**VFW gets new flagpole**

**By Todd Forrest**

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**Community gets to Pet-a-Pet**

**By Lily Avery**

Towns County Herald Staff Writer

Towns County Board Of Education held its monthly meeting on Monday, and wanted to take some time to talk about Pet-a-Pet.

Dr. Darren Berrong, superintendent of education for Towns County, and assistant manager of the county's school system, introduced the program.

The district was able to team with the Humane Society Mountain Shelter in Blairsville and announced at the beginning of this year that they would like to team up with schools and children to get animals into homes.

Dr. Berrong said it was a great program and something the school system was looking to support. The program would give students the opportunity to work with the Animals and bring them into homes.

**Bake Sale! Support Our Friends of the Library**

**By Todd Forrest**

Towns County Herald Staff Writer

Saturday morning took place at the Towns County Farmers Market in downtown Toccoa.

The bake sale included items from the VFW Thrift Store and was well attended by market-goers.

**GFM Parade gears up for 2016 event**

**By Shawn Jarrard**

Towns County Herald Staff Writer

With the 66th Annual Georgia Mountain Fair taking place this week, the annual GFM Parade is quickly approaching.

The GFM Parade is a part of the annual Georgia Mountain Fair, which is set to begin on Wednesday and run through Saturday, September 29.

The parade is set to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and will travel through the North Georgia Mountains, with applicants having until Friday, September 23, to sign up for the parade.

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