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Indians play hard in Warner Robins, earn Sixth Place out of 15 schools

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WARNER ROBINS – Indian golfers competed in their fifth straight Georgia High School Association Golf State Tournament last week, and after two days and 36 holes of golf, the team finished in Sixth Place on Tuesday, May 21.

Fifteen schools traveled to compete in the tournament, and the Indians felt good about their chances this year, with four of the five golfers being seniors.

The four seniors played at the Southern Landings Golf Course two years ago in the 2017 state tourney, which was the first year the GHSA changed the tournament from one to two days.

But due to bad weather, they were only able to play one day of golf, and the Indians finished in Fifth Place that year.

The boys qualified again last year, and they were able to climb into the Top Three with a Third-Place finish in 2018.

This year, the team was hoping to improve as they did last year, but the Southern Landings Golf Course is not



Left: The Towns County golf team in Warner Robins. Right: Towns County Low Medalist sophomore Nick Sisco. Photos/Chad Stack

an easy course. “The state tournament was a tough course in tough conditions, but our kids fought hard,” said Head Coach Brian Hunnicutt. “Unfortunately, we didn’t have our best days, but we didn’t have our best days, which is needed if you are go-

ing to win a state title. But hey, that’s golf.”

Thad Clark from Schley County finished one under par, and he was the only golfer to shoot under par, finishing the second day with a 72 to win the individual low score gold medal.

Senior Kyler Garrett was the low score medalist for Towns County, finishing both days of the tourney shooting in the 80s to put him in 18th Place.

Sophomore Nick Sisco, who was in a three-way tie for 20th Place, finished the first



Right: Towns County Low Medalist sophomore Nick Sisco. Photos/Chad Stack

day as the low score medalist for the team with an 84.

Seniors Caleb Ledford and Danny Reagan finished tied for the 34th spot with plus-46, and senior Will Travis was right with them in 36th Place.

After the first day of golf, the team was only 12 shots

back from this year’s State Champion Drew Charter. Unfortunately, the boys were unable to improve their scores enough to climb into the top spot, and Drew Charter and back-to-back state champs Gordon Lee were the only two fighting for the title.

“The last two years have been nothing short of extraordinary, and I could not have asked for a better group of kids to work with,” said Hunnicutt. “These seniors stuck together and supported one another. Every day, they came to work and cheered each other on.”

Hunnicutt, who just finished his second year as head coach for the Towns County Varsity Golf Team, is planning to return for a third year, but he is going to need some boys to come out and join the team after losing four seniors.

“We need to search the halls to find some more upcoming golfers to get on the team with Nick,” he said. “Nick has a chance to be a special player, and I look forward to finding kids to play along with him.”

“We need to spread the word about how fun of a game this is. Golf is a lifelong sport that teaches kids so many invaluable lessons.”

Cheerleading: Woodard stays home, signs with Young Harris College

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Carly Woodard has been a cheerleader since the 1st grade but it wasn’t until middle school that Towns County Assistant Principal / Athletic Director Jim Melton remembers noticing her for the first time, and almost immediately, he realized she had the potential to cheer at the next level.

“The first time I saw Carly and her cheerleading squad, they looked like a mini-college team out there doing their routine,” Melton said. “That’s when I said to myself, ‘ya know, some of these girls might just make it.’”

It wasn’t long afterward that Young Harris College Cheer coach Jason Williams took notice, as well.

“I’ve been (at YHC) for three years and I remember meeting Carly during my first year and I knew she would be a good one coming up,” he said. “When I saw her later on, I decided to give



Carly Woodard (center) with her mother and Young Harris College Cheer coach Jason Williams during her signing last week. Photo/Todd Forrest

her the option to come here, and luckily, it worked out.”

Woodard has also had her eye on becoming a Mountain Lion for a few years now. And when it comes to cheerleading,

there is no other school that she considered.

“Young Harris has kind of always been my No. 1 choice ever since I did an all-star class in Blairsville,” she said. “Some of their cheerleaders were over there and they would talk to me about the competition team, and that’s what helped lead me to Young Harris.”

“When it came to choosing a school, I wanted to stay close to home and (at Young Harris) I’ll be able to live at home. I’ve always attended their showcases and watched them compete and they’re really good and that’s something I’ve always wanted to be a part of.”

And according to Williams, Woodard is a natural fit for

a variety of reasons.

“I like keeping kids local because it helps us out recruiting-wise but she’s going to be a really great asset,” he said. “She’s a good flyer so I think she’s going to fit in really well and I think that’s what really gravitated me toward her.”

“She’s a great student too. We have to keep a 2.5 GPA and

she’s well above that so she’s going to help bring up the team’s GPA.”

“I’d like to thank the school for allowing me the opportunity to do this,” Woodard added. “I also want to thank Coach (Rachel) Pietz for teaching and helping me all through high school and my teammates for always supporting me.”

Local Racing Results: Tri-County

The 602 Thunder Series was on display at Tri-County Racetrack last Friday, May 24, bringing five-time NASCAR Cup Series winner Jeremy Mayfield to the track.

Along with the opportunity to watch Mayfield get behind the wheel, fans were treated to a fantastic fireworks display after the sun went down.

Street Stock - Coming in first was No.99 Jim Twigg. Second place was No.05 Michael Harper. Coming in third was No.05 Carson Shields. Finishing fourth was No.67 Sam Jones. Coming in fifth was J69 Jim Weller.

Beginner 602 - Taking the checked flag was No. 42 Roger Marrow. Placing second was No. 56 was Colton Berrong. Finishing in third place was Dante Curtis. Coming in fourth was No.5 Cade Cagle. Rounding out the top 5 was No.71 Shawn Haine.

Crate/Limited - Coming in first was No. 48 Booger Brooks. Coming in second was No. 7 Jason Deal. Coming in third was No. 200 Jacob Anderson. Coming fourth was Danny Ledford. Finishing fifth was No. 120 Drew Deaver.

Pony - Coming in first place was No 15 Ryan Crawford.

Finishing in second place was No. 8 Johnny McClure. Finishing third was No. 32 J Franklin Burk. Finishing fourth was No. 22 Tucker Anderson. Coming in fifth was No. 69k Keith Hackway.

FWD - Coming in first was No. 32 Justin Queen. Finishing second was No. K3 Sandi Klanckle. Coming third was No.18 Lucas Beavers. Placing fourth was No. 21 Sean Rice. Finishing fifth was No. 01 Matt Murphy.

Young Guns - Finishing in first was No. K0 Kaylen Kettle. Finishing second was No. 6 Kolton Herbat. Finishing in third place was No. 32 JR Franklin Burk Jr. Coming in fourth was No. 104 Ricky Queen. Finishing fifth was 192 Robbie Lynch.

602 Thunder - Coming in first was No. 88 Ricky Smith. Second place went to No. 17 Brandon Stroud. Coming in third was P4 John Price. Finishing fourth was No. 6 Mark Willbanks and fifth was No. 44 Rod Roberts.

Due to a wreck, Mayfield came in sixth place.

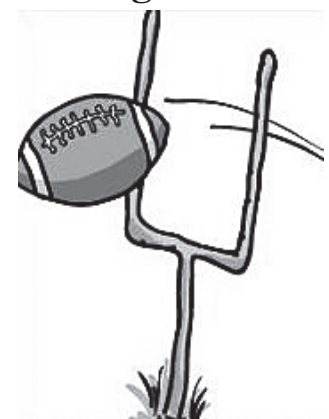
Come out for First Responder’s Night on June 7th. All first responders receive free race admission to the grand stands.

Recreation Department Football and Cheerleading

Towns County Recreation Department Football, Cheerleading & Flag Football! Football registration: April 11th – June 14th - \$90. Late Registration: June 15th – June 22nd - \$105. Co-Ed Flag Football: Registration: April 11th – June 14th - \$60. Late registration: June 15th – June 22nd - \$75. Cheerleading registration: April 11th – June 14th - \$90. Late Registration: June 15th – June 22nd - \$105.

The Towns County Recreation Department would like to invite you to participate in our inaugural football season with the Mountain Football League, and also our very first season of Flag Football. Practice will begin the second week of July. If you are interested in coaching, please fill out a coaching application at the Towns County Recreation Department & complete a MANDATORY background check.

Divisions: 8u: Ages 7-8 May 1, 2010 through April 30,



2012. 10u: Ages 9-10 May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2010. 12u: Ages 11-12 May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2008.

Please register online at www.TownsCountyRec.com or register in person at the Towns County Recreation Department.

If you have any questions please contact Matthew Youngblood or Tyler Garrett at (706) 896-2600. T(May29,F2)SH

Register now for Rec Department Basketball Camp

Towns County Recreation Department Basketball Camp: Registration through June 9. Camp dates: June 11th, 12th, 13th: Session I: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Grades 1-5. Session II: 1 - 4 p.m. Grades 6-12. Fees: \$75 for 3 days. \$5 discount for multiple child registration.

The Towns County Recreation Department would like to invite you to participate in our annual basketball camp! Camp is for boys and girls, grades 1-12. Camp will be focused on developing basketball skills, learning developmental drills, and learning fundamentals from collegiate coaches and athletes.

College Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach, David Feinstein will be the Head Coach of this camp. Coach Feinstein will be as-



sisted by past and present collegiate players. Please register online at www.TownsCountyRec.com or register in person at the Towns County Recreation Department.

Young Harris College will be providing shirts for all campers who register by May 31st. Space is limited!

If you have any questions please contact David Feinstein (603) 401-5731 or Tyler Garrett at (706) 851-9919. T(May22,F1)SH