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Baseball: DeVries named Region 8-A Player of the Year



Senior Will DeVries fires to the plate during the state tournament game at Bowdon. Photo/Todd Forrest

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Towns County baseball's Mr. Do-Everything, Will DeVries was recognized by the coaches of Region 8-A when he was voted the Player of the Year during the Indians' historic 2017 season.

DeVries, a senior, led Towns County with a .432 batting average, 38 hits, 9 doubles, a 1.158 OPS (on base + slugging percentage) and 25 runs scored.

He was second on the

team with 24 RBIs, 16 stolen bases and 17 walks. Meanwhile, his one triple was second behind fellow senior Major Moss.

His on base percentage of .533 was also tops on the team while his 2 homers and, 625 slugging percentage were both good enough for second.

In 30 games in 2017, he reached base via hit or walk in 27 games.

He posted 12 multi-hit games with four 3-hit games.

Where he made the greatest impact was during

the final 5 weeks of the season when the Indians were battling for a playoff spot.

Over the final 19 games - from March 18th on - he led the team in nearly every offensive category during that stretch.

He hit .481 (more than 100 points higher than next second place) with a .588 on base percentage, a .704 slugging percentage, and a 1.292 OPS.

On the mound, he led the team with 68.2 innings, 73 strikeouts, a 3.26 ERA, and a 1.39 WHIP in 16 appearances.



Towns County's Will DeVries was honored on Senior Night last month. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Barrett named Blitz POY finalist

GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

RACHEL RAJCAK SO F #6 21 G, 15 A	HOPE KENNEY FR F #7 26 G, 8 A	BROOKE BARRETT JR F #18 20 G, 6 A
MADISON YOST SO F #3 19 G	KINDRA PURDY SR MF #13 16 G, 3 A	FALLAN LACEY SO GK #1 0.87 GAA 78 SAVES 6 SHO

Towns County junior Brooke Barrett is a Player of the Year finalist. Photo courtesy of Blitz Sports



Jeep season is roaring back to life! Only one thing is gonna make that layer of tree pollen on our hoods look any better! That's right, an additional layer of trail dust!

We gathered plenty of dust last month, with forest service road rides to the Hiawassee Power Plant one week and to the Apalachia Power Plant another. Also, a large group of us caravanned to the Camp Merrill Army Ranger Base for their annual open house and demonstrations. Those rangers are amazing!

Everyone is eager to check out the local waterfalls and back-road trails, as well as swap some stories during our picnic lunches. Review our schedule of upcoming events on our website, www.blueridgemountainjeepers.com.

BRMJ welcomes all Jeep enthusiasts to join us for any of our events. Whether you enjoy driving through the forest on a gravel road, or prefer to engage your 4WD and wrangle with the challenging landscape of Beasley Knob, we've got your ride.

You will also find us at the Blairsville Cruiser's Block Party Car Show at the Farmer's Market on Old Smokey Road. This event begins at 4 p.m. the first Friday afternoon of every month, and we usually have dinner out together after the meet.

Please join us at one of our club meetings and meet a lot of great people. Our meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at Steve's Steakhouse. Join us for dinner at 5 p.m., or when the meeting starts at 6 p.m. We would love to have you.

Charity Golf Tournament - sign up today!

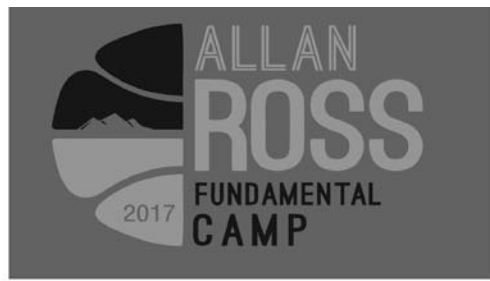
Healing Hands Community Clinic, volunteer health care facility for the uninsured, will be hosting its annual golf tournament on May 22, 2017 at Butternut Creek Golf Course. There will be a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Sign in is at 12 noon. Lunch will be served.

Sign up today by calling 706-994-6768 or visiting the clinic website at www.healinghandscommunityclinic.com. Format is a simple scramble.

Individual fee is \$65 or \$250 for a foursome.

A percentage of the fee is tax deductible and a receipt will be provided.

All proceeds benefit the mountain area community by enabling Healing Hands Community Clinic to provide health services to the uninsured. Healing Hands is funded solely by the generosity of the community. Thank you for your support. N_{May10,214}CA



Allan Ross Fundamental Camp

Dates: June 8th - 10th

Location: Union County Recreation Gym

Age Groups: Boys and Girls; Rising 3rd grade - 8th grade

Time: 9AM-12 Noon

Cost: \$60 per child
(\$50 if child is registered by May 22, 2017)

Elite Level Training (ELT) is happy to announce it will be hosting its 4th annual fundamental based basketball camp in Blairsville, Georgia. The focus of this camp will be player and skill development through focused teaching of fundamentals and functional movement. All instructors of this camp will have collegiate basketball experience, through their playing or training backgrounds or will be a part of the Union County High School Basketball Program, to better help campers achieve their own goals and improve their own personal development. For additional information and registration forms email ELT instructor Michael Ross at eltcoachross@gmail.com or by calling 706-897-4581. Acceptable payment methods are cash or check and must be made out to Michael Ross. We look forward to helping our athletes improve their skills and overall game!

Lady Indians Basketball Camp

Girls entering Grades 1-8 for the 2017 - 2018 school year are invited to attend. Lady Indian Basketball Camp is divided into two sessions. Session I is for upcoming grades 1-4 and Session II is for upcoming grades 5-8. Lady Indian Basketball Camp is designed to develop basketball skills, as well as, promote enthusiasm and pride for future Lady Indian Basketball Players. Camp attendees will learn the different practice routines, skill development drills, and enthusiasm that the JV and Varsity Lady Indians will use in practices and games!

May 24th, 25th, and 26, 2017: Session I (Upcoming 1st - 4th graders) 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Session II (Upcoming 5th - 8th graders) 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. \$60 for 3 days, \$50 each for 2 or more from same family.

Camp enrollment is limited. Please register as soon as possible! Deadline is May 12.

Camp focus areas will be: Basketball Agility and Quickness Drills, Shooting Techniques and Ball Handling, Basic Offensive and Defensive Skills, TCHS Varsity Practice Drills and fundamentals, Team Game Play.

Camp features: Dribbling Contest, Free Throw Contest, Hot Shot Contest, Best Camper Award.

Camp Staff: Coach Hunnicutt, Head Coach Girls Basketball and JV and Varsity Girls Team.

Make checks payable: Lady Indian Basketball. Mail application with payment: Coach Brian Hunnicutt, Towns County High School, PO Box 1400, Hwy 76 East, Hiawassee, GA 30546 or return application to school: Coach Brian Hunnicutt, High School Hallway, Room 231-ISS.

Please Read and Return

Warning: Although participation in supervised athletics and activities may be one of the least hazardous in which campers will engage, by its nature, participation in athletics includes a risk of injury from minor to catastrophic. Participants can and so have the responsibility to reduce the chance of injury by obeying all safety rules and immediately reporting to the coaches any physical problems.

By assigning this permission form, you as the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) acknowledge that you have read and understand this warning.

I (We) have read and understand this warning and hereby give consent for _____ (Participant's Name) to participate in basketball camp.

I (We) authorize camp personnel to act in emergency situations. I (We) further agree to hold harmless the Camp Staff or the Indian Basketball Booster Club or Towns County Schools for any liability of injuries incurred while participating in camp activities.

Signature of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) (Circle one)

Phone Number

Grade (2017-18 School Year)

Cell/Emergency Number

T-Shirt Size: Youth _____ Adult _____