

Towns County Sports

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Cross Country: Indians make a run for it at Chestatee's War Eagle Invitational



The Towns County Cross Country Team traveled to Chestatee Middle School to take part in the War Eagle Invitational on Thursday, Aug. 29.

Over 30 schools were represented, spanning all of Georgia's athletic classifications 1A-7A.

The boys came away ninth out of 22 teams, while the girls finished 12th out of a 14-team field.

For the first time this year, the freshmen boys competed in the junior varsity race and raced to a 14th-Place finish out of a 20-team field.

In the JV race, Layne Rouse led the Indians with a 22:59 20th-Place finish. The rest of the Indians' Top Five JV times were as follows: Mason Yeomans, 24:05; Curtis Markham, 26:06; Cody Ashe, 26:29; and Eli Fulford, 28:26.

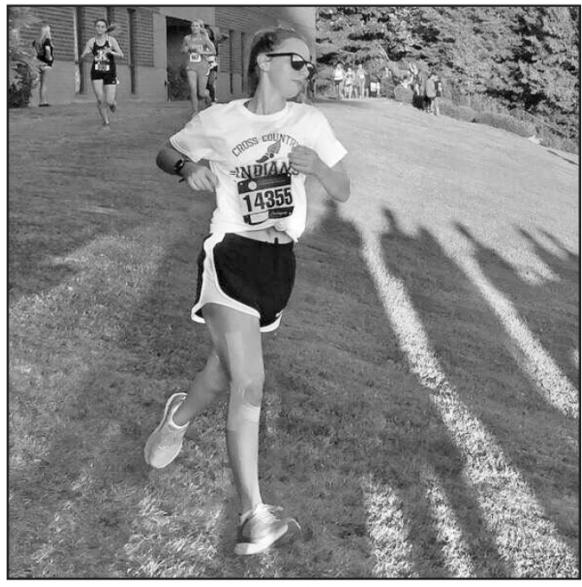
The Varsity Boys were next, and running against some very good competition, they came away with a very solid Top 10 finish.

Once again, the Indians were paced by Jenson Brown, who finished 21st out of 178 runners with a time of 18:44. Rounding out the Top Five Indians were: Liam King, 20:06; Peyton Barrett, 20:16; Luis Quijada, 20:59; and Blythe Smith, 21:06.

The last race of the day was the Varsity Girls with 14 teams competing.

Leading the way for the Lady Indians was Alison Markham with a 25:25 finish. The rest of the Top Five for the Lady Indians were as follows: Jayden Taylor, 25:40; Bazya Smith, 26:51; Gali Quijada, 29:31; and Kayla Peacock, 31:40.

The Indian XC Team will travel to Murphy, North Carolina, on Saturday to participate in the Bulldog XC Open.



Towns County's Alison Markham at Chestatee.

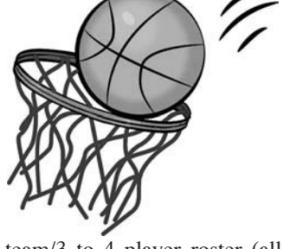


Towns County's Peyton Barrett at Chestatee.

Register now for Youth Basketball

Towns County Recreation Department Basketball Registration 8U (ages 6-8), 10U, and 12U age groups. Registration now through October 5th. Late Registration October 6 - 12th \$15 Late Fee. \$60 with multi-sibling discount! Register in person or online at townscountyrec.com 706-896-2600.

Towns County Recreation 3 vs. 3 Basketball Tournament Saturday, October 12th, 2019 10 a.m. tentative start time. Male and Female Divisions. Divisions: Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12, Adult Division. Register and pick up information in person at Towns County Recreation Department! \$100 Entry per



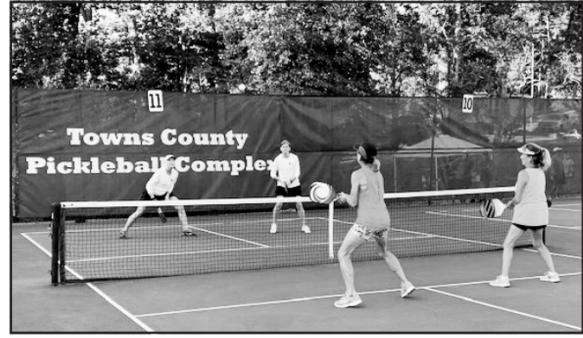
team/3 to 4 player roster (all must be in same age/gender division). Prizes will be awarded based on number of entries and other proceeds will help fund and create Towns County Recreation Department Scholarships.

Call 706-896-2600 or visit our Facebook page for more information. T(Sep4,F3)SH

Georgia Mountain Pickleball plays for Enotah CASA

On Saturday, August 31st and Sunday, September 1st, the Georgia Mountain Pickleball Club hosted a Pickleball Tournament to benefit Enotah CASA. Over 150 players participated in Ladies' Doubles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles games. Many of the players are from out of town and stayed overnight, ate out and spent time shopping in Hiawassee. The tournament also likes to support local businesses such as Threadz who did an outstanding job providing the custom printed shirts.

"I am delighted we had such good participation and am grateful for the over 30 volunteers who came out to do everything from registration, set up, gate guards to parking guards. This is such a great group to work with. I was interested in helping CASA because my sister is a CASA in California. I thought a Pickleball Tournament would be a fun way to get the community involved," said Mary Lynn Miller, tournament director. Mary Lynn also thanked the Towns County



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Recreation Department and the Towns County Commissioner who are always willing to help the group.

"The funds raised from this tournament will allow Enotah CASA to continue to recruit and train more citizen volunteers to advocate for foster children in juvenile court, said Della Lago, Enotah CASA Executive Director. "Mary Lynn and her team have put on a great event and we are thrilled that this community has contributed over \$5000 to

Enotah CASA through this event. Thanks to all of the players and volunteers."

To learn more about Pickleball, you can come out to the Towns County Pickleball Complex on Saturday mornings at 9 AM to take some lessons. Paddles and balls are provided. To learn how to become an advocate volunteer or ambassador for Enotah CASA, go to the website www.enotahcasa.org or call 706-864-0300.

Free outdoor fun to celebrate National Hunting and Fishing Day September 28th



Buford Dam



Time to celebrate! Each year, National Hunting and Fishing Day is on the fourth Saturday of September. So, on Sept. 28, plan to attend any of the free scheduled events, encourages the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division (WRD).

"National Hunting and Fishing Day events are a great way to introduce youth and newcomers to outdoor activities, while also helping them learn about the important

role that hunting and fishing plays in conservation," said Rusty Garrison, WRD Director. "These events are family-oriented and fun, with educational hands-on activities that everyone will enjoy."

What is National Hunting and Fishing Day? The U.S. Congress and President Richard Nixon established this day in 1973 to recognize generations of hunters and anglers for the time and money they donate to wildlife conservation programs.

Events offered in Georgia include kids' fishing events and Outdoor Adventure Days. Activities will differ at each event - but some highlights include archery and air rifle

shooting, trout fishing, snake shows, wildlife programs, exhibits and more. These events are spread out across the whole state - meaning that one is probably near you!

In addition to these events, a free fishing day is offered to all Georgia residents on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019. On this day, residents do not need a fishing license or a trout license to fish on any public waters in the state including lakes, streams, ponds and public fishing areas.

For more information on NHF Day in Georgia, including a complete listing of all events in the state, visit <http://georgiawildlife.com/get-involved/nhfday>. NT(Sep4,Z16)CA

3rd Annual Warriors Veteran Outreach Golf Tournament



The 3rd Annual Warriors Veteran Outreach Golf

Tournament will take place Friday, September 6 at Old Union Golf Course in Blairsville. Players of all experience levels are encouraged to participate. Registration Fee is \$55 per player, \$220 per four-player team.

The event has a shotgun start at 1 PM with awards

and prizes distributed after the final team has finished. Rain date is Friday, September 13. For more information on the tournament, call Marine Skip Belton at 706-745-2273 or Marine Charlie Sowers at 706-745-5123.

All donations to and proceeds from the event will benefit the WVO Scholarship Fund which awards grants for study related to providing counseling therapy for veterans suffering with a mental health disorder.

Warriors Veteran Outreach is a non-profit organization of veterans and patriots whose purpose is to help veterans in need. The organization includes veterans of all five military services from western North Carolina and north Georgia as well as other interested citizens.

To participate, attend a monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at WVO's Camp Jensen headquarters, located in downtown Murphy below the Daily Grind at 46 Valley River Avenue. NT(Sep4,Z3)CA

Annual Bethel-Guidry Golf Tournament September 28



Jonathan Bethel takes a swing at the golf tournament benefiting students from Towns and Clay counties.

On September 28th Mountain Harbour Golf Course will be hosting the annual Bethel-Guidry College Scholarship Golf Tournament benefiting deserving high school seniors. Shotgun start is 9:00 am with continental breakfast before the tournament followed by a celebratory luncheon and awards presentation. Qualifying seniors from both Clay and Towns County High Schools will benefit from this golf tournament.

We are still signing up golfers and accepting sponsorships for this worthy cause. For more information about the scholarship and the tournament please contact either Jose Arias at jose_m_arias@hotmail.com (239) 595-1865 or Sanford Freeman at sanfordleefreeman@gmail.com (706) 202-7819, or visit the website www.goodshepherd-hayesville.org/bethelguidry-scholarship-golf-tournament. We're looking forward to a great day of golf and fellowship. T(Sep4,F5)SH

Triple header weekend for Blairsville Cruisers Car Club



The Blairsville Cruisers Car Club will participate in 3 events this weekend. On Saturday, September 7th from noon until 2 PM the Cruisers will join in the Fellowship Chili Cook-off & Car Show at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds in Hiawassee. This event is a benefit for orphans and foster kids at Christmas. 100% of proceeds go to Dept. of Social Services (DSS) in Union, Towns and Clay counties. Come enjoy some great chili and some great vehicles. Also, the Cruisers fund raiser Mustang car will be on display and you can get your raffle tickets at this event.

Later on Saturday, from 3-7 PM, the Blairsville Cruisers monthly Cruise-in at the Union County Farmers Market will take place. Great food, music, and a 50/50 drawing will be held. Awards will be presented for Best '50's Classic plus six other awards and trophies are up for grabs. Registration is free and spectators are also admitted free. Donations to our needy kids Christmas programs are appreciated. Be sure to get your tickets for a chance to win the Mustang raffle car and help support fund raising efforts for the Cruisers kids programs.

Sunday, September 8th is a big day at the Union County Nursing Home with the Cruisers annual Fall Car Show for the residents of the nursing home enjoyment. Everyone is welcome to come see the cars on display. The residents will select their favorite vehicle and the trophy goes to the vehicle gathering the most votes. The raffle Mustang will be on display and raffle tickets available at this event. The Show is Sunday afternoon from 2 until 4 PM. The nursing home is off Weaver Road just behind the Hospital.

Fellowship Contest Chili Cook Off & Car Show

Chili Contest:
Entry - \$10
Tasting - \$5

Car Show Contestants:
Donations

Trophies for winners in both categories.

September 7, 2019
12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds (Upper Parking Deck)

"Participants need to be there no later than 11:30 to set up."
Judging will be from 12 to 1:30

100% of the proceeds go to DSS in Towns and Union Counties, GA and Clay County, NC. The proceeds will go to help the underprivileged kids at Christmas time.

For more information contact Brad Weaver at 706-994-9709

The Blairsville Cruisers Car Club is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation consisting of members in North Georgia and Western North Carolina whose members are auto enthusiasts and who are dedicated to the community. Members are predominately from Blairsville, Hiawassee, Young Harris and Blue Ridge in Georgia and from Hayesville and Murphy, North Carolina. The Cruisers became a non-profit club in 2007 and have supported the community since then with their charitable programs.

The Blairsville Cruisers members and sponsors work diligently throughout the year to bring needy children a brighter Christmas season through the clubs support of the several needy kids programs in Union, Towns, Clay and Cherokee counties.

This year the club will give away a beautiful 2008 Ford Mustang convertible. Donation tickets for the drawing are

\$5 each or \$20 for five tickets. They are available at all the club events and shows and from any club member. The car will also be on display at our Union County Farmers Market Car Shows in Blairsville on the first Saturday of each month and at our Cruise-In on the historic Square in Blairsville and a many other community events.

You can make a donation by mail if you prefer. Send a check and your name, address and good contact phone number to: Blairsville Cruisers, P.O. Box 2502, Blairsville, GA 30514. Tickets are \$5 each and 5 for a \$20 donation. Our volunteers will fill out your ticket and return the stubs to you by mail.

Photos of the car are on our website, BlairsvilleCruisers.com. Also see us on Facebook at "Blairsville Cruisers Car Club". The car will be given away at our last event of 2019 at the Salute to Veterans Car Show on November 2nd at the Union County Farmers Market.

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