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plained he was very confident in our county. Jones is also educating the community on how to properly retire a flag, too.

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) have also been working steadfastly in Towns County.

Also non-profit, the DAR is a women's organization for the descendants of individuals who aided in achieving American Independence.

Ann Atchison of the Old Unicoi Trail Chapter of the DAR has also been busy, emphasizing citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, preserving it for posterity, and informing the people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life.

Her efforts have paid off, and Commissioner Kendall proclaimed the week of Sept. 17th through the 23rd, 2013 Constitution Week.

Commissioner Kendall also asks the citizens of Towns County to reaffirm the ideals

of the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787.

He suggests we do this by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us. These rights include freedom of speech, press, religion, the right to bear arms and trial by jury to name a few.

Commissioner Kendall is doing a nice job of maintaining the trial by jury aspect, going as far as expanding the courtroom.

The old Senior Center will eventually become a Court-house Annex, after the space is used for temporary housing of the library, as it awaits to move in to a new location as well.

Commissioner Kendall has also adopted a resolution authorizing the Enotah Judicial Circuit to hold special court at City Hall during the month of December.

Special courts exist for both civil and criminal disputes. Cases tried in special courts may be reheard in a general-jurisdiction trial court without an appeal.

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talk about what formations we were going to run. I didn't even tell them where they were going to be defensively because I wanted to pick and choose."

Harrison said the Indians played above expectations against the Class AAA school from Dawsonville.

"It was actually better than I expected," he said. "The young guys played well, I think we had some people step up and win some positions."

"Our defense obviously got better in the second half," he said. "We made changes, and we're going to keep making changes until we get the right players on the field."

Harrison said it was imperative to find players that want to make tackles.

"We want to be physical



The Indians' Vonya Baldwin finds daylight against Dawson County. Towns County held their own. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

out there," he said. "We want to find players that want to make big plays. The inside of the line played okay. We've just

got to keep tightening down on the outside. I thought our pass coverage was decent; we did give up one long one.

"You never want to get in a situation where you just can't stop somebody," he said. "I just wanted to see who was going to make tackles and come up and force runs."

"We found out tonight that some kids can, and some kids can't," he said. "Out scrimmage with Dawson was not a total mismatch."

"I feel like we could have slowed them down better," he said. "If we had seen some film on them prior to this scrimmage, we would have."

Friday night at 7:30 p.m., Harrison gets the chance to put his Indians on film again.

Each time he sees their efforts, they will improve. Come on out to Frank McClure Stadium and experience the team that calls itself "Big Blue."

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been selected.

Many of the teachers at Towns County Schools are worthy of the title, but only a select view could be awarded the honor. After submitting an application, the BOE reviews the applicants and works together to choose the winners.

The Elementary School Teacher of the Year was Kindergarten teacher, Lynne Abernathy.

Perhaps the little ones she teaches are keeping her young, because a very youthful Abernathy explained that teaching is second nature to her, as she comes from a family of teachers.

"I can hardly believe it has been 30 years!" she exclaimed.

The Board of Education also found it hard to believe, and joked Miss Abernathy does not look like she has been alive 30 years, let alone teaching that long. Regardless, Abernathy was honored to have been chosen.

In the High School, Miss Lynn Swanson, or *Senora Swanson*, as she is known to her students, was chosen as the Teacher of the Year.

When Towns County Schools Superintendent Melissa Williams, asked Swanson if she would like to say anything, the Spanish teacher jokingly asked, "Does it have to be in English?"

On a more serious note, Swanson told the crowd that although she has taught at schools all over the world, she feels grateful to teach at Towns County.

The other teachers nodded in agreement, all sharing Swanson's sentiment.

The Systemwide Teacher of the Year, Hobbs, was almost speechless. Tearing up, Hobbs said simply, "I had extremely tough competition, and I am shocked."

Swanson and Hobbs go above and beyond when it comes to teaching. Aside from their regular curriculum, the two also assist with middle and high school math in the 21st Century Afterschool Program at Towns County Schools.

Along with the teacher of the year awards, the meeting also honored certain students.

Young men and women mentioned at the meeting were the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), Emma Jackson, Reed Moss, William Lovelady, Alex King, and Hayle Lovelady. The students were recognized for recently placing at a National competition.

Melissa McConnell was proud to be there with some of her Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), who also did an exceptional job at a National level over the summer in Anaheim, Calif. Students included Mia Manto, Mckenzi Moss, Alana Calhoun, Courtney Marshall, Kayla Taylor, and Kara Harris.

The students present at the meeting walked to the front of the auditorium and smiled while they were recognized, no doubt proud of the major accomplishment they were able to bring home to Hiwassee.

If the success of the previous school year is any indication of what Towns County Schools has in store for this year, it promises to be an exciting one.

Chili...from Page 1A

The event also helps the taxpayer, as it serves as a very successful fundraiser.

Equipment for the fire department is not cheap, nor is it an option.

Each firefighter, both staff and volunteer, has to be equipped with very expensive, very necessary gear.

The Chili Cookoff is just one way the department raises funds in an effort to take the burden off the taxpayer.

Another fundraising form is the Boot Drive, which will also take place during the Cookoff.

Proceeds go to Dive Gear, handheld radios, GPS units, and more.

"To provide quality service, it takes resources," Floyd explained.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) keeps the Fire Department under very strict regulations, allowing little to no wiggle room for budgeting.

Therefore, the support from the community for fundraisers has the ability to positively impact the department.

The event also serves as a great way to thank the brave firefighters that do so much for us, as well as the Fire Corps.

Started in 2004, the Fire Corps, a branch of Homeland Security, consists of volunteers.

An integral part of Citi-

zen Corps, it involves community members in decision-making that helps to make our community and nation a safer place.

It is managed by the National Volunteer Fire Council, and works with various organizations that make up the Fire Corps National Advisory Committee, or NAC.

In a true effort to bring everyone together, Floyd said neighboring departments are invited this year.

"We have not done this in the past, but this year we have invited neighboring departments," he said. "We have thrown down the gauntlet and said come out here and cook chili."

At 10 a.m. on Sept. 7th, former Georgia Secretary of State and current President of Young Harris College, Cathy Cox will give opening remarks.

At 11 a.m., stoves will be shut off, and judging will begin at noon.

There will be five judges, all with a culinary background.

First place chili wins \$300, second place receives \$150, and third place earns \$100.

A People's Choice winner also will be named.

Be sure to come out and support Towns County Fire & Rescue, and fill up on great, homemade chili.

contact the club at 828-889-8940 to sign up. Kick-off at 9 a.m., lunch available.

Dance at CCSC

Dance at the Clay County Senior Center, Hayesville, NC Friday, Aug. 23rd, from 6:30 to 9 PM. Music by Tom Ellers. For more information call 828-369-9155.

Golf tournament to benefit food pantries

Chatuge Shores Golf Course is having a tournament to benefit local food pantries Saturday, August 24th. The proceeds will be divided up based on the players home county. If you are interested in playing, please

Old School...from Page 1A

gathered together at their old stomping grounds.

A lot of time and research was involved in starting the reunion. The Union County Board of Education assisted in providing names of the students, then the reunion committee had to get in contact with each of them.

The school, for students in grades 1 through 7, opened its doors in 1943 and remained open until it closed in the 1950s and the students were moved to the Young Cane School.

"It's just like coming home," said Margaret Payne. "We used to play ball out here in the road on our lunch break with Mr. (Newman) Parker."

Payne's class consisted of about seven students, but she recalled some cases where all of the students, regardless of grade were all taught together.

"Our teacher, Mr. Parker would line us all up, grades 4 through 7 and we were taught math and spelling all together. We were taught orally. He'd line us all up and whoever could solve that math problem or spell that word would just give the answer. Sometimes the fourth graders would shout it out before the seventh graders. Mr. Parker was just an



Newman Parker's kids, Bill, Barbara, Jean and Janie attended the Bunker Hill School Reunion on Saturday. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

excellent teacher. There is one teacher who taught here who is still alive, Ima Jean Hughes."

Hughes was invited to the reunion, but was unable to attend because of health reasons.

The event kicked off at 10:30 a.m. with plenty of fellowship and story telling.

Many told stories about walking to school, others would catch the bus down on Highway 76.

For those who walked to the end of Bunker Hill Road to catch the bus, surprisingly they didn't have a long ride home. Most students had no longer than a 30-minute trip to and from school.

"I can't speak for those who walked home," Payne said with a laugh. "I lived over on

Young Cane so that was too far of a walk for me, but some who lived over on Hicks Gap, would walk home. If it was snowing or raining they would let us wait on the bus down at the store."

Others talked about cattle grazing beside the school and walking home for lunch.

There was no cafeteria or school lunches so most packed their own lunch or walked home during the one-hour time slot allotted for lunch time.

Water was supplied to the school from a neighbor's house. Students would carry a bucket of water back down to the school and each student would wait with their cup.

When it came dinner time at the reunion, the for-

Just Roy...from Page 1A

the meeting doted on Perren's positive impact that he bestows upon nearly everyone he encounters, especially the youth.

"I do not believe in giving up on anybody," Perren insisted.

As proof, he shared a story about a young man who was determined to drop out of school last year. Even when his mother spoke to Perren and gave him the withdrawal form, Perren refused to sign it, aware there were other options.

Not only did that student successfully graduate from night school after encouragement from Perren, but he is now headed off to college.

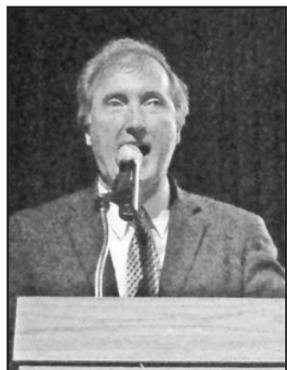
Perren explained that he wants students to be motivated to get an education, but he understands that sometimes, parents do not know how to advise their children.

He has first hand experience with that, as well.

A Villa Rica graduate, Perren finished high school as his community's STAR Student.

His parents, both from a generation that did not realize how important college would someday be, did not encourage their son to continue his studies.

Thus, he joined the U.S. Military.



Roy Perren

Eventually, Perren would decide to continue his student career, but it was a choice he made on his own.

To ensure no students go without encouragement, Towns County will now have a graduation coach to advise the bright young minds as to where to go after graduation.

"It is my job to support students and look after the taxpayer," Perren explained.

To help save taxpayers' money, Perren is trying to keep the budget under control and save as much money as possible.

For example, Perren explained that sometimes desks break. In the past, the solution

has been to buy brand new desks. Perren realized there was a better solution, and as long as the metal framework was intact, the desks could be repaired for less than half the cost of a new one.

This dedication is not unexpected from Perren.

He has always been committed to Towns County.

Since leaving the position of principal, Perren has turned down two very prestigious jobs.

"I do not say this to brag," he assured. "I say it to let you know I am all in here."

His news drew much applause from the group, as they were all in agreement about how important Perren is to the community.

Perren also oversees Federal Programs consisting of Title 1, Title 3, Title 6B, and Title 10. These programs include non-English speaking students, homeless students and rural education grants.

As if all of his duties were not enough, Perren is also thinking about the future.

He believes that if he, along with the community, can get students to start thinking like entrepreneurs, then they will be able to bring jobs to Towns County, causing a domino effect of job opportunities

for future graduates.

Fullerton, as well as everyone attending the meeting, was grateful to have Perren as a speaker, and thanked him for everything that he has done and continues to do for the school system.

The Movers and Shakers are also busy in the community.

Their annual speech contest is just around the corner, with a preliminary round at Towns County High School on Oct. 19th.

The Finals, which the group hopes will be held at Young Harris College, will take place Oct. 26th.

The contest is open to all Towns County students, including public school, private school, Faith-based and home school students.

The first place winner will receive \$1,000.

Updates about how to enter are forthcoming. On Friday, Aug. 23rd, District 50 State Sen. John Wilkinson will speak at the Mountain Movers and Shakers meeting at 8 a.m.

The Shakers welcome everyone to come out, eat breakfast, and listen to Sen. Wilkinson speak. Mary's Southern Grill is located at 1615 Georgia 17, in Young Harris.

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kick off with a concert Friday night at Anderson Music Hall starting, Sept. 13th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10, parking is free, and the band is Tommy Townsend and Waymore's Outlaws.

Waymore's Outlaws consists of former members of Waylon Jennings band, so it is sure to be a great show.

The motorcycles can be seen at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14th, in what has been dubbed "The Parade of Flags."

It will start in Downtown Hiwassee, and make its way to the Fairgrounds.

Thomason encourages the public to come out, as it will be a wonderful and memorable event.

The Rally will have a little something for everyone, even those who are not motorcycle enthusiasts. For shoppers, be sure to stop by the vendor area after the parade. The stands will be open to the public throughout the weekend. There, you can pick up all sorts of handmade and unique items.

Also on the list of exciting events on the Fairgrounds

calendar, before Merle gets here, the Annual Fall Festival happens Oct. 11th through Oct. 19th.

The Festival combines Country, Gospel and "old-time" music, and includes heritage displays, crafts and live shows.

The Festival is a production of the Towns County Lions Club, and is always a great time for everyone.

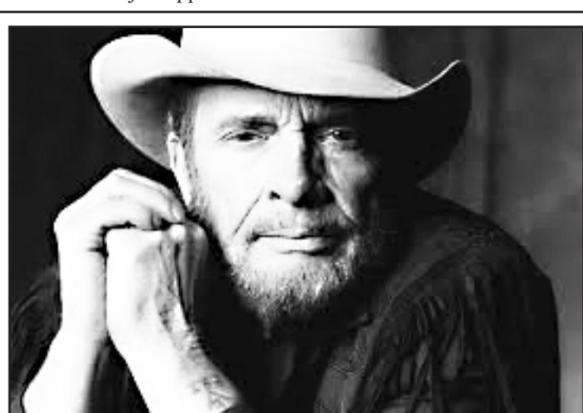
This year's entertainment includes, Brenda Lee, Ricky Skaggs, Percy Sledge, Lynn Anderson, The Whites, Irons in The Fire, T. Graham Brown and Tammie Davis.

It also features the ever popular annual Georgia Mountains Fiddlers' Convention.

Special attractions include the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show, helicopter tours, and nature exhibits.

The Festival also features Little Pete's Railroad and lots of regional arts and crafts exhibits.

For more details, or to purchase tickets, contact the Fairgrounds at (706) 896-4191.



Merle Haggard



Waymore's Outlaws