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Saturday wasn't a good day to be an Indian

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The Towns County Tiny Mites tasted defeat for the first time in 2011 and needless to say, it was a bitter pill to swallow.

The Tiny Mites squared off with the undefeated Rabun County Wildcats. It was a hard fought battle. Both teams had 7 points each throughout much of the battle.

The Wildcats capitalized on some miscues late in the game to take the win 21-7. The Wildcats took the opening kickoff with great field position and marched into the end zone on their opening drive to go up 7-0. The Rabun defense would make sure the hold the touchdown lead would hold up throughout the first quarter.

Momentum shifted in the Tiny Mites favor in the second quarter as they pulled even on the scoreboard on a Payton Ivester quarterback keeper.

Hayden McClure capped the drive with a successful extra point attempt tying the Cats at 7-7. The tough Tiny Mites repelled the Cats tough ground game until the half.

Both squads came out of the locker rooms ready for battle. Behind tough, hard running by the trio of Tiny Mites Ivester, McClure and Kyle Oakes, they were unable to crack the end zone in the second half as the Cats defense proved a tough nut to crack.

In other action, the visiting Dawson County Tigers dominated the 5-6 year old Termites, running off with a 39-6 one-sided contest. Saturday the Termites will travel to Pickens County to face the Dragons at 9 a.m. in Jasper.

The Tiny Mites will look to regain their form Saturday morning and take on the Union County (Black) Panthers at 10:30 a.m. in Blairsville at Mike Colwell Memorial Stadium.

The Towns County Pee Wee Indians 11-year old team suffered a one sided route to the hands of the neighboring Union County (Black) Panthers 36-0. The Indians will try again next Saturday afternoon 3:00pm against the Union County (Black) Panthers at Mike Colwell Memorial Stadium.



Tiny Mite defenders take down a load of a Wildcat. Photo by James Reese



Payton Ivester tries to evade a host of Wildcats. Photo by James Reese

Finally, the Towns County Midgets host the visiting Fannin County Rebels but were denied 26-12 in a hard fought battle.

Zack Davenport found the end zone from 30 yards out to give the Indians an early 6-0 lead. The Indians maintained the lead until the Rebels struck for a long touchdown scoring pass completion with just 14 seconds remaining in the first half nodding the score at six apiece.

Davenport again found the end zone from 3 yards out early in the third quarter. The Indians maintained the 12-6 lead until the Rebels' Cody Jacobs ramblled into score a touchdown from 20 yards out tying the score at 12-12. The Rebels pulled away on a disheartening 80-yard touchdown completion late in the fourth quarter taking a 20-12 lead. The Rebels struck



Hayden McClure breaks a tackle against the Wildcats. Photo by James Reese

again late in the fourth quarter taking a 26-12 win back to Blue Ridge.

The Towns County Indi-



Kyle Oakes puts the finishing touches on a Rabun County Wildcat. Photo by James Reese



Youth basketball registration

The Towns County Recreation Department will be having youth basketball registration during the week of Monday the 17th of October and will run through Saturday the 5th of November. You may register your child at the Towns County Recreation Department. Our hours of operation are Monday thru Friday from 9 AM til 8 PM and Saturday from 9 AM til 4 PM. Fee for the program will be \$45. Age divisions will be 10 & under (8, 9, & 10-year-olds), 12 & under (11 & 12-year-olds). This is for both males and females. For more information please contact the Towns County Recreation Department at 706-896-2600. T.Oct12,F2JSH

Acting Fun for Kids classes



Students at Summer Performing Arts Camp.

After 4 very successful Summer Performing Camps in Hiawassee, Writer/Director Robbie Dernehl has announced she will hold acting classes for kids this fall at the Towns County Recreation Department on Thursdays.

In the past 25 years, Robbie has been a successful on-camera actress, owned and ran a private school and performing arts school, and is currently the director of Singing Stars for a Better World, a goodwill children's performing group in Towns County.

Working with kids is her passion, especially the younger ones. "I find kids are so much more able than we allow them to be," Robbie said. And after producing and directing over 15 plays, and a dozen musical shows, she has the experience to help kids really bring out their talents.

This summer, she worked with 30 children from 5 to 17 years and produced a 2-hour musical of Cinderella as the culmination to her 2-week camp. Every child had lines and was on stage twice. She tailor makes every show she does around the children she's working with and accepts their ideas



Robbie Dernehl

as well, which results in shows that the children and audiences alike truly enjoy.

Currently, she is very proud of over a dozen children that she has worked with over the years, who have been chosen to be extras in the movie The Goats, part of which has been filmed in Hiawassee.

Her Acting Fun for Kids class will start October 13 and run through November 17. Children will cultivate their skills through games and role playing and video will also be used for them to see how they are doing. For more information, call Robbie 706-897-1041.

Bowling team ready for another year



(L to R): Elisabeth Lehotsky, Oskar Lehotsky and Julie Payne

The Citizens South Bank Bowling Team is rested and ready to go bowling for another winning year. Team members are: Don Breslin (not pictured), Jim Hudak (not pictured), Elisabeth Lehotsky, Oskar Lehotsky, Team Captain and Julie Payne,

Hiawassee Branch Manager presenting sponsorship funds to Mr. Lehotsky.

The Young at Heart Senior League meets at Galaxy Bowling Lanes, in Blairsville, Wednesday mornings. T.Oct12,F3JSH

Congratulations, Hot Shots!



Front row left to right: Margaret Coffey, Gladys Stevens, Lucy Apparo and Annie Adams. Back row: Kathy Potts, Murlene Bradley and Betty Scott, not pictured was Eugene Hedrick.

Congratulations to the Hot Shots Bowling Team at Towns County Senior Center! Murlene Bradley came in as the 77th player out of the top 100, congratulations to Murlene. The Towns County Senior Center HOT SHOTS Bowling Team, bowled in the National Senior League Bowling Tournament against 98 teams. We are very proud of them, because these teams

were from all over the States. They came out 38th in the League; 11th in the State of Georgia and 3rd in the Conference. They bowled 7 weeks, 8 matches and went to the play-offs and came in as round 3 against 32 teams. They made the elite team and went to 8th Place in this Division. We are very proud of our Seniors at the center and all their accomplishments. T.Oct12,F3JSH

Putts for Paws Golf Scramble

Want to win a four-night golf vacation for two in Myrtle

Beach? Then join us Friday for the first annual Putts for Paws Golf Scramble benefiting Castaway Critters Pet Rescue. The tournament will take place on Friday, October 14, at Butternut Creek Golf Course in Blairsville. Check-in is at noon with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

The scramble will be followed by a prime rib dinner and silent auction for all participants and their guests at the Copperhead Lodge. Those wanting to stay later can enjoy some Texas Hold'em or karaoke.

Players may register as individuals or as teams. The cost is \$75 per player. Registration includes dinner, tea/water, and dessert. Additional dinners for guests are available for \$19 each and must be reserved in advance.

First, second, and third place teams will receive prize packages. Special prizes will be awarded for longest drive, straightest drive, closest to the hole, and hole in one.

Register by contacting Dawn Burnette at 706-745-9432 or dawnburnette@yahoo.com. Registration forms are available at www.castaway-critters.org.

Teams are limited and will be accepted in the order in which they register. Copperhead Lodge is offering special pricing on rooms for golfers coming from out of town.

Castaway Critters is a non-profit, no-kill dog and cat rescue shelter in Blairsville. NT.Oct12,Z16/CA

Casey Roberts has Capital victory while taming Tri-County for Tarheel Win

By Chris Tilley

Casey Roberts of Toccoa, Georgia inherited the lead from Don O'Neal on lap 23 and never looked back en route to a \$3,500 win at the Tri-County Race Track in Brasstown, NC on Thursday Night October 6th during the Eighth Annual Ray Cook promoted Tarheel 53 event.

Roberts drove his Cushman Paint and Body sponsored entry to the \$3,500 win. Roberts was debuting a new Capital Race Car prepared by Marshall Green and company. This was the first outing and it turned into a win for the # 101. "We were tickled to death with our new car" stated Roberts in Victory Lane afterwards. Roberts talked about his win at Tri-County: "We had a really good race there, we really like racing with Jonathan (Davenport) and the caution came out

and saved us, it was just our night to win I guess" stated Roberts who was all smiles in Victory Lane with his crew and family.

Fast Qualifier Don O'Neal and Ross Bailes brought the field of 20 to the green flag for the start of the 53-lapper. O'Neal jumped to the early lead with Bailes and Shawn Chastain in hot pursuit. The first yellow came on lap eight as Eric Jacobsen came to a stop collecting Tommy Kerr. Both were sent to the tail on the restart. By the tenth circuit David Payne who started in the sixth spot had already challenged and came to the second spot.

The field would stay green until the 21st lap when the caution would wave as Preston Graves and Danny Ledford went around in turn four. They collected the two leaders Don O'Neal and David Payne. Payne had damage and went to the pits while O'Neal continued and went to the rear for the restart. On the restart the yellow would wave again as Billy Ogle spun in turn four. The next yellow would fly on the 24th lap as Randy Nichols spun in turn four collecting Jacobsen and George Mashburn.

During the green flag laps after lap 35, Jonathan Davenport who was on the move

from the fifth starting spot was knocking on the back door of Roberts and was gaining speed. The caution would wave again on lap 39 for George Mashburn as he slowed and then on lap 41 as Tony Knowles slowed in turn two. Davenport was making his move on the 41st lap when the caution came out and Roberts was at the point for the restart. Davenport tried to get underneath for several laps but couldn't make it stick until lap 44 when Davenport got up beside Roberts at the line to actually lead that lap, with Roberts pulling away in turn one. Davenport tried one last time to pass this time for the slider and went underneath Roberts in turn one with two laps to go then Roberts was able to go underneath and gain speed and lead again. Roberts held off Davenport for the win with Shawn Chastain coming home third, Johnny Chastain fourth and Don O'Neal who rallied from the tail back to finish fifth.

Roberts talked about his run with Davenport in the closing laps: "He (Davenport) done a slide job on us and we cut back under him, everything was clean, I guess when it's your night it's your night and we got it done tonight" said Roberts in his pit after the win. NT.Oct12,C1/ac

Successful product drive by Struts



Jenny Poole and Teresa Stephens

Last weekend Struts Shoe Store in Hiawassee held their 2nd Annual Towns County Product Drive with great success. Folks from our communities brought products the TC Food Pantry are not able to obtain at wholesale prices such as, paper, hygiene, baby & pet products. The barrel was full of all these types of products! In addition, Struts held a drawing at \$1 per entry to raise cash so the Food Pantry can purchase food at the wholesale price of \$.13 a pound. Jenny Poole, Owner of Struts Shoe Store pictured here with Teresa Stephens of the Towns County Food Pantry, handed her a check for \$165! Other businesses also participated in helping Struts Shoe Store hold this event. Special

thank you to King's BBQ & Catering, 95.1 Real Country Radio, Here's the Scoop Ice Cream & Len Poole of Fine Line Builder's. Thank you to all the community who came out & supported this event!

Free legal services

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