

Sheriff's deputies visit Cub Scout Pack 407



Detective Brian Wilson with members of Cub Scout Pack #407

The Towns County Sheriff's Office works with school and community groups in an effort to educate adults and young people about various functions and

duties of law enforcement agencies. Detectives Brian Wilson and Curt Donaldson recently visited Cub Scout Bear Den Pack #407. The scouts were fingerprinted

by the detectives and a card given to parents. They were also taught about home safety and what to look for if they witnessed a crime.

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come back and retrieve." Chief Wright says he's hot on the trail of those responsible for the burglaries. "We've got some strong leads in these cases," Chief Wright said. "What we need is for someone who might have seen something in the early morning hours of Jan. 4th and late Jan. 17th and early Jan. 18th to call us and tell us what they saw."

Approximately \$7,000 in merchandise was taken from the hardware during both burglaries, the chief said.

"This isn't a misde-

meanor case," he said. "This is a felony case because of the value of the items taken."

Chief Wright also asks for persons who have been approached about purchasing new power tools and lawn equipment to call his office. Pawn shops should be on the alert.

"We're close to breaking this case, and we want to get those responsible in custody as soon as possible before they try to do this type of crime somewhere else," Chief Wright said.

Chief Wright has

stepped up patrols and is keeping a close eye on downtown businesses in the wake of the burglaries.

"Unfortunately, we're in a down economy and some people tend to take desperate measures whenever that occurs," Chief Wright said. "We want folks to know that we're working hard to combat crime and we need them to keep their eyes open also."

Anyone with information that could aid in these investigations, call Chief Wright at (706) 896-2202.

New Al-Anon meetings/times

New times and meetings for Al-Anon/Ala Teen. Family Group Meetings are as follows: Al-Anon: 7 p.m. Sunday night, Chatuge Regional Hospital, Hiawassee, GA; Al-Anon: 8 p.m. Monday night, "The Mustard Seed", 12 Step and Twelve Tradition meeting at Mountain Presbyterian Church, Blairsville; new Ala-Teen meeting: 8 p.m. Wednesday night at Mountain Presbyterian Church, Blairsville; Al-Anon 12 noon Tuesday, Sharp Memorial UMC, Young Harris.

Al-Anon is open to anyone who has been affected by another person's drinking. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or a friend.

Call 706-835-5827, 706-897-0628 or 828-389-8981. for more information. NT(Feb2,Z1)CA

TC Historical Society meeting

Towns County Historical Society meets at 5 p.m. the second Monday of each month at the Senior Center in Hiawassee. Annual dues \$15, PO Box 1132, Hiawassee, GA 30546, 706-896-1060 www.townshistory.org. NT(Feb2,Z1)CA

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that included many miles of travel for the Lady Indians. They had endured some 300 miles in two days on a school bus with a round trip to Social Circle plus a game on Friday and the trip to Holy Innocents on Saturday.

The win at Social Circle on Friday established what is believed to be a school record for the best start to a season for a Towns County High School basketball team.

It appears that the best prior season opening record was established 59 years ago by the 1952 edition of the Lady Indians.

If the recorded information is in chronological order and complete, the Lady Indians began that season on an 18-0 run before falling in consecutive games to Ellijay and Hayesville.

The three wins for the week also give the Lady Indians 96 wins during the last four seasons and counting, tying the record for most wins in four consecutive seasons established last year.

With at least three regular season games and post season play still to be completed, the Lady Indians have a chance to extend the four-year record significantly.

For those who may wonder why the Indians did not play at Holy Innocents, this game and one with Lambert High School were scheduled for the Lady Indians in the absence of games with the boys only Riverside Military Academy now participating in Region 8-A.

The home game with Lambert scheduled for December 13 was postponed due to bad weather and its not known at press time when or if the game will be rescheduled as the Lady Indians await word from Lambert as to whether they can or desire to reschedule.

Misty Mountain Quilters Guild member creates unusual work of art



Gail Brehm and "King Tut" quilt.

Gail Brehm and her husband, Skipper, moved permanently to Union County in 2001. She joined the Misty Mountain Quilters Guild four months ago, and has discovered hidden talents making artistic quilts.

Ms. Brehm researched Egyptian history extensively to come up with the historically correct sections of her quilt, "King Tut". The quilting group, "Tuesday Strippers", which meets at the First Presbyterian Church in Blairsville each Tuesday, was given credit for helping her learn the necessary techniques to complete the quilt.

Ms. Brehm, a self-taught quilter, was assisted by Peggy Harvey in choosing the right

fabrics, Sue Royal in the techniques of landscape quilting, and Dolores Knight, in methods of turned applique. "King Tut" will be displayed in the October Quiltfest, as well as in several festivals in the area.

Gail Brehm enjoys a versatile life. She is a "Bronze Medal" winner in the Georgia Iron Chef competition, and has taught culinary arts at White County High School. As a professional chef, caterer, and owner of Bella Luna catering service, Ms. Brehm finds quilting a relaxing diversion and particularly enjoys the fellowship she has found in the Misty Mountain Quilters Guild. For information, visit the website: www.mistymountainquiltguild.com. NT(Feb2,S1)sh

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Appalachian Duplicate Bridge Club news

On Monday, January 24, eleven full tables played a Mitchell movement at All Saints Lutheran Church in Blairsville, GA. The group was glad that Mother Nature did not cancel another day at the tables.

Winners for North-South were as follows: First, Joe and Joan Lane; second, Anne Mincey and Sally Miller; third, Peter Cohn and Karol Sulimirski; fourth, Mary Lambert and Marilyn Demers; and fifth, Mike Knowles and Betty Long.

First, East-West, Joyce Geiger and Pat Mosteller; second, Ray Berry and Harry Reynolds; third, Mary Dorman and Lorraine Klug; fourth, Sue Wall and Tim Schoen; and

fifth, Madelin Seiferman and Chris Thompson.

On Thursday, January 27, six full tables played a Howell movement. First place honors went to Myrna Ponkauskas and Chris Thompson. Coming in second were Joyce Geiger and Pat Mosteller. Third place was claimed by Jim Bell and Gwen Weaver. Dee Short and Dorothy Smith claimed fourth place, while fifth was secured by Betty Long and Sally Miller.

The group was happy to have Lynn's sister, Shirley Lagare playing with us on Monday and glad that she plans to join us on a regular basis. If you would like to become a part of the fun or get information about the games at All Saints every Monday and Thursday, please call Myrna Ponkauskas at 828-389-8065.

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