

# Towns County Sports

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## Nagel signs with YHC



Pitcher Miles Nagel. Photo/Courtesy of YHC Athletics

Right-handed pitcher Miles Nagel, has signed to continue his academic and athletic careers with Young Harris College beginning this fall head Coach Rick Robinson announced today.

The 6-foot-5, 225-pound Nagel helped lead Pierce Community College to an overall record of 33-13 and a Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Championship. The NWAACC is a junior college league in the northwestern United States with teams from Oregon and Washington. The NWAACC Championship is the pinnacle of junior college baseball in that region.

For his efforts in 2012, Nagel was recognized as a second

team all-conference selection with a 7-1 record in 45.2 innings, only allowing 37 hits and striking out 42. One of his most notable games came in the NWAACC playoffs where he threw seven shutout innings to defeat Yakima Valley Community College, propelling Pierce to the championship game.

"We have very high expectations for Miles this coming year," Coach Robinson said. "We expect him to be a factor in the Peach Belt race."

Nagel will be the second pitcher to join the Mountain Lion staff from the NWAACC. Left-hander Cody Ching from Clackamas Community College signed with Young Harris in April.

## North Georgia Rapids Swim Team competes in 5k on Lake Chatuge



(L-R): Gabriella Aleman, Tanner Gay and Megan Foster

Three members of the North Georgia Rapids Swim Team recently competed in a 5k open water swim race held on Lake Chatuge. Approximately 150 registered swimmers completed the 3.25 mile race starting at the Fieldstone Resort and finishing in North Carolina at the Clay County Recreation Park. Swimmers from nine states participated.

Gabriella Aleman and Megan Foster competed in this race for the first time. Megan finished second in her 14 and under age group with a time

of 1:57:02. Gabriella "Gabbie" competed in the women's 15-19 age group and finished third with a 1:56:34.

Tanner Gay completed the course in the time of 1:16:34, finishing fifth overall. The entire team will now focus on the League Championship swim meet to be held mid July to end the Summer racing season.

Swim practice for the team is held at the Union General Wellness Center's pool. For more details about the swim team, contact Coach Barry Gay 706-835-1662.

## Youth Football Registration

Sign-ups for ages 5-12 years old will begin on Saturday, June 30 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Towns County High School Field House. Sign ups will take place every Saturday, at the same time, until July 28.

The registration fee is \$90 and you will need to bring a copy of the player's birth certificate. Players who played last year will not need to bring a birth certificate. No sign ups can be accepted until the registration fee is paid. The fee will cover their insurance and equipment. The players will be allowed to keep their jersey at the end of the year. Players must be present at sign up so they can be sized for their uniform.

Practice begins on Monday,

July 30. Practices will take place from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

As for the younger squad, 5 and 6 year olds will play together but each age from 7-12 will have its own team.

There will be a free Towns County youth football camp on July 19 and July 20 at the Towns County High School Football field from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The camp will once again be conducted by Towns County High School Head Coach Kyle Langford along with his staff and players. The Youth Football League coaches also will be in attendance.

For more details Jimmy Smith can be reached at (706) 896-2622 or (706) 835-6176.

## Mountain United Soccer registration

The Mountain United Soccer Association is ready for Fall Soccer. Registrations are currently being accepted. Forms will be mailed to all players who have participated in a previous season. Forms are also available by visiting the league's website: www.mountainsoccer.org.

The spring 2012 season was a big success. Our younger teams played in Blairsville, Hiwassee, and Blue Ridge. The older age groups competed throughout Georgia. We had players registered from all the surrounding counties as well as some from North Carolina.

In Blairsville, Cott Beverage is our community host for the soccer fields. In Hiwassee, the fields at the Towns County Fairgrounds are utilized through the cooperation of the local recreation department. The league is grateful for their commitment

and support.

The fall season will begin in early September. Anyone who is interested in playing needs to register promptly. In some cases space is limited.

M.U.S.A. is a volunteer run organization and is also a 501C3 non profit. Any and all donations are directed to the youth player. Field Sponsors, Sign Sponsors, and Team Sponsors are always needed. If you are interested in supporting the youth soccer player in our community through sponsorship and/or a donation, please contact the Association.

For additional information contact the league at 706-835-1077, musa.soccer@gmail.com, or visit www.mountainsoccer.org on the web.

Like "Mountain United Soccer Association" on Facebook and follow the league on Twitter @MUSoccerA.

## Recreation Department's July 4th Activity Day 2012

The Towns County Recreation Department's annual July 4th Activity Day will be on Wednesday, July 4, 2012 at the Recreation Department Ball Fields. The Recreation Department invites everyone to come out and have fun in the sun! The schedule of the events during the day and locations are as follows:

Youth Single Horse-shoes (16 & Under Division) (Boys & Girls) Ball field 9:30 AM.

Men's Single Horse-

shoes (17 & Older Division) Ball field 10 AM.

Women's Single Horse-shoes (16 & Older Division) Ball field 10:30 AM.

Men's Partner Horse-shoes (17 & Older Division) Ball field 11 AM.

Men's Homerun Derby (15 & Older Division) Ball field 10:30 AM.

Women's Homerun Derby (15 & Older Division) Ball field 11:15 AM.

Youth Homerun Derby

(14 & Under Division) (Boys & Girls), Ball field 10:45 AM.

Youth Homerun Derby (11 & Under Division) (Boys & Girls) Ball field 11 AM.

Team Cornhole Tournament (10 & Under Open Division) 2 Person Team, Ball field 11:30 AM.

Team Cornhole Tournament (16 & Under Open Division) 2 Person Team, Ball field 12 PM.

Team Cornhole Tournament (Adult 17 & Over Open

Division) 2 Person Team, Ball field 12 PM.

In each of the Recreation Department events, plaques and trophies will be given to all winners in each event. There is no charge for any of the activities. All events will begin at the times listed. To pre-register just be on time for the events you wish to participate. See all of you on July 4th.

For more information call the Recreation Department at 706-896-2600.

## Towns County Recreation 2012 Summer Day Camp

Summer is just around the corner and that means hot weather and Summer Day Camp for boys and girls ages 6 thru 12. This summer The Recreation Department will offer day camp for 3 sessions, each session being two weeks, running Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Session III - July 9th thru July 20th.

The fee for the two week session is \$120. The fee is payable to the Towns County Recreation Department the first Monday of each session.

Day Camp offers children sports game activities,

social game activities, field trips, nature hikes and much more. Give your child a lot to do this summer and sign them up for Day Camp. You may send your child to any or all of the sessions. Children need to bring a swimsuit, towel, sprayable sunscreen and sack lunch. The Recreation department will furnish the drinks for the campers.

Registration will be the first Monday of each session at the Recreation Department located on Hwy. 76 west of Hiwassee. For more information please call the Recreation Department at 706-896-2600.

## YHC Summer Baseball Camp

Head Baseball Coach, Rick Robinson, will coordinate all instruction. Website access: www.yhcatletics.com/sports/bsb/index or TheROCKSports.com.

Come learn from the best! 3 camps each week to accommodate all players at different levels. Camp week: July 23-27.

## 2nd annual Jessi's Gift 5K Run

2nd Annual Jessi's Gift "Pay it Forward" 5K Run 2 Mile Walk will be on July 14th at 8:30 a.m. at Clay County Recreational Park Myers Chapel Road, Hayesville, NC. \$15 pre-registered adults, \$20 Race. \$10 Student pre-registered \$15 Student Race Day. T-Shirts guaranteed to all 5k runners or walkers who pre-register by June 27th. Awards to Overall Male and Female, 10 and Under then 5 year age brackets.

Items also being donated for raffle are from Lowes, Brasstown Valley Resort, Body Sense, Brothers Restaurant, The Rustice Rose and The Ridges.

Last year's run raised enough money to grant wishes to 3 children. Zedrick and Tia Medaugh from Murphy, NC and Tyler Shead from Temple, GA. All money raised benefits Kingdom Kids. A 100% pass

through organization which means 100% of all money raised goes directly to the children. Everyone is encouraged to go to www.supportkingdomkids.com and read about this great organization. Jessi Patrick was granted a wish through Kingdom Kids from money raised during Lily's Run in Cumming, GA in 2010. Jessi met Lily in the hospital while both were going through treatment, each for different kinds of cancer. Lily is still fighting today. It is our hope to provide wishes to more children this year. Please come out and help us "Pay it Forward".

You can register at Active.com or download registration forms at Facebook on "Jessi's Gift Pay it Forward 5k run. Registration forms are also available at several gyms in Hiwassee, Hayesville and Blairsville.

## Annual free clogging lessons

For the fourth consecutive year, Blairsville School of Dance will be hosting a free 3 week clogging session. Designed for the beginner, new students will be introduced to basic clogging by members of the BSoD Force competition clogging team.

"We are so excited to be able to offer this for the fourth year," said Angela Puleo, Studio Director. "We usually get a great turnout not only from Blairsville, but also from the surrounding communities."

The classes will be open to anyone ages 4 and up and will take place on Thursdays, July 12, 19 and 26 at 6:30 p.m. Participants should plan on attending all three classes.

The BSoD Force competition clogging teams are well equipped to lead the session. With its regular participation in the regional and national competition circuit, the group is on the cutting edge of contempo-

rary clogging. In addition to the classical dance forms, BSoD has a nationally recognized clogging program that begins training recreational and competitive dancers at age 3.

"Our beginning session focuses more on traditional clogging," said Puleo. "While our group performs a mix of traditional and contemporary style clogging, most of the more modern steps contain elements of Irish, tap and Canadian step dance."

This session's beginning students will learn the "drag/slide" style of clogging. At the completion of three weeks, the new dancers will have learned a simple new routine.

Those interested in participating in this year's 3 Free Week Session should reserve a spot by calling (706) 835-1415 or emailing blairsvilledance@yahoo.com. While the session is free, space is limited, so a reservation is required.

## YHC Basketball Camp

1st Camp is our "Junior Mountain Lion Camp" July 9 -12th - 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Boys & Girls Ages 5-10 years old. T-shirts will be provided. Fundamental Individual/Group Work and Fun Games. Cost: \$100.

2nd Camp is our "Young Harris Basketball Camp" July 16-19th - 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Boys & girls ages 8-15 years old. Cost: \$150. Lunch Pro-

vided w/ t-shirts. Fundamental Stations, Games and Tournament Play.

Learn with YHC Coach's & Players. Contact Information for Both Camps: Heath Hooper hwhooper@yhcc.edu (706) 781-5974. To download camp brochures please visit our website www.yhccathletics.com and click on the link inside athletics, 2012 Summer Camp.



## Towns County Rec News

**Hours of Operation:**  
Mon - Fri 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Class: each Monday from 4:00pm-5:15pm. Morning Class: each Thursday from 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Dance and meeting rooms are used for special programs and classes. The general public can also reserve it for small gatherings such as birthday parties, showers, etc. with a two hour limit.

**Morning Aerobics Classes:** Each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:30 a.m.-10:45a.m. instructed by Donna McAuliffe.

**Gymnasium:** Check at front desk for gym hours of availability. Gym is open to general public unless organized programs are in session.

**Evening Aerobics Classes:** Each Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:30 p.m.-6:30p.m. instructed by Jeannie Ledford.

**Exercise and Weight room:** Must be a resident of Towns County. Must be 16 years of age or 13 if accompanied by a parent. Must go through orientation. Check with office on dates and times. There is no charge to use the exercise and weight room. All Participants must attend an orientation session prior to using the exercise areas. Times and dates for training sessions are available at the lobby office. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent on the initial visit. A parent will complete the application, release, and attend a training session with the child. No children under the age of 13 will be allowed in the exercise areas. Children 13 and 14 years of age must have a parent present in the recreation center while using the exercise facilities.

**Fresh Air Qigong:** Each Tuesday morning from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. instructed by Michelle Holmes LMT

**Sun Style Tai Chi:** Each Thursday from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. instructed by Pat Tomczyk.

Any additional information on these programs or other questions about the facility see the person on duty or call (706)896-2600.

**The Towns County Recreation Department Full Time Staff:**

Wes Hooper, Director  
Alan Rogers, Assistant  
Michael Kimsey, Assistant  
Tammy Holcomb, Recreation Center Attendant

The Towns County Recreation Department is always interested in beginning new programs and classes. If you have a special talent and are willing to instruct and teach others your skills, we would be delighted to talk with you about offering such a program to interested people through the recreation department please call us at (706) 896-2600.