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Lady Indians overpower Commerce | Scoring drought does in Indians

By Jerry Kendall Towns County Herald Staff Writer

Commerce - The Towns County High School Lady Indians Varsity Basketball Team got the 2013 portion of their season off to a fine start last Friday night in Commerce when they sprang out to an early lead and coasted to a 65-38 Region 8A

With the win, the Lady Indians extended their overall record to 12-2 and their region record to 4-0.

The Lady Indians wrapped scoring runs of ten and seven points around a trey by the Lady Tigers as they held a 17-3 lead after one quarter and opened the second with a 16-2 run for a 33-5 lead by the fifty eight seconds mark. The Lady Tigers finished the quarter on a bit of an upswing by sinking a deuce and a trey in the final forty six seconds for a 36-10 Lady Indians lead

Stephanie Patton had a hot scoring hand the first half for the Lady Indians as she sank seven points in the first quarter and eleven in the second for an eighteen points first half while Bailey Sutton scored four in the first quarter and Dadrian Blythe five in the second. Eryn Cochran contributed five assists in first half action for the Lady

The Lady Tigers continued their newly discovered strength from behind the arc at the start of the third quarter as they followed up their last second trey of the second with two more in just a minute and seven



Emily Anderson trails as Stephanie Patton lays in two of her 19

seconds into the third for a far more respectable 36-16 deficit. The Lady Indians again seized control of the game after the flurry of Lady Tiger 3-pointers, however, as Cochran tossed in ten points in the third quarter and the Lady Indians held a 52-23 lead by quarter's end.

Misty Lindemuth and Karlie Albach then contributed six and four points respectively in the fourth quarter as the Lady Indians closed out the 65-38 victory. The Lady Tigers sank three treys, giving them eight for the game, in the final

Scoring leaders for the game for the Lady Indians were Patton with 19 points, Cochran with 12, Lindemuth with 8, Blythe with 7, and Kellsie Cowart and Sutton with

Leading in assists were Cochran and Lindemuth with 5 each and Albach and Patton with 2 each while Cowart led in rebounds with 9 and was followed by Blythe and Lindemuth with 6 each and Patton with 4. Cochran and Patton tied for the lead in steals with 6 each and were followed by Albach, quarter in closing the gap a bit Emily Anderson, and Sutton

By Jerry Kendall **Towns County Herald** Staff Writer

Commerce - The Towns County High School Indians Varsity Basketball Team was in action just once last week when they traveled to Commerce to take on a veteran Tigers squad.

A fourth quarter scoring surge was not enough for the Indians to overcome a lengthy scoring drought in the second and third quarters as the Tigers took a 48-36 Region 8A victory. The Indians completed the week with an overall 2-12 record, including 1-3 in region

The Indians got off to a good start with a trey by Dallas Manus and a deuce by Boone Moss giving them a 5-0 lead by the 6:36 mark of the first quarter and Manus nearly matched a Commerce trey with a long deuce for a 7-3 Towns lead at the 2:16 mark. The Tigers closed out the quarter with a pair of treys during the final two minutes, however, for a 9-7 lead entering the second quarter.

Both teams struggled to put points on the scoreboard for awhile after that but the Tigers managed to outscore the Indians 13-5 in the second quarter with four of their points coming in the final thirty three seconds for a 22-12 Commerce lead at intermission.

The third quarter was especially difficult for both teams as the Tigers sank a field goal at the 6:24 mark but only three free throws the remainder of the quarter while the Indians failed to score as the Tigers held a 27-12 lead entering the fourth

The Indians mounted a strong threat when they opened the fourth quarter with a 9-1 run with Manus including two free throws and a trey for just a 29-21 deficit with 5:23 on the clock and they had a chance to close to within six on a one and



two. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

one free throw attempt at the score which was far more inthe Tigers followed with four free throws for a 33-21 lead merce lead.

two free throws at 3:50 but got the offensive rebound following the second miss and sank their first field goal since the 6:24 mark of the third quarter for a 35-21 advantage. They then continued what turned out to be a 14-2 run for a 43-23 lead by the 2:44 mark, winding up treys among his team leading with four additional field goals by game's end with all coming on long, cross or down court

The Indians finished the closing to within a 48-36 final in steals with 3.

4:53 mark. The charity toss dicative of the tough defensive missed the mark, however, and battle for three quarters than the brief twenty point Com-

The Indians actually The Tigers then missed scored twenty four points in the fourth quarter, representing twice as many points in the fourth quarter as in the first three, and the ten scored in the final minute nearly matched their total for the first three

> Manus included four 18 points while Trace Moss took second honors with 6 points while leading in assists

Boone Moss led in regame with a scoring flurry of bounds with 9 and was foltheir own, including ten points lowed by Manus and Tallent in the final minute of play, in with 4 each while Tallent led

Lady Indians' JV rolls past Commerce

By Jerry Kendall **Towns County Herald** Staff Writer

Commerce - The Towns County Lady Indian JV's basketball team saw their first action in two weeks last Friday when they traveled to Commerce and methodically marched to a decisive 53-34 victory over the Lady Tigers.

The victory gives the Lady Indians a 3-5 record for

The first quarter proved to be a low scoring affair with the Lady Indians taking a 4-0 lead by the 3:37 mark on a pair of field goals by Savannah Dyer but it required a steal and drive to the basket by Jocelyn Byers at the seventeen seconds mark for the Lady Indians to hold a 6-4 lead they would never relinquish by quarter's end. Byers added seven points and Allysa Pyle scored six in the second quarter as the Lady Indians held a 19-13 lead at intermission.

Dyer then took the lead for the Lady Indians by pouring in twelve points in the third quarter with Pyle adding four as



The Towns County Lady Indians' JV team in action during a recent game. Photo/Lowell Nicholson.

the Lady Indians led 40-20 after three quarters on the way to the 53-34 victory

quarter were Brooke Smith's second and third treys of the game and a field goal and two in assists with 6 and Smith folfree throws by Byers for four lowed with 4.

Scoring leaders for the Lady Indians for the game Highlighting the fourth were Dyer with 16 points, Byers with 15, Pyle with 10, and Smith with 9 while Byers led

Towns County Wrestling brings home five medals at Amicalola

By Joe Collins **Towns County Herald Staff Writer**

Dawsonville - The Towns County High School wrestling Indians took their talents to Dawson County High School to compete in the 27th Annual Amicalola Wrestling

Classic tournament. The team finished fifth overall and had five of the seven competing wrestlers taking medals including two-second place finishes, a third and two fourths. It was a big tournament in the state and featured both the Traditional and Dual

style formats. 'We went to the tournament to try and get back into the swing on things. We were only able to carry seven wrestlers to the tournament because we are still nursing some injuries and illnesses, but we are moving forward to try and accomplish our goal of qualifying for the State Duals. Hopefully we will be able to wrestle at the level we are capable of next week at the Area Duals," Head Coach Jeff Stowers said.

Towns County was only able to take seven wrestlers to last week's tournament, but with five of the seven team members taking medals, it speaks volumes about their

Those winning places in their respective weight divisions were juniors Aaron Collier and Tyler Hoffman claiming second place finishes in the 120 lbs. and 170 lbs. weight divisions respectively, Senior Wesley Bloodworth place third in the Heavyweight division and senior Bradley Smith and junior Kyle Davis held their own with fourth place finishes in the 195 lbs. and 182 lbs. classes.

The team used the tournament to try and get more prepared for the Area Duals at Holy Innocents.

We are going to focus on not giving up points easily and finishing matches stronger next week in practice to prepare for Area. We are still going to depend on the same guys to get us where we need to be and they will need to be ready. The Amicalola tournament gave us



Towns County High School junior Tyler Hoffman (left) placed second at the Amicalola Classic last month in Dawsonville.

Towns County senior Wesley Bloodworth (right) placed third at the Amicalola Classic last month in Dawsonville.

a sense of how deep the team is they perform well then they will and I feel positive about Area," declared Stowers.

Towns County is focus-

have a chance to qualify and that is their goal.

Make plans now to come ing on getting to the State Duals and support the team and help and has a hard row to hoe. If boost them to State.

Wrestling team fails to qualify for State

By Joe Collins **Towns County Herald** Staff Writer

Atlanta - The Towns County High School varsity wrestling team traveled to Holy Innocents High School on Saturday in hopes of qualifying for the State Duals in Macon next month but came up short despite a decent effort on their part.

The team ended with a 1-3 record for the tournament with its single victory against Fellowship Christian 54-24. Their losses were at the hands of Athens Christian 51-30 and a close one to St. Francis 42-39. It was a disappointing end for a strong team that had an up and down year.

Athens Christian handed the team its first loss of the day in spite of some solid wrestling by Senior Wesley Bloodworth who won by fall in the Heavyweight division and Junior Aaron Collier who won by decision in the 120-pound division 5-2. The team wrestled well but lost in the end 51-30.

The next match of the day was the best by the team and they claimed a big victory over Fellowship Christian with a score of 54-24. Collier was again solid as he won his bout in the 120-pound class, Junior Christoph Nguyen won by fall in the 126-pound class, Junior Vonya Baldwin won by fall in the 138-pound class, Junior Austin Stephens won by fall in



Vonya Baldwin during a recent meet. Bladwin picked up a win by fall at Holy Innocents. Photo/Joe Collins

the final match of the day to try and qualify for State.

The final match saw a lot just not good enough to claim Head Coach Jeff Stowers. victory. Collier had another great bout and won by fall in the 120-pound class, Baldwin won by fall in the 132-pound class, Junior Austin Todd won by fall in the 138-pound class, Hoffman won by fall in the 170-pound class and Sophomore Kyle Davis won by fall in the 182-pound. class.

Area Duals but just didn't get

the 160-pound class and Senior it done. I hate it for the team Tyler Hoffman had a great bout cause they have worked really winning by fall in the 170-pound hard and we fell just short of division. It was a strong effort our goal of qualifying for State for the team as they looked to as a team. Now we will change our focus and start preparing for the individual tournaments and hopefully get some kids in State of good wrestling by TCHS but on an individual basis," said The Indians have a solid

reputation as individual wrestlers and the preparation will be more focused on each team member's upcoming bouts. "I hope we can get four or five guys at least in the tournament this year and I feel we can. Preparing for individual bouts is a different game and we will do "We wrestled okay in the what it takes to get them ready,"

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working with Chairman Goodlatte on the House Judiciary Committee to move this bill through the legislative process and restore our fiscal house to

In addition to signing onto the two balanced budget amendments to the Constitution Collins has become an original co-sponsor for H.R. 25, the Fair Tax Act.

The resolution was cosponsored by Rep. Rob Woodall (R-GA).

The legislation calls for a national consumption based tax and the elimination of the 16th Amendment.

"I campaigned on the need for serious reform to our tax code," Collins said. "The Fair Tax is the best way to ensure hardworking Americans are able to keep more of their paychecks, and protect those same taxpayers from unjust financial intrusions by the federal government. This bill represents smart, fiscal policy that will provide the means to revolutionize our tax system and help ease the financial burden the Democrats in the Senate and the Obama Administration have placed on American businesses and families."

Collins also threw his support behind H.R. 6726, the Congressional Pay Freeze and

Fiscal Responsibility Act. Sponsored by Representative Mike Fitzpatrick (R-PA), this legislation is a response to an Executive Order signed by President Barack Obama, which enacted a pay increase for Members of Congress and

in the federal government. H.R. 6726 passed the House 287-129.

other persons holding positions

"It is truly unbelievable to think President Obama would enlist yet another Executive Order to increase pay for elected officials during the time of financial crisis we currently are facing," Collins said. "I commend and thank Representative Fitzpatrick for his leadership in drafting this bill, and for bringing the duplicitous actions of the Obama Administration to light. Hardworking, American taxpayers deserve to know their Commander-in-Chief doesn't take seriously the \$16 trillion of debt we've created for ourselves, and more importantly the burden that places on future generations.

"I look forward to serving with my colleagues in the House like Representative Fitzpatrick who believe it's time to significantly reduce the spending habits of the federal government and get our country back on track," Collins said.

of the total active members,"

recommended that the club-

house be gifted to Friendship

Baptist Church. With a motion

being made to the member-

ship, they voted unanimously

in favor of gifting the property

nization with the longest at-

tachment to the clubhouse was

Holmes, Community Club

president, and his late wife

Joyce, along with Morris and

Loyce Phillips, were instru-

mental in the early develop-

ment and growth of the Friend-

ship Community Club, said

church seemed to be the most

appropriate recipient of the

the Community Club played a

significant role in the everyday

lives of the people who lived in

hub for community activities.

the area have changed enor-

mously just in the last 20 years

since I have been here," said

have discovered an amazing

assortment of activities to be

involved in. The Community

Club board is always looking

for ways to keep our neighbor-

hood club useful, relevant,

and moving forward," said

an organization for socializing

and addressing community is-

meetings will be held at

area restaurants and parks.

sues," said Pease.

path of the club head.

"The Friendship Com-

Pease reports that

It is hard to aim at a point

the Friendship area.

Kowalsky said that the

Formed in the 1950s,

The clubhouse was the

The demographics of

"Folks who moved here

Friendship Baptist Church.

The board of directors

"Historically, the orga-

Church members Steve

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said Lilly.

to the church.

Kowalsky.

eral mitigating factors, a depressed real estate market, the small size of the land – approximately one-fourth acre - the highway encroachment into the property driveway, the right of way of Foggy Bottom Road, the lack of compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act building codes, difficulty with sewer compliance, and lack of adequate parking space, made the property unlikely to be a viable commercial or residential prospect for the foreseeable future.

"In keeping with the spirit of the Friendship Community Club bylaws, a decision was reached to gift the clubhouse to a charitable organization," said Kowalsky.

Lilly also explained that they put the word out to Friendship Baptist Church and the Towns County Historical Society that the Community Club would consider gifting the property.

The church sent representatives to the Community Club meeting and reported that they had held a meeting and voted unanimously to accept the clubhouse property and be responsible for all maintenance and costs of renovation if the Community Club would consider giving the property

Representatives of the Historical Society also came to the meeting and asked for an extended time of "due dili-

gence" to consider if they could use the property. After a brief lapse of time, they declined the offer as

they did not have the financial resources needed to consider ownership of the clubhouse property. A general meeting of the

Community Club was held on Dec. 13th for a vote of "disposal of the property," said Lilly. 'The active membership

in attendance, and represented

Tips from the Range

that we play is a determination

your scores will be lower. We

work really hard and practice

ways to hit, pitch and putt the ball

better and in turn we learn how to

move the club properly. This is,

and should be, a major priority

theoretically you should play bet-

ter, but if your aim is bad, then it

doesn't really matter how well

you strike the ball. As the old

Scotsman's caddie was quoted as

saying after his boss hit a shot into

the sand, "Aye man, ya hit that a

good one but you're towards was

off." What the caddie was actu-

ally saying in today's translation

would be, "Your alignment was wrong boss." It doesn't matter if

you hit it well if you don't line up

your shots correctly. Alignment

fully next time you view a tour-

nament or happen to be there in

person. They really pay a lot of

attention to correct alignment.

The "Big Easy" checks his align-

ment almost every time by simply

looking at his feet in comparison

to his mid-section and then finally

the shoulders. He wants all three

to be aimed at the same point and

not the feet in one direction and

the shoulders pointing some-

where else. This will cause you

to cast the club and change the

Watch the pros very care-

is very important.

If your swing is solid then

when pursuing the game.

This simple game of golf

If you are accurate, then

Joe

Collins

of accuracy.

Looking at the architectural lay-out, Kendall discussed some changes that had previously been discussed and some additional changes he would like to see made.

Doors were a big item on the agenda, or at least the location of the doors and Kendall wants to utilize every bit of space possible, even if it's just for an additional closet or

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Discussion ensued as to how best to utilize the space while making sure they stay in compliance with state fire codes

Most of the changes were to allow for more efficient heating and cooling and dealt with exterior doors and windows Turpin suggested that

windows be left above the walking track to provide a view of the mountains and lake. He also said that the windows they will install are insulated and energy efficient. They are designed to meet compliance with Georgia Energy Code requirements.

"I want to see this place be as energy efficient as possible. We need the best insulation we can get," said Kendall.

The recreation facility will be more than adequately insulated with R-19 insulation used in the walls and R-30 insulation used in the roof/ceilings according to Lovvorn.

Exterior doors are all by proxy, equaled 72.6 percent solid core, insulated, and sealed which will also help with energy efficiency.

The folding partitions are insulated as well. This will not only help make the facility easier to heat and cool, but will also help with soundproofing.

Turpin requested that Kendall provide a tentative schedule of how the facility would be used and he, in turn, will provide an analysis of projected energy costs based

Lavvorn also reported that acoustical walls with



The Foster Memorial Park recreation facility is meeting Commissioner Kendall's expectations. a meeting according to Day.

sound attenuation (sound insulation) will be utilized to accommodate different functions that may be taking place at the same time. This will be instrumental in helping with noise reduction. In additional discussion regarding changes, Kendall also indicated that he would like to add an additional row of bleachers in the gym area.

This would be a change from the six rows that were originally in place in the plans. Turpin said that they would look at various options.

The plans now are for the bleachers to be power operated. The only concern was having enough head room on the top bleachers, but Turpin and Akins indicated that plans can be revised to accommodate an additional row.

Another possible addition in the discussion phase is a fireplace in the conference room. If the county opts to go with the fireplace it would have a pass through view and would use gas logs. It would be for aesthetic purposes only and not necessarily used as a source of heat.

The fireplace would be visible from the lobby and reception room. This was the first time this has been brought up in The discussion of the

fireplace was tabled for a later date and time. Akins gave an update on

projected plans to commence next week. They will begin pouring the walking track on Tuesday and hope to pour half of the gym slab as well. Akins said that they

would like to have the whole thing done next week, but this will be contingent on cooperation by the weather. They can't pour the concrete in rain and below 30 de-

gree temperatures. Roofing on the gym will, weather permit ting, be started next week. Bar joists and decking will be arriving week after next

according to Akins. They will then begin the

interior framing.

Kendall insisted in the planning phase that local workers be used for the Foster Memorial Park recreational facility project.

Akins reported that approximately 75 percent of workers for this project are

These include sub-contractors and material suppli-

"We have some real good workers and we have been very impressed with their quality of work," said Akins.

Kendall returned the compliment by saying, "I am very impressed with the professionalism this group has shown and with the quality of their work. They are very accommodating and easy to work with."

Kendall also commented on the local workers being used for the project. 'I am very please to see this many local workers being

used on this project. During these tough economic times, it is good to know that we are doing our part to help out these The team adjourned the

meeting and did a walk through of the work site even though it meant walking through mud at times due to rain from the previous week.

They are hoping that Mother Nature will be more considerate of their work schedule in the weeks ahead.

The project is paid for through funds from voter-approved Special Purpose Local Option sales tax.

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in a pasture beside the lake,"

Meadowlarks are not actually supposed to be here this time of year according to Hull.

The Coalition works in Towns and Union counties in North Georgia and Clay and Cherokee counties in North Carolina to sustain good water quality in our lakes, rivers and

In regard to how this outing fits into the Coalition mission, Moore replied, "The more people learn about our waters and the creatures that live in, on, and around them, the more passionate they become about protecting them. When you see these beautiful ducks feeding in our lake, or hear loons calling in the early morning fog, you want to preserve the water quality so that they will come back year after

Hull teaches courses in munity Club will continue on as Biology, Ecology, Environmental Science and Field Studies at Young Harris College where she is in her 18th year.



If you're going birdwatching, remember, bundle up. It's cold this time of year.

Her primary professional interests lie in the field of ecology, ethology and ornithology. tion's Board of Directors. Hull is an avid birder.

She was recently elected to serve as chair of the Coali-

Hull currently resides in

Clay County.

For more details about the Coalition, visit www.hrwc. net or call (828) 837-5414.

Taking things happen for rural

By Frank Riley **Executive Director**

The Chestatee Chattahoochee RC&D Council has a very successful track record of projects and accomplishments that have improved citizen's lives, helped create jobs, and improved the economies of communities in the 13-county area of North Georgia.

Some examples of past and present projects are:

Dry Hydrant program – This project installed "dry" fire hydrants in areas where there were no water lines for "wet" fire Hydrants. This program provided a water source from streams, ponds, and rivers for the county volunteer fire departments to draft water to protect the citizen's property and

Wheels To Work program - This program purchases dependable, used vehicles to provide reliable transportation for people who need transportation to get to work. The vehicles are financed with



zero-interest loans to qualified applicants.

Revolving Loan Program a grant from USDA Rural Development to help establish or expand small businesses in the area for qualified applicants. When the principal is repaid, these funds are available to be loaned again. Northeast Georgia Tree

Planting Initiative - The Northeast Georgia "Tree Planting for Ecosystem Restoration and Green Jobs" helped create or retain approximately 42 Green Industry jobs under the GFC's Georgia Growing Green and ARRA Grant Program. The project enhanced urban areas through reforesting the communities as well as providing storm water and bio-diversity improvements.

EBT Farmers' Market - a statewide effort to help make locally grown fruits and vegetables available to SNAP recipients many of whom use debit cards for purchases. Locally grown fruits and vegetables are mostly sold at farmers' markets where electronic card machines are unavailable. The project assists local markets with equipment purchases and training about the legalities of SNAP

North Georgia Rainkeepa rain barrel program for the 13 county area. While collecting rainwater from downspouts, these barrels also divert water from the municipal storm drain system, thus protecting our rivers and streams from runoff pollution. Every inch of rain that falls on a roof area of 1,000 square feet produces approximately 600 gallons of water. EPD 319(h) grants - The e-mail:

Chestatee-Chattahoochee Re-

source Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) is presently administering water quality 319(h) grants in the Mud Creek/Little Mud Creek and Cold Water Creek watersheds. More on these EPD projects

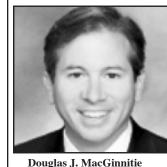
Some other very successful Chest-Chatt projects are:

Outreach Community Grants, Economic Development (Greenhouses), Agritourism, No-Till-Drill (pasture restoration), Natural Resource Protection, North Fork Broad River – 319(h), Better Back Roads Project, Public Recreation Facilities, Road Striping, Soque River Watershed 319(h), Straw bale Building - Stephens County, Timber Bridges, Upper Etowah Stream bank Revert, Waste paper Recycling, Waste wood recycling, Water Quality Projects.

For more details on Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC&D Council, visit our Web site www.chestchattrcd.org.

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GA State Commissioner of Revenue to speak at Rotary in Blairsville



far away so pick out an "intermediate" target that is only a couple of feet in front of your ball position. To do this you need to stand behind the ball and find a small target to represent your main target point. A blade of grass or spot on the ground that is directly in line with your aiming point but in front of your ball. By standing behind the ball you can see the target line that the ball should start on. Always align you body parallel to the target line. As you address the ball keep that spot and your target line in your peripheral vision until you have finished your alignment sequence and are ready to hit the ball. Now do a visual to see if you are aimed correctly by checking to make sure that you are square and pointed in the right direction. It is correct to be a little open to your target at address because the club path is inside on the downswing if you are swinging correctly. Pay attention to your align-

ment and watch the ball striking get better. Our goal is to control the swing with our sub-conscious so that it is reactionary. Build your swing on good

fundamentals but always remember that if you line up wrong the swing will be compromised and it will react to the false alignment. Poor alignment can sneak into your game at any time and cause all sorts of problems to your fundamentals and mechanics. Always take a little more time and make sure your "towards" is correct.

Good luck and I will see you on the course!

Douglas J. MacGinnitie

Georgia's State Commissioner of Revenue, will speak at the luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Union County on January 24. 2013, at the Union County Community Center, 129 Union Co. Rec. Road, Blairsville. The public is invited. The meeting starts at 11:30 AM. Luncheon cost will The Department of Reve-

Douglas J. MacGinnitie,

nue was created in 1938 and is the principal tax collecting agency for

the State of Georgia.

In addition to administering income tax laws, the department is responsible for enforcing laws and regulations pertaining to the control of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products in Georgia as well as motor vehicle tag and title administration.

Mr. MacGinnitie is a former candidate for Georgia Secretary of State and also a former member of the Sandy Springs City Council. He has served as General Counsel

Cum Laude graduate of Dartmouth College with a B.A. in History, Mr. MacGinnitie received his J.D. from Emory School of Law, where he was a Woodruff Fellow. Commissioner MacGinnitie and his wife, Missy, reside

of the Hobbs Group. He is a Magna

in Sandy Springs with their three children. Reservations are requested

for the Rotary Luncheon. Please contact Mike Kelly with requests at 706-745-3500 or email at pmikekelly@gmail.com.