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Lady Indian's Middle School Softball

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New middle school softball coach Jeff Stowers and his Lady Indians swung into the season against the White County Lady Warriors hoping to take home a win. While on the Warriors' side of the mountain, their pitching proved to be more of a challenge as the Lady Indians could not seem to follow through with the rise ball pitching of their team. With an attempt from Kacie Luton to steal second base, Morgan Bradley was able to score the Lady Indians' only run of the game. The Lady Warriors took the win, 6-1.

Emily Ledford pitched for the Lady Indians, tossing 87 pitches, striking out one, walking five and hitting six batters.

Carly Gilfilian went 2-for-3 with a double and a single, while Kacie Luton went 1-for-3 with a single.

Commerce Lady Tigers versus the Lady Indians

The Lady Indians squared off against the Lady Tigers of Commerce on their home turf. The Lady Tigers jumped off to a 4-0 lead after two innings.

The Lady Indians began to get in the game by the third inning as Carly Gilfilian scored a run to narrow the gap 5-1.

In the fourth inning, Kristen Henson, Brooke Smith, Alyssa Pyle and Madison Landress drove in runs to make the score 7-5. The Lady Tigers chipped away and mounted a 10-7 lead.

However, in the sixth inning the Lady Indians tied the game 10-10. Nevertheless, some erratic defense proved costly as the Lady Tigers rallied to take the game 13-10.

Tori Morgan pitched for the Lady Indians, tossing 100 pitches, striking out one, walking seven and hitting a batter.

In the hitting department, Kristen Henson went 1-for-5, Carly Gilfilian went 1-for-5, Morgan Bradley went 1-for-5,

Tori Morgan went 1-for-5, Kacie Luton went 1-for-4, Emily Ledford went 1-for-4, Brooke Smith went 1-for-4, and Madison Landress went 1-for-4.

Lady Indians versus the Lumpkin County Lady Indians

Towns County's matchup with Lumpkin turned out to be the shortest game of the season so far, ending in the third inning with Lumpkin the victor by a score of 10-2. With outstanding pitching and hitting from Lumpkin County, it was tough for Towns County to get on track.

Alyssa Pyle and Kristen Henson scored the only two runs of the game for Towns County.

Emily Ledford pitched for the Lady Indians, tossing 73 pitches, striking out four, walking three and hitting two batters.

Henson went 1-for-3 and Pyle went 1-for-2.

Lady Indians versus Prince Avenue Christian Lady Wolverines

The Lady Indians and Lady Wolverines locked up in a pitching duel.

Both pitchers kept batting to a minimum. Lady Indians' Emily Ledford and her pitching opponent from PAC were consistent, both retiring batter after batter.

The tough thing about a ball game, well, someone has to lose. Unfortunately, the Lady Indians came up short in this contest, 2-1. The Lady Indians really didn't lose; they just ran out of innings.

Ledford tossed 79 pitches, striking out an even dozen, while walking three and hitting two batters.

Lady Indians versus Oglethorpe County Lady Patriots

This one didn't last long as the Lady Patriots made quick work of the Lady Indians in an 11-0 win.

The Lady Patriots made for a formidable opponent, great pitching, great defense



Brooke Smith lines a hit in middle school softball action last week.

and timely hitting. It's hard to score when you can't get on base and the Lady Patriots were able to keep the Lady Indians off the base paths. Oglethorpe County by far is the toughest team the Lady Indians have faced all season.

Emily Ledford tossed 105 pitches, striking out four, walking seven and hitting a batter.

Lady Indians versus George Walton Lady Dawgs

It didn't take long for the Lady Indians to find themselves in yet another close ball game. In the first inning with Carly Gilfilian on first base, Tori Morgan hit a triple to bring her home for the first run of the game. The Lady Dawgs struck for three runs to take a 3-1 lead.

Nevertheless, Joceyln Byers and Morgan Bradley both came through in the clutch with back-to-back doubles to tie up the game at 3-3.

In the fourth inning, the Lady Indians took the lead with an RBI by Alyssa Pyle making the score 4-3. The Lady Indians held that lead for awhile, but in the sixth inning, the Lady Dawgs mounted a rally that lifted them to a 6-4 win.

Tori Morgan tossed 74 pitches for the Lady Indians, striking out two and walking three.

Gilfilian went 1-for-4, Tori Morgan went 2-for-4, Joceyln Byers went 1-for-4 and



TCMS Lady Indian Tori Morgan pitches out of a jam last week in Hiawassee.

Morgan Bradley went 1-for-3.

Lady Indians versus White County Lady Warriors

The Lady Warriors came to our side of the mountain for a rematch game. The results didn't change much from the season opener. Carly Gilfilian plated the Lady Indians only run of the game in the third inning. The Lady Warriors claimed this game with a final score of 8-1.

Facing Athens Christian, Commerce and Lumpkin schools again in upcoming games, the Lady Indians still have a chance to put themselves in the winners circle. Here's hoping the Lady Indians pull together as a team, step up to the plate, and show what they are capable of doing on the diamond.

Photos by James Reese & Lowell Nicholson

Local karate team attends the Karate Olympics



The Yama Bushi Karate Dojo competed last week in the Karate Olympics near Atlanta, GA. This was a great tournament with world class competition. We took 13 competitors and brought back 16 1st place trophies, 10 2nd place trophies, 6 3rd place trophies and 3 4th place medals. The team performed Seidokan Kata's Kihon Kata, Anaku, Wansu and Chinto through out the various belt levels. Various weapons katas were performed from Tokumine No Kun to Toma No Sai.

Photo L-R: Drew Dobbins 1st place Fighting & Kata, Sean Dobbins 2nd place Fighting & Kata, Brooke Hamby 1st Place Fighting 3rd Kata, 3rd Weapons and 3rd Breaking, James Grubbs 3rd Fighting 4th Kata and 2nd Breaking, Sean Duryea 2nd fighting, 4th Kata 2nd Weapons 1st Team Fighting

ing, Bret Ballew 1st Place Fighting 2nd Place Kata, Josh Silvers 1st Fighting 3rd weapons and Sensei and Coach Ron Wallace.

Not pictured are Daniel Wade 1st in Kata & Weapons and 2nd Fighting, Terry Thompson 2nd Kata, Andrew Pestana 2nd Kata 3rd Fighting 1st Continuous Fighting, DJ Mock 1st Fighting 1st Weapons 1st Team Fighting 2nd Kata, Isaac Mock, 2nd Weapons 1st Team Fighting, and Sarah Fulghum 1st Place in Fighting and Kata.

Sensei Ron Wallace was extremely pleased and proud to coach this group and of the job that they did. They have 2 tournaments left this year; the Southern Open Nationals and the Year End Nationals. These are two of the top tournaments with world class competition in the country. NT(Sep8,A3)SH

Third season begins for Fuzion Dance Company



2009 Halloween performance

The Fuzion Dance Company, having completed their award winning second season last May, has been preparing all summer for another outstanding season. The end of the summer months is always a busy time with school starting and a number of community appearances. The Company performed this past Sunday at Young Harris' first Art Festival in Mayor's Park, and will appear once again at the end of September at "Summer's Last Kiss" in Hiawassee. While they're busy with performances and school, the Company members train hard at least 12 hours weekly to learn and polish fresh and exciting choreography and technique in preparation for their "Thriller" Halloween Fright Night concert in October. They study and perform a wide variety of dance styles; ballet, pointe, jazz, lyrical, modern, contemporary and

hip-hop at Brasstown Dance Academy. The Fuzion Dance Company is a non-profit organization and a project of Brasstown Dance Academy in Young Harris, GA. Classes at the Academy started on Monday, August 23rd, and are offered to ages 3 thru adult. The members of the Company and students of Brasstown Dance Academy come from all parts of our community including Towns, Union, Cherokee & Clay Counties.

If you are considering dance classes for your student, this is a great time to enroll. We hope you will take the opportunity to come out and see them perform throughout the community and on stage in October. Call or visit Brasstown Dance Academy for information about classes or the Fuzion Dance Company performance schedule.

Thank you, from the studio that is "Turned on to Life!" NT(Sep8,A5)SH

Local Racing Action

By: Carl Vanzura

Kevin Bradshaw battles to big win Saturday night

Hiawassee driver Kevin Bradshaw raced to one of his biggest wins in his long racing career as he bested track record holder Galen Robinson who was making his first visit to the "County" this year. Rounding out the field were Preston Crisp, Doug Sneed, Bobby Panter and Randy Dillard.

Murphy youngster Kurt English as did Bradshaw ran the best race in his young career as he bested Kevin Sutton, Jason Deal, Trevor Parker and Tony Ledford in the GM Performance Late Model feature.

The Cornwell Tools Modified Street feature saw a new winner when Murphy's Dwayne Cole edged out Heather Taylor, Brad Thomas, Chris Stewart and Floyd Self.

A good field was on hand for the Stock Street main event as Murphy's Jeremy Woody made it two in a row when he took the checkers in front of

Charles Toomey, Josh Roberts, Johnny Gulicp and Harold Garrett. Mark Jones, Gary Wilkins and Josh Cordon took the top three spots in the Mini Stock feature.

Racing returns to Tri-County this Saturday night with the running of the Southeastern Late Model Sportsman Series making their third visit this season.

Hall Of Fame driver Ronnie Johnson once again was a big winner at North Georgia Speedway when he took home \$3000 by winning the 40 lap Volunteer Racing Series event Saturday night. In the Limited feature Randy Shope's driver Shannon Bearden took a strong second place. Jamie Perry took the lead late in the feature at Cleveland Speedway over Shawn Chastain for the win. Westminster was off Friday and Toccoa results were unavailable. NT(Sep 8, C1)DC



Kevin Bradshaw won big at Tri-County Saturday night.

2nd Annual Top of Georgia Classic Tournament

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The last hurrah of August proved quite a weekend to watch a lot of softball. There was plenty to watch as the Towns County Lady Indians and Coach Shannon Floyd hosted the Second Annual Top of Georgia Classic Softball Tournament.

A total of six teams made up the list of participants who came to Towns County to take part in the inaugural tournament.

This year the number of teams doubled to 12 including Towns, Gainesville, Paideia, North Cobb Christian, Athens Christian, Mt. Pisgah Christian, Lumpkin County, Pickens County, George Walton, Chestatee, Commerce, and Banks County. Each team brought a load of talent to the table.

The tournament was played at Young Harris College, Towns County High School and Towns County Recreation Fields.

The tournament was divided into two brackets: silver and gold. All teams in both brackets came poised to take home a trophy. Our own Lady Indians didn't figure in the final mix. Errors proved costly to the Lady Indians as they failed to break into the win column. At the end of the day, the Lady Indians were challenged by the winners of the silver bracket: Mt. Pisgah Christian Lady Eagles.

The game proved to be by far the best the Lady Indians have played all season. The Lady Indians pulled together and showed a lot of heart to come within a run of the Lady Eagles.

The difference in this game, just to name a few: first baseman Ali Bleckley made a throw to catcher Kayla Roberts who caught the ball in mid air and tagged the Lady Eagles' runner at home for an awesome



The Lady Indians wait their turn at the plate during the Top of Georgia Classic.



Brittany Ledford fires one at home plate during the Top of Georgia Classic.

out. With bases loaded for Towns County, Brittany Boyer drove in a run with a hard hit to second base to narrow the gap 4-3 Mt. Pisgah Christian. The Lady Eagles claimed the win as well.

"Had we played at that level (throughout the season) we would have been undefeated at this point," Coach Floyd said.

It just proves the point that if you play as a "team you can win as a team."

In the silver bracket game, Mt. Pisgah Christian topped North Cobb Christian by a 4-1 score. In the gold bracket game, Lumpkin County upended Banks County 6-1 to win that bracket.

Coach Floyd would like to thank Young Harris College, Towns County Recreation De-

partment and the Towns County Schools for hosting this year's tournament. Also, Coach Floyd extends a big thank you to all the teams that participated in the tournament.

It was a very successful tournament, with hopes it will only grow from year to year. Coach Floyd would also like to encourage everyone to support the Special Local Option Sales Tax when it appears on the local ballot to support Towns County's new recreation park facilities. The new park could be the host of many tournaments for years to come and be very profitable to our community. This weekend's tournament was able to bring in much needed revenue for many of our local businesses.

Photos by James Reese & Lowell Nicholson

Winter bowling league forming

Winter bowling league forming now at Galaxy Bowling, under new management. For information call 706-745-4444 or email galaxybowlingunionco@brmemc.net

Come join the fun!

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Women's Mountain Bike Skills Clinic

Women's Beginner/Intermediate Mountain Bike Skills Clinicon Saturday, September 18, 2010 at 2 PM.

Please join Sorella Race Team members Loretta Marsh Simpson and others for a free women's skills clinic at the Jackrabbit Trails on Saturday, September 18. This is open to gals of all ages, and is 'geared' toward the beginner to intermediate rider.

Skills to be covered include: Cornering, Vision and looking ahead, Body positioning, Navigating bumps and roots.

The clinic will begin at 2 p.m., with rides on the Jackrabbit Trails to follow. Note - This is also the date for the Southern Appalachian Bicycling Associations (SABA) 'Annual End of Summer Cookout & Festivities' which will include group rides during the day, cookout and music in the evening.

For more information contact Joanna at yotee56@dn.net, or 828-389-8085. T(Sep8,F2)SH

Standard Telephone reunion

Standard Telephone Company 7th Annual Reunion Saturday, September 11, Unicoi State Park, Helen, GA, Shelter 6. All those employed by STC and their families are invited to attend.

For more information contact Fred Holbrooks 706-778-2866, Will Lockwood 706-754-4888, Truit Helton 706-865-3903, or Helen Poston Scott 706-778-5850.

Last date to register is August 28. NT(Sep8,A1)SH

FPL retirees meet

Florida Power and Light retirees meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Hole In The Wall Restaurant on the square at 9 AM. NT(Sep8,G1)gg

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