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**Wed:** Clouds 82 58



Upstream Elevation Predicted 08/22/12  
Lake Chatuge 1922.70  
Lake Nottely 1770.90  
Blue Ridge 1671.76

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### Grid Iron

The Towns County open the 2012 High School Football season on the road in Hayesville, NC.

The Indians take on the Yellow Jackets in search of revenge from last year's 21-6 defeat.

The Indians have been this route before, losing last year in the season opener to the Jackets.

This time, they hope to christen the Jackets new turf field with the angry stench of defeat. Game time: 7:30 p.m.



### Lady Indians

The Towns County Lady Indians Fast-Pitch softball team traveled to Hartwell last week to take on the Lady Bulldogs of Hart County.

In a nail-biter, the Lady Indians lost a squeaker, 9-7.

Emily Anderson homered and the Lady Indians rallied late but to no avail.

It looks like an exciting season awaits Coach Tonya Martin's team.

Come out and support the Lady Indians on the Diamond.



### Election Results

Visit the Towns County Herald Web site to view the final results of the 9th Congressional District GOP Runoff election.

Doug Collins faces Martha Zoller in the runoff.



### TCMS

### Indians win

The Towns County Indians Middle School football team got things off on the right foot last week.

The Indians defeated, well, dominated the Copper Basin Cougars by a score of 22-0 in the season's only scrimmage game.

The Indians looked sharp in almost every facet of the game as they totally shut down the Cougars.

The passing game was sharp and the defense even sharper.

Read the story on page 10A in this edition.



### Cookbooks

The books are selling for \$12.50 each.

For more details on how to get a cookbook, call Tabitha Crawford or Rita Bradshaw at (706) 896-2231.

## Deal declares 'random act of kindness' day

By Libby Shook  
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Thursday, Aug. 16th, Governor Nathan Deal signed a proclamation declaring August 22, 2012 as the official "Random Act of Kindness Day" for the state of Georgia.

He stood on the steps of the Capitol, joined by a news team from 11-Alive News, as he read the proclamation and gave his official seal.

Deal stated that this proclamation was to, "encourage kindness from citizens and proudly recognize those who give compassionately to others."

Every Georgian has been challenged to do something kind for someone else.

Deal hopes that by having one day set aside for helping others, the kindness will catch on.

Random Acts of Kindness Day is not a new concept.

It has been around for many years as an unofficial



Gov. Nathan Deal

holiday. It's been more like an awareness day, a celebration, or an observance.

But, Deal's signature makes it official and his challenge is clear: go out and do something kind for another person or organization.

Many of you may be wondering how can one person make a difference; many of you may be wondering what you

can do; many are limited by time constraints.

The goal of the one-day focused event is to encourage Georgians to engage in acts of kindness every day.

It doesn't take a great deal of effort or time to do a random act of kindness. It doesn't have to cost money.

Some examples of random acts of kindness include: donating used books to your local library; visiting a shut-in; reading to a child; visiting the nursing home and spending time with the elderly; mowing the lawn for a disabled or elderly person or, tutoring a child who is struggling in school.

Other acts of kindness include donating food to the food pantry; donating clothing to a clothes bank; holding a door open for someone; carrying someone's groceries to their car; allowing someone to go in front of you in a check-out line; reading to a visually impaired elderly person; or returning a shopping cart for someone.

Smiling at someone,

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## Suspect stabs self, asks deputies to shoot him

By Charles Duncan  
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Hiwassee Police Office Arvil Walls, Towns County Sheriff Chris Clinton, and several Towns County deputies, including Derrick Richards helped disarm a man wielding a knife at a doctor's office in Downtown Hiwassee last week.

Officer Walls responded to the call regarding a man with a knife, who had apparently already stabbed himself, Towns County sheriff's reports show.

Sheriff Clinton and Deputy Richards also responded to the scene, sheriff's reports show.

After a short search, the subject came out of the bushes near Sheriff Clinton, who made contact with the subject and began to try and reason with him, sheriff's reports show.

The man was holding a knife, and had already apparently stabbed himself in the



Sheriff Chris Clinton

chest and was bleeding from a large wound area. The man moved back toward the doctor's office, and Sheriff Clinton stayed with him and prevented the suspect from re-entering the office.

Officer Walls and Sheriff Clinton, along with Deputy Richards, continued to attempt to get the man to drop his knife, sheriff's reports show.

The subject began moving quickly toward Sheriff

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## Towns Lions visit Clay County, NC Lions

By Libby Shook  
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HAYESVILLE - The Clay County Lions Club hosted the Towns County Lions Club at their last monthly meeting in July.

They had a picnic, catered by the Cottage Deli of Hayesville, with a delicious and generous portion of fried chicken, roast pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, green beans with mushrooms and onions, bread pudding, and beverage.

The picnic was held at their summer meeting place, the Clay County Recreation Park at the pavilion on Lake Chatuge.

This was more than just a picnic; it was a celebratory meeting to wrap up the hard work of both groups at the Georgia Mountain Fair during the month of July.

Alison Ash, President of the Clay County Lions Club, used a makeshift bell to call the meeting to order and welcomed their Towns County friends and fellow Lions.

She thanked the TC Lions for the opportunity to assist in parking cars at the GMF.

"Each year the Towns County Lions Club tries to visit its neighboring Lions Clubs.

On Thursday, Aug. 2nd,



Georgia Mountain Fair President Myers Banister and Towns County Lions Club President Julie Payne attended the recent Lions Club event in Hayesville, NC Photo/Libby Shook

we made our annual visit to the Clay County Lions Club.

"We had about 10 of the Towns County members present and had a wonderful meal," said Towns County Lions Club President Julie Payne. "We certainly appreciate their hospitality."

"We are very fortunate to have the support of our neighbors in the Clay County Lions Club to help us with the parking situation at the Georgia Mountain Fair," Payne said.

"Without their support during this event, we would

not have the success that we do," she said. "Knowing that Clay County is taking care of our fair-goers takes some of the stress off the Towns County Lions and volunteers," said Payne.

Coincidentally, Payne and Ash, who stated that they are "best friends," are both employed at local banks in their community and both are serving their second term as president of their respective Lions Club.

They are also very proud of the Lions Club and its members that they represent.

## Elvis shakes, rattles and rolls at Ridges

By Libby Shook  
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There have been numerous Elvis sittings in the Towns County area in the past couple of months.

The most recent sitting was at the Ridges Resort & Marina Saturday night.

Word spreads quickly when an event of this magnitude occurs and 50 plus people came out to hear his crooning style as he belted out *Hound Dog* and *Don't Be Cruel* as only Elvis can.

These were both excellent choices as he was appearing for a Castaway Critters "Rock Around the Clock" fundraiser.

People seemed to really be enjoying the show as they were up and dancing and there appeared to be a *Whole Lot a Shakin' Going On*.

Folks were even gathering from the Ridges Resort to hear the performance as kids danced on the lawn in the background.

Elvis' alter ego, Roy Perren said, "During the day, I perform as Towns County High School's Principal."

"I love doing this and I am happy to be here with you tonight," Perren said.

The real excitement came when he performed his all time classic *Love Me Tender* and "the number one song in America in 1956, *Heartbreak Hotel*," said Elvis Perren.

The evening began with a meal catered by The Oaks Restaurant and ended with a 50/50 drawing and a raffle for prizes.

The prizes had been donated to Castaway Critters by



Elvis was in the building at The Ridges Resort & Marina on Saturday. There's a rumor Roy Perren was close by. Photo/Libby Shook

local business and individuals to help support this very worthy organization.

"We appreciate Roy Perren, our Elvis, for donating his time to perform for us," said Organizer Ann Bitting.

"Thanks to our Castaway Critters friends who donated many of our raffle and Silent Auction items," said Bitting.

"Our mission is to save the lives of and provide new beginnings for lost, sick, and abandoned companion animals through rescue, rehabilitation, adoptions, and spay/neuter programs."

Castaway Critters, The James A. Hueholt Memorial Foundation for Animals, is a No-Kill Animal Rescue formed by friends and family of Hueholt who died in 1994 at the age of 37.

"Hueholt rescued and cared for many animals himself. Our work in lessening the suffering of companion animals is a tribute to him and to his love of life," said Bitting.

Castaway Critters is a nonprofit rescue group based in Blairsville. Operating as a 501 C3 organization and licensed by the state of Georgia Department of Agriculture.

They serve Clay County in North Carolina and Towns and Union Counties in Georgia, and wherever the need arises.

As a nonprofit organization, they receive no public funding and operate solely on donations, adoption fees, and fundraising events.

Castaway Critters would not be possible without public

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## Allison launches House District 8 reelection bid

By Joe Collins  
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YOUNG HARRIS - State Rep. Stephen Allison, who represents Union, Towns, and Rabun counties and a portion of White County in Georgia House District 8, kicked off his reelection bid recently at the weekly meeting of the Mountain Movers and Shakers in Young Harris.

The Movers and Shakers are a group of nonpartisan conservative men and women reaching out to serve their community's many needs, raising voter awareness and providing nonpartisan political education.

More than 40 people gathered at the low-keyed event hosted by Mary's Southern Grill in Hiwassee to witness Allison's announcement.

They came to hear Allison speak about his record within the Georgia General Assembly and his hopes for future legislation that will make an impact for them here in the mountains.

"The Mountain Region doesn't get a lot of respect from the state legislative body and I have to fight for our voices to be heard on any issue that concerns us," said a frustrated Allison.

Allison, a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, is a Blairsville attorney. He met his wife Regina while at VMI.

"I was at a VMI function one night and the prettiest girl I ever saw walked in on the arm of another cadet and the rest is history," said a proud Allison.

Stephen and Regina have two sons, Thomas and Na-



Stephen Allison

thanael, who are students in the Union County Schools System.

The Allisons moved to Union County in 1997, where Stephen Allison opened a private law firm after his graduation from John Marshall University.

"We moved to Blairsville because the location and the people reminded us of the beautiful Shenandoah Valley and it was close to where I was raised in Gwinnett County," Rep. Allison said.

When asked why he decided to get involved in the state politics, Allison declared, "I didn't like the way I was being represented and thought the values of the Constitution and my faith were being ignored so I decided it was time for me to try and do something about it."

Since winning his first State House term in 2008, Allison has been very busy. He has voted more than 2,000 times on legislation that impacts the mountain communities within Georgia House District 8.

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## Kendall declares Sept. 17 as Constitution Week

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Thursday evening, August 16th, Towns County Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall signed a proclamation declaring September 17-23, 2012 as Constitution Week in Towns County.

Kendall was joined by Ann Atchison of Young Harris.

Atchison currently serves as secretary of the Old Unicoi Trail Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for Towns, Union, and Fannin Counties.

"I appreciate Ann Atchison and the Daughters of the American Revolution for their efforts in keeping our citizens and school children aware of the foresight, courage and sacrifice of our Founding Fathers for giving us the Constitution and the Revolutionary Soldiers for defending the freedoms and liberties granted by the new Constitution," said Kendall.

The observance of this week was adopted by the United States Congress and signed into law on Aug. 2, 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.



Commissioner Bill Kendall

"It means a lot to the Old Unicoi Trail Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, that Commissioner Kendall signed this proclamation. It indicates that he holds the Constitution in great respect and high esteem. It is the supreme law of the land; the nation's fundamental law for all citizens. The Commissioner, by signing this important document, is validating the fact that we are a nation that is free and independent. The Daughter's of the American Revolution hold all of these as great truths," said

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