends provided by the staff of Regency Hospice.

For more information please contact the Bereavement Co-ordinator at 706-896-1251.