

## Indian JV's get first win over rival Union County

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It just doesn't get any better than last Saturday's rousing come from behind victory by the Towns County Indian JV's over their arch rival, the Class AA Union County Panthers. While attracting much attention with inspiring play in their three earlier games at Dawson County, Hiwassee Dam, and Hayesville, that first win had eluded them but they got that monkey off their backs in their home opener against their biggest rival.

When Union used deadly 3-point shooting to spring out to a 12-2 lead which eventually became 19-6 by the four minute mark of the second quarter, hope for an upset victory seemed to be dim for that first win of the young season. The Panthers had included four treys in less than five and a half minutes at the start of the game and five for fifteen of those first 19 points.

When the visiting Panthers' hot shooting cooled off significantly, however, the Indians would dominate the remainder of the game. Austin Wood triggered a 16-2 run with a jump shot at the 3:25 mark with back to back treys by Grand Arencibia in just eighteen seconds near the two minute mark and three point plays by Ryan Tallent and Dallas Manus highlighting the run. Tallent's three point play got the Indians a 19-19 tie and Manus got them a 22-21 lead although Union sank a field goal at the buzzer for a 23-22 lead at intermission.

A trey by Arencibia just thirty two seconds into the third quarter got the Indians ahead 25-23 and another by the sharp shooting eighth grader

gave them a 30-27 lead they would never relinquish at the 5:44 mark. This trey triggered a 12-0 run for a 39-27 lead which would become 39-29 at quarter's end. After Aaron Dodson opened the fourth quarter with a trey for a 42-29 lead, the Panthers sent the Indians to the foul line nineteen times where they had struggled in prior games but they sank thirteen of the nineteen for excellent 68.4 percent accuracy. They led by as much as 56-38 before closing out a re-sounding 57-41 victory.

Leaders in scoring for the game were Arencibia with 18 points, Manus with 12, Brett Barrett with 6, and Wood with 5. Leading in assists according to your reporter's unofficial totals were Manus with 3 and Tallent with 2. Tallent performed a bit of double duty, playing a couple of quarters in the JV game and remaining eligible for three more in the varsity game.

While Arencibia and Manus carried the majority of the scoring load, this was truly a team victory as evidenced by ten of eleven Indians playing in the game entering the scoring column and the eleventh player, Steve Bennett, entering the rebounding column. Bennett, a freshman, is the tallest player on an overall very tall team in his first year of basketball and, although not yet entering the scoring column, he has drawn praise for his rapid improvement in just a few weeks of practice and games.

Last Tuesday, the Indians had provided another strong performance at Hayesville with the Yellow Jackets breaking open a close game in the fourth quarter for a 47-35 victory. A hot start for the Yellow Jackets gave them a lead they would

never relinquish but the Indians battled from behind to within a single point early in the fourth quarter before Hayesville closed out the game with a strong run.

The Yellow Jackets opened the game with a 10-2 run but the Indians closed the first quarter with a 7-2 run of their own for just a 10-7 deficit by quarter's end with Slade Davenport contributing the first two and the last two points of the quarter. The Indians then trailed by just a 17-13 score before the Yellow Jackets closed out the second quarter with the final four points for a 21-13 lead at halftime.

Hayesville spurted out to a 27-14 lead by the five minute mark of the third quarter but here came the Indians again. A field goal by Davenport, two free throws by Garrett Bradshaw, a trey by Grant Arencibia, a basket by Luke Parker, a drive for two and then a trey by Arencibia, and a free throw by Brett Barrett between the 4:41 and 26.6 marks of the quarter gave the Indians a 15-5 run and just a 32-29 deficit.

The Jackets closed out the third quarter with a put-back for a 34-29 lead but Austin Wood sank a pair of field goals during the first minute and five seconds of the fourth quarter and the Indians were knocking on the door, trailing by just a 34-33 score. The Jackets once again responded to the challenge, however, with ten straight points and an eventual 47-35 victory.

Eight of 10 Indians playing in the game entered the scoring column with leaders being Arencibia with 11 points and Davenport with 7. Leading in assists was Dallas Manus with 5.

## Free food distribution

The Towns County Food pantry will have a free food distribution on Tuesday, December 14, 2010, from 2 p.m.-6 p.m. at the pantry. Anyone in need of food assistance is encouraged to attend. If you are unable to pick up your food please contact the pantry by the Monday before distribution. For more information call 706-896-4783.



Mountain High Hikers schedules two hikes each Tuesday, occasional specialty hikes, and regular trail maintaining trips - all in the beautiful mountains of Georgia and North Carolina. Check the website [www.mountainhighhikers.org](http://www.mountainhighhikers.org) for schedule and meeting locations. NTDec8,Z1)CA

## Any and all addictions

A new open 12 Step Recovery Program to help suffering people regardless of the particular addiction or addictions. Starting November 9th, we will meet Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Fellowship of the Hills Church, Pinebrook Drive and 129 S, Blairsville, GA. For information email: [recoveryieff@gmail.com](mailto:recoveryieff@gmail.com), or call 706-835-1855. NTDec8,Z1)CA

## Birth Announcement



**Natalie Grace Lusk**  
Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Seth Lusk are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Natalie Grace Lusk on December 1, 2010 at Union General Hospital delivered by W. David Breedlove M.D.

The birth weight of the baby was 6 pounds and 9 ounces. She was 18 inches long.

Mrs. Lusk is the former Kelsey Sierra Carter. NTDec8,Z10)CA

## Birth Announcement



**Brooklyn Paige Nywening**  
Lindsay Brooke Allen and Matthew Allen Nywening are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Brooklyn Paige Nywening on December 1, 2010 at Union General Hospital delivered by Kevin Davis, M.D.

The birth weight of the baby was 8 pounds and 3 ounces. She was 18-3/4 inches long. NTDec8,Z14)CA

## Wal-Mart supports SAR



Wal-Mart Manager Tony Stewart presenting the check to Art Learned, Americanism Chairman for the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter

The Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution takes this opportunity to thank Wal-Mart for their generous contribution in support of the Chapter's annual Patriotic Poster Contest. The Poster Contest is conducted in the 4th and 5th grade classes through out the Chapter territory: Union, Towns, Fannin, Rabun and Gilmer Counties. The local winner competes in the Georgia Society contest and the state winner competes in the National Society contest. The first place winner in the 2010 contest was Hailey Cheves of Fannin County.

The award winning Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter meet on the third Tuesday of January, March, May, September and December at 6 p.m. for dinner at the Brother's Restaurant in Young Harris. Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interest, are encouraged to contact Chapter President, John Preston at 706-745-9513 or email [hjpreston2@yahoo.com](mailto:hjpreston2@yahoo.com). NTDec8,Z16)CA

## Local NGTC students graduate early with top honors



Students Shannon Dockerty Hogsed and Rhonda Bell Cody

Shannon Dockerty Hogsed and Rhonda Bell Cody are graduating early with top honors in servicing clients, products sales and also graduating with Master Cosmetologist degrees. They were top in their class in servicing the most clients with haircuts, custom color, facials and nail care services. They both had the most client base while on the floor in the salon at North Georgia Tech.

The girls are proud to announce their new careers; Shannon Hogsed has been working for Equani Spa at Brasstown Valley Resort for six months and will be at The Image Salon in Blairsville, Georgia thru the week starting in January. Rhonda Bell will be working at Spectra Hair Creations in Ellijay where she has worked for the last six months.

They are very excited and looking forward in serving the Tri-state area, creating custom personalized looks for every client. NTDec8,Z18)CA

## Lady Indian JV's surge past Hayesville, fall to Late Union County rally

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Hayesville, NC - The Towns County Lady Indian JV's roared past the Hayesville Lady Yellow Jackets last Tuesday night in Hayesville before seeing a fourth quarter rally by Union County in the TCHS Gym propel the Lady Panthers past the Lady Indians on Saturday afternoon. The week's play left the very young Lady Indians with a 2-1 record for the season.

At Hayesville, Stephanie Patton poured in eleven first quarter points and Kelsie Cowart ten as the Lady Indians exploded out to a 13-0 lead barely two minutes into the game and a 25-3 lead in just five minutes before closing out the quarter with a 25-7 lead. Patton and Cowart each sank a pair of treys among their production with Patton including a long deuce as well. Eryn Cochran, playing in just two quarters to be eligible for three quarters of varsity play, contributed the other four points and four assists in that explosive first quarter.

## Pickin' in the Holler

Come on down to Main St. in Hiwassee and join us Saturday, December 11, 2010, and the Freedom Band. We're asking everybody to bring a covered dish, if you wish. We're going to have a meal and a pounding! Bring a canned food and a toy. We're going to give the food and toys to a needy family. We may even get enough to where we can help several people, and that's what we are trying to do. TDec7,F1)SH

The Lady Indians extended their lead by smaller margins in each quarter after that, leading 29-10 at intermission and 37-16 after three quarters on the way to a 47-20 conquest. Highlights for the remainder of the game included six points by Patton in the third quarter and five in the fourth while Emily Anderson scored four in the fourth.

For the game, Patton included four treys among her team leading 24 points, Cowart finished with 13 points, and Anderson scored 6. Cochran contributed 6 assists in two quarters of playing time and Patton added 4. Much appreciation is extended to Sara Cochran and Steve Patton for providing information about first quarter action as your reporter missed seeing most of that stanza.

Against Union County, the Lady Indians sprang out to an 8-2 leads in the first quarter behind four points each by Eryn Cochran and Stephanie Patton and extended the lead to 17-9 by halftime, holding Union to just one field goal the first half. Four different Lady Indians

put points on the scoreboard in that second quarter with McKenzi Moss leading the way with five.

With Cochran playing in just the first two quarters to be available for three quarters in the varsity game, the Lady Panthers rallied for a 19-19 tie at the 3:13 mark of the third quarter. Moss nailed a 3-pointer at the 2:37 mark, however, to get the Lady Indians back in front 22-19 and they held a 23-20 advantage entering the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter belonged to the Lady Panthers, however, as they scored the first nine points for a 29-23 lead and they closed out a 35-27 victory with accurate free throw shooting. Actually, the last two points in the nine point run were the first two of eight for ten free throw shooting by Union the final 2:39 of the game.

Patton and Moss led the Lady Indians in scoring for the game with 9 and 8 points respectively with Destiney Blythe, Moss, and Patton contributing 1 assist each according to your reporter's tally.

## Discounts available on Gatlin Brothers tickets

Celebrate Christmas at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds with Larry Gatlin & The Gatlin Brothers Christmas show. Larry Gatlin and The Gatlin Brothers have forged a new musical standard for vocal harmony, raw talent and showmanship while topping the music charts with hit-after-hit. As a special invitation to all church groups of 10 or more we are offering tickets at half price. What a perfect time of the year for a church group gathering at our last show of the season.

Be sure to see Larry Gatlin and The Gatlin Brothers perform this Christmas in Hiwassee at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds December 10, 2010. For more information contact the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds at (706) 896-4191 or visit us online at [www.GeorgiaMountainFairgrounds.com](http://www.GeorgiaMountainFairgrounds.com).

Ticket Prices: Less than 10: \$30 + \$2 handling (standard price) per ticket. Group tickets (10 or more): \$15 + \$2 handling (after discount) per ticket. NTDec8,F1)SH

# Chamber Chronicles

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## Angel's Chamber Messages



County Commissioner's Office, The Towns County EMS and the Towns County Sheriff's Office for all of their support. Thank you also to the Tour of Homes Committee and Decorator Show House Committee. Marsha Elliott, Liz Ruf, Carol Lumpkin, John & Dale Harmon, Carolyn Barton. Without you, this year's tour would not have even been possible.

## Member Calendar of Events

**12/9/2010 - 12/12/2010 A Christmas Story**  
301 Church Street, Hayesville, NC 28904. Location: Peacock Playhouse. Hours: Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday 2:30 p.m. Phone: (828) 389-8632 or Toll Free (877) 691-9906. Website: [www.licklogplayers.org](http://www.licklogplayers.org) Sponsor: Licklog Players. Cost: \$13. Description: Wonderful family Christmas Season classic. Come see Ralphie & his Red Rider BB Gun.

**12/10/2010 The Christmas Concert - Larry Gatlin & The Gatlins**  
1311 Music Hall Rd., Hiwassee, GA 30546. Location: Anderson Music Hall - Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. Hours: 7:00 PM. Contact: The Georgia Mountain Fair. Phone: (706) 896-4191. Website: [www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com](http://www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com) Sponsor: The Georgia Mountain Fair. Cost: Tickets - \$30 and \$25 plus \$2 for handling fee. Description: Tickets go on sale Friday, Nov. 12th.

**12/11/2010 Newsong**  
1028 Georgia Road, Franklin, NC 28734. Phone: (866) 273-4615. Website: [www.greatmountainmusic.com](http://www.greatmountainmusic.com) Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts. Cost: \$15-20. Description: NewSong is a contemporary Christian group that was founded in 1981, at Morningside Baptist Church in Valdosta, Georgia. They have had eight GMA Dove Award nominations. They are the founders of the Winter Jam Spectacular, the United States' largest annual Christian music tour.

**12/11/2010 Christmas Brick Stitch Earrings Class**  
Hiwassee, GA. Location: 2413 Hwy 76 West on the corner of Frog Pond Road. Hours: 1:00-4:00 pm. Contact: Betsy Tull. Phone: (706) 896-0880. Email: [beadingb@yahoo.com](mailto:beadingb@yahoo.com) Website: [www.beadingbee creations.com](http://www.beadingbee creations.com) Sponsor: Beading Bee Creations. Cost: \$25. Description: This is a beginner brick stitch bead weaving class. I have enough patterns that you could wear a different pair every day in December. It's fun! Come in and let's listen to some Christmas music, eat some cookies (I'll bake 'em) and be joyful.

**12/17/2010 Oak Ridge Boys**  
1028 Georgia Road, Franklin, NC 28734. Phone: (866) 273-4615. Website: [www.greatmountainmusic.com](http://www.greatmountainmusic.com) Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts. Cost: \$15-18. Description: The Oak Ridge Boys, with that unmistakable four-part harmony, have produced dozens of hit songs - including "You're the One in a Million," "I'm Settin' Fancy Free," "Sail Away," and, of course, "Elvira," - earned just about every industry accolade available, including Grammy, Dove, ACM, and CMA awards, and won millions of fans worldwide.

**12/17/2010 - 12/18/2010 Brasstown Valley Christmas Show of Fine Arts & Crafts**  
Hwy 76 West, Young Harris, GA 30582. Location: Brasstown Valley Resort. Hours: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Phone: (706) 379-9900. Cost: Free

**12/21/2010 Annual Winter Solstice Celebration at Crane Creek Vineyard**  
916 Crane Creek Road, Young Harris, GA 30546. Hours: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Contact: Crane Creek Vineyard. Phone: (706) 379-1236. Email: [info@cranecreekvineyards.com](mailto:info@cranecreekvineyards.com) Website: [www.cranecreekvineyards.com](http://www.cranecreekvineyards.com) Sponsor: Crane Creek Vineyard. Cost: call for details. More Info: For additional information. Description: Help us bring light into this longest night of the year by lighting the great bonfire on a late winter's afternoon. Enjoy winter goodies, hot soup, and last minute gift shopping!

## A Great Big Thank You!

On behalf of The Towns County Chamber of Commerce, I would like to express a sincere "Thank You" to all who worked so hard to make this year's Christmas Tour of Homes an unforgettable event. The homeowners who so graciously opened their homes for the tour provided a wonderful experience for all who visited. Several homeowners who have previously opened their homes for the tour also provided invaluable advice and assistance to this year's participants. We also need to thank all of the designers and merchants who joined together with us to make our first ever Decorators' Show House special. Thank you to the Towns

