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## Indian Football season right around the corner

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Head Coach Kyle Langford and his Towns County High School football team are a week away from the official start of conditioning and season practice.

Following the dead week of July 4, the Towns County Indians were back in action with voluntary workouts, four days a week.

This week, the Indians will have three days of drills before Coach Langford and his squad hosts its Youth Football Camp on Thursday and Friday.

On Sunday, McConnell Memorial Baptist Church will hold its Kickoff Banquet for teams from across the Tri-State area.

Next week the Indians will workout on Monday and Tuesday, then hold their first practice on July 25. The Georgia High School Association has a new requirement that you must condition for five days, with helmet only, before you can transition to full pads. That week ends with a Youth Football Coaches Clinic on Friday, July 27.

Next month, the Indians

will travel to Class AAA's Dawson County Tigers on Aug. 17 for a pre-season scrimmage game. The Tigers will be debuting in Class AAA this season as they made the jump from Region 8-AA to Region 7-AAA.

Towns County has defeated Dawson County five times during the regular season despite the teams having not squared off since 1999, when they each belonged to Region 8-A. Only Riverside Military Academy has been taken to the woodshed more than Dawson County - with Towns owning nine victories over the cadets from Gainesville.

When the regular season opens the following week, Coach Kyle Langford will be sitting just two wins shy of Hosea Collins' school record for coaching victories.

And nothing would be sweeter than the Indians rewarding their coach with his milestone in the first two games.

That's because the season opens against two rival schools, Hayesville, NC and Union County.

On Aug. 24 the Indians travel across the border to face the Yellow Jackets, who they defeated 48-12 in 2009 for the Indians' only victory

in the rivalry that dates back to 1983.

From 1983 to 1992, the schools met every season before taking a hiatus between 1993-2003. The rivalry resumed in 2004 with the Yellow Jackets picking up a 24-8 victory.

The Indians came within an eyelash of knocking off the Jackets in 2008 but fell just short 34-32. However, the Indians tasted revenge the following season with a convincing victory.

Towns last played at Hayesville two years ago with the Jackets posting a 27-7 win. Hayesville also took last year's meeting 21-6.

The Indians will play their home opener on August 31 when they host the Panthers from Union County.

Union County has taken the last two match-ups by a combined score of 60-7. Although, after the 2012 meeting, the Indians expect to party like its 1993, the season that Towns traveled to Blairsville and took a 27-17 victory back to Hiwassee.

Towns County will then travel to Fellowship Christian Academy for the first time ever during Week Three.

The Indians take another road trip, this time across the

mountain to Clayton in Week Four, looking for their second ever win over Rabun, who they defeated in 2008, 20-0.

Coach Langford's squad will get acquainted with Rabun Gap in Week Five, in another first-time-ever matchup.

Following a bye week, the blue and white travel to the Volunteer State for a meeting with the Cougars from Copper Basin, TN.

The Indians have tallied three wins over Copper Basin that included a 40-0 drubbing in 2008 and a 53-13 beat down in 2000.

The Indians will host a two-game home stand in late October with North Cobb Christian and St. Francis traveling to the Top of Georgia. The Indians have never lost to North Cobb Christian (2-0) and have never met St. Francis.

The month of November opens with a trip to Lakeview Academy, where Towns will look to stop a three-game slide against the Lions before closing the season with Hebron at Frank McClure Stadium.

Towns' seniors will look to go out on top, as well as tip the scales back into the Indians favor with the all-time series tied at two wins each. Towns escaped from Hebron with a 29-27 victory in 2011.

## Youth Football Registration

Sign-ups for ages 5-12 years old began 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 Mon-

day, 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 group from 7-12 will have its own team.

There will be a free Towns County youth football camp on Thursday and Friday 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 assist.

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

## TCHS 2012 Football Schedule

Aug. 24: @ Hayesville, NC  
Aug. 31: vs Union County  
Sept. 7: @ Fellowship Christian  
Sept. 14: @ Rabun Co.  
Sept. 21: vs Rabun Gap

Oct. 5: @ Copper Basin  
Oct. 19: vs North Cobb  
Oct. 26: vs St. Francis  
Nov. 2: @ Lakeview  
Nov. 9 vs Hebron

## 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

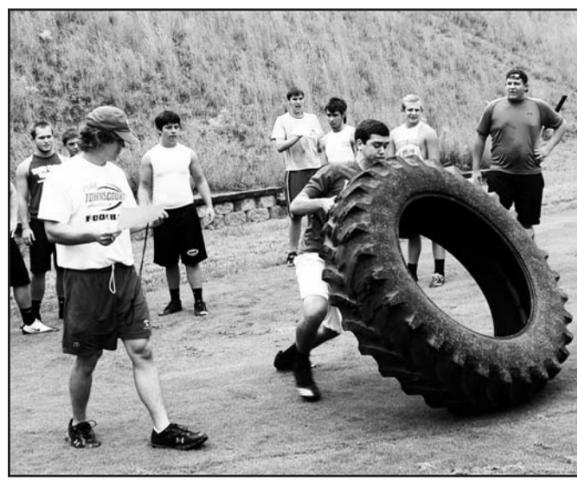
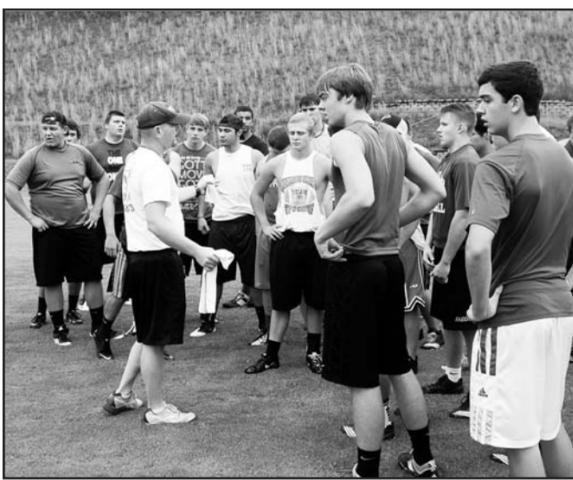
for their commitment and support.

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.

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## Dyer chooses YHC

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Union County's Callie Dyer will still be wearing softball purple next season, but it won't be as a Lady Panther. Instead, she will be known as a Mountain Lion, a Young Harris College Mountain Lion.

After completing her college visits, Dyer made the choice for her, knowing Young Harris already felt like home.

With an academic scholarship in tow for the 2012-2013 school year, Dyer believes she will have a softball scholarship for her second year at YHC.

"I felt like Young Harris was the school for me," Dyer said. "I had visited other schools but I just felt like anywhere I visited it wouldn't make me happy if I went somewhere else. But I want to work really hard so they can see what I'm made of."

During her softball career at Union County High School, the entire state took notice of Callie Dyer's physical abilities.

While patrolling center field at Union County High School, Dyer broke the school record for RBIs and the state record for doubles. Dyer also ranks among the top three in nearly every other offensive statistic at Union County.

Dyer also was blessed with a cannon for an arm that struck fear in the hearts of base runners throughout North Georgia. Although, a humble



Callie Dyer

Dyer realizes where those athletic talents come from.

"I have been blessed with softball and knew it was what I needed to do," Dyer said. "God gives everyone different gifts and I know athletics was my gift from him. In the Bible it says, 'when much is given, much is required,' and I knew with as much talent as I had been given from God in softball that I needed to lift his name up in the talents that he has given me."

Dyer also looks forward to joining former teammate, Tori Dyer at Young Harris and hopes that the school will continue to recruit local talent as they make the jump to Division II.

"Knowing that I get to play with Tori, a teammate that I have played with since T-ball, really excites me," Callie Dyer said. "I would like to see Young Harris look more locally for athletes to play at the next level because we have some amazing athletes in Union County and the surrounding counties."

## YHC names Moynihan Asst. Coach

Young Harris College men's basketball coach Pete Herrmann announced the addition of Michael Moynihan as an assistant coach on his staff.

Moynihan joins the Mountain Lions after spending the past season as a graduate assistant for the North Georgia College & State University men's basketball team. His duties with the Saints included recruiting, skill development, scouting and handling day-to-day operations of the program.

"Michael will be a great addition to our staff," said Herrmann, who led Young Harris to a program best 22-4 record last season. "Michael loves basketball. When I saw him play basketball, he was a team leader as a point guard. He is really looking forward to help us build the program as we join the Peach Belt Conference. He has very strong ties to basketball in the state of Georgia."

Prior to North Georgia, Moynihan served as the boys' basketball assistant coach for one year at Buford High School. Moynihan, along with head coach Allen Whitehart, coached the Wolves to the Georgia High School Association Class AA State Championship in their first year on staff.

Buford was ranked in the Top 10 in Georgia AA for the entire 2010-11 season.

Moynihan spent two years as a member of the Saints basketball team, earning All-Georgia Basketball Coaches Association Team honors and second-team All-Peach Belt honors during his senior season despite missing the last seven games of the season with a knee injury.

He transferred to North Georgia from Georgia State University where he spent two seasons playing for the Panthers and started the final six games of his sophomore year, averaging 13 points and four assists during those starts.

While in a North Georgia uniform, he led the Saints in assists every year. During his senior season he led the team in points and assists averaging 14.4 points and 5.2 assists per game. He also shot 82.2 percent from the free throw line, and was 39.7 percent from long range. During his two years as the point guard for the Saints, he was a career 40.4 percent three-point shooter.

Moynihan, who is the grandson of legendary basketball coach Lefty Driesell, graduated from North Georgia with a bachelor's degree in business management.

## TC Rec Dept Updated Info

Attention Fitness Room Participants:

Listed are the operating hours and new participant orientation hours. Anyone using the equipment must go thru an orientation. The weekly schedule is as follows:

Orientation Instructor is Gary Noe

**Hours of orientation:**  
Mondays: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Tuesdays: 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Thursdays: 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Hours of Operation:  
Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation. Please enjoy. Towns County Recreation Department.

**Come Exercise With Us**  
The Recreation Department wants to remind everyone that we are offering the following

exercise classes each week at the Towns County Recreation Center.

**YOGA CLASSES** - We have 2 separate class times instructed by Pat Tomczyk.

**EVENING CLASS** - Mondays from 4 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.  
**MORNING CLASS** - Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. (\$10 per Class or \$30 per calendar month.)

**MORNING AEROBICS CLASSES** - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Our instructor is Donna McAuliffe.

**Tai Chi** - Each Thursday morning from 10:45 a.m. - noon. Our instructor is Pat Tomczyk. (\$10 per Class or \$30 per calendar month). For these programs and any other information we can help you with, just call the Recreation Department at (706)-896-2600.

## YHC Baseball Camp

Young Harris College 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 weeks: July 23-27.

## Church Softball Meeting

There will be a meeting for all teams interested in participating in the Church Softball League.

The meeting will be held at the Meeks Park office in

Blairsville on Thursday, July 26 at 5:30 p.m.

For more information you may contact the Union County Recreation Department at (706) 439-6074.

## 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.