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Celebrating the shelter's completion were (l-r) Ware County Touchdown Club President Daniel Morris, D&S Roofing owner Whit Dixon, Century Metals owners Marshall and Abby Gillis, Ware County Gator head coach Ed Dudley, Touchdown Club Treasurer Greg Sirmans, Georgia Power employee Terry Griffin and Touchdown Club media chair Clay Thomas.



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Ware County quarterback Josh Bennett (top photo) delivers a pass against Brantley County during Wednesday morning's 7-on-7 passing scrimmage. Brantley County receiver E.J. Thomas (bottom photo) makes a catch of a Devon Blankenship pass in front of a Ware County defender.



New Shelter Gives Players Protection From Heat

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The Ware County Gators are in their third week of hosting 7-on-7 practice sessions that have drawn teams such as Valdosta, Coffee High, Pierce County, Brantley County and Clinch County for some fun and friendly football action here.

The "Skelly" sessions give coaches a chance to look at their teams' passing offense and defense against some other talented local competition.

The format is non-contact (touch), 7-on-7 football, and is not really a competition. The are no linemen and it is all passing and geared towards all types of high school offenses. Ware County head coach Ed Dudley said, "We've had a good three weeks and will be off next week for dead week (G.H.S.A. mandated), but we will be coming back and doing this for three more weeks after that."

Just last week, a new practice field shelter was completed at Ware County High School. The Ware County Gator Touchdown Club, along with the help of some kind local companies, was able to see to it that a nice shelter was built to help keep the football players cooler during extremely hot days.

"We are focusing on performance and safety and we try to keep our players acclimated to these hot conditions by doing workouts such as this, and we give them water or shelter whenever they need it." Dudley said. "The shelter looks great and the great thing is how members of our community came together to make it happen."

Dudley said that Touchdown Club president Daniel Morris, was very key in helping get the shelter project completed. Georgia Power employee Terry Griffin, set the post for the shelter. D & S Roofing owner Whit Dixon installed the roof, which was supplied by Century Metals of Waycross. Eldridge Hardware supplied the trusses at their cost.