

Towns County Sports

Towns County's Leader In Sports

www.townscountyherald.net • E-mail: tcherald@windstream.net

TCHS honors the best-of-the-best at Athletic Banquet

By Todd Forrest
Towns County Herald
sports@nganews.com

Towns County High School hosted its annual Athletic Banquet at the Towns County Recreation Center last week to celebrate its athletes, along with their parents, guardians, and families.

Seniors Shea Underwood and Alyson Nelson were named the male and female Athlete of the Year at the conclusion of the banquet.

TCHS Athletic Director Jim Melton stepped to the podium to get things underway by welcoming everyone in attendance and offering thank you's and special recognitions.

TCHS School Resource Officer Donnie Jarrard gave the invocation prior to the meal that was catered by Happy Hawg BBQ.

Up first were the cheerleading awards presented by coach Rachel Pietz. Then the softball awards were presented by coaches Brandon Rowland and Barry Churchill.

The tennis awards were handed out by coach Rob Benson and the golf awards were presented by coach Brett Keller.

The football awards were handled by coaches Bill Barnhart, Lee Bohannon, Chris Vardo, and Alan Morris. The baseball awards were presented by coaches Shannon Floyd, Scott Neal, Shannon Moss, and Shane Reilly.



Seniors Alyson Nelson and Shea Underwood were presented with their Athlete of the Year awards at last week's sports banquet. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Jim Melton, Lee Bohannon, and Kaila Reece handed out the girls basketball awards. Benson, Alan Rogers, and Michael Anderson presented the boys basketball awards.

Jeff Stowers, Rowland, Jim Harrison, and Vonya Baldwin. John Cornett handed out the girls soccer awards and Jonny Eyrych presented the boys soccer awards.

The cross country awards were presented by Jeannie Led-

ford and the Athlete of the Year was awarded to Underwood and Nelson by Coach Melton to close out the evening.

Note: Photos not appearing this week will appear in next week's edition of the TCH.



Jim Melton presents Lisa Baxter with an Appreciation Award at last week's banquet. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Lake Chatuge Memorial Day 5K Fun Run & Walk

Calling all ages! Join us at the Towns County Senior Center Memorial Day - May 30, 2016 for our 1st Annual Lake Chatuge Memorial Day 5K Fun Run & Walk to benefit our Towns County Senior Center & Meals on Wheels.

Wear your patriotic attire & bring your pets dressed in red, white and blue.

Also if you would like for your business to be a sponsor and have a guaranteed spot on the back of the t-shirts please call our office at 706-896-3138 by May 18, 2016 for sponsorship.



Run/Walk Pre-Registration cost \$20, race-day registration \$25 at 7:30 a.m. Race starts at 8 a.m.

Please run/walk to help the seniors of Towns County - who have walked many miles in their lives for each of us.

TMay11.F2JSH

Towns County Water Rescue Recovery Team Big Bass Tournament

Lake Chatuge May 21st 3 PM - 9 PM
Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds Boat Ramp
Entry Fee: \$60 per boat

Rules: Pay out: Hourly - 1 fish per hour, per boat. *Black bass family only. Boat capacity or weight limit per boat of anglers. All live wells must be empty upon start of tournament. All fish must be alive at weigh in and successful release for weight to be valid. Obey all laws on water and No Wake Zones. Lake will be off limits Friday, May 20th until Saturday at tournament start. May 21st tournament time: Blast Off at 3 PM.

\$150 each hour for biggest fish weighed in
Big Fish prize: \$100 overall

All cash prizes will be awarded at the end of the final weigh in.



TCHS Cross Country. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Lady Indians soccer. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Lady Indians cheerleading. Photos/Lowell Nicholson



TCHS Golf. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

VFW Golf League

This week's event at Chatuge Shores Golf Course was won by Ray Ide, Randy Tompkins and Susan Bongiovanni. They returned to the clubhouse with a score of 60 which is 12 strokes under par. Congratulations! TMay11.F2JSH

Towns County High School Varsity Baseball Team bids farewell to seniors



The graduating seniors and their parents, left to right: Mark Shook, Isaiah Shook, Kim Shook, Marty Roberts, Dylan Roberts, DeDee Roberts, Gloria Swanson and Curtis Swanson. Not pictured: Team Manager Alyson Nelson. TMay11.F4JSH

Clay Dotson Golf Tournament coming Monday, May 16

The annual Clay Dotson Open golf tournament to benefit student scholarships at Young Harris College will be held on Monday, May 16, at Brasstown Valley Resort.

More than 90 percent of YHC students receive some form of financial assistance, and all proceeds from the Clay Dotson Open are used toward scholarships for Young Harris College students. Generous support of this annual event allows a new generation of students to achieve their academic pursuits and become part of a 130-year legacy.

"I love Young Harris College because it's more than just a school—it's a community," said freshman Sierra Nichols of Hiawassee, GA. "The students are more than just a number, and it's very easy to have a personal relationship with your professors. The administration is always extremely friendly and will help in any way they can. There's a friend around every corner, and the campus is beyond beautiful!"

"Young Harris College far surpassed all of my expectations upon my first visit," said junior Cierra Alston of Lawrenceville, GA. "I fell in love with the beauty



The annual Clay Dotson Open golf tournament to benefit student scholarships at Young Harris College.

Challenge in which the team with the lowest score will win a special award. Teams of at least three YHC alumni will also receive a special discount rate.

Located in Young Harris, GA, Brasstown Valley Resort is home to a 7,000 yard, championship par-72 links-golf course that is ranked by *Golf Digest* as one of the top 10 places to play in the state.

For player registration and sponsorship opportunities at this event, contact Director of Development and Corporate Relations Mark Dotson, '88, at (706) 379-5355 or mcdotson@yhc.edu. For more information about the Clay Dotson Open, visit yhc.edu/clay-dotsonopen.