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Around Town

Swain County Man Wounded In Vietnam

A 1968 graduate from Swain High School has been wounded in Vietnam.

PFC Johnirvin L. Lindsey of Bryson City was wounded in an ambush near DaNang, March 7th, according to official US reports.

Johnirvin called his parents last week and told them of the incident. He is in a naval hospital in Guam where he underwent surgery for a recoilous rifle wound in the left thigh.

Plans are now under way for Lindsey to be sent back to the States for further medical treatment.

PFC Lindsey had been in Vietnam only about 6 weeks when the incident occurred.

He completed his basic training at Parris Island, S.C. and his advanced infantry training at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Lindsey and has one brother and one sister living here in Bryson City.

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We would like to express our special thanks to the fine citizens of Swain County that have called the TIMES this week with information pertaining to wrecks, fires, breaking and enterings, and the like. We here at the TIMES are only two people and can't be everywhere, we appreciate any information that might lead to a news article. Thank you!

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We have a note on our desk that the Swain County Athletic Association will meet in the Swain County Courthouse at 7:30 tomorrow (Friday) night.

The State Highway Patrol reports two accidents in Swain County this week. While making 5 contacts, three were charged with speeding. There were no drunk driving charges, no pedestrian violations, and no non-hazardous violations. There were two other hazardous moving violations reported. The Department patrolled 3,186 miles in the county from March 10 through March 16.

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