



Towns County Herald's Sporting News



Indians take to the home practice field

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After sweating through a tough Saturday football camp, the TCHS Indians have returned to their home practice field for more sweating. With the loss of more than an entire line-up of seniors, the Indians are faced with their replacements. Perhaps one of the biggest hits via graduation was the loss of their starting signal caller, Chase Ellis. The Tribe also relied heavily on Charles Corn and Andy Page at the other end of Ellis passes and big Josh Ledford at fullback. The former guys in the trenches will also be greatly missed but coach Langford hopes experiences from last season will gel during this season to off-set these losses.

With an opening season already at 1-0 after the Asheville School forfeit, the Indians will open the regular season on home against the Lakeview squad. Prior to the opening, the tribe will travel to Union County (August 21) and Rabun (August 28) Counties for scrimmage games to help make decisions about the regular season. In talking with head coach, Kyle Langford during their fund raising efforts at the Georgia Mountain Fair, he was very optimistic about the season but was well aware of their past-season talent losses.

This season the Indians will open at home against Lakeview (September 4), followed by a homer against Copper Basin, TN (September 11) and wind up their home stint against Hayesville, NC (September 18). The Indians then take to the highways, going north-west to Dade County

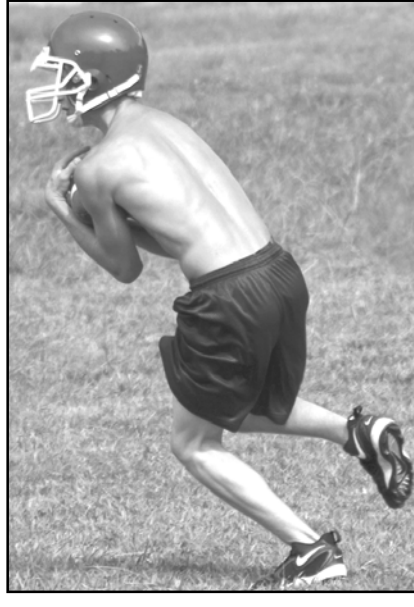
(September 25) and down south against Hebron Academy (October 2). After an open weekend after the Asheville School forfeit, its back to the confines

of the mountains, the Tribe will take on Georgia Military Academy (October 16), have an open date (October 23) and then celebrate Senior Nigh against

Robbinsville, NC. The final gridiron event of the season will be another road game, this time down to Glascock County (November 6).



Coach Vardo works with one of the TCHS Indians.



A TCHS Indian gathers in a pass during pre-season practice.



The down in the trenches guys practice on the blocking sled.

Photos by Jim & Lisa Bryant



The Indians show support at team huddle.



Coach Ellis shows several blockers the finer points.



The quarterback position is undecided after the loss of Chase Ellis.

Herald's sports quote of the week

"You must live by rule, submit to diet, abstain from dainty meats, exercise your body perforce at stated hours, in heat or in cold; drink no cold water, nor, it may be, wine. In a word, you must surrender yourself wholly to your trainer, as though to a physician."

- Epictetus, Greek Stoic philosopher

Beaches have become a little more vacant

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With school now in session, this scene at the Towns County Recreation beach is fast becoming a by-gone memory. Although open all year round, it was a last minute dash to get to the beach to finalize that free suntan before school opened the doors this past Thursday. With the push for teacher/administrator furloughs, perhaps a gathering at the beach would be appropriate for everybody although the scheduled December 18th date could be a bit nippy. Move over kids.



It was a last minute dash to the sand for that final bit of free tanning from Mother Nature.

Tri-County Junior Golf Association News

The Tri-County Junior Golf Association is pleased to announce that they have openings for junior golfers in all their age groups (boys and girls from age 6 to 18) for this season's Mountain Falls Junior Golf Tour. All new members must sign up in person on Tuesday, August 11, 2009. New member registration is first come first on that date. Information regarding the status of new member openings and where to sign up is now available and can be obtained by contacting either Steve

Gonyea at 706-379-1532 or Cathy Lewis at 828-389-1867.

This year's fee is \$ 60 which includes 2009 TCJGA membership and the participation in all five junior golf events.

The 2009 tournament schedule is as follows: Thursday, September 3, the Blue Ridge Mountain EMC Masters at Chatuge Shores Golf Course in North Carolina; Thursday, September 10, the Community Bank & Trust Classic at Brasstown Valley Resort for the younger junior players (4 and 5 hole players) and the

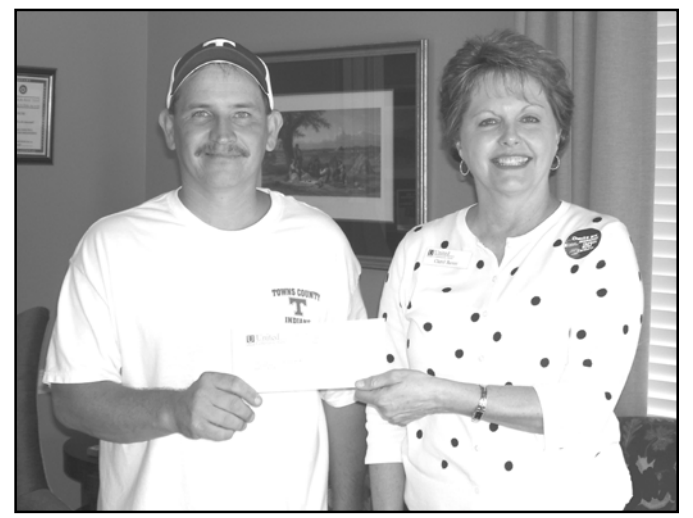
Appalachian Community Bank Open at Butternut Creek Golf Course for the older junior players (9 hole players); Thursday, September 17, the Scott Carter Insurance Open at Chatuge Shores Golf Course (4 and 5 hole players) and the Bank of Hiwassee Classic at Brasstown Valley Resort (9 hole players); Thursday, Sep-

tember 24, the Young Harris College Junior Open at Old Union Golf Course; Thursday, October 1, the Interact Junior Invitational at Butternut Creek Golf Course and a rain-out make-up date if needed of October 8 at Chatuge Shores Golf Course. Please visit any of the tournaments and watch our juniors tee it up.

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United Community Bank supports Towns County Youth Football



Cheryl Barrett with United Community Bank - Towns County presents a check to Jimmy Smith, Coordinator for the Towns County Youth Football League. The Towns County Youth Football League consists of 5 teams for Towns County youth ranging in ages from 5 to 10 years, and are divided as follows: Termites (5 & 6 year olds), Junior Tiny Mites (7 year olds), Tiny Mites (8 year olds), Junior Pee Wees (9 year olds), and Pee Wees (10 year olds). The season opener is Saturday, August 22nd at Towns County beginning at 9:00 am, and all 5 teams will be playing. United Community Bank is proud to support our youth football program, and encourages everyone to come out and support our youth.

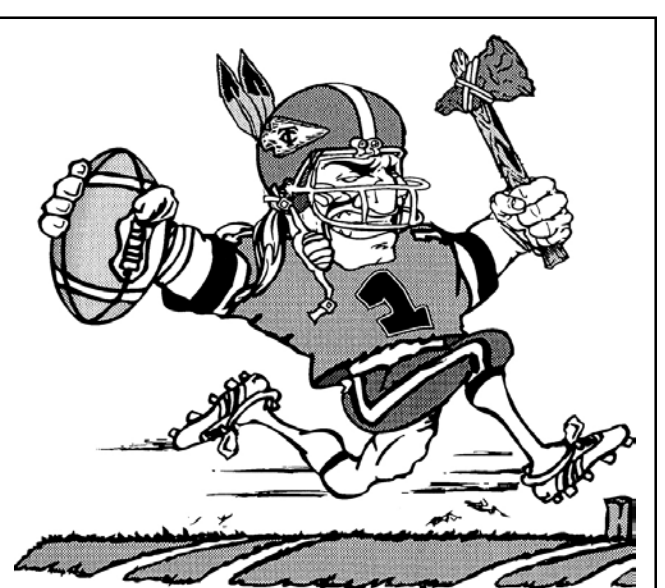
Towns County High School Fastpitch Softball Schedule 2009

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
8/11	Union County	YHC	4:00
8/14	Social Circle	Away	4:00
8/21	Tournament	Commerce	TBA
8/22	Tournament	Commerce	TBA
8/24	Fannin County	Home	4:30
8/25	Rabun County	Away	4:00
8/28	Top of Georgia	YHC/ TC	TBA
8/29	Tournament	YHC/ TC	TBA
8/31	Hart County	Away	4:30
9/1	Commerce	Away	4:00
9/3	Hebron	Home	4:30
9/8	ACS	Home	4:30
9/11	Paideia	Home	4:30
9/12	Paideia	Home	11:00
9/17	PAC	Away	4:30
9/18	Social Circle	Home	4:30
9/22	Commerce	Home	4:30
9/24	Hebron	Away	4:30
9/29	ACS	Away	4:30
10/6	PAC	Home	4:30

Towns County Cross Country Varsity & Middle School Schedule 2009

Wed, Aug. 19	Coach Ledford Challenge	4:00
Sat, Aug. 29	Young Harris Invitational	9:00
<small>(Assist only, No race)</small>		
Tues, Sept. 01	Union County*	4:00
Tues, Sept. 08	Banks County	4:00
Wed, Sept. 16	Chatuge Challenge	4:00
Wed, Sept. 30	Murphy Invitational	4:00
Tues, Oct. 01	Athens Academy*	4:00
Wed, Oct. 07	Hiwassee Dam	4:00
Tues, Oct. 12	Indian Run VII	4:00
Thur, Oct. 15	MS Region Championship	4:30
<small>Athens Christian</small>		
Sat, Oct. 24	MS State Championship	10:00
<small>Cochran, GA</small>		
Thur, Oct. 29	Region 8A Championship	4:15
<small>Athens Christian</small>		
Sat, Nov. 07	State Championship	TBA
<small>Carrollton, GA</small>		

*No Middle School Race



TCHS Varsity Football 2009

Opponent	Date	Time	Place
Rabun County	Aug 28	7:30	Away
Lakeview Academy	Sep 4	7:30	Home
Copper Basin	Sep 11	7:30	Home
Hayesville	Sep 18	7:30	Home
Dade County	Sep 25	7:30	Away
Hebron Christian	Oct 2	7:30	Away
Asheville School	Oct 9	4:30	Home
Georgia Military	Oct 16	7:30	HC
Open	Oct 23		Open
Robbinsville	Oct 30	7:30	Home
Glascock County	Nov 6	7:30	Away