

# Towns County Sports

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## Student-athletes Reagan, Cornett honored with Vincent J. Dooley Award

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Danny Reagan and Taylor Cornett, both recent graduates of Towns County High School, were selected as 2019 recipients of the Vincent J. Dooley Award.

The Vincent J. Dooley Awards are presented annually by Athletes for a Better World and the Georgia High School Association.

Each year, high schools across Georgia are invited to select one male and one female senior athlete to receive the Vincent J. Dooley Award, and this year, Athletic Director Jim Melton chose Reagan and Cornett to represent Towns County.

Students are selected for their character, outstanding teamwork, citizenship and community service.

Each Dooley Award recipient is also eligible for the Vincent J. Dooley Scholarship valued at \$4,000, but unfortunately, neither Reagan nor Cornett were selected as one of the 10 male and female student-athletes to receive the scholarship.

The students were invited to attend the 12th Annual Dooley Awards with their families at the College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta on May 13.

Reagan was a two-sport standout student-athlete who played football and golf, and he also graduated with honors.

He helped the Indians football team reach its first ever GHSAA state playoffs in 2018,



Towns County senior and Dooley award recipient Taylor Cornett with her father, John Cornett

and he was part of the Indians golf team that just competed in its fifth straight state championship.

Reagan is also very involved in his community, and for his senior project, he raised enough money to present one female golfer and one male golfer on his team \$450 in scholarship money.

"I am very honored and grateful to be a part of such an amazing award, and I want to thank Coach Melton for selecting me to receive such an award," Reagan said. "I really enjoyed the ceremony. Getting

to meet Coach Dooley was truly an honor.

She helped in leading her

team to the school's first ever GHSAA Elite Eight in soccer, and she will continue her soccer career at Brewton-Parker College.

"I wouldn't have been able to do all these great things without my family and my amazing teammates," said Cornett. "I will miss them, and I will always remember the amazing times we had together."

"I am so thankful for the opportunity to play soccer for my dad (Coach John Cornett). He is such an amazing coach, and I learned so much from him."

Reagan plans to attend the University of Georgia in the fall to study finance.

Cornett, a four-sport student-athlete in high school who graduated with honors, was unable to attend the awards ceremony, but she was honored nonetheless that Coach Melton selected her to receive the award.

She helped in leading her



Towns County senior Danny Reagan with former University of Georgia football coach Vince Dooley.

## Bethel-Guidry College Scholarship Golf Tournament seeks sponsors and players

September 28th will be the date for this year's Bethel-Guidry College Scholarship Golf Tournament held at Mountain Harbour Golf Club in Hayesville, NC. This event raises funds for deserving high school graduates from Clay County, NC and Towns County, GA to attend the university or trade school of their choice.

The Golf Tournament is an initiative of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Hayesville. The Bethel-Guidry Foundation is named for the church's deacon, Turner Guidry and his wife Georgia Bethel, who have worked tirelessly as teachers and mentors for the youth of our area over the last several decades.

Approximately 10 area youth have received financial assistance for their entire college or trade school education through this event's efforts over the past few years. Scholarships for 2019 were awarded this spring to Sylvan Schuette of Towns County and Laney Burch of Hayesville.

To ensure the tournament's success and guarantee that the Class of 2020's chosen scholars are rewarded, the event is putting out the annual call for Sponsorships, Participants and Volunteers. Event Co-Chairmen Jose Arias and Sanford Freeman urge individuals, businesses, or groups of interested citizens to step forward as Golf Tournament sponsors.

Sponsorship levels range from \$100 to \$500 with exciting benefits available at each level. Sponsors can also opt to support contests such as the Hole In One and Putting Contests or to underwrite the Refreshment Cart or Golfer Continental Breakfast.

Arias adds, "As preparation is under way for this year's Bethel-Guidry College



benefit the Bethel-Guidry Foundation. Last year's Golf Tournament raised \$12,000 for the Bethel Guidry Foundation, and its many sponsors were a large reason for the success.

For more information or to sign up for sponsorships, golf participation or volunteering, write to: Jose\_m\_arias@hotmail.com or sanfordfreeman@gmail.com. Please put "Request for Registration Form" or "Sponsorship" in the email subject line.

Please send registration forms, event sponsorships and checks to: Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, PO Box 677, Hayesville, NC 28904. Visit [www.goodshepherdhayesville.org/bethelguidry-scholarship-golf-tournament](http://www.goodshepherdhayesville.org/bethelguidry-scholarship-golf-tournament) to download this year's tournament flyer and information about the scholarship. NTJm5Z1JCA

### 5-Star Basketball Camp

5-Star Basketball Camp with Director: Ray Porredon and Asst. Coach: Lowell Hamilton. Date: July 22nd, 23rd, & 24th. Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Ages: 8-17. Location: Towns County Recreation Department. Cost: \$75. Call: (706) 304-8402 to register. TUm5F1SH

### Recreation Department Football and Cheerleading

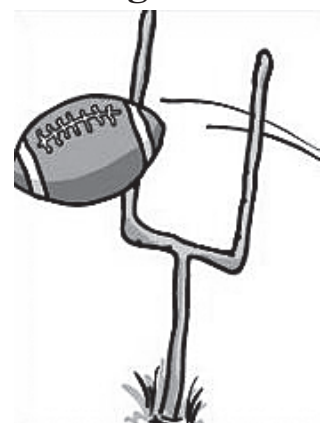
Towns County Recreation Department Football, Cheerleading & Flag Football! Football registration: April 11th - June 14th - \$90. Late Registration: June 15th - June 22nd - \$105. Co-Ed Flag Football: Registration: April 11th - June 14th - \$60. Late registration: June 15th - June 22nd - \$75. Cheerleading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



Taylor Cornett was a vital contributor to Towns County's recent soccer success. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



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](http://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. TMay29F2JSH

### 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](http://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. TMay22F1JSH