Small town hero gives back

By Angie Ledbetter

The 33-year-old grew up in this small town of Batesville with three brothers and two sisters. He had two parents who made sure he went to school and teachers who made sure he did his work.

Deshawn Townsend, a cornerstone for the 2009 Superbowl Champions, the Pittsburgh Steelers, gives most of the credit to his teachers, his parents and a community who supported him ever since he went off to college at the University of Alabama. Everything was not handed to him. It started off with 200 participants over 600 at the health fair and 1,300 over 2,000 people. It was amazing.

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By Brad Greer

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South Panola head baseball coach Stoney Stone has been selected to head coach the North A&M All-star team with Greg Watkins, head coach of HEBRN Christian as his assistant.

“The North Delta family is proud of what our baseball team accomplished this year under Coach Stone, and we are all excited about what the state title will mean for our baseball program.”

The game will be played at Smith Wills Stadium in Jackson tomorrow at 2 p.m., following the AA-AAA game at 11 a.m. Admission is $5. For more information call the Panola County Sports Commission at 662-685-1738.

Directions to Smith-Wills Stadium: From Batesville, take North take the Lakealnd Drive exit. From the exit at the light, take a left onto Lakealnd Drive. The entrance to the Stadium is the 2nd light past the exit. It will be on your left.

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