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Fast pitch softball tournament

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Wes Hooper, Towns County Recreation Director Photo/Lowell Nicholson

The Towns County Recreation

Department will be hosting a fast pitch softball tournament on Saturday, June 19th.

The tournament will be one of the 14 and under girls' level and will be double elimination, Towns County Director of Parks and Recreation Wes Hooper said.

The tournament will consist of no more than three games due to the fact that only two teams will be competing in the event, Towns and Banks counties.

Both teams will participate in the tournament that could be played in a span of three days depending on the scheduling outcome.

Game One begins at 10 a.m. on June 19th and Game Two begins at noon on the same day. A game three, if necessary,

will be held on Monday, June 21st.

Towns County is coached by Penny Ledford, who is also the coach of a traveling team consisting of a large majority of these Towns County girls.

"It is a double elimination, so the maximum number of games there will be is three games, and possibly just two games if a team wins two in a row," Hooper said.

The tournament once consisted of three teams, but is now down to two after Union County withdrew from the competition due to lack of participation. With two competitive teams from Towns and Banks though, the event should be a series filled with excitement and enthusiasm.

Towns County Youth Football

Towns County Youth Football registration will be held June 19th and June 26th and July 10th and July 17th from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Towns County School football fieldhouse. The registration fee is \$60. The ages for eligible players are from 5 years of age to 12 years of age. Each player must have the \$60 registration fee and copy of birth certificate when registering. The first day of regular practice is July 19th at 6 p.m. at the Towns County School soccer practice field.

Towns County Youth Football along with the assistance of the Towns County varsity coaches will also be holding a camp July 14th and 15th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The camp is free and any child from 5 years of age to 12 years of age is encouraged to attend.

If anyone has any questions, they may contact Jimmy Smith at 706-896-2622 or 706-835-6176.

VFW Golf League News

League play on Thursday, June 3rd was a "C" Scramble format and the winning team was: Bill Kiser, Tom Moyher, Robert Lyle and Chuck Woodworth with a score of 69, -3 under par.

Vogel Kids Fishing Rodeo

Date: Saturday, June 12, 2010, Time: 8 a.m. - noon.

Location: Vogel State Park, 7485 Vogel State Park Road, Blairsville, GA. Located 11 miles south of Blairsville on Hwy 129/11. Cost: \$5 per vehicle parking fee.

Description: Vogel State Park and The Vogel Volunteers will host Kid's Fishing Rodeo. Wolf Creek will be stocked with trout for children 12 years and younger to fish. Your child must be present at the registration tent for sign-in and to receive a free t-shirt prior to fishing. The first 300 children will receive a t-shirt. Also,

the lucky ticket holders will receive a prize. Park staff and volunteers will be helping by giving out bait, baiting hooks, taking fish off, and giving out prizes. Prizes are donated by the local businesses. A limited supply of loaner rods/cane-poles, corn and worms will be available. So please, bring your own, if possible. All fishing laws are to be followed. We want to teach the children to protect & conserve the resources while having fun.

Information: (706)745-2628 or www.Georgia-StateParks.org. NTJun9,A1SH

Square dance and clogging

Join us every Monday in Hiawassee, GA, 6 p.m. at the Senior Center for free square dance and clogging practice. This is not Western Square Dance rather the old traditional calls our great grandpas and mas used in our Appalachian Smokey Mountains sometimes called Big Circle. The Senior Center is located 2 blocks behind the town square Main St. Hwy. 76, beside the TC Courthouse, 48 River Street. Sponsor: Towns County Historical Society, PO Box 1182, Hiawassee, GA 30546 706-896-1060, info@townshistory.org.



Mountain High Hikers schedules two hikes each Tuesday, occasional specialty hikes, and regular trail maintaining trips - all in the beautiful mountains of Georgia and North Carolina. Check the website www.mountainhighhikers.org for schedule and meeting locations. S. N (Jun9-G1)gg

We're looking for new members, women and men welcome come out and join a fun league and play a scramble format each week.

Randy Dunn career achievements

Randy Dunn's career as a player, coach and athletics director:

- Played three seasons for the North Georgia College Saints basketball team.
- Graduated in 1980 from NGC after three seasons on the hardwood.
- Began his career as an assistant coach at Georgia Southwestern State University, where he received a master's degree in physical education.
- Became an assistant coach for the University of West Georgia in 1981.
- Returned to NGC in 1982 as an assistant coach.
- Later, served 14 years as head coach of the Saints' Men's Basketball program.
- In 1996, Dunn's Saints won the Georgia-Alabama-Carolina Conference regular season championship and advanced to the NAIA National Tournament.
- In 1996, Dunn was named GACC men's basketball "Coach of the Year."
- In 2003, Dunn began serving as full-time athletics director at NGCSU.
- Dunn led the university's transition from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics to NCAA Division II and into the Peach Belt Conference in 2005.
- As NGCSU athletics director, Dunn oversaw the addition of five new sports at NGCSU: men's and women's golf, women's soccer, baseball and softball. He also oversaw the expansion of the university's facilities to include an athletic complex for baseball, softball and soccer.
- Under Dunn's watchful eye, the NGCSU athletic program produced 12 conference championships in the Georgia Athletic Conference, the GACC, and the Southern States Athletic Conference. For the past two seasons, the university's softball team has earned the NCAA Division II Southeast Regional championship and competed in the College World Series.
- June 7th, 2010, Dunn was named athletics director at Young Harris College to help lead the school into the transition to NCAA Division II athletics.



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Appalachian Duplicate Bridge Club news

On Monday, May 24, eleven and one half tables played a Mitchell movement at All Saints Lutheran Church in Blairsville, GA with the following results: North-South, first, Joe and Joan Lane; second, Jim Bell and Gwen Weaver; third, Chris Thompson and Myrna Ponkauskas; fourth, Debbie Foster and Sally Miller; and fifth, Joyce Geiger and Pat Mosteller.

East-West, first, Mary Dorman and Lorraine Klug; second, Marlene Mitchell and Gloria Hoffman; third, Fran Egan and Irene Schoetker; fourth, Jan and John Ramus; and fifth, Karol Sulimirski and Kitty Tompkinson.

On Thursday, May 27, nine and a half tables were in play. Again, the Mitchell movement was used. East-West, first, Frank Holland and Carolyn Neighbors; second, Debbie Foster and Kathy Yost; third, Lynn Melick and Jim Shinholster; and fourth, Richard King and Ned Cahill.

North-South, first went to Joe and Joan Lane. There was a tie for second/third among Joyce Geiger and Marlene Mitchell and Marilyn Demers and Kitty Tompkinson. Fourth went to Sally Miller and Nicholas Hammond, the District 7 secretary, who was visiting us this week. We were happy to have him join us.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Ginny O'Steen. Our prayers and sympathies go out to her family. It was good to have Betty Molnar and Barbara Lewis back with us. We would welcome any interested bridge players to join us on Mondays or Thursdays beginning at 1:00 at All Saints. For partners or information, please call Dorothy Smith at 706-745-1532.

The Rock regional sports camps

The ROCK regional sports academy is hosting Baseball Camps the weeks of June 14-18 & July 19-23. Young Harris College's Head Baseball Coach, Rick Robinson, will coordinate all instruction. Four different camps each week are designed to teach and accelerate players of many skill levels, from FUNDamental to Elite. Instruction is presented in a fun and positive environment. Ages: 5-18 Location: Young Harris College's Zell B. Miller Stadium.

The ROCK 2010 Sum-

mer Soccer TEAM Camp: Mark McKeever, YHC's Head Mens Soccer Coach, will coordinate all instruction. Instruction focus on team play in a positive, fun environment. Camp dates are July 6-9. Location: Young Harris College. Ages: Middle and High School age players. This camp is for teams. A minimum of 8 players must register per team. Additional information and registration forms are available on our website www.theROCK.BaseballInstructionalShowcases.com or call by calling 706-897-2363. NTJun9,A1SH

Butternut Creek and Friends to play at Old Courthouse



Log sings lead vocals and plays guitar and autoharp. Her husband Don performs on flute and various percussion instruments. John Simpson from Atlanta composes songs for the group and sings and plays guitar and whistle, and his wife Laurie sings and plays autoharp, concertina, and clarinet.

Steve Harvey, who lives in Blairsville, sings and plays guitar and banjo, and Brenda Hull, a tarheel and the newest addition to the group, plays bass and sings.

Butternut Creek and Friends gives the proceeds from concerts and recordings to charitable causes and community and environmental groups, most in the local area. It has six recordings to its credit including the latest, Grass of Parnassus.

The performance by Butternut Creek and Friends at The Old Courthouse on the Square is a part of the summer concert series presented by the Union County Historical Society as a public service and to keep alive the tradition of music in The Old Courthouse. There is no required admission charge to the concerts.

The musicians donate their time and talents. Voluntary contributions to the restoration fund are always welcomed and appreciated.

Butternut Creek and Friends will be the performers at The Old Courthouse on the Square in Blairsville on Friday, June 11, at 7 p.m.

Always favorites wherever they perform, Butternut Creek and Friends is a folk band that plays old-time mountain music, Celtic and English folk songs, contemporary folk tunes, standards, and blues.

They have a loyal following that eagerly looks forward to each performance.

Jennifer Cordier from Ivy

Glenda Gooch House Golf Classic August 7 at Owen Glen

Fundraiser for Glenda Gooch House to honor memory of Blairsville native

The inaugural Glenda Gooch House Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2010, on Old Union golf course at Owen Glen in Blairsville, Georgia. The tournament is planned to raise funds for the Glenda Gooch House in Blairsville which offers free accommodations to the families of patients at Union General Hospital or Union County Nursing Home.

The 18-hole tournament, sponsored by United Community Bank, will be played on the 7,667-yard layout created by Denis Griffiths, the only American golf architect to have designed a new course in the home place of golf, St. Andrews, Scotland. Old Union has been challenging and delighting golfers since opening in 2009 with a layout that reflects its historic Scottish heritage.

Participants will enjoy a day of golf, continental breakfast, box lunch on the course, and an awards party following play. The scramble event will begin with a shot-gun start at 9:30 a.m. Golfers and their guests will also attend a gala kick-off party sponsored by

Café Portofino at Owen Glen on Friday evening, August 6th, with live and silent auctions, music, lowcountry boil dinner and beverages.

"We are so pleased to be hosting this golf tournament in Glenda's memory," said Jeanne Tallent and Yvonne Redd, co-founders of the Glenda Gooch House. "It promises to be a wonderful event for a very special cause."

Glenda Gooch, a native of Blairsville, received a heart transplant at age 8 and passed away from heart failure in 2008 at the age of 22. The Glenda Gooch House was established to honor her memory by providing free accommodations to patients' families. Since opening, over 90 families have stayed here.

"The Glenda Gooch House has become a reality though the strong financial support and hard work of many in our community," said Mrs. Tallent. "We are grateful to Owen Glen and Old Union for their generous donations that will help us to honor Glenda's memory."

Sponsors of the golf tournament and party include United Community Bank, Café Portofino, DH Commu-

nications, as well as America's Home Place, ETC, J B Rooster's and the Sugar Shack, Smith & Boemanns, Davenport Trucking, North Georgia Ford, The Home Depot, The Flower Garden, Hughes Services, Crane Creek Vineyard, Sears Roebuck & Co, and Mr. & Mrs. Tony Sosebee. Other supporters include Visual Outdoor Advertising, Allison Outdoor, Lynn & Barry Varian, Rich Furniture & Cabinet Shop, Cadence Bank, Enrico's, Serenity in the Mountains, Midas, Hogsed Sportswear, Galaxy Bowling, Mountain Valley Motors, Lovely Nails, Mayfair Salon, Union County Recreation Department and Resthaven Florist.

Tournament volunteers are continuing to seek corporate sponsors, hole sponsors and donations for a live and silent auction.

The tournament entry fee of \$100 per player includes the day of golf and two tickets to the Kick-Off Party. Golfers may sign up as a single, couple, trio or foursome. For information or a registration form, contact Kim Warren at Owen Glen. Telephone is 706-835-9420 or email kwarren@owenglen.com. NTJun9,A7SH

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