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Towns golf impressive at State

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Augusta - The Towns County Lady Indians' individual qualifier Kenzie Jenkins finished second at the Class A Public State Championship last week with a score of 93 - seven shots back of the State Champion - Portal's Faith Reddick.

Meanwhile, Chase Williams fired an 11-over-par 83 to lead the guys' golf team to a fifth place finish at the Class A Public State Golf Championship. Both tournaments were hosted by Goshen Plantation Golf Club in Augusta.

Williams' 83 was also good enough for a fifth place individual finish - 10 shots back of individual State Champion Dawson Day of Trion.

Williams finished the day five shots behind second place Thad Clark of Schley County. Hawkinsville's Hunter Dokey was third with an 80 and Schley's Bryce Collins edged Williams by a stroke to place fourth.

Towns' Nick McConnell posted an 87 - resulting in a tie for eighth place. McConnell was three shots back of the two golfers that tied for sixth place and two shots better than 10th place - shared by three golfers that each shot an 89.



Kenzie Jenkins, Nick McConnell, and Chase Williams at State.

McConnell was three shots back of sixth place, which was shared by a pair of golfers.

In the team standings, Towns County finished with a total score of 370 with Connor Kelley and Sterling Hedden each shooting a 100 for the team's third best score while tying for 33rd overall.

Will Travis finished a shot back of the duo of Kelley and Hedden with a 101 and Caleb Ledford shot a 104.

Towns finished 29 shots back of State Champion Trion (341), who ran away from the

field. The Indians were only-five shots back of second place Schley County (365) and two back of third place Lincoln County and Georgia Military College (368).

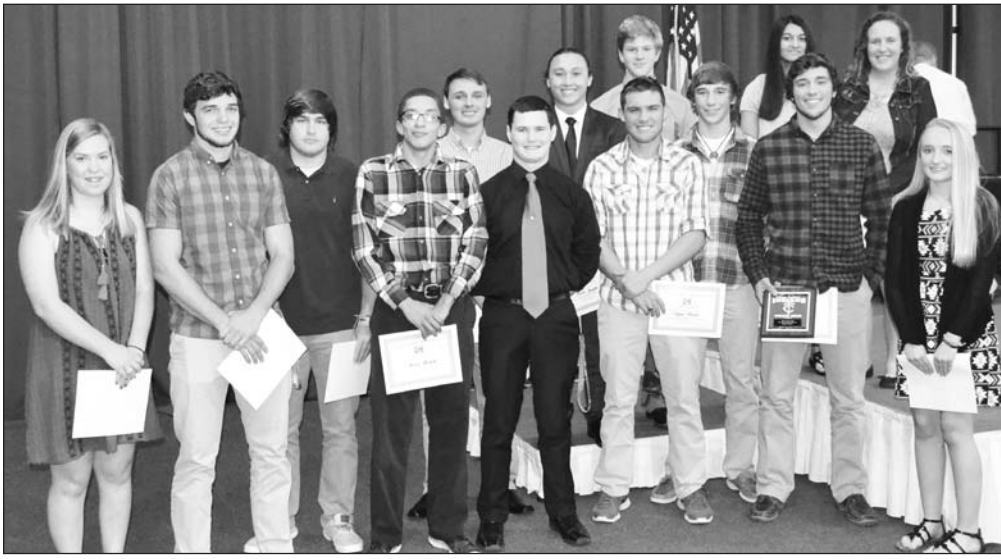
Towns bested sixth place Charlton County (375) by five strokes, seventh place Hawkinsville (378) by eight, and region-foe Commerce (386) by 16.

As for Jenkins, she held off third place Madison Hood of Schley County by one stroke and fourth place Laney Aycock of Lincoln County by four strokes.

TCHS Athletic Banquet



Towns County softball. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Towns County wrestling. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Towns County Youth Football gearing up for another exciting season

Towns County Youth Football League signups begin June 4, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Towns County Recreation and Conference Center.

Signups will continue at the Rec Center on June 11, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., and on June 25, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

July 9 will be the Annual Youth Football Camp at the High School Practice Field, starting at 8 a.m. until noon that Saturday.

Football camp will be free of charge, and will feature

drills put on by all the youth football coaches, the new Towns County Indians Head Football Coach John Cornett, as well as the Towns County Indians themselves.

TCYFL Director Jimmy Smith will be signing up youth football players after the camp on July 9, and signups will continue for two weeks after the football camp.

Required at time of sign-up will be \$90 to play for the season, which covers the game jersey, insurance and a trophy at the end of the season.

Also, kids new to youth

football will need to bring a copy - not the original - of their birth certificates. If youth athletes played last year, they will not need to bring a copy of their birth certificates.

"I'm looking forward to an exciting year," said Director Smith, now in his 20th year directing youth football. "We had a great year last year, but this year is going to be even better. I've been waiting for this since last season came to an end. We're looking for a lot of kids to come out and play the great game of football in Towns County."



Towns County boys soccer. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Mountain Gymnastics Center brings home 10 State titles

Towns County Herald Sports Special

The month of April was filled with outstanding achievements from the Mountain Gymnastics Center (MGC) competition team.

As a team, they had 10 girls return home as State Champions and had a total of 15 State Championship titles between the 10.

When the athletes compete at the state-level, each child is divided into age divisions based on their date-of-birth to ensure that athletes of similar ages are competing against each other. As the athletes perform their routines they are being scored out of a maximum of 10 points. The individual athlete's scores from the four events are added together to figure the all around (total) score of the meet; the maximum score gymnasts can attain is a 40.

The Level 3 team attended the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) State Championships in Carrollton where Avery Frechette was crowned State Champion on vault with a score of 8.85.

Lola Patton brought home three State titles as she finished



MGC Southeast Regional Qualifiers

first on the balance beam with a 9.175, first on the floor exercise with a 9.4, and first in the all around competition with a total score of a 36.00.

The AAU Xcel Silver team attended the AAU State Championship in Carrollton and finished with impressive scores and places.

As a team the Silver athletes brought home six individual State titles. Ella Matheson finished first on the floor exercise with a score of a 9.375, Alana Stowers placed first on the vault with a score of a 9.45, Josie Poston took home the State title on floor with a score of 9.025, Isabella Wells finished first on the

vault with a score of a 9.325, first on the floor exercise with a score of a 9.325, and finished first in her age group with an all around combined score of a 37.025.

Kaitlynn Tant placed fifth on the beam with a 9.3 and finished fifth in an all around combined score of a 36.10. Also, Bre Kailyn Arp was runner up on bars with a 9.525, and Madison Pelfrey had a showing on bars with a score of 9.15. As a team the AAU Xcel Silver brought home the fourth place trophy.

The AAU Xcel Gold team was the next to compete at the AAU State Championships in Carrollton and they finished with some very excellent scores and



AAU Silver winners: Josie Poston, Isabella Wells, and Alana Stowers. Ella Matheson is not pictured.

placements. Annalyse Kiernan was runner up on the bars with a wonderful score of a 9.1, Kiersten Queen was runner up in her age division on the vault with an impressive score of a 9.275 and bars with a 9.2, Hana Gregory was the runner up for bars in her age group in an outstanding score of 9.5 and Jacey Lee had a good day on floor with a 8.65.

The AAU Xcel Bronze team competed in Evans for their State Championships. As a team they brought home three individual titles along with some very impressive scores. Kendall McClure was state champion on the balance beam with the score of a 9.425 and Taylor Jenkins was

not far behind her with a great score of 9.225. Reese Chambers gained the State title of the vault with the score of 9.3 and on the floor exercise with an outstanding score of 9.7.

The Level 2 team attended the AAU State Championship in Evans, as well. Sailor Fain was third upon the bars in her age division with an amazing score of a 9.4. Emma Schutte was named champion on vault with a wonderful score of a 9.45 and was also runner up in the all around competition with an overall score of a 36.25. Nevaeh Leopold and Millie Banks also attended state competition with outstanding work on Bars with an 8.75 and

8.3 respectively.

The United State of American Gymnastics (USAG) Xcel Gold team had an exceptional performance at their State Championships in Woodstock.

Sofia Swartz is the State Champion in her age division on the bars with a score of a 9.35. Caymin Thompson was the runner up on the uneven bars with the score of a 9.375 and on the floor exercise with a 9.325. Erin Raper was the runner up on the balance beam with a score of 9.375 and in the all around competition with an overall score of a 36.775.

Evelyn McBride was named the runner up on the uneven bars in her age division with a score of 9.45 and finished third all-around with a 36.6. Mia McCombs and Jordan Swanson filled out the USA Gold Team and finished with All-Around scores of 35.75 and 35.8 respectively. All six members of the Xcel Gold team have qualified to compete at the Southeast Regionals.

Mountain Gymnastics Center is proud of all the hard work the athletes have put in this season! Way to go girls!

Free Seniors Fishing Rodeo and Family Fishing Festival

Mark your calendars! Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery located in the beautiful North Georgia Mountains on Rock Creek Road off GA Hwy. 60 near Suches will host a Seniors Fishing Rodeo on Friday, June 3, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon for adults ages 55 and older and a Family Fishing Festival on Saturday, June 4, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon for youth ages 16 and under.

The events will take place rain or shine and are free to the public. Participants must bring their own fishing gear and bait and register upon arrival. All Georgia

Sport Fishing Regulations will apply. There will be free lunch and prizes each day. Additionally, there will be exhibit booths and a scavenger hunt for youth and families on Family Fishing day.

Rock Creek will be stocked with many beautiful trout. All other non-eligible family members are encouraged to try their luck at fishing after 12 noon each day for remaining stockers. Everyone come on out for the fun! Friends of the Hatchery, Trout Unlimited, and many other loyal volunteers make these events possible.

For more information, please contact Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery at 706-838-4723.

National Trails Day Saturday, June 4

National Trails Day is Saturday, June 4th. Kemmy Garrett, with TVA and Andy Ladd with Union County, will be at the new trails out at the Dam to give a guided tour. They will be giving basic information about the building of the trails and why and how this project came to be. The walk through will begin at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 4th.

VFW Golf League

This week's event at Chatuge Shores Golf Course was won by Ray Ide, Chuck Woodworth, Harvy Vanadoe and Scott Smith. They returned to the clubhouse with a score of 63 which is 9 strokes under par. Congratulations! (May 25, F2)SH

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.

Rec Department Summer Day Camp

The Recreation Department will offer day camp for 3 sessions, each session being 2 weeks, running Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sessions will be as follows: Session I June 6 - June 17; Session II June 20 - July 1; Session III July 11 - July 22. Day Camp offers children sports game activities, social game activities, field trips, nature hikes and much more. Campers will be provided free breakfast at drop off (Mon-Thurs, Friday drop off at Towns County Beach-no breakfast served). Based on the day's activi-

ties, campers need to bring a swimsuit, towel, sprayable sunscreen, sack lunch, and flotation device (if needed). The Rec Department will furnish ice water for the campers.

Registration will be the first Monday of each session at the middle/high school entrance of Towns County Schools. The fee for the two week session is \$120 or \$60 per week (additional discounts for more than one child in immediate family). The fee is payable to Towns County Recreation Department. For more info please call 706-896-2600.

Towns County Sheriff's Office
June 10, 2016
Event starts at 8:00 a.m., @ Chatuge Gun Club Range

1st Annual Banquet

June 11, 2016
Tickets \$25.00
Reception @ 5:30 p.m. - Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.
Music, Raffle Drawings, Live & Silent Auctions

Towns County Recreation Center
Contact Luann Mowrey 770-519-7084

Sponsorship
Team Sponsor - \$250
For more information or team sponsorship please contact Duane Mowrey @ 770-519-7086

Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes

8th Annual Trap Shoot