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touchdown coming on a punt return late in the ballgame.

The turning point in the game came in the second quarter when the Eagles were called for a holding penalty in their own end zone, resulting in a safety.

"I'm not going to lie, we were ready to go on offense at that time," Coach Langford said. "I didn't even see the safety. Obviously, it was big."

The Indians scored struck pay dirt two more times to go up 20-12 at halftime.

Despite the positive results on the scoreboard,

## Veterans benefit about to expire

Military members whose service was involuntarily extended, or whose retirement was suspended between September 11, 2001 and September 30, 2009, due to stop loss are entitled to retroactive payments of \$500 for each month they were extended, according to Department of Defense officials. But the deadline to receive those benefits is rapidly drawing to a close. The deadline to apply for the benefits is October 21, 2010.

"You served with honor. You did your duty.

And when your country called on you again, you did your duty again. Now, it's time to collect the special pay that you deserve," said President Barack Obama during a recent White House announcement.

Only about 58,000 of the 145,000 eligible claims have been paid, leaving more than \$300 million available to eligible veterans.

The average payout for each veteran is close to \$4,000.

The president said that the program has caused

Coach Langford didn't cut his troops any slack during his locker room speech at the half.

"We told them at halftime that we've played about as bad as we could have in the first two quarters," he said. "So many things have gone wrong. We said, 'look that's the good news, because it's got to get better for us this next half and it did. Once it got rolling it just kept on going. We were just pleased to get the win. (North Cobb is) a dangerous team."

The Indians began

some confusion and skepticism among those who have served. "Some veterans think this is some sort of gimmick or scam, or that it's a way for the government to call you back to service. Nothing is further from the truth. You worked hard. You earned this money. It doesn't matter whether you were active or reserve, whether you're a veteran who experienced 'Stop Loss' or the survivor of a service member who did - if your service was extended, you're eligible," said Obama.

The 2009 War Supplemental Appropriations Act established the Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay and throughout the past year the services have been reaching out to eligible veterans, service members and their families through direct mail, veteran service organizations and the media. But by law there is no authorization to make payments on claims submitted after October 21, 2010.

Eligible members should print, complete and sign Department of Defense Form 2944, Claim for Retroactive Stop Loss Payment. They must then select the appropriate method for submitting their claim form based upon their service requirements. The information can be found on their service's stop loss web site, accessible from [www.defense.gov/home/features/2010/0710\\_stoploss/](http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2010/0710_stoploss/), or call: Army: (877) 736-5554; Navy: (901) 874-4427; Marine Corps: (877) 242-2830 and Air Force: (800) 525-0102. T(Oct6,G1)SH

preparations on Monday for their next opponent, the 7-AA River Ridge Knights out of Woodstock.

The Knights run the triple option offense, and most of all, they're big, Coach Langford said.

"They're going to be a Georgia Tech-type offense," he said. "They'll have the double slot, a lot of options, very similar to Hayesville. We'll be anxious to get started on them (in practice).

"That'll give us two weeks to prepare for them," he said.

## Quilt guild to participate in Fall Festival in Hiawassee



L-r: Joanna Marren, of McCalysville, GA; Janan Bartell and Kendra King, of Blairsville

The Misty Mountain Quilt Guild, representing counties in North Georgia and North Carolina, will showcase quilts in their exhibit in the upcoming Fall Festival in Hiawassee. Also, Guild members will be demonstrating quilting techniques in the "Quilting Bee" log

## 4500 books donated to Book Sale

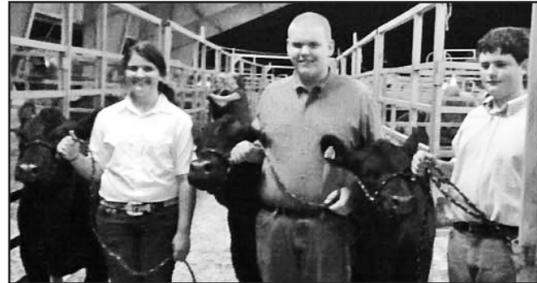
Towns County Friends of the Library would like to thank everyone who donated books to the book sale. The Book/Bake sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library was a very successful fundraiser netting \$3,000. A total of 4,500 books were donated. Many of the books were able to be shelved by the library which adds to the variety of books that can be checked out from the library. The remaining books went to the book sale. John and Jan Roberts, chairs, along with the many volunteers

## Towns High FFA attends the North Region FFA Rally



The Georgia North Region FFA rally took place on September 10th and 11th at the FFA-FCCLA Camp in Covington, Georgia. Twelve members of the Towns County FFA chapter attended and participated in some of the activities. Heath Garrison, Jill McCray, Jeannie Bradley, Alex Bacardi, Cody Henderson, Krista LaCroix, Crystal Bishop, Casey Dover, Daniel Moriarty, Makayla Moody, Ashley Trout, and Dillon Phillips went to the rally. Some of the activities included tug-a-war, cross-cut log sawing, and quiz bowl competitions. Also, there was a can food drive with a can statue contest. Towns County came in 2nd place, and won \$150 for their Chapter. T(Oct6,F2)SH

## FFA participates in Purina Mills Livestock Show



On August 28, 2010, the Towns County FFA Livestock Show Team traveled to Calhoun, Georgia to participate in the Purina Mills Livestock Show. Tyler Osborn placed 2nd in his showmanship heat, and was asked to return for the final drive of his class. Andrew Turpin and Jeannie Bradley also participated in showmanship, and Andrew placed 5th in his commercial class. T(Oct6,F1)SH

## An All-American Company

When Four Leaf Clover, Inc. (FLC) began operations in Hayesville in late 2009, at its helm was William F. Sweeney, a man with a mission.

Sweeney became interested in the diabetic supplier business. One of his major concerns was, like all health-related products, supplies needed to treat this disease were costly, resulting in patients under 65 without Medicare or supplemental insurance often not testing their sugar levels. He called medical manufacturers nationwide and found only two willing to let him sell their product to cash patients at discounted prices.

FLC is accredited and meets all Medicare standards. Its primary product is an affordable auto coding meter of high quality, easy to use and very reliable.

Sweeney further learned there are 27 sanctioned Diabetic Foundations nationwide, but funding varies from state to state. For instance, the Georgia Diabetic Foundation, founded by Bob Taylor in Blairsville,

receives no funding whatsoever. Taylor, himself a diabetic, pays all expenses personally. Sweeney has chosen to support the GA Foundation and is working with Taylor to establish a NC Foundation.

Sweeney stresses the importance of education and proper treatment to enhance the quality and longevity of life of those with the disease. He feels it's important to test, not guess!

"Risks and decisions are made at the top," he said during the opening of his new offices on HWY 69 in Hayesville, "but the success of any company depends on a marketable product, customer service and well-trained employees, all of which are at the heart of successful businesses."

FLC occupies 8,000 sq. ft. in the Chatuge Plaza behind Rustic Rose. For area residents with diabetes, it's good to know that help is right here in their own back yard. It's also good to know people like Bill Sweeney whose mission is to provide that much-needed help. T(Oct6,N2)SH