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## Indians Cross Country eager to run all over the competition in 2019-2020

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With student-athletes and teacher-coaches preparing to return for the 2019-2020 school year in mid-August, fall sports are just around the corner.

And Towns County High School Cross Country Head Coach Tim Rosser couldn't be more excited.

The Cross Country Indians have had great success in the last eight years, winning six state titles under former Head Coach Jeannie Ledford, and with one year of coaching under his belt and five returning sophomores, Rosser is looking for a terrific outing this fall.

"I expect we will be much better this season - I thought we underachieved last year," Rosser said. "The expectations are much better this year, and especially for the boys, because I've got a couple of new runners coming in this year.

"The girls, they're sophomores, not freshmen any-



The young Lady Indians showed no sign of nerves at the starting line of last year's State Meet in Carrollton. Photo/Todd Forrest

more. They know the drill; they understand how everything works. And I understand how everything works a little better."

The five returning Lady Indians are Alison Markham, Macy Brinson, Kayla Peacock, Bazya Smith and Gali

Quijada.

Coming in as a freshman this year is Jayden Taylor, who was a great runner for the cross country team over at the middle school, Rosser said.

"I expect her to make an immediate impact for the girls," Rosser said. "And I

know she has been working hard all summer to improve her times as well."

Due to the strict rules from the Georgia High School Association, cross country teams are not allowed to hold organized team practices until Aug. 5.

"Hopefully, they have been running this summer, and I know some of them have run a couple of 5K marathons over the summer, and I know they are excited to get started," Rosser said.

Returning to Towns County this year after a short stay in Pennsylvania is Jenson Brown, who was an excellent runner and soccer player for the middle school, Rosser said.

Brown is the son of Young Harris College Cross Country Head Coach Barry Brown, who helped start a successful collegiate cross country program in 2006.

Before moving to Pennsylvania in 2016, Brown helped to coach the Mountain Lions to three consecutive regional championships.

"Jenson is going be a

great addition for the boys' team this year," Rosser said. "He is a great runner and soccer player, and with great coaching from his father, I think the boys' time will be solid this year.

"My expectations for the boys this year are very high, bringing several new runners with Jenson. The boys are going to be the team to beat in our region this year."

Along with Brown, joining the Indian runners for the first time is the talented junior Peyton Barrett.

"Peyton didn't run last year, but he's going to be an

excellent addition for the boys' team," Rosser said.

Barrett, who is already a talented soccer and basketball player for the Indians, is looking to add another sport to his athletic resume.

Last year, as a sophomore, he helped the boys' soccer team achieve its first region title and playoff berth.

He is also one of the projected starters for the basketball team this year at the guard position.

Coming up from the middle school cross country team are freshmen Mason Yeamons, Lane Rouse, Curtis Markham and Grant Ingram.

"They were all great middle school runners, so our future looks bright, adding them to an already strong team," Rosser said.

Returning from last year's team are six fantastic runners: Liam King, Luis Quijada, Jordan Lovelace, Ryan Tyler, Blythe Smith and Robbie Peacock.

Excited about his second year as the Indians head coach, Rosser said he believes both the boys and girls will improve from a down year last year, adding that he knows what to expect and how to get the most out of his team.

The Indians and Lady Indians will travel to Union County to compete against the Panthers in their first meet of the season on Aug. 22.



Towns' guys at the starting line prior to Union County's 2018 Meeks Park meet. Photo/Todd Forrest

## Lady Indians basketball fundraiser

Towns County High School Girls Basketball Fundraiser - July 27th in the McConnell Baptist Church parking lot, Saturday, July 27th, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. All proceeds from the car wash will go directly back into the Girls Program. The funds pay for Girls' shoes, equipment, and funds basketball camps which the team attends.

The Lady Indians Basketball program greatly appreciates the community support that we receive. Thank you for your support of us! We are TC!



## North Georgia Rapids Swim Team excels

The North Georgia Rapids Swim Team finished the Summer season recently by attending the league's two-day championship swim meet.

Fifteen teams in all, competed Friday night July 5th in Gainesville and then again the following day in Clarkesville, Georgia. The league is divided into two classifications. The larger teams, those with over 45 swimmers, and then the smaller teams, less than 45, in which there are 11 teams.

The Rapids are at the lower end of the small teams division with just 15 swimmers attending the meet, but had

tremendous overall success finishing fourth. Both the second and third place teams finishing ahead of the Rapids, had over 30 swimmers each. So considering the numbers, the Rapids made an impressive showing.

The team's top performers earning individual trophies, were as follows:

First place boys - 10 and under age group: Andrew Nustayev. Third place boys - 8 and under: Wyatt Yancey. Third place girls - 14 and under: Brooke Yancey. Second place boys - 18 and under: Brian Williams.

Other team members

with excellent performances -- all medal winners: Hunter Yancey (4), Wyatt Nichols (4), Nicholas Nushtayev (3), Michael Dillard (2), Hunter White (2), Steven Williams (2).

Swimmers earning ribbons and contributing to total team points include: Lily Helton, Courtney Foster, Liam Smith, Violet Davenport and Ava Wheeler.

It was a very successful weekend for the Rapids. The team would like to express its appreciation to the Union General Hospital and the Wellness Center staff for providing us the excellent facilities to train.



## Chatuge Shores Ladies Golfers Open House a success



Game day Tuesday was individual gross and net and it was flighted. The following ladies came in. Good playing in the heat, ladies! Flight A - 1st Gross - Kathy Stewart, 87; 1st Net - Fran Brown, 69; 2nd Net - Barbara Boswell, 72 (on Match of cards). Flight B - 1st Gross - Janet Woodruff, 110; 1st Net - Vickie Hunt, 76; 2nd Net - Susan Anderson, 77. Pictured: Open House Luncheon with 36 ladies. T07024.F3/SH

## Local Racing Report: Tri-County

**Brasstown, NC** - Tri-County Racetrack hosted racing on July 12th with the Street Stock Summer Shootout, the Blue Ridge Outlaw Late Models and a big fireworks show for Independence Day. Here are the top five from each class.

**Street Stock** - Coming in first was No. 99 Jim Twigg as he led flag-to-flag. Coming in second was No. 21 Troy Turner, finishing in third was No. 01 Jacob Lynch and coming in fourth was No. 5 Carson Shields. Finishing in fifth was No. 95 Alex Vance

**Hobby 602** - Coming in first was No. 6 Mark Willbanks. Coming second was No. 7 Jamie Oliver. Finishing in third was

No. 818 Jeffrey Wood. Finishing in fourth was No. 34 Greg Sudderth. Finishing in fifth was No. 88 Ricky Smith.

**Crate** - Coming in first was No. 7 (The Real Deal) Jason Deal. Coming in second was No. 14 Sylvan Schute. Coming in third was No. 200 Jacob Anderson. Finishing in fourth was No. 3 Floyd Self. Finishing in fifth was No. 12 Drew Deaver.

**Blue Ridge Outlaw Late Models** - Coming in first was No. 8 (The Coach) David Payne. Coming in second was No. X15 Shawn Chastain. Coming third was No. 4H Levi Hicks. Coming in fourth was No. 85 Hot Rod LaMance. Finishing in fifth was No. 55 Kip Cochran.

**Beginner 602** - Coming in first was No. C5 Cade Cagle. Coming in second was No. 56 Colton Berrong. Coming in third was No. 149 Seth Speed. Coming in fourth was No. 13 Josh Lewis. Finishing in fifth was No. 44 Jay Lynch

**FWD** - Coming in first was No. 2 Logan Exum. Coming in second was No. 32 Justin Queen. Coming in third was No. 29R Sean Rice. Finishing in fourth was No. J3 Josh Deese. Finishing in fifth was No. 21 Stephen Godfrey.

The next Event will be Tuesday, July 23 at 7 p.m. with the regular program and the Shaeffer's Oil Late Model Series.