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There will also be a shooting range, fishing pond, and a bow range. Youth and youth groups, ages 7-17, are invited to attend from all across the region and the nation.

This event also offers a free wild game lunch for all participants and parents.

All youth will receive a free T-shirt and goody bag as well as being entered to win one of many great door prizes.

Each year Hogseds honor a young person that is no longer with us; this year they will be honoring Kenny.

Kenny loved spending time playing football and being with his family.

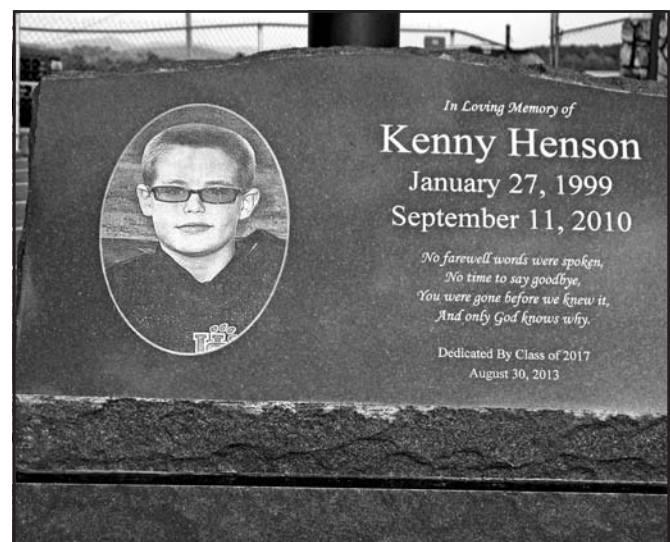
"As with most people that we lose, we only remember the good about them," said Kenny's mother Cheli Collins. "Losing him changed our world. I am so thrilled anytime his name is mentioned. For the Hogseds to honor us and his memory this way is such an overwhelming experience.

"To know that Kenny is remembered by more than us everyday means the world to me," she said. "To have a whole day of kids doing what kids do best in an event with his name on it is amazing.

"I am hoping to get tons of Union County participation," she said. "With this event being held in North Carolina, it gets more attention over there.

"We are trying to bring as much attention to it as we can and get more Georgia kids over there," she said.

Another event to honor Kenny will take place before the Union County Panthers first football game on Aug. 30th. A stone monument has been



The monument that pays tribute to Kenny Henson inside Mike Colwell Memorial Stadium. Photo/Todd Forrest

constructed in front of the flag pole at Mike Colwell Memorial Stadium and it will be dedicated before the game.

At the time of Kenny's accident he played youth football for Coach Ricky Tanner, and Tanner spoke about the impact that Kenny has had on his own life.

Tanner, who still coaches, also said that he still thinks of Kenny, especially at every practice and every game.

"He was a great kid and a great player," Tanner said. "He's the type of player that every coach dreams about coaching. He gave it all he had all of the time. I'm still coaching and I wish that every kid played as hard as Kenny and I always bring his name up. I'd give anything to have every player on the team be like Kenny. He never complained. He would simply say, yes sir, and then go and do it.

"His passing hit us hard," added Tanner. "I drive by the

accident site three times a week and it still affects me. It makes me think about the amazing boy that he was. It still bothers me and makes me think, why would that happen to someone so young. He still touches me to this day, so anything to do with Kenny, I would love to be a part of."

At Saturday's event, it is required that all youth pre-register. This can be done by visiting www.scotthogseday.com. Pre-registration closes on Aug. 23.

They are also looking for wild game donations for the wild game lunch. Hunters and fisherman with meat to spare please call Hogsed's Sportswear about donating wild meat for the wild game lunch.

The goal is enough meat to feed 1,800 people. Also, if you would like to make a donation to help raise funds for this event, please contact Sam Hogsed at Hogsed's Sportswear at (828) 389-3088.

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Commission meeting at the Union County Courthouse.

Commissioner Paris said that he met with Blairsville Mayor Jim Conley in late July and easily reached an intergovernmental agreement.

Commissioner Paris will call for an election on Nov. 5th, for the purpose of asking Union County voters to approve or disapprove the question of whether a SPLOST shall be imposed for another 24 quarters, or six years, beginning on April 1st, 2015 to raise an estimated \$19 million to be used to fund special projects, according to the agreement.

The city will receive 7.89 percent of the total collections from SPLOST IV, according to the agreement.

Also, according to the agreement, if the project revenues exceed the amount called for in the referendum, the county may use those funds to complete any other county project.

Likewise, if the proposed city projects come in under cost, the city may use those funds for other projects or purpose, according to the agreement.

The county is responsible for the cost of the election, according to the agreement.

The proposed projects for the county include \$3.4 million for parks and recreation upgrades and improvements, solid waste upgrades and improvements, library upgrades and improvements, roads, streets and bridges, and economic development facilities and land acquisition, according to the agreement.

The city of Blairsville's proposed projects include water and sewer improvements, public safety equipment and vehicles, public works vehicles, equipment, roads, and sidewalks, according to the agreement.

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Gibson and his alleged victim were former acquaintances, sheriff's Detective Jason Kaylor said.

"The victim and her boyfriend, were friends with the alleged perpetrator and his wife," Detective Kaylor said. "The victim was very courageous in telling her story. It matched with the incident 100 percent. We did a Rape Kit, we expect the results back today. We had enough evidence without the Rape Kit to charge Gibson with rape."

The victim allegedly was lured into a compromising situation, and alcohol was involved, Detective Kaylor said.

"This case remains under investigation," Detective Kaylor said. "I can't discuss anymore about this case."

Gibson remains in the Union County Jail, Detective Kaylor said.

In the child molestation case, Nichols, 32, of Blairsville, has been charged multiple sex crimes against a child, Union County Sheriff's Detective Andrew Hammond said.

The alleged incident took place July 28th, and Nichols was arrested and charged on Friday night, Detective Hammond said.

The victim is an 11-year-old child, Detective Hammond said.

The case remains under investigation, Detective Hammond said.

Nichols remains in the Union County Jail awaiting a bond hearing.

Because of the felony

charges, Nichols must wait for a Superior Court Judge to hear his plea for bail, under Georgia law.