



Towns County Herald's Sporting News



Nikki Winn named All-State in basketball

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Towns County High School Lady Indian Senior Nikki Winn was honored last week as an All-State basketball player for the second year in a row, this time receiving second team honors from both the Georgia Sports Writers Association and the Atlanta Journal and Constitution.

After being chosen for first team honors last year by both the Sports Writers Association and the AJC, she fell victim to numbers this year with several teams dropping from Class AA last year to Class A.

Two players from Wesleyan and one from Randolph-Clay took Class A first team honors after playing

in Class AA a year ago. There were a number of familiar names receiving Class A honors with the Lady Indians having competed in the last three years against eight players named first or second team or honorable mention on one or both teams.

Further, Candace Williams of Union County made the AJC second team and honorable mention by the Sportswriters. One opponent of the Indians, Raymond Higgs of Athens Christian, received all state honors, making the Sportswriters first team and the AJC second team.

Congratulations are once again extended to Nikki Winn for adding a second batch of All-State honors to a massive list of commendations along with numerous team and individual

records during a stellar career at Towns County High School.

Want to see how your favorite team did this week?

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Local Racing Action

by Carl Vanzura



Tri-County Race Track prepares for 2009 season

The historic Tri-County Race Track in the little mountain town of Brasstown, North Carolina will see action at the 3/10s clay oval as it has for over 50 years. This Saturday April 4, the track will welcome the racers to tour the facilities to practice and set thief cars up for opening night the following Saturday April 11. Practice is set to start at 6 p.m. until they are finished. Due to insurance regulations, only the pit gate will be open for this practice. Admission will be \$10. Concession stand will be open and fuel and parts will be available.

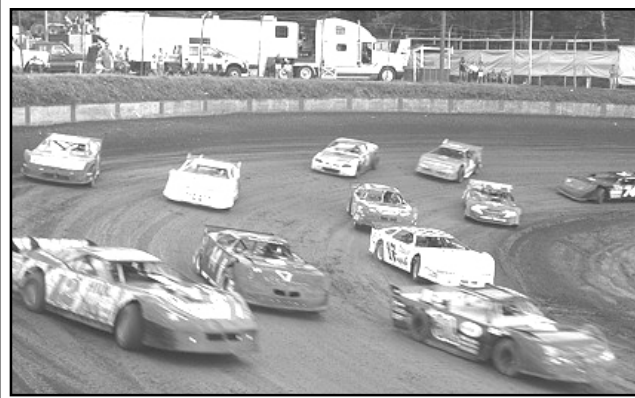
Promoters Steve and Sandra Morris have made several improvements to the track and are ready for the new season. The fans and drivers can expect some of the most exciting racing in the Carolina's this year with several touring series scheduled and six classes of cars each Saturday.

Morris said after looking how the economy is at this time he has decided to forgo a price hike on spectator and pit gate admission and continue as in past seasons with \$10 and \$8 for seniors and 10 and under free. Pits will remain \$20 and under 10 \$10.

Sugar Creek Speedway prepares for 2009 season

Sugar Creek Speedway has a new promoter this year and has been doing a great job on getting the track in great shape to begin racing on Friday nights at the popular Blue Ridge dirt oval. Their website states they will hold practice this Friday and open the season Friday April 10.

Blairsville driver Jonathan Davenport finished 5th in the Colossal 100 Sunday at Lowe's Dirt Track in Charlotte. Racing against some of the best racers in the nation, Davenport picked up \$7000 for his effort. Earl Pearson driving a car owned by NASCAR driver Bobby Labonte won the \$50,000 first place prize. Ray Cook placed 16th.



Racing action returns to Tri-County this Saturday night.

Eagles from AC too strong at the net for the Indians

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Busy tennis schedule has Indians falling to Athens Christian.

No excuses, the Eagles were just too powerful on the tennis courts as the Tribe dropped two matches to the Birds. Both wins came in the doubles matches at the #2 position for the girls and the #1 position for the boys.

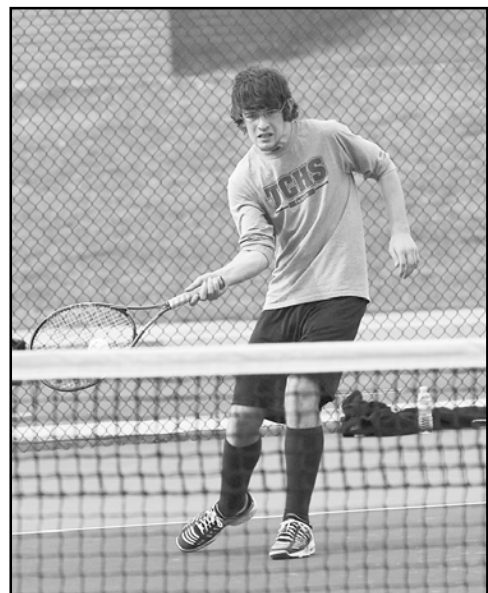
Girls Doubles Results: TCHS Jordan Moats/Gabby Arencibia (L) 5-8; TCHS Kerri Abernathy/Hannah Mathis (W) 8-1.

Boys Doubles Results: TCHS John Bleckley/Ethan Burch (W) 8-2; TCHS Will Adkins/Matt Hogsed (L) 6-8.

Girls Singles: TCHS Alexa Arencibia (L) 3-8; TCHS

Ginny Rhoades (L) 2-8; TCHS Kristin Fuhs (L) 4-8.

Boys Singles Results: TCHS Douglas Haigler (L) 5-8; TCHS Bart Arencibia (L) 3-8; TCHS Ben Hogsed (L) 2-8.



Ben Hogsed had his hands full as the boys lost to the Athens Christian tennis Eagles.



Ginny Rhoades sees singles actions during busy tennis week. Photos by Jim & Lisa Bryant

Indians take the Falls in both tennis matches

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Girls coast but boys have to battle for dual wins.

It was a 5-0 breeze for the TCHS Indian girls but the boys had to battle for the 3-2 win over the Indians from Tallulah Falls. The boys utilized their doubles teams and the #1 singles seed for the win.

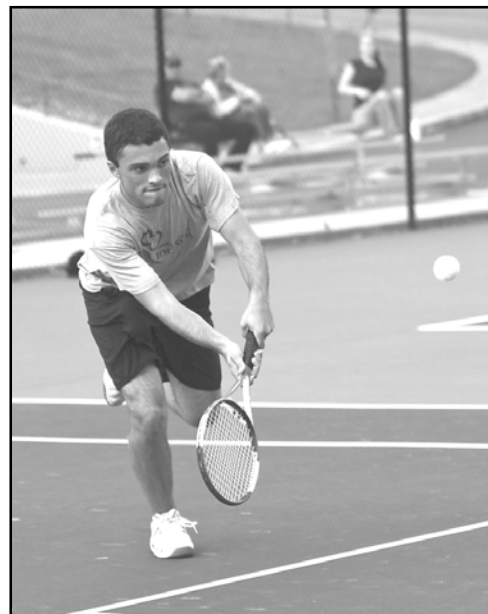
Girls Doubles Results: TCHS Jordan Moats/Gabby Arencibia (W) 6-0, 6-0; TCHS Kerri Abernathy/Hannah Mathis (W) 6-3, 6-1.

Boys Doubles Results: TCHS John Bleckley/Ethan Burch (W) 6-3, 6-2; TCHS Will Adkins/Matt Hogsed (W) 7-6, 6-7, 6-3.

Girls Singles Results: TCHS Alexa Arencibia (W) 6-1, 6-0; TCHS Ginny Rhoades (W) 6-0, 6-1; TCHS Kristin

Fuhs (W) 6-0, 6-1.

Boys Singles Results: TCHS Bart Arencibia (W) 6-2, 6-2; TCHS Douglas Haigler (L) 4-6, 3-6; TCHS Ben Hogsed (L) 2-6, 1-6.



Bart Arencibia took the only singles win for the TCHS Indians against Tallulah Falls.



Alexa Arencibia joined her brother at the #1 seed with a singles win in the girl's matches. Photos by Jim and Lisa Bryant

Indians bounce back against the Tigers in double wins

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The Tribe had an easy time at tennis with 5-0 wins.

The TCHS tennis team bounced back from their loss to the powerful Athens Christian Eagles to put the 5-0 bite on the Commerce Tigers in both matches. The Indian girls completely dominated losing only two games out of the five sets. The guys also won but had a bit more of a challenge.

Girls Doubles Results: TCHS Jordan Moats/Gabby Arencibia (W) 6-0, 6-1; TCHS Kerri Abernathy/Hannah Mathis (W) 6-0, 6-1.

Boys Doubles Results: TCHS John Bleckley/Ethan Burch (W) 6-1, 6-3; TCHS

Will Adkins/Matt Hogsed (W) 6-0, 6-0.

Girls Singles Results: TCHS Ginny Rhoades (W) 6-0, 6-0; Kristin Fuhs (W) 6-0, 6-0.

Boys Singles Results: TCHS Bart Arencibia (W) 7-6, 2-6, 6-2; TCHS Douglas Haigler (W) 6-2, 4-6, 6-4. TCHS Ben Hogsed (W) 6-3, 6-4.



Matt Hogsed returns a shot as he and doubles partner Will Adkins swept both sets.



Kristin Fuhs took easy 6-0 wins against the Lady Tigers. Photos by Jim/Lisa Bryant

Purple Cats 7-2 tennis win over Lady Pioneers

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Mountain Lions took seven of the nine points against SMC.

Not to be piggy but the YHC Mountain Lions took seven of the nine game points to take a 7-2 victory over the Lady Pioneers from Spartanburg Methodist. They started by sweeping all three doubles matches and finished the day winning four of the six singles matches. The first two seeds for the YHC singles went to the Cats when Sara Rodgers and Carrie Dixon each took wins.

Doubles Results: YHC Rodgers/Dixon (W) Daughtery/Swain 8-6; YHC Vaughters/Wheatley (W) Nutt/Simmons 8-6; YHC Richardson/Mililli (W) Peoples/Lang 8-2.

Singles Results: YHC Sara Rodgers (W) SMC Margaret Daughtery 6-1, 6-2; YHC

Carrie Dixon (W) SMC Amanda Simmons 6-4, 6-0; SMC Courtnet Nutt (W) YHC Sara Vaughters 6-0, 6-0; YHC Megan Wheatley (W) SMC Kristen Swain 6-0, 6-0; SMC Anastasia Lang (W) YHC Victoria Mililli 7-5(5), 6-4; YHC Nicole Richardson (W) SMC Megan Peoples 6-4, 6-2.



Sara Rodgers serves to Spartanburg Methodist, taking wins in singles and doubles.



Carrie Dixon plays the ball at the net in 7-2 YHC win over the Lady Pioneers. Photos by Jim and Lisa Bryant

WILD FACTS: Waxwings passing thru



Cedar waxwings are one of the most handsome songbirds migrating through Georgia right now. Slightly smaller than a cardinal, these beige, silky-feathered birds sport a crest as well as a dark facial mask and yellow tail tips. Some individuals also have waxy red tips on their wing feathers. Although cedar waxwings

live throughout our state in the winter, they head north toward their breeding territory in the spring. Their summer range extends from the North Georgia mountains to across our nation's midsection and into Canada. If you listen closely, you may hear their high-pitched, lisped trills as they travel in flocks, searching for berries and other fruit. More at www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/BirdGuide/Cedar_Waxwing.html. WILD Facts is a regular feature written by Linda May, a wildlife interpretive specialist with the Georgia DNR Wildlife Resources Division.

April Special Events at Young Harris College Baseball Games

April 3rd: Free Clinic ~ Kids ages 5-12, starting at 4:30. Parent's free admission.

April 4th: Kids that wear their baseball uniform can go on the field for the National Anthem with the YHC Baseball Players. Game time 2:00

April 8th: Cookie and Cheese Cake Night ~ All kids under 12 receive free Cookies or Cheese Cake with a paying adult. Game time 4:00

April 15th: Ice Cream Sundae Night ~ \$ 2.00 per person, make your own Game time 4:00

April 17th: Free Clinic ~ Kids ages 5-12, starting at 4:30. Parents free admission. Game time 7:00

April 18th: Kids that wear their baseball uniform can go on the field for the National Anthem with the YHC Baseball Players. Game time 2:00

April 21st: Steak Night ~ \$12.00, includes the cost of admission to the game. Game time 6:00

April 25th: Picture Day ~ Come have your picture taken with your favorite Players Game time 2:00

Check Young Harris College Baseball web page for more details and updates <http://www.yhc.edu/athletics/baseball.aspx>

