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and show them some blue.

"Hayesville's got a darn good football team," Coach Langford said. "I'm not going to stand here and tell you any different.

"But I've got a hunch that if we pack this stadium out, that's going to light a fire in a bunch of young football players out here starting for the first time.

"I'd really love to see this place packed during warm-ups," he said. "You know Hayesville is going to load everybody up and bring them over here. They're going to try and take every available seat in Frank McClure Stadium. They want the home field advantage here on our turf.

"It would tickle me to have a sea of blue in those stands on Friday night," he

said. "I wish they would all come early and get ready to watch a good rivalry game between two teams that love to play one another."

The Indians field a squad of 25 made up mostly of sophomores and freshman, with a mix of juniors and seniors returning.

Sophomore quarterback Jackson Noblet has a year of experience under his belt. He'll be joined in the backfield by Noah Calhoun and Cody Smedley.

Langford said that he can't say enough about returning senior wide-out Zach Stroud, who will be a key playmaker all season long.

"Zach Stroud is bigger, stronger and he's faster this year," Coach Langford said. "Zach brings a lot to the table for

our team and we hope he stays healthy all season long."

As for the rivalry itself, Coach Langford said there are a lot of good kids on both sides of the ball.

"That's the bottom line of how to sum up these two teams," he said. "We're going to bring class to the table, and Hayesville always brings a classy bunch of football players with them.

"The bottom line: this will be a match up of two teams that love to get after one another," Coach Langford said. "When it's over with, we're going to shake hands, win, lose, tie or draw - and thank God for the opportunity that we've had to play in front of a crowd of people on Friday night."

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anonymous individuals on Web sites which can damage people and their reputations.

"These are real people using Web names to conceal their true identity," said Stookey, "and we will find out who they are."

The suit states the initial subject of the thread of posts were the circumstances surrounding the allegations and arrest of the plaintiff's husband.

The plaintiff, which is not connected with the arrest, "was brought into the fray with several posts which came from Georgia and other States, each anonymously crediting plaintiff (Pat Long) with various acts or omissions all of which meet the legal elements of libel," according to the lawsuit.

"Each attached post from each defendant does defamatory harm to the good name and reputation of the plaintiff (Pat Long) and to her business."

Comments against the

plaintiff and her business defamed her name and character and business and some called for a boycott of her business, according to the suit.

"Such false statements opened the plaintiff (Pat Long) to hatred, ridicule, contempt within her home community and to the general public and have cost her loss of good reputation and substantial loss of business as a direct result," according to the lawsuit. "Each such statement was in writing and remains posted for the world to read. They never go away."

Speech is clearly actionable as libel under Georgia law.

According to the lawsuit, the plaintiff (Pat Long) has suffered humiliation as a direct result of the defamatory posts about her and her business on TOPIX, emotional distress and loss of income from such defamation.

According to Stookey, third party discovery from

TOPIX will be used to reveal the true identity of each poster on the thread referencing Pat's Kountry Kitchen. The complaint will then be amended to show the real identity of each defendant and have each defendant properly served in accordance with the law and proceed to trial against each defendant for damages sustained.

The suit is asking for a trial by a jury; recovery of an amount in excess of \$10,000 against each defendant for all special damages; recovery of an amount in excess of \$10,000 against each defendant for all general damages; recovery of a punitive amount against each defendant set by the jury which, in their fair and impartial minds, is needed to do justice; recovery of all fees, expenses of litigation including, but not limited to, attorney fees, court costs, litigation expenses and all other related expenses; and all other relief as the court deems needed or necessary in the case, according to the lawsuit.

The Screen Names on TOPIX

The following are screen names used in a TOPIX forum discussing Pat's Kountry Kitchen:

man; local; jiffy; hate pervers; asking; cupcake; that's funny; omg; question; rights of the mental; he b puffer; epworth; archives; obituaries; steve; just wondering; bill carter; gotcha; ronnie; representatgiveage;

frostymewitch; broadcasting; donttrustpoliticians; reply; agent blue; space lord mother; agent; ftw; zero tolerance; rumors jd shlong; bubba brother bubba; bubbas sister; mill girl; copperhill; m s m; jibersh; lets protect our children; 007abc; a boy scout from here; lmbo; the devil will get him; larry;

whatever; no bond; 4 sure; warden; cutie; who cares; disgusted; news; just asking; what i have been told; rhoad; hello jd; here are the facts; puke; i have wrote; god; hello; budro; pure country; kichen heat; wake up; stop foolin yourself; crazy; old man 99; really; and john does 1 through 25.

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up to me and asked me if I'd take cash for it. I said 'sure, but it's not my car.'"

Lindsay Brooks, of Leeds, Ala., said this was the third year she had attended the event.

"I know gas prices are high and all, but, we've been coming here since it started," she said. "My husband wouldn't think of missing this show. It'd be like missing Christmas."

Fairgrounds General Manager Hilda Thomason said the family-oriented event was once again a smash hit in Towns County.

"We've had a wonderful crowd here this weekend," she said. "The big Kickoff Bash on Thursday down at The Ridges was absolutely wonderful. Chad

(Hooper) said it was double the people that we had last year. It was great food and great entertainment.

Revenuers must have gotten a bit nervous Thursday morning for fear they were outnumbered as the Hot Rod and classic muscle cars cruised through Hiawassee and around Owl Creek and Track Rock.

After lunch, they ventured down to Crane Creek Vineyards in Young Harris for an afternoon of relaxation.

On Friday evening, the Cruise-In participants took over Downtown Hiawassee as they paraded down Main Street, one classic car following another.

"It's just been wonderful," Thomason said. "There have just been people every-

where you turn."

Jane Holland, executive director of the Towns County Tourism Association said the community was bustling during the event.

"The town has certainly done a lot of business," she said. "We called all the restaurants to make sure they had plenty of food. I think everyone enjoyed the parade (Friday evening) and there was a big bash on the Square (Saturday night) to the Big Band music."

Melissa Rico, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., said her party had a great time.

"This event just keeps getting bigger and better," she said.

Preparations for the Fourth Annual Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruise-In are underway, Thomason said.

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have to be a brainiac to enjoy science and math - it might not be as boring and difficult as young students might deduce over time.

That's the mission for Marschall and Sgt. Cook - make learning science and math fun and adventurous.

After all, finding the next Albert Einstein is a whole lot easier if you're on the road looking for him - or her.

"This is a cooperative between the National Science Center, located at Fort Gordon, and the U.S. Army," said Marschall, an educational services specialist. "The truck and everything is owned by the Army and the equipment inside is owned by the National Science Center.

"(The Mobile Discovery Center) is designed to go around to schools and give something back to the community by making science and math more appealing," he said. "We travel all over the country and give science exhibitions to students from the fourth to the ninth grades."

The Mobile Discovery Center enhances the chances for Marschall and Sgt. Cook to get their mes-

sage across.

The two used demonstrations with Van de Graaff generators, Tesla coils, a plasma ball and a non-descript image that shows a famous painting if you stare at it long enough and then blink your eyes.

"When we go to the schools and give these demonstrations, hopefully it gets the kids excited about science, it shows them alternative ways to learn," Sgt. Cook said. "There are actual demonstrations that get the students involved that shows them that learning science is fun."

The premise behind the rolling Discovery Center is that today's youth are unique in that they are exposed to so much more science and technology than any students before them.

It's possible that the Mobile Discovery Center could help spawn the next generation of great scientists from within the United States.

That's why the Army and National Science Center have been taking the Mobile Discovery Center across the country, giving hands-on lessons to elementary

and middle school students, as well as high school freshmen on many aspects of science, including heat, sound frequency and electricity.

The rolling laboratory is a free federal outreach program provided by the National Science Center and the U.S. Army. The 18-wheeler classroom travels across the country presenting programs designed to break the science and math ice with middle school students.

Marschall and Sgt. Cook are pretty good at their jobs and they reach up to 20,000 students each year nationwide.

Marschall is an educator who believes in the hands-on approach to teaching science and math. Sgt. Cook teaches the students to open their minds to a new and exciting adventure that many elementary and middle students write off as too hard - long before they understand that using common sense is a primary education tool.

"We have quite a few things that we can demonstrate that hopefully unlocks the door that makes science and math a fun proposition to the many students that we reach each year," Marschall said.

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Defense Act of 2003.

Judge Miller has been a member of the State Bar of Georgia since 1980 and is recognized for his expertise in criminal justice issues. Judge Miller was a Georgia trial lawyer for many years, with an emphasis on representing persons accused of crimes.

He was previously the city attorney for the City of Young Harris, and served five years as an administrative law judge with the State Board of Workers' Comp-

sation. Judge Miller was chosen as the Enotah Judicial Circuit's first Circuit Public Defender in 2004.

As Circuit Public Defender, Miller oversaw local implementation of the Georgia Indigent Defense Act of 2003, establishing and supervising four offices while carrying a full trial caseload.

Then Gov. Sonny Perdue appointed Miller to the Superior Court in January 2008, and he was re-elected to the bench without oppo-

sition. Judge Miller serves on the Council of Superior Court Judges Indigent Defense Committee.

Judge Miller is a member of the Young Harris College Board of Trustees and Rotary International.

He is the founding attorney coach of the Union County High School Mock Trial team. The team is currently the Region 6 Champion and has advanced to the State Mock Trial Tournament for the past three years.

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Church of God Camp Meeting and Pastors' Conference Week throughout the county.

"Towns County is honored to be chosen as the host county for the North Georgia Church of God's State Reunion Camp Meeting," Commissioner Kendall said last week.

Pastor Raburne Wilson said North Mount Zion will treat the visiting pastors to Southern Hospitality Towns County Style.

"We're going to treat

them good," Pastor Wilson said. "We've got some hiking and fishing planned for them as well as other activities.

"We're proud to be hosting this event in Towns County," he said.

The event is sure to be a continued boost to the county's lodging industry as the pastors will have to have a place to sleep.

"This conference will definitely have an economic impact for our county," Pas-

tor Wilson said.

Commissioner Kendall welcomed the pastors to Towns County.

"It is fitting and appropriate that Towns County acknowledges the leadership and devoted efforts of North Georgia pastors, their congregations, and their families in providing vital contributions and services to their fellow men of this county and state," Commissioner Kendall said.



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