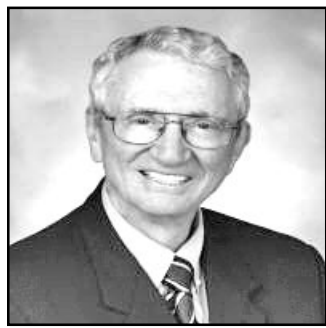


Retired U.S. Rep. Ed Jenkins dies at 78...continued from page 1

sional service, Rep. Jenkins served on the Ways and Means Committee; the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on the Budget; the Ethics Committee; and the Iran-Contra Investigations Committee.

Rep. Jenkins also served as Chairman of the Textile Caucus and was a Deputy Whip in the U.S. House of Representatives. In addition to his sponsorship and passage of numerous tax and trade bills during his 16 years of service on the Ways and Means Commit-



U.S. Rep. Ed Jenkins

tee, he also sponsored and passed into law numerous land and mountain preservation bills.

During his tenure in Congress, Jenkins was a

strong advocate of the textile industry and was very much in support of cuts to Capital Gains taxes.

He was also a friend of the apparel and poultry industries throughout his Congressional tenure.

Rep. Jenkins' focus on global fair trade was a highlight of his Congressional career.

He also introduced numerous tax revisions and authored comprehensive soil and water conservation laws and wilderness protection statutes for the

Chattahoochee National Forest during his time in Washington.

He retired from Capitol Hill in 1993. Nathan Deal, now Governor of Georgia, ran for and was successfully elected as Rep. Jenkins' 9th Congressional District successor on Capitol Hill in Washington.

The Washington Post reports that The Almanac of American Politics described Rep. Jenkins in 1990 as "one of the smartest operators on

Capitol Hill." The publication praised his composed questioning of Oliver North during the Iran-Contra hearings and cited his sincere efforts to protect the textile industry.

Rep. Jenkins was the sole non-chair appointed to the Joint Committee on Iran Contra, which investigated the unauthorized trading of weapons to Iran.

After retiring from Congress, Rep. Jenkins remained active in church and

civic affairs and served on the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. He would have turned 79 on Wednesday, Jan. 4th.

Honoring Rep. Jenkins' years of service to the people of North Georgia, 23,000 acres of the Chattahoochee National Forest were designated the Ed Jenkins National Recreation Area.

The Towns County Herald passes its condolences to Rep. Jenkins' family.

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game-high 24 points in spite of missing most of the fourth quarter after fouling out at 6:44, with other leaders being Bleckley with 16 and Arcencibia and Stephanie Patton with 6 each. Cochran also led in assists with 4 with Arcencibia and Bleckley taking second honors with 2 each. The Gordon Lee trio of Lilvia Bradbury with 20 points, 6'4" Katelyn Lee with 15, and Cassidy Blevins with 13 provided most of the fire power for the Lady Trojans. Bradbury was selected as the Most Valuable Player in this year's tournament following their championship game win over Union County after Blevins took this honor a year ago.

The loss to Gordon Lee sent the Lady Indians into the third place game on Thursday as they faced Class AA Dawson County for the third time in less than a month and a half.

The Lady Indians had taken a 76-66 victory over

the Lady Tigers in Dawsonville and ran away at the end for a 76-46 win at home with that potential third win over a strong team often difficult to attain. The Lady Tigers had defeated Murphy 66-48 in their opening night game but fell to fellow Region 8AA foe Union County 63-47 in the semi finals on Wednesday.

The third game was a charm for the Lady Indians as they claimed a 68-57 victory over the Lady Tigers.

The Lady Indians had lots of heroics in this game with scoring leaders being All-Tournament selection Cochran with 18 points, Arcencibia with 15, Bleckley with 13, Blythe with 8, Stephanie Patton with 7, and Lindsay Patton with 5. Leaders in assists were Cochran with 4 and Arcencibia and Bleckley with 2 each. Statistics reported in the newspaper usually are focused on offensive excellence but special mention needs to be made for the

strong inside play by Blythe and Cowart against physically very strong opponents in both the Gordon Lee and Dawson County games.

As was previously mentioned, Cochran earned All-Tournament honors for the Lady Indians.

While the Indians' boys lost all three tournament games, much is to be said for the play of their youthful corps.

Four Indian freshmen - Dallas Manus, Grant Arcencibia, Boone Moss, and Cruz Shook—saw considerable action together during the tournament and more than held their own against three physically strong and veteran teams. For the Tournament, Manus easily led the Indians in scoring and was named to the All-Tournament team for his overall play.

Though the Indians' season record of 2-12 doesn't reflect it, this team is on the rise and will only get better in the days ahead.

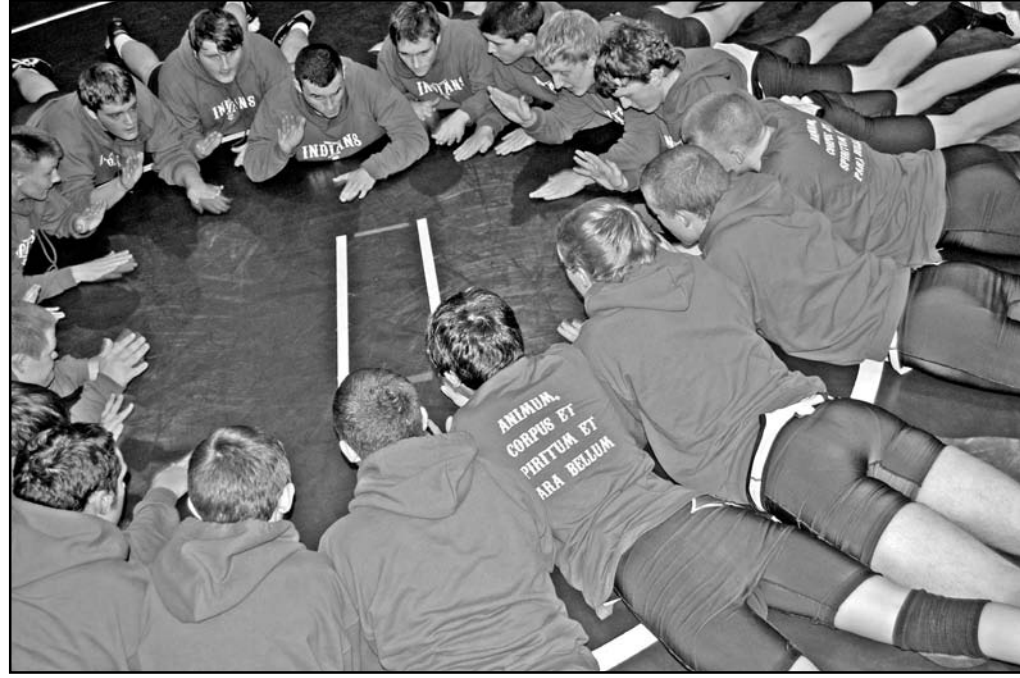
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Johnny Arrowood and Wes Bloodworth missed the Classic.

"Hopefully we can get healthy and show what we can do this weekend at Area Duals," Coach Stowers said. "Last year we had a great

first round victory over Trion. But, we're not going to sneak up on anyone this year. They know what we're bringing. We look forward to going down there and doing our best at Holy Innocents."

The Indians were scheduled for a warm up Duals match against Commerce and Winder Barrow in Commerce on Tuesday. Results of those matches were not available at press time.



The Towns County High School wrestling team is ready for Area Duals which begin on Friday in Atlanta. The Indians took third place over the weekend at The Classic in Dawsonville. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

2011 BOS Breakdown

POLK COUNTY

Dakota Barrett 2
Stetson Hedden 2

Lady Indians

Arencibia 19
Cochran 8
Lindsay Patton 8
Kellsie Cowart 7
Ali Bleckley 6
Stephanie Patton 4

Indians

Dallas Manus 16
Rylan Albach 5
Ryan Tallent 5
Cruz Shook 4
Dakota Barrett 2
Stetson Hedden 2
B. Henderson 2
Boone Moss 2

GORDON LEE

Lady Indians

Eryn Cochran 24
Ali Bleckley 16
G. Arcencibia 6
Stephanie Patton 6
Emily Anderson 2
Misty Lindemuth 2
Lindsay Patton 2
Dadrian Blythe 1
Kellsie Cowart 1
Bailey Sutton 1

Indians

Dallas Manus 16
Aaron Dodson 8
Stetson Hedden 4
Ryan Tallent 4
Grant Arcencibia 3
Dakota Barrett 2
Boone Moss 2
Cruz Shook 2
Brett Barrett 1
DAWSON Co.

Lady Indians

Eryn Cochran 18
Gabby Arcencibia 15
Ali Bleckley 13
Dadrian Blythe 8
Stephanie Patton 7
Lindsay Patton 5
Kellsie Cowart 2

MURPHY

Dallas Manus 14
Ryan Tallent 9
B. Henderson 8
Cruz Shook 7
Rylan Albach 6
Aaron Dodson 5

Battle of the States MVPs and All Tournament selections:

GIRLS MVP

Lilvia Bradbury (30),
Gordon Lee (Georgia)

All Tournament

Kassidy Blevins (5),
Gordon Lee
Katelyn Lee (42),
Gordon Lee; Rebecka Merritt (11), Union County;
Angie Hughes (44), Union County;
Eryn Cochran (10), Towns County;
Carly Gilreath (24), Dawson County;
Maclain Yowarski (44), Polk County (Tennessee);
Hannah Evans (15), Hokes Bluff (Alabama);
Amanda Thompson (20), Hayesville (North Carolina);
Katrina Evans (14), Murphy (North Carolina)

BOYS MVP

Justin Gonyea (23),
Hayesville

All Tournament

Cass Coleman (3),
Hayesville (NC);
Weston Jordan (24), Hayesville, NC;
Kyle Mann (5), Southside-Gadsden (Alabama);
Drew Mullinax (20), Southside-Gadsden;
Tyler Dominey (14), Dawson County;
Alex Akins (13), Polk County (Tenn);
Daniel Brooks (2), Gordon Lee;
Rhett McCombs (2), Union County;
Demarcus Hobson (14), Murphy (NC);
Dallas Manus (20), Towns County.

NOTE: The uniform numbers of the players are listed after their names for better recognition for those who viewed the tournament and may recognize players by number rather than by name.

BOS Scoreboard

GIRLS Round 1:

Dawson County 66,
Murphy (NC) 48;
Gordon Lee 72,
Hayesville (NC) 32;
Union County 42,
Hokes Bluff (AL) 32;
Towns County 52,
Polk County (TN) 48.

Girls Round 2

Hokes Bluff 51,
Murphy 46;
Polk County 52,
Hayesville 43;
Union County 63,
Dawson County 47;
Gordon Lee 72,
Towns County 61.

Girls Round 3

Hayesville 53,
Murphy 51 (Seventh Place)
Polk County 54,
Hokes Bluff 43 (Fifth Place)
Towns County 68,
Dawson County 57 (Third Place)
Gordon Lee 49, Union County 38 (Championship)

Boys Round 1

Dawson County 56,
Murphy (NC) 34;
Hayesville (NC) 77,
Gordon Lee 63;
Southside-Gadsden (AL) 57, Union County 50
Polk County (TN) 62,
Towns County 38.

Boys Round 2

Union County 65,
Murphy 40;
Gordon Lee 80,
Towns County 42;
Southside-Gadsden 53, Dawson County 48;
Hayesville 55, Polk County 48;

Boys Round 3

Murphy 57, Towns County 53 (Seventh Place);
Gordon Lee 55, Union County 41 (Fifth Place);
Dawson County 42, Polk County 31 (Third Place);
Hayesville 48,
Southside-Gadsden 39 (Championship).

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to just let your hair down and have some fun. It hasn't been easy to have fun because of the economy. But, that's my 2012 New Year's resolution: have some fun."

Lucille Cavendar of Powder Springs also kicked up her heels.

"It feels great to put 2011 behind us," she said. "Here's hoping that 2012 is a bright year for everyone and that the economy rebounds and makes our futures brighter. This is just a great night for everyone because a new year brings

new hope." At the Ridges Resort & Marina, Jeff Stewart and Caleb Garrett played guitar as guests dined and welcomed in the New Year.

All-in-all, 2012 was a welcomed site in Towns County.



Jeff Stewart, left, and Caleb Garrett performed at The Ridges Resort & Marina on New Year's Eve. The Ridges' guests were excited to see 2012. Photo/James Reese

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is coming to Anderson Music Hall again. Tritt will play The Hall on St. Patrick's Day, Saturday March 17.

The Grammy Award-winning Country Music performer has charted more than 30 singles on the U.S. Billboard charts, including five that reached No. 1. Tritt also has two Platinum albums to his credit, *Country Club* and *T-R-O-U-B-L-E*.

His second album, *It's All About To Change* yielded three Top 3 hits, *Any-*

more, The Whiskey Ain't Workin', and Here's A Quarter (Call Someone Who Cares).

During his storied career, Tritt has teamed with the likes of Ray Charles, Marty Stuart, George Jones, John Mellencamp and American Idol's Randy Jackson.

Tritt, who has also starred in almost a dozen motion pictures, including *Blues Brothers 2000*, *The Cowboy Way*, and *Rio Diablo*, now resides in

Hiram, which has named a street in his honor.

Tickets for the Travis Tritt Concert are \$42 plus \$2 handling. They go on sale Feb. 3rd.

Of course, on Feb. 11th the Red-Headed Stranger, Willie Nelson will perform at Anderson Music Hall. Only a handful of tickets remain for that concert. Those tickets are \$45 plus \$2 handling.

For more details about these three concerts, call the Fairgrounds at (706) 896-4191.

Beekeeping workshop in Suches

Want to learn to keep honeybees? Suches' first Beginning Beekeeping Class will be held on Saturday, January 21st at the Woody Gap School. Registration opens at 8 a.m., class is from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Pre-registration cost \$15, or \$20 at the door. Lunch and breaks provided and door prizes.

This class is organized by local beekeepers. For more information and preregistration contact any of the following: Althea Cantrell, 706-747-5201 (acantrell@ucschools.org); Tim Cruce, 706-838-4332 (timcruce@yahoo.com); BJ Weeks, 770-735-3263 (bnweeks@juno.com); or Glenn Henderson, 706-745-1745.

Bees are not likely to be available due to weather, but

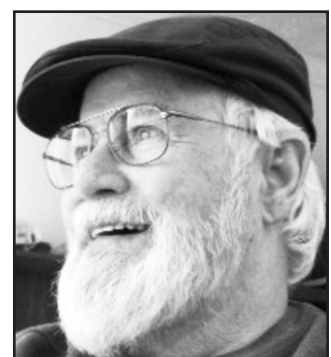
a March hands-on workshop will follow. N/Jan4,11,28/CA

Local author publishes book

G.W. Newton, a Blairsville resident, has published a book titled *A Bunch of Wiregrass*. The book contains 220 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/2" perfect bound, with several photos.

The stories are from the author's memagination, looking back seventy years, of growing up on a big tobacco farm in Wiregrass, GA. Both the people and the stories from that time are long gone, except in these memories.

The book is available from the author at G.W. Newton, Wiregrass Press LLC, 476 Jewell Mason Road, Blairsville,



G.W. Newton
GA 30512, 706-745-8993, or contact the author at gwnewt1@netscape.net. N/Jan4,11,28/CA

Happy New Year!