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Athletic Director Jonathan Gibson. "If the kids are involved, Lowell will be there, and our kids love to see him."

Union County Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris has even offered to make Nicholson an honorary Union County resident.

"Lowell Nicholson is something else," Paris said. "He's dedicated to the communities in Union and Towns counties. He's dedicated to the *Towns County Herald* and *North Georgia News*."

The ceremony will feature the hanging of a special plaque on the Lady Indians' dugout.

Gibson refers to the field dedication as a return of community affection to Nicholson.

"It's the least we can do to give back to him and thank him for all he's done for us," said Gibson.

A native of Towns County, Nicholson attended Towns County Schools as a youth, and he was involved in sports even then.

"I played some basketball, I played some football, but mostly I ran Cross Country and Track," said Nicholson.

Towns County Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall coached Nicholson as a teen in Cross Country and basketball, and up until a few years ago, Nicholson held the fastest time for Cross Country, running the three-mile in about 18 minutes.

After graduating high school, Nicholson helped announce Towns County football games, and was actively involved in basketball and youth football.

"Then I got into the newspaper business," said Nicholson, who worked 14 years for another newspaper before joining publisher Kenneth West in 1990 with the *Towns County Herald*.

"Lowell Nicholson is



Lowell Nicholson proudly wears his No. 1 Fan T-shirt on the Indians' sideline earlier this football season. Photo/Tava Bradshaw

the face of the *Towns County Herald*," West said. "He's broke more news in Towns County than any reporter I've ever had. Almost everyone in Towns and Union counties know Lowell. I'm proud to have known him and have him be a part of the newspapers all these years."

And Nicholson's favorite part of being a photojournalist? Covering sports.

"In 1988, the Towns County baseball team won a state championship," said Nicholson. "That's my biggest highlight, going to the state baseball tournament."

Nicholson also treasures the moments he spent covering Lady Indians' basketball when the team started going to state tournaments, and he still remembers photographing football players who are now respected men in the community.

"Now, I'm watching some of their kids play," said Nicholson.

When it comes to a favorite sport, Nicholson defers to the young people and not the game.

"Softball, football, bas-

ketball, soccer, tennis, or golf — all the kids that play sports, I'm proud of them."

Nicholson covers general news in addition to sports for both Union and Towns counties, where he has been a photographer for the same newspapers going on a quarter of a century.

"Kenneth West and Charles Duncan are two good guys to work with, and I appreciate what they've done for me," said Nicholson of the publisher and editor of the *North Georgia News* and *Towns County Herald*.

"Carl Vanzura retired before Charlie took over, and he was a good guy to work with," said Nicholson. "And Jimmy Powell was editor when I first started working with the Herald."

Times change, and kids grow up. Athletes become governing officials and editors come and go. But one thing has remained constant through all of Nicholson's years, both as an Indian and covering them.

"When I bleed, I bleed blue and white," said Nicholson. "Go Indians."

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Ledford with "the love and affection they have and bear for the church" to William Rufus Duncan, Joab Crawford, John Gillespie, James Gillespie and Moses Gillespie, the trustees of the Coosa Methodist Church South.

The church was to be used as a place of divine worship, for the use of the ministry and its membership.

The present day minister, the Rev. Roy Watkins said Coosa United Methodist Church's current congregation owes much to its founding fathers.

"From all the information gathered, it has become apparent that we of the current church congregation have a great deal of gratitude to those stalwart spirit-led settlers who founded Coosa UMC, to the dedicated circuit-riding ministers and local preachers who spread the Gospel."



(L-R): Paulette Petrarca, Union County Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris and the Rev. Roy Watkins with the proclamation declaring Sept. 28 as Coosa United Methodist Church Homecoming Day in Union County.

Rev. Watkins said. "And to all those throughout the years who have kept the flame alive

so that Coosa Church is still today the House of the Lord, both strong and beautiful."

## Clarification

The Sept. 17 edition of the North Georgia News featured a quote from Downtown Development Authority Chairman Paul Thompson, updating the DDA and community on the latest estimates for stream credits regarding the ongoing Haralson Development Project.

The credits in question are available in the Coosa River Basin from the Alaculsky Mitigation Bank.

The DDA board received a letter of intent from the Alaculsky Bank, in which it agreed to sell the stream credits to the DDA. Instead of \$18,000 worth of credits, as listed in the article, the total is actually \$28,000. The credits are on hold should the board decide to purchase them.

The Alaculsky stream mitigation credits will be available for \$20 each, and with a need of 1,400 stream credits, the total cost: \$28,000.



## Event Schedule

Club meetings are held on the 4th Thursday evening of each month, at the pavilion at the Senior Center, 6 p.m.

Block Parties are held the 1st Friday of each month, at the Farmers Market, 5 p.m. - dusk. Cruise-Ins are held on the 1st Saturday of the month, 4 p.m. - dusk, at the Historic Courthouse Square. All events are April - October. N.Sep24,22/CA