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Local Weather and Lake Levels

Thurs: Rain	68 62
Fri: Rain	68 63
Sat: Rain	63 48
Sun: Sunny	57 42
Mon: Rain	57 45
Tue: Clouds	61 48
Wed: Rain	61 49



Upstream Elevation Predicted 11/05/2015	
Lake Chatuge	1,918.85
Lake Nottely	1,763.24
Blue Ridge	1,672.46

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TCHS Junior's Citrus Sale

Navel Oranges
Grapefruit
Tangelos

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Notice

The Towns County Courthouse and all County offices will close at 10:00 a.m. on Wed. Nov. 11, 2015. So county employees can honor out Veterans by attending the Veteran Day Services.

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November 11th Veteran's Monument Celebration

Towns County Veterans Park

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SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday Nov 7.

Class A Public GHSA Cross Country State Championship @ Carrollton

Boys 4:15 PM
Girls 4:55 PM

The Indians have done it again, are headed to State

By Shawn Jarrard
Towns County Herald Staff Writer

Milledgeville - The Towns County Indians and Lady Indians Cross Country teams have done it again - they're headed to the Big Show in Carrollton on Nov. 7.

Both teams placed second at the Area 4 Championship Meet on Thursday, Oct. 29, to cement their spots at the Class A Public School State Championship Meet.

And as usual, both teams raced their hearts out, and the girls came within two points of Commerce and first place at the Area Meet.

Big individual wins from Thursday's competition were Tyler Grimsley, who took the Top Spot as Area Champion a full 24 seconds ahead of the second place finisher from Georgia Military Academy; and



Hannah Whitehead

Lady Indian Hannah Whitehead, last year's individual State Champion, placed second in an intensely close matchup, finishing a mere 0.01 seconds behind first place Commerce. Lady Indians Taylor Cornett and Taralee Arrowood finished just behind Whitehead to take third and fourth places at

the Area Meet.

This year, the Lady Indians will be defending their title as State Champions yet again, as the girls team has placed first in state for the past three years.

The boys team made First Runner Up in last year's championship, and they look to edge out frontrunner Georgia Military Academy to claim a top trophy of their own.

"We also had a lot to medal in the JV race," said Indians Head Coach Jeannie Ledford of Thursday's Area Meet. "The JV race is open to anybody that's not running Top 7. So, we had several of ours that ran their last race being that JV race, and they medaled, so that's what started off the day."

"Then we went to the men's race, and the men's race, individually, it was the sweetest surprise to see Tyler Grimsley

beat those Georgia Military guys. They're extremely strong competitors, and Tyler just did a remarkable job. He led his team, and they knew it was going to be a tough race. We've faced Georgia Military before, they're one of the strongest teams in the state.

"The gentlemen really rose to the challenge that day. They've lost their No. 2 man, Marshall Ledford, due to an injury, and that just happened a few weeks ago, so they've been working at transitioning, to just move forward. They ran well, and it gave us a good look at what we're going to be up against on Saturday, because it will be Georgia Military again that we're chasing after in the men's division."

Last year, Jenkins County was the sleeper State

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Veterans to be honored in Nov. 11 ceremony at Veterans Park

By Mason Mitcham
Towns County Herald Staff Writer

Nov. 11 is a date integral to American history.

It marks the occasion of the armistice signing between the allies of World War I and Germany, and from there, the date came to be known nationwide as Armistice Day, Veterans Day and Remembrance Day.

Veterans and the families of veterans in Towns County never miss an opportunity to honor Towns County's soldiers, past and present, and it is to that end that on Wednesday, Nov. 11, local veterans groups are holding a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park in front of Towns County Schools.

"We've got a series of events that are going to occur

beginning at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11. It's the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, which is Veterans Day. What we're going to do on Veterans Day, we're going to gather at the park and we're going to have our opening ceremony," said Scott Drummond, a U.S. Coast Guard (Ret.) veteran and member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary of Towns County.

"It's been that way since 1918, when it was called Armistice Day. I believe it was Eisenhower who signed it into an official Veterans Day holiday in 1958," he said.

Towns County Veterans Park, next to the school, is home to a wall engraved with the names of deceased veterans. Recently, the wall has been

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Iwo Jima memorial statue commissioned for Foster Park

By Shawn Jarrard
Towns County Herald Staff Writer

Towns County Employees will be holding a special Veterans Luncheon and Veterans Memorial Dedication Program on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 12:15 p.m. at the Towns County Recreation and Conference Center at Foster Park.

The dedication program will feature the unveiling of a steel sculpture at Foster Park, depicting the iconic flag raising at the Battle of Iwo Jima during World War II.

The luncheon and dedication will take place immediately following the end of the Veterans Day Program at



Iwo Jima Veterans Bud Johnson and Todd Kimsey

Veterans Park in front of Towns County Schools, at which point veterans will proceed in a motorcade at noon to Foster Park.

Along with Iwo Jima Veterans Bud Johnson and Todd Kimsey, both retired

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Authorities search for fugitive

By Shawn Jarrard
Towns County Herald Staff Writer

Authorities in Towns County are looking for Rebecca Diane Davis, 33, who is on the lam in connection with possession of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute, possession of marijuana and possession of stolen property, according to the Appalachian Regional Drug Enforcement Office.

On Thursday, Oct. 29, the Towns County Sheriff's Office and the Appalachian Drug Task Force, executed a search warrant at Davis' residence of 1430 Overlook Trail, according



Rebecca Diane Davis

to the task force.

Towns County authorities located approximately 7 grams of methamphetamine, 1 ounce



Nathan Christopher Rose

of marijuana and a stolen Ruger .357 revolver, according to the

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A message from your EMC Board of Directors

Special to the Towns County Herald



Your Blue Ridge Mountain EMC Board of Directors is committed to Transparency, Accountability, and Responsibility. We will from time to time be placing articles in the Towns County Herald in order to provide

our members with timely information about what is going on with the board. We want you to know that our highest priority is to continue to provide your home and business with reliable electricity. We want to be sure that our employees, who often work in hazardous conditions, are supported in doing their jobs each day to be able to safely keep your electricity on.

Some of the changes since September 2014 implemented by YOUR Board of Directors include: A conflict of interest policy that prohibits Board Members from having a profitable business relationship with YOUR EMC. Board members and the Board attorney are no longer offered medical

insurance through YOUR EMC. At the September 2015 Annual Meeting, YOU the membership voted overwhelmingly to implement term limits for board members. Board members now may serve no more than three terms on the board. Board minutes are now posted on the website once they are approved. Minutes from one month are approved at the next month's meeting, so there is a delay of one month in posting minutes on the website. The board selected new auditors to do the annual audit. The latest audit, presented at the October 2015 board meeting, was conducted by Henderson, Hutcherson, and

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Re-count for Hiawassee Council Elections today

By Shawn Jarrard
Towns County Herald Staff Writer

Changes are coming to the Hiawassee City Council in January 2016.

Due to minor discrepancies in vote tally sheets following the close of the Hiawassee City Council Elections on Tuesday, Nov. 3, a re-count of the ballots was scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 4, at 2 p.m. at Hiawassee City Hall, though initial totals reflect Anne Mitchell, Liz Ordiales and Kris Berrong defeating Incumbents Janet Allen, Pat Smith and Joan Crothers respectively.

When the time came to count the votes following the close of the polls at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Poll Manager Sis Jarrard read the votes from each ballot aloud in the Council Quarters of City Hall, and

Assistant Poll Managers Sally Varao and Eleanor Lamb each marked their own tally sheets to verify and balance their totals at the end of the count.

Council Quarters were packed with candidates and their supporters, and many kept tally themselves as the votes were announced for nearly three hours.

For City Council Post 3, Berrong had a total of 112 votes, and Incumbent Crothers had a total of 109 votes, and the tally sheets from both assistant poll managers balanced against one another.

Also running for Post 3, John Holmes' tally sheets did not balance once his votes were counted from the two tally sheets, with one sheet reading 65 and the other sheet reading 66 votes.

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Liquor by the drink, Sunday alcohol sales for Young Harris

By Mason Mitcham
Towns County Herald Staff Writer

Young Harris voters said yes to liquor by the drink and Sunday alcohol sales, two referendum questions that were on the Municipal Elections ballot for Tuesday, Nov. 3.

In addition, political newcomer Jared Champion defeated longtime council incumbent Terry Ingram in the Young Harris City Council Elections.

Both Matt Miller and Stuart Miller ran uncontested races for city council, and will remain in office come January 2016.

Young Harris City Clerk and Elections Superintendent Shirley Jarrard said that there were 495 names on the list of registered voters.

The first referendum question regarding licenses for liquor by the drink passed



Dr. Jared Champion

overwhelmingly, 93-21 in favor. Sunday sales passed in a similar fashion, 87-27 in favor.

Champion won with 77 votes to Ingram's 36 votes.

"I feel great about winning," said Champion. "I'm ready to get to work in January, and it should be a good four years, I think."

He promised that, even

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Indian Raider Band wins big at area competitions



By Mason Mitcham
Towns County Herald Staff Writer

Saturday, Oct. 24, was a big day for the Towns County High School Indian Raider Marching Band, as on that day, they arrived in Canton for a band competition, hoping to at least place among the top scorers.

Instead, they won first prize.

"We were hoping to place, and then we wound up actually winning the entire class, which was good for them," said Band Director Derrick Nolen.

The event was for marching bands of all shapes and sizes. Towns County took first in the Class A competition,

which Nolen described as "very competitive."

Asked the secret to their success, he credited the students.

"They just had a really good year overall this year. We've got really good senior leadership and a strong senior class that kind of led the way. And they just performed the shows to the best of their ability and had a great showing that day," he said.

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