

# Towns County Sports

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## Towns County Middle School baseball season ends on a dour note in Tiger



Curtis Swanson wheels and deals against White County. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.



Jared Shook was on the mound against Lumpkin County. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.



Jackson Taylor lines a single to left against Lumpkin County. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.



The Indians season came to a close on Saturday in Tiger. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.



The Indians talk it over on the mound during the Middle School Baseball Tournament. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.



Coby Denton is safe at home against White County. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.

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The Towns County Middle School baseball team's season came to an abrupt end on Saturday in the Middle School Baseball Tournament in Tiger.

The Indians entered the double-elimination tournament with a record of 6-8.

They lost on Friday in the first game of the tournament to Lumpkin County. It was a heartbreaking loss, 9-6.

On Saturday, they just couldn't get the bats going as they dropped a 13-5 contest to the White County Warriors.

The TCMS Indians experienced their best season in years this season and will send

a handful of starters and bench support to the Varsity Indians' high school team next season.

The Towns County Herald congratulates the TCMS Indians on a hard-fought and exciting season. Here's hoping the program continues its progress next season.

### "The Fantasticks" opens Licklog Players season

The musical, "The Fantasticks," opens the 2012 season for the Licklog Players. It will run Friday - Sunday April 13-15 and Thursday-Sunday April 19-22. This play is one of the most popular ever produced having run for over 17,000 performances in New York. It just reopened there in a revival. The play has lovely songs and is full of everything beautiful in life. It will make you think, laugh, and feel good.

Director Chris Hendley is excited about his cast. Ryan Bender, a recent graduate of Young Harris College Theater program plays Matt. His love interest is another Young Harris theater major, the lovely and talented Ali McCollough.

Their fathers are played by Sandy Calloway and David Vowell. Calloway is making his first appearance with Licklog. He is enjoying himself. In real life he is the Department Chair of Music at Young Harris College.

A charming addition to the Players is Stephanie Roman who plays the Mute. She guides the play along with her graceful movement—and she can foresee what will happen.

Bill Eckstine and Delilah Davenport have returned to Licklog. Eckstine was in "Chicago" and "An Ideal Husband." Davenport was the popular Consuela in "Enchanted April" and one of the goofy sisters in "Ladies in Retirement." Her husband is playing the drums for the play. Carol Smucker is playing the piano. She has been involved in many Licklog musical productions. Emma Timson will be doing the lights.

Chris Hendley has quite a background to bring to Licklog. Not only is he the director, but he plays El Gallo in the production. Happily, audiences can enjoy his energetic production, but they can also enjoy his wonderful voice. Hendley has a doctorate in music from the University of Georgia.



Chris Hendley

He teaches voice at Young Harris and teaches in the Tri County Early College Program.

Evening performances begin at 8 with Sunday matinees at 2:30. The play will be at the Creek Side Plaza across from the ABC Store off Route 17. Call for tickets 828-389-8632.

Written by Diana Smith

### NGTC students attend PLANET for 3rd consecutive year



NGTC Horticulture and Turf Management students at PLANET competition.

A contingency of 19 high performing students from the Environmental Horticulture and Turf and Golf Course Management Departments have just returned from the 36th Annual PLANET Student Career Days competition held at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS, March 21-25, 2012. North Georgia Technical College participated for the third consecutive year, and this time the college was represented in each of the 28 contests that highlight the industries diversity in the "green" industry. They were accompanied by instructors Craig Thurmond and Josh Jackson. Competing against a total of 769 students from 64 schools, NGTC students garnered several top ten finishes while Ryan Harper and Willie Waldman of Blairsville placed 8th in the Wood Construction event.

The NGTC team competed against both two year and four year colleges and major Universities like BYU, Chattahoochee Tech, Penn State, Ohio State, Auburn, North Carolina State, The University of Georgia, Michigan State, Clemson and Mississippi State, just to name a few.

Willie Waldman of Blairsville competed in a variety of events including Wood Construction team, Landscape Maintenance Operations team, Landscape Plant Installation team, Woody Ornamental Plant Identification, and Plant Problem Diagnosis.

"Mr. Jackson and I are extremely proud of our students that took time out of their busy lives and daily schedules to prepare for and attend this competition," said Craig Thurmond. "Our goal for this year's team was to pre-

pare and to enter all of the 28 events and complete strong as a team and reach the top 20 in the country. Our students represented all of us well and with pride and have already begun preparing for next year's PLANET competition to be located in Auburn, AL at Auburn University."

Student Career Days is an annual three-day competitive event among students enrolled in horticulture programs from colleges and universities across the country and internationally. The 2012 event is sponsored by the Professional Landcare Network, www.landcarenetwork.org.

For more information on North Georgia Technical College's programs of study or professional organization affiliations, contact 706-754-7700 or visit www.northgatech.edu.

## TRIKES, BIKES & TIKES PARADE

**"SPEEDING FOR A CURE, ONE PEDAL AT A TIME"**

**SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2012**

**10:00AM, NORTH GA TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

CHILDREN'S PARADE PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name and Age	Child's Name and Age

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Group Information:**

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fees:	Early Registration	Day of Event
	Riders: \$10 per child	Riders: \$20 per child
	Strollers: \$10 per child	Strollers: \$20 per child

All Children must be accompanied by an adult during the parade  
Parade participants must be between the ages of 0-12 years old

**Mail entry forms and payment to:**  
**Rachael Hancock**  
**PO Box 516; Blairsville, GA 30514**  
 Please make checks payable to Susan G. Komen 3-Day.  
 For more information, contact Rachael Hancock at (706) 835-7020

### Farm Service Agency News

The Georgia State Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced the availability of direct and guaranteed loan funds for Socially Disadvantaged (SDA) individuals who want to purchase or operate a family-size farm in fiscal year 2012.

In Fiscal year 2011, which ended September 30, 2011, Georgia Farm Loan Programs made 178 direct and guaranteed SDA loans totaling more than \$26.27 million. Thus far in Fiscal year 2012, FSA has provided more than \$12.6 million in loans to SDA applicants.

"The special financing is for people who have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender inequality without regard to their individual qualities. SDA members include women, African Americans,

are established by the lender. Qualified candidates are provided information and assistance to develop sound management practices, analyze problems and utilize available resources essential for successful farming operations to cope with the changing agricultural environment. SDA loan applicants do not receive automatic approval. Individuals must be U.S. citizens with a satisfactory history of meeting credit obligations; have sufficient education, training or experience managing or operating a farm; possess legal capacity to incur debt; be unable to obtain credit elsewhere; and meet certain other eligibility requirements.

Contact your local FSA County Office or USDA Service Center for more loan information. You may find the local office phone number listed under the blue or government pages of your local telephone directory. NT(Apr4,21)59