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L-R: Associate Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Williams, UCHS Principal John Hill, Julie Danek, Wade Nichols, Debbie Nichols, Anna Danek, Peggy Meredith, Bob Meredith, Duane Busse, Stephanie Busse and Lisa Busse at the 2016 "An Evening with the STARS."



The Union County Jazz Band keeps the mood high at the Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce's annual STAR Student event

Nichols. "She lights up a room just by showing up, and it starts with her smile."

"That child is always smiling. It's the first thing I noticed about her, and it's contagious. She treats people with kindness and respect, and she conducts herself in an honorable way, and her parents should be very, very proud."

Taken together, then, Nichols said that, "when you consider how smart she is and how hard she works and her

character, it didn't really take the College Board or the SAT to realize how special she is – Anna's a star all by herself."

Danek is in the running with several of her friends to be the next valedictorian of Union County High. She is currently the president of the UCHS Beta Club, as well as an active member of the United Community Bank Junior Board of Directors. Danek played basketball her first three years in high school, and has

competed in cross country since her sophomore year.

Supporting Danek that night were her mother, Julie – her father, Dean, wished he could have been there but had work out of town – along with her grandparents, Bob and Peggy Meredith, and her friend and fellow senior, Stephanie Busse, as well as Busse's parents, Duane and Lisa.

Nichols attended the event with her husband, Wade, while the UCHS Panthers Jazz Band, which expertly entertained everyone until the program began, acted as a perfect complement to the glitzy atmosphere of the evening.

Also that night, Enotah Judicial Circuit Superior Court Judge Stan Gunter swore in the members of the chamber's board of directors, and the event – sponsored by WoodmenLife – doubled as an opportunity to honor the chamber's Business of the Year, which was announced as being The Sawmill Place, owned and operated by Shawn and Amy Kight.

The dinner that evening was catered by In Sister's Kitchen of Blairsville, and The Wine Shoppe won the best decorated table, a contest in which chamber members compete in sponsoring and decorating the best table as voted on by guests.

In attendance that evening were Union County Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris, Union County Sheriff Mack Mason, Blairsville Mayor Jim Conley, Bill Kokaly from the office of Congressman Doug Collins, Blairsville DDA Program Manager Darren Harper, as well as dozens of chamber members and guests.

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Representatives and State Senators, will qualify in Atlanta with the Secretary of State's office."

Qualifying paperwork can be found on the Secretary of State's website, at www.sos.ga.gov.

Once there, click on the Elections tab at the top, then hover over the Candidate Info tab, and in the dropdown menu, click on 2016 Qualifying Packet. On the very next screen, click on the "CLICK HERE" link to access the packet, which contains explicit qualifying instructions for each office.

Information for those wishing to qualify for federal and state office can also be



Libby Stevens

found within the qualifying packet.

A complete list of

qualifying candidates for the various public offices will be posted inside the courthouse on the afternoon of Friday, March 11.

Candidates are qualifying ahead of the General Primary Election/Nonpartisan General Election, which will take place on Tuesday, May 24.

For more information, or to find out how else to obtain qualifying paperwork, contact the Union County Board of Elections at (706) 439-6041.

Voting for the March 1 Super Tuesday Presidential Preference Primary had not been completed as of press time. See results online at www.nganews.com.

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